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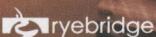


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## THE MANAGER

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another big game in the Sky Bet Championship against Millwall

We would like to welcome Gary Rowett, his staff, players and the travelling away fans, as well as wishing them a safe journey back to south-east London after the game.

Before the international break we had two brilliant wins against Preston North End and Hull City, and in any other circumstances we wouldn't have wanted the international break to interrupt us. But against Preston we were depleted particularly in defence having lost five centre-halves, including Reece Burke during the match, but we performed brilliantly on the night and scored four goals.

My pride was even greater on the Saturday after a brilliant away win against Hull, playing with three full-backs at centre-half and a left winger at right wing-back! I can honestly say, as I did post-match, that this current group of players is the best I have worked with during my time in football.

First and foremost, they are brilliant human beings, but they are also extremely hard-working and humble, which has given us the platform to have a real chance at achieving something special this season.

The club has been on an upward spiral for a number of years now. We've had a lot of successful times and since I've been here, we've been at the right end of the table every season. Of

course, we had to come back from the depths of despair to retain our status in a nine-game period at the end of the 2019/20 season, and whilst this is a totally different challenge over a similar time frame, it's one we're really relishing.

During this two-week break we took the opportunity to give the players some time off, so we're refreshed and ready for the final push. We have been flat out and getting results, but we lost a few players through injuries and illness, so it was important to get those back for the run-in.

Despite being on that brilliant run of form, the break did come at a great time for us because we simply couldn't keep going at the level we were performing. It has been a relentless period since early January, but we are looking forward to the last eight games and we know we can achieve something special, together with you all.

I have to say thank you for the outstanding support at Hull – including Mark Crowther, who I know couldn't be there on the day after testing positive, but what an effort to cycle up there on his own last weekend to maintain his charity challenge for the season.

Phenomenal work, Mark – you epitomise the community spirit running through this club – and please donate to his JustGiving page if you can.

Be loud and proud from the stands this afternoon and enjoy the game. COYH!

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THESE LAST EIGHT GAMES AND WE KNOW WE CAN ACHIEVE SOMETHING SPECIAL, TOGETHER WITH YOU ALL**

# NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

**GARY SWEET**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road after what seemed like an eternity without football.**

A warm welcome also, to the officials, players and fans from South London, including the Millwall CEO Steve Kavanagh, who is one of the sensible voices in The Championship, and with whom we have an excellent relationship. In front of another sold-out Kenny, today's battle should be a cracking encounter, especially with their play-off aspirations also well and truly alive after some impressive recent form of their own.

To have to wait a frustrating fortnight after that win at Hull will have had many chomping at the bit for today to arrive quickly to help further capitalise on the position we have worked so hard to be in.

Those who travelled north saw an organised team commit to a thoroughly professional, controlled performance to leave us in a position of high altitude in the table going into the break despite the absence of so many through injury, including a five-a-side team's worth of centre-halves! But with full-backs and wingers playing out of position, rolling their sleeves up and getting on with the job, the lads showed the spirit that Nathan so proudly spoke about in his interviews afterwards.

Of course, after playing 18 games, including 12 wins, in 10 weeks since returning to action against Harrogate in January, the international break came at the perfect time for the players and staff. It enabled them to recharge the batteries, get the injured bodies back to match fitness and prepare properly ahead of what is now a huge final five weeks of the season, and possibly more.

Two weeks ago, we launched our Safe Standing Survey Part 2. The results of which will be summarised to you once we've fully cleaned and analysed them. It attracted a huge 2,800



responders – certainly sufficient to be meaningful and to base some decisions on. What I can tell you is that we have an overwhelming support in favour of Safe Standing at Power Court, and an overwhelming number of supporters, of all kinds, who would prefer to stand.

I can confirm that we will be planning to implement a sufficient quantum of Safe Standing positions at our new stadium, but we also heard the voices of those supporters who expressed some concern and their personal preferences to remain seated, too. Further news on the detail of this will be included within the detailed application.

I know I sound as repetitive as a Mick Harford joke when I tell you that Power Court plans are coming along nicely – which they indeed are. We have had many bumps in the road. As if dealing with economic crunches, Brexit, judicial reviews and significant changes to stadia compliance weren't enough, since planning consent we've had to endure a seismic crash in retail, a time-halting global pandemic, a major energy crisis and now a global political conflict in Eastern Europe. All of these events have taken a material toll on our plans and progress, particularly on the cost impact of the new stadium.

Many of you, especially those in the building trade, will completely understand the scale and impact of the never-ending increase in the cost of materials and the difficulty with supplies. Along with the Brexit and HS2 effect of the labour market, which has squeezed our margins massively on Power Court, we have needed to run a not insignificant remodelling process over recent months with our design team.

This, however, we have done without meaningful compromise to the capacity or inherent design. It has naturally meant we've needed to defer certain



aspects to a latter phase of development, but we're determined that this will occur in a seamless way when we're ready.

Regardless, our detailed plans – which I can confirm that we are now delighted with – are drawing closer to a submission of detailed design this summer, at which point they will be made public.

A single Promotion via the Play-offs to the Premier League will, of course, solve all those challenges in one fell swoop.

There! I've said all those 'P-words'!

Way too many supporters have gently whispered one of those 'P-words' nervously, almost too afraid to mention it or because it somehow causes some kind of ill-fated catastrophe upon us if mentioned more conspicuously.

I can positively assure you that, to us, fate just doesn't work in this way. As a team, a staff, a board and a Club, we're immensely proud of our achievements and are more than comfortable to talk about our progress proudly. Potential success needs to be confronted and committed to if it's to be achieved!

Despite our **#teamslikeluton** social handle or the numerous images posted online of back gardens

along Oak Road, we must absolutely embrace our success and discuss the eventualities and plan for both Championship and Premier League football being played at Kenilworth Road next season or perhaps beyond.

This isn't pronounced with an ounce of over-confidence or arrogance but, as a business, we simply must plan for both scenarios – and indeed we are. Whatever the outcome, we will be ready!

As a stark reminder, we are currently surveying our facilities for Premier League compliance and to even prepare to make our old girl fit for purpose for the top table is not an insignificant task, especially for the demanding broadcast and media requirements. Significant work will have to be planned for, ready to pull the trigger (should we be the lucky ones), to then be completed in record-time during the close season. Quite simply if ignored now, Kenilworth Road would be incompliant and substandard, not just 'quaint'.

We simply will not allow for Luton Town or Luton to be seen as sub-standard, and if we can achieve a satisfactory level of compliance in the eyes of the Premier League with minimal dispensations, there is no reason why our charming environment shouldn't be embraced by those other member clubs as an enhancement and broadening of the rich tapestry of venues to visit.

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With so much going on at the Club, I have pleasure – and relief – in announcing the promotion of Paul Watson to Chief Operations Officer of the Football Club. Paul has shared our journey since the League Two promotion campaign and has since very much become 'one of us'. His role will involve overseeing the day-to-day running of the Club, leaving me to spend equal time concentrating on the delivery of the new stadium at Power Court with our Development Co COO Michael Moran and the wider team of consultants.

A big congratulations to Watto on his well-deserved reward, and a big thanks to him for his support over recent years and for his future long-term commitment to Luton Town.

I'd like to take this opportunity to offer Andy Awford our very best wishes as he leaves his role as Academy & Development manager this week to move onto a new chapter in his career. Andy has played a significant role in the Club's progress over the past seven years since he came in to head up the youth section in the summer of 2015.

