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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURE WITH PRESTON NORTH END.

The welcome is extended to Ryan Lowe and his staff, their squad and all the directors and supporters who have travelled south today. We wish them a safe journey back to the north-west after the game.

Preston are a big, traditional club who have been a fixture in the Championship in recent years. I watched them a lot when I was based in Cheshire, and my return to the club after the initial lockdown in 2020 began with a home draw against them.

That proved a vital point in keeping us in the division and we've had some really tough clashes in all the games we've played against them since.

This season Preston have drawn both of their opening league matches, as we have, so we'll both come into it wanting to record our first wins, but we know that Ryan and his side will pose a stern test as they always do.

Those who were here on Tuesday night for the Newport game will have read in my notes how pleased I was with the point gained up at Burnley last Saturday, even if we came away disappointed not to have taken all three.

We showed that we are an excellent Championship side, especially out of possession which we had to be for long periods, but also when we had the ball. We caused them plenty of problems and while they only had the one shot on target, we had several good opportunities to extend our lead in the first half.

We defended wonderfully well and looked comfortable against a side who have just come down from the Premier League, have had a good transfer window and are expected to be up there challenging for an immediate return.

We believe we are an established Championship side now, as we proved by qualifying for the play-offs last season, and it was nice to hear an opposing manager give us credit by recognising that. I'm sure it will be a valuable point for us in the long run and now we need to consolidate them with that first win.

I won't dwell on the midweek game against Newport, other than that despite the result, there were actually some real moments of quality, not least Carlos and Locks' goals. Congratulations go to Josh Williams for making his senior debut, and also to Louie Watson on his first appearance for the club.

We had a lot of youth on the pitch at the end of the game, with three more teenagers on the bench, which is a huge positive with Paul Hart now firmly leading the academy in the right direction.

Thank you for sticking with them in mid-week, and for your magnificent support at Turf Moor last Saturday. Please play your part again today in helping us to that first win before we hit the road again.

Enjoy the game and COYH!



FROM THE BOARDROOM

STEPHEN BROWNE

Director



Good afternoon fellow Hatters, and welcome to Ryan Lowe and his Preston North End team.

The Lilywhites had a solid mid-table finish last year, but also suffered the sad news of the passing of their owner. They have a rich history and are a team that conjure up many memories for us all - one of those names in English Football that have achieved so much in the past and had such wonderful players.

We have many things in common regarding history and we would both like to add to those glory days, so whilst there have been draws all round for both Clubs in these early days of the season, with three points to fight for the game is sure to be enthralling.

I start by giving shout outs...

...firstly a huge congratulations and thank you to Harry on the fifth anniversary of him being with us. As soon as Harry gets the ball, the excitement builds as we watch his pace and running often leading to yet another goal threat. Off the pitch, Harry is an excellent ambassador for our great Club, so again, I tip my hat to you.

Secondly, Thursday was the seventh anniversary of Pottsy first pulling on a Luton Town shirt, which hardly seems possible. Again, a lovely person who has represented us on and off the pitch so well, and a player who has continually improved and shown he can compete in every division. Thank you Dan, and here's to an even better season.

It was pointed out to me (thanks Stu!) that Dan's debut was in our League Cup win over Bristol City, in the days when we were in League 2 and The Robins were flying high in the Championship with a side containing a certain Luke

Freeman. It was our turn that night to be the giant killers. Whilst I would rather not linger on Tuesday's result, we do wish Newport County well and hope they go on a Cup run - they came away to a tough place and did their job very well indeed.

It hurts to be 'giant killed', and for any of those that say "It's only the League Cup and we want to concentrate on the League...." then I must say they could not be further from the truth. We want to win every game. We want the lads to give their all and be proud of what they do on the pitch. We want you to be proud. And because every Board member has orange blood, any loss in any competition hurts us. Even more reason to congratulate Newport on their win.

Nathan and his team, and the players, are hungry to put right that performance and today we have the chance to put our dumping out of the Cup into the past.

Meanwhile, the Lionesses have put a smile on the nation's face and have shown how good a force football can be. The atmosphere in the team, and at the games, was electric and they are wonderful role models showing the capacity Women's football has to grow across the World, not just in England.

It has taken a very long time for the Women's game to get the recognition



It has taken a very long time for the Women's game to get the recognition it deserves.

it deserves. Doncaster Belles and Charlton Athletic led the way but it has taken far too long for the potential to be harnessed... so now it is down to football to give it the support and resources it deserves.

I would hope that within a short space of time we are seeing competitive women's teams up and down the country fighting it out for trophies and positions. I hesitate because we know that the men's game is broken. We know the financials are crazy and unsustainable. So, the last thing anyone of any gender should want is for the women's game to follow the same pattern as the men's. Surely, if the women's game copies the Premier League, won't that mean all we will see is 6-8 clubs soaking up all the money, players, and recognition?

The Premier League keeps for itself over 90% of what football in England earns. We already know that getting promoted from the Championship is worth close to £200m which is a 10-15x multiple of Championship income levels. Sky TV kindly pointed out the vast difference even between Championship clubs with the Play-Off finalists spending the best part of £50m to be competitive against our sub-£2m spend.

So, when you add on to that the fact that the 'Greedy Six' (to coin a term from a well-known podcast) have incomes of a further £300m versus other Premier League clubs, there are actually two leagues within one, with extremely little chance of 'a Leicester' ever happening again.

If there's one thing the women's game can learn from, it's the mistakes of the men. Please don't allow the women's game to become a plaything for just the very largest in the country. Please think of ways to avoid the hugely unfair and uneven playing field the men's game finds itself in.

We want women up and down the country to have access to the great game, and to be able to show their skills in a level and competitive playing system. To do this, support must be given to every level from Academy upwards, and all efforts must be made to stop the 'Greedy Six' taking 90% of the revenues. If a few are allowed to soak up everything, how can Clubs in the Championship, L1, and L2 set up the facilities and infrastructure and financing of the women's game to make it vibrant and inclusive everywhere? We see most Clubs run to the wire, and very often over it, so how can we make sure that the women's game corrects the male wrongs?

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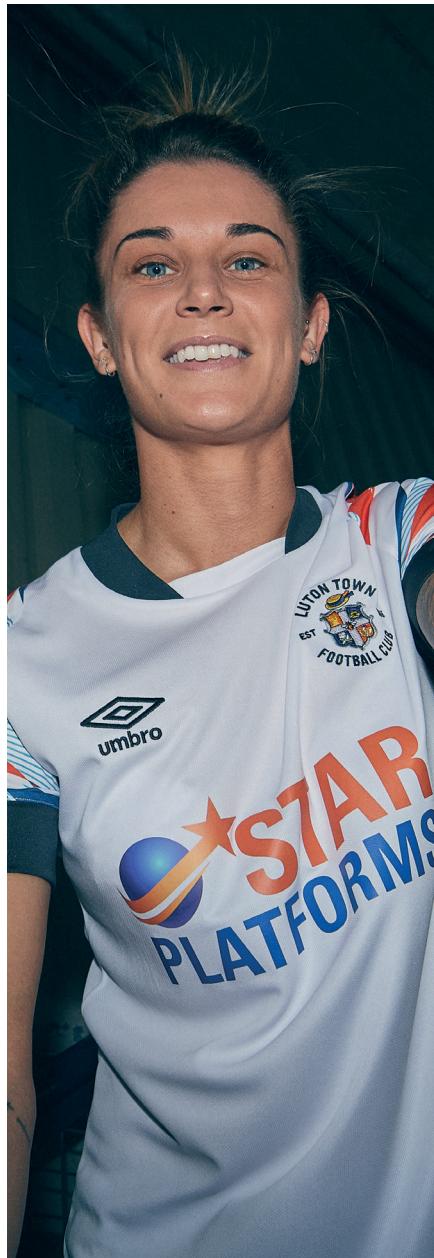
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game have largely ignored the efforts that the women's game has had to go to, sometimes with some sexism thrown in. I sincerely hope it is not those same, often secretive, suited, grey-haired group of men that decide on the way forward for the women's game. It is vital women have a far, far greater say at the highest levels than they have previously had in our national sport.

