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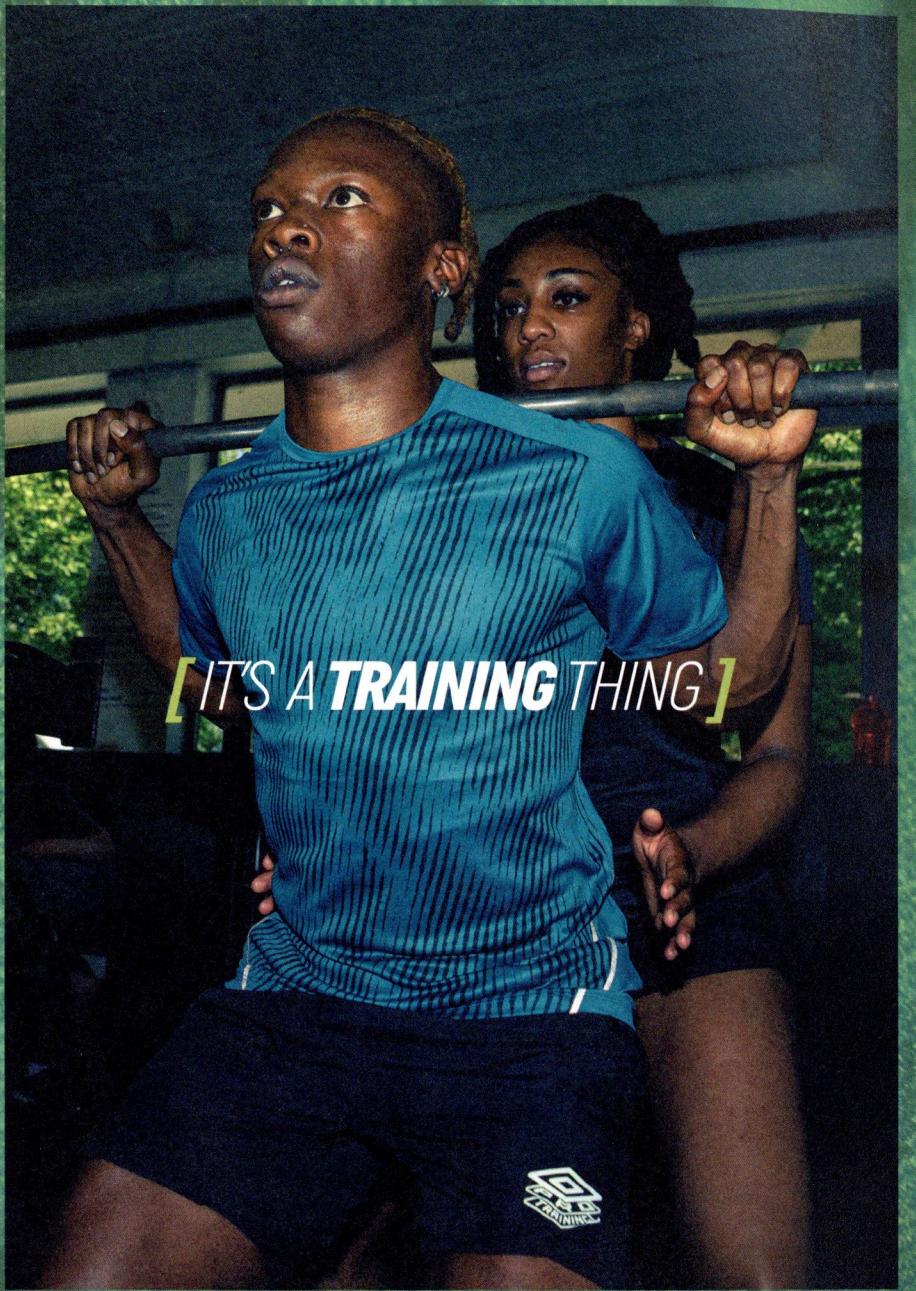
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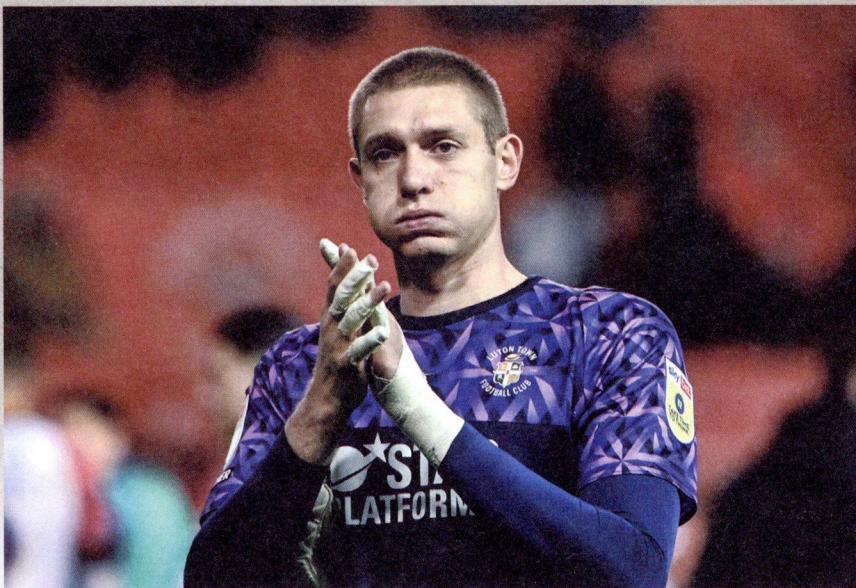
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World Cup-bound Ethan Horvath takes a deep breath after keeping a clean sheet despite a late barrage from opponents Blackpool last Saturday

