



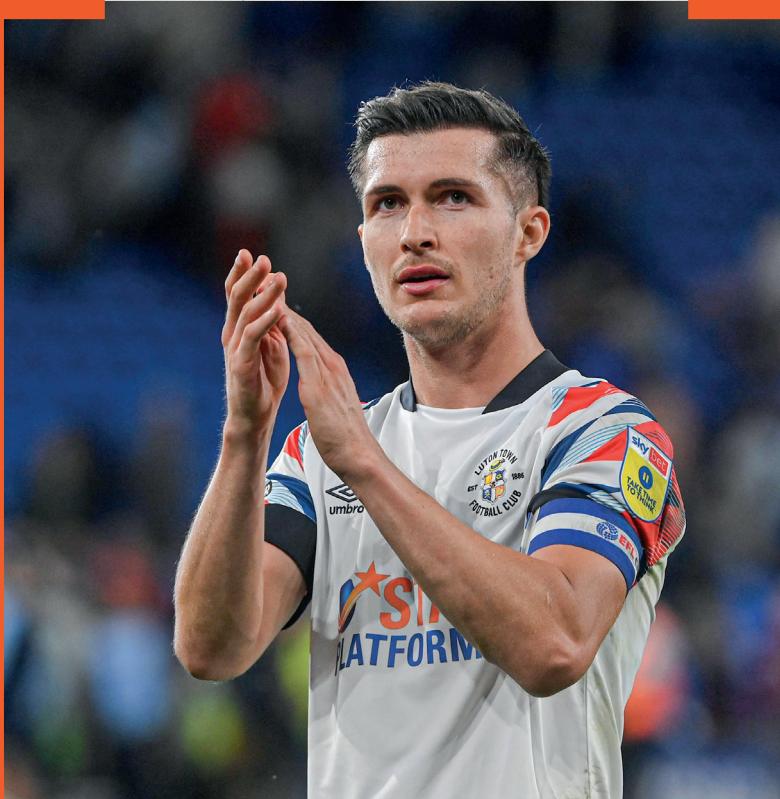
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**Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another huge Championship match under the lights against Huddersfield Town.**

There is a sense of anticipation for this one since we were edged out in the play-offs by them just a few months ago, although we and anyone who watched both legs of that semi-final know that there was absolutely nothing between the sides.

Huddersfield have had a difficult start to the season but we know they will provide as stern a test as ever, especially following the appointment of their new manager Mark Fotheringham, who I welcome to Bedfordshire along with his staff, their players and everyone who has travelled.

It goes without saying that we are in a real good place having put back-to-back wins together for the first time this season, recording a third successive away success at Hull on Friday night.

I was so pleased with the way we played here against Blackburn in our last home game, when I thought we were excellent, especially in the second half.

We carried that on with a terrific, front-footed aggressive first half display up at Hull, which is never an easy place to go, especially coming off the back of the international break when players being away and a couple of late injuries meant we couldn't prepare as fully as we'd have liked.

To give you an indication, Amari'i Bell played against Argentina in New Jersey in the early hours of Wednesday morning, touched down at Heathrow early on Thursday morning and was in at The Brache to jump on the coach by lunchtime for the journey north before playing the full 90 minutes!

Hull parting company with their manager on the morning of the game could have worked against us as well, but the players and staff were meticulous in the way we went about simply being Luton Town and looking after ourselves.

Of course, Henri Lansbury's goal and celebration takes the headlines, but I was equally delighted for Elijah because although that first goal went down as an own goal, make no mistake, it was one honed on the training ground with Alan Sheehan working tirelessly with Eli to get into that position.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Dan Potts on what will be his 200th appearance for the club if he plays tonight. There are two players remaining who were here when I arrived at the club. It was great to see the longest servant, Pelly, make his return from injury on Friday night, as we've missed him.

The other, Pottsy was halfway through his first season as a League Two left-back, but sidelined by injury in January 2016. He has worked hard on his game, his fitness and physicality to develop into a fine left-sided centre-half in the Championship, and a real leader too.

That is what we do here. We have an environment in which players are encouraged to learn and grow, and they will have tough nights. But with ours and your support, they come through to keep helping this club progress, and I'm proud of players like Pottsy and Pelly.

Give them your full backing again tonight, as you did so passionately on a wet, wonderful Friday night in Hull, and let's make it three in a row.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Potts'.

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## FROM THE BOARDROOM

**Good evening everyone and welcome back to Kenilworth Road after another break. In my view these continual breaks are a major irritation and must affect results for no other reason than they interrupt momentum, and we all know how important that is.**

On the other hand, it did give a couple of our players the experience of international football, albeit some had to go halfway around the world to get it. It was good to see Amari'i up against Lionel Messi and some of the best players in the world in the Argentina team and play so well.

Our opponents today are Huddersfield Town, with whom we are quite familiar after some interesting meetings over the last few seasons. We particularly remember the play-off semi-final at their place last season and the unpleasant ending, which as I've commented before, meant we were unable to get closure for what was a wonderful season. Our players, management and fans were left in limbo, being unable to celebrate an incredible year.

Pitch invasions were a worrying trend at the end of last season and apart from the one at Huddersfield, we had to tolerate equally annoying trouble at Fulham and saw shocking events unfold at Forest in the other play-off semi. I note that some punishments have been handed out, but I'll make no comment about whether they are likely to prevent further trouble. From my perspective there was a lack of effective stewarding in all those cases, and maybe proper training would be more effective than relatively modest fines.

It is encouraging that after a slow start we have picked up ten points from the last five games, and our first home win. We were nervous at the prospect of three games in the west over a two-week period, but picked up two great results in Wales.

Gary, Stephen, Paul Watson and I travelled together to Hull

**DAVID WILKINSON**

Chairman



on Tuesday and saw a very professional performance and an amazing goal against a recently managerless team. It was the sort of game that is often a banana skin; no manager, playing for futures and all that.

Something you never heard when I was young: "You've got to be able to play well without the ball". We seem to be good at it, which shows how meaningless possession stats can be. Little possession but high XG – fascinating. The game is so much more tactical these days, which gives an opportunity for lesser mortals with that nous to compete against bigger budgets.

Having been forced onto Teams and Zoom due to Covid, the EFL are back to meeting face to face – the first being at Walsall on Thursday last. Online meetings are great for presentations, but leave a lot to be desired when it comes to networking and getting a feel of opinion, so it's good that physical connection is back.

One of the most important topics at present is the promised White Paper based on Tracey Crouch's Fan-Led review. Most people in football agree that the current state of affairs is not sustainable and that below the Premier League, finances are a mess. Of course, Covid made it worse, but it was bad before that. It is vital for the industry that changes are made.



There seems to be acceptance from both sides of the political spectrum that there needs to be some independent governance to protect clubs for the benefit of the communities they support.

