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THE MANAGER

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for tonight's Sky Bet Championship fixture with Preston North End.

The great thing about having such a congested fixture schedule is that we get an immediate opportunity to get the disappointment of Sunday out of our system, and I have every confidence that we will do that this evening.

There was very little wrong with the performance against QPR. We've played them twice this season and been by far the better team on both occasions. They have been challenging in and around the promotion positions for virtually the whole campaign, so we have to take the positives from those displays.

As I expressed on Sunday, my disappointment comes in the way they don't seem to have to work to get their points against us, whether it's as a result of our lack of concentration or a refereeing decision, but that is something that we can now only address in the future.

We have to make sure that we earn those points back in our final ten matches, starting tonight with the visit of Preston. We welcome Ryan Lowe, his staff, their players and everyone who has made the long journey on a midweek night.

We've had a few of those ourselves recently, so we wish them all a safe

journey back to the north-west into the early hours.

We know that they will present a stern test for us, as we discovered up at Deepdale in October, when we had got ourselves briefly into the play-off mix.


That was very early in the season when we found ourselves in fifth after a home win over Hull, so for us to be in with a great chance of travelling there for the return on Saturday back in the top six, with a fifth of the campaign to go, would be a massive achievement. But we don't want to stop there.

We have two games now to take us into the international break, by which point we'll have played 18 matches in less than 10 weeks.

What the players and staff have done so far is phenomenal, and I know they have the desire, belief and quality to make this even more of a memorable campaign than it's been so far. We've had illness and injury to overcome in recent days, but everyone knows that we won't lie down.

We need you to play your part from the stands, too. The last few games here have been exceptional, and I've heard so many comments, in the media or in person, about the connection between the fans and the players.

Keep singing their names, get behind them as loudly as you can and let's see if we can do something truly special. COYH!



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NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

STEPHEN BROWNE
DIRECTOR



Good evening to all Hatters and a warm welcome to Preston North End supporters who have made the long trip tonight.

Ryan Lowe and his coaching staff are quite new to Deepdale and so far they have gained good results against teams in the top half of the table. Draws against Sheffield United, Millwall, Huddersfield, and Forest, along with a recent win against Bournemouth, are evidence that Ryan is leading a very capable and dangerous team.

Traditionally Ryan's style has been one that encourages attacking play, and so with our philosophy being the same, it is sure to be an end-to-end game under the floodlights.

The Lilywhites are mid-table but that's in a table that is very tight – just nine points separate eleven teams. As ever, there are no easy games in this league and both sides will want those precious three points. There are a maximum of 30 points available to us, and we would most likely need at least two thirds of those to still be in the promotion hunt come the final day of the season.

For the neutral, that makes it very exciting – so many teams have a chance of getting into a play-off place. And we should see it as exciting too. When you are actually in the running for something greater, it can be very easy to become despondent if things don't quite go your way either on the pitch through referee decisions, through injuries that we pick up, or the results of other games.

However, this is what we train and play for. Of course we all have expectation, but at Luton we also keep our feet firmly on the ground. We will do the same as we have always done – our very

best and see where that takes us. Let's revel in the state we are in, let's be happy that we are in a great position. We have no idea where it will lead come May – there is no arrogance that we 'deserve' anything...but we will play for everything!

It's at this point of the season that as fans we start looking at other teams...especially the run-ins and who has to play who. We start talking about 'what-ifs' in social media, and some of our cleverer fans put facts and figures together in tables and charts to try and predict where this wonderful game will take us.

At the Club, all we know is that points make prizes. We take every game as it comes and know that only by gaining points will we achieve anything. In the old days you would hear managers and players saying it doesn't matter about other teams and that we just concentrate on ourselves. To some degree that is still true, but the modern game is full of data and stats that help us to improve.

We can learn from others, and we watch others in readiness for when we play them. So of course we focus on ourselves, but Nathan's backroom team will be assessing, monitoring, watching, and commenting on every other team in this league. We ensure that we are ready for anything and that the lads have all the information they need about their opponents on any given day.

That includes the teams at the top – as a worldwide audience witnessed for themselves, we were prepared for the current World Champions and gave them a scare or two. Not many teams take the lead against Chelsea even once in a game, let alone twice. At no point did we look out of place, or the minnows. What a credit that is to our entire squad.



Since that game we have seen that even those in the top-flight are not immune to issues over ownership. I suspect no Chelsea fan ever thought that their access to huge funds would be cut in such a dramatic and immediate way, with their 'owner's' name now infamous across the whole world for the wrong reasons.

I also suspect that Everton fans are disappointed because promised money would cloud their view of humanity. I don't need to elaborate on my thoughts about ownership again, and it's not as if we haven't known the source of Oligarchs' funds for some years, but for me all Chelsea's trophy wins since the turn of the millenium have an 'asterisk' against them.

Chelsea fans have shown their lack of class and ignorance of world events with their recent contentious chanting, but the bottom line is that football has to decide where it is happy to take funds from, and more importantly, at what human cost.

For us, the journey so far this season has been hard, although fulfilling. We have had to be at our very best for every game. Now we have to do the same again for the last ten games of the season. There is no room to think about 'what might be' or 'what happens if...'

We have to play for every point in every minute of every game. Nobody is going to gift us anything – we have to fight for it all and prove we are worthy. We have 900 minutes of football left and during every single second we will compete, work for each other, and do our very best. Whether it be from the dugout, on the pitch, in the physio room, in the ticket office, or from the terraces, everyone continues to give 110 per cent with a smile on their face.

None of us know what our finishing position will be. We could be elated or just a little disappointed. Wherever we finish, we will take huge pride in what has been achieved this season. From pre-season relegation favourites to challengers, we will have an end of season to remember. At no point has anyone fallen short, and we all have very good memories of this campaign. As I look around the ground all I see are smiles.

That's what sport is about. It's there to be enjoyed and to bring togetherness and happiness.

You can see what effect your support has on the lads. As ever, sing loud; sing proud – you are our twelfth man!

Stephen



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Good Evening,

Our last column in this programme came in the Blackburn Rovers edition where the incredible scenes of that win over AFC Bournemouth were still strong in the memory. Even as recently as the last week of January the play-offs felt like a dream, an attainable one but a dream nevertheless.

Fast forward just six weeks and here we are on the fringes of the top six despite the disappointing defeat in front of the cameras on Sunday afternoon, with the end of season battle now very much a reality rather than a dream.

It really is remarkable to think that less than eight years after finally escaping the National League, we could now be weeks away from joining the Premier League. It is a sign of the wonderful development our club has undergone on and off the pitch in that time.

As Luton fans we all know how privileged and lucky we are to have fantastic owners in 2020, who never do anything that doesn't benefit the club for the better and who have the future of our fine club at heart at all times.

This means even more to us when you look around the current football landscape and see owners of other clubs having their assets frozen, while plenty more are overspending to chase a position in the pyramid putting their club in jeopardy in the process.

This is why the Fan-led Review chaired by

Tracey Crouch MP is so important for the future of football. We were honoured to provide a presentation to that review and are keen to ensure its findings are implemented for the better of the game that we love.

As ever it has been a busy time for us on the LTST board and whenever March arrives our attention turns towards honouring the season in the best way possible, with our Presentation Evening. You can find details of that and some of the other things we are currently involved in below.

Back onto tonight and the first of 10 huge matches as we chase a spot in the top six, one which would be fully deserved should we achieve it. We are used to these boys responding positively to a defeat and I'm sure they will put in a real shift again this evening.

Enjoy the game. Get behind the boys and let's see where this ride takes us!

Tony

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

We can now confirm that our annual Presentation Evening will be held in person for the first time since 2019, after the Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to go virtual with the event for the past two seasons.

It will take place at Venue 360 on Gypsy Lane on Sunday 1 May, where we will find out who succeeds Simon Sluga as the Player of the Season, and where the other end of season award



winners will be announced and the trophies presented.

Ticket details for this event will be released in due course and we will also be releasing details of how you can vote for your favourite for each of the individual awards in the coming weeks too.

GOAL OF THE SEASON VOTING PROCESS HAS BEGUN!

One of the awards which will be presented on the night at the Presentation Evening is the Goal of the Season one. This was won by that howitzer of a strike by Kazenga LuaLua away to Wycombe Wanderers last season and already there are plenty of contenders for the award this term.

