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GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THIS SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURE AGAINST COVENTRY CITY.

I'd like to welcome Mark Robins, his staff, their players and everyone who has made the relatively short journey down the M1, and it goes without saying that we wish them a safe trip home afterwards.

Coventry are a club whose journey is aligned with our own, winning promotion from League Two together and them then following us up to the Championship as League One champions the year after we won that division. Mark has done a wonderful job in his time there, not least when you consider the period they had to play away from home at Birmingham, and we know his side will provide as stern a test for us as ever as we look to get our home season up and running here tonight.

We were frustrated in our last outing here against Wigan, when I felt we had done enough to win the game – and definitely not lose it – in a performance that was excellent for 90 per cent of the afternoon. They took advantage of us switching off with ten minutes left and getting a lucky break with the deflection, then catching us on the break as we made positive changes in an attempt to win the game in that final period.

We will always try to be aggressive and play on the front foot, and for the most part this season, we have done that. The results here haven't rewarded the performances as our XG against every opponent suggests we aren't doing much wrong. We have strengthened the squad throughout this summer but some are still trying to find their rhythm, and for that reason we were frustrated to have Saturday's trip to Stoke called off, although we understand why.

We do want to get that first home win as soon as possible,

however, and there is no better time than tonight, under the lights. Now the nights are drawing in, it's our time to light up the Kenny again from the first whistle after a few appetites were whet at the Sheffield United game.

Please give it everything you've got from the stands. We've had plenty to cheer in recent years and we all feed off each other here, which I know we will be doing again tonight as we set about making the Kenny the fortress it usually is.

I'm sure it will be an emotional occasion, with football fans now able to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II, who had been an inspirational leader for over 70 years. With the changing world, she adapted and has been a staple part of British history for all, if not the majority of most people's lives. The Royal Family are heavily involved in the national game, and our thoughts and condolences go to them all at this sad time.

I know that you will all do her proud with the minute's tribute tonight and then national anthem, which I'm sure will lead to an electric atmosphere. Sing it loud and enjoy the game. COYH!





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Come on Luton! Come on Luton! Those words rang loud with energy around the Kenny as I too was clapping and cheering in the excitement of a Hatters goal. Having not been able to travel from California for three years due to Covid, I was finally home to watch my beloved Luton play and boy have I missed it! Our fans were amazing and really helped our team put on a magnificent performance in the 1-1 draw against Sheffield United.

During this time away, I reflected on my early days growing up around Kenilworth Road, delivering newspapers and walking to Sixth Form College. So much has changed, so many memories. My notes today are my perspectives on how the only constant in life is change, and how we must make the best memories of every opportunity we have.

First, it is with great sadness that as a nation we mourn the passing of our wonderful Queen, but excitement for the reign of King Charles. I know the period of silence tonight will be impeccably observed, followed by the National Anthem as our national sport pays its respects following the weekend's postponements.

I was fortunate enough to have dinner with Prince Charles after my graduation from Bangor University in 1989 at Kensington Palace. We wish him well as he embraces the changes that will come. Coincidentally, while I was back in the UK, I had taken my Mum and wife for a tour of Buckingham Palace and what great memories of our beloved Queen, her journey, the changes she experienced over 70 years as our Queen and how she created great memories, my favorite being with Paddington Bear!

Back to the game. I was able to bring my niece, Kimi, who has been wheelchair bound since birth, to the Kenny for her first live football game. We were a little nervous and not sure how the experience would go, and for those that have loved ones who can only travel in wheelchairs, you

know what I mean. OMG, what a great experience!

Our staff, stewards, fans and everyone around where she sat behind the goal in the Kenilworth Road End were so kind, caring and respectful. Kimi cheered at all the goals, even for the opposition sadly, and our fans gave her the room to just have fun. This will be a memory that we as a family will never forget, so thank you to everyone. In the picture on the right are my mum, who lives in Luton, my wife and my brother, who is a fire fighter in the Luton area. As you can see, Luton is home for us!

Today we welcome Coventry City and we have had some great recent memories of our games with the Sky Blues, coming back from two down at half-time to earn a draw in the season we were both promoted together from League Two, then winning 2-1 up there on the way to the League One title in 2018-19. Mark Robins has done a wonderful job leading them back up to the Championship, where last season we did the double over them – five goals shared between Elijah, Harry and Luke here at the Kenny, before Elijah's goal earned us the points up there.

What we are seeing is that every team has improved this year and the level of competitiveness in the Championship is amazing. There are very little margins in most games, so we expect a good contest today. It has been a tough start

for our visitors this season with the damage to their pitch from the rugby games played during the Commonwealth Games. This seems sorted and they are off and running, looking to improve on their impressive first season back playing in their home city after sharing at Birmingham for a couple of years, finishing 12th, and we wish them well – after tonight, of course.

Talking of changes, we have had many changes at our Club and team to start the season after the great play-off run last season. We are so lucky to have brought in nine great players, we said farewell to three and have several out on loan now. That is a lot of change. To compete in the Championship today, we need to be smart in our strategy, be financially responsible, stay true to our values and principles, and continue to attract players that play the football we as fans enjoy. All changes take time to settle in, for confidence to flow and for pieces all to fit together, on and off the field.

I want to make sure you know we never take anything lightly, but we are honest with ourselves as we make decisions. We know who we are as a Club, and we know what we are not, so there is real honesty throughout our Club from staff, management, coaches to players. We have been playing some great football and unlucky that some results did not click our way, but believe me, they will go our way soon and we will have a great season ahead.

Just like the Sheffield United game, let's continue to make great memories every game by being loud, being supportive to each other and by being positive. We believe we can compete with any of the teams in our league, there is no fear, and I would like to think that with what Nathan and his team have done, we are generating fear in other teams playing us. We will create more great memories as the year progresses, so be ready.

While in Luton, I had the chance to see some of our Youth and Development team games. Wow, we have some exciting young talent that you will enjoy watching play at the Kenny one day. We have had some changes in coaches who are working so well with our youngsters as they compete against Clubs that have much higher resources than we do. We are competing really well and you should be excited about the future memories these youngsters will create for our Club.



