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## THE MANAGER

**Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another big game in the Sky Bet Championship as we host Derby County.**

We welcome Wayne Rooney, his staff, players and the away fans that have travelled to today's match and wish them a safe journey back to the East Midlands after the match.

Derby are another huge club with such a rich heritage in English football, who we know are going through a tough period off the pitch. On it, however, we know it will be a massive challenge this afternoon.

We have managed two brilliant results this week, which started with a win over West Bromwich Albion last Saturday. After the disappointment against Birmingham I thought we showed our real character against a top side, and ensured we still haven't lost back-to-back games this season.

Whatever position they might be in, they are littered with good players and to not only compete but to beat a side with a far superior budget is once again a sign of how far we have come this season.

Wednesday was a night to remember against another good side in Stoke. After we got to grips with the match in the first half, we stepped up a gear in the second. We were aggressive, front-footed, scored at the right times and in all honesty, we could have scored more.

We were forced into changes before the game after losing Henri and Pelly in the lead-up, but the players put in another huge performance in difficult conditions, and I was so proud of them.

We had a midfield with a centre-half, in Gabe Osho, a centre-forward in Danny Hylton, and one midfielder in Allan Campbell. They were magnificent, and without being disrespectful to anyone, this group I have here is like no other.

As manager I know I can rely on a wonderful staff to help get the best out of them, and they never know when to stop, as you saw in abundance with their non-stop running all night long.

The first aim for us every season is to make sure we survive in the Championship. With eight wins in 12 league games since the start of December, we have done that. Now we can start to have a real go and see where it takes us.

With you behind us, as you were so brilliantly here last Saturday and again on Wednesday night, we know we have a 12th man.

I have to say a huge thank you to the 600 or so who travelled in the pouring rain and wind to out-sing the Stoke fans for both myself and, most importantly, the lads. It meant so much.

Be loud and proud again this afternoon and let's see where we can get to, together. COYH!



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# NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

**STEPHEN BROWNE**

**DIRECTOR**



## Welcome to The Kenny as we play Derby County in the EFL Championship.

Wayne Rooney brings his staff and players to Bedfordshire where three points for both teams are an important prize for different reasons, and can help to define the season.

The Rams fans have had a torrid time of late with many issues off the pitch, so I am sure they will want to focus on the action where a win will help their attempt to stay in the division, but a loss could be devastating if other results go against them.

Having been in League One ourselves, knowing the resultant loss of income, and keenly aware of the competition in that league from historic and large clubs like Sunderland, Sheffield Wednesday, Ipswich and Portsmouth, we know that being relegated is a very hard place to come back from, especially quickly.

As many of us saw on the Netflix series 'Sunderland 'till I Die', realigning a club to manage on the vastly reduced income - and the transfer activity that is required to change the wage bill - is a huge task and very difficult to accomplish in the short space of time that the close-season provides. We have seen with both ourselves and others that this realignment often takes 2-3 seasons and the transfer windows that gives.

Nathan and the lads have been on a fantastic run recently, and the hard work at the start of the season is now paying off. The lads know they can compete with the best in our league. It would have been hard to imagine gaining results against Bournemouth and the Baggies at the start of the season, when many had us as relegation favourites and those two teams as most likely for

promotion to the Premiership.

Everyone can see the heart with which the team plays. And that's everyone, not just the first eleven (if we had a nailed on first eleven that is!). The line up against Stoke was unusual to say the least, but look how every player just slotted in and played their part. With both Danny and Cameron on the scoresheet - something all us fans have been willing for so long now - the evening could not have gone any better with just shy of 600 Hatters there to see us win at a traditional bogey ground for us.

It was delightful to see how the players had a smile on their face, played for each other, and for someone like Danny who has had so few minutes, he played as if he'd never missed a game - positive, hard-working, skilful. Let's not forget, for a professional player who only wants to play, long periods out of the starting selection is a really hard mental thing to overcome - and yet with Danny you'd never have known. I tip my hat to his commitment and was so delighted when he got his reward of that first goal.

Games like those at the Britannia Stadium are more than just regular evening league games for us. Yet again, we as the minnows who stick doggedly to our mantra of 'living within our means', come up against a club with enormous resources...and yet we show that there is a different way to play this game that doesn't rely on huge budgets, massive transfers, or spending money that isn't actually there.

Since we experienced the effects of terrible ownership and decision making (and got more points deducted than teams like Reading or our opponents today), we have watched club after club gamble, and lose. At an ever increasing rate we have watched whilst fellow fans have no idea what pathways owners were taking, no idea of the unfairness of spending money that doesn't exist,



and no idea that owners were playing with assets like stadiums as if they were Lego toys. In the real world, we know if something appears too good to be true, it usually is.

As fans we support our respective clubs through thick and thin, but sometimes even we have to agree some things/actions are indefensible. When that happens, proper fans swallow the bitter pill and resolve to put things right as soon as possible. We sing louder from the sidelines, we hold the next owners to account, and we support the players in recovering the lost ground.

In our case that transformation took a decade. We are not alone in realising that there are no quick fixes - the aforementioned teams know too and let's not forget the fans of Wrexham, Grimsby, Stockport County, Southend, and Bury, that are going through exactly the same now. Of course, no fan wants to hear this, but it's the real world of football now, and hopefully as regulations tighten we will see less and less of this cynical rule breaking in the future.

All any fan wants is a level playing field. What would the sport of football become if we all interpreted rules for purely our own benefit? How would that make supporters proud?

I would also ask, how can fans of West Ham be 'proud' and how could David Moyes have made the decision to play a player that has acted in such a disgusting way? On what human level was David Moyes thinking? Of course, the answer is easy - money.

The lure of the riches of Europe seem to be more important to Moyes than sanctioning terrible actions. What does this say to kids that idolise players? A £250,000 fine? Sounds big, but in proportion to his earnings is more akin to a

speeding fine for us mere mortals...just a couple of weeks' wages. So far Zouma's punishment has been pathetic. I wonder what the result would have been if a politician had done the same, or a teacher, or a doctor? I bet they would lose their jobs, or at least have far greater sanctions.

By playing him, David Moyes appears to condone the behaviour of Zouma, which says more about him and his values than any of his football achievements, and is forever a stain on his past successes. Whenever I see David Moyes or Zouma in future I will only ever think 'animal abuse'. Again, idiotic decisions and actions taint our game.

Football is important to us all. But it's not everything. This week we learnt of the extremely sad passing of Jamal Edwards - Luton born, Chelsea fan, music inspiration. He came from a very humble background to achieve great things, and 31 is no age at all. Our thoughts are with his family and friends in what is a devastating time, made worse by the unexpected illness.

They thought 'next week' would be the same as 'last week' - instead their worlds have been turned upside down and it is impossible to imagine what they are going through. All we can do is send our prayers and remember next week that this would have been a special game for Jamal.

So, back to the game today. Sing loud! The lads will relish the backing, they react to the noise, they find that 'extra' that the twelfth man gives them. We make a difference, we have a part to play!

Enjoy the game, laugh and smile, bellow out those chants...WE ARE LUTON TOWN!

Stephen



# CAMERON JEROME

WORDS: DAN BRIARD

**Experienced striker Cameron Jerome is still relishing the feeling of being out on the pitch and scoring goals as he prepares to face former club Derby County this afternoon.**

The 35-year-old got off the mark for Luton in the Sky Bet Championship last weekend, scoring the opener in the 2-0 win against West Bromwich Albion, his 81st goal in the division. Number 82 quickly followed in midweek on his return to former club Stoke.

Having signed in the summer, the striker was well versed in his role at the club and has made a good impact both on and off the pitch so far.

"It is always nice to play and score and help the team out in that sense," he said. "My whole role in the club is to push the boys here, Elijah, Harry Cornick, Admiral Muskwe, the younger players. It is to help them and guide them through certain things on and off the pitch, and to make them better players. I obviously still have that desire to play football and to be able to start games.

"If I didn't play, I would have been disappointed as well. It proves my ambitions as a player as well, still believing at my age. I still want to go out there and want to score goals, there's no better feeling."

Further on his goal, a trademark centre-forward's header, Jerome said: "It is something we worked on in training. Me and Elijah talked about positions, where we want to go and who wanted to be the number one across the front man and who wanted to be the two following in behind.

"It is a proper centre-forward's goal, it's where you want to be in the box, scoring goals and the delivery was outstanding. All I had to do was guide the header and that close, it is always going to go in the back of the net.