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GARY SWEET
Chief Executive



Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road at the end of another interesting week on the Luton Town rollercoaster. Victory at Blackpool, defeat at Stoke, the proud selection of two of our players for their countries' World Cup squads, and our manager taking the opportunity to progress his career in the Premier League.

That last one is a positive too, I hasten to add, because it proves that the environment and culture that we have developed here at Kenilworth Road is envied by other clubs.

It also means we have Mick Harford back in the dugout to welcome his old club, Rotherham United, to Bedfordshire, and we know that you will give Big Mick a rousing reception before kick-off to set up an electric atmosphere from another sell-out crowd.

I will start by extending that welcome to Rotherham owner Tony Stewart, his manager Matt Taylor, their players and everyone who has travelled from south Yorkshire. A special mention must go to Peter Kioso, an ambitious young player we sold to the Millers in the summer because we understood his desire to play regular first team football with his chances potentially limited here. It's good to see you back to fitness, Pete.

So, the managerial situation. When we appointed Nathan Jones in January 2016, he was an unknown coach in many ways, but as a board we believed we had the right man to lead us on to the next level as successor to one of the most iconic managers in our history, John Still. Nathan took that mantle on, changing the way we played with exemplary expertise, aided by our supporting staff and players.

We were 18th in League Two at the time, and I know it took time for some to get used to a new wave of possession based attacking play, but we were thrilled by the eight, sevens and five-goal performances that took us up to League One at the second time of asking, fuelled by the heartache of play-off defeat the previous year.

That two players he inherited from John Still's days, Pelly and



Potty, are still here almost seven years on as key players in the Championship speaks volumes for the culture of development and growth we have seen. That applies to Nathan too, of course: working with Luton Town and the 'Lutopian way' has been a big factor in elevating his career to where he is now.

Of course, we had the low period where he left for Stoke. I can reassure you that this time is nothing like that disharmonious situation. We knew the players we recruited in League Two were good enough to take us through the next level quickly, and so it proved with Mick's inspiration for the second half of that 2018-19 season.

But when we were staring at an immediate return to League One, and we needed someone to come in with knowledge of the squad, we put our differences aside and we had a more

professional, more mature manager coming back to us with a point to prove than the one who left. And he proved it!

That Great Escape gave us a foundation from which to build in the Championship, and that has resulted in 12th and sixth-placed finishes, our highest for three decades. There is a whole dressing room of players here now who I won't mention individually, but who have been turned into top Championship players and potential Premier League assets by Nathan and the football staff.

Which leads me nicely onto Chris Cohen and Alan Sheehan, who have also grown in their relatively short time with us as coaches. We thank them for all their fine work and wish them and their families every success.

Southampton's approach was polite, through the front door and all above board. As a Club we have been healthily compensated because we had Nathan contracted until 2027, and as result of how the situation has been handled by all parties, we now have a good relationship with an established Premier League club – who we hope can now preserve their status, as we will potentially benefit going forward.

As we said in our official announcement on Thursday morning – the events panned out exactly as described over the previous days and we do appreciate that it may have been highly frustrating to watch. But we would rather it be transparent and, genuinely, the formalities only came to a conclusion in the early hours of Thursday after which a formal announcement was made at the earliest opportunity.

Until then, there remained two possible outcomes – indeed, at midnight on Thursday, there was still a slim chance he may have stayed – which goes to explain the 'no-option' background of Nathan, Chris and Alan being on the bench at Stoke on Tuesday.

However, that's all resolved now, and the future for us remains as bright as ever – in fact, we believe, even brighter. Even before one of the biggest and most respected football agents in the business described the opportunity at Luton as a 'sexy proposition' to any possible manager, we knew we had more high quality, potential options than in previous such situations.

We have a squad full of players who are now proven to be high-end Championship performers, an old stadium that is packed to the rafters weekly, a new stadium coming in which the new manager could open our account, and the very real chance of another shot at promotion.

We sit two points off the play-offs with over half the season to go, and the fact we are looking up towards the Premier League rather than worrying about the risk of exiting the division the other way, as we were two-and-a-half years ago, means we are an attractive proposition, especially so with Power Court drawing ever closer.

This situation presents us with a great opportunity to refresh, and we are approaching the process in exactly the same manner as we do with player recruitment with some added personality assessments. We constantly study the data for potential replacements should a situation like this occur, and our manager recruitment group has met every day since we were first contacted by Southampton, so we are well into the process.

