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Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second of three successive lunchtime kick-offs to finish the league campaign here.

If this one can go as well as the last one against Nottingham Forest, when I thought we were magnificent, then we will have taken another giant step towards where we want to be.

We welcome Neil Critchley, his staff, their players and everyone who has travelled with Blackpool today. I watched them a lot when they were in League One and I was living further north, keeping an eye on a certain midfielder who was enjoying his first loan before coming to us, and I haven't been surprised that they have had an excellent first season back in the Championship.

We know that they will be offering a really tough test for us again today, just as Cardiff did on Monday. That is the Championship. There is never an easy game despite how the league table might look. It is relentless and unforgiving from start to finish.

Just over a week ago we beat the team that has been the best in the division since Steve Cooper took over. We changed things tactically and went after Forest, while dealing with two of the biggest threats in the Championship down their right.

We dug in when we needed to in the second half, especially after we had lost Sonny to a second yellow card that shouldn't have stood, and together with our wonderful support inside the ground, we pulled off arguably our best win of the season.

We are going to need that backing again this afternoon because we are right down to the bare bones in terms of numbers, with the injury list extended further on Monday down at Cardiff. To lose both Breezy and Sheasy before half-time was tough to take, and then to lose Fred and have had to make all of our substitutions with half-an-hour still to play seriously limited our ability to change the game.

I joked afterwards that we call our subs plasters, rather than game changers these days, but we were glad that one of them managed to stick his head on a perfect Robert Snodgrass cross to earn us a second successive 1-0 win.

It proved that our squad depth this season is paying off for us, because everyone is always ready to play and come in to do their job for the team.

That will continue again today, and again they need your help from the stands. Give it everything you've got, put on another public show of what Luton Town is all about for the Sky cameras, because we are on the verge of achieving something truly special and it is going to need everyone to play their part.

Enjoy the game and COYH!



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NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

STEPHEN BROWNE

DIRECTOR

A warm welcome to Neil Critchley and his staff as they bring Blackpool to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

They have had a great season and they lie with a game in hand to cement a very creditable position after their promotion last term.

After today, they also play the bottom three teams so their supporters will be confident of finishing above their rivals down the road. Mathematically, they can still top Sheffield United so they are gunning for points as Birmingham know to their cost! As ever, every game is hard in this league.

So, here we are. How many of us are saying "If at the start of the season you'd have offered us 4th with three games to go..."?

A true testament to just how united everyone is. From the pitch to the stands to the offices to the town, proud of ya!

What a glorious season we have witnessed. It feels good. We really do have a wonderful vibe, energy, and togetherness. We just love the fact that 'doing it the right way' can, and does, work. We are all smiling!

You know, Elijah was out in the community a few days ago, calling people up that couldn't make it to say hello. It wasn't out of duty. It was yet another example of the culture and standards we all try to achieve, and in this case done by a charming young man who is a credit to himself. Everywhere you look, someone is making a difference.

Today we need those points to secure our play-off place. Again we will witness The Kenny rock as we all work together. We haven't achieved anything yet, and who knows where this journey is going to take us? But onwards we march.



If we get to the play-offs, then we will all be simultaneously excited and worried. We have a certain curse to combat, and we will need to win all three games. I can't think of feeling much lower than losing at any stage of the play-offs, but as we know, there can only be one winner. We have shown that on any day we can compete with the top Clubs. We have a minimum of three and maximum of six games left this season, and I know we are aiming to win every single one!

No one knows what we will be feeling in the coming weeks, but all I know for sure is that we will have had a truly wonderful season with so much to take pride in, and to take into next season...whatever division that may be. Virtually every year since 2020 took over custodianship of the Club, we have finished higher than the previous season. It will be true again this term. And we will aim for the same to be true next. Whatever happens in the next few weeks, this tells me that next season is going to be amazing!

Changing subject, it was brilliant to see the picture of Mick and Andy Dibble reunited at Cardiff on Monday, especially as that anniversary is upon us tomorrow. What a day that was! What a team! And



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there we had two great Hatters that have been committed to the game ever since.

And when talking about commitment, I think pretty much all of us have to doff our hats to Mark Crowther! What a feat, what an effort! He has cycled to every away game this season and in the process has beaten his fundraising target of £10,000. Just amazing Mark. In recognition of Mark's remarkable determination, he is one of the nominees for the EFL Supporter of the Season award taking place at a London ceremony tomorrow night. We are all behind you Mark and we hope you win. You fully deserve to and all Hatters send you the warmest of wishes.

Back to the game today. In true Luton Town style, at the time we need everyone to be at 110 per cent, we have seen the number of injuries rise in recent weeks. It's so frustrating for both the lads concerned and Nathan. Fortunately, we have a fabulous squad with players ready to come into the starting line up and play their part. Of course this isn't the plan, and to have to change formations and tactics two or three times in a game really makes it tough to get the results we need. But we always knew it was about a squad – a team – and not individuals, and Nathan always

reminds us that the season is long and everyone has to play their part at some point.

When injury strikes a player, our backroom team are amongst the best in the country. They have access to some of the best specialists too, and I think you can see the amazing work they do when players come back to fitness and back into the team, sometimes after very bad injuries.

The same is happening now. All the specialists work together to do the best for each player and get them back and available for selection as soon as possible. And because the treatment room is quite full at the moment, they are being kept quite busy!

We have the most important games of 2020s tenure around the corner. If the dream were to happen, it would be transformational for the Club and for Luton. So sing loud and proud – we could be surprised at what we can achieve together!

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JAMES BREE - DIAMOND PLAYER OF THE MONTH

We were pleased to announce this week that James Bree was the recipient of the Diamond Player of the Month award for March.

The right-back was the overwhelming winner with 57 per cent of the vote for his performances throughout March, which included an assist versus Preston North End and scoring a superb free-kick in the win against Hull City.

Bree was also amongst the nominees for the Sky Bet Championship Player of the Month award, praised for his efforts particularly playing in a less familiar centre-back role in wins against Preston and Hull.

For April, Allan Campbell scooped his second monthly award and will be presented with the trophy following today's game.

The Scotsman has continued to impress with his lung-busting performances in the heart of midfield and was a vital cog in draws against Millwall and Peterborough, and vital in the victory against Nottingham Forest.

Prior to this afternoon's fixture at home to Blackpool, Campbell has played eight successive 90 minutes in an often much-changed midfield, growing even more popular amongst the Town faithful.



LTST PRESENTATION EVENING REARRANGED

The 2021-22 Luton Town Supporters' Trust Presentation Evening will now take place on Sunday 8th May following the change of date for our away match against Fulham.

After two years of having to hold the awards night in a virtual capacity, the event is back in person and will be held at Venue 360, Gipsy Lane, Luton, LU1 3JH. The evening will be hosted by Simon Pitts and begins at 7.30pm.

Among the awards to be dished out on the evening will be the Player of the Season, Players' Player of the Season, Goal of the Season and a whole lot more, and you can be there to celebrate what has already been a wonderful campaign, which could yet get even better, and to see each trophy presented to the winner.