"As a forward you are judged on goals ultimately, so it is frustrating when things don't drop for you. I think as an experienced player, if you keep putting yourself in the right position then things will drop eventually, and football is like that. Sometimes it is small margins and over the last month or so, I haven't had those small margins, but against West Brom I did. That is football for you.

"The first goal of the game was always going to be crucial and once we got that, we grew in confidence and stature. You could see there was a little bit of disharmony in their team, so it played into our hands. Fortunately, we got the second goal as well, a fantastic finish from Allan Campbell."

As well as impressing supporters, the Scotsman's performances haven't gone unnoticed by his team-mates as Cameron explained: "He has really grown in stature to be honest with you. Since the turn of the year, he has been absolutely magnificent, his driving runs going forward, he seems to be growing in confidence and he's a really good young player. The manager has been really patient with him and given him that licence now to not just play safe but to show your quality.

"The lads always encourage him to go forward because he's quite a quiet, shy, humble kid but he's been brilliant. Popped up with three or four goals in the past six/seven weeks so it has been brilliant for him to add that extra dimension to him as well."

He also picked out Elijah Adebayo for praise, who he has formed a successful partnership with on the pitch, but the impact he has had, as well as the coaching staff, hasn't stopped there.

"Elijah has come on leaps and bounds since he has been at this football club and it's not just through me being here, it's the hard work and dedication he does. It is what you guys don't see daily. His attitude and application is spot on. His desire to improve and get better, which he is doing, is magnificent. He's growing in stature, all the extra sessions he does with the coaching staff with Nathan, Chris Cohen, Mick - he's in good hands. He has Mick there to lean on and do different bits with him, he has me to ask advice, I'm there and himself, realising his potential, because he's really growing into a good player.

"Mick speaks to me about certain things, and I'll say, 'yeah, you're dead right Mick', you can never be too old to learn. That is the beauty of it, we have so many people at this football club with experience and with the young squad we have, it is so valuable."



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Despite only joining the club this summer, Jerome is aligned with the vision and hopes manager Nathan Jones and his staff have for the team in the not-so-distant future, now just points away from the play-off places.

The striker added: "This football club has a plan and a structure in place where we want to be in the next few years. We want to be in the higher echelons of the league, we want to be pushing these big teams.

"If you look at our budget compared to West Brom's, there is no comparison. They came down from the Premier League last year and a lot of people look at it and say Luton are overachieving, but we don't believe that.

"We believe that the league is as open as it ever has been. Fulham got turned over today, so anyone can beat anyone in the Championship. Anyone in the top 11 will fancy their chances of stringing a run together and finishing there or thereabouts, and we are no different to that."

However, he did acknowledge the team will need to be at their very best if they are to stand a chance against Chelsea, with the Emirates FA Cup fifth round tie looming.

"It is a magnificent occasion for this football club to have Chelsea coming to Kenilworth Road. It won't be easy for them, they have a cup final against Liverpool on the Sunday, we have a game on the Saturday.

"It is a really difficult place to come, the pitch is close to the stands and it's such an old, historic football ground and it plays into our favour. It is a game we can enjoy because the pressure is off a bit with us not expected to win the game, but the boys will cherish the chance to go up against some of the best players in the world.

"We have nothing to lose. We will go for it. If we get a result, we get a result. If we don't then we weren't expected to get a result. We will go back to the bread and butter, which is the league."



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Editor, TheLutonian.com



**Great expectations? There are now. This is not a drill and this is not a fluke. This is where Luton belong (currently).**

Nathan Jones told me about the "level of expectation" on Saturday after beating West Brom 2-0. But after seeing off Stoke, despatching that wet Wednesday football cliche and ending a 22-year hoodoo, then why not dare to dream?

When Danny Hylton's hitting the net, the old tingles can't help but return and a sense that anything's possible. When Danny was last banging them in for fun, Town were a runaway train. Destination Championship. So why can't the signs now be slightly changed to point to the Premier League promised land?

It's not all Hylton's doing, of course, but if you're looking for good omens, it's a start.

And that's coming for me who, when asked at the start of the season, would've bitten your hand off for top 10 finish and left it at that. Even on this month's episode of the Luton Town Supporters' Trust Podcast, I was warning against getting too carried away by a play-off push.

Well, a week's a long time in football and Luton's just keeps getting better. So, ignore that, I'm all in. Never too high, never too low? Uh-uh, not this time. Let's stick our heads in the clouds and at least have a mooch about.

Cameron Jerome's bagged two in two, Allan Campbell can hit 'em from anywhere, the defence is clean sheet crazy, game-changers keep living up to their name and everything's ticking along tremendously.

What's more, whoever is named in the starting line-up (as long as it's not against Birmingham!) they are absolutely relentless. Town have just seen off bogey side Stoke with barely a recognised midfielder available. No, I've not gone loopy!

Progress and evolution are the talk of the town this term, and rightly so, and a next marker on that journey is up for grabs this afternoon for the visit of Derby.

The Hatters are yet to win three on the spin in the Championship and the Rams are winless on the road in 2022, whereas no team in the division has taken as many of the available points than Town since the turn of the year.

Not content with that, Jones said: "We can get better if we beat Derby, or Chelsea in the next two games. We're in a good place. Realistically, the objective is to make sure we're a Championship football club, first and foremost. That's secure, three or four games ago, so now let's see where it goes.

"We want to push boundaries, we've got a group here that wants to win games, and that can take you a hell of a long a way."

Just where this wild ride ends, who knows? But great expectations? You bet.



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# THE OPPOSITION

**WORDS: ZAC NEAL, aged 13**

**Derby County have had a tough year. They started the season with a 9-point deduction, hit with multiple departures of big players such as Scott Malone, Jack Marriott, Martyn Waghorn, Jordon Ibe and David Marshall, then Phil Jagielka and Graeme Shinnie in January.**

They started off the season playing a mixture of academy graduates and experienced players. They drew the opening day with Huddersfield then suffered a late defeat to Peterborough. They beat Hull City away and drew with rivals Middlesbrough.

A slight dip in form between September and October saw them stay in the relegation zone and finally hit positive points. Then they were given another points penalty, this time a 12-point deduction for going into administration, putting them straight back to negative points.

On the pitch, they went on a winless run of seven games, but this all changed when they beat Bournemouth 3-2 at Pride Park, inflicting on the Cherries their first defeat of the season. This was the turning point of the season.

They had an excellent December beating Blackpool, West Brom and Stoke, then a mixed bag of results in the new year. Tom Lawrence started firing and Colin Kazim Richards re-found great form. They beat in-form Sheffield United at home and then lost the East Midlands derby 2-1 against Nottingham Forest the following week.

The week after that game was crucial for the future of the club, with the EFL setting deadlines for proof of funding to complete the season, before an extension was granted to enable the club's administrators to sort out legal wrangles with Middlesbrough and Derby, and hopefully get a deal for a sale through.

The Rams dramatically drew 2-2 with Birmingham in front of a sold-out Pride Park, when they came back from two down to draw thanks to a 95th minute Krystian Bielik goal. Subsequent home wins over Hull and fellow strugglers Peterborough have put them in a good position for survival, before the 2-1 midweek defeat at home to Millwall.

Manager Wayne Rooney had been strongly linked with the Everton job after Rafa Benitez' sacking, but he decided to stay put and has captured the hearts of Derby County fans this season.

We welcome all the Rams supporters who have travelled this afternoon and wish them a safe journey home to the East Midlands this evening.





## THE GOALKEEPER: RYAN ALLSOP

Allsop began his career at West Brom, but failed to make a first-team appearance. A move to Millwall followed, before he spent six months with Icelandic side Höttur.

He returned to England, signing for Leyton Orient, then had a spell with Bournemouth although he only played 23 league games for the Cherries, being loaned out to Coventry, Wycombe and Blackpool.

Allsop then signed for Wycombe on a permanent basis, spending three seasons at Adams Park. He signed for Derby in 2021.

## THE DEFENDER: CURTIS DAVIES

Making his professional debut with the Hatters, Davies went onto make 56 league appearances as a Luton player, before leaving in 2005 for West Brom.

After three years with the Baggies, he joined Aston Villa and spent three seasons there, before moving to Birmingham.

A four-year spell at Hull followed, where he made over 120 league appearances, before signing for Derby in 2017. He has since made over 120 league appearances for the club and been a key part of the Rams' defence.



## THE MANAGER: WAYNE ROONEY

The leading scorer for Manchester United and England, Rooney began his career at Everton, emerging as a 16-year-old.

Rooney made 67 Premier League appearances for the Toffees, before a 13-year spell at Old Trafford, where he made 559 appearances, scoring 253 times. He returned to Everton in 2017, before a spell in the USA with DC United. He signed for Derby in January 2020 and in November that year, after Phillip Cocu's sacking, he took over as an interim coach, before getting the job permanently.