Mick, as always, is a huge part of that selection group and he is there for us again to lead the team when we need him. This afternoon is a great opportunity for us all to show him our love and affection, and your constant support will make this period so much easier to navigate.

I must also thank the players for their professionalism, patience and positive attitude in the last few days. We are

missing many influential characters through injury at present, but we all saw at Blackpool how determined they were to put their bodies on the line for this club.

At Stoke on Tuesday we were clearly the better side, dominating possession and chances, but we just couldn't force the ball over the line during that second half spent camped in their half. There is so much to be positive about, both on and off the pitch, with the redevelopment work at The Brache and solid progress continuing on Power Court.

In other news in this eventful week, massive congratulations must go to two of those players who performed heroics at Bloomfield Road a week ago, with Ethan Horvath and Tom Lockyer called up by USA and Wales for the World Cup. It's a huge achievement for both lads, and we will watch proudly as two Hatters can hopefully force their way into their respective starting line-ups and come up against each other in their group opener next week.

Finally, as we remember those who have fallen in service for our country on Remembrance Weekend, please take part in the pre-match tribute in your usual exemplary manner.

Then clear your throats and raise the old girl's roof in support of our club legend and the team he puts out there. Very few will have managed the same club in four different divisions. So let us know how good it feels, with Micky Harford at the wheel!

Enjoy today's game and the mid-season break, then we'll see you back here for Millwall the week before Christmas.

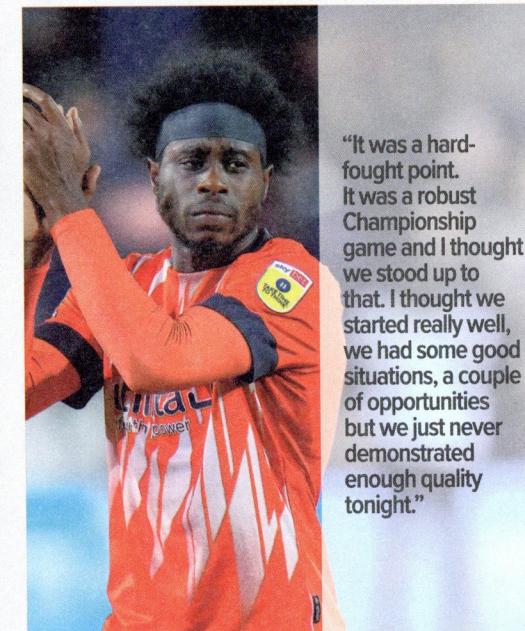
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MATCH ACTION



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Kenilworth Road – Tues 1st November 2022

Luton Town: Horvath; Bree, Lockyer (Jerome 59'), Bradley (C) (Berry 32'), Potts, Bell; Mpanzu, Campbell (Freeman 78'), Doughty; Adebayo (Morris 78'), Cornick.

Reading: Lumley; Yiadom (C), Holmes, Mbengue; Hoilett, Hendrick, Ejaria (Fornah 58'), Rahman; Ince; Meite (Long 72'), Carroll.



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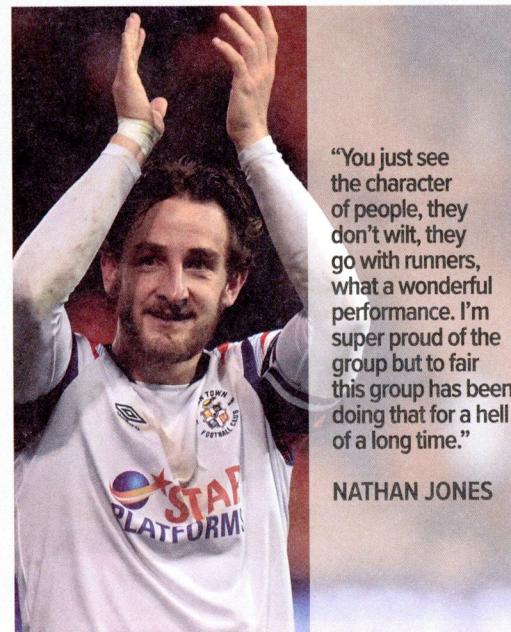
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“You just see the character of people, they don’t wilt, they go with runners, what a wonderful performance. I’m super proud of the group but to fair this group has been doing that for a hell of a long time.”

NATHAN JONES



**0 BLACKPOOL
1 LUTON TOWN**

Bloomfield Road – Sat 5th November 2022

Blackpool: Maxwell; Connolly, Ekpiteta (C), Thorniley (Thompson 57'), Husband; Ward, Dougall, Patino (Anderson 45') (Corbeau 80'); Yates, Hamilton; Madine.

Luton Town: Horvath; Clark, Bree, Lockyer, Potts (C) (Cornick 20'), Bell; Campbell, Mpanzu, Berry (Freeman 75'); Adebayo (Jerome 75'), Morris.