The process is simple. Over the coming weeks we will put voting options together where supporters pick the best goal of each month. Each of the monthly winners will go through to the final vote where the Goal of the Season will be decided.

To vote for the Goal of the Month for August and September head over to our website.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES

Our latest data shows that roughly 40% of the emails that we send out to our members are either not being delivered or not being opened.

We are regularly sending email correspondence to our members updating them on the various things the Trust are involved in, as well as our upcoming events and our quarterly newsletter from our Chairman.

If you are a member of the Trust and are not receiving our emails we would advise you to check your junk folder as we have heard that some of our members have found that our messages go there.

If you have still not received our emails please send an email to **membership@lutontownsupporterstrust.com** to make sure that we have the correct email address.

Also, if you are a member and we do not currently have your email address and you would like to receive our emails, please send a message to the address above and we will ensure that you are added to our mailing list.

PODCAST HITS HUGE MILESTONE!

Our regular podcast went past the 50,000 downloads milestone last month. As ever Kev, James and Tony chew the fat in a monthly episode, with our March edition dropping last week.

Kev also catches up with a different Town star each month to get the views from inside the camp about a wide variety of things. Defensive star Reece Burke was his guest for February and he was great fun. Keep your eyes peeled during the international break for the next player episode.

If you haven't listened to the March podcast or the Reece Burke one yet then head to our website for the download links, which now includes Spotify too!

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SAVE OUR TOWN - 'MARCHING THE MONTH FOR MICK'



Prostate Cancer UK are running an official fundraising campaign during the 31 days of March - a virtual step challenge where they are asking people to take on 11,000 steps per day (about 5.5 miles) throughout the month.

The six volunteers who run the community advocate group, Save Our Town, have committed to collectively walk the two million steps - around one thousand miles - that equates to the route between Land's End and John O'Groats, via every football club our own Mick Harford played for during his illustrious career.

They are just over halfway, having walked enough steps to virtually visit Bristol City, Wimbledon, Chelsea, Luton Town, Coventry City, Birmingham City, Derby County, and Lincoln City heading now to Sunderland.

Although we are all well aware where Mick's spiritual home is, next stop steps-wise will be Mick's actual home of Sunderland. His place of birth and the team he has supported since going with his sister to watch them at Roker Park growing up.

Some of the team are more active than others but certainly none of the team are fitness fanatics or

gym bunnies. What unites them is their dedication to the Mighty Hatters and a desire to show support for our own Mick Harford, in his battle with this potentially devastating disease.

They also want to raise funds for research into prostate cancer that kills 11,000 dads, grandads, sons, brothers, husbands, partners and mates every year, often from secondary cancer originating from the prostate. The mission is also to shout out the message from Mick: "GET YOURSELVES TESTED LADS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE". Caught early the survival rates are extremely positive.

Please donate whatever you can spare to support the team - whether it be large or small - every single pound makes a difference.

The easiest method of donation is via a link on their website that takes you directly to their Prostate Cancer official team page.
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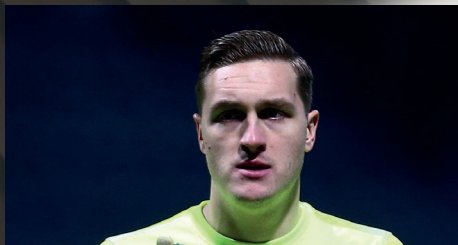
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THE GOALKEEPER: DANIEL IVERSEN

Iversen began his career in his native Denmark with Esbjerg, before joining Leicester City in June 2016.

The Dane went on loan to Oldham Athletic for his first taste of first-team football, with later loan spells at Rotherham United and Belgian side OH Leuven.

He joined Preston on loan in January 2021, playing 23 times in the second half of 2020/21, before re-joining the Lilywhites on loan for the entirety of the 2021/22 season.



THE DEFENDER: SEPP VAN DEN BERG

Born in Zwolle in the Netherlands, van den Berg progressed through the youth system at his local club, PEC Zwolle.

He made 22 appearances in the Eredivisie for the club, before a move to England to join Liverpool in June 2019. The Dutchman made four appearances for the first-team, playing in cup competitions.

Van den Berg moved to Preston on loan in February 2021, and the deal was extended for the 2021/22 season.



THE MANAGER: RYAN LOWE

After a playing career that included spells at Shrewsbury, Crewe, and Bury, Lowe's managerial career started with the latter in May 2018, after a player-coach role.

He guided the Shakers to promotion in the 2018/19 season, and took over at Plymouth in June 2019. Lowe won promotion again, guiding the Pilgrims to promotion to League One.

In December 2021, Lowe returned to the north-west as Preston's new manager.



**ON THE RADAR:
PRESTON NORTH END**

I N I T I A T E S T E



THE MIDFIELDER: BEN WHITEMAN

Whiteman spent time at Manchester United's academy, before signing professional terms at Sheffield United.

He made eight league appearances for the Blades, and had loan spells at Mansfield Town and Doncaster Rovers, before later joining the latter on a permanent basis.

The 25-year-old midfielder spent three years with Donny, before his move to Deepdale in January 2021. He has made 62 appearances in 14 months at North End, scoring five times.



THE ATTACKER: EMIL RIIS JAKOBSEN

After spending time with Randers and Derby County early on his career, Riis made his professional debut for Eredivisie side VVV-Venlo.

He later returned to Denmark and to Randers, featuring regularly in the Danish Superliga. The Dane then came back to England in October 2020, signing for Preston.

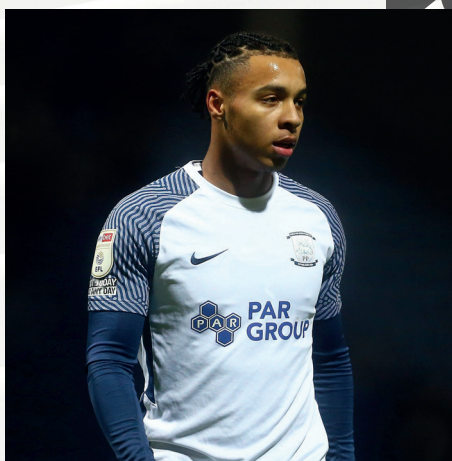
So far this season, 23-year-old Riis has 13 Championship goals to his name from 37 appearances.

WATCH OUT FOR... CAMERON ARCHER

Born in Walsall, Archer spent a brief time in his youth with his hometown club before coming through at Aston Villa's academy.

He made his Villa debut against Crewe Alexandra in the EFL Cup in August 2019, before having a loan spell with Vanarama National League side Solihull Moors.

Archer scored a hat-trick for Villa in their EFL Cup tie against Barrow earlier this season, and signed for Preston on loan in January.



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Coventry-born Graham signed on for Scunthorpe United in March 1990 from youth trainee, making his League debut the following season.

After over 150 League appearances for the Iron, he became one of ill-fated Luton manager Terry Westley's signings over the summer of 1995. The £100,000 was well spent, however, as Alexander soon displayed sound defensive qualities as well as showing he was the best dead ball kicker at the club.

After almost four seasons in a struggling Luton side, finances dictated that the Hatters had to accept cut-price £50,000 offers from both Preston and Burnley in March 1999, with the full-back opting for the former and going on to become a crowd favourite at Deepdale, as well as picking up the first of his eventual 40 caps for Scotland.

After eight years at Preston, Graham made a surprise move to Burnley in the summer of 2006 with the Clarets offering him a two year contract as opposed to Preston's one. The £200,000 fee proved a wise investment with Burnley finally getting their man and becoming ever present as Burnley won promotion to the top flight in 2009 after 33 years away. Graham became the oldest player to make a Premier League debut in the following campaign.

Another surprise move took him back to Preston in 2011 on a one year contract, and there he scored from a trademark free-kick in the final minute of his final game in a fairytale end to a glorious career that encompassed over 1,000 appearances for club and country.

Graham then moved smoothly over to management and has subsequently taken over the hot-seat at Fleetwood, Scunthorpe and Salford City, before moving over the border to take charge of Motherwell.

