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THE MANAGER

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Nottingham Forest, whose manager Steve Cooper I know well, and have so much time for.

I could say this is another big game in the Championship, but that would be under-playing it. We are fifth in the table at Easter, hosting a rival for a play-off spot in front of a sell-out crowd with the Sky cameras here again.

We have five games to go, and whether it's Forest today, Cardiff away on Monday, Blackpool here next Saturday or the Fulham and Reading matches, every single one is a proposition that every person with Luton Town in their heart would have relished when we kicked off in August.

We are in a wonderful position, and I mean this with no disrespect to the following clubs, but five years ago we were trying to get out of League Two via the play-offs with a run-in featuring Leyton Orient, Forest's neighbours Mansfield and County, Accrington Stanley and Morecambe.

We've come a long way, together. And that's the important word. Yes, we've had a couple of disappointing results, but the point we earned here against Millwall after twice being behind was a huge one, and the one we brought back from Peterborough – after riding our luck in the closing stages – could be the one that gets us over the line in three weeks' time.

On Monday, we were firmly in the game at Huddersfield and playing

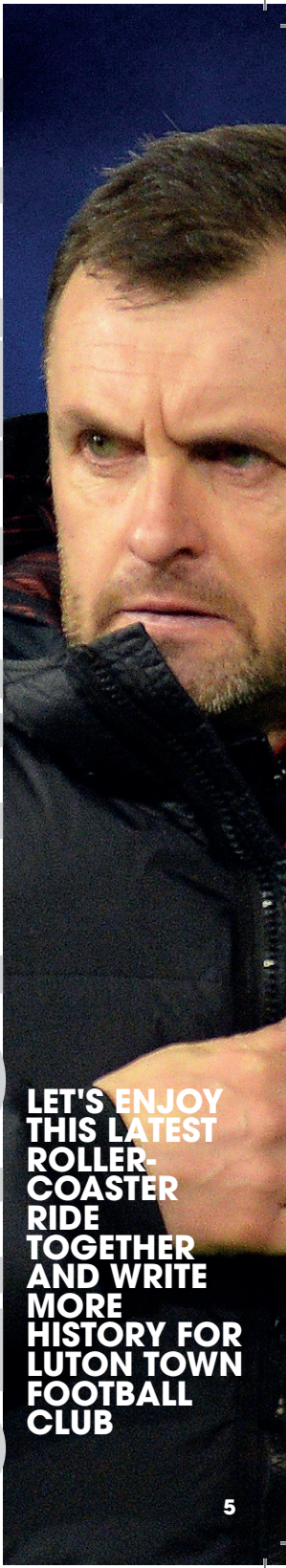
well, but conceding a fluke goal and then missing a penalty changed the outcome. Still we kept asking questions.

We haven't used our injury and illness situation as an excuse, and we never will. We have a group of fantastic human beings, a dressing room full of character, heart and desire to do well, and whatever team we put out, we will always be front footed and take opponents on. You can rest assured that over these five cup finals, and hopefully more, we will all be doing exactly that.

People will have written us off and perhaps it suits us to be the hunter, rather than the hunted, because this is a new experience for a group in which so many have come through League Two and League One together. But we deserve to be where we are.

We also have a massive 12th man in our squad, and that is this stadium and 9,000 passionate Hatters. All three remaining home games are sold out. I expected nothing less, just like the 3,600 at Peterborough on a Tuesday night, and over 1,000 on a Monday night in Yorkshire, rearranged at late notice for live TV.

You will make this a cauldron, you will play your part and we will all create more of those famous Kenny occasions that we won't have too much longer to savour, with our move to Power Court. Give it everything you've got, let's enjoy this latest rollercoaster ride together and write more history for Luton Town Football Club. COYH!



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NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

DAVID WILKINSON
CHAIRMAN



Good afternoon everyone and a happy belated 137th Birthday for last Tuesday.

Today we welcome Nottingham Forest in what must be one of the biggest games of the season.

Forest are the oldest professional club in the Football League, having been founded in 1865 and have played their home matches at the current City Ground since 1898. During that time they have won one league title, two FA Cups (one against us), four League Cups, one Charity Shield, two European Cups and one UEFA cup. Their most successful period was, when managed by Brian Clough and Peter Taylor, they were champions of Europe in successive seasons (1979 and 1980). They won the first ever Premier League game shown live on TV by beating Liverpool 1-0, but were relegated that season and Brian Clough left. They quickly recovered and returned to the Premier League the following season, however, they were relegated in 1999 and have been fighting to return ever since.

My first visit to old Wembley in 1959 saw us take them on in the FA Cup Final, but despite having beaten them comprehensively a few weeks earlier, we lost 2-1 in our only ever appearance. They also beat us in the Littlewoods Cup Final at Wembley in 1989, so we have a history of meeting them in major competitions with adverse results, but records are made to be broken, so one of these days!

Their record since the appointment of Steve Cooper as head coach last September is nothing short of miraculous, going from bottom of the table to where they are now.

There have been many connections between our clubs over the years and amongst others Allan Brown, David Pleat, Kingsley Black, Paul Hart, Chris Cohen, Mick Harford and Barry Butlin either

played or had a management role in both. The latest, Henri Lansbury, played alongside Chris in the Forest midfield, and is now established as a firm favourite here at Kenilworth Road with his cultured and committed performances since signing last summer.

We look forward to hosting their chairman Nick Randall and his colleagues at what will be a high-pressure, high profile game. The reason we love football is for days like this, and we must remember where we were a few years ago and relish this opportunity.

I write this on the back of a couple of disappointing results (beaten on our birthday), but that is football and particularly this incredible competition that is the Championship. It's only a week or so ago that we were celebrating being the form team in 2022. How proud we should be of our fantastic football club.

Our amazing record this year has been despite illness and injury to crucial players at crucial times, and everyone who has been called upon has justified selection and earned our praise.

We are fifth in the Championship, one of the most competitive leagues in world football – 5th! It is incredible and whatever happens over the last five, seven or eight games won't make it less so.

Home and away you, the fans, have been magnificent and we salute you. I have to admit that the emotion you generate has put a lump in my throat many times. Thank you.

One of the, often, unsung contributions behind the scenes is the support in the community by playing and coaching staff. Over the years we have seen the amazing work done to raise money for and draw attention to various charities, culminating in the recent prostate cancer campaign led by Mick



Harford. Mick has so positively used his condition to help and educate others and should be very proud of the good he has done and the money he has helped raise.

Our club is, and will remain, in the heart of our community, and it has always been our aim to use our privileged position to help it and the Town as a whole. It is why we have worked so hard to keep all our facilities in the Town and involve as many local people as we can in activities we support.

The Fit Hatters programme is one such initiative by the Luton Town Community Trust. It is a behaviour and lifestyle change programme for anyone between the ages of 35 and 65, which targets fitness and weight loss via various activities. Apart from dietary advice, the Trust run Walking football sessions and Circuit training. Last week, which was the EFL Week of Action, Nathan Jones took time out from his busy schedule to address the players and attend the session giving his support and encouragement. Nathan spoke about how important community is to us and how these initiatives help us get closer together.

A couple of nights later, Elijah Adebayo visited a circuit training session at the Kenny offering support and a few tips. He spent 90 minutes walking around the various training stations and

talking to everyone involved. It can't be stressed enough how much those in the public eye like Mick, Nathan and Elijah do to try and make people's lives better. Thank you to them and all those I haven't been able to mention.

Academy head Andy Awford left us last week. It was a pleasure to know Andy and I would like to wish him well on behalf of us all.

The Academy is very important to us and the higher we go, the more vital it becomes, and we are delighted to have Paul Hart take charge. Paul is vastly experienced at managing Academies, having done so at various clubs including today's visitors, Leeds, Portsmouth and Charlton, and we are looking forward to him putting his stamp on it and leading us into EPPP Category 2 and above.

"Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is."
Vince Lombardi

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CHRIS COHEN

As the Hatters entertain his former club Nottingham Forest today, coach Chris Cohen admits he doesn't want to finish the season content and wants to 'do something special' as the Hatters head into the remaining five matches of the season.

Much like the club's 137-year history, this season has mirrored the rollercoaster journey fans are so often used to, and although many didn't anticipate fighting for promotion to the Premier League, it is something that Cohen and the players did.

"I sat down with players at the start of the season and I asked them what we think we could achieve as a team this season and to a man, every single one said improve on last season," said the 35-year-old, speaking to the Luton Town Supporters' Trust podcast last week before the Huddersfield match.

"A lot came back with play-offs, so we knew there was an opportunity for us because we finished 12th last year, improved our squad, definitely improved our athleticism and we improved our squad depth as well. As a group of staff we knew we could be better. How much better was a case of wait and see.

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"To be where we are now, we're not surprised because this is what we thought was achievable and it's because of the players. The way they stick together, the way they work every day together, it's as close a group I have ever been a part of or seen in terms of a whole squad, and that always bodes well.

"In pre-season all the staff looked at each other and thought we have half a chance here, but no one really said it and we're still not really now. We've got more points than we did last year so if the season finished now, we would be content. But we don't want to finish the season content, we want to finish the season doing something special."

Now enjoying his second season with the club, the former Nottingham Forest captain is making a big difference at Kenilworth Road and has been praised publicly by manager Nathan Jones, although he modestly puts it down to the players and the environment at the club.

"I got into coaching because I loved helping people. I loved working with the Under-23s at Forest, I loved helping them on their journey to first-team football, and now if I can help first-team players improve themselves, which eventually helps the team, that's why I took the role of coach on. I love working with good people and I feel so fortunate that I get to work with this group.

"There's an incredible amount of humility, and this morning we just had a session with six players out there - those who aren't playing - and they were going hell for leather for 75 minutes, which is a testament to the group and the environment the manager has set.

"It's such a positive place to be, not just because of the results of the first-team, but you look at the plans for the new stadium, the job Gary Sweet and Paul Watson have done and everyone that works at the ground.

"The work in the first-team, and now Paul Hart going into the academy, I think the future is so bright for the football club because it has been

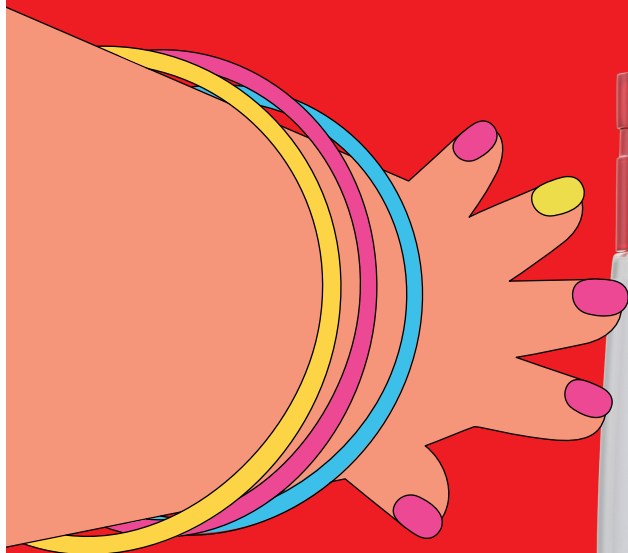
really well run over the last eight years after coming through a tough period. Now the bits are in place to keep progressing and if this season is not to be the one for us for whatever reason, I don't think we will fall away, we will keep progressing like we have this year."

The group of players currently assembled by manager Jones is boosted by players with experience of promotion and success, and given the opportunity, Cohen would like to better his personal play-off record if the Hatters were to finish inside the top six.

"You always go back on past experiences, you try and help," he says. "Me personally, I lost all three play-off games I was in and then you think of things managers did that I didn't maybe agree with. For me personally as a player, what did I get wrong? And try and reflect on those experiences. Mine were pretty bad in general to help the boys, but if we were able to get there, it does become a little bit of a lottery and who can turn up.

"I never forget playing my second game playing in the play-offs for Forest against Blackpool at home. We'd lost 2-1 in the first leg, then we scored and it went 2-2, but they scored and scored again. I will never forget how it felt like everyone was shellshocked, the fans were, players were and the manager.






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"I would love to see a play-off game at Kenilworth Road in the Championship, two games from the Premier League."

"I would love to see a play-off game at Kenilworth Road in the Championship, two games from the Premier League. That atmosphere would rile and really affect anyone that comes to play against us."

The Luton faithful, as they have done all season, would therefore play a huge role in their chances and for the last five matches, the first-team coach said the supporters will be essential to the team's success.

"It's hard because of the emotions, but just backing the boys to the hilt, especially when they need it, is so important because there will be moments over the next few weeks where it doesn't look great, or certain games are going against us. It really makes a difference when fans back you no matter what, and my experience of Luton fans so far has been brilliant.

"When the pressure comes it makes people say, shout and do things they wouldn't normally do, the same as it makes players shout and do things they wouldn't normally do. Just back us the way they always do, especially in those tough moments when the players need you the most."

The Hatters will be on show to a global audience once again this afternoon in front of the Sky Sports cameras, to which the 35-year-old added: "People are interested in what we're doing and we've performed at such a level, they want us to be live on Monday nights and Saturday afternoons.

"It's testament to what the manager has done and the work that the boys do to be in this position. I really hope and I really believe the boys will show what they're capable of doing under pressure on the big stage over the next couple of weeks.

"We're over 40 games into the season now, not 12 games in doing well and apparently punching above our weight. We're exactly where we deserve to be, so I think the pressure is the same on everyone.

"The boys will now feel that we've shown all season how good we are, and we want to get over the line. These are good human beings we get to work with every day and they will do everything they can. If we fail for any reason, it will never be for lack of effort, lack of drive or lack of motivation."

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THE GOALKEEPER: BRICE SAMBA

Samba began his career in France with Le Harve, before a move to Marseille in 2013. He spent three years at the club and joined Caen in 2017.

He made 43 league appearances for the club, before moving to England to sign for Nottingham Forest in August 2019.

Since his move to the City Ground, the 27-year-old has made over 100 league appearances for the club.

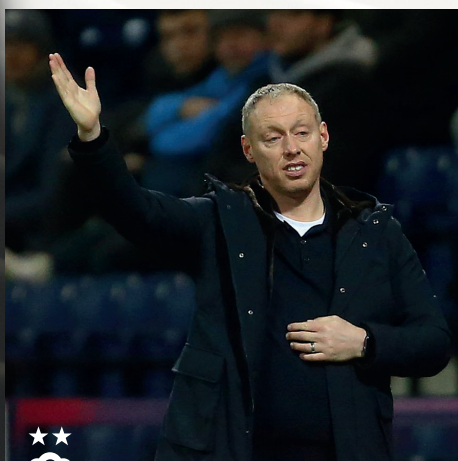


THE DEFENDER: JOE WORRALL

Born in Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, central defender Worrall is a product of the Nottingham Forest academy.

He made his professional debut whilst out on loan, featuring for League Two side Dagenham & Redbridge, before making his Forest debut in October 2016.

The 25-year-old had a loan spell at Rangers during the 2018/19 season, and has made over 150 league appearances for Forest.



THE MANAGER: STEVE COOPER

Cooper went into coaching at a young age, and spent a decade as a coach at Wrexham before moving onto Liverpool.

Known for his development of young players, he had later spells with England, coaching the U16s and 17s, with whom he won the 2017 World Cup.

He then took over at Swansea in 2019, and guided the Swans to the play-offs in both seasons he was in charge. In September 2021, he took over at Nottingham Forest.



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THE MIDFIELDER: RYAN YATES

Joining Forest as a youngster, Yates progressed through the academy at the City Ground and into the club's first-team.

The midfielder has had four loan spells away from the club, playing for Barrow, Shrewsbury, Notts County and Scunthorpe.

After his loans, the 24-year-old cemented his place in the Forest side and has gone onto feature over 100 times in the Championship, scoring 14 times for the Reds.