Later that year Andy picked up the reins as caretaker manager for us between John Still's departure and Nathan's arrival in early January 2016, and we all enjoyed the success the Under-18s had that season with himself and Paul Driver, winning the south-east league and national EFL Youth Alliance Cup double, as well as reaching the FA Youth Cup quarter-final, with the likes of James Justin, Frankie Musonda, Freddie Hinds, Akin-Famewo and Tyreeq Bakinson in the team.

The cup final success was repeated in 2017-18 beating Wigan, and the current crop have home advantage for this year's final against Preston, to be played here at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 3rd

May, so it would be a perfect way for Andy's era to end with another success. Thanks for all you've done Awfs, enjoy a bit of a rest and good luck with whatever lies ahead!

Back to today, and this match is dedicated to the league's 'Together Against Discrimination' campaign, as well as the equality and inclusion organisation Kick It Out, which both us and Millwall wholeheartedly support. This kicks off the EFL's Week of Action, in which Clubs showcase the work of their Community Trusts. Leading from the front, Nathan will be giving our walking footballers a pre-match team talk at their session on Monday, and Elijah will be joining the participants on Fit Hatters programme at Kenilworth Road later in the week, too. It's great to be able to send our stars out into the community and show the human touch that makes our Club what it is.

Our togetherness and community spirit has brought us a long way in the last decade. Ten years ago we were heading towards a fifth-place finish and heart-breaking defeat in a play-off final at Wembley. That was in the Conference. Today we stand third, three divisions higher, proud of where we have come from and the progress we have made, but with the firm belief that we can achieve even more in our next chapter.

Without you, we are nothing!

Keep playing your part, give Nathan and the lads everything you've got, and make the old girl rock as you have done so many times already this season.

Come on you Rip Roaring Hatters!

Gary



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## ANDREW BARRINGER

Former Town Press Officer on his return to the UK for a trip to Hull!!



**It's 4am and I've been foolishly led astray to find myself standing in the middle of a tiny, sweaty karaoke bar in central Vienna. The clocks have just gone forward. Revellers hang like bats in the corners. Drinks are being split. Songs are being sung. Badly.**

And then it happened. It may have followed a power ballad from Adele or possibly something from Ed Sheeran. To be honest I don't remember. But suddenly the sounds of Block F and G were ringing in my ears. I am singing, we all were singing.

"Ohh Sonny Bradley, you are the love of my life..."

It only lasted 30 seconds – and that was more than enough. But there we were: French, American, Austrian, Lutonian. There were no lyrics on the screen to follow, just a group harmonious enough to sway together and celebrate Sonny's tattoos. It was mad.

Once I woke the next day, once the videos of the debauchery emerged, it got me thinking: How we Talk Up The Town. I guess you've done the same: if not to work colleagues like me, but to your friends or to your own children. Hyping up the Hatters as the greatest team the world has ever seen.

The love of Luton is spread by us all. It's infectious. Two weeks ago, I came back to the UK. Not for anything other than just to watch the Hull game. I booked the flights at half-time during the QPR game. Don't...

Anyway. I went with one of my best mates. But it wasn't just us two, but a car packed with five excited youngsters squeezed into the back of a people-carrier: my friend's two sons, Finlay and Seth, plus three of their pals. Happy enough to sit through the boredom of an arduous car journey just for 90 minutes of football. My mate's love for Luton has been transferred to his children and their enjoyment has in turn enticed their friends. Brilliant.

True is the same for my brother, Steve, whose son – my nephew, Leo – is mascot for today's game. Brainwashed by my bro, he never stood a

chance of supporting anyone else. We are, my friends living in Lutopia, a term delightfully coined by another very good friend and Westoning Lower School alumni. Someone who will bring his son, Dillon, to Kenilworth Road for the very first time this afternoon.

And what a wonderful time for us experience – to live – these days of Lutopia than now, with the team riding high in the Championship. A humble, hard-working team, punching above their weight as the 23rd best team of our land, winning new friends at every turn and run by those lovable, savvy group of fans in the boardroom with intentions better than anyone.

They were there that Tuesday night 10 years ago when we were thrashed by Forest Green in the Conference and they'll be here today, too, no doubt knowing they have also passed on their love for Luton in some way.

The question is, will this current state of Lutopia be here to stay? Will my friends, your friends, or my mate's children's friends, still be as enthusiastic enough to sing songs in karaoke bars or sit through four hours in the car this time next year? If not them, then it will only be someone else.

Whatever happens, we will all keep spreading the gospel of this great club until we're grey and old. It's just what we do, isn't it?

And then the cycle will start again and next generation will follow.

Sure, the chants might change a bit but the love for Luton will go on.

But for now. Drink in the league table. Tell a friend. For this is Lutopia.



# PETER KIOSO WE WANT MORE...

**Peter Kioso knows there is 'so much work' left to do but is relishing being a part of Luton Town's hectic end to the season.**

With plenty at stake for Nathan Jones' side, optimism and excitement is high amongst fans and players alike, and since returning from a loan spell away from Kenilworth Road, Kioso has most certainly played his part and in recent games been a key fixture in the back five.

Players collapsed to the ground as Tom Eaves scored a 92nd minute consolation goal during Luton's 3-1 away win, showcasing just how hard the Hatters have worked to find themselves in the play-off fight, to which Peter said: "I saw the boys' reaction when we conceded and honestly some of them even on the bench, yes we were winning and the game is done at that time, but the love for defending, it's frustrating for us to concede late on because we want another clean sheet. At the end of the day, the gaffer said three points was the most important thing."

The travelling fans, as is always the case, made themselves heard at the MKM Stadium on a sunny afternoon and the defender spoke of just how impactful that can be for him and his team-mates.

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"You know what you are going to get from Luton fans. You know they are always going to be loud and in fairness, they will always give the home fans a good run for their money. That's the best thing, going to an away match knowing that you have the backing of the fans, they are going to be singing the whole game and it's a great feeling."

"I feel like the fans having my back always makes me want to play better. When you get on that pitch it's about not letting yourself down or your teammates down. But when the fans are there singing your name, you don't want to let them down as well because they want you to do your best and that's all they want."

Fans respond when they witness good performances on the pitch and as defenders come, few enjoy their role more than Kioso does, constantly finding himself in amongst the challenges and winning aerial duels.

"For me when I'm asked to play it's just about giving 100 per cent," he explained to the Luton Town Supporters' Trust podcast. "I don't want to let the boys down most importantly, I know they don't want to let me down also, so it's everybody making sure we give 100 per cent on matchday and that's what we do all the time."

For a man who has so far made 17 appearances for the club, two of which have come against a pair of England's biggest clubs, which is a task he has relished but yet couldn't have imagined!

"If you would have told me four years ago, I would have been playing against Man United and Chelsea I would have told you no! At the end of the day, I still feel like I have a lot more to give and so much more that I want to do. Playing against the world's best, it's good to challenge yourself in football."

"I came up against Jesse Lingard when I was 21 and Timo Werner at 22. For me the age doesn't matter, once I get on that pitch it's just about





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me challenging myself and going head-to-head, seeing how far off I am, how much work I need to put in and seeing if I can cope. That's the most important thing, I want to prove to myself that I'm able to do it.

"I don't want to let the boys down and I don't want to let myself down. I go into every game looking at it the same. Don't get me wrong, the Man United and Chelsea game you look at a bit differently because of who they are and who the club is, but at the same time, it's just another game."