## ON THE RADAR: DERBY COUNTY



## THE MIDFIELDER: JASON KNIGHT

Born in Dublin, Knight progressed through the youth system at Cabinteely, joining the club at just four years old.

Knight moved across the Irish Sea to sign for Derby, joining the club as a 16-year-old. He made his debut for the Rams in August 2019, playing in a win against Huddersfield.

Since his debut, the now 21-year-old has gone into feature over 90 times in the Championship for Derby, and is a regular in the Rams' midfield, as well as for his country, for whom he has nine full international caps.

## WATCH OUT FOR... MAX BIRD

A product of the Rams' academy, central midfielder Bird made his Derby debut in September 2017 against Barnsley when he was just 16 years old.

His first start for the club came in March 2019 against Aston Villa, and he scored his first goal for the club in September 2021, netting in a 2-1 win against Stoke.

The 21-year-old has made over 80 appearances in the Championship for the Rams so far in his career.



## THE ATTACKER: LUKE PLANGE

Plange joined Arsenal at the age of six, before joining Derby in March 2021. He made his Derby debut last December as a sub at Bristol City, then scored his first goal in the next game, a 1-0 win over Blackpool.

On deadline day in the January Transfer Window, the 19-year-old signed for Premier League Crystal Palace, but will remain with the Rams on loan until the end of the season.

He has three goals this season, adding to his effort against Blackpool with further strikes against Stoke and Birmingham.



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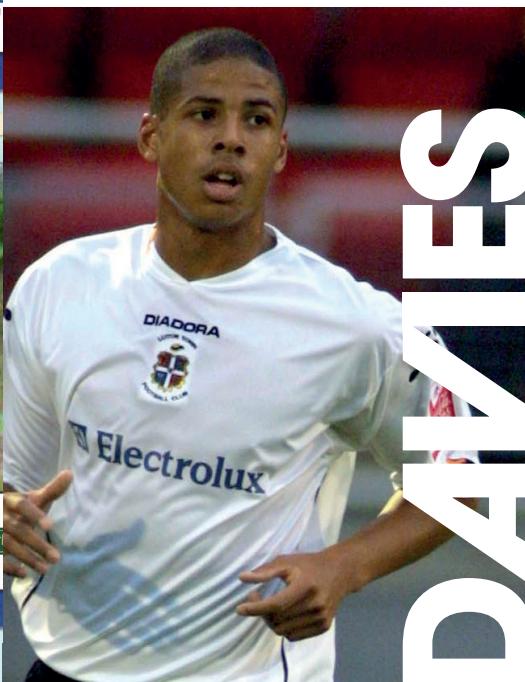
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## A HAT IN BOTH CAMPS

A former England Under-21 international, Curtis Davies has amassed over 600 appearances to date in club football since making his professional debut with the Hatters in 2003.

The centre-back was a key figure in Luton's promotion to the Championship in 2004, playing 44 times in the league and scoring his first senior goal in the title-clinching win against Wrexham.

It was an impressive breakthrough into first-team football, made even more so when he scooped League One Player of the Year, as well as Luton's Young Player of the Year award. His form consequently earned him a move to the Premier League after West Brom swooped for his services the following year for a reported fee of £3 million.

Davies made 35 starts and scored two goals in his first season at the Hawthorns, which ended with relegation to the Championship. He later pledged his future to the club by signing a new four-year deal and was appointed captain on a permanent basis having worn the armband on several occasions during the previous campaign.

He was on the move again in 2008, joining Aston Villa on loan for the season with a view to a permanent transfer. In between a three-year period at Villa Park, he joined Leicester on a short-term loan before making a permanent exit to join rivals Birmingham City. Over 100 appearances later, he moved to new Premier League club Hull City in 2013, who he helped reach the FA Cup final in 2014 and scored to put his team 2-0 up, before Arsenal completed an extra-time comeback.

In the summer of 2017, Davies arrived at Pride Park from Hull and immediately became a mainstay in the Rams' defence. Injury problems plagued two terms as a Derby player but so far this season, he has been ever-present in the Championship, scoring four goals and keeping 11 clean sheets in the process.

### LUTON TOWN (2004-2005)

APPEARANCES:	60
GOALS:	2

### DERBY COUNTY (2017-PRESENT)

APPEARANCES:	138
GOALS:	5

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Jordan Clark heads in the winning goal.

#### LUTON TOWN:

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#### DERBY COUNTY:

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# LAST TIME AT THE KENNY

## HATTERS 2 RAMS 1

19th September 2020. Championship.

Words: Roger Wash

**After the narrow scrape to avoid relegation in 2019-20 the Hatters were now fully aware of what it took to compete in the Championship.**

Manager Nathan Jones, as was becoming normal, transacted his transfer business early as he attempted to add quality, pace and power to the team. His hard work paid off when the Town won the first three games of the new campaign, at home to Norwich and Reading in the Carabao Cup and away at Barnsley in the League.

Next up were highly fancied Derby County, who included former Hatters Jack Marriott and Curtis Davies in their squad and, of course, Wayne Rooney.

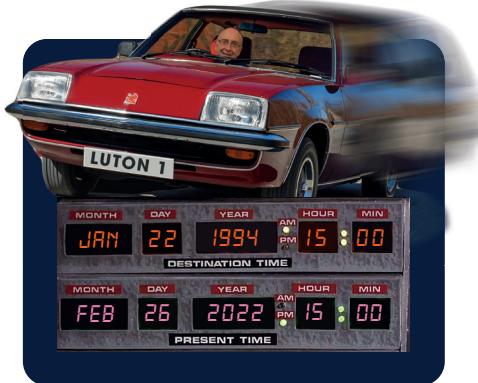
The first chance fell to the Town's Harry Cornick, who struck a post, but the opening goal was not

long in coming with Luke Berry getting in front of Derby goalkeeper David Marshall to cleverly volley home an Elliot Lee cross.

The remainder of the half saw the Town in the ascendancy, but a change of shape saw the Rams come more into the game in the second period leading to Marriott levelling on 52 minutes after being teed up by new Derby signing Kamil Jozwiak.

The game remained in the balance until substitute Jordan Clark headed in a pin-point cross from Rhys Norrington-Davies with three minutes to go. Derby had a chance to level the score once more but Rooney dragged his shot wide with the last kick of the game.

Nathan Jones was pleased with the overall performance, but felt the Town 'took their foot off the gas' a little in the second half to allow Derby back in the game. 'That's the learning curve for us,' said the Luton boss.



# MEMORY MATCH

**LUTON TOWN 2 - 1 DERBY COUNTY.  
DIVISION ONE (NOW THE CHAMPIONSHIP).  
22nd JANUARY 1994.**

**WORDS: ROGER WASH**

**LUTON TOWN:**

Sommer, Linton, Peake, Dreyer, James, Telfer, Harper, Campbell, Hughes, Oakes, Dixon (Hartson)

**DERBY COUNTY:**

Taylor, Charles, Forsyth, Ratcliffe (Kavanagh), Wassall, Nicholson (Simpson), Kuhl, Pembridge, Johnson, Kitson, Gabbiadini.

**After narrowly avoiding a second successive relegation in 1992-93 it was time to take stock to ensure that the following campaign was not a season of struggle.**

The summer of 1993 was relatively uneventful on the transfer front, although the loss of top goalscorer Phil Gray to Sunderland for £800,000 did not auger well.

And so it proved as the Town soon found themselves struggling at the wrong end of the table.

Kerry Dixon, signed on loan from Southampton the

previous season, suddenly became the main man up front but an injury early on led to the Hatters becoming toothless with youngster John Hartson not yet ready for a permanent place in the side.

Southampton decided to write off the £575,000 they had paid Chelsea for his services the year before to allow him to sign permanently for the Hatters and his return to fitness, as well as old boy Mitchell Thomas returning to the club, saw the Hatters slowly start to climb the table.

A run of five games without defeat over Christmas and into the New Year pushed the Town up to the heady heights of 17<sup>th</sup> leading to the home clash with promotion chasing Derby.

A crowd of 9,371, the best since the start of the season, gathered to see if the Hatters could put one over a side who had won twice at Kenilworth Road the previous season - 3-1 in the League and 5-1 in the F.A.Cup.

Young Scot Paul Telfer stroked home the opening goal for the Hatters just before the interval only for Mick Forsyth to head in the equaliser for the Rams on 51 minutes.