Our new stadium is moving along and I felt a sense of sadness when I was standing on the upper level of the Kenny End and looked at the full stadium – we have something very special. However, I am equally excited with the prospect of the new memories we will create at Power Court and can't wait for that to be ready.

As I close, I wanted to wish Sonny Bradley, our Club Captain, a belated happy birthday for yesterday and our wonderful First Team Coach, Alan Sheehan's birthday is today, so blessings and positive wishes to both. For that matter, for any of our fans celebrating a great memory today, enjoy and thank you for being our heartbeat.

At the end of the day, we want our team to do well on the pitch, our Club to be sustainable in our success and mostly, for our fans to enjoy our style of play and love coming out to watch the Town, as I truly believe it is a privilege and an honour to be a Hatter. COYH!



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ON THE SPOT: CARLTON MORRIS

Words: Dan Briard

Carlton Morris is loving his time at Kenilworth Road and hopes to build on his relationship with the Luton Town faithful as he continues to settle into life in Bedfordshire.

The striker has been an instant hit with the supporters after scoring three times in the last four matches and vows to build on his positive start in Luton colours, with the hope of turning performances into results sooner rather than later.

With nine points from the first eight matches, Morris agrees that whilst the points tally may not reflect the level of performances he and his team-mates have produced, that is typical of the complexity and challenge of the Championship.

"I think performances have been there which is the main thing," the 26-year-old said when speaking on the Luton Town Supporters' Trust podcast. "You need to come out of these games, even when sometimes you don't get the result, that you take away the positives and I think on analysis and on the training pitch, we can see we have produced good performances.

"The quality in training is there, sometimes that is how football works, especially in the Championship. You don't necessarily get what you deserve from certain games but turning it around it will balance itself out in the end because I'm sure there will be games later in the season where we're not at our best and we take away three points."

A victory at Kenilworth Road has so far proven elusive this season despite their best efforts against Birmingham City, Sheffield United and Wigan Athletic in particular, but Morris is relishing the day it all comes together.

"I'm sure we will make this place a fortress again at some point this season and hopefully that starts at our next home



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game. At some point some point things are going to fall and someone will take a hiding.

"I've been on both sides of the coin. I have travelled to Kenilworth Road away from home and I can say from experience it's not an easy place to go. Anything you get from there is a result and that speaks volumes to the respect the football club has earned and the reputation the club has earned itself.

"No one wants to play Luton away because they know they're going to have to be absolutely spot on with their game-plan and execution to get anything from the game."

Having been a visitor to Kenilworth Road many times prior, the Cambridge-born forward is enjoying life as a home player in what he considers to be a 'proper football ground'.

"As brutal as it is to come as an away player, it's twice as good as a home player. You feel like you're going to get rewarded for your hard work and effort at that place. It's an intimate ground, the stands are really close to the pitch, it's a proper football ground.

"You can really feel the atmosphere and the energy in the stadium. Birmingham at home I will always remember, it's 10,000 but has the energy of 40,000 or 50,000 people in the stadium. I played at West Ham away in the FA Cup a few years ago in the London Stadium, and the atmosphere is miles better at Luton. A home game in the league is electric, it's a joy to play in front of."

Getting off on the right foot with the fans has been of the utmost importance for Morris, who said: "I feel like I will always have a good relationship with fans because at the end of the day, fans like hard-working human beings that come on Saturday to support their team. For me in football, an absolute minimum is giving it your all every time you step out on the pitch and represent the club so I like to build that relationship with the fans because fans are everything in football, there wouldn't be a game

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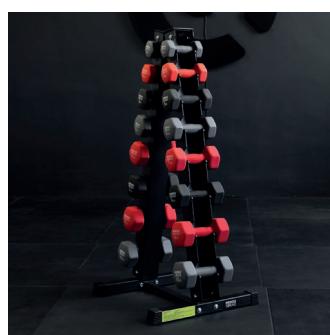


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ON THE SPOT: CARLTON MORRIS



“IT IS GOOD TO BE BACK DOWN SOUTH AGAIN. I HAVE SPENT A LOT OF TIME IN MY CAREER UP NORTH AND AWAY FROM MY MUM AND DAD AND MY FAMILY”

without them. Fans are important and my effort will replicate that on the pitch week-in, week-out regardless of goals or performances coming with that, the effort will always be there.”

As well as the relationship with fans, moving back down south has come with the added bonus of being back closer to home.

“It is good to be back down south again. I have spent a lot of time in my career up north and away from my mum and dad and my family, that’s another thing I’m grateful to be at this football club for because I’m back down south, closer to home. It is just about feeling comfortable really and it helps settling in quicker.”

Knowing a number of players prior to his arrival has helped Carlton adapt to life at Luton Town, and one of which – James Bree – he credits as being ‘the best crosser’ he has ever played with!

“I was talking to Breezy before training and said he is the best crosser I have ever played with. When the ball is out of his feet, you know that it is worth making your movements

because he’s going to put it on the money nine times out of ten. I thrive off that, for sure.”

Finally, Morris was asked about his developing partnership with striker Elijah Adebayo, to which he added: “I can promise you that centre-backs in this league do not want to play against me and Eli.

“Together I know he’s going to attract attention which leaves me free sometimes, and he knows I’m going to do the same. We’re really starting to click in training and in games, I think we showed that against Wigan.

“He is a joy to play with because he takes attention so I can express myself and hopefully I do the same for him and we create chances for each other. It is not a strike force any defenders relish playing against, that’s for sure.”