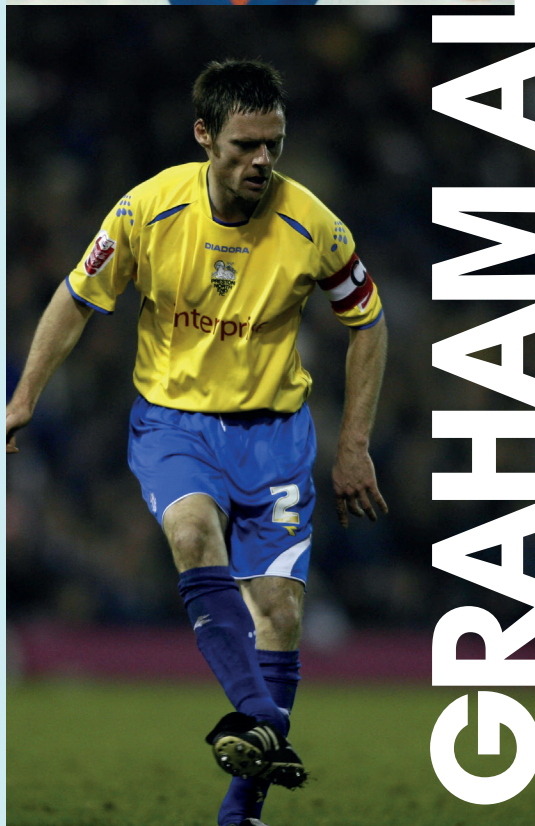
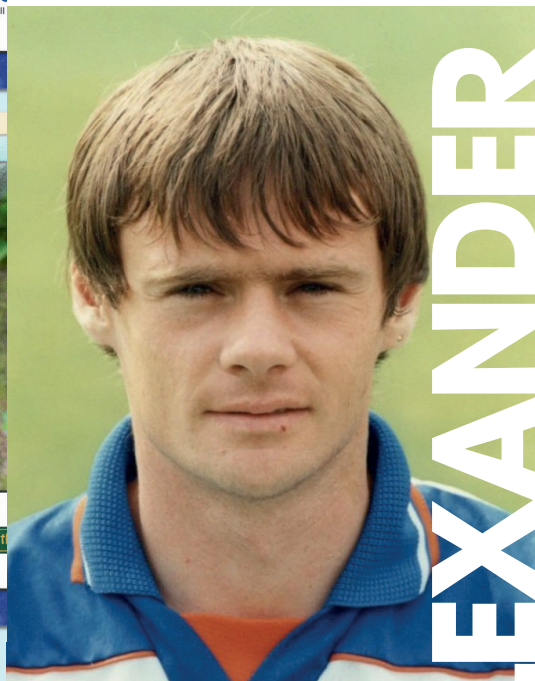
LUTON TOWN (1995-1999)

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GOALS:	17

PRESTON NORTH END (1999-2007/ 2011-2012)

APPEARANCES:	421
GOALS:	66

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James Collins heads in his and the Town's second goal.

LUTON TOWN:

Shea, Pearson, Lockyer, Bradley, Potts, Rea, Mpanzu (Tunncliffe), Dewsbury-Hall (Berry), Cornick (Clark), Moncur (Norrington-Davies), Collins (Nombe).

PRESTON:

Rudd, Fisher, Huntington (Storey), Davies, Hughes, Browne, Ledson (Johnson), Barkhuizen (Maguire), Potts (Bayliss), Sinclair, Stockley (Riis Jakobsen).

LAST TIME AT THE KENNY

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12th December 2020. Championship.

Words: Roger Wash

For the second home game in a row the Town were permitted to admit supporters. Following the Norwich clash at Kenilworth Road where 1,000 fans were present to see a 3-1 victory, this time the limit was doubled.

The crowd certainly made a difference and were soon roaring their appreciation when, after 20 minutes, a delightful ball from Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu floated over the top to James Collins was expertly chested down and dispatched beyond Declan Rudd in the Preston goal.

The lead was doubled on 29 minutes when a deep cross from George Moncur was hooked back across the box by Glen Rea to Collins, who nodded home.

Preston had made all five substitutes before an

hour was up in an attempt to claw something back from the game, but it was the Town who controlled proceedings in the second period.

Collins was denied his hat-trick when his effort from a Harry Cornick cross was well saved by Rudd. Not to be out done, he claimed the match ball on 66 minutes when he controlled a through pass from Cornick and calmly rolled the ball home.

Tom Lockyer went close to adding a fourth, and his first goal for the club, when he headed a free-kick taken by Rhys Norrington-Davies just wide, but the Town were happy with their three-goal haul, making it three games unbeaten at Kenilworth Road.

This win marked 100 times that Nathan Jones had tasted victory in this, his 200th game in charge.



Match reports & news coverage of this game can be seen on the Hatters' Heritage website (www.hattersheritage.co.uk). Scan the QR code above to go directly to the page.

MEMORY MATCH

**LUTON TOWN 4-1 PRESTON NORTH END
DIVISION ONE (NOW PREMIER LEAGUE).
27TH SEPTEMBER 1958.**

WORDS: ROGER WASH

LUTON TOWN:

Baynham, Dunne, Hawkes, Morton, Owen, Pacey, Bingham, Turner, Brown, Cummins, Adam.

PRESTON NORTH END:

Else, Cunningham, Walton, Wylie, Dunn, O'Farrell, Mayers, Thompson, Hatsell, Lambert, Finney.

The big news over the summer of 1958 had been the signing of Northern Ireland international winger Billy Bingham from Sunderland for £15,000. Bingham was still a major player at the peak of his powers and was regarded as a major coup as far as little Luton were concerned.

Ironically, the Town had tried to sign Bingham from Glentoran in 1951 but he had decided to join top flight Sunderland rather than second division Luton. Now that Sunderland had been relegated, the now top flight Hatters had finally got their man.

A Kenilworth Road crowd of 24,425 turned out to see new-boy Bingham make his debut against West Bromwich Albion on the opening day of the season, and he did not disappoint, putting in a masterful performance in a 1-1 draw. Another 1-1 draw followed, at Leeds, before the Town secured their first ever win at Birmingham, courtesy of a John Groves strike three minutes from the end.

Leeds came to Kenilworth Road for the return fixture and went back to Yorkshire with a point following a 1-1 draw, before early season leaders West Ham paid a visit to Luton.

The Hammers, who had been promoted to Division One at the end of the previous season were, like the Town, unbeaten at that stage in the campaign and such was the interest in the game 25,715 forced their way in to see the away team take an interval lead through Vic Keeble.

Spurred on by the crowd, the Hatters tore into West Ham in the second period and goals from Allan Brown, Dave Pacey and Gordon Turner with two, earned a resounding 4-1 victory. The football world was beginning to sit up and take notice.

Another 1-1 draw followed, this time at Manchester City, when an early City goal was pegged back by Groves, with another point dropped when Bolton secured a 0-0 draw in a sterile game at Kenilworth Road with both defences dominating.

Shaking off the disappointment of two successive draws, the Town came back with a bang in seeing



A grainy newspaper photo from the Preston game in September 1958 shows Gordon Turner missing a penalty for the first time.

off Manchester City 5-1 at Kenilworth Road to preserve the unbeaten record and put the team briefly top of the Division One table.

The Hatters then returned from Burnley with a point from a 2-2 draw on one of the club's bogey grounds at the time, Turf Moor. Despite stretching the run, both points should have been won but for a Burnley equaliser a couple of minutes from the end when defender Bobby Seith scored with a 30 yard 'hit and hope' shot that dipped at the last second.

The next game saw new leaders Preston visit Kenilworth Road, and the supporters knew that a victory would put the Town in pole position again, but this time on a Saturday when league tables were produced in all the national newspapers (for some reason tables were not often produced after mid-week games, so Luton supporters had not been able to see their side at the top of the table in print).

Preston had finished as runners-up to Wolves at the end of the previous season, and in doing so had scored 100 goals, with Tom Finney and Tommy Thompson contributing 60 between them.

Again interest was high and 23,056 packed Kenilworth Road together with the BBC television cameras who were recording their 'Sports Special' programme.

It was the Town that opened the scoring, through George Cummins, but Dennis Hatsell equalised before the break for the visitors after Gordon Turner suffered his first-ever penalty miss, seeing his spot-kick well saved by Fred Else.

During the second period the Town finally came to life, and this after Turner had suffered an ankle injury which reduced his mobility and had him hobbling up and down the centre.