When fiery midfielder Ceri Hughes was given his marching orders for a second bookable offence after 63 minutes, Luton supporters feared the worst but there soon followed one of the best goals ever witnessed on the hallowed turf to lift the gloom.

Luton defender John Dreyer laid off the ball to Scott Oakes who was 15 yards inside his own half. He shuffled past two opponents in the centre circle, then accelerated forward.

Three more Derby players converged on him but failed to halt the run, and Oakes was now 30 yards from goal with two more men to beat plus the goalkeeper. It was still an unlikely prospect but the slim figure, not known for his strength, darted on and shrugged off two more tackles.

Twenty yards to go and Rams goalkeeper Martin Taylor was starting to make his move to cut down the angle. The right foot swung and the ball screamed over Taylor then dipped behind him into the net.



### Scott Oakes fires in his wonder goal.

The crowd went wild, the Luton defence managed to hang on and then everyone was left to talk about one of the greatest goals ever seen at Kenilworth Road.

Oakes had to wait to see the video to realise just how good his fourth goal of the season had been. "John Dreyer gave me the ball and after that I don't know too much about it. I remember seeing one or two people on the way and when I got the ball back on my right foot it did a little bobble and I hit it. My confidence has been building this season and Kerry Dixon has been helping me a lot. He is always talking to me."

Manager David Pleat hailed the youngster snapped up from Leicester in 1991. "Some

people in the crowd say Scott Oakes is frail," said Pleat. "Sure, he is. But if they had half the football brain he has they wouldn't be on the terraces.

"I was delighted with the whole team. The overall performance gave me one of the richest afternoons I have ever experienced. One or two are beginning to believe in themselves now."

Derby boss Roy McFarland called it 'one hell of a strike' but was disappointed with his side. "We had enough of the game to have got something out of it," he said. "It might have been different if we had taken one of our early chances. We were good enough until we got to their 18 yard box and, in the last few minutes when we did get there, we were over-anxious and missed chances."

# MANAGING TO SUCCEED - DERBY

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading Derby County managers

## JIMMY METHVEN

Scottish right-back Jimmy Methven gave Derby County outstanding service as both a player and manager. Initially with Leith Athletic, he had spells with Hearts and St Bernards prior to joining Derby in May 1891. He starred as the Rams were League Championship runners-up in 1895-96, then FA Cup finalists in 1898, 1899 and 1903, making 458 League appearances before becoming manager in August 1906. Guiding Derby to the Second Division title in 1911-12 and 1914-15, he remained in charge at the Baseball Ground until leaving in June 1922 after suffering eye problems and resided in Derby until his death in March 1953..

## GEORGE JOBEY

George Jobey managed Derby County to League Championship runners-up in 1929-30 and 1935-36. Initially with Morpeth, the half-back joined Newcastle in May 1906, featuring in their 1908-09 League Championship success and the 1911 FA Cup final. He moved to Arsenal in May 1913, then played for Bradford PA, Leicester City and Northampton. Appointed Wolves' manager in September 1922, he led them to the Third Division (North) title in 1923-24. He took charge of Derby in August 1925 and plotted promotion in 1925-26. Suspended in May 1941, he then managed Mansfield and died in March 1962.

## STUART McMILLAN

Stuart McMillan plotted Derby County's 1946 FA Cup final success. The son of former Derby forward Johnny McMillan, the winger turned professional with the Rams in December 1914 and moved to Chelsea in July 1919. He joined his father at Gillingham in March 1921, then helped Wolves win the Third Division (North) title in 1923-24 and had spells at Bradford City, Nottingham Forest and Clapton Orient. Returning to Derby as manager in January 1946, he also led them to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1947-48 and remained in

charge of the Rams until November 1953. He was a publican in Ashbourne and died in 1963.

## HARRY STORER

Former England international wing-half Harry Storer managed Derby to the Third Division (North) title in 1956-57. The Derbyshire cricketer initially joined Derby as a player from Grimsby Town in March 1921 and netted 60 goals in 257 League games before moving to Burnley in February 1929. He became Coventry City's manager in June 1931 and guided them to the Third Division (South) title in 1935-36, then plotted Birmingham City's 1947-48 Second Division title triumph. Returning to Coventry in November 1948, he rejoined Derby as manager from June 1955 until May 1962 and died in Derby in September 1967.

## BRIAN CLOUGH

Legendary manager Brian Clough guided Derby County to the League Championship in 1971-72. A former England international centre-forward with Middlesbrough and Sunderland, he became Hartlepool's boss in October 1965. He took charge of Derby in June 1967 and also plotted their 1968-69 Second Division title triumph. Resigning in October 1973, he had spells in charge of Brighton and Leeds United before joining Nottingham Forest in January 1975. He led them to the League Championship in 1977-78, two European Cup final successes and four League Cup final triumphs, retiring in May 1993. He died in September 2004.

## DAVE MACKAY

Ex-Scotland international wing-half Dave Mackay managed Derby to the League Championship in 1974-75. He helped Hearts win all three major Scottish honours before moving to Spurs in March 1959, skippering their 1960-61 'double' success and two further FA Cup final triumphs. Joining Derby in July 1968, he was joint Footballer of the Year as they won the Second Division title in 1968-69. He scored five times in 122 League games, then managed Swindon, Nottingham Forest, Derby from October 1973 until November 1976, Walsall, Doncaster and Birmingham. He died in Nottingham in March 2015.

## ARTHUR COX

Tough, dour manager Arthur Cox guided Derby County to the Second Division title in 1986-

87. A former Coventry player, he became their youth team boss, then coached Walsall, Aston Villa, Preston and Halifax before assisting Bob Stokoe at Blackpool and Sunderland. He became Chesterfield's boss in October 1976, plotting their 1979-80 promotion near-miss and taking charge of Newcastle in September 1980. Steering them back to the top-flight in 1983-84, he was appointed Derby's boss in May 1984, plotting promotion in 1985-86. He left in October 1993, then assisted Kevin Keegan at Newcastle, Fulham and Manchester City.

## JIM SMITH

Jim Smith managed Derby County back to the top-flight in 1995-96. He played for Sheffield United, Aldershot, Halifax Town and Lincoln City, then was Boston United's player-boss. 'Bald Eagle' joined Colchester in a similar capacity in October 1972 and plotted their 1973-74 promotion success, then managed Blackburn Rovers. He guided Birmingham and Oxford United to promotion, then led QPR to the 1986 League Cup final. Managing Newcastle, Portsmouth, then Derby from June 1995 until October 2001, he assisted Harry Redknapp at Portsmouth, then managed Oxford United again. He died in December 2019.

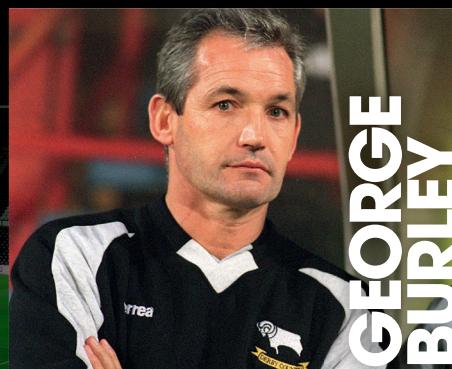
## GEORGE BURLEY

Former Scotland international right-back George Burley managed Derby County to the Championship play-offs in 2004-05. Signing professional for Ipswich Town in June 1973, he starred in their 1978 FA Cup final success and moved to Sunderland in September 1985. He later played for Gillingham and Motherwell, then was Ayr's player-boss and managed Colchester before rejoining Ipswich as boss in December 1994. Plotting their 1999-2000 First Division play-

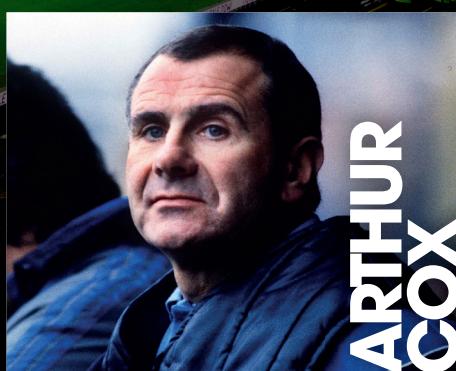
off final triumph, he twice led them into the UEFA Cup. He managed Derby from June 2003 until June 2005, then Hearts, Southampton, Scotland and Crystal Palace.