Scorers:
Berry (57')

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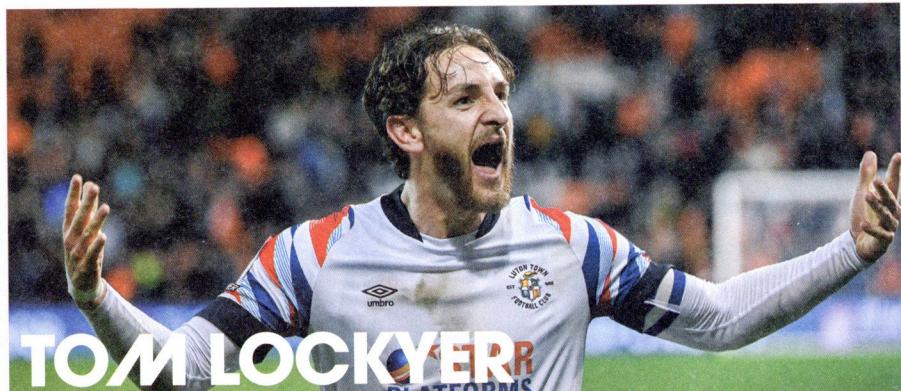
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BLACKPOOL REACTION



Tom Lockyer hailed a heroic team performance as the Hatters claimed three points on the road against Blackpool.

It was the fifth away win Nathan Jones' side had recorded this season and was largely due to a superb defensive showing from a makeshift back-line, following the early injury to Dan Potts.

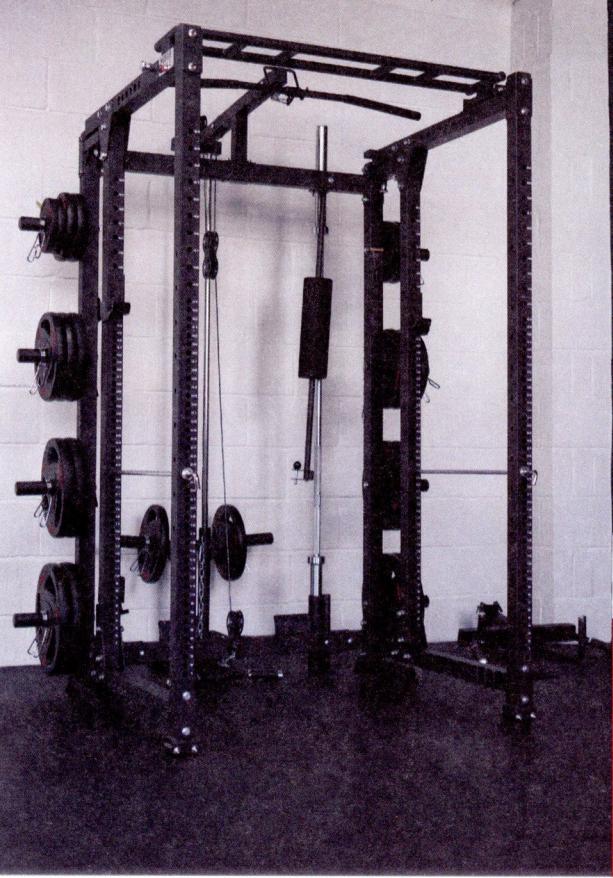
Speaking after the match, Lockyer spoke of just how much he enjoyed the 90 minutes: "It was brilliant. One-nil away from home is a defender's dream, I absolutely loved every minute of it, it would have been devastating if one of those went in, but the lads were just throwing their bodies on the line.

"As a defender who loves doing that himself, it is brilliant to see. I had two off the line and there were more just throwing their body in the way and I think that shows how much it means.

"To come here and it's one-nil in the last ten minutes, you know they're going to throw everything forward because they have nothing to lose so you really have to put your backs against the wall and dig deep and show the character. The boys did that in abundance and I'm so proud today of the one-nil.

"Since my time at Luton we have had to overcome adversity in abundance, and it is not different today. Potts has gone down in the first half, so we had to change from a three to a four.

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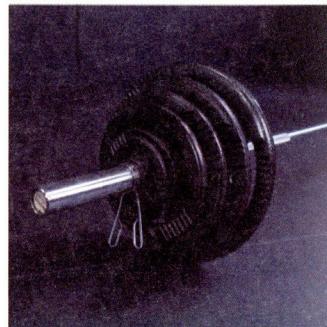
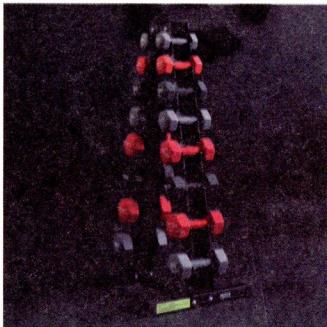


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“They had a lot of situations around our box but nothing clear-cut, the only chances they had were from outside the box and I thought we defended wonderfully well. You have to do that in the Championship because they are a good side.”

NATHAN JONES



**2 STOKE CITY
0 LUTON TOWN**

bet365 Stadium – Tue 8th August 2022

Stoke City: Bonham; Wilmot, Souttar, Fox; Clarke, Baker (C), Smallbone, Fosu; Powell (Tyson 86'); Delap, Gayle (Brown 76').