It was left to the wingers to show the way to goal and Bingham, repaying a large chunk of his transfer fee, scored with a brilliant effort soon after the restart with his first for the club, with left winger Jimmy Adam hitting home two in the last quarter.

Finney and his colleagues were pushed aside as the Town swept to victory, maintained their ten match unbeaten start, and were seen sitting proudly at the top of the table.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED - PRESTON NE

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading Preston North End managers

WILL SCOTT

Will Scott managed Preston to the Second Division title in 1950-51. A former player with South Shields, he followed Jimmy Lawrence to Preston as trainer in January 1923 and was secretary at Deepdale from March 1941 until becoming Blackburn Rovers' manager April 1947. He stayed just eight months at Ewood Park until ill health forced his resignation but recovered and rejoined Preston as manager in June 1949. Signing Willie Cunningham, Tommy Docherty and Eddie Quigley, he left in March 1953 and North End were pipped to the League Championship on goal average in 1952-53. He was later Sunderland's assistant-boss.

SCOT SYMON

Ex-Scotland international wing-half Scot Symon steered Preston to the 1954 FA Cup final. He impressed with Dundee before joining Portsmouth in August 1935. Moving to Glasgow Rangers in August 1938, he starred in their 1938-39 Scottish League title triumph and became East Fife's manager in July 1947. He led them to promotion in 1947-48, two Scottish League Cup wins and the 1950 Scottish Cup final. Managing Preston between March 1953 and June 1954, he returned to Rangers as boss, taking them to six Scottish League titles as well as nine Cup final triumphs. He then managed Partick Thistle and died in April 1985.

CLIFF BRITTON

Ex-England international right-half Cliff Britton managed Preston to League Championship runners-up in 1957-58. Initially with Bristol Rovers, he moved to Everton in June 1930 and featured in their 1933 FA Cup final success. He was appointed Burnley's manager in October 1945 and led them to promotion and the FA Cup final in 1946-47. Rejoining Everton as boss in September 1948, he plotted promotion in 1953-54 and became Preston's boss in August 1956.

He took them to third in the top-flight in 1956-57 but resigned in April 1961. Later managing Hull City's 1965-66 Third Division title triumph, he died in December 1975.

JIMMY MILNE

Scottish left-half Jimmy Milne gave Preston excellent service as a player and manager. Previously with Dundee United, he moved to Deepdale in July 1932 and was an FA Cup finalist in 1937. He was unlucky to miss Preston's 1938 Wembley triumph due to injury, scoring nine goals in 233 League games. After spells as player-boss of Wigan Athletic and Morecambe, he returned to Preston as trainer and became manager in April 1961. He guided them to the 1964 FA Cup final, remaining in charge of team affairs until stepping up to general manager in November 1967, then Preston's chief scout. His son Gordon also played for Preston.

ALAN BALL (SNR)

Alan Ball (Snr) managed Preston to the Third Division title in 1970-71. Initially with Southport, the inside-forward joined Birmingham in May 1947, then played for Southport again, Oldham Athletic and Rochdale before managing Oswestry, Ashton and Nantwich. He coached Stoke City before becoming Halifax Town's boss in December 1967, plotting promotion in 1968-69. Managing Preston from June 1970 until February 1973, he returned to Southport as boss, then had another spell in charge of Halifax and coached Swedish clubs until his death in January 1982. His son Alan starred in England's 1966 World Cup final triumph.

NOBBY STILES

England 1966 World Cup hero Nobby Stiles guided Preston to promotion in 1977-78. Signing professional for Manchester United in June 1959, the wing-half starred as they twice won the League Championship and European Cup in 1968. He joined Middlesbrough in May 1971, reuniting with Bobby Charlton at Preston in August 1973 and scoring once in 46 League games before becoming coach in August 1975. Managing North End from July 1977 until June 1981, he worked under his brother-in-law Johnny Giles at Vancouver Whitecaps and West Brom. He was later Manchester United's youth coach and died in October 2020.

JOHN McGRATH

Former England U-23 centre-half John McGrath managed Preston to promotion in 1986-87. Initially with Bury, he featured in their 1960-61 Third Division title campaign before moving to Newcastle in February 1961. He starred as they won the Second Division title in 1964-65 and joined Southampton in February 1968. Ever-present as Saints qualified for the Fairs Cup in 1968-69, he was their youth coach and became Port Vale's boss in December 1979. He plotted promotion in 1982-83, then managed Chester, Preston from May 1986 until January 1990 and Halifax Town. Later an after-dinner speaker, he died in December 1998.

GARY PETERS

Gary Peters guided Preston to the Third Division title in 1995-96. A former right-back, he moved from Guildford City to Reading in May 1975 and starred in their 1975-76 and 1978-79 promotion successes. He joined Fulham in August 1979 and won promotion again in 1981-82, then twice captained Wimbledon to promotion. After further spells with Aldershot, Reading and Fulham, he assisted John Beck in Cambridge United's rise and followed him to Preston in December 1992. He was manager from December 1994 until January 1998, then ran Preston's Centre of Excellence before holding posts at Shrewsbury and Hereford.

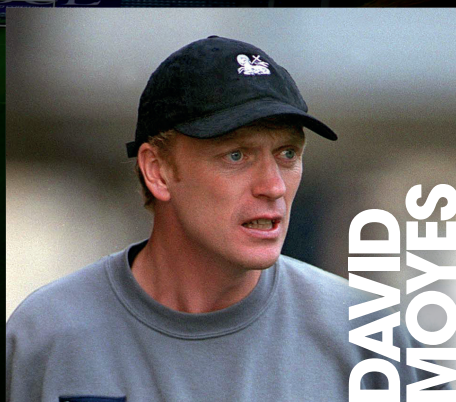
DAVID MOYES

David Moyes managed Preston to the Second Division title in 1999-2000. Initially with Celtic, the central defender moved via Cambridge United to Bristol City in October 1985 and featured in two Freight Rover Trophy finals. He had spells at Shrewsbury, Dunfermline and Hamilton, moving

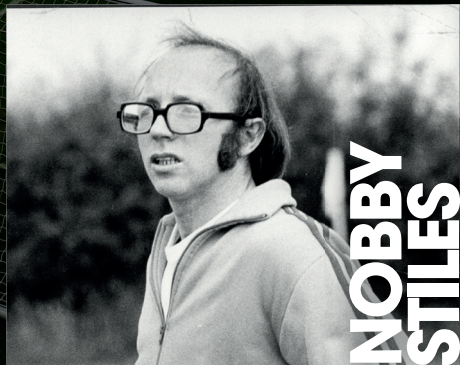
to Preston in September 1993. Starring in their 1995-96 Third Division title triumph, he netted 17 goals in 143 League games and became manager in January 1998. He led North End to the First Division play-off final in 2000-01, leaving in March 2002 to manage Everton, then Manchester United, Real Sociedad, Sunderland and West Ham.

SIMON GRAYSON

Simon Grayson managed Preston's 2015 League One play-off final success. Initially with Leeds United, the full-back joined Leicester City in March 1992 and helped twice win promotion, then the League Cup in 1997. He moved to Aston Villa in July 1997, then played for Blackburn prior to joining Blackpool in August 2002. He starred in their 2004 LDV Vans Trophy triumph, then managed them to promotion in 2006-07. Repeating the feat at Leeds United, Huddersfield Town and Preston, where boss from February 2013 until June 2017, he has since managed Sunderland, Bradford City, Blackpool again and Fleetwood.



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SIMON'S STAT ATTACK

OUR RESIDENT STATTO LOOKS AT RECENT LUTON LANDMARKS REACHED

Words: Simon Pitts

James Shea has had to wait nearly five seasons to make his 100th appearance for Luton Town, after signing from AFC Wimbledon in the summer of 2017, but if he's starting tonight, then he'll become the 205th player to reach a century or appearances for Luton Town.

There were five Football League Trophy matches for Shea, including a win against his former side, before making his first of eight League appearances, at the end of the season, as Luton won promotion from League Two in 2017/18. Shea made 46 appearances in

all competitions in 2018/19 as the Hatters won League One, before his first Championship appearance ended with a 3-0 victory over Bristol City at Kenilworth Road in October 2019.