Tickets are priced at £35 and are on sale in person from the Ticket Office or online via the link below.

All tickets which have been purchased can be used for the rearranged date. If you can't make the new date, you will be entitled to a full refund.

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ROBERT SNODGRASS

OUR SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL MIDFIELDER WAS THE SUBJECT OF THIS WEEK'S 10 TO TACKLE ON SKY SPORTS' EFL PODCAST, WHICH YOU CAN LISTEN TO BY SUBSCRIBING ON YOUR USUAL PROVIDER. HERE IS WHAT THE 34-YEAR-OLD HAD TO SAY...

What do your team-mates call you?

Snods, Snoddy, call me anything on the pitch really, you Scottish... you know the rest!

Who is the biggest character in the dressing room?

I've had a lot of big characters, but I've just added one since I've come here – Kal Naismith. He's one of the right good characters. He's a brilliant character to have in the dressing room, he's a top player and a funny guy.

Highlight of your career so far?

I think the highlight is coming back from a near career-ending knee injury and getting promoted with Hull at Wembley, and having all my family there. They supported me through 18 months really, so I would say that moment.

A moment in your career you would like to change?

I would have loved to have qualified for a major tournament for Scotland. That was a hard one but everything happens for a reason. Watching them from a fan's point of view has been great.

Best player you have played with?

Jack Grealish. In terms of entertainment, someone who can excite a crowd, I think he's right up there. I always knew he was going to kick on. Sometimes you can't give the genius any instructions, you just let a genius be free and when I was playing with him, that's the type of player he was. He added goals and assists to his game and got better and better.

Earliest football memory?

My earliest one – we went as a school to watch the 1998 World Cup when John Collins scored a penalty against Brazil. We actually watched that match in the cinema! That was my youngest football memory and just being hooked after that. It was such a great feeling, everyone was supporting Scotland, it was a terrific day.

Do you have a pre-match routine?

Just the usual, try and get a nice pre-match meal before the game, chicken and pasta, sometimes beans on toast, plenty of fluids in and as you get

a bit older, it's about 'Can you keep hitting those numbers, can you keep trying to compete with the younger generation?'

What's your squad number and what is the significance?

12 was the first number I wore, 23 was the last, which was going back to what I wore at Leeds. 12 is what I'm wearing now and it was the first number I wore when I came through at Livingston.

Favourite item of football memorabilia?

I'm not a big one on collecting, but I have my Wembley jersey, some Scotland stuff, I've got framed the things that I have done. Just memories for myself and achievements.

Which Championship player has been toughest this season?

I haven't really played much this season, but team wise I'd probably say Fulham are right up there.

What are you best at other than football?

Being a good team-mate, communication, trying to help others, realising the team's potential and you get that with more experience.

What do you plan to do after football?

I don't know, I'll cross that bridge when it comes to it. My family have supported me all the way through, so when that time comes, I'm sure I will try and be a full-time dad first and foremost because I have been supported and have been able to be me, and free to enter this football world to be part of a team. I can't think that far ahead.

What makes Luton special?

It is the togetherness. There is something special about this club, it's like they are a throwback where the fans are right on the edge, the players try and give them everything and as a team, we're creating something special here. I don't think you can put a price on togetherness and hard work, all the things you would say are the basics in the game, but they do it very well here. I've loved every single second since I've come in the door. Great people, great lads, lads that want to listen, they want to learn and they push me as well, which is most important. I've loved it here, it's a special club.

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THE GOALKEEPER: CHRIS MAXWELL

Maxwell began his career at Wrexham and made 76 league appearances for the north Wales side, before a four-year spell at Fleetwood.

He featured over 100 times in the league for the Cod Army, and later joined Preston. The goalkeeper made over 70 league appearances for Preston, and had loan spells at Charlton and Hibernian.

The 31-year-old stopper joined Blackpool in January 2020.

THE DEFENDER: MARVIN EKPITETA

After a spell with Oxford's academy, Ekpiteta made his name in the National League South with Chelmsford City.

After impressing with the Clarets, he had later spells at both Concord Rangers and East Thurrock. In January 2018, he got his chance in the Football League with Leyton Orient and went onto feature 74 times in the league.

In July 2020, the 26-year-old joined the Seasiders and has since made 73 appearances, scoring seven times.



THE MANAGER: NEIL CRITCHLEY

After a short playing career, Critchley's coaching career started with Crewe Alexandra, before he joined Liverpool as Under-18s coach.

The 43-year-old went onto manage Liverpool's Under-23s side, as well as the first-team on two occasions, standing in for Jurgen Klopp.

In March 2020, he took over at Bloomfield Road and won promotion to the Championship in his first season by winning the League One play-offs.



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THE MIDFIELDER: KENNY DOUGALL

Born in Brisbane, Dougall progressed through the academy at Brisbane City in NPL Queensland, before moving to Telstar in the Ereste Divisie.

He spent a year with Telstar before he signed for Sparta Rotterdam in the summer of 2015, playing over 80 times before the call came for the Australian international to come to England to join Barnsley in 2018.

After two seasons at Oakwell, Dougall signed for Blackpool in October 2020.



THE ATTACKER: GARY MADINE

Vastly experienced striker Madine made his senior debut with Carlisle in , and went on to make 66 league appearances for the side before a move to Sheffield Wednesday.

The 31-year-old featured over 100 times in the league for the Owls, before making the move to Bolton. Madine later had a spell at Cardiff.

In January 2020, he signed for Blackpool, five years on from a prior loan spell, and he has since taken his career goals tally past 100 with a strike against QPR last November.

WATCH OUT FOR... JOSH BOWLER

After spending time at Fulham and Aldershot in his youth, Bowler progressed through the QPR academy and one senior appearance, coming against Norwich in May 2017.

In July 2017, he signed for Premier League club Everton. He later joined Hull on loan for the 2019/20 season, featuring 28 times in the Championship.

In June 2021, he left Goodison Park permanently to sign for Blackpool.



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A HAT IN BOTH CAMPS

After bursting onto the scene at Blackpool, Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall made a huge impression with the Hatters and is now plying his trade in the Premier League.

Nathan Jones was an avid watcher of the midfielder during his time at Bloomfield Road, where he enjoyed a brief but successful loan in League One, contributing four goals and an assist in 10 matches.

And following his return to the club, Jones made it one of his top priorities to secure the services of the young midfielder during the summer transfer window, whom he had scouted during his time without a job.

Rarely a match went past where Dewsbury-Hall wasn't the Man of the Match recipient and his work-rate, on-the-ball quality and goals impressed the Town faithful massively, even though they were forced to watch him through their TV screens rather than in the flesh. That disappointment was mutual after Kiernan admitted: "I have said before that the only downside of this loan is that I have not been able to experience a full Kenilworth Road and the fans in full voice."

Such were the level of his performances, Kiernan swooped four awards at the end of the season, including the Players' Player of the Year trophy voted for by his team-mates.