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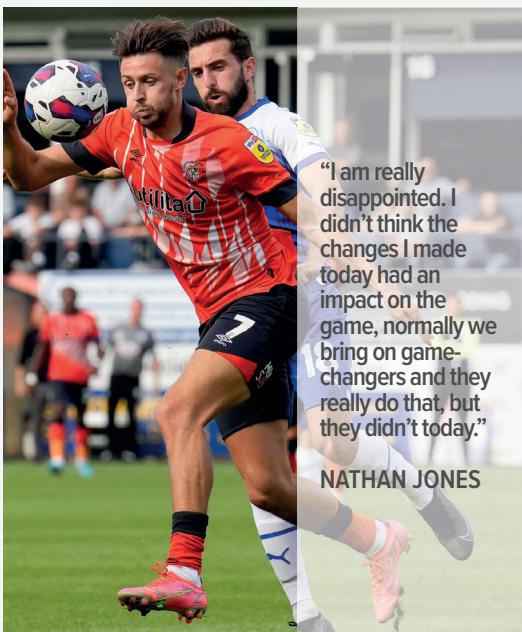
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Goals: Morris (39')

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JAMES BREE

Defender James Bree believes a first home win of the season, however it comes, will get the Hatters up and running and help turn Kenilworth Road into a fortress once more.

The 24-year-old provided the assist for Carlton Morris to head Town in front against Wigan in the last home game, but two late Latics goals saw all three points disappear to the north-west with Nathan Jones' side still seeking that maiden first home success of the 2022-23 campaign.

Bree insists it's not an issue that is affecting the dressing room long-term, however, saying: "For me personally, and talking to the lads, it's not something we think about.

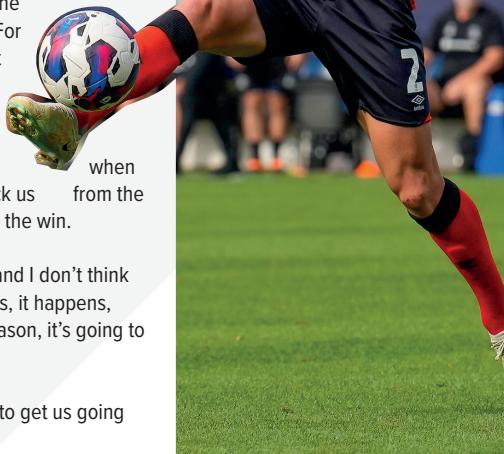
"It's just a coincidence really. You can start looking into it and thinking stuff like that, but when I come here, I know the fans are going to back us from the start all the time and it's up to us really to get the win.

"It's not something I've been thinking about and I don't think the lads are either. It's just one of those things, it happens, away from home we've been so good this season, it's going to click for us, it will click for us at some point.

"It just takes us getting that one scrappy win to get us going and then we'll be fine."

The former Aston Villa man was part of the Hatters side that took the lead against Sheffield United in the previous home match, again through a Morris header, but had to settle for a point on that occasion as the Blades hit back after the break in a 1-1 thriller.

He added: "It's a couple of times it's happened now at home where we've got the lead and they've come back and we've ended up drawing or losing.



"It's so disappointing as we feel like we're in such a strong position and they come out for the second half and just nick an easy goal, or we make a little mistake.

"It's something we've got to cut out as we were so good at it last year, keeping clean sheets and it's one of those things. It's going to come and when it does all click it will be fine."

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Today's opposition is Coventry City. Founded in 1883, the club play at the 32,000-capacity Coventry Building Society Arena and they currently sit bottom of the Sky Bet Championship after playing just five games so far.

The Sky Blues spent 34 years in the top flight, first getting promoted in 1967 and staying there until 2001. They narrowly avoided administration in 2007 after getting the sale of the club over the line 20 minutes before the deadline, but in 2012 they dropped into League One for the first time in 48 years.

In 2016, the fans started protesting against the ownership of the club as they embarked on a downward spiral. The next year, they reached Wembley for the first time as they beat Oxford in the EFL Trophy final, and they got promoted back out of League Two in 2018 after they won the play-offs.

They had to move out of the Ricoh Arena at the end of the 19/20 season after failing to reach an agreement with Wasps Rugby team, and moved into Birmingham's St Andrew's. They were promoted to the EFL Championship in the 19/20 campaign and have remained there since, finishing 12th last season.



MARK ROBINS

MANAGER | Robins began his managerial career with Rotherham, taking over in April 2007 after an initial caretaker spell. He would later manage Barnsley and have his first spell as Coventry manager in September 2012. Spells at Huddersfield and Scunthorpe followed, before a return to the Sky Blues in March 2017. The 52-year-old's return to Coventry has seen the club win promotion from League Two and League One, as well as winning the EFL Trophy.



BEN WILSON

GK | Goalkeeper Wilson began his career at Sunderland, before permanent spells at Cambridge, Accrington Stanley and Cardiff. After a number of loans away from the Bluebirds, he would have a spell at Bradford. Since his move to Coventry in May 2019, the 30-year-old has mostly played as second choice but has been selected over Simon Moore this season.



COVENTRY IN FC

BY RYAN PAYNE



MICHAEL ROSE

DEF | Born in Aberdeen, 26-year-old Rose made his professional debut for his home-town club in April 2016 against St Johnstone. Prior to that, Rose had a loan spell at Forfar Athletic. He left Aberdeen in July 2016 and signed for Ayr United, making 88 league appearances. In the summer of 2019, he signed for Coventry and has been a mainstay in the Sky Blues' defence, making 94 appearances in all competitions.

MATT GODDEN

ONE TO WATCH | Godden began his career with Scunthorpe and made 18 league appearances for the Iron. He had various loans away from the club, before joining Ebbsfleet United. After impressing in the National League South, Godden signed for Stevenage. His time with Boro was short, and he'd join Peterborough shortly after. The striker only spent one season with the Posh, before joining Coventry in August 2019. The 31-year-old has three goals in five appearances this season.



TRY CITY Focus



BEN SHEAF

MID | A graduate of the Arsenal academy, Sheaf made his first-team debut for the Gunners in the Europa League against Red Star Belgrade. He was given first-team opportunities in various loan spells including Stevenage and Doncaster, as well as a stint with Coventry. Sheaf, 24, would later sign for the Sky Blues permanently after the completion of his loan, and featured in 35 Championship games last season.