Fans are so often the last consideration of new and particularly foreign owners and they, who are the lifeblood of the game, must be given greater consideration. However, having said this, in the current political climate there must be a risk that it slips through the cracks and down the agenda. We all need to do all we can to make sure this doesn't happen.

There is a lot more confidence in the senior management at the EFL and we are fortunate to have Rick Parry and Trevor Birch pushing this agenda, particularly with their knowledge and experience of the Premier League.

Not everyone agrees that change is needed, and I note Karen Brady's comments reported at the weekend. All that I would say is that we are where we are with the current structure, so it needs to be better or different.

The inequalities in the Championship caused by parachute payments are a fact and are a major proportion of funds provided to that division. This is why relegated clubs are nearly always favourites to be re-promoted.

The encouraging thing is that there seems to be a consensus within the lower echelons of football at the moment and people prepared to use their influence to make things better.

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“It was a wonderful performance, especially second half. We haven't actually scored in the second half at home so we really put a big emphasis on it. They had to cope with quite a lot but today we were magnificent. Second half we were aggressive, we pressed, we looked a threat, and we should have had more.”

NATHAN JONES



## 2 LUTON TOWN 0 BLACKBURN ROVERS

Kenilworth Road – Sat 17th September 2022

**Luton Town:** Horvath; Bree, Burke, Lockyer, Potts (C), Bell; Lansbury (Freeman 75'), Clark (Osho 90+3'), Campbell; Woodrow (Jerome 75'), Morris (Onyedienma 89').

**Blackburn Rovers:** Kaminski; Hyam, Ayala, Wharton; Carter (Brittain 59'), Travis, Morton (Buckley 70'), Pickering; Dolan (Hirst 59'), Brereton Diaz; Hedges.

### Scorers:

Morris 58', Burke 67'

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“It was an excellent performance, it really was. It was probably a trickier game than we made it look because the change of manager can have an adverse effect, or an uplift, but we had to concentrate on ourselves and I thought we did that fantastically.”

NATHAN JONES



## 0 HULL CITY 2 LUTON TOWN

MKM Stadium – Fri 30th September 2022

**Hull City:** Baxter; Coyle, Jones, Greaves (C), Elder; Woods (Seri 71'), Slater; Longman (Sinik 71'), Tufan, Pelkas (Christie 59'); Estupinan (Docherty 59').

**Luton Town:** Horvath; Bree, Burke (Osho 45'), Lockyer, Potts (C), Bell; Campbell, Lansbury (Mpanzu 76'), Clark (Onyedinma 90'+5'); Adebayo (Cornick 90'), Morris (Jerome 76').

### Scorers:

Jones (OG) 6', Lansbury 44'

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## HENRI LANSBURY

**"Normally they end up in row Z, but I caught that one sweet and it ended up in the bottom corner."**

An ever-modest assessment from midfielder Henri Lansbury who ended his four-year streak without a goal with a sensational strike in the 2-0 win against Hull City!

After finding the bottom corner from 30 yards out, Lansbury retrieved the ball and set about pretending to mow the grass at the MKM Stadium, which by now supporters are well aware is his favourite hobby away from football.

"I have been working on it for a while (the celebration), just haven't had the chance to score," said the 31-year-old.

"I thought I better do it because it could not happen again!"

"It was just one of those things, it falls nice and you have to hit it, luckily I caught it sweet and it went in.

Best goal of his career? The midfielder responded: "No, no, no, I've scored better than that! It's up there, it was a nice strike and hopefully there is more to come this season.

"I have been scoring a few in training but I don't normally get that far forward in games, I usually pride myself on clean sheets these days, so it was nice to get on the scoresheet."

As well as seeing his name on the scoresheet, Lansbury had a big hand in the opener but he passed the credit to first team coach Alan Sheehan, who has been working relentlessly with the players on set-pieces.

"He has been unbelievable with us. He's taken so much time out and he's got us going and tonight it has paid off."

It was yet another tenacious display from the midfielder who has now featured in back-to-back wins and clean sheets, but the former Arsenal man revealed just how challenging his role in the team can be at times.



"It is tough because I hear from the lads behind 'left, right, left, right', then Clicker runs off so I have to go and track his man. I said to him I'm going to stand with the referee in the centre circle next week! The boys did good, we're looking well so we have to keep pushing in the right direction.

"Pelly is back now, and I like to see him doing well, I like to see the team doing well. If I'm in the team or out the team, as long as the team is doing well, that is all that matters."



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## SIMON PARSELL

HEAD OF MEDICAL



**The pace of the football calendar changes sharply as we approach the World Cup. We now enter a period of 10 games in 40 days.**

If pandemic football was chaotic and borderline madness with the stress it put on players, then this next period takes it to new levels. The risk of burnout and injury is high, even with the addition of five subs. Player welfare seems to have taken a back seat with few lessons learnt.

Fortunately, we enter the period in good shape. Luke Berry, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and Alfie Doughty have rejoined first team training, while Sonny Bradley is also on the road to rejoining training following a muscle injury.

But we cannot be complacent and together with our Sports Science colleagues ensure we are spot on with protocols to get the lads through. In order to offer additional treatments, Chris, Darren and myself recently qualified and obtained our International Diplomas in Myofascial therapy. A technique used to release restrictions in tissue and allow greater range of movement.

Golf seems to have been the main interest recently with James Bree recording a hole in one. I too, have shot a one under recently. One under a tree and one under water.

But the best golf quote of the season came from our Academy physio Ollie. He said he played his best golf on the front eight and lost interest on the back eight. Not sure what course he is on.

What an experience for Amari'i Bell playing against Lionel Messi! So obviously we had to ask how he coped with such a talent, a thing that coaches all over the world have been seeking the answer to. "It was simple", Belly said, "just

look in his eyes and tackle him." That's what he did, obviously nothing to do with Lionel's bad touch.

The International Break allowed the lads a chance to get away and Glen decided to go camping in France. When asked how he got on, he made this revelation: "There's a lot of French there."

Everyone has a passion for something and I discovered Alfie Doughty is very partial to a bag of SKIPS, prawn cocktail flavour. Can't think of anything worse. I think I could come up with a flavour and make a packet.

Enjoy the game and COYH!



Amari'i Bell  @Amarilbell

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## HER TOWN

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We would like to dedicate our coverage of tonight's visitors to Eleanor Haigh, a hugely talented member of the Huddersfield Town media team who sadly passed away last month at the age of 26. Eleanor was so helpful and friendly on our trips to the John Smith's Stadium, as well as when visiting here, and our thoughts are with her family, friends and colleagues at what has been such a sad time for all.

Last season Eleanor was a highly valued and much-loved part of a club that reached a Wembley play-off final after defying the odds throughout the campaign, not to mention a Hatters onslaught in the two-legged semi-final, before eventually falling to Nottingham Forest at the final hurdle.