After building his senior experience during his respective loan spells, the 23-year-old is now a mainstay in the Leicester starting line-up and a regular in European fixtures, Dewsbury-Hall is making the impression both Blackpool and Luton fans knew he would make.

He was introduced into the team over the Christmas period and has remained ever-present, scoring his first Premier League goal in a 2-1 win over Crystal Palace earlier this month.

BLACKPOOL (2020)

APPEARANCES:	10
GOALS/ASSISTS:	4/1

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APPEARANCES:	40
GOALS/ASSISTS:	3/6



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HATTERS 2 SEASIDERS 2

6th April 2019. League One.

Words: Roger Wash

Since losing at Barnsley in mid-October the Town had embarked on a magnificent run of 27 League games without defeat, and with the finishing line in sight the table toppers were naturally hoping to extend their record against a strong Blackpool side at Kenilworth Road.

A capacity crowd saw the Hatters go straight out of the blocks and take the lead after six minutes, when a cross from Kazenga LuaLua was swept home by James Collins.

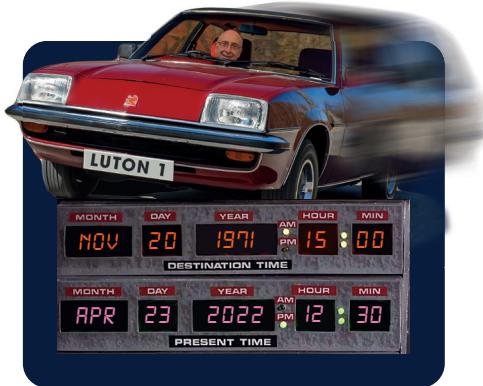
In truth the Town should have taken more advantage of their dominance in the first 25 minutes but on the half hour Blackpool levelled when Crystal Palace loanee Nya Kirby volleyed home from 20 yards.

The game was then more evenly balanced with chances at both ends but moved more in Blackpool's favour when Collins was dismissed on the hour mark after picking up two yellow cards in two minutes.

Blackpool took immediate advantage with Matty Virtue hammering the ball home from a corner but the Town rolled their sleeves up and left it late to level when substitute Jason Cummings scuffed home a shot with four minutes left.

Town boss Mick Harford was annoyed that the Hatters did not capitalise on their superiority in the opening period but gave Blackpool credit for their performance. "It was frustrating and I'm sure that if we had got the second goal, it would have been more and we would have carved them open, but fair play to them."

Blackpool manager Terry McPhillips said: "We've come here and given the best team in the league a scare. In the end it's a little scabby one that's gone through the legs of someone, and it's a real disappointed dressing room."



MEMORY MATCH

Blackpool 0 Luton Town 1
Division Two (now the Championship).
20th November 1971.

WORDS: ROGER WASH

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Read, John Ryan, Slough, Court, Nicholl, Moore, Anderson, Busby, Givens, Keen, Hindson.

BLACKPOOL

Burridge, Hatton, Mann, Suddaby, Alcock, Simpkin, Hutchison, Suddick, Dyson, Lennard (Kemp), Burns.

After four seasons of non-stop excitement, the Town's hopes of a third promotion over the same period ended with three poor displays over Easter 1971, but it had been good while it lasted. The collapse of club financial sponsor Vehicle and General did not help though!

The 1971/72 campaign was always going to be an anti-climax and so it proved. With ace marksman Malcolm Macdonald now banging in the goals for Newcastle following his record £180,000 move, the striker's role had been taken over by Don Givens and new signing Vic Halom, but although both were

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.

good players in their own right, neither had the explosive power of Supermac.

With goals hard to come by, extra pressure was placed on the defence with the result that too many games were ending 0-0 or in a narrow defeat. After a win over Fulham in late September the Town went on a run of eight games without a further victory, leading up to the first visit to Blackpool since 1959/60.

Considering that the Hatters had lost at eventual bottom club Watford in a dismal game the previous week and had slumped to just above the drop zone, a full trainload of supporters, taking advantage of the special £1.25 fare, set out from Luton along with the players and directors.

With snow starting to fall, the train ground to a halt at Warrington due to a derailment and there we sat. The Town officials had been told of the potential problem when stopping briefly at Crewe, and coach Jimmy Andrews telephoned through the team to centre-half Chris Nicholl, who was already at the ground having stayed with relatives in the north-west. No mobile phones in those days!

With a potential fine now avoided the team still had to get to Bloomfield Road in time and the train finally arrived with barely twenty minutes to go before kick-off. The players were already changed and a coach with a police escort whisked them off to the ground scattering a carnival procession along the way.



Goalscorer Don Givens in match action

We supporters had to walk and I got in just as the game kicked off in a blizzard.

Blackpool had not set the division on fire since relegation from the top flight the previous summer but had lost only once at home that season, to eventual champions Norwich, and still had some household names in their side with Tommy Hutchinson and Micky Burns both going close in the opening minutes.

It was the Hatters, though, who opened the scoring after 35 minutes when Givens hit a shot from the edge of the area following a goalmouth scramble. The ball eluded everyone before ending up in the back of the net.

It was now backs to the wall as the Town defence battled against the elements and the Blackpool forward line but, although substitute Fred Kemp hit a post towards the end, we managed to hold out and even had the luxury of seeing our own Viv Busby fire against the bar in the closing stages.

A relieved and pleased Luton manager said afterwards, "I thought we settled down into a much better combination (Stock had gambled by leaving striker Halom out of the side) and there was no doubt about the fighting spirit and combination."

Blackpool manager Bob Stokoe was not so happy: "We have not been playing as a team for some time," he said.

The victory rejuvenated the Town to some extent as the team went on a run of seven games without defeat following the Blackpool victory and although the season was nothing much to shout about, an eventual position of 13th could be regarded as satisfactory. Blackpool finished in sixth spot in the days before play-offs.

As a postscript, to cap the 'Trainride from Hell', the heating system broke down on the way home and I can assure you it was very cold!

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Luton Town are unbeaten in nine league games against Blackpool, winning seven and drawing two since a 3-1 home defeat in February 2003.



Blackpool have lost 10 of their last 13 away league games against Luton (W1 D2), drawing 2-2 the last time they met at Kenilworth Road in April 2019 in League One.



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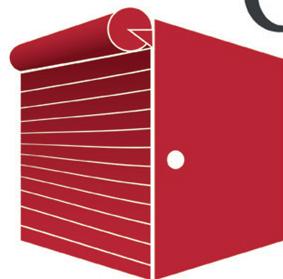
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Three games to go in what can only be described as an incredible season. I don't think any of us thought this would happen, but it shows what hard work, great team spirit, good backing and tremendous support can achieve.

Plus we are on TV again. Do 3pm kick-offs really exist? Keep going like this I will be up for a BAFTA. Obviously, the category would be best looking Physio.