## BILLY DAVIES

Scottish manager Billy Davies plotted Derby County's 2006-07 Championship play-off final success. A former midfielder with Pollok United, Glasgow Rangers, Jonkoping, Elfsborg, St Mirren, Leicester City, Dunfermline Athletic and Motherwell, he became their manager in October 1998. He signed his brother John during three years in charge at Fir Park, then assisted Craig Brown at Preston before succeeding him as boss in August 2004 and twice guided them to the Championship play-offs. Appointed Derby's manager in June 2006, he remained at Pride Park until November 2007, then had two spells at Nottingham Forest.



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**There's only one man that this column could be centred on. He's lit up Kenilworth Road with four goals in his last ten games, two of them stunners from outside the box. But his game is so much more than that.**

*"You can see the crowd getting behind him because I think they can see themselves in him."*

That's what manager Nathan Jones said after Allan Campbell's late rocket sealed a crucial win against fellow play-off chasers West Bromwich Albion, sending the Hatters two points from sixth place.

But that goal only made up only five seconds of what was a complete 90 minutes in central midfield from the former Motherwell man.

Covering every blade of grass against a technically able midfield of Alex Mowatt and Jayson Molumby, Campbell showed his characteristic tenacity and aggression, jumping on his opponents' first touches to deny them time and recovering the ball seven times throughout the game.

That intense mindset combined with sky-high physical levels has proved a potent mix this season, and it's no surprise that the man described by Nathan Jones as 'one of the best young midfielders in Scotland' has translated his success North of the border to England's second tier.

Campbell sits with the eighth highest defensive duel success rate in the league (64%) for central midfielders, a remarkable feat given his lack of Championship experience and the fact that the

Hatters' player-marking, high pressing style means that he engages in a very high number of duels per game.

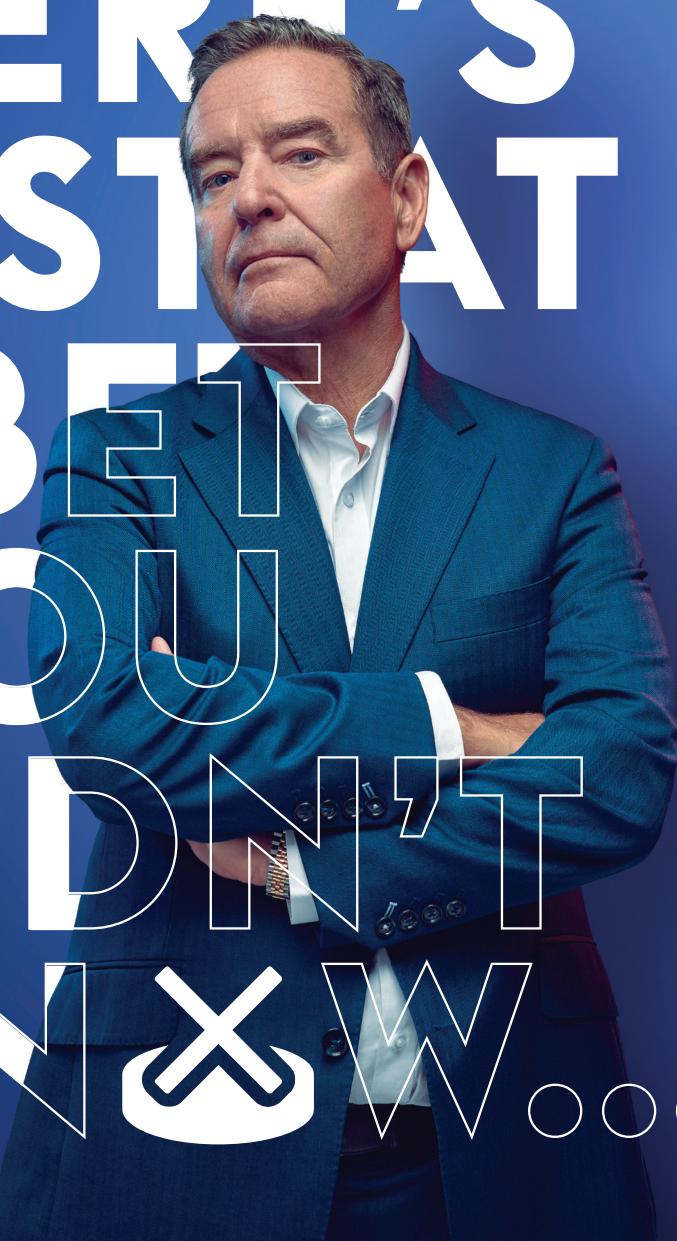
What Campbell is now showing is the goal threat and intelligent movement in the final third that he showed in previous years at Motherwell. His first goal for the club against Bournemouth came after he peeled off the opposition midfield to receive between the lines, drive forward and smash home across goal, with his fourth last weekend coming after neat combination play with Cameron Jerome and a thunderous finish from distance.

Luton's summer signing has always exuded confidence when out of possession, but he's now taking that aggressive, dogged and determined attitude to his work with the ball, backing himself to carry the ball more often and not being afraid to unleash efforts from range.

Allan Campbell and Luton Town just feels right. On his first day as Luton manager in January 2016, Jones said that he wanted to create a team that Kenilworth Road could be proud of. Campbell epitomises that because he makes Luton fans proud to watch their team. He's young, hungry, aggressive, brave, plays at an intensity that is through the roof and has that 'never say die' attitude that is embedded so deeply within the fabric of the club.

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# LUTON TOWN LADIES

## YOUTH SECTION UPDATE

**Over recent weeks we have welcomed lots of new girls to each of our groups, adding new teams alongside strength and depths to existing squads.**

The U18s continue to impress in the league and cup competitions along with the U15s, who have progressed through to the League Cup final to take following an 8-1 win away at Northampton Town in a one-sided game.

Having only been set up this season, the U14s are well placed for promotion into Division 1 with Leyah Maddix passing on her experience as Manager to the girls.

Still in contention in the top part of the Division One, Chris, Hayden and Rob are pulling together an excellent squad and showing skills above their years for an U13s team.

After a tough start to the season, Amber and the U12s have now steadied the ship and are picking up points and confidence in readiness for next season for their second season at 9v9.

The U 11s are training well and becoming more and more like a team with a mission for the 2022/23 season when they take on their first campaign together in the U12s age group. We are still looking to add further players to this team, so if you have a daughter in current year 5 or 6 at school drop us a message on twitter/facebook (@LTLFCYT) or LTLFCYT@outlook.com

The U10s have added some quality players for their age in recent weeks, and more waiting in the wings for their chance to shine. The team is now competing well in their league/cup competitions and with training at their new winter venue, Powerleague in Stopsley, they now have space to try new techniques and skills.

We have two teams at U9s age group, with the U9s under main coach Alex leading the way in some flowing football and exciting skill development. Alex is looking for a few more girls as they are

moving to 7v7 for the 2022/23 season. Again, if you have daughter/granddaughter/niece who wants to join and play football, get in touch with training on Monday evening, currently at the 3G behind Queen Elizabeth High School from 6-7pm. Alongside this group is the new U9s whites that has been put together, which actually are playing a year up against older girls and progressing nicely to stay at U9s next season.

What can we say about the U8s team, apart from these girls have come such a long way in such a short space of time, since progressing from our Little Hatters summer training. They are supported by a great set of parents and always fundraising, including a recent huge amount for Prostate Cancer UK. Keep up the good work girls along with the great football they are playing and team morale that is clearly evident.

The Little Hatters ages 6 to 8 will return very soon in association with the Wildcats for girls who wish to get into football, whilst the Tiny Hatters run by Nikki Baker is flourishing week by week and continues on a Saturday morning every week at Lancaster Avenue, LU2 7AD at 9am till 10am. These Little Hatters and Tiny Hatters are FREE, as we believe giving everyone a chance to join in the fun and be part of the club is something we build on, with strong foundations.

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### MATT MOLONEY



H: Available  
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### JOSH NEUFVILLE



H: Jackie Neufville  
A: Available  
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### TYRELLE NEWTON



H: Available  
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### CALLUM NICOLSON



H: Liz Evans  
A: Available  
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### COREY PANTER



H: Available  
A: Available  
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### JAKE PECK



H: Available  
A: Available  
T: Available

### CASEY PETTIT



H: Gill, Julie, Neil & Yvonne  
A: TV Sports Blogs  
T: Available

### BEN STEVENS



H: Available  
A: Available  
T: Available

### BEN TOMPKINS



H: Available  
A: Available  
T: Available

## YOUTH TEAM

### JOSH ALLEN



H: Available  
A: Available

### JAKE BATESON



H: Available  
A: Available

### SAM BENTLEY



H: Available  
A: Available

### JAKE BURGER



H: Available  
A: Available

### EDDIE CORBIT



H: Available  
A: Available

### JACOB COWLER



H: Available  
A: Available

### OLIVER HEMLIN



H: Tring School  
A: Available

### ARCHIE HERON



H: Available  
A: Available

### OLIVER LYNCH



H: Paul Boyes  
A: Available

### RIO MARTUCCI



H: Available  
A: Available

### MILLAR MATTHEWS-LEWIS



H: Available  
A: Available

### DARCY MOFFAT



H: Available  
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### ZAC NELSON



H: Available  
A: Available

### JOSH ODELL



H: Available  
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### JACOB PINNINGTON



H: Available  
A: Available

### JOSH SWAN



H: Available  
A: Available

### ADAM WEDD



H: JB Associates  
A: Available



# ACADEMY UPDATE

With Head of Education & Welfare DALE BRUNTON

**Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game.**

We are heading into the business end of the season now both on and off the pitch, with our second-year apprentices preparing for the end point assessments within their education programmes.