A Premier League club as recently as 2018-19, the Terriers came as close as possible to a return to the top-flight but were hit by the departure of head coach Carlos Corberan in the summer. Electing to promote from within, the West Yorkshire side installed former player and academy coach Danny Schofield, but his reign lasted just 69 days with Town winning just one of their opening eight league games.

Coaches Narcis Pelach and Paul Harsley oversaw victory against Cardiff to give Huddersfield seven points from nine, with new boss Mark Fotheringham appointed ahead of the weekend's game at Reading, where a 3-1 defeat left the Terriers 23rd in the Championship ahead of tonight's game, three points off safety.



## MARK FOTHERINGHAM

MANAGER | Scottish head coach Fotheringham was appointed by the Terriers last week, replacing Danny Schofield. The 38-year-old made over 200 appearances in a playing career that lasted more than 15 years, which include stints at Norwich City and at clubs in Scotland and mainland Europe. Fotheringham began his coaching career at Cowdenbeath before working in Germany, where he is highly regarded after notable spells at Hertha Berlin and FC Ingolstadt 04.



## LEE NICHOLLS

GK | Last season's Championship Goalkeeper of the Year Nicholls graduated from Wigan Athletic's academy and had multiple loan spells in the Football League before signing for Milton Keynes in 2016. After a quiet first season, he began to start regularly and heavily contributed to their League Two promotion. The 29-year-old joined the Terriers in May 2021 and made 19 clean sheets as Huddersfield reached the play-off final.



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BY DEC O'REILLY



## TOM LEES

DEF | Experienced centre-half Lees has made over 400 Championship appearances since he graduated from the Leeds United academy in January 2009. The 31-year-old had loan spells at Accrington Stanley and Bury before appearing 135 times for Leeds. Lees then moved across Yorkshire to Sheffield Wednesday in 2014, where he played 274 times across seven seasons. Huddersfield Town signed Lees last summer and he made 38 appearances in the 2021-22 season.

## SORBA THOMAS

ONE TO WATCH | Winger Thomas began his academy career at West Ham United before dropping down to Non-League side Boreham Wood at 16. The Welsh international made his National League debut in September 2017 and reached the National League play-offs twice across three years. Thomas signed for the Terriers in January 2021 and made 51 appearances last season, which earned the 23-year-old his first call-up to the Wales squad in October 2021.



# FIELD TOWN OCUS



## JACK RUDONI

MID | The 21-year-old midfielder joined Huddersfield from AFC Wimbledon earlier this summer after standing out for the Dons in League One. Rudoni has been deployed anywhere across the midfield throughout his career, and has played in the middle and on the left since his arrival at the John Smith's Stadium. The youngster graduated from Wimbledon's academy in March 2019 and made over 100 appearances for the Dons.



## JORDAN RHODES

ATT | Vastly experienced striker Rhodes began his professional career at Ipswich Town before going on to score over 220 goals and earn 14 caps for Scotland. The 32-year-old has been promoted four times, including top two Championship finishes with Middlesbrough and Norwich City. Rhodes scored 36 League One goals in Huddersfield's promotion campaign in 2011-12 and returned to the John Smith's Stadium after suffering relegation with Sheffield Wednesday in 2021.



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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 Willie Davie's first and last appearances for the Town.**

Born in Paisley in 1925, Willie first came to prominence with St Mirren where he attracted scouts from many big clubs, but Luton manager Dally Duncan won the day. A cheque for £7,500, plus Tom Kiernan, brought the clever inside-forward to Kenilworth Road in December 1950, where his goals and 'assists' kept the club in Division Two in the miserable 1950/51 season.

When panicking Huddersfield put in a £23,000 bid for the player in December 1951, a record for both clubs, it was too good to turn down and although Willie could not prevent the Terriers from suffering relegation from the top flight, they bounced back at the first attempt.

After five years at Huddersfield, Willie played for Walsall and Bath City before returning to Yorkshire, where he worked in local hospitals before his death in 1996.

### **FIRST GAME: BRENTFORD 1 LUTON TOWN 0 (16/12/50)**

With only three wins from 20 games, the Town were struggling at the wrong end of the Division Two (now Championship) table.

At a muddy Griffin Park the Hatters enjoyed the majority of the play but could not turn their superiority into goals despite the promptings of new signing Willie Davie. Instead a goal from Bees' Ken Coote 16 minutes from time, against the run of play, settled the contest and summed up the Town's season so far.

### **LAST GAME: LUTON TOWN 2 BIRMINGHAM 4 (08/12/51)**

The ship had been steadied and the Town were in an altogether better position mid-way through the 1951-52 campaign.

The Hatters had yet to beat Birmingham in a League game, with the Blues fast becoming a bogey side. The Town had equalised Birmingham's opener through George Stobart when skipper and centre-half Syd Owen came out worst in a clash of heads with Blues forward Tommy Briggs.

Suffering from concussion, Owen could do nothing to prevent Birmingham's second goal just before the interval, and missed the whole of the second period in the days before substitutes. Ten-man Town performed heroically and often looked likely to pull the game back, but it wasn't to be.

# **FIRST AND LAST**

## **WILLIE DAVIE**



## HATTERS TALES WITH ROGER WASH CLUB HISTORIAN

# GRAHAM FRENCH

**Luton legend John Moore has been heard to say that if you were to combine his endeavour with the genius of Graham French, then a perfect footballer would have been produced to compare to the best in the world.**

That the tale of French is one of a wasted talent is undeniable, but on his day he was unstoppable and truly got the 'bums off seats' of those who were privileged to see him play.

Born in Wolverhampton in April 1945, French starred as a schoolboy footballer and, on leaving school, had the choice of all the Midlands clubs but perversely chose Huddersfield where he stayed eight months, turning out for their youth team, before leaving with a 'bad back'.

French next turned up at Shrewsbury where he demanded a trial, which was granted and led to him making 25 appearances for the Shrews as a 16 year old, playing mainly on the left wing. Such were his talents that he was picked for the England Youth team in the 'Little World Cup', which was won and where he was the stand-out performer playing alongside future Hatters Ray Whittaker and David Pleat.

A £12,000 move to Swindon of Division Two (now the Championship) followed in August 1963, but not before Graham turned down Chelsea! Returning from the Canary Islands after a holiday paid for by the FA as a reward for winning the World Youth Cup, he was approached at Heathrow by Chelsea manager Tommy Docherty, who wanted to sign him.

French said that he needed time to think about it with Docherty taken aback at this stance, thinking that you should immediately want to sign for a big club like Chelsea. Docherty walked away never to be seen again and the big chance was gone, although stories have circulated that

Graham on the left wing at Bury in 1969-70

French was rude to the Doc at their brief meeting!

After a year at Swindon, French was 'fed up' and even though his weight had ballooned to 14 stone 7lb, he was taken on by Bill McGarry at Watford for £1,250. Training hard and winning a place in the Watford first team he seemed settled, but when McGarry left the club so did French, who had his contract cancelled and went on to sign for Wellington in the Southern League.