Luton Town: Isted; Clark, Bree, Lockyer (C), Osho (Jerome 79'), Bell; Mpanzu, Campbell 9Berry 69'); Cornick (Doughty 79'), Morris, Adebayo.

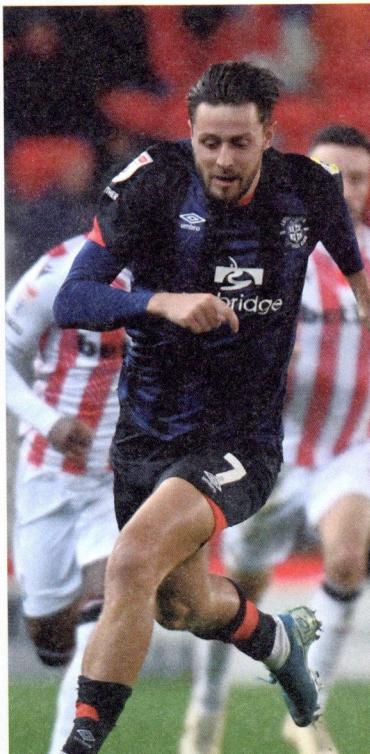
Scorers:
Powell (3'), Lockyer (14' og)

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STOKE REACTION



HARRY CORNICK

Harry Cornick was left wondering what could have been after Luton Town suffered only their third defeat on the road against Stoke City on Tuesday evening.

The forward – part of three changes to the starting line-up from the Blackpool win – was frustrated with the early goals the Hatters conceded, falling two behind in the opening 15 minutes.

However, the fighting effort for the remainder of the game and support from the 784 travelling away fans were pleasing factors for the 27-year-old, who started for the second time in three matches.

“We’ve had some great chances, but we gifted them two early goals,” Cornick honestly admitted after the match. “It has ruined our game-plan, but we dug deep, we had a great result at the weekend (against Blackpool), we’ve had five games in 11 games, we have another game Saturday and the boys have been working so hard.

“We fell short today which is no good but the fans were unbelievable again, cheering us on to the last minute. We had every chance, but we just fell short tonight.

“The fans were brilliant for us, they kept singing to the 90th minute and they always do. I’ve always said it, the away fans at Luton are unbelievable. They sing their heart out, they cheer you on to the last minute and no matter what happens, we weren’t great tonight and they still cheered us on.

Saturday’s match against Rotherham will be the sixth the Hatters have managed in the last two weeks ahead of an almost month-long break for the 2022 World Cup, revealing just how challenging it has been to keep up level of performances.

“The boys have been working hard recently, training hard and playing hard, you put in a shift like we did against Blackpool, you’ve seen the bodies on the line, everyone throwing themselves at it and sometimes you just fall short on the night.”

On a personal note, the former Bournemouth man made his fifth league start in the defeat against the Potters and is raring to get his goal tally up and running sooner rather than later.

“It has been a horrible start to the season. I was injured in the first few weeks and then got injured again, I couldn’t quite get myself going. I’ve had three big shifts in a week so it has been good for me to get back out there, I just need to keep working hard and get going because I haven’t got my season going yet like I did last season.”

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THEIR TOWN

By Zac Neal



Today's opponents are Rotherham United, the South Yorkshire-based club currently 14th in the table on their return to the Championship after winning promotion as League One runners-up last season. The Millers play at the AESSEAL New York Stadium and are now managed by former Exeter City player and boss Matt Taylor.

Rotherham were founded in 1925 and have spent most of their history jumping between the three EFL divisions, with the last seven spent yo-yoing between League One and the Championship.

They lost former manager Paul Warne, who was appointed by Derby County in September after being in charge at Rotherham for almost six years, following a connection of over 20 years since he first joined them as a player in 1999. Warne had led them to success in the Papa John's Trophy last season, beating League Two side Sutton United 4-2 at Wembley to win the trophy for the second time in their history. They followed that up with promotion, despite a late season stutter.

The Millers signed former Hatter Peter Kioso in summer this year. He has only played a few times for Rotherham this season due to injury, but he made his return to the side in Rotherham's 2-1 loss to Norwich City last weekend and played in the win at Sheffield United in midweek. Another man Rotherham and the Hatters have in common is our chief recruitment officer and interim manager, Mick Harford, who managed the Millers from April 2005 until December 2005.

These two sides last met in May 2021 and that game at Kenilworth Road finished in a goalless draw, after a James Collins goal had sealed a 1-0 Hatters win in Yorkshire the previous November.



MATT TAYLOR

MANAGER | 40 year-old manager Taylor retired from playing in 2016 when he was at Bath City. He has since pursued a career in coaching, with his managerial career starting when he succeeded Paul Tisdale at Exeter City. His reign there lasted for 227 matches, 103 of those were wins. The young manager was impressive at Exeter, leading the Grecians to promotion last season from League Two. He was offered the Rotherham job when Paul Warne departed for Derby in September.