THE ATTACKER: LEWIS GRABBAN

A product of the Crystal Palace youth team, Grabban made ten league appearances for the Eagles before joining Millwall.

Spells at Brentford, Rotherham, Bournemouth and Norwich followed for the striker. He returned to Bournemouth in 2016, but spent time on loan at Reading, Sunderland and Aston Villa.

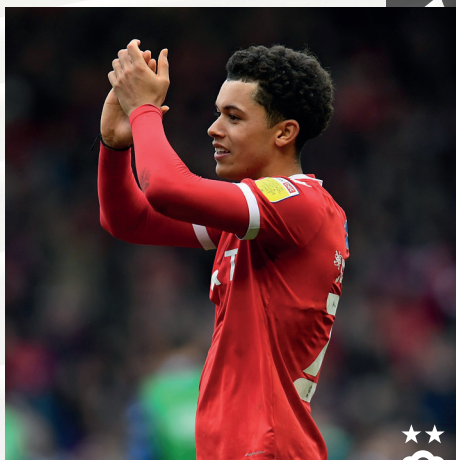
In 2018, the 34-year-old joined Forest and has featured almost 150 times, scoring 56 goals.

WATCH OUT FOR... BRENNAN JOHNSON

Joining the Forest academy as an eight-year-old, Johnson has progressed through the system at the club and into the first-team.

Son of former Reds striker David Johnson, Brennan made his debut for the club in August 2019, featuring against West Brom.

The 20-year-old spent last season on loan at League One club Lincoln City but since his return to the Forest team, he's been a key player and has scored ten Championship goals this season.



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A HAT IN BOTH CAMPS

A fans' favourite during his time with Nottingham Forest, Henri Lansbury is now a no-nonsense midfielder for the Hatters and making a big impression at Kenilworth Road.

The now 31-year-old started his career coming through the ranks with Arsenal, winning the Premier Academy League and FA Youth Cup double with James Shea in goal. Lansbury was later in the first-team picture and made his Premier League debut in May 2010, before scoring his first and only Arsenal goal a matter of months later against bitter rivals Tottenham Hotspur in the League Cup.

He made eight appearances during his time as a Gunner, with the majority of his first-team experience coming with Norwich and West Ham in the Championship, winning promotion with both. Lansbury later made his stay in the division permanent with Nottingham Forest and chipped in with five goals and four assists in his first term.

His best campaign in front of goal was the 2014/15 season when he netted 10 goals and five assists, but he was a regular contributor in the following seasons too. Lansbury was awarded the Championship Player of the Month award twice during his time at Forest before Aston Villa won the race for his signature in January 2017, but the midfielder found game-time at Villa Park hard to come by following the appointment of Dean Smith.

In a four-year stay, he turned out over 50 times for the Villans and gained promotion to the Premier League with them, before moving to Bristol City in the January window in 2021, playing 16 times.

Lansbury joined the Hatters in the summer and made his debut on the opening day of the season off the bench against Peterborough. He has since clocked up 33 appearances while becoming a hit with the Kenilworth Road faithful.

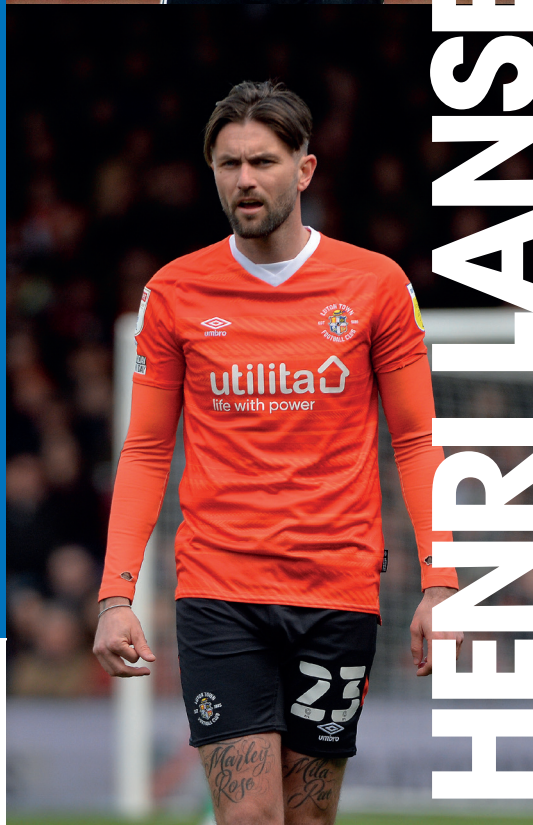
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (2012-2017)

APPEARANCES:	150
GOALS:	33

LUTON TOWN (2021-PRESENT)

APPEARANCES:	33
GOALS:	0

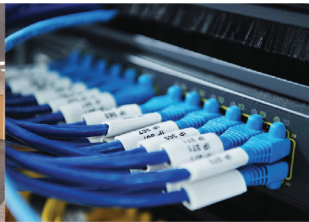
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Substitute Jordan Clark fires in a shot which is nudged around a post.

LUTON TOWN:

Sluga, Cranie, Pearson, Lockyer (Clark), Bradley, Norrington-Davies, Rea, Mpanzu, Dewsbury-Hall (Moncur), Lee (LuaLua), Collins.

FOREST:

Samba, Christie, McKenna, Figueirido, Ioannou, Lolley, Colback, Yates, Knockaert, Ameobi (Jenkinson), Taylor.

LAST TIME AT THE KENNY

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28th October 2020. Championship.

Words: Roger Wash

After a bright start to the campaign the Town suffered a mini-blip and went through a run of four defeats in five, before arresting the slide with a 1-0 win at Sheffield Wednesday on the Saturday before the midweek visit of Nottingham Forest to Kenilworth Road.

Luton manager Nathan Jones made two changes to the side that beat Wednesday, with James Collins returning after suffering with Covid and Glen Rea coming back in after recovering from a broken nose. Danny Hylton and Joe Morrell both dropped to the bench.

The game was fairly even in the opening stages with Town top scorer Collins having a penalty shout turned away after his fierce strike was blocked in the area, while at the other end Anthony Knockaert saw a cross flash through the

Luton rearguard without anyone getting a touch.

After Luton goalkeeper Simon Sluga came out smartly to deny Lyle Taylor, the Town took the lead on 20 minutes when Rea shot across Brice Samba in the Forest goal for his first goal in two years.

Just before the interval Forest were reduced to ten men when Nicholas Ioannou was dismissed for a late tackle on Martin Cranie, which made their task more difficult.

Despite the Town's obvious advantage, Forest levelled on 64 minutes when a cross from Cyrus Christie hit the back of Rea's head and flew into the net as he was tracking Ryan Yates.

Despite a lot of huffing and puffing, the Town were unable to turn their numerical advantage into more goals as the Forest defence stood resolute. Rea had a chance to score three goals in a game, but brought out a great save from Samba while Jordan Clark saw a late effort tipped round a post.

'Two points missed,' was Nathan Jones' post match verdict. 'We were too passive in the second half and did not move the ball with any intensity.'



MEMORY MATCH

**Nottingham Forest 1 Luton Town 5.
Division Two (now Championship).
18th December 1954.**

WORDS: ROGER WASH

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Baynham, Dunne, Aherne, Pemberton, Owen, Shanks, Davies, Turner, Morton, Cummins, Cullen.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Farmer, Whare, Thomas, Morley, McKinlay, Burkitt, Moore, Martin, Wilson, Cluroe, Small.

After a couple of near misses at promotion to the top flight the Town, who boasted a useful blend of youth and experience, looked on 1954-55 as the year that they would create history and enter Division One for the first time.

Opening the season the Town became the first club in the country to wear a 'Continental' style of strip (round neck collar and tight fitting shirt) and employing a tactical idea pioneered by the successful Hungarians – using a deep lying centre-forward.



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.