At the Bucks Head, French became a crowd favourite who was indulged by the management when turning up late for training or for matches, as they knew he could win games on his own. Scouts began to take notice again, but it was the Town who won the day when their £5,000 offer was accepted in November 1965.

Supporters knew little about him but they were soon to herald a new hero. A big man with deceptive pace and the ability to play on either wing, he could beat full-backs at will and put in telling crosses as well as score his share of goals.

Anyone lucky enough to be present at Kenilworth Road on 18th September 1968 will have witnessed his 'Goal of the Century'. Picking up the ball at the edge



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of his own penalty area, French loped down the middle beating several players in a mazy run before slipping the ball under Dave Hollins in the Mansfield goal. No footage exists but if it did, the goal would still be shown today.

French always had a problem with his weight and regularly returned from the close season needing to lose many pounds. Tales about his punctuality, keeping his greyhounds in the gym whilst training and a general love of the 'party life' swirled around the town, but so long as he was performing on the pitch indiscretions were overlooked. It is a good job that social media was not around then!

There is no doubt that French got in with the wrong crowd, which would eventually lead to his downfall. With the Town winning promotion to Division Two (now the Championship) in 1970, all seemed set fair for Graham to parade his undoubted

skills at a higher level, but a bombshell was dropped in early August 1970 when he was arrested following a shooting incident at a local pub.

He was immediately suspended by the club to throw manager Alec Stock's plans into disarray, and life had to go on without him until after the trial which was held over five days at Nottingham Assizes at the end of November.

Fortunately, the local Evening Post had a reporter attending the trial who gave a blow by blow account of the proceedings and the sheer stupidity of a footballer who was at the prime of his career.

French was badly beaten up in the car park of Cesars Palace in the early hours of Sunday 26th July, and afterwards set out to get his revenge. Five days later, with two others, he hijacked the car of one of the assailants in Skimpot Lane and put him in hospital – the use of a knuckleduster was mentioned and French had a revolver with him 'for insurance'.

Not content with this, French recruited three others and the six of them set off in two cars to the Unicorn pub to exact more revenge. The people they were looking for were not there, but they got involved in an altercation with a person of 'not the highest reputation' who ended up being shot in the shoulder by French at close range with another revolver supplied by one of his 'friends'.



Graham French

# GRAHAM FRENCH

WITH ROGER WASH  
CLUB HISTORIAN

Graham on the right  
against Lincoln at  
Kenilworth Road in  
1965-66.



All six, which included two part-time bouncers, bundled into one of the cars and drove away (slowly I would guess) with French waving the gun out of the window. All six were arrested the following day.

French maintained he had been robbed at Cesars Palace during the original altercation and was not seeking revenge, but merely to get his property back. The gun was 'for show' and went off accidentally.

The prosecution proved, via a ballistics expert, that the gun could not have gone off accidentally and that everything French did was pre-meditated. French was sentenced to three years in Stafford prison with the club immediately sacking him.

French served 20 months of his sentence and was released on parole in September 1972. He was immediately welcomed back to Kenilworth Road, where he needed to prove himself once more.

Prison deprivations meant that it was some time before he was ready for first team football, which eventually came in December 1972 in a home game against Millwall – and what a second debut!

Latching on to a long clearance from goalkeeper Keith Barber he raced

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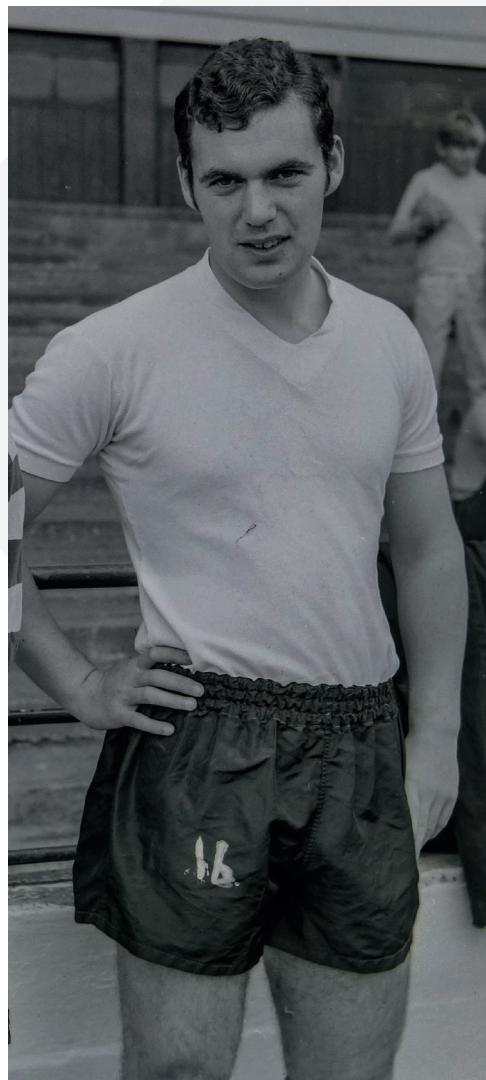
through the Lions defence before sending a fierce shot past Bryan King and lifted the roof off. This goal was the Town's second in an eventual 2-2 draw.

Sadly he was not the same player and after a further seven appearances and a short loan spell at Reading, he was released before suddenly turning up at Southport in April 1976 and playing two games for his old manager Allan Brown under the assumed name of Lafite (a play on words).

After that there were rumours of him heading for South Africa and the USA but the 'Poor man's George Best', as he is regularly dubbed, is now known to be back in the Midlands where, despite several attempts to make contact, he does not want to know. Partially understandable but he would certainly sell-out a Hatters' Heritage 'Meet the Player' evening.



Graham on the right again against Port Vale at home in 1967-68





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# ALLAN CAMPBELL

Words: Dan Briard

After making his 50th Luton Town appearance on Friday night, Allan Campbell is striving for more in his next 50 matches with the hope of getting the Hatters into the Premier League.

The lofty ambition stems from a magical first season at Kenilworth Road, where the Scottish midfielder helped Luton get into the Championship play-offs.

Not deterred by heartache in the semi-final against Huddersfield Town, Campbell and his team-mates are even more focused this season with hopes of going one further.

Following a challenging start to life in Bedfordshire by his own admission, the 24-year-old is certainly feeling right at home at the club now.

“It has been brilliant to be honest. It started a bit slow, I picked up an injury and settling in was hard at first, but the fans and the club have been brilliant helping me settle in and I felt that when I got my place sorted, I felt at home and I could kick on.

“The group we had last year and the season we had was just brilliant. I’m just hopeful in the next 49, 50 games, we can get into the Premier League and go that one step further than last year.

“As a whole, I feel like I have been getting better, my performances I think have been getting better and hopefully I can keep putting them in and help this team strive for better.”