"I wouldn't say I care more about that game than say the game on Saturday, I go into every game thinking the exact same thing, that I'm going to give 100 per cent and I want to show the best I can and show people I can do it."

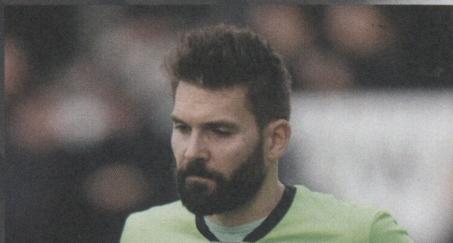
The hectic run-in continues at Kenilworth Road this afternoon against Millwall, the first of eight huge games for the Hatters.

But keeping a level head, the young defender admitted: "Every game is tough. I honestly don't think that any of the boys would have looked at Hull and thought it would be easy because they are down there. Every game in the Championship

is tough and we go into every game thinking it's going to be tough and a good challenge."

"I feel like for us right now, we're in the top six and we're just looking at it game by game. Nobody wants to get ahead of themselves, we just want to concentrate on what we're doing. We know we are doing a great job, but this is crunch time, it's when teams start picking up points in and around us. It's just about us concentrating on the next challenge, keeping our head down and remaining concentrated."

"It's fantastic but we know the job isn't done. The season isn't finished, and we know there is so much work that is left to do. We have eight games left, that is where we have to give the best account of ourselves and finish the season as strong as possible. Everybody at the club is happy, all the players are happy, but we're not content. We want more and we want to keep pushing."



## THE GOALKEEPER: BARTOSZ BIAŁKOWSKI

The goalkeeper began his career at Gornik Zabrze in his native Poland, and he made seven Ekstraklasa appearances for the club.

He joined Southampton in January 2006, and made 22 league appearances for the Saints. A spell at Notts County followed, before he signed for Ipswich and made 168 Championship appearances across a five year spell.

Bialkowski joined Millwall on loan in the summer of 2019, with his deal made permanent in January 2020.



## THE MANAGER: GARY ROWETT

After a playing career that included spells at Derby, Birmingham, and Burton Albion, Rowett started his coaching career with the Brewers, as Paul Peschisolido's assistant manager.

He became Burton's manager from 2012 to 2014, where he later managed Birmingham. Rowett spent just over two years in charge at the club, and had a later spell as Derby boss.

The 48-year-old then had a brief spell as manager at Stoke, before replacing Neil Harris at Millwall in October 2019.



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## THE MIDFIELDER: BILLY MITCHELL

Born in Orpington, Mitchell joined Millwall at Under-15s level and made his first-team debut in May 2019 against Wigan.

He signed his first professional contract at the club in the summer of the same year. The midfielder has gone onto feature regularly in the midfield, and signed a long-term deal at the Den in April 2021.

The following month, Mitchell scored his first Millwall goal in a 4-1 win against Bristol City.

## THE ATTACKER: BENIK AFOBE

Afobe progressed through Arsenal's academy, and had loan spells at the likes of Huddersfield, Bolton and Milton Keynes.

Permanent spells at Bournemouth and Wolves followed, before he joined Stoke. He has made 20 league appearances for the Potters, but has had a number of loan spells.

The striker has had spells at Bristol City and Turkish side Trabzonspor, before he joined Millwall on loan for the 2021/22 season, eight years on from his initial loan spell.

## WATCH OUT FOR... JED WALLACE

After spells at Farnborough and Lewes in his youth, Wallace progressed through the youth system at Portsmouth and into the first-team.

He made over 100 league appearances for Pompey, and joined Wolves in 2015, Wallace struggled for regular football at Molineux, and had two loan spells at Millwall.

After the two loan spells, he joined Millwall permanently in June 2017. Since his move, he's made over 190 league appearances for the club.



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**MILLWALL:**

Bialkowski, Romeo, Hutchinson, Pearson, Malone, Thompson (Bennett), Bodvarsson (Burey), Woods (Williams), Evans, Wallace, Bradshaw (Smith).

# LAST TIME AT THE KENNY

## HATTERS 1 LIONS 1

23rd February 2021. Championship.

Words: Roger Wash

The Town had won only twice in the League since the turn of the year and had failed to pick up three points at home in that same period.

Following a 3-0 defeat at Stoke last time out, manager Nathan Jones decided to freshen things up by making five changes to the side for the mid-week visit of Millwall. The changes included starts for Tom Ince and Elijah Adebayo who were both signed during the transfer window.

Millwall's Bartosz Bialkowski was certainly the busier goalkeeper in the opening half, being tested by shots from Joe Morrell and Jordan Clark. In the second period the Hatters upped their game and got the breakthrough on 55 minutes through Adebayo's first goal for the club.

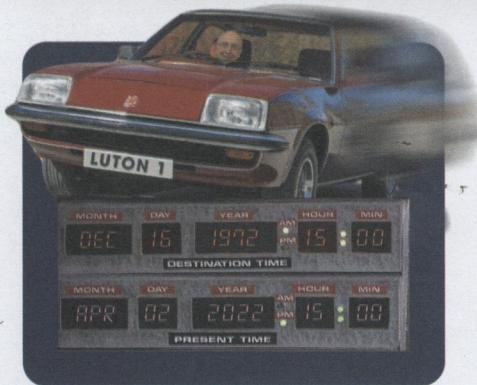
Ince had forced Bialkowski to tip over a fierce shot

and from the resulting corner, the ball was cleared and then crossed back in by Ryan Tunnicliffe to Adebayo who slotted it home.

From that point, Millwall came more into the game with Simon Sluga in the Luton goal needing to be alert, keeping out efforts from Jed Wallace and Mason Bennett, while at the other end Adebayo had a gilt edged opportunity to make the points safe but headed a Clark cross over from close range.

With the game ticking long into an inexplicable six minutes of added time, a cross from Shaun Williams was headed on by substitute Matt Smith to give a chance to George Evans for an unlikely and disappointing equaliser.

Nathan Jones was angry with the six minutes added time and the failure of his defenders to prevent Smith from winning the knock-down header in the box. "I feel sick, really. They didn't deserve that," said the disappointed manager afterwards.



# MEMORY MATCH

**Luton Town 2 Millwall 2 | December 16th 1972. Division Two (now Championship)**

**WORDS: ROGER WASH**

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## MILLWALL:

King, Bolland, Cripps, Dorney, Kitchener, Burnett, Brown, Possee, Wood, Dunphy, Alder.

**The appointment of Harry Haslam as new manager at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1972, replacing the disillusioned Alec Stock, was always going to mark a period of change both on and off the pitch.**

The coaching staff was changed, new directors appointed, while five long serving playing favourites were allowed to leave for pastures new. Coming in the other way were Rodney Fern from Leicester, ex-England full-back Bobby Thomson from Birmingham and former Manchester United favourite John Aston.



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

Despite all the adjustments, Haslam's new look side lost on the opening day of the 1972/73 campaign, going down 1-2 at Cardiff, but by the middle of October they were up to third spot in the old Division Two table, perversely on the back of a tremendous away record.

Home form was a problem though, and after three games were lost at Kenilworth Road in quick succession, with only one goal being scored in the process, a frustrated Haslam went to Derby at the end of November and splashed out a mammoth, by Luton standards, £50,000 on reserve striker Barry Butlin in order to bolster his shot-shy attack.

Also out to prove himself in the Luton attack was forgotten man Graham French. Joining Luton in 1965 from Wellington Town, French had become a cult hero to a generation of Hatters fans who marvelled at his brilliant ball control and his ability to cross and shoot with either foot.