A fit again Jesse Pye was ideal for this position and after a slowish start he, and the rest of the team, went on a six-game winning run. Supporters were living the dream until Pye demanded a transfer, citing the health of his wife, but was probably more to do with the lack of guarantee of first team football and with it top money.

Pye was transferred to Derby and so the Town were playing a deep lying centre-forward system without a deep lying centre-forward!

Several players were tried in the position with little success until the drastic decision was made to move wing-half Bob Morton to centre-forward, where he proved a revelation and the bandwagon was moving again.

Leading up to the clash at the City Ground, Nottingham, the Town had gone three games unbeaten including a 7-3 home thumping of then table-toppers Blackburn, and sat handily placed in fifth spot.

Forest on the other hand were sixth from the bottom still trying to get over a poor start to the campaign when the first five games were lost. They too, though, were three games unbeaten in the lead up to the game.

A crowd of only 11,943 was present, which partly reflected Forest's season, but the game was being played on the final Saturday before Christmas, which historically was a poorly attended fixture.



On the way to promotion. A picture from the reverse fixture with Forest – a 3-0 home win on the opening day.

Forest were by far the quickest out of the blocks and only a couple of great saves from Ron Baynham in the Luton goal, and wasteful finishing, kept a lively home side from taking the lead.

Completely against the run of play the Town took a fortunate lead on 16 minutes. Wing-half Jim Pemberton tried a long range shot with the ball squirming through the fingers of Forest goalkeeper Bill Farmer, and gently rolling over the goal line. The shot had 'left-hand side on it', said Pemberton afterwards.

Back came Forest but a resolute Luton rearguard kept everything out until the Town moved downfield in a rare attack on 38 minutes and doubled their lead. Forest's Jack Burkitt needlessly handled the ball a yard outside the area, and with everyone expecting ace marksman Gordon Turner to blast the free-kick, he instead touched the ball to his left to George Cummins, who slotted the ball past an unsighted Farmer.

What was said in the changing room at the interval is not recorded, but the game was transformed in the second period with the Town's forwards suddenly clicking into gear and Forest needing to defend for their lives.

The game was made safe on 55 minutes when a sweeping move involving Bob Morton, who won the ball from Forest's Bill McKinlay before passing out to winger Mike Cullen, who in turn fed Turner in the box. Rather than shoot, Turner played the ball across to Roy Davies for a simple tap-in.

It was all Luton from then on, so it came as a surprise when Tom Wilson reduced the deficit with 15 minutes left to play, but any hopes of a comeback were soon extinguished when Turner scored the two quick fire goals his unselfish play deserved.

Turner gratefully accepted chances from Morton and Cullen, and could quite easily have recorded a hat-trick as the final seconds counted down. The five goals scored represented the best away haul since 1938.

The Town were now at the top of their form as proved by a run of seven games without defeat, including a 4-0 win at Hull, following the Forest victory.

Although there were a few bumps along the way, the Town finally secured promotion to the top flight with a 3-0 victory at Doncaster on the final day.

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The Hatters have faced those challenges since returning from the international break. After claiming an important point at home to in-form Millwall, the Town were forced to settle for a point against relegation battling Peterborough United before falling to a 2-0 defeat to fellow play-off challengers Huddersfield Town on Monday night.

The mood going into this afternoon's game against Nottingham Forest strangely strikes a stark contrast to the feeling that Luton took with them going into the international break, as they sat in third place after recording back-to-back wins against Preston North End and Hull City. It's strange because the Hatters have gained eight points from their last five games, and only lost once. It's strange because the Hatters sit fifth in the Championship with five games to go, the race for the play-offs very much in their own hands. It's strange because Nathan Jones' side have put themselves in this remarkable position after almost being relegated to League One less than two years ago.

The last two weeks says everything about how quickly the football pendulum can switch in. Like ninety minutes on the pitch where the pendulum of momentum can swing in favour of one team, it feels like that, for the first time in 2022, the Hatters have got to haul that pendulum back in their favour having rode a wave of momentum that started with Kal Naismith's last-gasp winner against Bournemouth.

But the pendulum described here is different to the one that swings back and forth over the course of ninety minutes. This pendulum is far more subjective – it's based on feelings of confidence and hopefulness in the context of changing expectations. And that's where the Town fans, staff and squad have to step back and take stock of where they are. It might feel that, after three games without a win, the pendulum is swinging away from them – but that's only because Luton have become accustomed to winning Championship games and have earned the right to talk about promotion.

When hopes rise, expectations rise, and as expectation rise, setbacks feel even more disappointing. Regardless of what happens over the course of the next five games, what this group has achieved is nothing short of phenomenal. To put themselves in a position to qualify for the Championship play-offs with five games to go is an achievement that nobody should take for granted, especially given where this club has been over the last 13 years.

"I think it could be one of the best things to happen to us," said Nathan Jones after Monday's defeat at Huddersfield, "[because] when we've had to chase, we've gathered momentum". Maybe in Jones' eyes the pendulum has swung slightly away from his side. But makes no bones about it – the Hatters are firmly in the driving seat, so let's enjoy the ride.

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LUTON LADIES

LADIES FIND FORM AT END OF SEASON

With one game left the Hatters ladies sit third in the Eastern Regional Premier League, after winning three games on the bounce.

A 3-0 win over Bowers & Pitsea at Kenilworth Road started a winning run, before coming from behind against King's Lynn to take all three points, winning 2-1, and then sinking Colney Heath 4-0.

Captain Jess McKay scored a hat-trick in the 4-0 win, with Lil Sanders adding the fourth, her second in as many games.

The ladies started brightly and went ahead on ten minutes when Shez Oliver found a great pass in behind to McKay, who carried it past her player and finished superbly into the bottom corner.

Some excellent build up play led to the second goal just before the half-hour mark when a one-two was played between Leyah Maddix and Fi Constable, who then played Sanders in. She outpaced her marker and slotted it past the keeper to double the lead.

Right before half-time McKay showed a great bit of skill when she did a quick turn and hit it first time before the keeper had set, and the ball crept in at the near post giving her side a 3-0 lead at the break.

The beginning of the second half saw the home

side come out stronger, but the Hatters rode the storm. Colney had a goal disallowed for offside, and a great save from stand-in keeper Angelika Kopec kept it at nil.

Maddix had a great opportunity to make it four midway through the half as she broke into the box, but her shot was well saved by the keeper.

In the end it was McKay who got the fourth, and her hat-trick, after some great play from substitute Adi Milton put her in on goal and she slotted it past the keeper, rounding off a great performance and win for the Hatters.

Town boss Nikki Baker was pleased with recent results, saying: "We looked at the last five games after a little break without playing, and said we wanted a minimum 12 points out of 15. We have got nine out of 12 and in that two clean sheets and scored some good goals.

"After the first month we were pretty much bottom of the league and we have turned it around, so I am pleased with that. We've drawn too many games, with six draws, and if we could have made one or two of those wins, then we could have challenged for promotion. Some good form at the end of the season is good and will set us up well to start recruiting and building up for pre-season."

With one game left, the Town play AFC Dunstable on Thursday 28th April at Kenilworth Road, 7.30pm kick-off. Spectators welcome - £3 entry.

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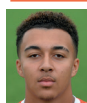
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PAUL HART

Welcome to this huge Good Friday game against Nottingham Forest, a club that is understandably close to my heart, having played, coached and managed them, as well as making Nottinghamshire my home for so many years.

I still live there, which is why it took a little while for Nathan to persuade me to take on this new role as Academy Director. It was a big decision because if I was going to do the job, I'd need to do it properly as I have done at other clubs including today's visitors, and that would mean living down south for the bulk of the time.

I'm 69 in May and I had to talk to my family to make sure that was the right thing for them, too, because I would have to ensure I could do it to that same level that has brought me success in the past.

There is a lot of work that goes into taking care of the kids and the staff, and changing things to the way I work at youth development level.

Nathan felt that having signed his new contract at the end of last year, and clearly being here for the long-term future, he wanted to create a youth development programme that would then run alongside the first team work.