VIKTOR GYOKERES

ATT | Born in Sweden, 24-year-old Gyokeres made his pro debut for IF Brommapojkarna and went onto become a regular for the club. His performances in the Superettan earned him a move to Brighton, where he had loans at the likes of St Pauli and Swansea. After a handful of appearances in cup competitions for the Seagulls, the Swedish international joined Coventry permanently after an initial loan.





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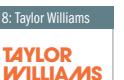


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Under the spotlight is a player with a connection to both the Hatters and today's visitors, with club historian ROGER WASH looking back at Brian Lewis' first and last appearances for the Town.

Woking-born Brian started his football career with Crystal Palace in 1960 and soon made a name for himself as a clever midfielder and inside-forward and it was not long before he stepped up a division to turn out for Portsmouth.

Moving to Coventry in January 1967 Brian helped the Sky Blues to promotion to the top flight at the end of that season and scored their first goal at this new level. Finding himself out of the side he joined newly promoted Luton for £35000 in July 1968 and finished top scorer for the Hatters in 1968-69.

A firm crowd favourite, Brian was a founder member of the 'Dark Arts Society' and won countless penalties with gamesmanship and saw four opposition players dismissed for retaliation during his time at the club.

Brian moved on to Oxford in January 1970 and from there went to Colchester with whom he starred in the famous FA Cup win over Leeds before finishing his career back at Portsmouth.

Brian sadly passed away at the young age of 55 in 1998.

FIRST GAME: LUTON TOWN 4 OLDHAM ATHLETIC 0 (10/8/68)

A goalscoring debut for Brian as the newly promoted Hatters saw off Oldham in the Kenilworth Road sunshine to continue where they left off the previous campaign.

Two goals in each half made it a comfortable homecoming with Brian netting goal number four, the first of his 22 that season.

LAST GAME: ORIENT 1 LUTON TOWN 0 (26/12/69)

Despite top-scoring in 1968-69, Brian lost his place to young upstart Malcolm Macdonald and made only two starts and two substitute appearances in the following season before coming off the bench to replace Peter Phillips in a titanic struggle at Brisbane Road.

FIRST AND LAST

BRIAN LEWIS



HATTERS TALES

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Hatters supporters at snowy Halifax.



In 1932 the Hatters were a middle of the road team in Division Three (South) which had never progressed beyond the third round of the competition, and it would be fair to say that the first round pairing with Kingstonian of the Isthmian League hardly caused a ripple of excitement in the environs of Kenilworth Road.

Kingstonian were, however, just about the strongest non-league outfit around, as proved by their lifting of the Amateur Cup at the season's end and the championship the following year. A crowd of 7,701 gathered at Kenilworth Road to see the Town lucky to escape with a 2-2 draw and the replay was no easier, watched by a then record crowd at Richmond Road, but this time they scraped through 3-2.

It was off to uncharted territory in the next round with the club's first ever meeting with Stockport County of Division Three (North). Although the final scoreline of 3-2 in the Town's

favour looked close, a 3-1 lead had been built up only for Stockport to net a consolation in the final minute. County goalkeeper, Thomas Gale, was blamed for two of the goals including one from the Town's Fred Kean which he thought was drifting wide, and therefore made no attempt at saving.

A hard fought 0-0 draw at Barnsley, again of Division Three (North), brought the Tykes back to Luton and following a 2-0 win in the replay, with prolific marksman Andy Rennie bagging both goals, FA Cup euphoria at last swept through the streets of the town.

The reason for the euphoria was plain

to see as the mighty Tottenham were to be the visitors to Kenilworth Road for the fourth round tie. Although 'only' a Division Two side, Spurs were on their way to promotion at the season's end and boasted a proud FA Cup pedigree having won the trophy in both 1901 and 1921.

Tottenham supporters, confident after their team's 6-0 win at Oldham in the previous round, started arriving at Luton very early on the day of the game having caught the first available trains out of London, and by 7.30 were staging an impromptu kickabout on the Moor. By midday queues stretched all the way down Hazelbury Crescent, and two hours later the gates were closed with 17,213 in the ground. Some 21 coaches from London were parked along Dunstable Road and the site of the old Town ground was used as an overspill car park.

The pitch was hard and icy and would doubtless be regarded as unplayable today, but the Town's groundstaff had used a steam roller on the morning of the game to iron out the ruts and at least make the playing area flat.

The Luton players were definitely up for the game and adapted far better to the conditions, for within 20 minutes they were two goals to the good courtesy of strikes from Tom Alderson and Tommy Tait, with both efforts being set up by Arthur Mills, deputising for the injured Rennie. Spurs huffed and puffed in an effort to get back into the match, but the Luton defence held firm and at the final whistle thousands of supporters surged on to the pitch to chair off their heroes. Footage of this game is featured on the Hatters' Heritage YouTube channel (www.hattersheritage.co.uk).

Enthusiasm waned slightly when it was learned that the Town's 'reward' was a trip to Halifax, but by the time of the game over 2,000 supporters had travelled to the Shay to swell the crowd to a record 29,235. Halifax, another team the Hatters had never met before, had seen off Darwen, Workington, Doncaster and Chester in the earlier rounds and were supremely confident of progressing to the quarter-finals for the first time in their history.

When they reached Halifax, the Town supporters were greeted by a snowstorm and a snow covered pitch. After the touchlines were cleared, the game finally kicked off with the Town again the quicker to adapt to the treacherous conditions. With the snow beginning to fall once more, Tait fired the Town into the lead after 20 minutes but, soon after, the referee called the players off as the blizzard obscured the touchlines.

The players were off the field for 30 minutes while the storm passed and as floodlights were not around in those days there was a danger that the game would not finish. As such, the referee made the players change round at half-time without leaving the field and as the snow started to fall once more Alan Nelson made the game safe by tapping in after a shot from Rennie was parried by the goalkeeper.

By now all Luton supporters felt that the Town could go all the way, and even when it was announced that Everton at Goodison Park were to be their opponents in the quarter-final, it was seen as merely a stepping stone on the inevitable march to Wembley.