'The poor man's George Best' should have been playing at a much higher level, but his fondness of a good party had warned off a host of bigger clubs.

We all loved him though, and it came as no great surprise when his lifestyle led to him mixing with the wrong sorts and after a shooting incident in a local pub he was sentenced to three years at Her Majesty's pleasure just as the Town had won promotion to Division Two in 1970.

Following his release on parole in September 1972, the Town were pleased to offer him a

# Graham French 'shattered'... but he's king of Kenilworth Road



**Graham French lifts the roof off with his goal**

second chance and he came back to Kenilworth Road determined to make up for lost time and trained like a demon (for the first time in his career) in a bid to get back to full fitness.

After a handful of reserve team appearances, French was deemed by Haslam to be ready for his second debut which came on December 16<sup>th</sup> 1972 against Millwall at Kenilworth Road, some 32 months since his previous first team outing.

The Lions had narrowly missed out on promotion to the top flight in 1971-72, but the current campaign saw them in lower mid-table although they had enjoyed a run of five games without defeat leading up to the Kenilworth Road clash.

A crowd of 11,550 saw the Lions defend in depth in the opening period, and such was the domination of the Town that Luton goalkeeper Keith Barber did not have a direct shot to save in the first half.

The opening goal for the Town came after five minutes when Millwall 'keeper Bryan King fumbled a shot from Peter Anderson and allowed the ball to run free to the alert Butlin, who made no mistake from close range.

Shortly after the break came the moment the supporters had all been waiting for when French ran through from midfield with the ball, drew King from his goal, and then expertly shot past him into the empty net.

Over two years of pent up emotion meant that his goal was greeted by a roar that 'could have been heard on Dunstable Downs' according the Evening Post scribe, and even French was seen to raise a smile.

That, sadly, was the end of the fairytale as Millwall almost immediately got back into the game when Derek Possee headed home with the Luton defence sleeping.

The storm was weathered but with the game in the balance, Luton defender Alan Garner allowed Doug Alder through. He was then unceremoniously upended in the box by Barber with Gordon Bolland equalising from the spot.

That was the final telling action of the game, but the disappointment of a dropped home point was tempered with the thought that 'Frenchie was back!'

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Luton Town are proud to be supporting Kick It Out's campaign, Take A Stand, which is calling for action in the fight against discrimination in football.

Through Take A Stand, Kick It Out - football's equality and inclusion organisation - want to create a culture where individuals take personal responsibility for being part of the change. That includes fans, players, managers, CEOs, stewards, governing bodies, shop assistants and social media organisations – everyone on and off the pitch.

Most football fans will have witnessed some form of discrimination in football – on the terraces, in dressing rooms or on social media – but more needs to be done to move from awareness to action. Take A Stand is both a challenge and an invitation for individuals and organisations to publicly commit to their own pledge. It is also a movement that everyone can play a part in.

The Hatters are supporting the initiative by dedicating today's match against Millwall to the campaign.

Sanjay Bhandari, Kick It Out Chair, says: "Our Take A Stand campaign aims to tackle discrimination, but also create a culture where everyone belongs and individuals take personal responsibility for being part of the change. We can all do something to take a stand against hate and promote a more inclusive society. Our ambition is to turn bystanders into activists and to crowdsource solutions by capturing pledges of individual action. We want to use those pledges that we receive from the public and organisations, to turn them into insight and make anti-discrimination

strategies better informed by understanding more about what people are doing on the ground.

"We know that social media can be a battleground of hate, which is why we're working closely with Facebook and Twitter to improve that through looking at better regulation and enforcement, as well as updated and new reporting methods."

Edleen John, The FA's International, Corporate Affairs and Co-Partner for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Director, says: "We are committed to delivering a game that is free from discrimination and it is important that everybody plays their part in helping to achieve that. Take A Stand will give fans and others involved in the game the impetus to support us on this journey and tackle this issue head-on. We know that discrimination exists in society and often manifests itself through football, and only by working together across the game to drive meaningful change through action, can we truly ensure the game is a safe and enjoyable environment for all."

For those who would like to make a pledge, either individually or as an organisation, or want more information on how to do this, please contact Kick It Out at [info@kickitout.org](mailto:info@kickitout.org). For more information about Take A Stand, visit:

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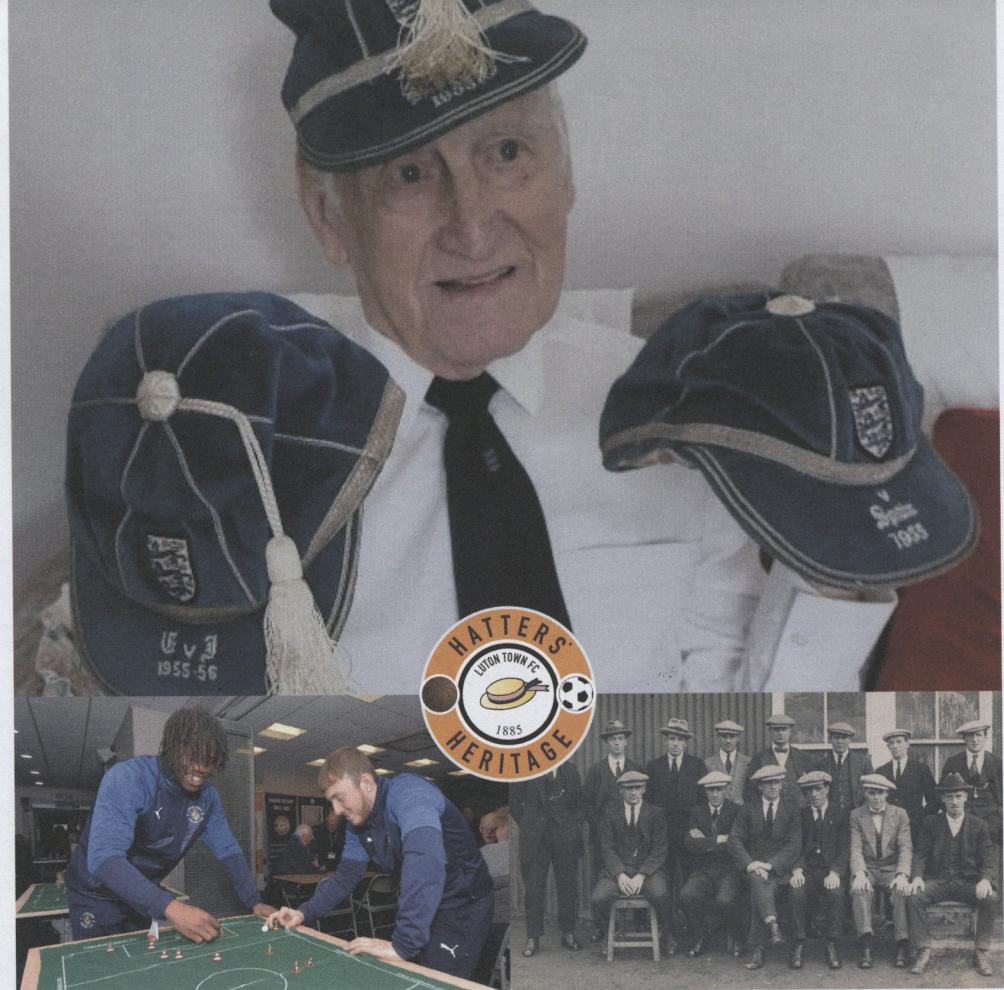
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## HATTERS' HERITAGE HELP NEEDED FOR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Hatters' Heritage website was launched in November 2020 and in little over a year almost 50 full seasons have been added to the site, together with player profiles back to 1885, full stats, features, memorabilia, videos and much more. We are now getting over 25,000 'hits' per month and rising, and feel sure all Hatters fans would agree the website is something to be proud of and something you would want to be part of.