Over the last five or six years we have been here, it's not been easy to manage the senior side and do what they've done, while also spending time dealing with the academy.

It was a big decision, and we had many conversations. I felt it was right because we need to put a structure

in place that will see us through the next five to ten years. I want to have coaches that believe in the same things that I believe in, pass that on and hopefully create things that will last for many years to come.

Ultimately, I believe in teaching and creating continuity throughout every age group, down to vocabulary, discipline, shape, formations and principles of play.

I believe in involvement with the kids, and creating an environment of trust and excellence in which everyone can always learn. I can still learn, even at my age. I try to keep an open mind on everything.

I'm just over a week in and the U18s had a great win at home to Newport County on Saturday, then we travelled down to south Wales with the development squad on Tuesday to play Swansea. We were very young by comparison to them, but we dug in and won 1-0 with a goal from Matt Moloney.

For that game, we brought back all of our U21 players who are out on loan, as there are decisions to be made and I'm trying to give myself, and them, the best chance by seeing them play.

It's very difficult to come in with a month to go before the end of the season, but we are trying to get the structure in place that will ensure a bright future for both our young players and Luton Town Football Club as a whole.

Enjoy today's game.

Paul

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How did you get into football?

I didn't really enjoy football when I was younger. It was at Under 10s I got into it again, my dad said give it one more go and then I played Sunday league with Wendover and was picked up by Barnet. I used to get the train there which took around an hour and 20 minutes, and I was there until Under 16s, then I came to Luton as a first year scholar.

Do you have a matchday routine?

No I don't. I just try to get a good breakfast in me. Usually I'd have scrambled egg, beans, toast, a bowl of porridge and a cup of coffee. Then I just try and arrive early and do a little pre-match in the gym, but no set routine.

Who is your favourite footballer and why?

Virgil Van Dijk. He's a solid centre-back.

What music are you into?

House music and a bit of old school. No year in particular but anything old, something like Ain't No Stopping Us Now.

Favourite film?

All of the Rocky movies, 1-5. If I had to pick one, I'd say the second one. I just used to enjoy watching them, my dad introduced me to them.

What do you do to relax?

Xbox, Netflix, go out with my mates. Maybe a bit of pool, play some darts and I like a bit of golf.

Biggest fear?

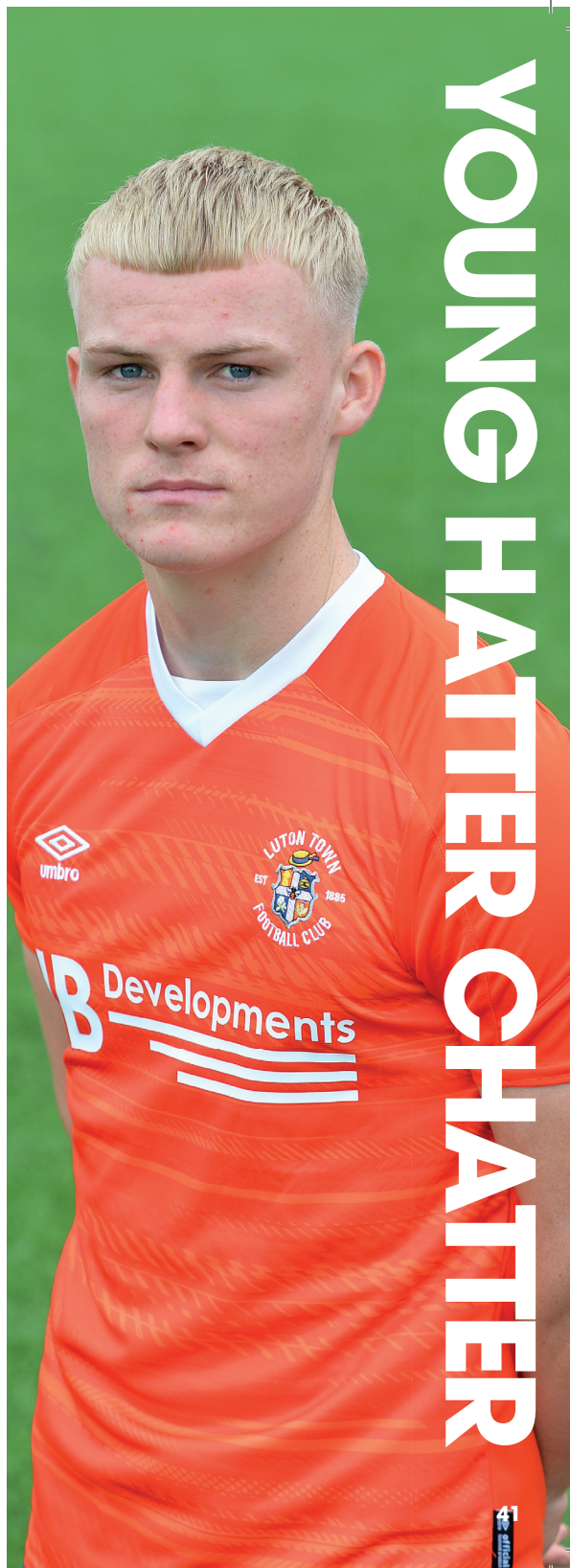
Heights. I used to always be scared of big rollercoasters when I was younger!

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

Probably to be invisible so I could be a bit nosey.

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

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Our successful 'Skills' Development Programme is now in its 14th year of operation and provides high quality coaching for up and coming young footballers. Whether you're an ambitious player wanting to progress towards becoming a professional, or a newcomer, wanting to develop the basics, the Skills Programme has something to offer you. To date over 100 players have been signed into our development programme through the Skills programme which has proved our most successful recruitment tool in the past.

The cost depends on the length of school terms but is usually between £25-£35 per term, which includes practical sessions and one assessment game. In addition to the trial match, players will receive a report on their personal development during the programme. If your coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during the term you will be given the opportunity to progress to the Centre of Excellence/Pre-Academy Development Centres. Players who display talent can be moved through the programme after only a few weeks if appropriate. All players receive a written player assessment towards the end of term.

Our weekly centres run in Bedford, Dunstable, Flitwick/Amphill, Harpenden, Kempston, Leighton Buzzard, Letchworth, Luton (4 centres), Milton Keynes and Wheathampsted. If you would like further information on the programme starting next week, simply ring the Community Trust office on **01582 561622** or email us at **tips@lutontown.co.uk** for an information leaflet. You can find lots more information on our skills performance programme as well as being able to book your place on-line at www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk/about-spcs

Youth Development Programme – Pre-Academy prepare for Holland trip and Centre of Excellence boys visit Stowe School

This weekend around 140 boys in our pre-academy u9 to u16 squads are in Holland competing in the Holland Easter Cup and last week prepared with games against our Centre of Excellence and Player Development squads who were staying at Stowe School. Our fully integrated youth player development structure at the Club is run by the Community Trust to support our



schoolboy academy. It starts with players as young as four years old who simply 'pay and play' each week, through to our Skills Performance Centres Talent Identification Coaching Programme for boys up to 12 years of age with routes into our Development Centres for recruited boys up to U16 age group. In total 14 of these centres run all year around through our development programme.

An important part of the process is the games programme and during last week our pre-academy boys played final warm-up games ahead of defending several age group wins from three years ago in the 2019 Holland Easter Cup tournament - it's great to be finally going back!

Meanwhile, over 300 centre of excellence and player development centre boys from our four main centres in Luton, Dunstable, Kempston and Arlesey attended our annual residential Easter training camp at the fantastic facilities at Stowe School in Buckingham last week. This was our 14th annual visit to the famous old public school

and as well as great team building exercises and all kinds of sports activities on and off the pitches, it does allow our coaching staff a good opportunity to see the boys both on and off the pitch as we look to promote boys into the pre-academy level to replace boys who have progressed to academy level or have been released. We also welcomed Peterborough United Development squads for games on the Wednesday - so plenty of chat amongst the boys following the match the night before!