## THE FANS GET RIGHT BEHIND YOU AND KNOW YOU ARE PUTTING IN THE PERFORMANCES AND GETTING THE REWARDS. I LOVE IT, I LOVE WHEN I HEAR IT.

Best memory during his 50 Luton matches? The 24-year-old has one in particular.

“The moment we got into the play-offs. You work hard all season with ups and downs, the chances you get, we could have clinched it before that but then that last game, the emotion, how hard you work, the staff and the fans. The whole build-up to that game was brilliant, that was probably one of the games I will always remember.”

Fully established as a fans' favourite, Campbell has a song to go with his rising popularity to the tune of Whigfield's Saturday night, which the midfielder enjoys hearing whilst on the pitch.

“I think at any club it is always nice to feel like you're appreciated. The fans get right behind you and know you are putting in the performances and getting the rewards. I love it, I love when I hear it. A few of the boys have a laugh with me about it in the changing rooms so it's nice to hear!”

After 10 games in the Championship this term, Luton found themselves on 13 points – the same number at the same point last season. Whilst that is purely coincidence, the players and staff want more, with Friday's win at Hull lifting them temporarily into the top six.

“It has been an alright start to the season, I think as a team we felt there was a couple of performances that could have been better, we got a couple of results but at the international break we were in a good place. We're sitting okay in the table and we're looking up.

“I think the performances have been decent, just not being clinical enough in the final third has cost us a few points along the way. There has only been a couple of months so there is a lot of football to be played, but in terms of the performances,

there are a lot of positives to take. I'm looking forward to the rest of the season and seeing how well we can do.”

On a personal note, Campbell picked up where he left off last season, demonstrated best by being awarded the Diamond Player of the Month award for July and August.

“It is always an honour to get nominated and to win any award. Obviously to be voted by the fans it means a lot, the fans have been brilliant with me since I came down, they have really taken to me. I just try to give my all for them when I go on out there, make sure even if it's not my best day, I'm still running my heart out and giving my all for the fans.

“Thankfully enough the manager has played me a lot of times. The manager expects you to give your all out on the park, and now having played a lot of games for the club it feels like I need to step up and be a leader; have more of a voice in the changing room and on the pitch, and really be a leader. Hopefully I can get better at that, I think that is something I can improve on in my game.”



# LUTON AZ

WITH REECE BURKE



## A - ATHLETE

If you had to compete, what event would you do?

*Triple jump, with my long legs I think I'd be quite good.*



## B - BOOTS

Favourite pair of boots?

*Adidas Predator Edge, I'm wearing them at the moment.*



## C - CAR

Dream car?

*Aston Martin, but I'm not really into cars.*



## D - DESTINATION

Dream destination?

*I'd like to go to the Maldives*



## E - EAT

Favourite food?

*A nice fillet steak.*



## F - FIVE

What is your all-time five-a-side team?

*I'll do current team – Ethan Horvath, myself, Allan to rat around in midfield with Jordan Clark and Carlton Morris up front.*



## G - GUESTS

Celebrity you'd like to have a drink with?

*Peter Crouch. I've been listening to his podcast recently.*



## H - HOBBIES

Favourite thing to do other than football?

*Golf, snooker, PlayStation – a bit of Call of Duty.*



## I - IDOL

Who is your sporting idol?

*Rio Ferdinand.*



## J - JOB

What do you see yourself doing after playing?

*I would like to try a normal 9 to 5, an electrician or plumber.*



## K - KIT

Favourite all-time football shirt?

*I can't pick a favourite. I keep a shirt from each season and I have a big collection at home.*



## L - LANGUAGES

How many languages can you speak?

*I can speak a bit of German. I know how to say hello my name is Reece and I live in England!*



## M - MOMENT

**Favourite moment of your career so far?**

*One was the goal against Blackburn, and my West Ham goal against Shrewsbury.*



## N - NOTABLE

**Who is the most famous contact in your phone?**

*Just managers I have played under, not one in particular!*



## O - OPPOSITION

**Hardest opponent?**

*I'd say Romelu Lukaku, playing against him when he was at Everton. He's a beast.*



## P - PIZZA TOPPINGS

**What toppings would you choose?**

*Go to is a meat feast or standard pepperoni.*



## Q - QUOTE

**Favourite quote?**

*Don't worry about the future, it hasn't come yet.*



## R - RESTAURANT

**Favourite restaurant?**

*Sheesh in Chigwell.*

*They do a nice lamb shish*



## S - STADIUM

**Favourite stadium you've played at?**

*St James' Park. Probably one of the loudest places I've played at.*



## T - TRAVEL

**Best place you've been to?**

*Dubai*



## U - UNLIMITED

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

*Happiness and family health.*



## V - VICTORY

**Most memorable win?**

*Forest at home was a good win, and when we beat Reading to make play-offs.*



## W - WATCH

**Favourite film/series?**

*I really enjoyed Money Heist. Film-wise, I'd say Man on Fire.*



## X - X FACTOR

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

*Hold On, We're Going Home by Drake. That was my initiation song here so we'll go with that.*



## Y - YIKES

**Biggest fear?**

*Spiders*



## Z - ZOO

**Favourite animal?**

*Dogs, I don't have one but I want to. I'd get an English Bulldog.*





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## LUTON LADIES

# 1 LUTON TOWN LADIES 0 NEEDHAM MARKET

Luton Town Ladies made it four wins in a row when they took on newly promoted Needham Market in the Eastern Region Women's Football League Premier Division - a Leyah Maddix goal proving enough to seal the points.

There was a home debut start for Gemma Darvill, starting at right back, and three minutes in to the game the Hatters had their first attempt, a Fiona Constable cross finding Lil Sanders, but her shot was blocked.

Luton came closest to a goal on the 13-minute mark when Sanders played in wide player Adi Milton. She broke in on goal and tried to slot home, putting the ball just wide of the post.

Only a minute later, keeper Angelika Kopec denied Needham Market an opener, diving to stop the ball reaching the top corner. Another agonisingly close chance came on 21 minutes, when an Adi Milton cross found Fiona Constable rushing in to the back post, but again, the attempt wasn't converted.

The last chance of the half came firstly from captain Jess McKay, whose shot was scuffed but found youngster Kiera Palmiero at the back post, but she scraped the shot inches wide.

Into the second half and it was fairly quiet to begin with. Things livened up around 71 minutes in, however, as substitute keeper Hannah Payne was called in to action twice in the space of a minute.

The first was from a Needham Market corner, which was targeting back post, only to be denied by an outstretched Payne hand. The second came moments later when Needham Market worked the ball to the edge of the six-yard box, only to be denied again by the keeper at point blank range!

It wasn't until the 81st minute that the deadlock was broken. Maddix collected the ball in the opposition's half and charged down the pitch. Holding off the defenders, she held the ball up in the box, cut right and sold the keeper, blasting her shot in to the net.