Time will tell what happens. I hope I am not writing programme notes in the 2030's ruing the fact that there are only 6-10 competitive women's team in England, carrying the same ol' names we are becoming used to in the Premier League. Instead, I'd love to be congratulating AFC Wimbledon women's team on their recent FA Cup win, or better still, Luton Town Ladies!

The women's game is at a crossroads, and all supporters hold the key. Together, fans across the country rejected the so called 'European Super League' proposals that were set to benefit just six English clubs. The depth of feeling against this attempt to steal our national game shows how much we, as supporters, can achieve. Woe betide anyone that tries to segregate the women's game into the 'haves' and 'have nots', or if they try to introduce systems that only favour the few...us fans are watching!

The Lionesses are deservedly role models for a whole new generation. Over the next decade that generation will turn out some wonderful talents from all over the country, with many of those talents citing the Lionesses as inspiration. Football as a whole must ensure that the right support is in place for people to achieve their dreams, and as part of that, we are delighted today to support the Her Game Too campaign, which aims to raise awareness on sexist abuse within football.

We are proud to say that several of our brilliant female staff are part of the group and you'll read elsewhere in today's programme and online about the fine work going on in making football a fair sport for everyone. The players will sport Her Game Too shirts in the warm-up, too.

Sing loud and proud for them, and raise that roof!

Come on you Hatters!

Stephen

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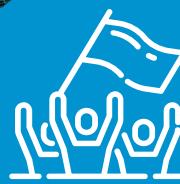
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“We tried right until the end, we were lacking a little bit of sharpness which is understandable because we had two weeks less rest than everyone, and had a five-week pre-season, so a little bit of sharpness was lacking.”

NATHAN JONES



0 LUTON TOWN 0 BIRMINGHAM CITY

Kenilworth Road – Sat 30th July 2022

Luton Town: Horvath; Bree, Osho, Bradley, Potts, Bell; Campbell, Freeman (Woodrow 69'), Clark; Adebayo (Jerome 84'), Morris (Cornick 70').

Birmingham City: Ruddy; Sanderson, Roberts, Trusty; Colin, Woods, James, Placheta (Graham 83'); Bacuna; Hogan, Deeney (Jutkiewicz 78').

Scorers:
None

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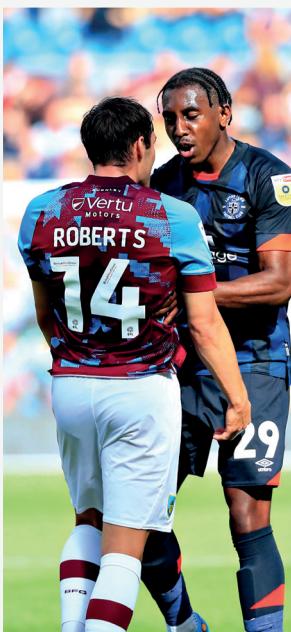


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“They had a lot of situations around our box but nothing clear-cut, the only chances they had were from outside the box and I thought we defended wonderfully well. You have to do that in the Championship because they are a good side.”

NATHAN JONES



1 BURNLEY 1 LUTON TOWN

Turf Moor – Sat 6th August 2022

Burnley: Muric; Roberts, Harwood-Bellis, Taylor, Maatsen; Brownhill, Cork (C), Cullen; Costeloe (Vitinho 82'), Bastien (Benson 46'); Barnes.

Luton Town: Horvath; Bree, Osho (Lansbury 84'), Bradley, Potts, Bell; Clark, Campbell (Burke 67'), Freeman (Woodrow 67'); Adebayo, Cornick (Morris 59').

Scorers:

BFC - Brownhill 50'
LT - Potts 5'

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DAN POTTS

Dan Potts continued his goalscoring exploits from pre-season and netted Luton Town's first competitive goal of the 2022/23 campaign in the 1-1 draw against Burnley.

The defender couldn't quite believe his luck when the ball rolled towards him in the area, and he made no mistake when thumping the ball past Arijanet Muric to put the Hatters in front.

After opening his account for the season with a finish from close range, the 28-year-old admitted: "I just said to Cauley and Carlton, it's a striker's dream! It fell so nicely, my eyes lit up and there was only one place I was putting it.

"I thought we started the game really well, I thought the three lads in the middle of the park were all over them like a rash. We started on top, got set pieces and got throw-ins which is where the goal came from.

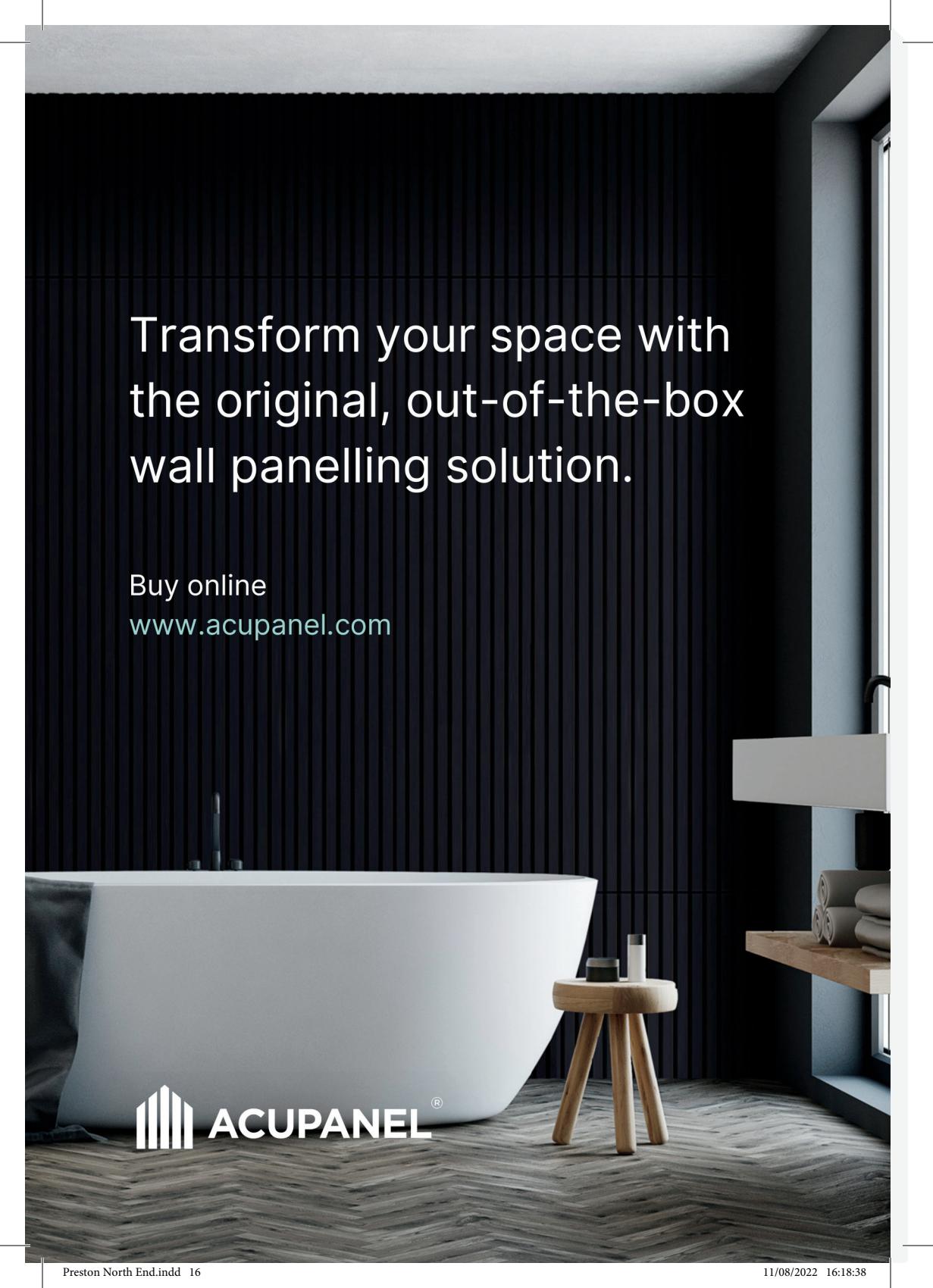
"That is the one problem though when you do go ahead early, the ball is in the other team's court and it's a case of 'right, what can you do to break us down'. I thought we handled it well first half and it was just a shame to concede early in the second.