Success, however, has come with a heavy price injury wise and we have been hit hard recently. There is no doubt we are having to do things the hard way. It is possibly the most challenging injury season I have known. Until recently though we had maintained an over 85% availability.

We have all seen the likes of Pelly, Henri, Breezy, James Shea and Fred Onyedinma come off in recent games. This is added to Gabe Osho, who had surgery on a hamstring issue, but I am pleased to say he is making excellent progress.

Glen Rea is also undergoing knee surgery and whilst waiting, has acquired an interesting set of tattoos including a seagull in a beanie hat, and a picture of his camper van. I nearly had a tattoo of a plaster on my elbow. But I didn't think I could pull it off. Jordan Clark is making good progress and we are hopeful of a return before the end of the season. I can assure you that Sports Science and ourselves are doing all we can to get lads back quickly, but safely.

The last game against Nottingham Forest produced a great result, and some very welcome sunshine. At full time I saw Darren Cook (pictured) and said 'Blimey, your cheek is red, caught the sun there mate?'. He replied, 'No, I got headbutted in the celebrations for the goal!'

Good news is that we managed to control the Doc during this game. The previous game he had more match clips than Harry Cornick!

Enjoy today's game and COYH!

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Taking inspiration from our first team, two wins inside four days concluded a successful Easter period for our U18s.

Saturday saw Bristol Rovers visit the Brache on what was a fine Spring morning, with the players producing a performance to match the heat. Performances across the board were high and the players responded to recent changes well to record a comfortable 5-1 win.

The game was barely a minute old when Darcy Moffat reacted quickest following a ball over the top of the defence to volley under the keeper for the opener. Twenty minutes later it was two following a fine passing move leading to Zack Nelson calmly slotting under the Rovers keeper.

The third goal came just before half-time from a corner on the right, owing much to the presence of Tyrelle Newton, leaping like a salmon at the back post to head against the post, Moffat firing in from the rebound for his second of the game.

A set piece again was the architect of our fourth goal, both teams having a game of pinball inside the box before it eventually fell to centre-back Claude Kayibanda 18 yards out, who calmly dispatched the ball into the far corner with a curling effort. The scoring was wrapped up with 10 minutes remaining by Millar Matthews-Lewis fine individual work leading to a cross into the box for the same man to get on the end of and fire into the bottom corner from 12 yards out.

The intensity to our play both in and out of possession at times was too much for the opposition to handle and set us up nicely for our trip to Sutton United on Tuesday.

Buoyed by the fantastic result by the first team away at Cardiff the previous day, our U18s travelled to Sutton full of confidence and if the Bristol Rovers game Saturday was a story of fast, flowing, pass and move football to win three points, this was a performance ground out with grit and determination to secure a 3-2 victory.

Quality on the ball was few and far between at times, but again a fast start saw us open the scoring inside 10 minutes. A long goal kick from Jacob Cowler was helped on in behind the back line for Darcy Moffat to chase, with his ball across the box met by Ollie Lynch to calmly slot home from six yards.

Sutton fought back and equalised before half-time although another Lynch goal 15 minutes after the restart put us back in the driving seat. Showing fighting spirit Sutton again equalised with 20 minutes of the match remaining to set up a tense finale. Fortunately, it would be us who would go on to get the winner via our third set piece goal in two games, Lynch completing his hat trick with a clever near post header.

Speaking with Dan Walder, our lead U18s coach, he has been delighted with the work rate and application from the boys over the last week and these recent victories have set us up nicely for our National EFL Youth Alliance Cup final on Tuesday May 3rd. Hopefully we can get a good crowd to support the boys against Preston in what will be their final game of the 2021/22 season. I look forward to seeing as many of you down at the Kenny as possible!

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Anyone missing their weekly fix of medical drama following the decision to axe the BBC's Holby City could certainly find a more than adequate replacement in the treatment room at LTFC.

I feel the need to take at least a basic course in physiotherapy to enable an informed commentary to continue. At Cardiff on Monday it was a procession as messrs Bree, Shea and Onyedimma limped off in quick succession, and yet they still won, which shows so much about this group of players.

After changing his definition of substitutes from "gamechangers" to "plasters", NJ again restated the case for five replacements. It would seem to make sense with many clubs being penalised for good cup runs and/or covid postponements with league matches then shoe-horned in to the remaining weeks. My only reservation would be managers using the extra substitutions to waste even more time in the closing minutes.

On the subject of fixtures, the TV schedule also needs some attention. The 12.30 kick-offs are OK-ish, and seem to suit us for the most part, but the switch to a Monday night in Huddersfield, and the now Bank Holiday Monday trip to Fulham seem to disregard those who watch in person rather than on a screen.

Today we find ourselves on the brink of securing a play-off place. A Championship play-off place. There are plenty of ways to

quantify the likely achievement. My favourite is to look at the clubs who haven't made it such as Cardiff, Swansea and Stoke, and then there are those who will still be playing League One football next year, like Ipswich, Portsmouth and at least one of Sheffield Wednesday and Sunderland.

It would also mean Premier League football would be three games away. I make no apologies for describing that possibility as "life-changing". Not necessarily for players and managers, although there will clearly be financial reward, but for the club and the town.

As Gary Sweet pointed out in these pages recently, promotion would solve the current "challenges" with the stadium "in one fell swoop". That would mean a new home to secure the club's future for the next 100 years, plus jobs, homes and redevelopment for the town in increasingly difficult times. As I said, "life-changing".

I was chatting to a Hatter who attends games with his two sons. The boys started coming during the Conference-winning season, have now seen three promotions, and are certainly enjoying the current campaign. Coupled with that, they have seen England reach a World Cup semi and a European Championship final. He's pointed out to them that it's not always like this!

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ELIJAH VISITS OUR FIT HATTERS PROGRAMME

Participants on the Luton Town Community Trust's Fit Hatters programme had a special visitor to their session at Kenilworth Road just before the Easter Holiday weekend, with Town top scorer Elijah Adebayo dropping in to offer encouragement and a few fitness tips.

The 24-year-old striker spent almost 90 minutes speaking to the group, and each individual as he walked around the circuit training stations set up around the pitch, as he helped showcase the Trust's fine work in the local area as part of the EFL Week of Action. Elijah took time to pose for pictures, record video messages and sign autographs as the group, all Luton Town supporters, took their opportunity to get close to one of their heroes.

The Fit Hatters programme is a behaviour and lifestyle change programme focused at both male and female participants aged from 35 to 65 years old, where the participants are required to have a specific weight, waistline and BMI. It is a 12-week theory and practical based programme, and once the 12-week theory programme is completed, the Trust then look at 12 weeks of maintenance with the groups, with sessions involving walking football, circuit training and other activities.

The BBC Look East cameras were also present and the FIT HATTERS Programme featured on the 6.30pm programme, which was great publicity for our new cohorts which we will be starting next month.

New Cohort of FIT HATTERS starting next month!

We're on the Kenny concourse today at the start of our latest recruitment campaign for the next two cohorts of Fit Hatters starting next month.