It comes as a surprise to many inside and outside of the club, that our U18s are on a full-time education programme, as well as training every day and playing in the EFL League on a Saturday morning.

The education programme comprises of a BTEC Level 3 in Sporting Excellence Performance, the UEFA C coaching qualification, and the Sporting Excellence Performer apprenticeship which cumulates in three end point assessments.

These assessments include a multiple-choice exam, a video showcase and a 90-minute

interview with an external assessor. These end point assessments cover the whole two-year apprenticeship, and the boys will be quizzed on a wide range of areas such as nutrition, psychology, injuries, career transition and anti-doping.

Last years group were the first set of apprentices to go through these end point assessments, and the final grades were very pleasing, with two Passes and six Distinctions overall, so there's plenty of pressure on this years group to reach that standard.

The whole idea behind the apprenticeship programme is to educate the boys on how football works both on and off the football pitch whilst also opening doorways to higher education and further qualifications should they not receive a professional contract.

I am sure you will join me in wishing the boys the best of luck during their end point assessments and COYH.

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## ADAM WEDD

### How did you get into football?

When I was five, I joined the Luton Town Football Club community team, and I've been in the Luton system ever since. I also used to watch Luton from the age of five and have had a season ticket ever since.

### Do you have a matchday routine?

I always have the same breakfast before a game, which is scrambled egg on toast. I also always have to put my left boot, shinpad and sock on first, which I guess is more of a superstition.

### Who is your favourite footballer and why?

My favourite footballer of all time is Gareth Bale, he's left-footed like me and I loved the way he played. He's scored some great goals, but his hat-trick against Inter Milan is what inspired me to want to be like him.

### What music are you into?

I enjoy listening to American rap, but also have a soft spot for 80's R&B too!

### Favourite film?

I'd have to say Grown Ups with Adam Sandler. Every time I watch it I always laugh.

### What do you do to relax?

I like to chill on Netflix or on PlayStation, I also enjoy cooking too.

### Biggest fear?

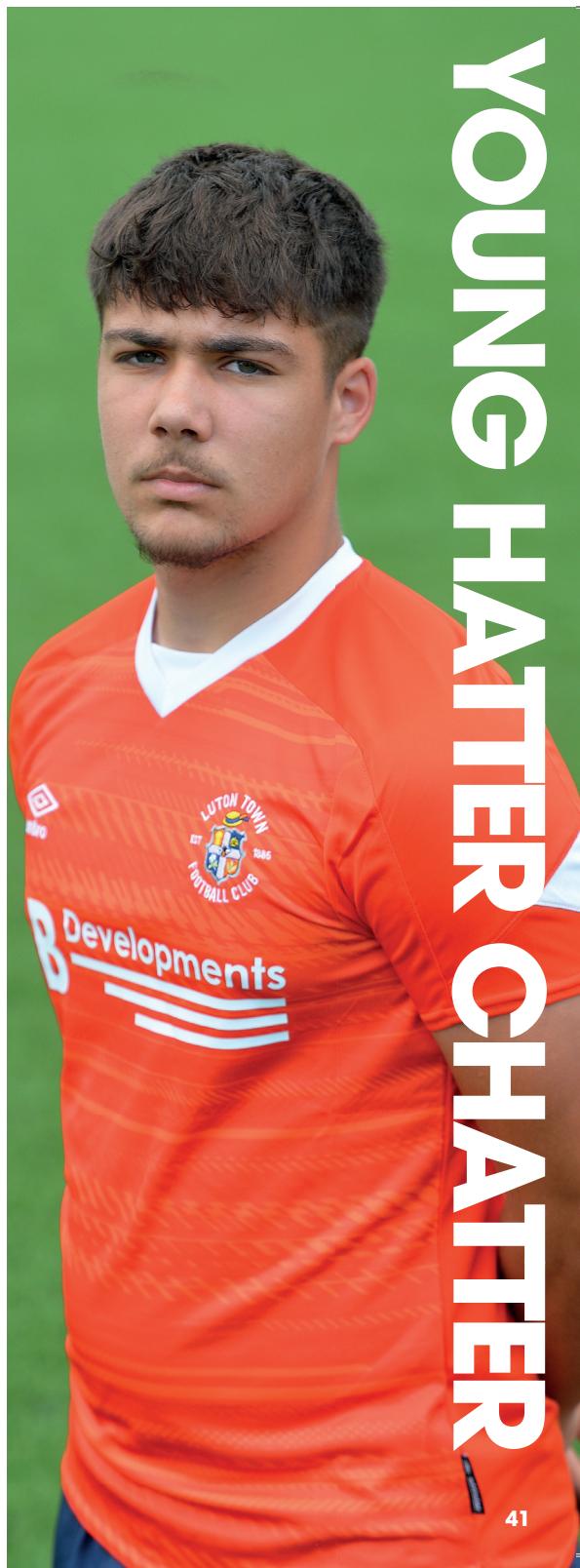
I'd have to say snakes and spiders, they creep me out.

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

I'd like to be able to teleport because I could be anywhere at any time.

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

I'd have to say a football. I've played it all my life, and when there's not one around, things don't feel the same!



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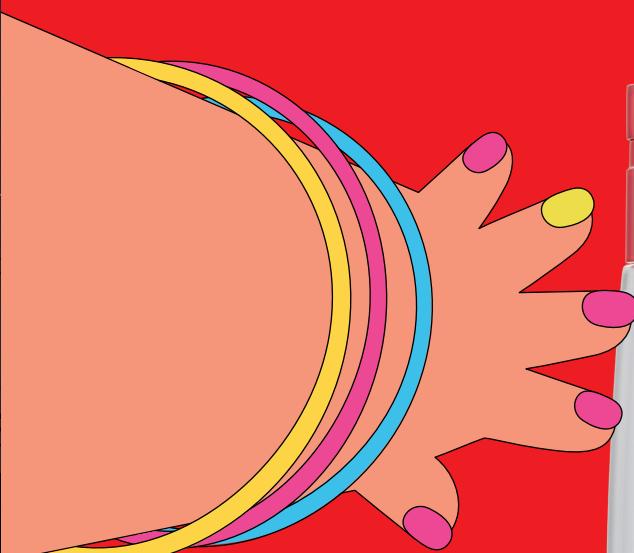
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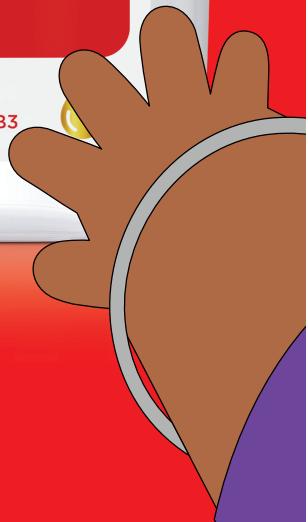
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## FOOTBALL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TAKE ON WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONS CHELSEA IN HALF-TERM

As with most EFL Clubs, our fully integrated youth player development structure at the Club is run by the Community Trust. It starts with players as young as four years old who simply 'pay and play' each week, through to our Skills Performance Centres Talent Identification Coaching Programme for boys and girls up to 12 years of age who train on our termly 10 week coaching programme. In total over 20 of these centres run all year around through our development programme.

All of the boys, together with recruited boys, continue their journey for an academy place at our Centre of Excellence Centres (COFEX) in Luton, Dunstable, Kempston and Arlesey, which have over 400 boys aged between 7 and 16 years old who we see long term development potential, with a further 150 boys signed at our Luton Pre-Academy level for boys with shorter term potential.