The ladies almost doubled their lead at the death when McKay shot just over the crossbar, but Maddix's goal was enough to leave the Hatters five points clear of second-placed Haringey Borough going into their trip to Wodson in the FA Cup on Sunday, which the Hatters won 7-0 with McKay netting a hat-trick, Sanders getting two, Lauren Low one and an OG to progress into round two.

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**Good evening everyone and welcome to this EFL Championship fixture against Huddersfield Town.**

The U18s and 21s have been back in action this week in both competitive and friendly action, which has tested them on a number of levels. The U18s started last week off with a trip to Southend in the Youth Alliance Cup where unfortunately they came up short losing 6-5 on a penalty shootout.

They followed this up with a trip to play at Southampton on Wednesday where a rousing first half performance saw us go into the break 3-0 up following goals from Darcy Moffat and a brace from Jake Burger. The second half then swung in the favour of the home side as they drew level before a late Oli Lynch goal from a set piece won it for us.

The U21s meanwhile played host to QPR U21s in a game which took place under the lights at the Kenny in front of just short of 400 fans. An entertaining game saw us take the lead through a Luke Berry header before QPR drew

level. Avan Jones then made it 2-1 to the Hatters before the resilient Rangers once again equalised. Tobias Braney then won the game for Adrian Forbes' side when he tapped home a shot which rebounded back to him off the post.

It was great for our U21s to be able to play in front of our home fans at the stadium as it gives them a small insight into what it is like to play for Nathan and the first team. We have another U21's fixture at the stadium on the 19th October against Bournemouth and it would be great to get as many spectators along as possible to support them.

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## GETTING TO KNOW...

# TOBIAS BRANEY

**Age:** 18

**Position:** Striker

### Where are you from?

South Woodham Ferrers in Essex, near Chelmsford, but I live with a host family in Luton.

### Which junior teams did you play for?

I started at Burnham Ramblers when I was very young, then Heybridge Swifts and Brentwood Town. At U13s I started playing for Essex County, went on trial at a load of clubs and signed for Millwall from then until U16, when I was released. I went to Bowers & Pitsea and played EJA football at U18s, broke into the first team and also had a loan spell back at Burnham in the Essex Senior.

### Which team do you support?

I don't support a team in particular. My family aren't really into football so I didn't have one passed down to me, I just enjoy watching good football.

### What age did you join Luton?

18 - this summer just gone!

### How did you join the club?

After a successful trial last March. I'd been playing for Bowers & Pitsea in the Isthmian Premier and was invited in to train for five days. I played an in-house game between the 18s and 21s, then played for the development squad at Cambridge, where I

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won the penalty that gave us a 1-0 win, and I got offered a contract.

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

My mum, Karen. She is really committed and took a lot of time out of her life to support what I wanted to do, driving me to trials, matches and training everywhere. It would take an hour and a half to get to Millwall on a Thursday night, but she never complained.

### Who is your footballing hero?

Fernando Torres in his prime with Liverpool and Spain.

### What has been the highlight of your career so far?

Being involved in the FA Cup first round last season at Lincoln with Bowers. I was sub and we lost 1-0, but there was almost 6,000 there and it was a great experience.

### What are your hopes for the future?

To succeed as a full-time footballer here at Luton Town.



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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**Black History Month is an annual event, taking place every October. This is a period for us to celebrate our diverse communities and particularly our black role models. The theme for this year is “Time for change: Actions not Words”.**

This Black History Month Luton Town FC Community Trust will be focusing on the importance of past and present BAME footballing icons who have paved the way for this generation. Our Premier League Kicks participants will be coming together in October to celebrate Black History Month with the production of a video, researching and spreading the good work of icons such as Marcus Rashford, Hope Powell and our own Wembley winning-goalscorer Brian Stein (pictured), along with many more and how they have inspired so many involved in the game today.

In addition to this, another cohort of young people from the project will become designers for the day where they will be making their own Luton Town shirts showing what black history means to them and how important it has been in our local communities. The great work of the young people will be covered across our social media channels to show how we can all contribute to stronger and more inclusive communities through initiatives such as these.

Our school delivery team will be visiting 3 local Bedfordshire schools, Ferrars Junior, St Martins De Porress Primary and Edith Cavell Primary, to lead an interact assembly that will engage over 1,000 pupils, with the focus on the history of Luton Town FC's past and present BAME footballers, discussing their achievements and the experiences they have gone through.

During the October half term, we will be creating and distributing to all the families who are attending over football camps a 'Did You Know' fact sheet about Black History Month which will inform them of key statistics relating to Black History Month and Luton Town FC. Within the fact sheet there will be a timeline of Luton Town FC's history of BAME representation, celebrating the achievements of these players that have brought so much to the club.



## OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

**No sooner have we completed our summer holiday camps, we are already gearing up for another week of camps during the October half term break.**

Our camps are open to everyone in school years year 1 to year 6, regardless of level of ability or how long you've been playing.

Our coaches will ensure that everyone is able to learn new skills and, most importantly, enjoy themselves. Our camps offer excellent value and take place at a number of different venues across Luton and surrounding areas, so you should find there is a camp conveniently located for you.

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 match-

es, 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 Sheas 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!"

Sometimes we're lucky enough to be joined at the camps by members of the Hatters first team squad, who will spend time taking part in a Q&A and sign some autographs for the young people.

For a list of venues, dates and other camp information, and to book places, please visit [www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk](http://www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk) or call the office on 01582 561622.