Hatters' Heritage is a charity whose aim is to preserve the heritage and history of Luton Town Football Club. The Heritage Lottery Fund enabled us to launch the website which we believe will be the most comprehensive of any club in the country when completed. Whilst we benefit from the unpaid work of volunteers, we need funds to pay for hosting and maintaining the website, insurance of the memorabilia collection and various licenses. We also need to build up a fund to purchase important memorabilia. We are therefore launching a fund raising campaign and we need your help.

Please visit the website on [www.hattersheritage.co.uk](http://www.hattersheritage.co.uk) to see how you can help.



## THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

**It had been all hands to the deck before the players took a break from clearing the Kenilworth Road pitch of snow before an FA Cup 5th round tie with Bolton in 1953.**

**Surprisingly, the match went ahead but the efforts proved fruitless as the Town went down 1-0!**

**Roger Wash**



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## LUTON TOWN LADIES 3-0 BOWERS & PITSEA

Luton Town Ladies took all three points at Kenilworth Road on Sunday afternoon, winning 3-0 against Bowers & Pitsea with Leyah Maddix, Lil Stanton and Olivia Abraham on the scoresheet.

After losing a league game for the first time since September last week, the ladies were looking to return to winning ways when they took on the Essex side.

The away side started brighter in the opening ten minutes, but the Hatters soon found their feet and were unlucky to not go ahead when Chloe Tambula put her shot wide from just inside the box, and Sanders found herself through on goal but her shot was over the bar.

On 37 minutes a superb Fi Constable corner put it on a plate for Maddix to step in with a bullet header to put the town 1-0 up.

Goalkeeper Hannah Payne was then called into action and made a superb save to keep the lead, and just before half-time, teenager Stanton beat her defender and guided her well hit shot into the roof of the net to double the lead.

A substitution at half-time saw top goal scorer Olivia Abraham return after injury and she was straight in on the action, seeing her shot well saved.

Bowers had a short spell at the beginning of the second half but another superb save from Payne and some excellent defending from Shez Oliver kept it out.

At the other end Oliver then hit the bar with a superb effort from a corner, before Abraham added a third, another header from another Constable corner.

Some more excellent defending late on by player of the match Shez Oliver earned a clean sheet for the ladies.

After the game manager Nikki Baker said: "It was a real treat for us to play at Kenilworth Road. We started a little nervously but once we got into it we started to play some good football.

"We didn't play our best at times but we still controlled the game, we scored three good goals and kept a clean sheet.

"It was amazing to see so many of our young girls at the game, all inspiring to be like the first team players. Thanks to Luton Town for letting us play at Kenilworth Road."

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## ANDY AWFORD



### Development Squad

The U21s were victorious in their latest fixture winning 1-0 away at Cambridge United last week. Josh Allen, pictured, got the goal that secured the win from the penalty spot, however, a fine performance should have seen us score more goals and the win was far more comfortable than the scoreline suggests. Next up is an away at game at Swansea City.

### Youth Team

The U18s beat MK 2-1 at The Brache last weekend. A first half goal from Millar Matthews-Lewis gave us the lead and a late Oliver Lynch strike gave us a deserved victory. The boys faced a long trip to Forest Green Rovers this morning and then play Newport County next week

### U18 Youth Alliance National Cup Final

Following a hard-earned semi-final victory (3-2) away at AFC Wimbledon we will play Preston North End in the Youth Alliance National Cup final. Fortunately, we have been drawn at home and this will be played at the Kenny on Tuesday May 3rd, 7.00pm kick off. As always, your support on the night will be appreciated by everyone involved.

### U15s

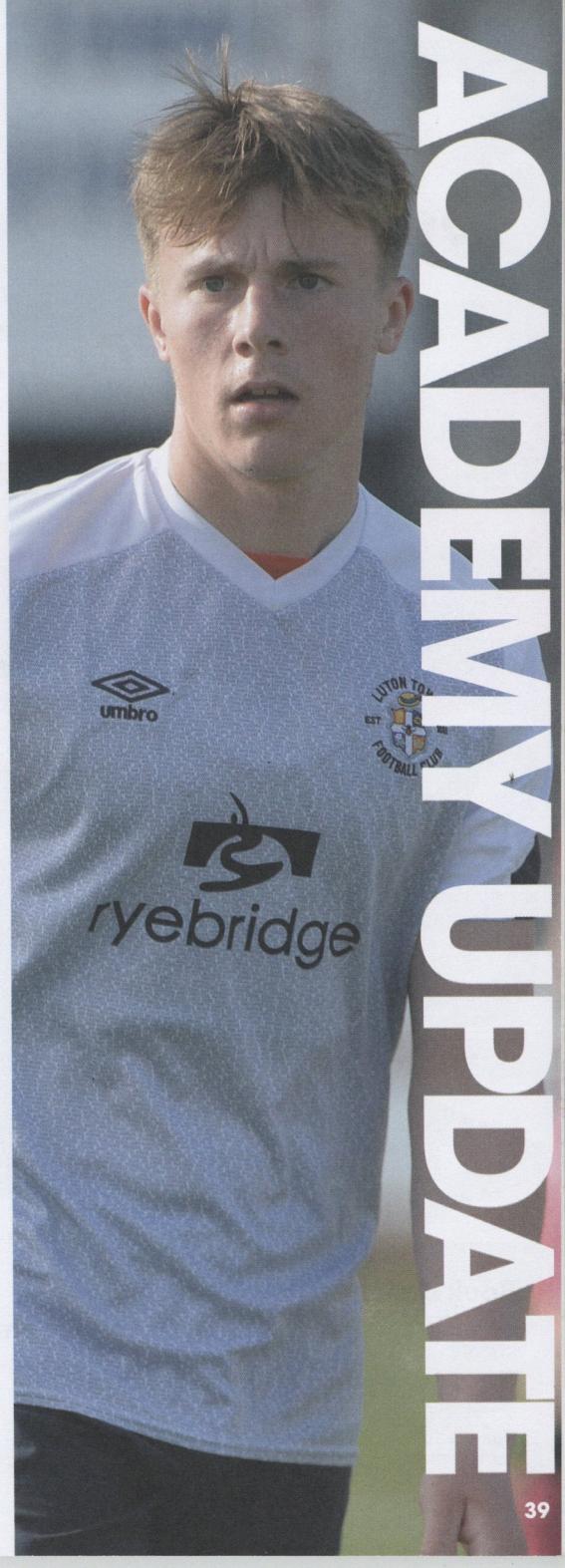
The U15s have reached the National EFL Floodlit Cup Semi-Final after a fantastic second half performance away at Cardiff City saw us win 4-2. The half-time whistle saw us trailing 1-0, however, a fine performance after the break saw us through to the semi-final where we will face Colchester United at home (date & venue to be confirmed).

### Thank-You

Finally, as you may be aware I have amicably left the club and would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone for the support and assistance I have received from the day I arrived almost seven years ago. The club is on a fantastic journey, and I am sure that will continue over the remainder of this season and for the future years ahead.

Good luck to all you Hatters!