VIKTOR JOHANSSON

GK | The 24 year old joined the Millers in 2020 after spells at Aston Villa and Leicester. Prior to Villa, he began his playing career in Sweden. The Swede made 33 appearances last season, 26 of which were in League One, where he managed to keep 11 clean sheets. Johansson played a key part in Rotherham's promotion, when they missed out on the league title by a mere three points.



WES HARDING

DEF | Leicester-born Harding belonged to Birmingham City prior to joining Rotherham in August 2020. During his time at St Andrew's, Harding gained experience during a loan spell with Alfreton Town in the sixth tier of English football. Last season, he made 46 appearances, netting one goal and providing four assists along the way. Internationally, Harding has made two appearances for Jamaica, performing in the World Cup qualifiers.



CHIEDOZIE OGBENE

ONE TO WATCH | Republic of Ireland international Ogbene began his playing career in Ireland, playing for Cork City and Limerick before earning himself a move to Brentford four years ago. He was soon loaned out to Exeter, where he made 18 appearances. After his stay at Exeter, the 25-year-old returned to Brentford before signing for Rotherham in 2019. Last season he picked up eight goal involvements, and this year the winger has already netted six times for the Millers.



OLIE RATHBONE

MID | Rathbone signed for Rotherham in August 2021 after a successful playing career at Rochdale. He spent five years there, picking up 30 goal involvements along the way. He's most commonly utilised as a box-to-box midfielder, with the ability to play out wide. Rathbone began his playing career at Manchester United, playing in the Under-18s, 21s and 23s. So far this season, the 26 year-old has made 17 appearances for the Millers.



CONOR WASHINGTON

ATT | Northern Irish international Washington began his footballing career at St Ives Town before moving up to the National League with a move to Newport County, helping the Exiles win promotion to the EFL. He earned himself a move to Peterborough soon after, and then to QPR in the Championship. After a few seasons with the Hoops and Sheffield United, he made a move to Scotland, playing for Hearts. Washington joined the Millers earlier this year after a spell at Charlton.

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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 their first and last appearances for the Town.

Born in Measham, Leicestershire in December 1948, Rodney joined Leicester City after turning out for local club Measham Social Welfare signing professional terms in December 1966. At Filbert Street, Rodney eventually won a regular place and finished top scorer for the Foxes in 1969/70. A superb display at Luton in a 3-1 Leicester win over Easter 1971 was remembered by all at Kenilworth Road, leading to a £45,000 transfer a little over a year later.

The playmaking inside-forward was capable of the sublime and the ridiculous, quite often in the same game, and did not enjoy the best of times at Luton. He was glad to accept a cut price move to Chesterfield in 1975, where he netted regularly, and then four years later to Rotherham, where he helped to the brink of the top flight.

Rodney later ran pubs and had a fuel business in Leicestershire before passing away in January 2018.

FIRST GAME. CARDIFF CITY 2 LUTON TOWN 1 (12/8/72)

With four players making their debuts, including Rodney, the Town get off to a great start when from a shot hitting the Luton crossbar at one end a counter attack led to Jim Ryan being fouled in the box in the other. Debutant John Aston then opened his Hatters account from the spot.

Sadly, it was not to be an opening day win for either Fern, who blazed a good first half chance over the bar, or new manager Harry Haslam as Cardiff fought back to take a tight game as the Town tired.

LAST GAME. LUTON TOWN 0 SHEFFIELD UNITED 1 (9/11/74)

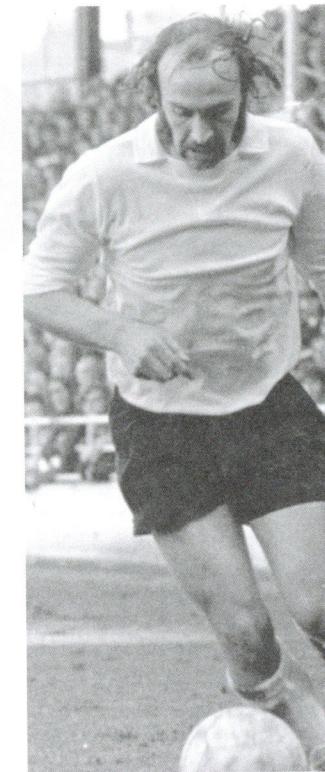
Having won promotion to the top flight in 1974 the Town found the new higher level very difficult and by the time of the visit of Sheffield United, 17 games in, they had recorded only one win and sat bottom of the table.

Despite showing a great deal of dogged enthusiasm and endeavour, the Hatters did not possess a player of the abilities of Tony Currie who ran the show from the Blades midfield. It was Currie who netted the only goal of the game on the hour mark, when he ran through the Luton defence to shoot past Keith Barber.

Sadly, Rodney was substituted before the end with teenager Ron Futter taking his place.

FIRST AND LAST

RODNEY FERN



HATTERS TALES
WITH ROGER WASH
CLUB HISTORIAN



1981-82 SEASON

Following a marvellous 3-1 win at Norwich on 28th December 1981 the Town were so far ahead at the top of the old Division Two (now the Championship) that a return to the top-flight seemed a nailed on certainty.