Although making three EFL Cup appearances at the start of the 2020/21, the form of Simon Sluga meant that Shea only made seven League appearances, all during December.

Shea has kept five clean sheets from his 12 Championship appearances so far this season.



Congratulations also go to a few other players who have reached landmarks in recent weeks, and firstly to James Bree who was the 204th player to make 100 appearances for Luton, in the win at Stoke City three weeks ago.

Joining initially on-loan in 2019/20, Bree made his debut as a substitute at Cardiff before starting his first Championship game, at left back, at Sheffield Wednesday.

There were 42 appearances in all competitions for Bree during that season and

following Nathan Jones' return, and Luton's survival in the Championship, the Hatters were able to confirm the transfer of Bree on a permanent basis in September 2020.

There were just 27 appearances for Bree last season, but he did net his first goal for the Club, in the 2-0 win against Coventry City at Kenilworth Road.

Bree has now broken into the top 200 players with appearances for Luton, passing Billy Bingham, Malcolm Macdonald, Wayne Turner and Juergen Sommer, amongst others, in recent weeks.





The win at Coventry was particularly special for two players, as Elijah Adebayo marked his 50th appearance for the Hatters with the winning goal and Harry Cornick made his 200th appearance.

Joining from Walsall in the January transfer window last year Adebayo made 18 appearances and scored 5 goals, starting with his debut as a substitute against Cardiff City. He scored his first goal just three games later, on his first start for the Hatters, but a late Millwall equaliser denied him the winning goal.

It was only four days later that he was to celebrate scoring the winner though, after being 2-0 down at half-time to Sheffield Wednesday, Naismith and

Tunncliffe scored to level it at 2-2 before Adebayo headed home a Cornick cross for the winner with four minutes remaining.

Adebayo now has 19 goals and the Hatters are unbeaten in the 17 games he's scored in with 13 victories and 4 draws, and, without wanting to jinx anything, he's closing in on the record held by Stuart Fleetwood who scored 27 goals in 23 different games without defeat, 19 wins and four draws for the record!

The nearest to beating this record recently was Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu who went 18 games (17 wins and a draw) before he scored in a defeat, 3-2 at West Brom on his 300th appearance earlier this season.

On to Harry Cornick now, and after joining from Bournemouth, like Shea, he won two promotions in his first two seasons at Kenilworth Road and has scored 33 goals in the 200 appearances across the three divisions and in three different Cup competitions.

Cornick's first goal came in the 4-1 win at Exeter in October, and his 5th of the season came against the same opponents as the Hatters won 1-0 at Kenilworth Road.

Cornick scored 6 goals in League One from 32 appearances, although 18 of these were off the bench, and netted a further two goals from two FA Cup appearances in 2018/19.

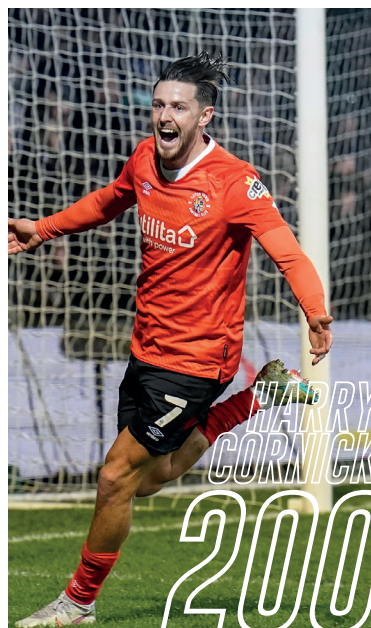
In his third season, and the third different League, Cornick netted


nine goals in the Championship and featured in all but one League match as the Hatters survived on the Final day.

Just the one goal for Cornick last season but it was the winner at Bristol City as the Hatters turned around a 3-2 deficit.

A further 10 goals this season, including one against Chelsea in the FA Cup 5th Round, and Cornick now stands in 59th place in the all-time scorers' table, joint with Billy Bingham, Kevin Nicholls and Rowan Vine.

Whilst breaking the 200-appearance barrier makes him the 71st Luton player to reach this landmark, with the likes of Graham French, Trevor Peake, Alex Lawless, Jim Ryan and Ceri Hughes all in his sights now.






NATHAN JONES 100

And finally Sunday's encounter against QPR was the 100th match since the return of Nathan Jones, with 91 of these fixtures in the Championship, from which Luton have taken 135 points.

This gives an average of 1.48 points per game, currently the 6th best of a single spell by a Luton manager, with his first spell in charge holding the record of 1.82 ppg from 139 League matches.

His combined stats of 388 points from 230 League matches equates to 1.69ppg which would be second only to Allan Brown who finished with 1.74 ppg from 95 matches, but they were largely from games played in Division Four (now League Two).

Here's to the next 100 matches now.....starting tonight, enjoy the match - COYH



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A partial view of Harry Cornick's face and shoulder on the left side of the page. He is wearing a red and white striped shirt.

HARRY CORNICK

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DAYS A HATTER: 1678

GOALS: 33

PLACE IN ALL TIME SCORERS TABLE: 59

ASSISTS: 26

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All at Kenilworth Road were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Jay 'Papa' Bhikha at the age of 66. Jay was a Town supporter who was one of the most well-known of local businessmen, having opened Papa J's Indian tapas restaurant in Alma Street in 2004.

The thoughts of all Hatters are with his family and friends, and donations can be made in his memory to the Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Charitable Fund via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jaybhikha



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"We're in the most amazing position, today is just really hurtful and for lots of reasons to be honest, I'm struggling to talk."

As he so often does, Town manager Nathan Jones summed up how everyone was feeling after Saturday's 2-1 defeat to Queens Park Rangers. Both Saturday and the reverse fixture against the R's back in November sum up both the margins and outcome bias in football.

The Hatters were the better team across both games, and the away fixture at Loftus Road was one of the strongest performances of the season in the midst of a tricky run of results. The first half on Saturday was a very strong 45 minutes and if Allan Campbell's thunderous strike in the opening five minutes of the second period nestled in the net, then it's fair to say that anyone would back the Hatters to see out a comfortable home win.

But it wasn't to be. An unnecessary penalty and a set-piece (with a clear offside) would prove enough for Luton's play-off charge to suffer a minor setback. Luton have conceded four goals against QPR this season: a counter-attack from their own corner, a second-phase set-piece, a penalty, and a corner. It's not surprising then that Town's manager was so crestfallen after the defeat and as he said post-match, the R's "have never got to work hard to beat us".

As a coach, there's nothing worse than when you see your team go out and apply everything you've worked on, play with personality, confidence and perfectly execute a game plan only to not come away anything because of poor officiating or a moment of madness.

Saturday reminded me of last season's defeat at Ewood Park to Blackburn Rovers, where the Hatters produced one of their best performances of the season only to switch off from a drop ball and lose it late on, with Jones stating after the game that he "hadn't felt this sick since the Blackpool [play-off] second leg", where a 95th minute own goal ended Luton's hopes of promotion to League One.

But these are the moments where real contenders come to the fore. The simple fact is that if the Hatters hadn't put themselves in the remarkable position of challenging for promotion to the Premier League, then the horrible sinking feeling that Jones summed up on Saturday wouldn't have been so difficult to handle. When you put yourself in a position where success seems achievable, the inevitable setbacks hurt even more.

But the setbacks don't define the journey. They are just a part of the journey and the charge towards achieving the unthinkable will always be rife with difficult moments.

There's no doubting that Jones and his troops will pick themselves up off the canvass and be hungry to go again tonight, harnessing that sense of disappointment and injustice and transforming it into a force to be reckoned with. It's what they always do.

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JOSH SWAN

How did you get into football?

I live in Newport Pagnell and my dad took me to play at a local club when I was about seven. I played with the year above because they didn't have a team my age and then I joined Luton at under 9s and I was in the pre-academy for a year.

Do you have a matchday routine?

I have a bit of a weird one, more of a superstition. If I play on the right side, I have to put my right boot or right shinpad on first. Then if I was to play on the left, left boot and left shinpad. It all started when I was scholar and has carried on since!

Who is your favourite footballer and why?

Definitely Wayne Rooney. I was a United fan growing up. I don't see a lot of people say him but I think he was massively underrated, that overhead kick goal against Man City made me love him even more. In my position right now I would say Trent Alexander-Arnold. He is the modern day full-back, his crossing is so good.