Three special trains, one of which had a huge boater mounted on the front of the engine, and countless coaches carried several thousand Luton supporters to Liverpool on the big day, and when the turnstiles stopped clicking 55,431 spectators were present generating receipts of £4,143-6-4, which was a huge amount of money at the time.

With Alderson failing to recover from an injured shoulder, Mills returned to the side but commentators did not feel that this would affect the shape of the team over much. The choice of Rennie to play at inside-forward rather than central striker did, however, cause a few eyebrows to be raised but everyone assumed that manager Harold Wightman knew what he was doing.



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The 'Cup team' of 1932-33.

Back row (left to right)—M'Ginnile, Kingham, Harford, Mackey, and Fraser.
 Front row—Mills, Nelson, Kean, Tait, Alderson, and Rowe.

As it turned out Rennie was clattered early on and spent the majority of the game as a limping passenger on the wing in those far off days before substitutes. By the time Rennie was injured Everton were already one goal to the good as the Town found difficulty in adapting to the wide open spaces of Goodison Park. If the game had been staged at Kenilworth Road, doubtless Everton would have struggled within its cramped confines, as did Tottenham earlier.

Although Kean, who wished to add to

the Cup winner's medal he earned with Bolton in 1929, was everywhere trying to bolster up his overworked defence the clever Everton forwards seemed to find the back of the net with increasing regularity. When the score reached 3-0 the game became a virtual walkover and finished in a disappointing 6-0 defeat.

It was scant consolation to the Town that they received a large share of the massive gate, that they restricted the great Dixie Dean to only one goal and that their cup exploits would mean exemption to the third round in the following season's competition.

Everton went on to lift the trophy, overcoming Manchester City 3-0 in the final!

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Before televised saturation of football, fans looked forward to snippets of action from a game in Sports Report which was shown on a Saturday evening.

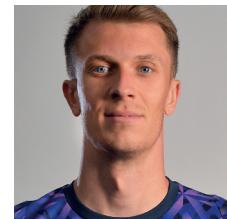
Sports Report visited Kenilworth Road in September 1955 to see the newly promoted Hatters trounce Newcastle 4-2. Kenneth Wolstenholme (they think it's all over...it is now) sits on top of one of the old dug outs commentating on the action.

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A - ATHLETE

If you had to compete,
what event would you do?
Swimming, the medley.



B - BOOTS

Favourite pair of boots?
Nike Tiempo's



C - CAR

Dream car?
Aston Martin like James Bond



D - DESTINATION

Dream destination?
Santorini in Greece



E - EAT

Favourite food?
Sushi



F - FIVE

What is your all-time
five-a-side team?
Dino Zoff in goal, proper old-school. Ricardo Carvalho, James Milner and Kaka, then up front Peter Crouch!



G - GUESTS

Celebrity you'd like to
have a drink with?
Ricky Gervais



H - HOBBIES

Favourite thing to do other
than football?
Walk the dog!



I - IDOL

Who is your sporting idol?
Petr Cech



J - JOB

What do you see yourself
doing after playing?
Not sure, I'm keeping my options open.



K - KIT

Favourite all-time football shirt?
The England reversible kit, it was red or blue and I loved it!



L - LANGUAGES

How many languages can
you speak?
One



M - MOMENT

Favourite moment of your career so far?

My Arsenal debut against Norwich



N - NOTABLE

Who is the most famous contact in your phone?

Petr Cech



O - OPPOSITION

Hardest opponent?

Kyogo Furuhashi for Celtic last season.



P - PIZZA TOPPINGS

What toppings would you choose?

I don't really like pizza but I'd just have a margherita.



Q - QUOTE

Favourite quote?

If it's important to you, you will find a way, if not, you will find an excuse.



R - RESTAURANT

Favourite restaurant?

Per Tutti in St Albans.



S - STADIUM

Favourite stadium you've played at?

Ibrox



T - TRAVEL

Best place you've been to?

Rome, I went there in the summer.



U - UNLIMITED

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

Goalie gloves is an obvious one.



V - VICTORY

Most memorable win?

Beating Rangers 3-1 in the semi-final at Hampden.



W - WATCH

Favourite film/series?

Friends



X - X FACTOR

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

Bohemian Rhapsody.



Y - YIKES

Biggest fear?

Snakes



Z - ZOO

Favourite animal?

Dog.





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3 LUTON TOWN LADIES 2 HARINGEY BOROUGH WOMEN

The Hatters Ladies are sitting at the top of the Women's Easter Region Premier Division after being the only team so far to not drop a point, seeing off Haringey who were the only other team to win two from two.

Lil Sanders and Jess McKay gave the Ladies the lead early on before Haringey pulled one back right before the break. Leyah Maddix then finished the game off late in the second half, before the away side pulled back a 97th minute consolation.

Sanders scored her third of the season when she opened the scoring after five minutes from a superb cross from McKay, who ten minutes later scored a worldie herself when her quick feet allowed her to ping a long-range shot into the top corner.

Haringey then started to find their feet and almost scored but defender Maria Taylor cleared it off the line, and minutes later made another great block in the box.

Right-back Hannah Major was having a difficult time against the opposition's wide striker, but she defended superbly and stopped attacks time and time again.

Just before the break and several minutes into injury time, a through ball was played and the opposition striker beat goalkeeper Angelika Kopec who came out but just fell short.

In the second half Haringey came straight out and almost found an immediate equaliser but it was just wide. Leyah Maddix then almost scored but it was well saved.

Some more great defending in the second half, particularly from Taylor, Tanya Blacksley and Major kept their side ahead and on 69 minutes another great through ball from McKay found Maddix and she slotted home.

Substitute goalkeeper Emma Kirby then made a good save, before midfielder Lauren Low blocked a shot and the rebound smashed against the Town bar.

Late into stoppage time Haringey did pull one back, but it was too late by then and the three points pushed Town top of the league.

Next week we face newly relegated Harlow Town ladies as we look to continue our unbeaten start.

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LAUREN LOW

ACADEMY LEAD PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Good evening all and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's fixture, in what will be my second experience of the famous "Kenny" having recently moved down from Scotland to begin my journey with the club.