With a gap of 11 points over the fourth-placed side, plus a game in hand, the Hatters were romping towards the title with an exquisite brand of fast, smooth and free-flowing football and it seemed impossible for any team to catch them up.

The players had not, however, made allowances for the weather and with only two League games played in January other teams began to catch up. Also, whereas earlier in the season the Town had been winning away with ease, those victories on their travels turned to draws after Christmas.

Although only one loss was suffered during the period between Christmas and Easter, a 3-4 defeat at Barnsley, it seemed like a disaster at the time with seven away draws, in this the first season of three points for a win, giving the chasing pack a chance and for a short period our friends from Watford actually knocked us off top spot.

Normal order was soon resumed, though, as the games in

Rotherham player-manager Emlyn Hughes clears the ball from Steve White.

hand were won and in a vital week a tough Blackburn side were seen off, as was a Norwich outfit coming up fast on the rails and when Newcastle attempted to protect a 2-0 lead at Kenilworth Road, only to be beaten by a Brian Stein hat-trick, everyone started to relax once more.

Next up were previous season's Division Three (now League One) champions Rotherham, who were hoping to make it back to back promotions. After a faltering start to the 1981/82 campaign, the Millers had suddenly gone into overdrive at the beginning of February and had won 12 of the next 17 games, including a run of nine victories in a row.

This run of form had obviously lifted them up the table and they were now up to fifth spot with the third automatic place, held by Sheffield Wednesday, firmly within their sights.

The game at Millmoor on 24th April 1982 was seen as a potential clash of styles with the Millers' hustle and exuberance, typified by player-manager Emlyn Hughes, against the thoughtful, more composed, game of the Town.

Sadly, the Town were to be without giant goalkeeper Jake Findlay, injured during the previous outing at home to Chelsea, and in his place stepped 21-year-old Alan Judge making only his fourth start of the campaign.

The match started in frenetic fashion, with ex-Hatter John Seasman heading over from three yards while at the other end mercurial winger David Moss, back in the Luton side after injury, went on a dazzling run through the Millers' defence but was forced wide before he could pull back the trigger.

Gradually, the Town began to dominate and took the lead in the 12th minute through Lil Fuccillo, who took advantage of a clever through pass from full-back Kirk Stephens and calmly stroked the ball home.

Stung by this, Rotherham moved onto the offensive and with tricky winger Tony Towner causing problems on both flanks they penned the Town back. It therefore came as no real surprise when they levelled on 28 minutes with Ronnie Moore heading home another Towner cross.

With the Town's Brian Horton and the Millers' combative Gerry Gow cancelling each other out in midfield, the game seemed to be heading towards a stalemate, but in the 64th minute Moore headed down a Towner centre into the path of Seasman, who atoned for his earlier error by slamming the ball into the net.

A minute later full-back Richard Money, a March purchase from Liverpool to replace the unfortunate Mark Aizlewood, took a Brian Stein pass in his stride and hit home a scorcher from 25 yards. "The ball sat up nicely for me," said the defender afterwards.

The game continued at a rapid pace with both goalkeepers called upon to make smart saves, but with 90 minutes gone the sides appeared to have settled for a draw.

Deep into stoppage time, Rotherham's Billy McEwan tried to send the ball goalwards but it hit Hatters central defender Clive Goodyear on the elbow. The linesman decided it was intentional handball and signalled for a penalty, which was awarded by the referee after consultation.

All the arguments and protests were made superfluous a few seconds later when Judge smothered Gow's spot kick and with it virtually assured promotion.

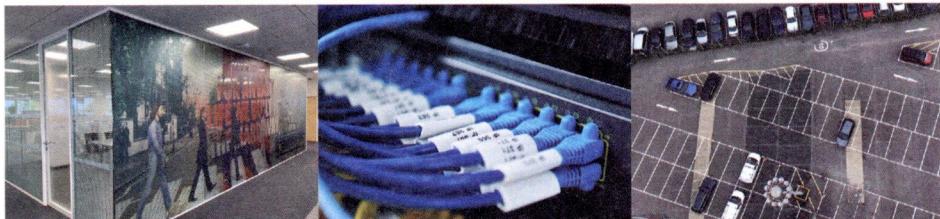
Once the dust had settled it was realised that a win at Kenilworth Road over struggling Shrewsbury the following Friday evening would win a place in Division One (now the Premier League) for the first time since 1974.