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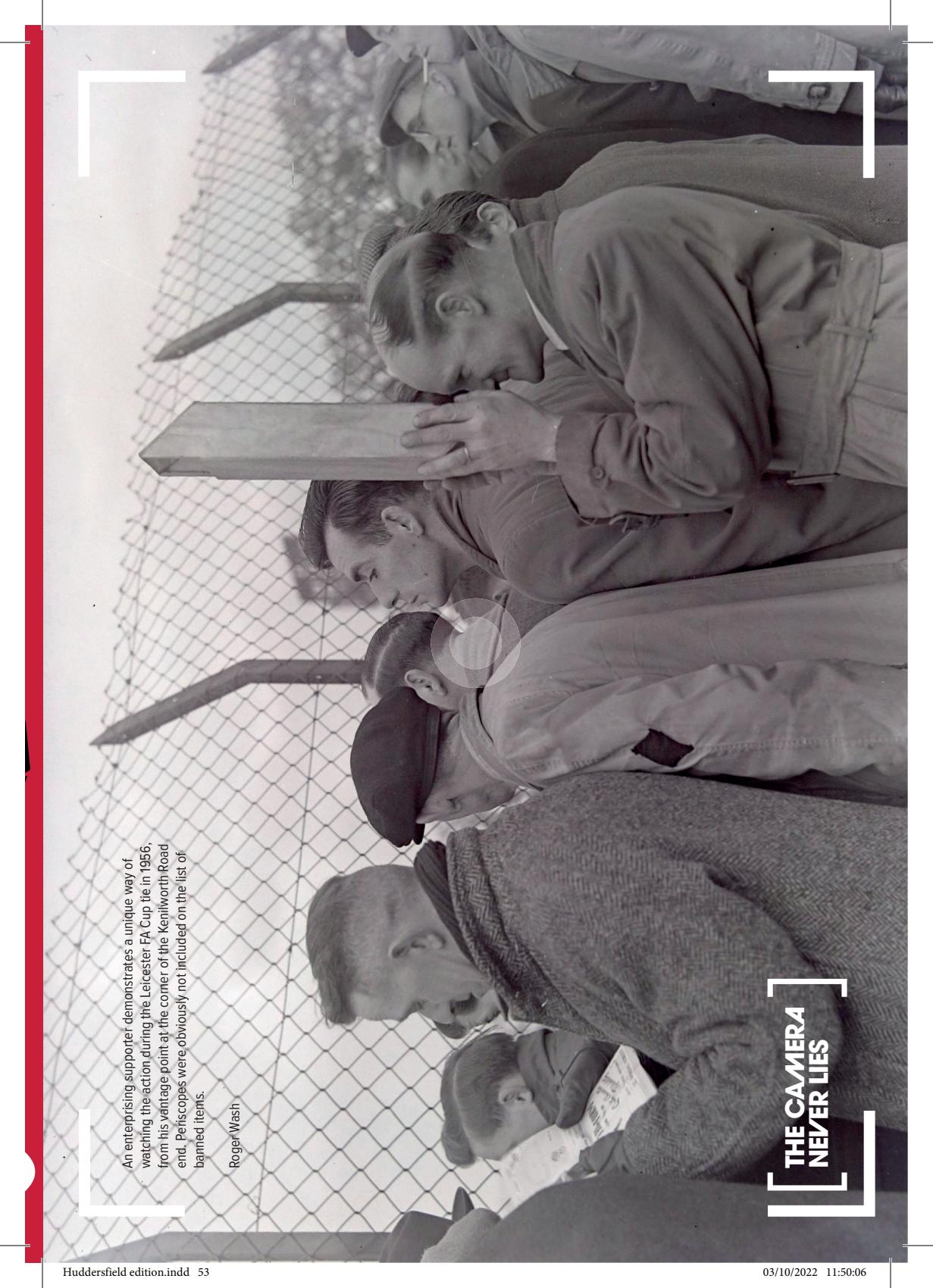
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An enterprising supporter demonstrates a unique way of watching the action during the Leicester FA Cup tie in 1956, from his vantage point at the corner of the Kenilworth Road end. Periscopes were obviously not included on the list of banned items.

Roger Wash

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# 2022-23 FIXTURES & RESULTS

	DATE	OPPOSITION	POS	SCORE	STARTING XI							
	SAT JUL 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	/	D 0-0	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL	CA
	SAT AUG 6	BURNLEY	A	15	D 1-1	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL	CA
	TUE AUG 9	NEWPORT CTY AFC (CCR)	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
	WED SEP 14	COVENTRY CITY	H	18	D 2-2	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	BRADLEY	POTTS	ONYEDINIMA	CA
	SAT SEP 17	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	11	W 2-0	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS	BELL	CA
	FRI SEP 30	HULL CITY	A	5	W 2-0	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS	BELL	CA
	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									
	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									
	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									
	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									
	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									
	TBA	STOKE CITY	A									

## SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP 2022/23

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



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			O.G.	SUBSTITUTES	ATT.	AWAY
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, CORNICK, WOODROW, LANSBURY, PEREIRA, JEROME	9,921 1,032
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	CORNICK	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, BERRY, MORRIS, WOODROW, LANSBURY, BURKE	19,628 1,026
WATSON	BERRY	WOODROW	JEROME	MUSKWE	ISTED, CORNICK, MORRIS, THORPE, OSHO, WILLIAMS, ALLEN, PETTIT, NELSON	3,827 207
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, WOODROW, WATSON, THORPE, OSHO, JEROME	9,740 895
CAMPBELL	OSHO	WOODROW	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, MUSKWE, CLARK, THORPE, FREEMAN, JEROME	17,329 718
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MUSKWE	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BERRY, MORRIS, WOODROW, THORPE, OSHO, JEROME	16,323 609
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, MUSKWE, OYEDINIMA, OSHO, JEROME	9,882 1,032
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, OYEDINIMA, OSHO, JEROME	17,202 421
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BRADLEY, CORNICK, BERRY, WOODROW, OYEDINIMA, JEROME	9,885 1,035
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, WOODROW, ADEBAYO, LANSBURY, BELL, JEROME	9,546 1,028
CAMPBELL	CLARK	LANSBURY	MORRIS	WOODROW	ISTED, WATSON, OYEDINIMA, FREEMAN, OSHO, JEROME, DOUGHTY	9,839 712
CAMPBELL	CLARK	LANSBURY	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	ISTED, CORNICK, MPANZU, OYEDINIMA, OSHO, JEROME, DOUGHTY	15,730 544
			JONES			



## BOB WILSON

Passed away 20th August 2022, aged 77 years.

A regular at Kenilworth Road for more than 60 years, Bob's passion for Luton Town was second only to playing, and winning, at 8-ball Pool. Bob will be dearly missed by wife Jackie, sons Kirk and Spencer, daughter in law Jane, grandson Ollie, and friends.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GEORGE!

Happy birthday to George Lewington who turns 12 on 5th October.

Hopefully another 3 points this evening will be a great start to his birthday tomorrow, from Mum & Dad and Freddie

## TREVOR'S TOWN TOWEL TRAVELS!

You may remember the Hatters supporter, Trevor Emery, who was pictured with blood pouring from his head after being hit by an object thrown from the pitch at Huddersfield in the play-off semi-final.



His grandson Daniel Bennett sent us this great picture, with the following message: 'Here's a photo of my dad, Trevor, from Bedford on a balcony in Malta showing off his Luton Towels where he goes every year.'

'He's 85 years old and is one of the longest standing John Moore lounge members (Century Club previously). He's been watching Luton for over 70 years now home and away and goes to games with me, and his current favourite Luton player is Carlton Morris.'

Great to see you and your towels looking so well, Trevor!