"It doesn't matter where you play on the pitch, it's always nice to score and contribute to the team. We have goals everywhere so hopefully many more."

A draw was Town's second in succession following the goalless draw against Birmingham, but Potts did add: "If you came into the dressing room, you'd think we have just been smashed 4-0.

"There is a lot of disappointed faces, but I think the way the game was in the end, we'd been under the cosh without them really creating that much, but they had a lot of the ball. When we look back on Monday, I'm sure we will think that is a good point."





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“Fundamentally you have to defend better. We are a very good side out of possession, one of the best in the Championship, but we didn’t show that tonight.”

NATHAN JONES



2 LUTON TOWN 3 NEWPORT COUNTY AFC

Kenilworth Road – Tue 9th August 2022

Luton Town: Macey; Burke (Williams 72'), Lansbury (Osho 63'), Lockyer (C); Mendes Gomes (Thorpe 45'), Berry (Cornick 62'), Watson, Pereira; Woodrow, Jerome (Morris 62'), Muskwe.

Newport County: Day; Farquharson (Norman 53'), Drysdale, Demetriou (C); Lewis, Waite, Willmott, Bowen (Bennett 63'), Lewis; Collins (Zanzala 63'), Zimba (Wildig 78').

Scorers:

LT - Mendes Gomes (30'), Lockyer (50')
NC - Collins (36'), Zimba (52'), Waite (76')

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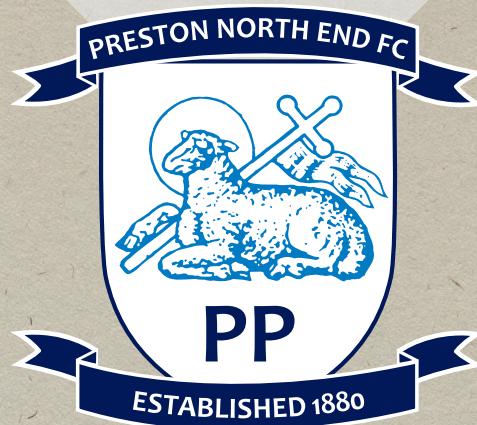
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ZAC NEAL

Preston North End were founded in 1880 – one of the founder members of the English Football League – and have played at Deepdale since 1885, the year the Hatters were formed.

Now managed by Ryan Lowe, the Lilywhites sit 16th in the Championship coming into today's game. The two sides last met here at Kenilworth Road earlier this year, when the Hatters ran out 4-0 winners thanks to a double from Luke Berry, one from Fred Onyedinma and an own goal.

This summer Preston have brought in goalkeepers Freddie Woodman and David Cornell, along with Ben Woodburn, Robbie Brady, Troy Parrott and Alvaro Fernandez.

They are yet to score in the league this term as they have drawn 0-0 with both Wigan Athletic and Hull City, but they did pick up their first win of the season in midweek, progressing to the second round of the Carabao Cup with a 4-1 win at fellow Championship side Huddersfield Town.

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RYAN LOWE

MANAGER | As a player, Lowe had notable spells at Shrewsbury, Bury and Crewe, before pursuing a career in management. His first managerial gig was with former side Bury, where he guided the Shakers to League Two promotion in the 2018/19 season. He later joined Plymouth and would earn promotion from League Two the following year. In December 2021, he took over at Preston.



FREDDIE WOODMAN

GK | Woodman ended his almost decade-long spell at Newcastle earlier this summer, joining Preston. The 25-year-old progressed through the Magpies' academy, featuring in four Premier League games, but spent most of his time at St James' Park on loan. He had spells at Crawley, Kilmarnock, Aberdeen and Swansea before moving to Deepdale.



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ANDREW HUGHES

DEF | Born in Cardiff, Hughes spent time at his hometown's academy before his release at age 15. He later joined Newport County, and went onto feature over 160 times in all competitions. The defender went onto have a two-year spell at Peterborough, making 82 League appearances for Posh. Now 30, Hughes joined Preston in the summer of 2018 and has been a mainstay in the Lilywhites' defence.

EMIL RIIS

ONE TO WATCH | Riis began his career in his native Denmark playing for Randers. He later had a spell in England at Derby, before returning to Randers in June 2018. He was a regular for the side in the Danish Superliga, scoring 14 league goals during his time at the club. The 24-year-old made the move back to England in the summer of 2020, joining Preston.



NORTH END OCUS



BEN WHITEMAN

MID | After time in the Manchester United academy in his youth, Whiteman would eventually sign professional terms at Sheffield United, and featured in eight league games for the Blades. Loan spells at Mansfield and Doncaster followed for the midfielder, before a permanent stay with Donny. In January 2021, the 26-year-old made the switch to Deepdale.



TROY PARROTT

ATT | From Dublin, Parrott spent time at Irish side Belvedere before joining Tottenham in July 2017. The striker has two Premier League appearances to his name, and has had loan spells at Millwall, Ipswich, and Milton Keynes. Parrott, capped 14 times by the Republic of Ireland, made the fourth loan spell of his career by joining North End in the summer.



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Under the spotlight is a player with a connection to both the Hatters and today's visitors, as club historian ROGER WASH looks back at their first and last appearances for the Town.

Born in Luton, Keith came up through the ranks before getting his first team chance as a 16 year old in November 2003 in an FA Trophy game at Rushden. Although not the tallest, Keith could more or less play anywhere across the back or in midfield and once he had cemented a first team place in the League side in February 2004, he became a regular for the next eight years.

In his first full season, Keith won a medal as the side took the championship of League One, but was then powerless as the Town dropped like a stone into non-League in 2009, but not before he picked up a winner's medal in the Johnstones Paint Trophy final against Scunthorpe at Wembley.

Remaining loyal to his home town club, Keith played for two seasons in the Conference before he inevitably moved on to Preston in June 2012, where he made 64 appearances, scoring two goals. Loan spells at Crawley and Stevenage followed before he signed a permanent contract at Cambridge United, and then finished his League career at Rochdale.

FIRST GAME: RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS 1 LUTON TOWN 2 (4/11/2003) FA TROPHY

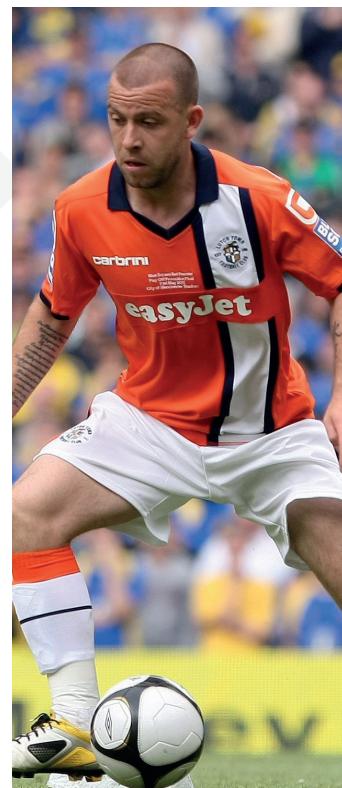
Luton manager Mike Newell included only three players who had turned out in the previous League game, which gave the opportunity for 16-year-old Keith to make his first team bow. Despite playing against a virtually full-strength Diamonds side, the Town took the lead after seven minutes when Enoch Showunmi bundled through to slot home with a neat finish. One became two after 19 minutes when Showunmi was brought down in the area leaving Michael Leary to net from the spot. Rushden pulled a goal back five minutes later through Rodney Jack and from then on it was backs against the wall, not helped by Sol Davis being dismissed after a second yellow card just before the interval. The young Hatters held on though with dogged defending, including a goal line clearance from the debutant.