An important part of the process is the games programme and over half term week our Dunstable COFEX squads hosted QPR in Luton,

our Luton centre COFEX travelled down to Colchester United, while our Pre Academy travelled down to play World Club Champions Chelsea. We are sad to say that storm Eunice meant we had to cancel our planned trip to Norwich City for our Kempston and Arlesey squads – lots of disappointed boys who really look forward to the games, but at the same time lots of excitement at the prospect of facing Chelsea!

It's fair to say we are competitive at all age groups overall, particularly with our pre-academy squads and we look forward to travelling to Norwich later in the season when the competition to be retained for another season hots up. We now enter the busiest three months of the season as our Pre Academy boys prepare for their first tour to Holland in three years over the Easter weekend following the pandemic, and our COFEX boys look forward to their annual three-day residential visit to Stowe School in the Easter holidays, and then their end of season tour to Holland over the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend.



All retained boys then enjoy most of June off before we are back in again for the new season in July!

## **SKILLS PERFORMANCE CENTRES - TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME - TERM 4 FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2022**

Monday sees the start of Term 4 of our Skills Performance Centre talent identification programme, which feeds into our youth development structure. We have 14 regional football development centres, with five in Luton, open to all youngsters aged from U7 to U12. The Skills coaching centres offer a six-week programme ending with a trial match for everyone. Successful boys then progress onto our centre of excellence and pre-academy development centres, with eventual pathways into our youth academy. The centres are open to all abilities and below we've listed all of our weekly centres.

Our successful 'Skills' Development Programme provides high quality coaching for up and coming young footballers whether ambitious players wanting to progress towards becoming a professional, or beginners looking to develop the basics. To date over 100 players have been signed into our development programme through the Skills programme, which has proved our most successful recruitment tool in the past. The cost is £30 per term, which includes six practical sessions and one assessment after which all players receive a progress report on their personal development. Players who display talent can be moved through the programme after only a few weeks if appropriate.

Our weekly centres run in Bedford, Dunstable, Flitwick/Amphill,

Harpden, Wheathampstead, Letchworth, Kempston, Leighton Buzzard, Luton (5), Woburn and if you would like further information on the programme starting next week or book a place simply visit: <https://www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk/about-spcs>

## **FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES**

A big well done to all of the Trust's coaching staff who endured the wind and rain during half term and to all of the boys and girls who bravely battled the elements at our various activities – we made it all the way through to Thursday but in the end, Storm Eunice was too much to cope with and all events on the day were cancelled for only the second time in the last 10 years!



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# JUNIOR HATTERS



## TODAY'S MASCOTS



### ETHAN

**NAME:** Ethan Anthony

**AGE:** 6

**HOBBIES:** Football, Luton Town FC & Fortnite

**FAVOURITE PLAYERS:** Elijah Adebayo



### JACKSON

**NAME:** Jackson Oliver

**AGE:** 10

**HOBBIES:** Football

**FAVOURITE PLAYERS:** Kal Naismith

### PIXELATED PLAYER

Can you tell which player we have pixelated below?



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**Formed:** 1884

**Stadium:** Pride Park Stadium

**Capacity:** 33,597

**Last season:** 21ST (Ch)

**Head to head with Luton:**

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Derby wins - 17

**Manager:** Wayne Rooney



Pixelated Player: Tom Lockyer



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HATTERS!



## ROY BACON

Loyal Hatter Roy Bacon celebrated his 80th birthday yesterday, as well as 70 years of supporting Luton Town having seen his first game with his uncle on 8th September 1951! His family got in touch to wish Roy "very happy birthday with all our love and best wishes from all of the Bacon Family, Malcolm (who comes to the games with us) along with Mick & Karen from The Nick Owen Bar!"



## RACHEL DENHAM

A belated Happy 50th Birthday to Rachel Denham. Hope you had an awesome Birthday. From All the Staff and Children at Dallow Primary School.

## RIP NEIL MARSDEN 1936-2022



Neil Marsden - a wonderful husband, dad, father in law, grandad, brother, uncle and friend to many - passed away on Saturday 5th February, following a decline in his health due to kidney failure and dementia.



## ALEX SIMKINS

Wishing Alex Simkins a very happy 20th Birthday, today the 26th Feb. You're a fantastic son & brother and we're all very proud of the wonderful young man you've become. A dedicated Hatter, here's hoping the team can make your special day even better by getting another win. COYH.



## BERNARD JONES

All at Kenilworth Road would like to wish lifelong Hatters Bernard Jones a very happy 80th birthday too, along with his family. Thank you to Claire Robertson for contacting Our Town.

Neil had a Hatters season ticket for many years and was a much-loved and respected former teacher and head teacher in various Luton schools, church organist and regular at South Beds Golf Club.

He will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.



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## 2 LUTON TOWN 0 WEST BROM

Kenilworth Road – Sat 19th February 2022 -  
Sky Bet Championship

**Town:** Steer; Bree (Kioso 89'), Lockyer, Osho,  
Naismith, Bell; Campbell, Mpanzu; Muskwe  
(Lansbury 63'); Jerome (Hylton 85'), Adebayo.

**West Brom:** Johnstone; Ajayi, Bartley, Clarke  
(Diangana 69'); Furlong, Molumby, Mowatt  
(Robinson 78'), Townsend; Reach, Grant; Carroll.

**Scorers:**  
LT - Jerome (55'), Campbell (82')

**"It's a big win because  
they are a good side.  
Whatever position they  
are in, they are a good  
side with good players,  
a massive budget but  
we also have players  
that can hurt you."**

**NATHAN JONES**



## 1 STOKE CITY 2 LUTON TOWN

BET365 Stadium – Wed 23rd February 2022 -  
Sky Bet Championship

**Stoke:** Bursik; Wilmot, Moore, Harwood-Bellis, Tymon (Smith 64'); Baker, Allen (C), Powell; Campbell, Philogene-Bidace (Brown 54'), Maja (Fletcher 72').

**Town:** Steer; Bree, Burke, Lockyer, Naismith (C), Bell; Campbell (Kioso 90+3'), Osho; Hylton; Cornick (Jerome 75'), Adebayo.

### Scorers:

LT - Hylton (56'), Jerome (82') SC - Baker (90+2')

**"We limited a good Stoke side and I'm very proud tonight. Not just because it's my old club but because the performance level was very high tonight and I'm proud of that."**

**NATHAN JONES**

# DANNY HYLTON

Words: Dan Briard

**Danny Hylton said he relishes being the underdog as the Hatters toppled another former Premier League opposition to take themselves to within two points of the play-off places.**

You have to go back to 2000 for when Luton last beat the Potters, but they did so in style on Wednesday with goals from Hylton and former Stoke striker Cameron Jerome, as they kept up the impressive form since the start of December.

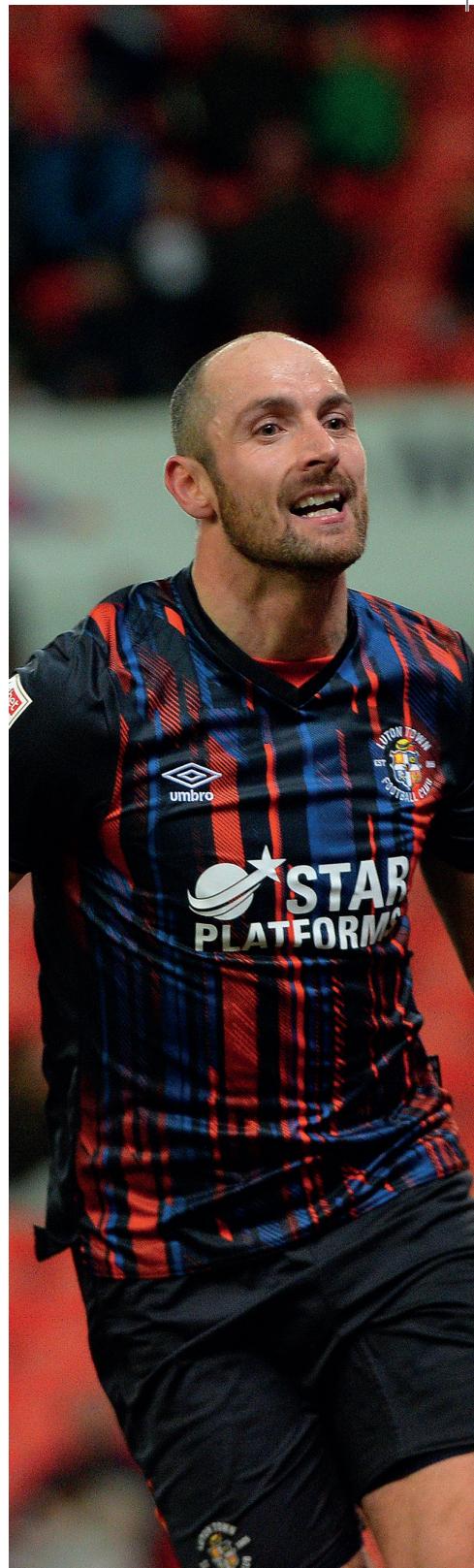
With less than a third of the season to go, the striker said post-match: "The most important thing was three points. It's boring and cliché but it's true, we're on a good run at the moment. There aren't too many games to go so we're just going to keep trying to pick up as many points as we can. Stoke away is a tough place to come, it's cold, it's wet, it's windy and they have some brilliant individuals in their team, so it was great to come here and win."