Andy



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## DYLAN BHUNDIA

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**Back-to-back wins over Preston North End and Hull City sent the Hatters into the international break sitting in the lofty enclaves of the Championship. It wasn't until stoppage time of the latter of those two games that the Hatters conceded a goal, a remarkable feat considering that Luton only had a centre-back on the pitch for a total of 61 minutes.**

After Reece Burke pulled his hamstring in the first half against Preston, Peter Kioso slotted into the centre of the back three, with James Bree filling in at right centre-back accompanied by Dan Potts on the left, a setup that persisted going into the tie at Hull until Tom Lockyer was introduced in the 52nd minute. Essentially, the Hatters had three full-backs playing in a back three with winger Fred Onyedinma filling in at wing-back.

So why is it that Nathan Jones' side looked relatively untroubled at the back despite having no fit centre-backs for the majority of the two games?

The first thing to consider is the demands of playing in a back three and how those often fit the skillsets of full-backs like Bree, Potts and Peter Kioso. Playing on the left and right of a back three requires a lot more isolated defending in wide areas when compared with centre-backs in a back four.

Often Luton's wing-backs will press high up the pitch, which means that the onus is on the wide centre-backs to defend 1v1 against an opposition winger. In a back four, centre-backs are much more protected as full-backs won't be required to press so high. This is exactly what all three players are usually required to execute week-in-week-out,

and so doesn't represent a big change from their normal demands.

Linking with this is the amount that Luton's centre-backs under Nathan Jones are required to step out of the backline and close down an opposition player deeper and more central. Since Luton defend man-to-man in their midfield three and press high up the pitch, the centre-backs must support that press from behind and ensure that players aren't free between the midfield and defensive lines. Once again this fits the skillsets of all three of Luton's makeshift backline – they are all relatively athletic defenders who are used to defending whilst isolated, albeit in this case in more central positions.

The Hatters' front-footed style out of possession also helps these players cope with their changed roles. Collectively sitting deeper would mean that the back three would be required to defend more around their own box, facing more crosses and bringing into play the superior physical threat posed by the likes of Hull City's Tom Eaves. On the contrary, the Hatters' high pressing style means that their opponents can't spend as much time in Luton's third, cancelling out their physical superiority.

Luton have shown their remarkable agility in the face of difficult challenges in recent weeks. It's a trait that could prove crucial in their remarkable charge for promotion.

DYLAN BHUNDIA



# NCS PARTNER WITH THE COMMUNITY TRUST

**The Community Trust are once again getting involved in the government funded National Citizen Service (NCS) programme for 16 to 18-year-olds this summer.**

**We are offering a great opportunity for local youngsters to work in teams from different background - face challenging activities which take them out of their comfort zone - live and work with their team during a residential away at an activity centre and also get involved in their local community through social action projects.**

The aims of NCS are to promote a more cohesive, responsible and engaged society, and offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that helps young people build skills for work and life, while taking on new challenges and meeting new friends.

Last October half-term, 30 of our BTEC elite football students who attend Chalk Hills 6th Form spent 6 days taking part in the programme. This involved the students making the short journey to Action4Youth activity centre for 3 days of group team building and individual physical challenges.

Phase 2 of their NCS adventure was based at the stadium and involved three days of learning about their local communities before the final phase, phase 3 including social action projects.

This began with a 'Dragon's Den' presentation to decide which ideas would be chosen as part of the students' Social Action Project, and from all of the ideas, the vote went to tackling school uniform poverty.



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Many families rely on charitable donations to make sure all of their children turn up for school in the right uniform, and the students linked in with our friends at local charity Level Trust's Uniform Exchange. Over three days, over 100 items of school uniform were collected and delivered to the Uniform Exchange, who will distribute the uniform to families referred by each academy.

This summer boys and girls will again get the chance live in teams of 15 at an outdoor activity centre, getting to know each other and experiencing the freedom of being away from home with new friends.

This provides the opportunity to take part in adrenaline-fuelled activities such as rock climbing, canoeing, hiking and archery. After all the excitement, you could find yourself meeting organisations and important people from the local community, whilst learning about the issues facing them, as well as developing new personal skills (teamwork, leadership and communication).

You could also find out more about skills you have a passion for, such as photography, editing, football coaching or even how to set up your own business and then week 2, you get the chance to put all the skills and experiences you've learnt into practice as a team agreeing on a social action project that will really make a mark on our local community.

Once you've completed the programme, you will become part of the bigger NCS family and at the end of each programme, we'll throw you a big party to celebrate everything you've achieved too. So if you are up for:

NCS is an inclusive programme for all young people. There's nobody that it isn't right for and we're yet to meet someone who hasn't had the time of their lives and met their greatest mates - no matter how shy you may be.

We cater for all religious/cultural beliefs and are here to talk to you about how we can accommodate such beliefs at any time. If you have additional needs then we'll make every effort, where possible, to ensure additional support is put into place to allow all young people to benefit and take part in this incredible programme. Also, NCS is amazing value for money. The most you'll ever pay for this unbeatable experience is £50, but this cost could be less or even free depending on your circumstances.

NCS Manager, Daniel Gaskin commented: "The whole point of NCS is to engage and empower young people, building their confidence so they can go out there and achieve their dreams, no matter where they're from or what their background is. From the life skills they develop to the friends they make, NCS is clear in wanting to give teenagers an opportunity to unleash their potential, to build their self-belief and get them prepped for life after school."

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# JUNIOR HATTERS

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**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Elijah Adebayo



**NAME:** Jack Scott  
**AGE:** 8  
**HOBBIES:** Playing football for Flitwick Eagles and watching Luton Town  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Elijah Adebayo



**NAME:** Ronan Beneteau-Kavanagh  
**AGE:** 12  
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**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Simon Sluga



**NAME:** Leo Barringer  
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**HOBBIES:** Playing football and darts  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Elijah Adebayo, Henri Lansbury & Kai Naismith



### MILLWALL TINYSTATS

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**Town:** Shea; Bree, Kioso, Burke (Onyedinma 23'),  
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81'), Clark; Cornick (Hylton 77'), Adebayo.

**North End:** Iversen; Van den Berg, Diaby, Hughes,  
Potts (Sinclair 80'), Browne (C), Whiteman,  
Johnson, McCann (Murphy 45'); Archer, Jakobsen  
(Evans 45')

**Scorers:**  
Berry (9', 42'), Onyedinma (28'), Diaby OG (59')

**"We have people coming back from injury, people who haven't played many minutes and to put that level of performance in shows the group is in a wonderful place."**

**NATHAN JONES**



## JAMES BREE

Words: Dan Briard

James Bree simply didn't know how to celebrate after scoring his second ever senior goal during the away victory against Hull City!

Rounding off the afternoon with a third goal following Elijah Adebayo and Harry Cornick's earlier strikes, the defender admitted that the result was the most important thing at the MKM Stadium.

"We came here and we knew we had to get three points, Bree reflected post-match. "The gaffer said just do anything to win but I think we did more than that. I think we cruised through the game, Eli scoring the first, he set-up Corns' second really well and then I've nipped in with a goal to make it three.

"It's a shame they scored at the end to be fair because it would have been a 17th clean sheet which obviously is a big thing for us as defenders, but the three points is the main thing and that's put us in a really good position.