The COFEX/PDC boys will now spend the next few weeks preparing for their end of season tour which is in Holland this year to compete in the Julians Malden Cup in May. We will be reporting on both tours in future matchday programmes - so watch this space!



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JUNIOR HATTERS



TODAY'S MASCOTS



ROCCO

NAME: Rocco Chaney

AGE: 5

HOBBIES: Football and Rugby

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu



FREDDIE

NAME: Freddie Forsey

AGE: 9

HOBBIES: Playing football for Flitwick Eagles as RB, Luton Town ST holder, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, playing fifa and fortnite

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Elijah Adebayo



MILLY

NAME: Milly White

AGE: 8

HOBBIES: Australian, music and plays the keyboard

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: James Bree

NOTTINGHAM FOREST TINYSTATS

Formed: 1865

Stadium: The City Ground

Capacity: 30,445

Last season: 17TH (Ch)

Head to head with Luton:

Luton wins - 22

Draws - 17

Forest wins - 27

Manager: Steve Cooper





2 LUTON TOWN 2 MILLWALL

Kenilworth Road – Sat 2nd April 2022 -
Sky Bet Championship

Town: Shea; Bree, Lockyer, Naismith (C), Potts (Jerome 83'), Bell; Mpanzu (Snodgrass 83'), Lansbury, Campbell; Cornick (Onyedinnma 64'), Adebayo.

Millwall: Bialkowski; Ballard, Cooper (C), M. Wallace; McNamara, Mitchell, Saville, Malone; J. Wallace (Kieftenbeld 90'); Bradshaw (Burke 73'), Afobe.

Scorers:

LT - Adebayo (33'), Cooper (87' og)
M - Bradshaw (25'), Afobe (81')

"It's not a bad point, I've said in there we want to win every game, especially here at Kenilworth Road, but Millwall are a good side. They do things similar to us, they run hard, they work hard, they have good experience and a hell of a lot of firepower out there."

NATHAN JONES

ROBERT SNODGRASS

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."





1 PETERBOROUGH UNITED 1 LUTON TOWN

Weston Homes Stadium – Tue 5th April 2022 -
Sky Bet Championship

Posh: Cornell; Knight, Edwards, Kent (C)
(Szmodics 74'); Ward, Taylor, Fuchs, Burrows;
Poku; Marriott (Jones 68'), Clarke-Harris.

Town: Shea; Onyedina (Cornick 90'), Bree,
Kioso, Naismith (C), Bell; Campbell, Mpanzu;
Hylton (Bradley 82'); Jerome (Lansbury 32'),
Adebayo.

Scorers:

LT - Hylton (49')

PU - Clarke-Harris (87')

**"It's tough coming
away so any point is a
good one especially
as this point but I'm a
bit frustrated, one we
didn't see the game out
and two with the level of
performance."**

NATHAN JONES

DANNY HYLTON

Words: Dan Briard

Danny Hylton admitted that he would have traded his fourth goal of the season for another three points following the 1-1 draw against Peterborough United!

The striker fired Nathan Jones' side into the lead early in the second period, but the Posh fought back late in the game to rescue a point and frustrate the Hatters.

"It's gutting, it feels a little bit like a loss," Hylton said after the game. "I thought we were going to hold on. I thought they gave us a few warning signs, a few balls into the box, and they missed a good chance at the back stick and then they scored. In the end it turned out to be a good point.

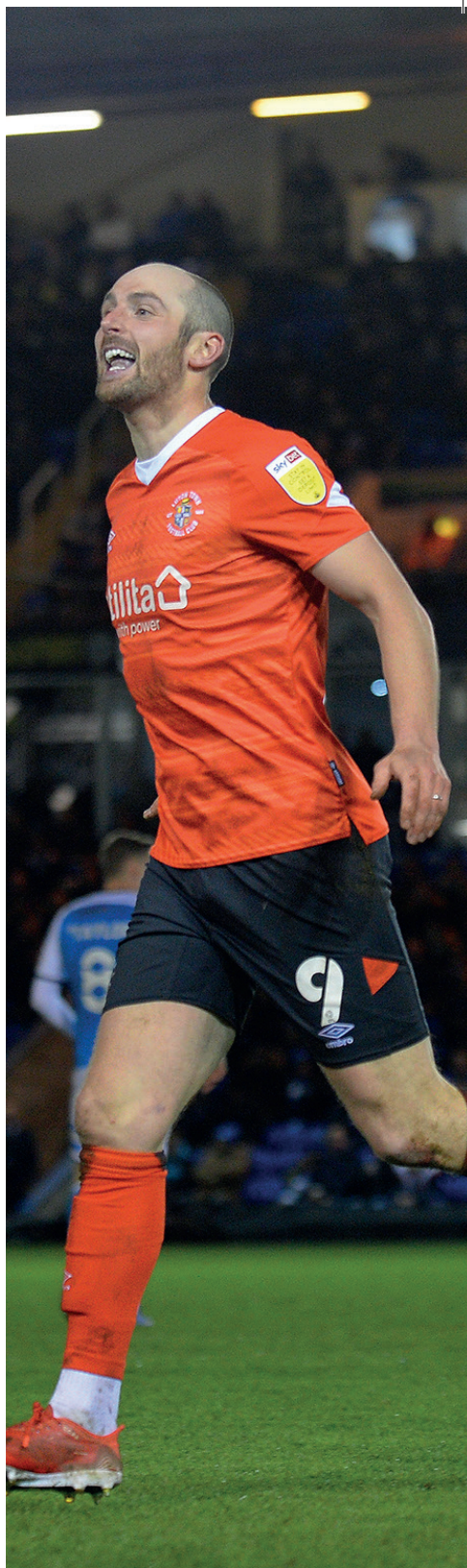
"I'm delighted I was able to play and contribute to the team. I know it's a cliché but I'd trade it for three points all day, so happy to score, but gutted that we didn't win.

"At this stage of the season there is no time to put your head down and feel sorry for yourself, you have to take positives out of the game, we got another point, we're still in the play-offs with six games to go. If you offered us that with six games to go that we'd be sitting in fourth position, we would have bitten your hand off for it."

Ahead of today's game against another play-off rival in Nottingham Forest, Hylton was keen to focus on the positives as they look ahead to the final matches of the season.

"We said in there, there is no time to put your head down and feel sorry for yourself," said Hylton. "Now is the time to look at everything positive, it was another point, we were away from home, the team is fighting for their lives and we're fourth in the league. Six games to go, it's a mini season and anything can happen. We back ourselves, we will keep going and we're confident we can achieve what we set out to do.

"When we came back after the international break there was eight games to go. As much as we would have liked to, we were never going to win all eight games. We were going to try but rarely do you go and win eight games on the spin. We're going to draw games, we're going to lose games on the way possibly. As long as we keep picking up points and keep winning games then we will be alright."





2 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 0 LUTON TOWN

John Smith's Stadium – Mon 11th April 2022 -
Sky Bet Championship

Huddersfield: Nicholls; Pipa, Lees, Hogg (C),
Colwill, Toffolo; Russell, O'Brien; Sinani (Holmes
77'), Thomas (Rhodes 90+3'); Ward (Sarr 84').

Town: Shea; Onyedima, Bree, Bradley (C),
Naismith, Bell, Mpanzu (Snodgrass 35'),
Lansbury (Potts 58'), Campbell; Cornick (Hylton
81'), Adebayo.

Scorers:

Russell (59'), Sarr (89')

**"We've been the victim
of our own downfall
tonight. One, if we score
the penalty, it's a different
game. And two, you have
to defend basic situations
because they didn't have
to work for them. Then it is
a different game"**

NATHAN JONES

SONNY BRADLEY

Words: Dan Briard

Sonny Bradley revealed the full extent of his terrible injury luck as he made his first start for three months in the defeat against Huddersfield Town on Monday night.

The captain last started in January, but following the international break was back in the squad. After making his 150th Luton appearance off the bench against Peterborough, Bradley started in the live Sky game at the John Smith's Stadium and wants to look forward to the next five matches after a torrid time on the sideline.