Having been a huge part of Luton's rise through up the EFL in recent years, Hylton hopes it doesn't end there, explaining: "It has been some journey. The gaffer has always said that since I have been here, the aim was always to get into this division, but then we were never going to come into this division and be happy with staying in the division, it isn't the Luton way.

"We love being underdogs, we love people not giving us a chance or thinking they are bigger or better than us. We thrive off that and coming here is the perfect example. Stoke are a big team, have been in the Premier League, brilliant individuals, but we came here, worked hard and we have quality in the team as well, which came out today."

And heading into yet another important match today against a team fighting for their place in the division, Town will once again have to be at their best if they are to keep their impressive home record going.

"They are fighting for their lives," Hylton said of Derby. "It will be a tough game, they are doing okay and when you play against a team like that, they have nothing to lose. They are going to be really highly motivated and that is tough, but we're going to have to dust ourselves down, recover and focus on Derby."



# FIXTURES 2021-22

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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				
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Birmingham City	L 0-5	10,014	1,006	11	-	-	-	-						ay	c							
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Sheffield United	D 0-0	9,774	1,036	12	-	-	-	-	•		y	a										
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																									
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Sat 25	3.00pm	A	AFC Bournemouth	L 1-2	9,737	1,125	16	-	-	1	-	-					•	c	b						
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Sat 5	5.30pm	A	Cambridge United (FAC4)	W 3-0	7,937	1,470	-	-	-	-	-	•				b	a								
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Barnsley	W 2-1	9,101	306	7	1	-	-	-	•				b	c		c						
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Birmingham City	L 0-3	17,292	1,782	10	-	-	-	-	•				c	*								
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Sat 26	3.00pm	H	Derby County																						
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GROUND: STAMFORD BRIDGE

MANAGER: THOMAS TUCHEL

## WHO?

Thomas Tuchel's side are the current European and Club World Champions, beating Manchester City 1-0 in the Champions League Final last year before sealing the Club World Cup earlier this month. Chelsea have won the Premier League five times in the last eighteen years, the last of which came in 2016/17 under the management of current Tottenham Hotspur manager Antonio Conte.

## GROUND?

Stamford Bridge currently has a capacity of 40,834, whilst boasting a record attendance of 82,905 back in 1935 with major redevelopment in the 1990s seeing the introduction of all-seating. Before the Blues were founded, Stamford Bridge played host to London Athletic Club from 1877-1904.

## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met in the FA Cup Fourth Round last season at Stamford Bridge, with the hosts running out 3-1 winners after a spirited display from the Hatters in what proved to be then Chelsea manager Frank Lampard's last game in charge. That game ended a 27 year wait for a fixture between the two sides after the Blues' FA Cup semi-final win over the Hatters in 1994.

## KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Luton signed former Chelsea midfielder Izzy Brown on-loan in 2019, with the creative midfielder going on to make 25 appearances as the Hatters avoided relegation from the Championship. Hatters legend and current Assistant Manager Mick Harford made 28 appearances for Chelsea in the 1992/93 season after making the move from Kenilworth Road, scoring eight goals.

**Words:** Dylan Bhundia

## LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	2021-22 SEASON								CAREER	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL	
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	Y	R	APPS	G
Elijah Adebayo	26	(2)	12	1	(0)	1	27	(2)	13	3
Sam Beckwith	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Amar'i Bell	26	(1)	1	1	(1)	0	27	(2)	1	2
Luke Berry	7	(3)	4	0	(1)	1	7	(4)	5	2
Sonny Bradley	16	(1)	2	1	(0)	0	17	(1)	2	2
James Bee	30	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	31	(0)	0	5
Reece Burke	16	(2)	0	2	(0)	1	18	(2)	1	2
Allan Campbell	19	(1)	4	0	(3)	0	19	(4)	4	6
Jordan Clark	14	(4)	2	1	(0)	0	15	(4)	2	1
Harry Connick	21	(4)	8	0	(2)	0	21	(6)	8	3
Danny Hylton	2	(7)	2	0	(2)	0	2	(9)	2	2
Cameron Jerome	9	(12)	2	3	(0)	2	12	(12)	4	2
Peter Kioso	4	(5)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(5)	0	2
Henri Lansbury	13	(11)	0	2	(0)	0	15	(11)	0	9
Elliot Lee	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Tom Lockyer	19	(0)	1	2	(0)	0	21	(0)	1	4
Carlos Mendes Gomes	2	(6)	0	3	(0)	1	5	(6)	1	0
Polly-Ruddock Mpanzu	26	(2)	1	0	(1)	0	26	(3)	1	2
Admiral Mus�ke	7	(10)	0	2	(0)	2	9	(10)	2	1
Kai Naismith	31	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	32	(0)	2	5
Fred Onyedinma	8	(12)	2	1	(1)	0	9	(13)	2	2
Gabriel Osho	14	(7)	0	2	(0)	0	16	(7)	0	4
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0
Dan Potts	2	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	1
Glen Rea	8	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	9	(4)	0	4
James Shea	11	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	13	(0)	0	0
Simon Sluga	19	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	19	(0)	0	1
Jed Steer	2	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0
Elliot Thorpe	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0

## 2021-22 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Fulham	32	20	7	5	81	29	52	67
2	Bournemouth	30	17	7	6	49	26	23	58
3	Queens Park Rangers	33	16	8	9	49	38	11	56
4	Huddersfield Town	34	15	11	8	44	36	8	56
5	Blackburn Rovers	33	15	9	9	45	34	11	54
6	Sheffield United	32	15	8	9	44	33	11	53
7	Middlesbrough	32	15	7	10	41	32	9	52
8	Luton Town	32	14	9	9	45	37	8	51
9	Coventry City	32	14	8	10	42	37	5	50
10	Nottingham Forest	32	13	9	10	43	33	10	48
11	West Bromwich Albion	33	12	10	11	35	30	5	46
12	Millwall	32	12	10	10	35	34	1	46
13	Preston North End	34	11	13	10	37	38	-1	46
14	Stoke City	32	12	8	12	41	36	5	44
15	Blackpool	33	11	9	13	36	40	-4	42
16	Bristol City	34	11	7	16	45	61	-16	40
17	Swansea City	31	10	8	13	32	43	-11	38
18	Birmingham City	34	9	10	15	40	53	-13	37
19	Cardiff City	33	10	6	17	40	53	-13	36
20	Hull City	34	9	7	18	27	39	-12	34
21	Reading *	33	10	5	18	41	63	-22	29
22	Derby County *	33	10	12	11	34	37	-3	21
23	Peterborough United	32	5	6	21	24	63	-39	21
24	Barnsley	32	4	8	20	21	46	-25	20



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- 01 JAMES SHEA
- 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 ONYEDINMA
- 25 JED STEER
- 26 ADMIRAL MUSKWE
- 28 ELLIOT THORPE
- 29 AMARI'I BELL
- 32 GABRIEL OSHO
- 35 CAMERON JEROME

## WAYNE ROONEY

- 02 NATHAN BYRNE
- 03 CRAIG FORSYTH
- 05 KRYSTIAN BIELIK
- 07 KAMIL JOZWIAK
- 08 MAX BIRD
- 10 TOM LAWRENCE
- 11 RAVEL MORRISON
- 13 COLIN KAZIM-RICHARDS
- 16 RICHARD STEARMAN
- 17 LOUISE SIBLEY
- 21 KELLE ROOS
- 22 EIRAN CASHIN
- 26 LEE BUCHANAN
- 31 RYAN ALLSOP
- 33 CURTIS DAVIES
- 34 JACK STRETTON
- 35 LOUIE WATSON
- 36 FESTY EBOSELE
- 37 KORNELL MCDONALD
- 38 JASON KNIGHT
- 42 LIAM THOMPSON
- 48 LUKE PLANGE

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**ADRIAN WATERS**
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