We've just completed our latest two cohorts with over 50 Fit Hatters achieving some really fantastic results across a number of underlying health issues. FIT HATTERS is a free health programme for men and women aged 35-65 delivered by staff from the Hatters Trust at the stadium. You will meet Hatters fans just like you, who want to lose weight, go behind the scenes at the club, learn about healthy eating and take part in an exercise programme.



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So, if you are aged 35-65 and want to lose weight and make a change, why not take inspiration from Dale, a previous FIT HATTER? "I lost 8kg on the 12 week programme which also brought my blood pressure under control. Meeting others like me encouraged me to make small changes in my lifestyle which have had a huge benefit and I've also made a couple of great friends," he said.

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Hatters Youth Development 16's beaten in Dutch Final by Kingston Football Academy from Jamaica

It was looking odds on that both of our U16 squads out in Holland over Easter would meet in the final of the Easter open and guarantee an overall win, until a dreaded penalty shoot-out changed everything.

With the group games over, our U16 COFEX team finished on identical points and goal difference with group opponents, Kingston Football Academy who had travelled from Jamaica. With a deciding penalty kick in the shoot-out to make it 5-4 and a place in the final to meet our U16 Pre-Academy squad the opportunity was missed and the Jamaicans went on to win the shoot-out 7-6 and on to face our Pre Academy boys in the final.

1-0 up in the first minute then 1-1 seconds later set the final up for an end to end game, which saw the Jamaican keeper sent off after hauling down our centre forward outside the box. The subsequent free-kick was missed and a late goal from the 10 man Jamaicans saw victory snatched from both squads – the fine margins of tournament football teaching our boys a life lesson – just one penalty kick, just one and everything changed.



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This really could happen, couldn't it? Two games in four days off the back of three games without a win.

A catalogue of key players already in the treatment room with three more disappearing into Luton's very own "Bermuda Triangle" during the latter of the two games. The first against a team who were unbeaten in nine and had won five games on the spin. Six huge points, done so in a manner that epitomised what this Luton Town team is all about.

After a disappointing defeat on the road to Huddersfield, the form team in the Championship came to Kenilworth Road in the shape of Nottingham Forest, with Luton producing an outstanding 90 minutes of football to claim a crucial three points with Kal Naismith's penalty.

Much of the response to that game on social media and in the press centred around Luton's gritty, aggressive approach and how their success is rooted in hard work and desire. This is of course true, but Luton's tactical intelligence and understanding is just as important. Individuals running a lot is pointless without it being done whilst working within a wider framework and collective understanding. It's about effective running, which is what the Hatters are so good at.

The Town deployed Amari'i Bell on the left of the back three to match-up with the dangerous Brennan Johnson, whilst Fred Onyedinma was critical in foiling the threat of wing-back Djed Spence from left wing-back. Singling out the latter of those two, Onyedinma's understanding of when to step high onto Spence's first touch to deny him space was critical in the Hatters keeping a clean

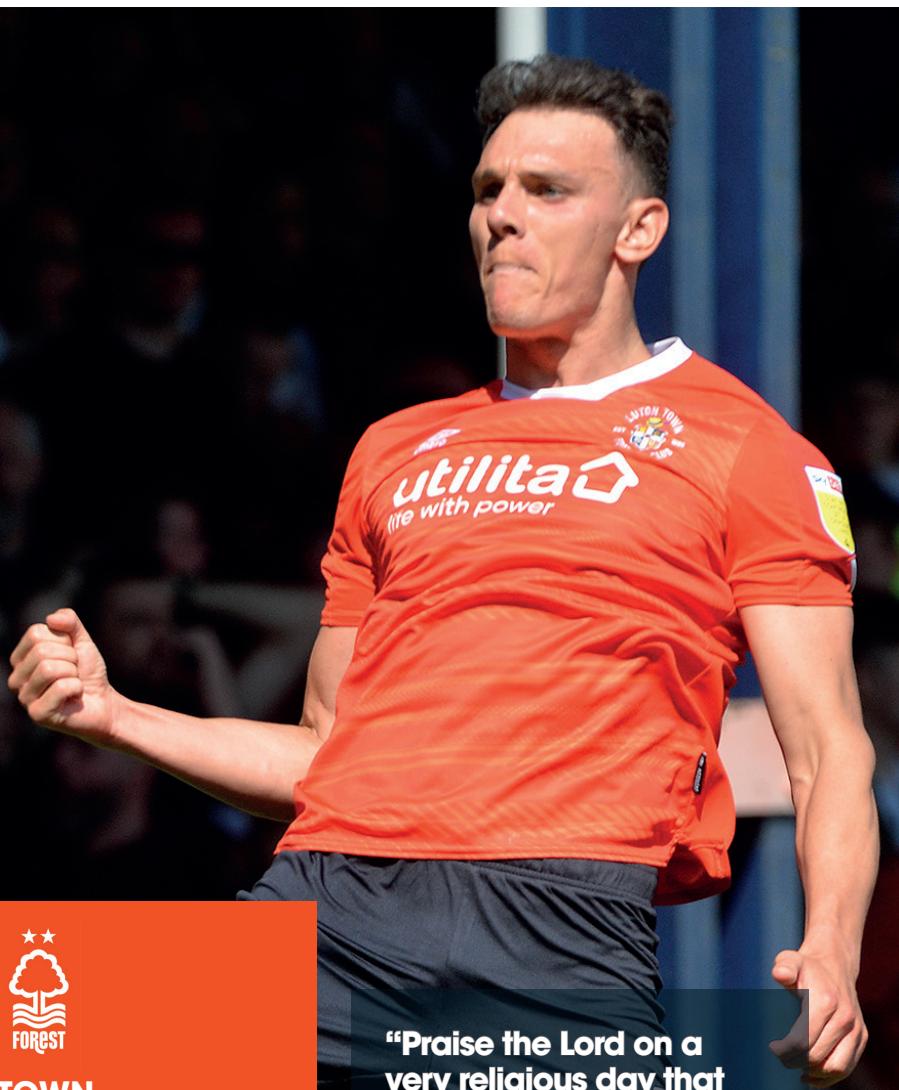
sheet against a team that had scored 15 goals in their previous five games.

The same applies to the almost completely new midfield trio of Rob Snodgrass, Allan Campbell and Kal Naismith, going man-to-man and denying space to Forest's technically gifted central midfielders when Luton's front men forced the ball centrally.

When you mix the psychological and physical characteristics that are so often affiliated with this team with the tactical understanding and cohesion that it embodies, what you get is a team that is as hard to beat as anyone in the league.

After a game that would've both physically and psychologically stretched the players, recovering and climbing the second mountain just three days later is arguably an even bigger challenge than conquering the first, especially with the number of injuries to key players. But once again, this squad found a way to win and put the Hatters within touching distance of the Championship play-offs.

With three games of the season remaining, three points should be enough to seal the chance to compete for a place in football's promised land. Whilst this group's psychological resilience, drive and work ethic has been central to what they've achieved this season, their talent and tactical understanding has been just as important in pushing this club to where it is – and that should not be overlooked.