Speaking after the match, he said: "I had a double hernia operation. I thought I was past it, but a week after I had it, something happened where my small intestine got stuck to the scarring and I was rushed into hospital, and I had to have a secondary operation. In the space of 10 days, I had two operations, and then I caught Covid. My luck within that six-week period was terrible, I wasn't due to be out for this long, but that's the way it has gone.

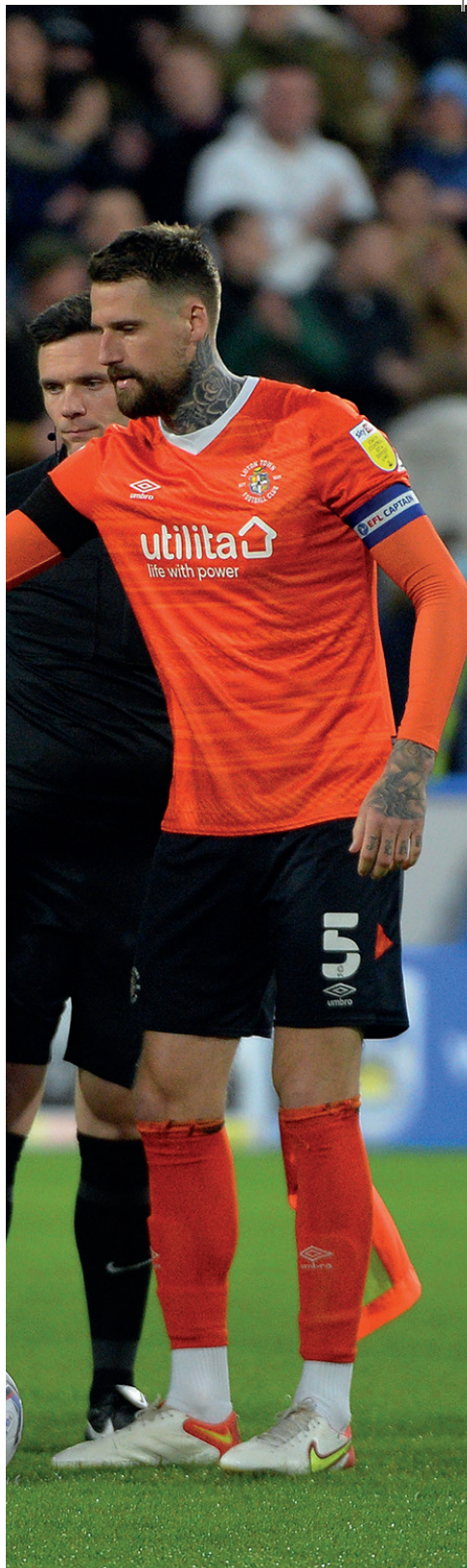
"I'm now looking forward, I feel fit. I wasn't 100 per cent tonight but I knew I was needed and I gave everything. Hopefully now I can push on, gain more fitness and get better within the next five games.

"It's the third time I've had Covid. I don't know anyone else on this planet who has had it three times, but it has hit me hard every time. For me personally, it's a case of pressing on now, getting fit and hoping I can be an important player in the team for the next five games."

Starting this afternoon against Nottingham Forest, Bradley admitted there is 'no time' for doom and gloom after a rare defeat on a visit to Yorkshire.

"We're in a brilliant position," said the skipper. "At the start of the season, with five games left, if you told us we'd be in this position, we would have taken it all day long. It's just about getting together now. We will probably be in a bad mood tomorrow, we have a day off, but then we will come back in and it's time to get our heads back on and get ready for Nottingham Forest, which will be a really tough game and important one.

"Forest are a good team and we're going to have to be well prepared. I'm sure they have seen us tonight and looked at us, but it's all about us. Teams know how hard it is to play at Kenilworth Road so there's absolutely no doubt the fans will get behind us."



FIXTURES 2021-22

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	PENALTY (P)	PENALTY (A)	OWN GOALS	SERIT OFF	OPP.SENT OFF	SHEA	BREE	POTTS	NAISMITH	BRADLEY	REA	CORNICK	BERRY	HYLTON	LEE	ADEBAYO	SLUGA	SNODGRASS	
AUGUST																										
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Peterborough United	W 3-0	10,019	1,032	2	-	-	-	-	-	*	y				*	1a					1		
Tue 10	7.45pm	A	Stevenage (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			
OCTOBER																										
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Huddersfield Town	D 0-0	9,977	1,009	13	-	-	-	-	-	*					y	a	c						
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Millwall	W 2-0	14,227	1,631	10	-	-	-	-	-	*	y			y		2a	*			c			
Tue 19	7.45pm	A	Derby County	D 2-2	20,258	1,057	9	-	-	-	-	-	*				ya		c		*		1			
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Hull City	W 1-0	9,999	793	5	-	-	-	-	-	*					a	b	c		*		1b		
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Preston North End	L 0-2	11,059	989	10	-	1	-	-	-	*					a	b	c						
NOVEMBER																										
Wed 2	7.45pm	H	Middlesbrough	W 3-1	9,790	987	6	-	-	-	-	-	*	y	ya			1	*	1b		b		1c		
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Stoke City	L 0-1	10,068	1,005	11	-	-	-	-	-	*					*	b	*						
Fri 19	7.45pm	A	QPR	L 0-2	15,062	2,452	11	-	-	-	-	-	*				y	*	a	*			y			
Tue 23	7.45pm	A	Nottingham Forest	D 0-0	25,715	1,418	11	-	-	-	1	-	*				y	*	a	c		*				
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Cardiff City	L 1-2	9,987	1,032	14	-	-	-	-	-	*					y	c	b		b				
DECEMBER																										
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	W 3-0	11,366	1,391	12	-	-	-	-	-	*					1				c		1c		
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Fulham	D 1-1	9,992	1,029	12	-	-	-	-	-	*								*		1	*		
JANUARY																										
Sun 9	12.30pm	H	Harrogate T (FAC3)	W 4-0	4,834	330	-	-	-	-	-	-	*		*	1		*		a 1	e		1e	*		
Sat 15	12.30pm	H	AFC Bournemouth	W 3-2	9,649	1,032	13	-	-	1	-	-	*			*	1				*			*		
Wed 19	8.00pm	A	Reading	W 2-0	9,611	849	11	-	-	1	-	-	*			*					*			*		
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Sheffield United	L 0-2	27,780	1,843	13	-	-	-	1	-	*							*			a	*		
Tue 25	7.45pm	H	Bristol City	W 2-1	9,202	586	10	-	-	-	-	-	*					*		ya			1	*		
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Blackburn Rovers	D 0-0	9,987	1,032	10	-	-	-	-	-	*	y	*					b	y	c				
FEBRUARY																										
Tue 1	7.45pm	A	Swansea City	W 1-0	16,598	310	9	-	-	-	-	-	*		*				a 1	c	y	b				
Sat 5	5.30pm	A	Cambridge Utd (FAC4)	W 3-0	7,937	1,470	-	-	-	-	-	-	*		*					b		a				
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Barnsley	W 2-1	9,101	306	7	1	-	-	-	-	*			*				b	*			c		
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Birmingham City	L 0-3	17,292	1,782	10	-	-	-	-	-	*							c	*					
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	y		
Sat 26	3.00pm	H	Derby County	W 1-0	10,070	1,032	6	-	-	-	-	-	*			*				b		a 1		c		*
MARCH																										
Wed 2	7.15pm	H	Chelsea (FAC5)	L 2-3	10,140	1,570	-	-	-	-	-	-	*		*					1b	c	e				d
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Middlesbrough	L 1-2	23,817	711	8	-	1	-	-	-	*				b			c 1	*	y			*	
Tue 8	7.45pm	A	Coventry City	W 1-0	16,996	1,757	6	-	-	-	-	-	*			*				ya	b	*		1y		*
Sun 13	12.00pm	H	QPR	L 1-2	10,073	1,032	7	-	1	-	-	-	*			*				b	*				c	
Wed 16	7.45pm	H	Preston North End	W 4-0	9,408	614	5	-	-	1	-	-	*							b	2c	b				
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Hull City	W 3-1	16,555	948	3	-	-	-	-	-	*	1						1c	a	*		1		
APRIL																										
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Millwall	D 2-2	10,069	1,032	4	-	-	1	-	-	*			b		*		a		*		1		c
Tue 5	7.45pm	A	Peterborough United	D 1-1	10,940	3,699	4	-	-	-	-	-	*			*		b		c		1b	y			*
Mon 11	7.45pm	A	Huddersfield Town	L 0-2	18,379	1,089	5	-	-	-	-	-	*				b	y		c	*	c				a
Fri 15	12.30pm	H	Nottingham Forest																							
Mon 18	3.00pm	A	Cardiff City																							
Sat 23	12.30pm	H	Blackpool																							
MAY																										
Mon 1	5.15pm	A	Fulham																							
Sat 7	12.30pm	H	Reading																							