LAST GAME: LUTON TOWN 1 YORK CITY 2 (20/5/2012) CONFERENCE PLAY-OFF FINAL

Keith bowed out on a disappointing day in the club's history. In front of 30,000 Luton supporters at Wembley, the Town got off to a dream start when Andre Gray scored after 75 seconds. Despite all the arguments about York's second goal, which was blatantly offside, the Town did not do enough to secure promotion back to the Football League with the Minstermen eventually worthy of their win. A brutally honest Keith said afterwards that the Hatters did not deserve to win promotion that season, flattering to deceive after finishing 22 points behind champions Fleetwood.

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KEITH KEANE





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Luton Town Football Club is delighted to announce a brand-new partnership with Her Game Too, a voluntary organisation which aims to raise awareness on sexist abuse within the realms of football.

We are joining a number of other clubs from the EFL and beyond to show our commitment to the cause, helping to create further awareness around the problems females can face both on matchdays and online away from fixtures. To help launch this exciting new partnership, the players will show their support by wearing Her Game Too branded t-shirts in the warm-up before our game against Preston North End.

Her Game Too was founded by 12 passionate female football fans in May 2021 with a special launch video uploaded to social media.

The individuals involved with Her Game Too are helping to build a more welcoming environment for young girls and females at stadiums, championing women who play football, work in football and support football, whilst also continuing to campaign against the online abuse women suffer and sexism attached to the game, to ensure women are respected equally and can feel safe doing something they love.

With the support of the Hatters and other clubs, the non-profit organisation is aiming to create further awareness, carry out research, educate the next generation, offer support for reporting systems in place at clubs, develop a strong sense of community and create strong relationships with other relevant partners, among much more.

Luton Town Senior Commercial & Hospitality Executive Viv Long, the Hatters' Her Game Too club ambassador, said: "As a football fan from a young age and someone who now works within football, I am delighted that Luton Town have joined with Her Game Too. I'm really looking forward to helping the Club work alongside our Her Game Too Ambassadors, fans, staff and players to really promote equality and raise awareness on sexism, whilst also empowering women in football and helping to make everyone's football experience as safe and enjoyable as possible. I hope that by the Club being a part of this initiative, it will help to open the doors for anyone who is interested in football to come forward and attend games and enjoy the matchday buzz, joining the real life and online community which comes with being a Hatter."

Her Game Too founder Caz May added: "It's important that we have the backing of professional football clubs to help us raise awareness of sexism against women in football, so we are delighted to have the support from Luton Town. Football fans of all backgrounds need to feel at home when attending matches, so we are looking forward to working with the club to ensure football is a diverse and welcoming environment for all."



LUTON LADIES

Luton Town Ladies have beaten five teams so far in pre-season, two from a higher level, scoring a total of 26 goals and conceding five. New manager Rob Burton has brought in some new faces and more importantly kept the core of the team together from last season.

Some stand out performances so far have been beating Royal Wootton Bassett from the same level 7-0. We then beat London Seaward 3-2 and Cambridge City 2-1, both clubs being from a level above in the National League.

Some new faces include Hitchin Town striker Janz Allen who scored 50 goals last season at a lower level, and Scottish midfielder Lauren Low, who is also the new lead physio with the Luton Town FC academy. Youngster Ella Nesbitt from MK Dons also put pen to paper with the Hatters, as well as teenage sensation Keira Palmiera, who will make her first team debut as soon as she turns 16. Alice King has signed from Oaklands Wolves as well to make it a successful pre-season so far.

The first team kick off their season on 21st August, when we will host Kings Lynn Town at Kenilworth Road. Kick-off will be 2pm with £3 entry. We then make the short journey to Bedford Ladies on the 28th, before we host Haringey on the 4th September and travel to Harlow on the 11th.

There have also been several new faces join the reserves set up, which will put them in a good position when their season starts on the 4th September.

General manager Nikki Baker gave her thoughts on the season's preparation so far, saying: "There is a great feel around the team and real togetherness. We have pulled off some really good results and although it's only pre-season, it mentally gives us an edge going into the season. We have

made some good signings to add to our existing group of players and we are hoping to hit the ground running. We are particularly excited about playing at Kenilworth road for the first game and would love to see a crowd there."

Things have been progressing well with the youth section too. With the new season just weeks away now, the girls have started to regroup back to training and raring to go. A few friendlies are underway and some great results coming out of them. We start this season with 12 teams in the u8s league right through to the u18s, Tiny Hatters (2-6yrs) & Little Hatters (Beginners 6-11). Keep an eye out on a Saturday morning for games at Lancaster Avenue and Dallow Primary School.

We are still looking for girls to join the club in the U9s, U10s and looking to add a 2nd team in the U11s age group. Tournaments over the summer have been very successful with trophies galore.

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WITH ROGER WASH
CLUB HISTORIAN

SAM BARTRAM... RIGHT MAN, WRONG TIME?

Sam Bartram was a Charlton legend. Born in South Shields in 1914, he turned out in goal for many local clubs before being invited to Charlton in 1934 at the age of 20.

He soon made the number one spot his own and oversaw the Addicks' rise from Division Three (South) to runners-up in the top flight in consecutive seasons in the mid-1930s.

By the time he hung up his gloves in 1956 he had racked up over 800 appearances for Charlton in all competitions, and was widely regarded as the best un-capped goalkeeper in the country.

Sam immediately moved into management with York City, a club he had guested for during the War. Overseeing promotion to Division Three (now League One) in 1959, Sam saw his side suffer immediate relegation so it was a rather strange decision when he was asked by the Luton board to take over at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1960, although he was at least third choice with former coach Jack Crompton being one of those to turn down approaches.

Sam inherited an ageing side that had just suffered relegation from the top flight under previous manager, and former skipper, Syd Owen. One of his first jobs was to oversee the transfer of winger Billy Bingham to Everton for £10,000 plus full-back John Bramwell and forward Alec Ashworth.

Although Luton supporters were hoping for a return to the top flight at the first attempt, the side became a byword for inconsistency. Big home wins over the likes of Middlesbrough, Southampton and Charlton were countered

by heavy defeats to Rotherham, Sunderland and Bristol Rovers. By the end of the 1960-61 season the Town sat in a respectable mid-table position but using 33 players, in the days before substitutes, over the campaign told its own story.

Gradually Sam got rid of more of the 'old guard' from the 1959 Cup final era but with severe financial restraints at the club, the quality of the replacements prevented the side from making a concerted effort at cementing a top two place.

So it was more of the same in 1961-62 with the Town hitting third spot in early December after six games without defeat, only to then suffer four defeats on the spin without scoring. The season ended in another mid-table position but with the lack of proper funding, it surely represented a success rather than a failure.

The Board thought they could do better and decided that Sam was not 'fulfilling his duties in the manner hoped' and duly sacked him. Confident in his own abilities and working without a contract, the official line of 'leaving by mutual consent' was a bitter blow for Sam and he quietly seethed for a couple of weeks before hitting back at the injustice.

Sam with his first squad in 1960-61.



Sam had been providing an occasional humorous weekly column for the *Sunday People* recalling his time in the game, and so he had the perfect vehicle to provide an exposé of his time at Kenilworth Road and how he had been treated badly.

Over four weeks, Sam's *Sunday People* back page 'kiss and tell' story became the talk of football. He started off by saying 'I shall never again attempt to manage any club. For I know now, as I was warned when I first went into management six years ago, that the small-time local businessmen who became directors seldom want experts to advise them, seldom want managers or team builders. All they appear to need are stooges, can carriers and yes-men.'