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“Praise the Lord on a very religious day that we have got three points. It was a magnificent performance, first half I thought we were outstanding, we weren’t going to be able to keep up that momentum, especially considering the decimation of players we’ve had.”

NATHAN JONES

KAL NAISMITH

Words: Dan Briard

Kal Naismith praised a monumental team effort to condemn Nottingham Forest to a first league defeat since January.

The ten-man Hatters produced a strong performance to get the better of their play-off rivals thanks to the Scotsman's first-half penalty after he took responsibility from 12 yards and finished calmly.

"It is unbelievable humility from Elijah to be honest," Naismith commented after the match. "We had a chat before in the warm up and I said 'look big man, I'll get the ball, we know the tactics, they'll try and get in your head because you've missed one, wait until it all settles down and when it settles down, you can come to me if you want it and I'll back you to score.'

"You're our talisman, you're brilliant at penalties, everybody misses them, but you assess the situation and if you don't want it, I'll step up and hit it. To be fair to him, there's not many strikers that would have that humility in the situation and say, 'right Kal, you have a go', if he wants the next one, he can take it. We would never be where we are without him, he's been tremendous this season."

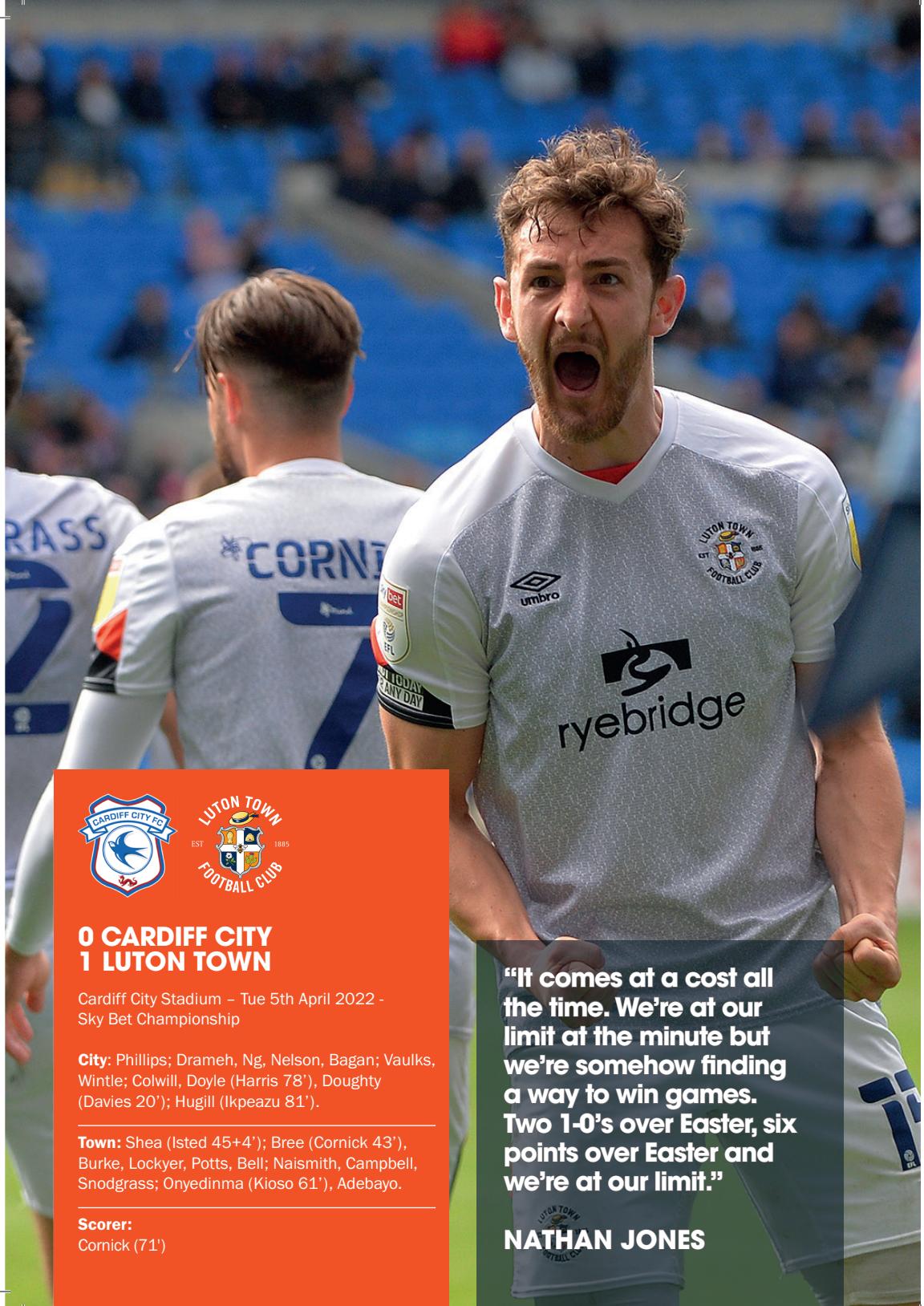
On a personal note, it was the 30-year-old's second goal of the season, both of which have come in front of the Sky Sports cameras, but for him it was all about the bigger picture at the end of the 90 minutes.

"It was a brilliant game. I don't know how it looked from the side but playing in it was enjoyable, it was feisty, good play at times, rough and tough, it was a proper Championship game. It was really tough, playing in midfield is a lot tougher and more combative in there. It's easy for me to say that now we've got three points!"

"To a man, every single player was outstanding, even the ones coming off the bench. Robert Snodgrass came into the centre-midfield role, and he's not started a game for us. He was outstanding, but I could name everyone."

"I'm proud of everyone that we bounced back, you don't know how hard that is to do in the Championship. When you go and get beat it's easy to feel down especially the way we lost (at Huddersfield). We felt if we scored the penalty, we would go on with momentum we would have gone on and won that game."





0 CARDIFF CITY 1 LUTON TOWN

Cardiff City Stadium – Tue 5th April 2022 –
Sky Bet Championship

City: Phillips; Drameh, Ng, Nelson, Bagan; Vaulks, Wintle; Colwill, Doyle (Harris 78'), Doughty (Davies 20'); Hugill (Ikpeazu 81').

Town: Shea (Isted 45+4'); Bree (Cornick 43'), Burke, Lockyer, Potts, Bell; Naismith, Campbell, Snodgrass; Onyedinma (Kioso 61'), Adebayo.

Scorer:
Cornick (71')

"It comes at a cost all the time. We're at our limit at the minute but we're somehow finding a way to win games. Two 1-0's over Easter, six points over Easter and we're at our limit."

NATHAN JONES

HARRY CORNICK

Words: Dan Briard

Harry Cornick praised a complete team performance in a 'massive win' against Cardiff City as the Hatters strengthened their position in the play-off places!