What music are you into?

Bit of everything. My playlist consists of 80's, bit of dance, then some R&B and hip hop as well.

Favourite film?

I'm into psychological thrillers so I would say Shutter Island with Leonardo DiCaprio. That is my favourite because the plot twist is so good.

What do you do to relax?

Get Netflix on and just chill when I get in, I like to listen to music at home as well.

Biggest fear?

Snakes and heights.

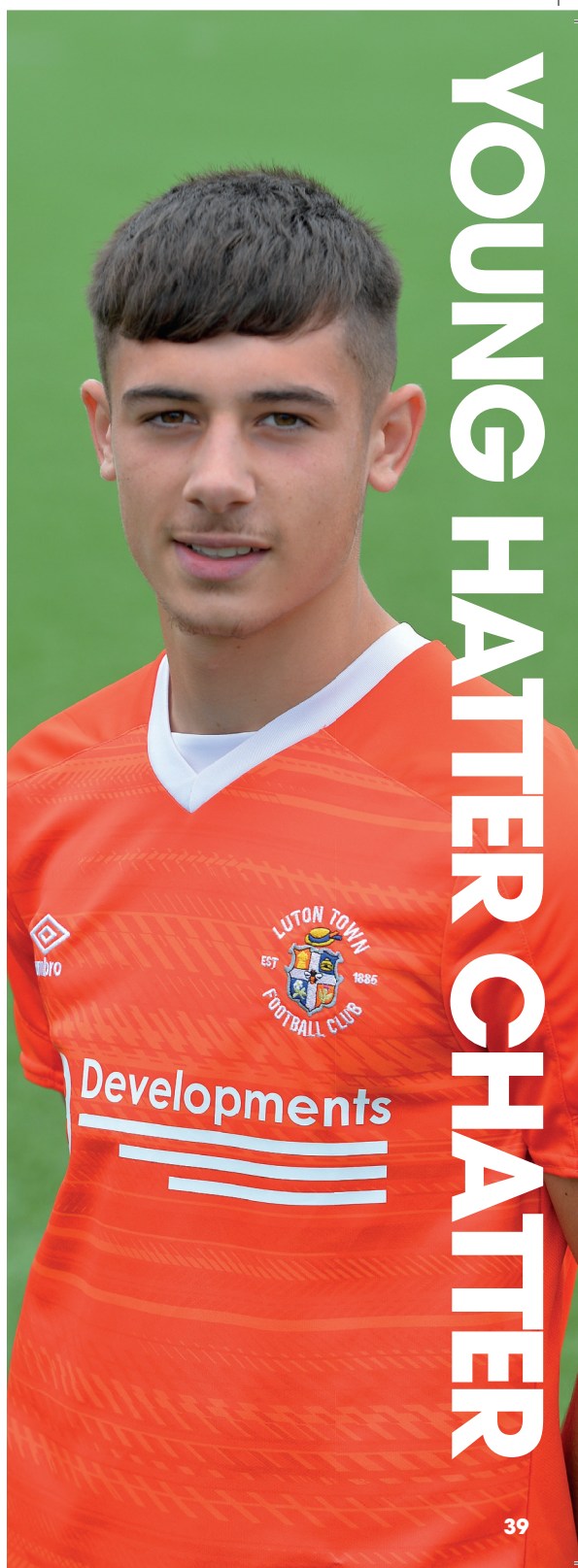
If you had to have a superhero power, which one would you choose?

Probably invisibility, sneak into some rooms and see what people are saying about you but then sometimes I'm not sure if I'd want to know!

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

Probably a hair brush, I like my hair being alright!

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Simon Pitts is one of many Luton fans who travel around the country, but as well as supporting the club, he is well known for providing match commentary for those who aren't as fortunate to be in attendance!

Luton was a big part of his childhood after following in the footsteps of his dad who supported the club and from attending his first live game in December 1983.

"I was seven, and I started following Luton because of my dad who was brought up in Hertfordshire and followed Luton," said Simon. "I was living in Suffolk and at the time I was a Junior Hatter, and you got a free ticket every season, so my first few games were using those."

His passion and support for the club later turned into work, and has come in several forms throughout the years.

"I started commentating in January 1998 when the club put out a plea for a commentator because they had a new system for partially sighted fans. I was also linked in with the PA crew, helping set up the equipment, I was the PA announcer a few times, I was even Happy Harry

at one point! Next January is 25 years since I've been involved with the club on matchdays. Nowadays I do the home and away matches but until 2009 I was only doing home commentary and then going to away games as a fan."

Arriving early prior to a match is a must for the commentator and by using Thameslink services, Simon has the ability to pre-plan his journey to ensure he is able to broadcast to Luton supporters ahead of the match.

"Some of the train journeys down into London using Thameslink you can do in less than 40 minutes now from Luton, so there is the ease of doing that rather than heading around the M25. It's obviously a good method of travel particularly for the trips down South or across to Wales. I have a network railcard as well, so the cost is reduced using that for travelling and sometimes it's quicker than if you were to drive."

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WELCOME TO THE HATTERS FAMILY, MOLLIE!

James Gillespie, a diamond season ticket holder, got in touch to share this picture of his grand-daughter Mollie Ann Ayres, who was born on 22nd January.

"She is a fourth generation Hatter and we can't wait for her to join us at the Kenny sometime soon," wrote James. "Her mum's last game before giving birth was the rousing 3-2 vs Bournemouth, no surprise then that she arrived 2 weeks early after that game!"



HAPPY 50TH SHANE!

All at Kenilworth Road would like to wish Shane Francis a very happy 50th birthday.

Shane was born in Barton-le-Clay, and moved to Lowestoft in 1975 with his parents. He has always been a big Town supporter, and still travels from Suffolk to a few home games, if not listening to the commentary online. Shane, who is trying to convert his two young children into supporting Luton Town, is celebrating tonight in the Eric Morecambe Lounge. Have a great time, Shane!



JAMIE IS 18!

Many happy returns from all at Luton Town Football Club to lifelong Hatters fan Jamie Ayres, who turns 18 at the end of March. We hope you enjoy your day. With lots of love from all the family xx

MANY HAPPY RETURNS, RICHARD!

Carole would like to wish her husband Richard Stevens a happy 73rd birthday! They both look forward to bringing their grandchildren to Kenilworth Road to watch a match in the near future.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, OWEN & JAMES!

We would like to wish both Owen and James McIntosh a happy birthday! Owen celebrated his 55th birthday on 10th March and James turned 89 yesterday. Let's hope the lads can give them the perfect gift of three points this evening.



RIP RICHARD OSBOURNE

Richard Osbourne, who had been a season ticket holder and supporter for most of his adult life, has sadly passed away. Richard was 81 years old and will be missed by so many of his friends in the John Moore Lounge.

THE FA AND EFL TRUST PARTNER TO DELIVER THE WEETABIX WILDCATS GIRLS PROGRAMME ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Really exciting news for the Trust as the FA and the EFL Trust, the charitable arm of the English Football League (EFL), have partnered to provide an increased opportunity for girls across the country to play football through the Weetabix Wildcats programme.

The partnership aims to inspire over 1,600 girls to take up football in their local community through Weetabix Wildcat sessions delivered by 34 EFL Community Trusts from across England, and we are delighted to have been chosen as one of those clubs. The support from the EFL and FA will enable the Trust to launch three Wildcats Centres in Luton with an aim to increase girl's participation from under-represented groups, including those living in areas of high deprivation and from Black and Asian backgrounds.

Weetabix Wildcats helps girls aged 5-11 get involved with football for the first time with others their own age. The programme gives girls the opportunity to play football in a fun and friendly environment, providing the perfect setting for youngsters to stay active, build confidence, and meet new friends.

Loo Brackpool, Head of Participation and Community Engagement at EFL Trust and our regional manager, said: "I am delighted that we can announce the expansion of our work with The FA on girls' football. Our Community Trusts already provide real opportunities for girls to get active and this partnership will extend this further – particularly focussing on those who experience barriers to participation. Following International Women's Day, this is a great way to help boost the prospects of females in the beautiful game and give them the opportunities they deserve."