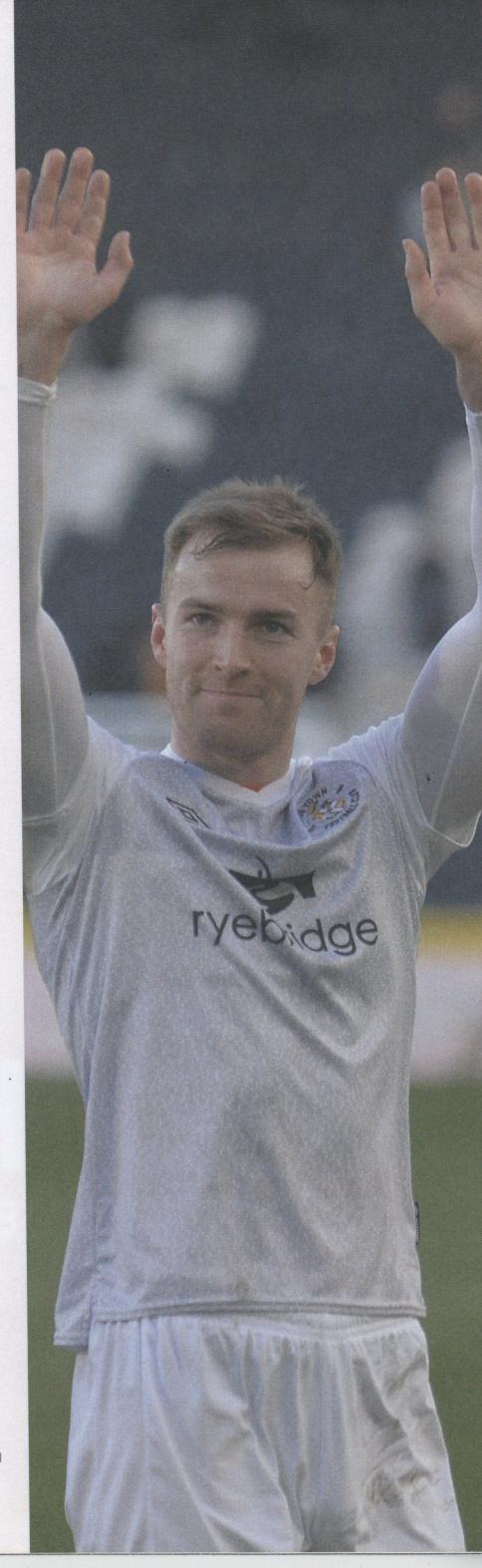
Talk then turned to his superb free-kick which put the cherry on top of a brilliant team performance, to which Bree added: "When I was stood over it I had a really good feeling and it helps when you have a little bit of a cushion in the game. I just thought I'm going to go for it and thankfully it went in the top corner. I don't score many goals so I'm delighted!

"I'll be honest it's weird now when I score. You could see my celebration, I didn't even know what to do, I just turned around and ran off into the middle of the pitch, the boys were saying 'why didn't you run to the fans', but I'm just not used to it but, I'm really happy it went in."

With today's match against Millwall the first since returning from the international break, Bree hopes that him and his teammates can take as many points as possible in the remaining eight matches.

"It's unbelievable what we're doing at the minute but we're just going to keep our heads down and see what we can do in the last eight games. If we keep churning out performances and wins like that, you never know what can happen.

Play-offs are obviously the goal, automatics are probably a little bit of a stretch but you never know what could happen in this league. If we keep going out, playing well, winning games and taking as many points as possible, we will be in a really good place come the end of the season."



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MKM Stadium - Sat 19th March 2022 -  
Sky Bet Championship

**City:** Ingram; Jones, McLoughlin, Greaves; Longman (Forss 75'), Smallwood (C) (Allahyar 66'), Docherty (Huddlestone 66'), Elder; Honeyman, Lewis-Potter; Eaves.

**Town:** Shea; Onyedinma, Bree, Kioso (Lockyer 52'), Potts, Bell; Campbell, Clark, Berry (Mpanzu 51'); Cornick (Jerome 75'), Adebayo.

**Scorers:**  
LT - Adebayo (9'), Cornick (56'), Bree (72')  
H - Eaves (90+2)

**"I've been in the game 32 years and this is the best group I've ever worked with. I'm so proud of them, it's not the most talented but it's definitely the tightest, hard-working, humble, all the good words you want to use about human beings and players, these have it better than everyone."**

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## DAN POTTS

Words: Dan Briard

Dan Potts said that Luton are flying high in the Sky Bet Championship for a reason after securing their 18th win of the campaign against Hull City last time out.

A performance which more than merited an impressive 3-1 win at the MKM Stadium was assessed by the defender after the game who admitted that during the business end of the season, results are all that matters.

"I think the result was important. Going into the game it's getting to the stage of the season where it's results that will get us where we want to be, performance wasn't bad as well."

"We didn't really look too much into their form at the beginning of the game so if they're struggling at home so be it, we're going to places and not fearing anyone. Everyone is so front footed, teams are struggling to deal with it."

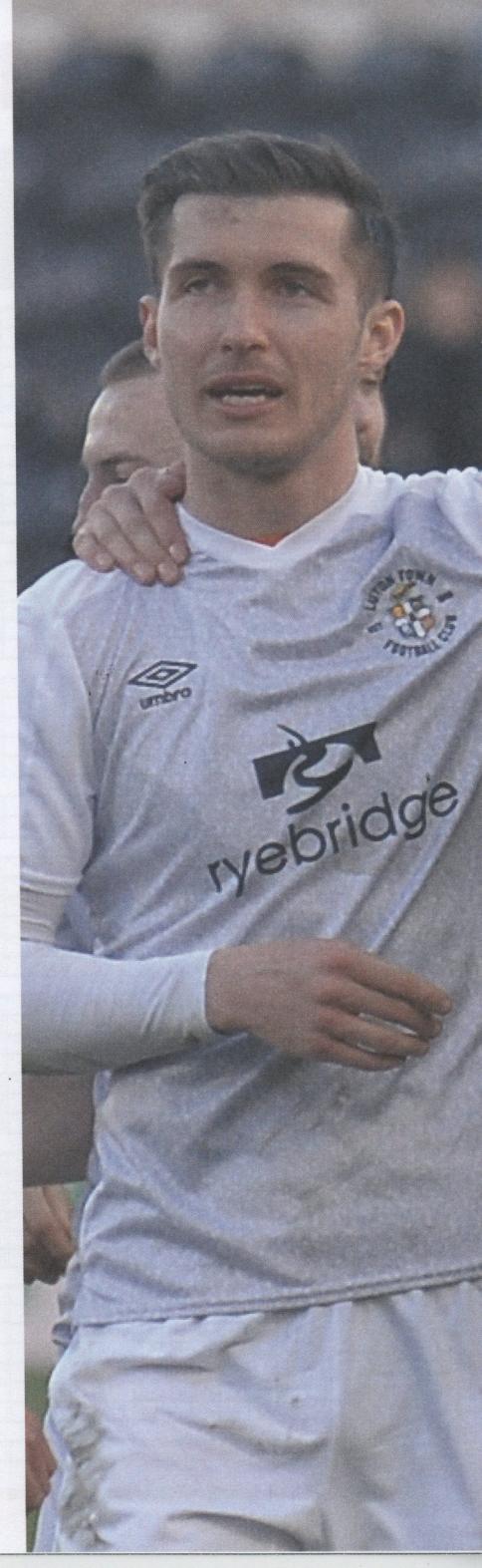
"We knew going into the game they were going to try and play out, so we set out to press as we do most games, the front boys worked their socks off and the midfield three backed them up. The wing backs pushed in and the three at the back, we're all comfortable one vs one defenders so it was brave but it's getting us results."