The forward scored his 12th goal of the season, coming off the bench to net in Wales as he did at Swansea in February. Extending his goal record meant that the 27-year-old is now enjoying his most successful season in front of goal, but he rued not taking another chance in the match before scoring!

"I should have scored from Pete Kioso's (cross). I scored from Snods' cross and not from Pete's, but his was easier! I should definitely score it, be a bit braver at the front stick, but I'm happy to get the second chance and take it. It was a good goal, that's 12 now which is a lot more than I did last season, so I'm happy to contribute. It's all about the team, everyone said that."

"The gaffer spoke to me before the game, I knew I wasn't playing and I said 'gaffer, whatever I need to do for this team, however I can contribute, I'm happy to do it'. If I sit in the stands for the next three games and we get in the play-offs, I just want to make sure the team do well."

Further on his discussions with the manager, Cornick added: "He speaks to me a lot. Everyone knows their role, there's a lot of games and players who deserve to be playing. A lot of players who haven't played that much this season who think they should be playing, and it spurs everyone on."

"Everyone knows they have to fight for their places, people who haven't been playing, the likes of Pete who hasn't played much, he's come in today off the bench and he was unbelievable in the last five minutes, making blocks, winning headers and putting his body on the line. That's what we need to get into the play-offs and then see how far we can go if we make it."

After cementing their fourth place, Cornick couldn't hide his happiness and hopes to end the season in strong form.

"Everyone is buzzing, you can't hide the fact everyone is happy. You'd be silly not to talk about it. We went in there, looked at the results, it's what you speak about. If you don't speak about it then what's the point of trying to do it? We're going to make sure we look into it and everyone is buzzing with the win."



FIXTURES 2021-22

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	PENALTY (F)	PENALTY (A)	OWN GOALS	SENT OFF	OPP. SENT OFF	SHEA	BREE	POTTS	MASIMITH	BRADLEY	REA	CORNICK	BERRY	HYLTON	LEE	ADEBAYO	SLUGA	SNODGRASS
								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	12				
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	ay			*	y				
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Birmingham City	L 0-5	10,014	1,006	11	-	-	-	-					ay	c			*					
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Sheffield United	D 0-0	9,774	1,036	12	-	-	-	*		y		a										
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	1 a			2 c					
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	2 a	1					2 b					
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		2 a	*			c					
Tue 19	7.45pm	A	Derby County	D 2-2	20,258	1,057	9	-	-	-	*	y a		c		*			1						
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Hull City	W 1-0	9,999	793	5	-	-	-	*			a					1 b						
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	*	1 b	b		1 c						
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Stoke City	L 0-1	10,068	1,005	11	-	-	-	*			*	b	*			*						
Fri 19	7.45pm	A	QPR	L 0-2	15,062	2,452	11	-	-	-	*			y		a	*		y						
Tue 23	7.45pm	A	Nottingham Forest	D 0-0	25,715	1,418	11	-	-	-	1			y	*	a	c	*	c						
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Cardiff City	L 1-2	9,987	1,032	14	-	-	-	*		y c	b											
DECEMBER																									
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	W 3-0	11,366	1,391	12	-	-	-	*			1			c		1 c						
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	1 e	*							
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 y								
Sat 5	5.30pm	A	Cardiff City (FAC4)	W 3-0	7,937	1,470	-	-	-	-	*			b		a									
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Barnsley	W 2-1	9,101	306	7	1	-	-	*			b		c		c							
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Birmingham City	L 0-3	17,292	1,782	10	-	-	-	*			c		*									
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	1 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	-	-	-	-	*			b		1 b	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			1 y		*					
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 2	c	b								
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Hull City	W 3-1	16,555	948	3	-	-	-	*		1		1 c	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		1 b	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	W 1-0	10,070	1,031	4	1	-	-	1	y		*	1 y	r	a		a		y c		b		
Mon 18	3.00pm	A	Cardiff City	W 1-0	19,381	1,203	4	-	-	-	b a	y		a 1	*				*						
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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SNODGRASS	MENDES GOMES	LOCKER	BURKE	MANZU	CLARK	PEREIRA	KIOSO	ISTED	CAMPBELL	LANSBURY	ONYEDINIMA	STEER	MURWE	THORPE	BELL	NEUFVILLE	OSHO	BECKWITH	JEROME	JONES	MCANNET	FRANCOIS-CLARKE	PALMER	SUB TIMES					SENT OFF	L#	O#	GOAL TIMES
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b					*	*											c								46	71	75	-	-	-	17, 31, 64	
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c		a	c		*	a	*									b									15	74	81	-	-	-	37, 55, 83	
c	a			*	y	b	y b	*	*							c									23	77	81	-	-	-	9, 28, 42, 59	
*	b	a	y		*	y b	*	*									c								51	52	75	-	-	-	9, 56, 72, 92	
c		c		*	*	a	c									b									64	83	83	-	-	-	25, 33, 81, 87	
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a				*	b	*	y																		35	58	81	-	-	-	59, 89	
b	c	y		*	c	b	b	*	c	*															65	81	93	-	-	-	37	
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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

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	2021-22 SEASON										CAREER		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL				
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	Y	R	APPS	G			
ELIJAH ADEBAYO	37	(2)	15	1	(0)	1	38	(2)	16	6	0	58	21
SAM BECKWITH	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
AMARI'I BELL	37	(1)	1	2	(1)	0	39	(2)	1	3	0	41	1
LUKE BERRY	10	(3)	6	1	(1)	1	11	(4)	7	2	0	137	21
SONNY BRADLEY	18	(2)	2	1	(0)	0	19	(2)	2	2	1	152	5
JAMES BREE	41	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	42	(0)	1	5	0	111	2
REECE BURKE	23	(2)	0	3	(0)	2	26	(2)	2	5	1	28	2
ALLAN CAMPBELL	29	(2)	4	0	(4)	0	29	(6)	4	8	0	35	4
JORDAN CLARK	18	(5)	2	1	(0)	0	19	(5)	2	2	0	63	5
HARRY CORNICK	28	(8)	11	1	(2)	1	29	(10)	12	4	0	208	35
DANNY HYLTON	4	(11)	4	0	(3)	0	4	(14)	4	3	0	166	62
HARRY ISTED	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(2)	0	2	0	4	0
CAMERON JEROME	12	(16)	3	3	(1)	2	15	(17)	5	5	0	32	5
PETER KIOSO	7	(7)	0	3	(0)	0	10	(7)	0	3	0	20	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	25	(2)	1	3	(0)	0	28	(2)	1	4	0	53	1
CARLOS MENDES GOMES	2	(7)	0	4	(0)	1	6	(7)	1	0	0	13	1
PELLY-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	39	(0)	2	1	(0)	1	40	(0)	3	8	0	63	4
FRED ONYEDINMA	13	(15)	3	1	(1)	0	14	(16)	3	4	0	30	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	7	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	9	(1)	0	1	0	186	11
GLEN REA	8	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	9	(4)	0	4	0	207	8
JAMES SHEA	19	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	21	(0)	0	1	0	106	0
SIMON SLUGA	19	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	19	(0)	0	1	0	94	0
ROBERT SNODGRASS	2	(3)	0	0	(1)	0	2	(4)	0	0	0	6	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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HATTERS!