Warming to his task, Sam went for the jugular. 'As Luton's manager, I was caught between the devil and the

deep-blue sea. I believed, sincerely, I owed it to the club's supporters to play what I thought was the best possible team and to buy or find players if I thought it was necessary to do so. But this is how frustrating a manager's life can be. He is bound to clash in the end with directors who think they know more about the game than he does and are forever pushing their favourite players forward.'

By the second and third columns Sam was giving it both barrels and was naming names. Chairman Percy Mitchell in particular was not painted in a good light, but the players did not escape Sam's wrath. 'The much better paid Second Division men of Luton – most of them anyway – seemed to have the greatest difficulty in reaching the ground by ten o'clock of a morning to begin training. Then, in spite of all the efforts of myself and my coaches so many of them would merely jog-trot through the exercises at their own set speed and in their own set ways. Training for them was a nuisance, a bore.' Sam then went on to accuse them of being 'the greatest clock-watchers I have ever known' as knocking-off time of mid-day approached.

Reading this, it would appear that Sam was weak, but on the contrary, any fines dished out were diluted by the directors, especially if the player in question was one of their favourites.'



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Sam giving goalkeeping advice to youngster Les Ker.

After four weeks the rants were exhausted and Sam took up a role with the Sunday People as a match reporter, never to return to football management. Living in Harpenden, naturally Kenilworth Road was a regular haunt but initially he was banned from the press box and so became a paying customer, watched the game, before slipping out quietly at the end to find a phone box to file his report.

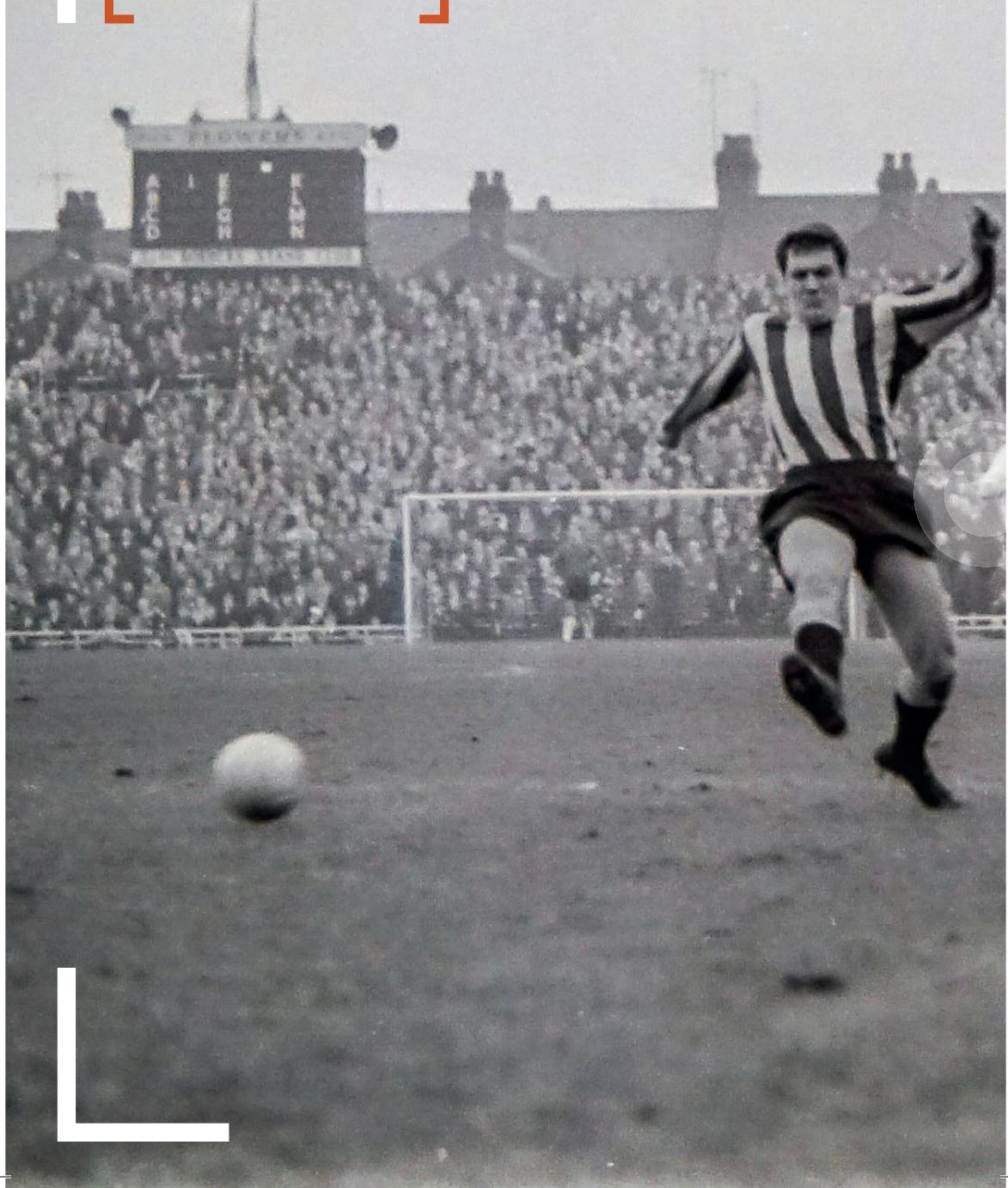
The ban was eventually lifted and Sam became a regular at Luton games right until the time of his death in 1981.

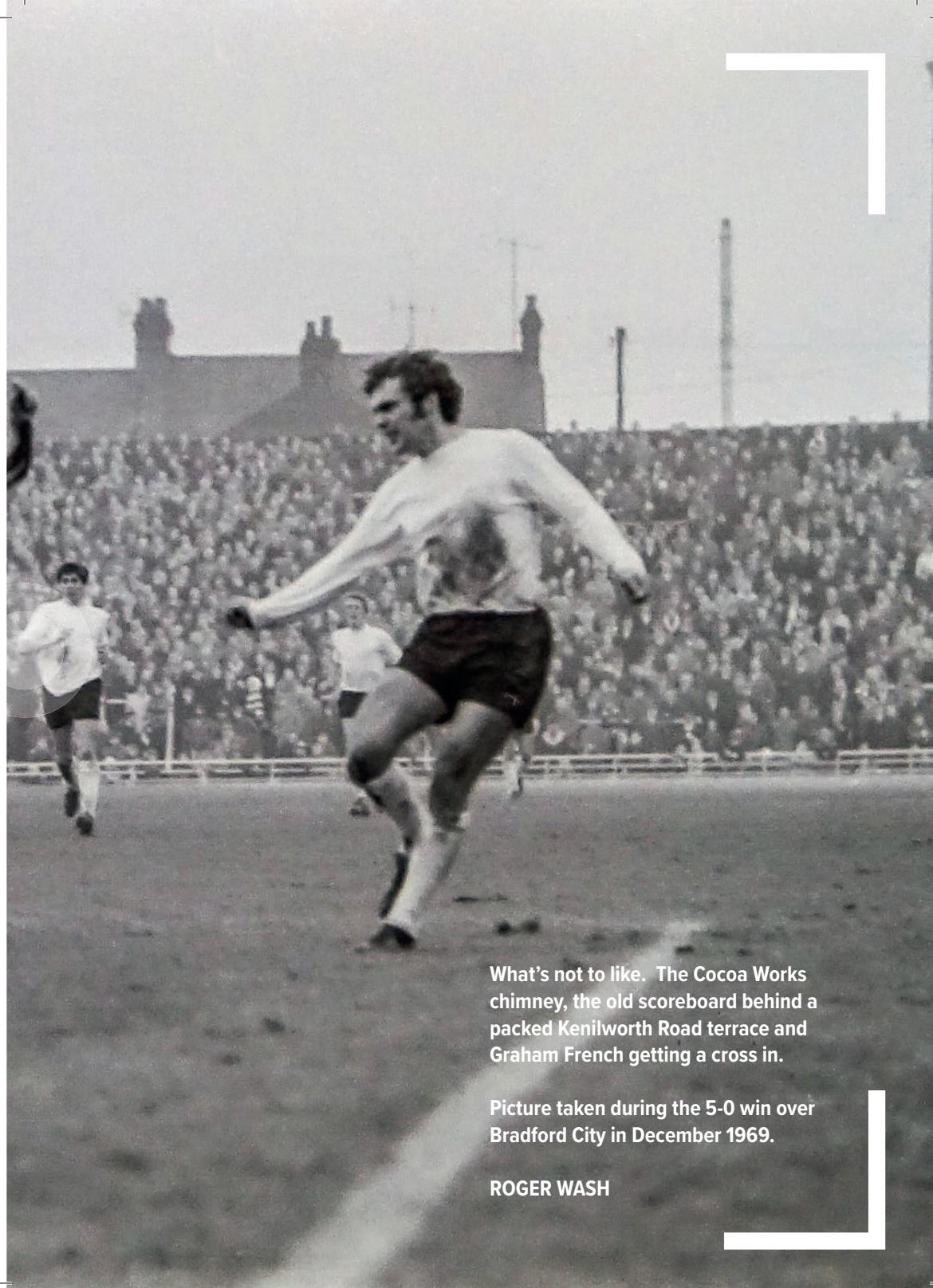
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What's not to like. The Cocoa Works chimney, the old scoreboard behind a packed Kenilworth Road terrace and Graham French getting a cross in.