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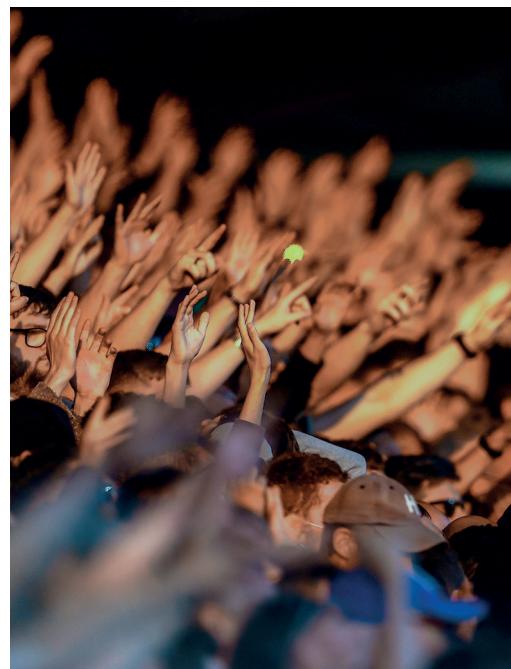
**A message about anti-social and criminal behaviour**

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

	2022-23 SEASON								CAREER		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL		
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	Y	R	APPS	G	
Elijah Adebayo	9	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	9	(1)	0	2	0
Amari'i Bell	10	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	10	(1)	0	0	0
Luke Berry	0	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(3)	0	0	0
Sonny Bradley	5	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0
James Bree	11	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	11	(0)	0	1	0
Reece Burke	7	(1)	1	1	(0)	0	8	(1)	1	0	0
Allan Campbell	11	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	11	(0)	1	0	0
Jordan Clark	10	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	10	(1)	0	0	0
Harry Cornick	2	(3)	0	0	(1)	0	2	(4)	0	0	0
Alfie Doughty	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0
Luke Freeman	8	(2)	1	0	(0)	0	8	(2)	1	2	0
Ethan Horvath	11	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	11	(0)	0	0	0
Harry Isted	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	5
Cameron Jerome	0	(9)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(9)	0	0	0
Henri Lansbury	2	(2)	1	1	(0)	0	3	(2)	1	1	0
Tom Lockyer	6	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	7	(0)	1	1	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	9	(2)	6	0	(1)	0	9	(3)	6	4	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0
Admiral Muskwe	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0
Fred Onyedinma	1	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(4)	0	1	0
Gabriel Osho	5	(4)	1	0	(1)	0	5	(5)	1	1	0
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	3
Dan Potts	11	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	11	(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	2	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(5)	0	0	0

## COACH TRAVEL TO WATFORD

The Ticket Office would like to advise the following information regarding travelling to Watford by coach. Bobbers Travel Club have reduced the previously advertised cost for travel to this fixture to £15.00 per ticket, in order to assist the Club to encourage supporters to travel by coach if suitable.

As previously detailed, the Ticket Office will be selling all Coach travel to those supporters who obtain tickets for this fixture and wish to travel by coach. Tickets can be booked whilst ordering your tickets for the game, both online, in person or via phone from the Ticket Office.

They can also be ordered at a later date if required. Please do not contact the Bobbers Travel Club number for this fixture.

A Coach ticket will be issued which will need to be handed in the Bobbers Travel Club Stewards before boarding Coaches.

If you wish to travel in a group, please ensure that your coach bookings are made together as we are unable to guarantee that you will all be on the same coach unless you do so. Once a booking has been made, no change can be made to your pick-up point. Payment must be made at the time of booking and is non-refundable.

No alcohol or smoking (including e-cigarettes) will be permitted on board the coaches at any time. Coach Stewards reserve the right to search passengers if they believe that this is not being adhered to.

Any child under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Please return to your coach immediately after the game. The police will not allow us to wait for passengers who do not do so.

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The Junction 11 pick-up point will be outside the Travelodge Hotel rather than on the opposite side of the road.

Departure times are as follows – please be at your departure point at least 10 minutes before the time shown. We cannot be held responsible if you miss the coach because you are late.

**9.20am** **Ampthill (Cottage Bakery, Dunstable Street)**

**9.25am** **Flitwick (Bus stop opposite Village Hall)**

**9.30am** **Westoning (Bus stop opposite The Chequers)**

**9.40am** **Junction 11 (By Travelodge Hotel)**

**10.00am** **Bus interchange at Luton Railway Station (Bus stop LS12)**

## THE LAST WORD

MIKE SIMMONDS

LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR



**Longevity is often a dirty word in football, particularly for managers, and it has proved so yet again this week.**

Having brought in Forest Green boss Rob Edwards during the summer and promised to 'support him come hell or high water', that lot up the road then pulled the trigger after just 10 games of the season on Monday afternoon, swiftly replacing him with former West Ham and Croatia manager Slaven Bilic.

With Luton heading to Vicarage Road next month, don't bet on the new man still being there, that game some 20 days away.

It wasn't just the Hornets who were clearing out the manager's office either, Hull City doing the same with their former Georgian international Shota Arveladze.

They went one further than those at Vicarage Road though, announcing his exit just hours before their 2-0 defeat against the Hatters on Friday night.

The merry-go-round at Watford in particular becomes even more laughable when you consider that since Nathan Jones returned to Kenilworth Road in May 2020, the Hornets have now tried their hand with eight managers, including former England boss Roy Hodgson.

The board's reasoning was that Edwards had enough time to show the identity of his team, but performances hadn't reflected their hopes and ambitions. However, was 10 games enough of the campaign to really judge him?

Some had been disappointed by Luton's start to the campaign, which started without a win in four games, but with 11 games having now been played, then, following that success on Friday night, they have won four out of seven, only losing once.

Prior to the City trip, Nathan Jones' side had exactly the same amount of points as they did last season too, and we all know how that went.

Signs are starting to look good as well, Carlton Morris in supreme form with six goals in seven games and showing exactly why Luton paid out a club record fee for him in the summer.

As for that longevity word, with Paul Warne enticed away from his role at Rotherham to head to Derby County, it means Jones is now the third longest serving manager in the second tier behind Mark Robins and Gary Rowett.

Looking at those currently employed by Championship teams shows just what a short shelf-life the job is, with only the three managers mentioned earlier having passed their two year anniversary.

A further three have done over a year, with six managers in the six to 12 months category, meaning unsurprisingly, the top mark of nine have done just under six months, that soon to become a dozen once new faces are in place at Cardiff, Rotherham and Hull.

Up against another newbie in Mark Fotheringham this evening, Jones has already spoken of his desire to become the longest serving manager in the league, and the way things are going, few would bet against it!



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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 FOTHERINGHAM

02 OLLIE TURTON  
03 LUKE MBETE  
04 MATTY PEARSON  
05 JON RUSSELL  
06 JONATHAN HOGG  
07 SORBA THOMAS  
08 TINO ANJORIN  
09 JORDAN RHODES  
11 CONNOR MAHONEY  
12 WILL BOYLE  
14 JOSH RUFFELS  
16 KAINES KESLER-HAYDEN  
18 DAVID KASUMU  
19 DUANE HOLMES  
20 AARON ROWE  
21 LEE NICHOLLS  
22 JACK RUDONI  
24 ETIENNE CAMARA  
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