JOHN CLEAVER

Lifelong supporter John Cleaver is 80 years old on 27th April. His greatest day as a Luton fan was being at Wembley for the Littlewoods Cup win in 1988. His wife Diane and sons Andrew and Matthew wish him a very Happy Birthday and hope the mighty Hatters get the win today he is hoping for.



MUSKY

Happy 60th birthday to Robert Roe (Musky) who is a lifelong Hatter, season ticket holder in the Kenilworth stand and attends away games whenever possible. Your fellow Hatter friends Daney, Fraz, Dammo, Duncan & Chris are looking forward to celebrating with you, hopefully starting with 3 points this afternoon!

UP NEXT

**FORMED: 1879****NICKNAME: THE COTTAGERS****LAST SEASON: 18TH IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE****FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @FULHAMFC****COLOURS: WHITE SHIRTS, BLACK SHORTS****GROUND: CRAVEN COTTAGE****MANAGER: MARCO SILVA**

WHO?

The Cottagers have already claimed promotion back to the Premier League after a dominant season which has seen them score almost 100 goals. This season's promotion was their third promotion from England's second tier in five years, winning the play-offs in both 2018 and 2020 with the Whites unable to maintain their top flight status with 19th and 18th placed finishes in 2019 and 2021.

GROUND?

Fulham have played their home fixtures at Craven Cottage since 1896 and hosts a capacity of 19,359. It's record attendance stands at 49,335 in 1938 when the Cottagers faced fellow London rivals Millwall and has posted an average attendance of 16,707 so far this season.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met at Kenilworth Road in December, playing out a 1-1 draw after Elijah Adebayo's second half equaliser cancelled out Championship top scorer Aleksander Mitrovic's opener. In 2019, the two sides played out an entertaining 3-3 draw, with the visitors equalising deep into stoppage whilst the reverse fixture at Craven Cottage ended in a 3-2 victory for the hosts.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Hatters midfielder Mark Pembridge finished his career at Craven Cottage and is currently the club's joint U23s manager, whilst Hatters Conference promotion winner Alex Lawless spent two years at Fulham as a youngster but didn't make a senior appearance, joining the Hatters five years after departing.

Words: Dylan Bhundia



OLIE JOHNSON

Happy Birthday to our son Ollie, an avid Luton Town fan since birth (he had little choice), and now season ticket holder with his Dad. One of his best days being mascot a few years back when he got to meet Big Mick! Have a great day mate with love from all the family.

JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT

Happy 8th birthday Joseph Cartwright! Lots of love Mum, Dad and Amy x

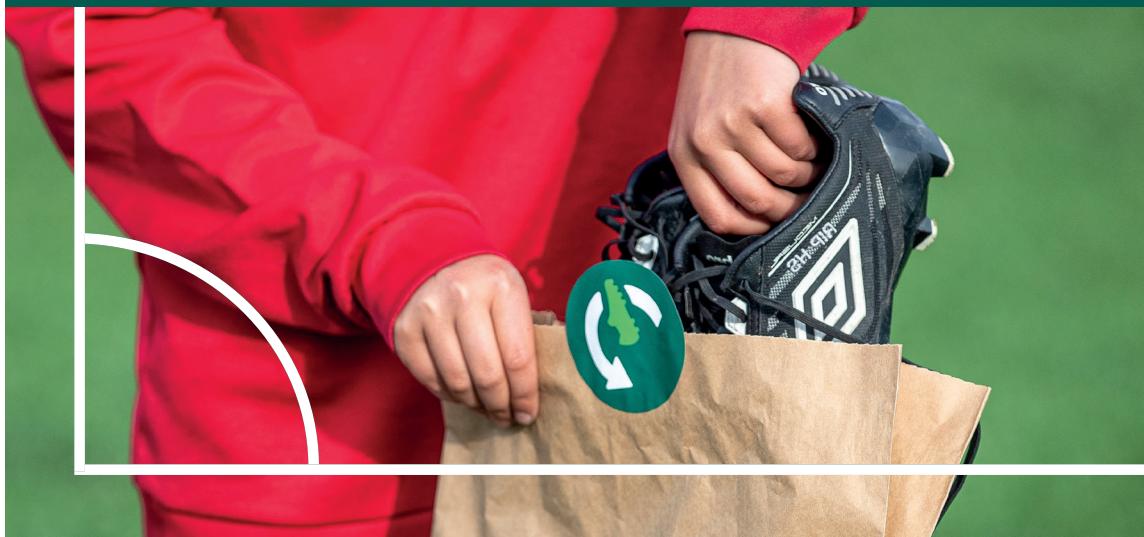
SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Fulham	42	26	8	8	98	37	61	86
2	Bournemouth	41	22	11	8	65	35	30	77
3	Huddersfield Town	43	20	13	10	58	45	13	73
4	Luton Town	43	20	11	12	61	47	14	71
5	Nottingham Forest	41	20	10	11	65	37	28	70
6	Sheffield United	43	18	12	13	55	44	11	66
7	Millwall	43	17	14	12	48	42	6	65
8	Blackburn Rovers	43	17	12	14	53	45	8	63
9	Middlesbrough	42	18	9	15	52	44	8	63
10	Queens Park Rangers	43	18	9	16	58	55	3	63
11	Coventry City	43	17	11	15	58	56	2	62
12	West Bromwich Albion	43	16	12	15	47	45	2	60
13	Swansea City	42	16	11	15	53	58	-5	59
14	Stoke City	43	16	10	17	54	48	6	58
15	Preston North End	43	14	16	13	44	50	-6	58
16	Blackpool	42	15	11	16	51	50	1	56
17	Cardiff City	42	14	7	21	48	64	-16	49
18	Bristol City	43	13	10	20	54	74	-20	49
19	Hull City	43	13	8	22	37	48	-11	47
20	Birmingham City	43	11	12	20	46	70	-24	45
21	Reading *	43	13	8	22	54	82	-28	41
22	Peterborough United	43	8	10	25	38	83	-45	34
23	Derby County *	43	13	13	17	42	49	-7	31
24	Barnsley	42	6	12	24	31	62	-31	30



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12 ROBERT SNODGRASS
14 CARLOS MENDES GOMES
15 TOM LOCKYER
16 REECE BURKE
17 PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU
18 JORDAN CLARK
20 PETER KIOSO
21 HARRY ISTED
22 ALLAN CAMPBELL
23 HENRI LANSBURY
24 FRED ONYEDINMA
26 ADMIRAL MUSKWE
28 ELLIOT THORPE
29 AMARI'I BELL
32 GABRIEL OSHO
35 CAMERON JEROME

NEIL CRITCHLEY

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09 JERRY YATES
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