The 27-year-old captained the Hatters to successive wins against Preston North End and Hull but spoke of the struggles he faced to battle his way into the team with his teammates in such impressive form.

"When the team is doing well there isn't much you can say. It goes to show when the lads come in, put a shift in and we're still getting results, nothing is changing. I had injuries at the start but there is no better feeling than coming in after winning a game and being part of the team."

"38 games played now, you are in that position for a reason. There is no luck, we're there on merit and let's see where we can go."

But asked whether he expected to be in this position during the League Two days, Potts replied: "No, it's mad! I said to a few of the boys in there it would be some story. We have a nice break now to re-energise and rest the legs a little bit because the lads have been putting in big shifts so we're going to need it. Then we have eight games left, let's see what we can do."



# FIXTURES 2021-22

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**HATTERS PLAYER STATS 2021-22**

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	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL		
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	Y	R	APPS	G	
ELIJAH ADEBAYO	32	(2)	14	1	(0)	1	33	(2)	15	4	0
SAM BECKWITH	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0
AMARI'I BELL	32	(1)	1	2	(1)	0	34	(2)	1	3	0
LUKE BERRY	10	(3)	6	1	(1)	1	11	(4)	7	2	0
SONNY BRADLEY	16	(1)	2	1	(0)	0	17	(1)	2	2	0
JAMES BREE	36	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	37	(0)	1	5	0
REECE BURKE	21	(2)	0	3	(0)	2	24	(2)	2	4	1
ALLAN CAMPBELL	24	(2)	4	0	(4)	0	24	(6)	4	7	0
JORDAN CLARK	18	(5)	2	1	(0)	0	19	(5)	2	2	0
HARRY CORNICK	25	(6)	10	1	(2)	1	26	(8)	11	4	0
DANNY HYLTON	3	(9)	3	0	(3)	0	3	(12)	3	3	0
HARRY ISTED	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	2	0
CAMERON JEROME	11	(15)	3	3	(1)	2	14	(16)	5	5	0
PETER KIOSO	6	(5)	0	3	(0)	0	9	(5)	0	3	0
HENRI LANSBURY	14	(14)	0	2	(0)	0	16	(14)	0	10	0
ELLIOU LEE	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0
TOM LOCKYER	23	(1)	1	3	(0)	0	26	(1)	1	4	0
CARLOS MENDES GOMES	2	(7)	0	4	(0)	1	6	(7)	1	0	0
PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU	28	(3)	1	0	(1)	0	28	(4)	1	2	0
ADMIRAL MUSKWE	7	(10)	0	3	(0)	2	10	(10)	2	2	0
KAL NAISMITH	34	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	35	(0)	2	5	0
FRED ONYEDINIMA	9	(14)	3	1	(1)	0	10	(15)	3	2	0
GABRIEL OSHO	16	(7)	0	3	(0)	0	19	(7)	0	4	0
ALEX PALMER	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0
DION PEREIRA	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0
DAN POTTS	5	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	1	0
GLEN REA	8	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	9	(4)	0	4	0
JAMES SHEA	14	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	16	(0)	0	0	0
SIMON SLUGA	19	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	19	(0)	0	1	0
ROBERT SNODGRASS	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0
JED STEER	3	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	0	0
ELLIOT THORPE	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	1



**WELCOME BACK, BRYAN!**

We are delighted to welcome lifelong supporter Bryan Wilson back to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Bryan is 79 and was a season ticket holder until a few years ago when he became ill and could not manage to come to the games anymore. Bryan now listens to the games on the radio and watches when they are on the TV.

Bryan was 11 years old when he came to his first game and stood in the Oak Road. Mark, Bryan's son, said they have great memories coming to the games with Bryan and with the grandchildren, they remember grandad bringing a flask of hot chocolate and mints with them.

He has many great memories but remembers the old days well especially watching Ron Bayham, George Cummins and Gordon Turner.

Our friends at the wonderful Keech Hospice Care provide support from various services to Bryan and his wife Pam, and we are happy to help arrange today's visit to the Kenny for him – and we look forward to helping him fulfil his wish to visit our new stadium at Power Court in the future.

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MANAGER: GRANT McCANN

## WHO?

The Posh won automatic promotion to the Championship last season, beginning their first season in England's second tier since relegation in 2012/13. Currently sitting 23rd in the Championship table, Peterborough recently appointed former manager Grant McCann as manager following the resignation of Darren Ferguson.

## GROUND?

The Posh have played at London Road for over a century and currently has a capacity of 15,314. The stadium has undergone numerous redevelopments since its early use, opening the 2,600 capacity Motorpoint Stand in 2014, whilst Peterborough's owners have consistently spoken of their desire to build a new stadium for the football club.

## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met in on the opening day of the 2021/22 season at Kenilworth Road, with the Hatters kicking off the campaign in fine style with a 3-0 win after goals from Elijah Adebayo, Harry Cornick and Fred Onyedinma. Previously, the two teams met in League One in 2018/19, with the Hatters losing at the Weston Holmes Stadium before running out 4-0 winners in the reverse fixture.

## KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Hatters forward Jack Marriott re-joined the Posh in the summer after an initial spell in 2017/18, where he joined from the Hatters and went on to score 27 goals in League One before being signed by Derby County for a reported fee of around £4 million. Former Hatters loanee Jorge Grant also signed for Peterborough in the summer from Lincoln City, having played during Luton's League One promotion win in 2018/19.

Words: Dylan Bhundia



## IT'S A HOLMES MATCH TODAY!

At today's game we have four generations from the same family – all loyal Luton Town supporters. Starting with dad Tony Holmes aged 88, son Steven Holmes aged 63, grandson Daniel Holmes aged 18, and great grandson Harry Scarrott, aged 6, who will all be at the match.

Tony began supporting Luton in the 1950s and was at the 1959 cup final against Nottingham Forest. Steven has been coming for over 50 years, remembering players like Alan Slough and Bruce Rioch.

Daniel was a season ticket holder for 10 years but is at university this year, and this is Harry's first season being a season ticket holder. We hope you enjoy the game, guys!

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Fulham	37	23	8	6	90	32	58	77
2	Bournemouth	36	20	9	7	59	31	28	69
3	Luton Town	38	18	9	11	56	42	14	63
4	Huddersfield Town	39	17	12	10	51	43	8	63
5	Sheffield United	38	17	10	11	52	40	12	61
6	Blackburn Rovers	39	17	10	12	49	39	10	61
7	Middlesbrough	37	17	8	12	48	40	8	59
8	Queens Park Rangers	38	17	8	13	54	48	6	59
9	Nottingham Forest	36	16	10	10	53	35	18	58
10	Millwall	38	15	12	11	39	36	3	57
11	Coventry City	38	15	10	13	49	46	3	55
12	West Bromwich Albion	38	14	12	12	42	36	6	54
13	Blackpool	37	14	10	13	42	41	1	52
14	Preston North End	38	12	15	11	40	44	-4	51
15	Stoke City	38	13	10	15	48	44	4	49
16	Swansea City	37	13	9	15	41	52	-11	48
17	Cardiff City	38	13	7	18	45	56	-11	46
18	Bristol City	39	12	8	19	49	69	-20	44
19	Birmingham City	39	10	12	17	42	58	-16	42
20	Hull City	39	11	8	20	33	44	-11	41
21	Reading *	38	11	6	21	44	73	-29	33
22	Barnsley	38	6	10	22	28	54	-26	28
23	Peterborough United	38	6	8	24	32	76	-44	26
24	Derby County *	39	11	13	15	38	45	-7	25



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