Football has always been a huge part of my life, from watching the "superstars" on TV to supporting my local club playing in front of a mere 200 fans in the middle of Scottish winter, people say I must have been mad.

But from a very young age my passion for the game has never waned, partly due to my dad's interest but also once it hooks you, I don't think there's anything better than a Saturday afternoon at the football.

Growing up playing football inevitably means getting injured and spending four months in the physio room aged 12, I learnt a lot about recovery but also lessons in motivation and self-discipline which were to become vital later in life.

Graduating with a sports science degree then continuing to complete a masters in physiotherapy were just the stepping stones to allow me to have a career in football that has always been my dream.

Initially working in private practice then joining St Johnstone FC in a part-time role was great but when the opportunity to join the team full-time at Luton Town came around, I couldn't turn it down. From initial interview I got a great feeling about the club, a real family feel and a club with huge ambitions.



It comes as no surprise then that since starting my new role as the lead academy physio at the club in August everyone has been so welcoming and helpful.

I cannot speak more highly of everyone at the club, but especially the medical team who have been a huge part in me settling in so quickly. The academy players are a brilliant group of boys and the team of coaches, sports science and wider staff have been a dream to work with.

To help with the transition of moving away from family in Scotland I knew I needed to continue playing football, so the chance to play with Luton Ladies and come together as part of the Luton Town family was the ideal scenario.

I'm excited to be a part of such an exciting time in the club's journey and can't wait to see what the future holds both in a work and playing capacity.

Enjoy the game and come on you Hatters!

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TYRELL GIWA

Name: Tyrell Giwa

Age: 16

Position: Centre midfield or right-back.

Where are you from?

I live in Hemel Hempstead, but was born in north-west London.

Which junior teams did you play for?

From Under-8s to 11s, I played for my local club Hemel Hempstead Town.

Which team do you support?

Arsenal, because I used to live near there, and Luton.

What age did you join Luton?

I was 12.

How did you join the club?

I joined the Community Trust's Luton North Development Centre, got invited to a trial with the Pre-Academy and then the Academy, all at Under-12s.

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

My parents Gabi and Sheila, who have provided me with motivation all the way through my childhood. They've supported me throughout.

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Who is your footballing hero?

Bukayo Saka. He's been brilliant for Arsenal and England in the past couple of years, and he's from the same part of London as me.

What has been the highlight of your career so far?

Reaching the final of the EFL Youth Alliance Cup at Kenilworth Road last season. I was still with the Under-16s and was just sat on the bench, but it was great to be part of the squad.

What are your hopes for the future?

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At the end of a busy summer, we had a visit from the ITV cameras to our summer holiday camp at Creasey Park, Dunstable, last week.

The feature went out as part ITV's English Football League Highlights programme on Saturday 3rd September, just prior to the highlights of our home fixture against Wigan Athletic. The feature covered the vast amount of work the Trust has been involved in over the summer, where we have engaged with over 3,500 participants across over 40 different football camps in Luton and the surrounding areas. Community Operations Manager, Daniel Douglas, was interviewed as part of the feature, discussing other health, inclusion and educational projects the trust is currently working on in the community.

A group of 35 very excited young people were very happy to have the opportunity to showcase their skills in front of the

cameras. They were also treated to visits from Luton Town first teamer Gabe Osho and Dion Pereira prior to his loan move to Bradford City. Both were incredibly generous with their time, taking part in small sided games with the group, signing autographs and taking part in a Q&A with the young people. Brothers, and huge Hatters fans, Shay and Quinn, were especially delighted after being presented with a Luton Town FC home shirt signed by the whole of the first team squad. The coaches had identified their impeccable attitude throughout the camp, along with their willingness to help others and were duly rewarded when presented the shirt by Gabe and Dion.



HATTER CHATTER SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Way back in 2020, when it became clear that Covid-19 was going to be part of our lives for a significant amount of time, the Trust took steps to ensure that we were still able to connect with our communities, even through lockdowns and other restrictions. Out of this was born 'Hatter Chatter'. This was a weekly group meeting held over Zoom every Monday morning to chat about the Hatters. It meant supporters from all over the country were able to get together to discuss the games at a time when supporters weren't permitted to attend the matches.

Fast forward two years and the group is still running! Regulars still enjoy dissecting the finer details of each game, as well as setting a theme for discussion each week to spark discussion of their favourite Luton Town memories from the past. From time to time we are also joined by special guests from the football club. In the past this has included the likes of Mick Harford, Nathan Jones, Sonny Bradley and Harry Cornick. This gives our members a unique insight into their careers and what goes on behind the scenes.

Business Development Manager, Adam Woulds, commented;

"Having the cameras here today, along with a visit from Gabe and Dion, has been huge for everyone here. There's definitely been an extra level of excitement all day amongst the young people. They can't wait to see themselves on TV! Having Gabe and Dion here too shows them that professional footballers are real people! It shows them that they can reach for the stars, whether it be in football itself or another field. We've been incredibly fortunate to have 20 player visits across our camps. It's so inspiring for our youngsters to be able to talk to their heroes."

The feature was originally shown on Saturday 3rd September on ITV's English Football League Highlights and is still available to watch through ITV player and other catch-up services.

Gale, an original Hatter Chatter member living in Leicestershire is in no doubt as to the benefits of the group; "Hatter Chatter enabled me to feel connected with the football club during the period of virtual isolation and continues to do so now. No more so than when players and staff have given their time to join us. Being joined by Nathan Jones gave us a real insight into him as a person rather than the image we get on TV, pacing the line and chewing his nails during matches!"

We're always keen for new members to join us. There is no pressure to attend every week, or even to contribute verbally. Some of our members prefer to just sit on the call and listen in, whilst others are happier getting involved in the conversation. To register your interest or to hear more about Hatter Chatter please email community@lutontown.co.uk or call the office on 01582 561622 and ask to speak to Adam.