Picture taken during the 5-0 win over Bradford City in December 1969.

ROGER WASH

LUTON AZ

WITH GABE OSHO



A - ATHLETE

If you had to compete,
what event would you do?
Triple jump.



B - BOOTS

Favourite pair of boots?
Nike R10's



C - CAR

Dream car?
Lamborghini Urus



D - DESTINATION

Dream destination?
*Madagascar – I don't why but
the movie is quality!*



E - EAT

Favourite food?
*Nandos - Four chicken thighs,
peri tamer, spicy rice and
chips, that's the order.*



F - FIVE

What is your all-time
five-a-side team?
*René Higuita (the Scorpion kick keeper),
David Luiz, Andrés Iniesta, Moussa Dem-
bélé and Dimitar Berbatov*



G - GUESTS

Celebrity you'd like to
have a drink with?
Michael Jackson and current day Drake.



H - HOBBIES

Favourite thing to do other
than football?
*Go to the cinema often. Once a week
minimum.*



I - IDOL

Who is your sporting idol?
*Sadio Mane. I like the work he does back
home in Senegal, building schools and
hospitals.*



J - JOB

What do you see yourself
doing after playing?
*A football manager. I played Football
Manager from the age of seven and I feel
like I'm ready now! Give me 10/15 years, I'll
be all over it.*



K - KIT

Favourite all-time football shirt?
*Man United black away 07/08,
AIG in the middle – wow!*



L - LANGUAGES

How many languages can
you speak?
One.



M - MOMENT

Favourite moment of your career so far?

1-0 away win at Swansea, probably the best game I've played and it was such an amazing win.



N - NOTABLE

Who is the most famous contact in your phone?

Probably Michael Olise.



O - OPPOSITION

Hardest opponent?

Ruben Loftus-Cheek when we played Chelsea last year.



P - PIZZA TOPPINGS

What toppings would you choose?

Pepperoni and extra pepperoni, that's it!



Q - QUALITY STREET

Favourite chocolate?

White Kit-Kat chunky. When I was 14, I used to eat two a day, every day for a year straight.



R - RESTAURANT

Favourite restaurant?

Sexy Fish in London. They do a very nice caramelised duck, one of the best things I've ever tasted.



S - STADIUM

Favourite stadium you've played at?

Old Trafford for Reading Under 23s. I'm a United fan so I hope we get them in the cup this year!



T - TRAVEL

Best place you've been to?

Dubai. It's typical but it's manmade to perfection, there isn't one tree that looks out of shape or wrong, it's very beautiful. Fake but beautiful!



U - UNLIMITED

If you could have endless something, what would it be?

Happiness



V - VICTORY

Most memorable win?

Bournemouth at home. I only played 25 minutes but we scored the late winner and it was amazing.



W - WATCH

Favourite film/series?

Series – Stranger Things. Best thing I've ever seen on TV. Film – Avatar. For two years I'd run around secondary school making the sounds they made in the movie!



X - X FACTOR

If you had to sing, what song would you choose?

Nights by Frank Ocean.



Y - YIKES

Biggest fear?

Rollercoasters. I've been on a couple, one at Thorpe Park called Stealth, and I'm pretty sure that for the first two seconds on the descent I was knocked out!



Z - ZOO

Favourite animal?

Polar bears. I like the way they are alone, they kill whatever they want but they look so nice.





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Good afternoon all, and welcome to this afternoon's game against Preston North End.

It has been a busy few weeks within the Academy and the U21s, 18s and 16s are now in full swing with their respective seasons. The U18s were able to get away to Essex for three days' worth of team building activities before their season started, which was brilliantly supported by SoLYD.

The boys stepped out of their comfort zone while climbing high ropes, sailing and also testing each other's reflexes whilst fencing!

The games are coming thick and fast at the moment, with the U18s and U16s both getting their league campaigns off to winning starts against AFC Wimbledon on Saturday. The U18s came out 1-0 winners after a hard fought battle thanks to an 85th minute winner from Zack Nelson, while two goals from Tate Xavier-Jones and a goal each from Charlie Emery and Jamie Odegah saw the U16s victorious 4-3.

The U21s have also had a number of fixtures recently, the

latest of which saw them travel to Stoke City where Adrian Forbes' men went down 3-2 with goals from Ed McJannet and Josh Allen. The U21s will be back in action next Tuesday in a behind closed door fixture with QPR at The Brache.

The U9's – U14's school boys are also returning to training next week after their summer break and it will be great to have the whole Academy back at The Brache training on a daily basis.

Finally, congratulations to Daniel Idiakhoa, who for the first time joined Ed McJannet in being called up to a Republic of Ireland U19 training camp at Loughborough University at the start of the month.

I hope you enjoy today's game and COYH!



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DANIEL IDIAKHOA

Age: 18

Position: Central midfield



Where are you from?

I was born in Dublin, but I've lived over here for five years now since moving with my family to Olney.

Which junior teams did you play for?

I played for Tattenhoe U15s-16s, and then I went to the Soccer Assist Academy where I studied and trained while playing in the United Counties League for Newport Pagnell Town.

Which team do you support?

I don't really support a team in a die-hard way, but I do have a soft spot for Everton.

What age did you join Luton?

I've just joined the club, so 18. I came on trial for four weeks at the end of last season and was offered a development contract.

How did you join the club?

I was scouted playing for Newport Pagnell in the UCL.

Who has been the biggest influence on your career so far?

My dad, Lawrence. He inspires me because he works hard and has taken me to all my matches. He's sacrificed a lot for me.

Who is your footballing hero?

Messi, for his pure talent and his ability on the ball.

What has been the highlight of your career so far?

Apart from signing my contract at Kenilworth Road, it would have to be getting on the pitch at Wembley with Newport Pagnell. I couldn't play in the final, but I played in two of the rounds on the road to Wembley and was with the squad for the day.



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Our day starts with warm up activities where we specifically focus on individual SAQ skills as well as ball mastery. We then focus on individual and team games where the participants learn to use their social skills to work effectively with their team-mates. In the afternoon all participants take part in football tournaments and matches, with the main focus being having fun and not specifically winning games!

To round off each day, we hold a mini awards ceremony to celebrate those who have displayed a positive attitude, shown good determination or excelled in their performance. Alongside our main football camps, we also offer specialised camps for any budding James Shea's who want to learn the basics of goalkeeping.