Louise Gear, The FA's Head of Football Development, said: "As stated in our Women's and Girls' strategy Inspiring Positive Change, by 2024, we want girls to have equal access to football, so we're delighted to be announcing this partnership with The EFL Trust, which will make a huge difference to young girls around the country. Working with the EFL Trust will allow us to grow our Weetabix Wildcat programme and help support this ambition with a particular focus on engaging girls from historically underrepresented communities."

Our funding will enable the Trust to support centres in areas where there is little or no girls representation and in the next month we will be seeking expressions of interest from existing affiliated clubs interested in starting a girls section. The Trust will fully support the centres for the first six months with the aim for local clubs to take over the centres as their new girls training centres.

Head of Trust, Kevin Thoburn said: "This offers a great opportunity for the Trust to take girls' football into areas of the Town where there is little opportunity at present by offering free access to facilities operated by our staff. Our aim will be to create three new girls' sections with clubs with two new teams being formed at each centre for the 2022-23 season."

Our Wildcats initiative will be launched later this month and in the meantime, interested affiliated grass-root clubs can register their interest with our Girls Football Officer, Vicky Farleigh, at girlsfootball@lutontown.co.uk



HATTERS MAKE WEMBLEY CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF FINALS IN EFL U11 KIDS CUP

A fantastic effort from the year 6 pupils from Sacred Heart Primary School, who were representing the Hatters in the EFL Utilita Kids Cup and have made it through to the EFL Championship Finals to be played at Wembley on the day of the Championship play-off final.

We're hoping this is an omen and that the boys will be playing in front of 30,000 Hatters fans on the day!

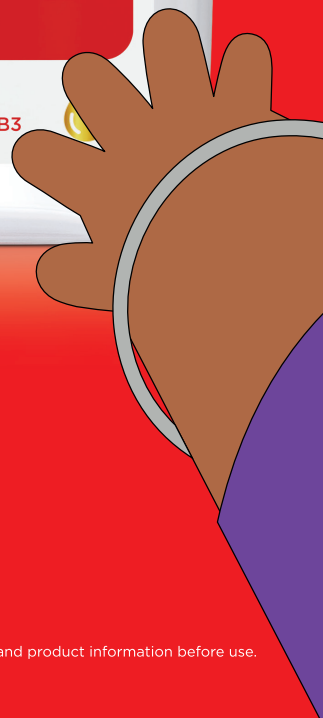
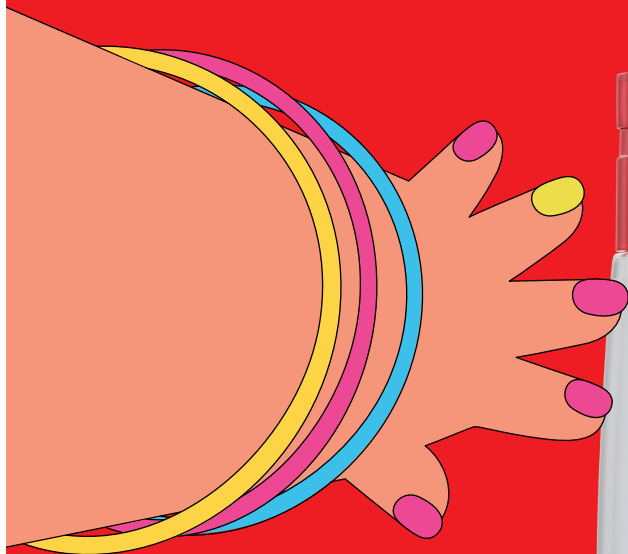
The Sacred Heart pupils had already qualified from our local Bedfordshire tournament with over 30 schools across the County taking part – so the boys were 'battle hardened' going into the Championship Southern regional qualifiers held at Reading FC.

Facing regional Championship winners, the Sacred Heart boys remained unbeaten in the group of Swansea, West Brom, Bournemouth and Reading and after a narrow win on penalties against Derby

County in the semi-final, the boys met a strong Millwall side in the final. The boys raced into a 3-1 lead and looked set for victory, only for Millwall to score two quick goals against the run of play. However, the boys showed great determination to score an excellent team goal two mins from time.

Thanks to ex Welsh captain Ashley Williams who presented the boys with the trophy. The grand final will now be played against the winners of the Championship North competition at Wembley at half-time of the Championship Play-Off final on Sunday 29th May. Two teams in the Final? Let's hope so!





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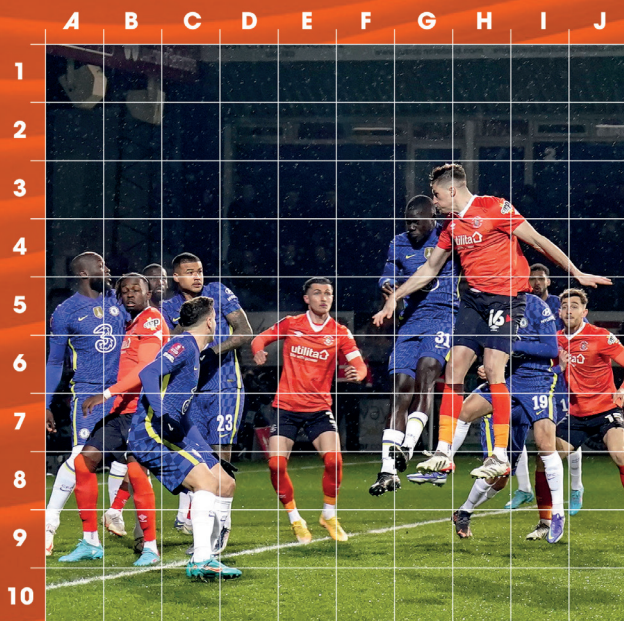
Head to head with Luton:

Luton wins - 13

Draws - 10

Preston wins - 26

Manager: Ryan Lowe



Spot The Ball : F2 | Guess Who: Robert Snodgrass



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Kenilworth Road – Sun 13th March 2022 -
Sky Bet Championship

Town: Shea; Bree, Burke, Lockyer, Naismith (C), Bell; Mpanzu (Lansbury 15'), Campbell; Clark (Snodgrass 81'); Jerome (Cornick 74'), Adebayo.

Rangers: Marshall; Dickie, Dunne, Barbet; Odubajo, Hendrick (Amos 74'), Field, Wallace; Johansen (C), Chair (Austin 60'); Gray (Willock 78').

Scorers:

LT - Jerome (37')

C - Gray (55' pen), Dickie (83')

“We felt we were the better team, got the goal, had a marginal offside which we felt could have gone for us, but it has been really frustrating to come away and concede two second goals because we don’t do that often.”

NATHAN JONES

TOM LOCKYER

Words: Dan Briard

Defender Tom Lockyer wants to get back to winning ways this evening after weekend disappointment against Queens Park Rangers.

After going ahead and more than meriting their advantage, QPR scored two second half goals and went onto leapfrog Luton into the play-off places.

"It was a strange one really because I think it's probably the best we have played in a while, but we end up losing the game," Said Lockyer. "Recently we haven't played too well, and we've been getting the results but I think for the first time today is the best we've played and we haven't come away with anything which is really frustrating.

"All the lads are a bit down in there but the good thing about this hectic schedule is that we can go again Wednesday. We started well, we like to start games fast especially at home and that is exactly what we did.

"I haven't seen any of the goals back if they were offside or not but obviously when we go ahead as well, we have a good record so it's frustrating because I can't really remember them having too many shots apart from the goals which is really frustrating from a defender's point of view."

With Preston the visitors this evening, coming into the game on the back of four matches, Lockyer admits the players are still 'looking up the table'.

"We are not used to losing but when we have lost this season, our performances have been justified to lose the game but I don't think that was the case today.

"For us to stumble today is really frustrating. It's so tight up there now, every game counts and there's 10 games to go, 10 massive games coming up and it would be amazing if we could win them all. We have to keep going, keep plugging away and see where we end up at the end.

Ending on a personal note, it was the seventh game in a row Lockyer has started, a run he intends to keep going.

"It is nice to get a little run going. Ever since I've come to Luton, I feel like I've been hampered as soon as I've got going. I don't want to jinx it now, I had a little niggle after Tuesday night, just trying to stay on top of it and hopefully I can stay out there with the boys."