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

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



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HATTERS PLAYER STATS 2021-22

	2021-22 SEASON											CAREER	
	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL		CARDS			TOTAL	
	APPS	G		APPS	G		APPS	G				APPS	G
ELIJAH ADEBAYO	35	(2)	15	1	(0)	1	36	(2)	16	5	0	56	21
SAM BECKWITH	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
AMARI'I BELL	35	(1)	1	2	(1)	0	37	(2)	1	3	0	39	1
LUKE BERRY	10	(3)	6	1	(1)	1	11	(4)	7	2	0	137	21
SONNY BRADLEY	17	(2)	2	1	(0)	0	18	(2)	2	2	0	151	5
JAMES BREE	39	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	40	(0)	1	5	0	109	2
REECE BURKE	21	(2)	0	3	(0)	2	24	(2)	2	4	1	26	2
ALLAN CAMPBELL	27	(2)	4	0	(4)	0	27	(6)	4	7	0	33	4
JORDAN CLARK	18	(5)	2	1	(0)	0	19	(5)	2	2	0	63	5
HARRY CORNICK	27	(7)	10	1	(2)	1	28	(9)	11	4	0	206	34
DANNY HYLTON	4	(10)	4	0	(3)	0	4	(13)	4	3	0	165	62
HARRY ISTD	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	2	0	3	0
CAMERON JEROME	12	(16)	3	3	(1)	2	15	(17)	5	5	0	32	5
PETER KIOSO	7	(5)	0	3	(0)	0	10	(5)	0	3	0	18	0
HENRI LANSBURY	16	(15)	0	2	(0)	0	18	(15)	0	10	0	33	0
ELLIOT LEE	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	124	30
TOM LOCKYER	24	(1)	1	3	(0)	0	27	(1)	1	4	0	51	1
CARLOS MENDES GOMES	2	(7)	0	4	(0)	1	6	(7)	1	0	0	13	1
PELLEY-RUDDOCK MPANZU	31	(3)	1	0	(1)	0	31	(4)	1	3	0	333	20
ADMIRAL MUSKWE	7	(10)	0	3	(0)	2	10	(10)	2	2	0	20	2
KAL NAISMITH	37	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	38	(0)	2	6	0	61	3
FRED ONYEDINMA	11	(15)	3	1	(1)	0	12	(16)	3	3	0	28	3
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	6	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	8	(1)	0	1	0	185	11
GLEN REA	8	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	9	(4)	0	4	0	207	8
JAMES SHEA	17	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	19	(0)	0	0	0	104	0
SIMON SLUGA	19	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	19	(0)	0	1	0	94	0
ROBERT SNODGRASS	0	(3)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(4)	0	0	0	4	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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**FORMED: 1899****NICKNAME: THE BLUEBIRDS****LAST SEASON: 8TH IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP****FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @CARDIFFCITYFC****COLOURS: BLUE SHIRTS, WHITE SHORTS****GROUND: CARDIFF CITY STADIUM****MANAGER: STEVE MORISON****WHO?**

After being relegated from the Premier League in the 2018/19 season, Cardiff bounced back strongly last year, securing a spot in the Championship play-offs but going on to lose to eventual promotion winners Fulham over two legs. The Bluebirds' last piece of silverware came in 2013 as they were crowned champions of the second tier, whilst the Welsh club also boast an FA Cup win from back in 1927.

GROUND?

Cardiff City opened their new stadium in 2009 after 99 years at Ninian Park. With a capacity of 33,280, it is the second largest stadium in Wales after the Millennium Stadium. The Bluebirds' shared their home ground with rugby union side Cardiff Blues from 2009-2012, whilst also playing host to the 2010/11 Amlin Challenge Cup final between Harlequins and French side Stade Français.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Town have lost their last four games against the Bluebirds, conceding a total of nine goals and scoring just once. The two sides last met in November at Kenilworth Road, with the Welsh outfit securing a 2-1 win after Sean Morison's second half winner cancelled out Jordan Clark's equaliser for Luton.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Hatters favourite James Collins joined the Bluebirds in the summer after four years at Kenilworth Road, where he scored 89 league goals to fire Luton to two promotions and Championship safety in 2020. Current Hatters boss Nathan Jones and centre-back Tom Lockyer both started in the Cardiff youth system, whilst former Hatters forward Isaac Vassell joined City in 2019 but hasn't made an appearance this season due to injury.

Words: Dylan Bhundia**58****RIP BRIAN GARRETT**

We are sorry to report that Brian sadly passed away after a short illness in March at the age of 96. Brian was born in Luton and was a lifelong passionate Hatters supporter for over 80 years, and was a season ticket holder in the lower main stand Enclosure.

Brian was a schoolboy when he witnessed Joe Payne score his 10 goals in 1936, and he will be missed by all his fellow supporters. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Fulham	40	25	8	7	94	35	59	83
2	Bournemouth	39	21	10	8	62	35	27	73
3	Huddersfield Town	41	19	12	10	54	43	11	69
4	Nottingham Forest	39	19	10	10	61	36	25	67
5	Luton Town	41	18	11	12	59	47	12	65
6	Sheffield United	41	18	11	12	53	41	12	65
7	Blackburn Rovers	41	17	12	12	52	42	10	63
8	Middlesbrough	40	18	8	14	52	42	10	62
9	Millwall	41	16	13	12	45	40	5	61
10	Coventry City	41	16	11	14	54	51	3	59
11	Queens Park Rangers	41	17	8	16	55	53	2	59
12	West Bromwich Albion	41	15	12	14	45	40	5	57
13	Preston North End	41	14	15	12	43	46	-3	57
14	Swansea City	40	16	9	15	48	53	-5	57
15	Stoke City	41	15	10	16	53	47	6	55
16	Blackpool	40	14	11	15	44	47	-3	53
17	Cardiff City	40	14	7	19	47	61	-14	49
18	Birmingham City	41	11	12	18	43	60	-17	45
19	Bristol City	41	12	9	20	52	73	-21	45
20	Hull City	41	12	8	21	34	45	-11	44
21	Reading *	41	12	7	22	48	77	-29	37
22	Barnsley	40	6	11	23	30	59	-29	29
23	Derby County *	41	12	13	16	40	47	-7	28
24	Peterborough United	41	6	10	25	34	82	-48	28

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- 01 JAMES SHEA
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- 35 CAMERON JEROME



STEVE COOPER

- 01 ETHAN HORVATH
- 02 DJED SPENCE
- 03 TOBIAS FIGUEIREDO
- 04 JOE WORRALL
- 06 LOIC MBE SOH
- 07 LEWIS GRABBAN
- 08 JACK COLBACK
- 09 KEINAN DAVIS
- 11 PHILIP ZINCKERNAGEL
- 12 JORDAN SMITH
- 13 GAETAN BONG
- 14 RICHIE LARYEA
- 15 MAX LOWE
- 16 SAM SURRIDGE
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- 22 RYAN YATES
- 23 JOE LOLLEY
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- 37 JAMES GARNER

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