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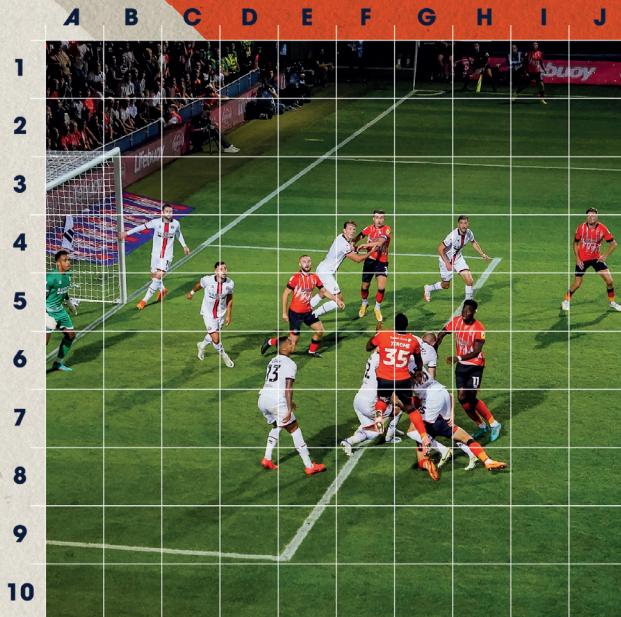
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Can you guess the player using the clues given below?



SPOT THE BALL

We've hidden the ball in the picture on the left, can you work out which square it should be in?

WIGAN MASCOT



Joshua was the Luton Mascot for our last Home game against Wigan Athletic.

NAME: Joshua Spavins

AGE: 10

HOBBIES: Running, football and swimming.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Harry Cornick

Freeman

Spot The Ball: G3 | Guess Who: Luke

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	CA
	SAT	AUG 6	BURNLEY	A	15	D 11	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL	CA
	TUE	AUG 9	NEWPORT CITY AFC (CCR1)	H	/	L 2-3	MACEY	MENDES GOMES	BURKE	LANSBURY	LOCKYER	PEREIRA	WI
	SAT	AUG 13	PRESTON NORTH END	H	20	L 0-1	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL	CA
	TUE	AUG 16	BRISTOL CITY	A	23	L 0-2	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL	CA
	SAT	AUG 20	SWANSEA CITY	A	18	W 2-0	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS	BELL	CA
	FRI	AUG 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	17	D 1-1	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS	BELL	CA
	TUE	AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	A	9	W 2-1	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS	BELL	CA
	SAT	SEP 3	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	16	L 1-2	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	LOCKYER	POTTS	BELL	CA
	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	H									
	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	Sheffield United	8	5	2	1	16	5	11	17		
2	Norwich City	8	5	1	2	12	6	6	16		
3	Reading	8	5	0	3	9	11	-2	15		
4	Bristol City	8	4	2	2	16	11	5	14		
5	Burnley	8	3	4	1	14	8	6	13		
6	Watford	8	3	4	1	9	7	2	13		
7	Blackburn Rovers	8	4	0	4	9	11	-2	12		
8	Sunderland	8	3	2	3	11	9	2	11		
9	Queens Park Rangers	8	3	2	3	12	11	1	11		
10	Preston North End	8	2	5	1	2	1	1	11		
11	Blackpool	8	3	2	3	9	10	-1	11		
12	Hull City	8	3	2	3	11	15	-4	11		
13	Rotherham United	7	2	4	1	9	6	3	10		
14	Millwall	8	3	1	4	9	11	-2	10		
15	Wigan Athletic	7	2	4	1	7	9	-2	10		
16	West Bromwich Albion	8	1	6	1	12	10	2	9		
17	Middlesbrough	8	2	3	3	11	12	-1	9		
18	Luton Town	8	2	3	3	7	8	-1	9		
19	Swansea City	8	2	3	3	7	11	-4	9		
20	Stoke City	8	2	2	4	8	11	-3	8		
21	Birmingham City	8	2	2	4	5	8	-3	8		
22	Cardiff City	8	2	2	4	4	8	-4	8		
23	Huddersfield Town	7	1	1	5	7	11	-4	4		
24	Coventry City	5	0	1	4	5	11	-6	1		



KEY: GOALSCORER ⚽ | 1ST SUB / 2ND SUB / 3RD SUB / 4TH SUB / 5TH SUB | ⚡ RED CARD | ⚛ YELLOW CARD | OWN GOAL ⚽

SUBSTITUTES										ATT.
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, CORNICK, WOODROW, LANSBURY, PEREIRA, JEROME					9,921
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	CORNICK	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, BERRY, MORRIS ⚡, WOODROW, LANSBURY, BURKE					19,628
WATSON	BERRY	WOODROW	JEROME	MUSKWE	ISTED, CORNICK, MORRIS, THORPE, OSHO, WILLIAMS, ALLEN, PETTIT, NELSON					3,827
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, WOODROW, WATSON, THORPE, OSHO, JEROME					9,740
CAMPBELL	OSHO	WOODROW	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, MUSKWE, CLARK, THORPE, FREEMAN ⚡, JEROME					17,329
CAMPBELL ⚽	CLARK	FREEMAN	MUSKWE	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BERRY, MORRIS ⚽, WOODROW, THORPE, OSHO, JEROME					16,323
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS ⚽	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, MUSKWE, ONYEDINIMA, OSHO, JEROME					9,882
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN ⚽	MORRIS	ADEBAYO ⚡	MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, ONYEDINIMA, OSHO ⚽, JEROME					17,202
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS ⚽	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, ONYEDINIMA, OSHO, JEROME					9,885