FIXTURES 2021-22

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Tue 10	7.45pm	A	Stevenage (CCR1)	D 2-2*	3,052	1,291	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*				y	a				c			
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion	L 2-3	23,283	1,433	11	-	-	1	-	-	*						1					d		
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Barnsley	W 1-0	12,999	748	3	-	-	-	-	-	*						c	a	y		*	y		
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Birmingham City	L 0-5	10,014	1,006	11	-	-	-	-	-	*						a	y	c		*			
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Sheffield United	D 0-0	9,774	1,036	12	-	-	-	-	-	*				y			a						
SEPTEMBER																										
Sat 11	3.00pm	A	Blackburn Rovers	D 2-2	11,241	810	12	-	-	-	-	-	*		b	y	b				c 2				y	
Wed 15	7.45pm	A	Bristol City	D 1-1	16,878	572	13	-	-	-	-	-	*	y				*	a	c	b 1			a		
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Swansea City	D 3-3	9,721	831	14	1	-	-	-	-	*				y		c	b	1a			2c		
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	AFC Bournemouth	L 1-2	9,737	1,125	16	-	-	1	-	-	*					*	*	c	b					
Wed 29	7.45pm	H	Coventry City	W 5-0	9,805	1,032	9	1	-	-	-	-	*						c	2a	1			2b		
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Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Millwall	W 2-0	14,227	1,631	10	-	-	-	-	-	*	y						2a	*			c		
Tue 19	7.45pm	A	Derby County	D 2-2	20,258	1,057	9	-	-	-	-	-	*				y	a		c				1		
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Hull City	W 1-0	9,999	793	5	-	-	-	-	-	*								a			1b		
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Preston North End	L 0-2	11,059	989	10	-	1	-	-	-	*					a	b	c		*				
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Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Stoke City	L 0-1	10,068	1,005	11	-	-	-	-	-	*						*	b	*					
Fri 19	7.45pm	A	QPR	L 0-2	15,062	2,452	11	-	-	-	-	-	*					y	*	a	*			y		
Tue 23	7.45pm	A	Nottingham Forest	D 0-0	25,715	1,418	11	-	-	-	1	-	*					y	*	a	c		*	c		
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Cardiff City	L 1-2	9,987	1,032	14	-	-	-	-	-	*						y	c	b		b			
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Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	W 3-0	11,366	1,391	12	-	-	-	-	-	*					1				c		1c		
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Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Barnsley	W 2-1	9,101	306	7	1	-	-	-	-	*			*				b		c		c		
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Sat 19	3.00pm	H	West Bromwich Albion	W 2-0	10,029	1,031	8	-	-	-	-	-	*	c	*					*	b					
Wed 23	7.45pm	A	Stoke City	W 2-1	18,270	581	8	-	-	-	-	-	*		*					ya		1y		y	*	
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KEY: ■ Starting XI ■ Substitute • Unused sub y: yellow card r: red card p: penalty scorer *: penalty missed *: lost 0-3 on penalties

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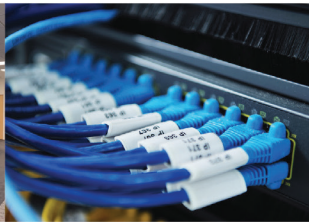
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	*						b		1y		*						a							55	80	85	-	-	-	-	28, 44, 59
	a	a							b	b	*						cy	*						57	57	75	-	-	-	-	25, 46, 69
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	*	*		y		c		*	b	c		*			y			ay						60	70	85	-	-	-	-	38
	c			a	c		*		a	*								b						15	74	81	-	-	-	-	37, 55, 83

KEY: : Out on loan | : Left club | Team name colour: Carabao Cup Match | Team name colour: FA Cup Match



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	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL				CARDS		TOTAL	
	APPS		G	APPS		G	APPS	G					APPS	G
ELIJAH ADEBAYO	30	(2)	13	1	(0)	1	31	(2)	14	4	0	51	19	
SAM BECKWITH	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0	
AMARI'I BELL	30	(1)	1	2	(1)	0	32	(2)	1	3	0	34	1	
LUKE BERRY	8	(3)	4	1	(1)	1	9	(4)	5	2	0	135	19	
SONNY BRADLEY	16	(1)	2	1	(0)	0	17	(1)	2	2	0	149	5	
JAMES BREE	34	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	35	(0)	0	5	0	104	1	
REECE BURKE	20	(2)	0	3	(0)	2	23	(2)	2	4	1	25	2	
ALLAN CAMPBELL	22	(2)	4	0	(4)	0	22	(6)	4	6	0	28	4	
JORDAN CLARK	16	(5)	2	1	(0)	0	17	(5)	2	1	0	61	5	
HARRY CORNICK	23	(6)	9	1	(2)	1	24	(8)	10	4	0	201	33	
DANNY HYLTON	3	(8)	3	0	(3)	0	3	(11)	3	3	0	162	61	
HARRY ISTD	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	2	0	3	0	
CAMERON JEROME	11	(14)	3	3	(1)	2	14	(15)	5	5	0	29	5	
PETER KIOSO	4	(5)	0	3	(0)	0	7	(5)	0	2	0	15	0	
HENRI LANSBURY	14	(14)	0	2	(0)	0	16	(14)	0	10	0	30	0	
ELLIOT LEE	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	124	30	
TOM LOCKYER	23	(0)	1	3	(0)	0	26	(0)	1	4	0	49	1	
CARLOS MENDES GOMES	2	(6)	0	4	(0)	1	6	(6)	1	0	0	12	1	
PELLEY-RUDDOCK MPANZU	28	(2)	1	0	(1)	0	28	(3)	1	2	0	329	20	
ADMIRAL MUSKWE	7	(10)	0	3	(0)	2	10	(10)	2	2	0	20	2	
KAL NAISMITH	34	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	35	(0)	2	5	0	58	3	
FRED ONYEDINMA	8	(13)	2	1	(1)	0	9	(14)	2	2	0	23	2	
GABRIEL OSHO	16	(7)	0	3	(0)	0	19	(7)	0	4	0	27	0	
ALEX PALMER	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	2	0	
DION PEREIRA	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	2	0	
DAN POTTS	3	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0	181	11	
GLEN REA	8	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	9	(4)	0	4	0	207	8	
JAMES SHEA	12	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	14	(0)	0	0	0	99	0	
SIMON SLUGA	19	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	19	(0)	0	1	0	94	0	
ROBERT SNODGRASS	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	2	0	
JED STEER	3	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	0	0	5	0	
ELLIOT THORPE	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0	

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GROUND: KCOM STADIUM

MANAGER: SHOTA ARVELADZE

WHO?

The Yorkshire-based side were founded in 1904 and the club's achievements include finishing as runners-up in the FA Cup in 2014, winning automatic promotion to the Premier League in 2013, and via the play-offs in 2016. Last season, the Tigers were crowned champions of League One, returning to the Championship at the first time of asking after relegation in 2019/20.

GROUND?

Hull City played their home matches at Boothferry Park after World War 2 for nearly sixty years, before making the move to their newly built 25,400-seater stadium in 2003, which was originally named the 'KC Stadium' before being changed to the 'KCOM Stadium' in April 2016. Hull City also share the stadium with Rugby Super League side Hull FC, who finished 6th in the Betfred Super League in 2019.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met in October at Kenilworth Road, with Elijah Adebayo heading home at the back post after great work from Fred Onyedinma to give Luton a 1-0 victory. In July 2020, the Hatters secured a crucial 1-0 away victory in their quest for Championship survival thanks to Kazenga LuaLua's late strike.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Hatters centre-back Curtis Davies won the League One title with Luton in 2005, and went on to make 125 appearances for Hull, 84 of which were in the Premier League. Current Town centre-back Sonny Bradley made his professional debut for Hull in 2012, but only made one further appearance, and joined the Hatters in 2018 from Plymouth Argyle.

Words: Dylan Bhundia



WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT ALLAN CAMPBELL HAS WON THE DIAMOND PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD FOR FEBRUARY!

In a month where the midfielder was nominated for the Sky Bet Championship monthly player award, Campbell played every minute of action and impressed with his tenacious performances. The Scotsman scored the opening goal against Barnsley before winning the club's Goal of the Month award for his spectacular effort versus West Brom in the 2-0 win.

That win was then followed by two more consecutive league wins against Stoke City and Derby County, the first time Luton have managed a three-game winning week in the Championship since 1996.

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

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