Daniel Bobinski, Holiday Camps Coordinator, said: "What's special about our camps is that no matter how good you are at football, you can always take part and learn more about it! We are accessible to everyone in the community and by keeping our prices as low as possible, we create a great relationship with the local community. The main objective for us as coaches is to ensure all participants have taken part in an enjoyable day where they have learnt something about football and made new friends as well!"

During the first two weeks of camps we've already seen some cracking players, as well as many youngsters that are very new to the game but already seeing the rewards of attending the camps both in terms of their footballing ability and self-confidence. You also never know who might drop in to say hello.

This week alone, we have been joined by first team members Henri Lansbury,



Alfie Doughty, Elliot Thorpe and Reece Burke. As well as having a kickabout, they also spent some time answering any questions the children had, signing autographs and taking photos. To see the youngsters faces light up when they meet their heroes is a real joy.

Our camps will continue to run up until the end of the summer holiday period. To see a full list of our venues please visit www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk. For further information please contact us on **01582 561622** or email **soccerschool@lutontown.co.uk**

this and increased the pressures on families. Energise Luton targets those that need it most and offers a solution that children and their parents and guardians really benefit from. This is our third year working on the project and it's extremely rewarding to see the impact these camps have on the young people."

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NAME: Luke Boyle

AGE: 10

HOBBIES: Gymnastics & Football

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Matt Macey

NAME: Sam Boyle

AGE: 10

HOBBIES: Football & Martial Arts

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Elijah Adebayo

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TRICK OR TREATMENT

LUTON TOWN v PRESTON NORTH END
SATURDAY AUGUST 13th 2022 | KENILWORTH ROAD

SIMON PARSELL

HEAD OF MEDICAL

Here we go with another season, our fourth in the Championship which is a credit to everyone at the Club. The turnaround to pre-season this year was even tighter than usual, and with a World Cup to come, it is going to be a testing season.

As you know, the squad has changed around and at one stage I am sure my wife thought I was having an affair with someone, as the same Barnsley number kept appearing on the phone.

But having secured the players, it was off to Slovenia. This proved interesting for Kev Dearden. Out on a cycling session with a group of the lads, a wasp decided to fly up the leg of Kev's shorts. He now faced a dilemma let the wasp sting him or take evasive action. Evasive action seemed the best option until he looked around him and potentially he could of wiped out three of our new signings. Being a good club man, he took the hit by throwing himself onto the path border. Obviously, everyone was deeply concerned for Kev as they held back the laughter.

A quick thank you at this point to Tammy and her staff at One Stop Doctors, Hemel Hempstead, for arranging the scanning required for medicals. It takes some organisation as things change rapidly and sometimes I have to stall. Remember, you can never lie to an X-ray technician, as they can see straight through you.

Injury wise, we have James Shea and Glen Rea recovering from their long-term knee problems. Pelly is getting closer and we hope to see him on grass very soon. Fred is working with Sports Science on his recovery from a difficult hamstring issue. Injuries will be a big issue again as we face a schedule that throws up a game every 3.6 days.



Love Island was a big part of conversations recently. What we didn't know was that we had lookalikes in the building. Was Billy really Chris Phillips? And was Luca really Glen Rea? Glen even has the same bad tattoos. It certainly provided a few laughs during pre-season.



CHRIS PHILLIPS



GLEN REA



BILLY FROM
LOVE ISLAND



LUCA FROM
LOVE ISLAND

Talking of mistaken identity. We were at Hitchin when a young lad was running alongside Reece Burke shouting 'Harry, Harry can I have your autograph?'. Obviously upset by the comparison, Reece tried to explain who he was. Only to be asked, 'Harry can I have your shirt?'

Hopefully we can have another good season and your support, as always, will be a big part of that. Enjoy the game.

COYH!

2022-23 FIXTURES & RESULTS

	DATE	OPPOSITION	POS	SCORE	STARTING XI						
AUGUST	SAT JUL 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	/	D 0-0	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL
	SAT AUG 6	BURNLEY	A	15	D 11	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL
	TUE AUG 9	NEWPORT CITY AFC (CCR1)	H	/	L 2-3	MACEY	MENDES GOMES	BURKE	LANSBURY	LOCKYER	PEREIRA
	SAT AUG 13	PRESTON NORTH END	H								
	TUE AUG 16	BRISTOL CITY	A								
	SAT AUG 20	SWANSEA CITY	A								
	FRI AUG 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H								
	TUE AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	A								
	SAT SEP 3	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H								
	SAT SEP 10	STOKE CITY	A								
SEPTEMBER	WED SEP 14	COVENTRY CITY	H								
	SAT SEP 17	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H								
	SAT OCT 1	HULL CITY	A								
	TUE OCT 4	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H								
	SAT OCT 8	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A								
	SAT OCT 15	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H								
	TUE OCT 18	NORWICH CITY	A								
	SUN OCT 23	WATFORD	A								
	SAT OCT 29	SUNDERLAND	H								
	TUE NOV 1	READING	H								
NOVEMBER	SAT NOV 5	BLACKPOOL / FAC R1	A								
	WED NOV 9	CARABAO CUP R3									
	SAT NOV 12	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H								
	SAT NOV 26	FAC R2									
	SAT DEC 10	MIDDLESBROUGH	A								
	SAT DEC 17	MILLWALL	H								
	WED DEC 21	CARABAO CUP R4									
	MON DEC 26	NORWICH CITY	H								
	THU DEC 29	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A								
	SUN JAN 1	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A								
JANUARY	SAT JAN 7	EMIRATES FAC R3									
	WED JAN 11	CARABAO CUP R5									
	SAT JAN 14	WEST BROM	H								
	SAT JAN 21	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A								
	WED JAN 25	CARABAO CUP SEMI 1									
	SAT JAN 28	CARDIFF CITY FAC R4	H								
	WED FEB 1	CARABAO CUP SEMI 2									
	SAT FEB 4	STOKE CITY	H								
	SAT FEB 11	COVENTRY CITY	A								
	WED FEB 15	PRESTON NORTH END	A								
FEBRUARY	SAT FEB 18	BURNLEY	H								
	SAT FEB 25	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A								
	WED MAR 1	EMIRATES FAC R5									
	SAT MAR 4	SWANSEA CITY	H								
	SAT MAR 11	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A								
	WED MAR 15	BRISTOL CITY	H								
	SAT MAR 18	SUNDERLAND FAC Q	A								
	SAT APR 1	WATFORD	H								
	FRI APR 7	MILLWALL	A								
	MON APR 10	BLACKPOOL	H								
APRIL	SAT APR 15	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A								
	WED APR 19	READING	A								
	SAT APR 22	MIDDLESBROUGH	H								
	SAT APR 29	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A								
	SAT MAY 6	HULL CITY	H								

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP 2022/23

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Blackburn Rovers	2	2	0	0	4	0	4	6
2	Sunderland	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4
3	Burnley	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
4	Watford	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
5	Birmingham City	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
6	Hull City	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
7	Sheffield United	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	3
8	Queens Park Rangers	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
9	Millwall	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
10	Reading	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
11	Cardiff City	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
12	Stoke City	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
13	Blackpool	2	1	0	1	1	2	-1	3
14	West Bromwich Albion	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
15	Luton Town	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
16	Wigan Athletic	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
17	Preston North End	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
18	Coventry City	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
19	Rotherham United	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
20	Middlesbrough	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1
21	Norwich City	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
22	Swansea City	2	0	1	1	1	4	-3	1
23	Bristol City	2	0	0	2	3	5	-2	0
24	Huddersfield Town	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0

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SUBSTITUTES										ATT.
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, LANSBURY, PEREIRA, CORNICK, JEROME, WOODROW					9,921
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	CORNICK	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BURKE, LOCKYER, BERRY, LANSBURY, MORRIS, WOODROW					19,628
WATSON	BERRY	WOODROW	JEROME	MUSKWE	CORNICK, MORRIS, ISTERD, THORPE, OSHO, WILLIAMS, ALLEN, PETTIT, NELSON					3,827



STEPHEN GERRARD

Sadly lifelong Luton fan Stephen Gerrard passed away this summer after a long battle with prostate cancer.