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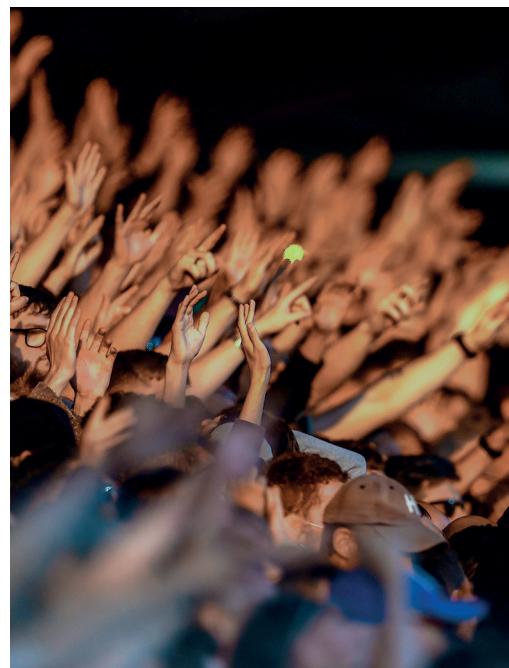
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To mark the new season, we want to make you aware of new measures being taken across all of football to ensure everyone can have a safe and enjoyable experience. We are supporting strong action from the FA, Premier League and EFL to tackle anti-social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

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PLAYER STATISTICS

	2022-23 SEASON									CAREER	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL		
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	Y	R	APPS	G	
Elijah Adebayo	8	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	8	(0)	0	1	0
Amari'l Bell	8	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	8	(0)	0	0	0
Luke Berry	0	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(3)	0	0	0
Sonny Bradley	4	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	1	0
James Bree	8	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	8	(0)	0	0	0
Reece Burke	5	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	6	(1)	0	0	0
Allan Campbell	8	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	8	(0)	1	0	0
Jordan Clark	7	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(1)	0	0	0
Harry Cornick	1	(2)	0	0	(1)	0	1	(3)	0	0	0
Alfie Doughty	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0
Luke Freeman	7	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	7	(1)	1	2	0
Ethan Horvath	8	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	8	(0)	0	0	0
Harry Isted	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	5
Cameron Jerome	0	(7)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(7)	0	0	0
Henri Lansbury	0	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0
Tom Lockyer	4	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	5	(0)	1	0	0
Matt Macey	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0
Carlos Mendes Gomes	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0	0
Carlton Morris	6	(2)	3	0	(1)	0	6	(3)	3	2	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0
Admiral Muskwe	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0
Fred Onyedinma	0	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0
Gabriel Osho	4	(2)	1	0	(1)	0	4	(3)	1	1	0
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0
Dan Potts	8	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	8	(0)	1	0	0
Glen Rea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0
James Shea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0
Elliot Thorpe	0	(2)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(3)	0	0	0
Louie Watson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0
Josh Williams	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0
Cauley Woodrow	1	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(5)	0	0	0

THE LAST WORD

SIMON OXLEY

BBC 3CR COMMENTATOR



As we gather together for the first time since the defeat to Wigan, I'm still blaming myself. I knew when I said it that I was tempting fate.

As Wigan introduced their second half substitute Thelo Aasgaard I commented that he had the same pony tail as fellow Norwegian Erling Haaland, and hoped that his proficiency in front of goal didn't match Manchester City's new star. It was the classic curse of the commentator. Even if Coventry introduce someone named Diego Maradona tonight I'm saying nothing!

Seriously though it was a weird afternoon. The game appeared there for the taking for the best part of 75 minutes, but we know that nothing can be taken for granted in the Championship.

I originally wrote these notes ahead of the scheduled weekend trip to Stoke, with the division already unpredictable, although some of the names at the top end are not a surprise.

The benefits of the parachute payments were well documented by Luton chairman David Wilkinson in the last match programme, and last season's relegated trio from the Premier League are already well-placed.

Burnley have changed many of Sean Dyche's trusted troops but have also invested, and I can't image Vincent Kompany rocked up at Turf Moor without a few quid to spend.

Norwich have improved after a tricky start and manager Dean Smith knows the division; and whilst still having plenty of issues in defence, Watford keeping Joao Pedro and

Ismaila Sarr should see them in the play-off places at least. And if they aren't, we all know what will happen next.

The draw here against Sheffield United looks better and better as they continue to set the pace, and whilst Luton were disappointing at Bristol City, Nigel Pearson's side are among the frontrunners.

Of course we didn't play on Saturday, as the EFL decided to postpone fixtures following the death of the Queen. As time went by on Friday I thought we would play, but they were obviously struggling to reach a decision. On balance it was probably right, but it felt odd going shopping and then watching the cricket.

Tonight's opponents have had a difficult start to say the least, and are playing catch-up after having early homes games postponed due to the state of the pitch in the stadium they share with Wasps rugby club, which was also used for Commonwealth Games sevens rugby in the summer.

Coventry fans have travelled to Northampton and Birmingham in recent seasons for home games, and even though they are back in their home city problems persist. They deserve our sympathy and best wishes for the future.

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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
- 16 REECE BURKE
- 17 PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU
- 18 JORDAN CLARK
- 20 LOUIE WATSON
- 21 HARRY ISTED
- 22 ALLAN CAMPBELL
- 23 FRED ONYEDINMA
- 29 AMARI'I BELL
- 30 LUKE FREEMAN
- 32 GABE OSHO
- 33 MATT MACEY
- 34 ETHAN HORVATH
- 35 CAMERON JEROME
- 45 ALFIE DOUGHTY

MARK ROBINS

- 01 SIMON MOORE
- 02 JONATHAN PANZO
- 03 CALLUM DOYLE
- 04 MICHAEL ROSE
- 05 KYLE MCFADZEEAN
- 06 LIAM KELLY
- 08 JAMIE ALLEN
- 09 MARTYN WAGHORN
- 10 CALLUM O'HARE
- 13 BEN WILSON
- 14 BEN SHEAF
- 17 VIKTOR GYOKERES
- 19 TYLER WALKER
- 20 TODD KANE
- 23 FANKATY DABO
- 24 MATT GODDEN
- 27 JAKE BIDWELL
- 28 JOSH ECCLES
- 30 FABIO TAVARES
- 32 JACK BURROUGHS
- 36 RYAN HOWLEY
- 38 GUSTAVO HAMER
- 45 KASEY PALMER

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: **ANDY DAVIES**
ASSISTANT REFEREE 1: **GRAHAM KANE**
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