He loved talking about the Hatters whenever possible and last visited Kenilworth Road in 2018 to see a 2-0 win against Burton.

He is sadly missed by friends and family.

Rest in peace, Stephen.



VALERIE MARSH

We are sorry to report that Valerie Marsh sadly passed away on July 2nd.

Valerie was a Diamond season ticket holder and had supported the Town since Boxing Day 1967 when she saw LTFC play Bradford Park Avenue. As a Hatter she had been through all of the emotions that come with being a football supporter – promotion, relegation, winning division titles, demotion, play-off finals and cup loses and cup win.

The crowning glory of her years as a Hatter was the lifting of the Littlewoods Cup in 1988.

RIP Valerie.

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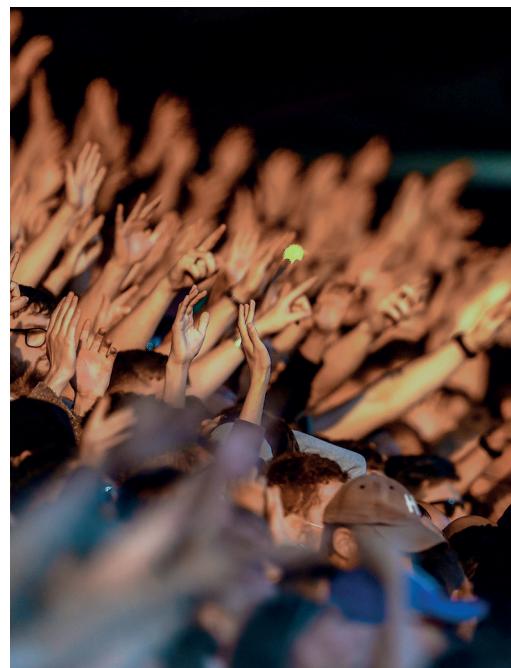
A message about anti-social and criminal behaviour

To mark the new season, we want to make you aware of new measures being taken across all of football to ensure everyone can have a safe and enjoyable experience. We are supporting strong action from the FA, Premier League and EFL to tackle anti-social and criminal behaviours that put all of us at risk.

This reflects the seriousness of the risks to fans and staff – pyros can burn at 2000 degrees Celsius and cause lifechanging injuries, while entering the pitch endangers players, managers and match officials.

We know those who commit these illegal acts do not represent the majority of supporters.

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PLAYER STATISTICS

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	2022-23 SEASON								CAREER	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL	
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	Y	R	APPS	G
Elijah Adebayo	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0
Amari'l Bell	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0
Luke Berry	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Sonny Bradley	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0
James Bree	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0
Reece Burke	0	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	0
Allan Campbell	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0
Jordan Clark	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0
Harry Cornick	1	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	1	(2)	0	0
Luke Freeman	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0
Ethan Horvath	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0
Harry Isted	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0
Cameron Jerome	0	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	0
Henri Lansbury	0	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	0
Tom Lockyer	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0
Matt Macey	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Carlos Mendes Gomes	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0
Carlton Morris	1	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	1	(2)	0	1
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0
Admiral Muskwe	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Fred Onyedinma	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0
Gabriel Osho	2	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	2	(1)	0	0
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Dan Potts	2	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	1	0
Glen Rea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0
James Shea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0
Elliot Thorpe	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0
Louie Watson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Josh Williams	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0
Cauley Woodrow	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	0



HAPPY 21ST BENJAMIN ABBOTT

We would like to wish a happy 21st birthday to Benjamin Abbott, who is a season card holder in the upper Kenilworth Road End.

Love from Mum, Dad and Joshua xx

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THE LAST WORD

SIMON OXLEY

BBC3CR Commentator



If you've felt starved of football since the play-off defeat at Huddersfield, the Football League has surely satisfied your craving at the start of this campaign.

If Nations League matches followed by the Womens Euros wasn't enough, then the EFL fixture computer has been your saviour.

I know we have a mid-season break due to the World Cup, but this is a crazy start. You could argue that people are off work and the kids are off school so they can attend matches more easily, but equally families are on holiday, the roads are busier than usual, and don't get me started on the trains.

As you read this, I'm somewhere on the M4 coming back from Devon, familiarising myself with that motorway's service stations once again ready for next Saturday's trip to Swansea.

Some of you will be brave enough to be heading along the M4 on Tuesday, and then again to Cardiff later this month. I know it gets all these trips out of the way early, but really?

At least NJ's substitution prayers have been answered, and the squad doesn't have to be slimmed down until the end of the month. But what a good squad it seems to be. I thought the opening day draw with Birmingham had much to be encouraged about, and the competition for places could prompt an even stronger challenge this time around.

As ever with the Championship it is very difficult to predict anything, but by the end of this hectic month we should have more than a few pointers.

Back to the Womens Euros... and amid all the excitement it was great to see some old photos of the first ever Womens European Championship Final – played here at the Kenny in 1984. England beat Sweden 1-0 in the second leg here, but then lost on penalties in a mudbath.

It was a far cry from what we saw at Wembley, but showed just how far the game has come. It was the days of the open terrace at the Kenilworth Road end, but apparently Beech Path was closed 15 minutes before the end!

Enjoy the game this afternoon, fingers crossed for a home win, before we start the M4 trilogy.

I'm looking forward to my first trip to Swansea's Liberty Stadium next week. I've missed previous football and rugby trips there, as BBC 3CR also went several times with Saracens in matches against the Ospreys.

I also never made it to the old Vetch Field, missing the 2002 game when Joe Kinnear's side clinched promotion, so it will be one of the few away trips still to be ticked off.

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- 01 JAMES SHEA
- 02 JAMES BREE
- 03 DAN POTTS
- 04 TOM LOCKYER
- 05 SONNY BRADLEY
- 06 GLEN REA
- 07 HARRY CORNICK
- 08 LUKE BERRY
- 09 CARLTON MORRIS
- 10 CAULEY WOODROW
- 11 ELIJAH ADEBAYO
- 12 HENRI LANSBURY
- 14 CARLOS MENDES GOMES
- 15 ADMIRAL MUSKWE
- 16 REECE BURKE
- 17 PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU
- 18 JORDAN CLARK
- 19 DION PEREIRA
- 20 LOUIE WATSON
- 21 HARRY ISTED
- 22 ALLAN CAMPBELL
- 23 FRED ONYEDINMA
- 28 ELLIOT THORPE
- 29 AMARI'I BELL
- 30 LUKE FREEMAN
- 32 GABE OSHO
- 33 MATT MACEY
- 34 ETHAN HORVATH
- 35 CAMERON JEROME
- 45 ALFIE DOUGHTY

RYAN LOWE

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- 02 ALVARO FERNANDEZ
- 03 GREG CUNNINGHAM
- 04 BEN WHITEMAN
- 05 PATRICK BAUER
- 06 LIAM LINDSAY
- 08 ALAN BROWNE
- 09 CHED EVANS
- 10 DANIEL JOHNSON
- 11 ROBBIE BRADY
- 13 ALI MCCANN
- 14 JORDAN STOREY
- 15 TROY PARROTT
- 16 ANDREW HUGHES
- 18 RYAN LEDSON
- 19 EMIL RIIS
- 20 BEN WOODBURN
- 22 MATTHEW OLOSONDE
- 23 BAMBO DIABY
- 24 SEAN MAGUIRE
- 25 DAVID CORNELL
- 30 DANA AMARAL
- 38 JAMES PRADIC
- 39 MIKEY O'NEILL
- 44 BRAD POTTS
- 48 JOSH WILLIAMS

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