A dogged Shrewsbury had other ideas though as they fought for survival and had levelled an early Stein strike shortly after the interval and seemed to be holding on to a point. After huffing and puffing for the majority of the game it all came



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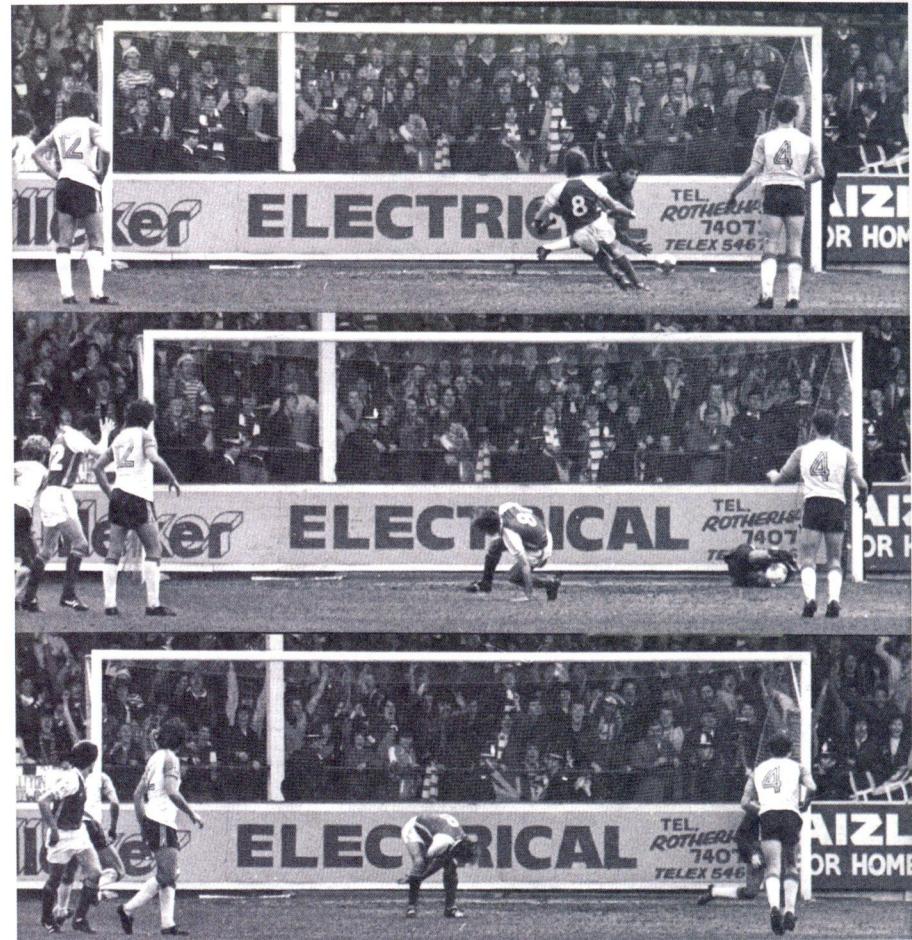
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Alan Judge saves Gerry Gow's penalty.

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good in the closing twelve minutes as the floodgates opened.

A Ricky Hill volley and strikes from Steve White and Moss gave the final scoreline a slightly flattering look but the crowd of 14,563 did not care as they stormed onto the pitch at the end.

A win at Chelsea the following week cemented top spot before a re-arranged home game against FA Cup finalists QPR which was won 3-2, again in dramatic fashion, clinched the title.

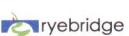
At the end of a magical campaign the Town had been beaten only four times and had accumulated 88 points, eight ahead of nearest rivals Watford and 17 more than Norwich in third. Rotherham finished seventh on 67 points.

Rotherham United: Mountford, Hughes, Stancliffe, Green, Breckin, Rhodes (Alexander), Gow, McEwan, Towner, Moore, Seasman.

Luton Town: Judge, Stephens, Goodyear, Donaghy, Money, Hill (Antic), Horton, Fuccillo, Stein, White, Moss.



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HATTERS' HERITAGE WEBSITE IS TWO YEARS OLD

From a standing start in November 2020 the Hatters' Heritage website has continued to grow, with 79 seasons now uploaded.

We are now working our way through the pre-war seasons and the games from the current century before we re-visit some of the earlier uploads due to having sourced many more photos and match reports to add.

Added recently is a video interview with Luton goalkeeper/striker Tony Read which is accessed via our YouTube channel on the website home page. For those that remember him playing, he was our regular goalkeeper in those glory years of 1967-71 but before then he turned out up front for us and even netted a hat-trick in one game. Now 80, Tony is well worth listening to.

So to re-cap, the intention is to showcase every photograph, every match report and every page of every programme on the site. Already added are full stats, player profiles including photographs back to 1885, features, items of memorabilia and a vast video library.

If you haven't looked at the site recently do re-visit to view the latest additions and if you like what you see please consider becoming a member, a volunteer or a patron. Full details are shown on the site.

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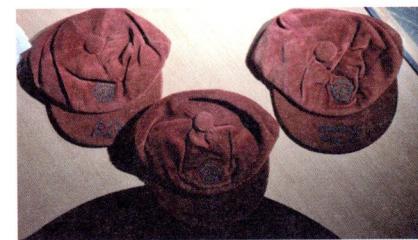
Roger Wash (Chairman)



Hatters' Heritage Trustee Andy King and Chairman Roger Wash flank Tony Read during our recent visit to his home in Norfolk.



A full England cap and three amateur international England caps won by former Luton goalkeeper Bernard Streten. These, together with a large archive of other memorabilia relating to Bernard were purchased at auction in November.



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In the 1959-60 season it was decided that a pair of friendlies should be played between the losing finalists in the previous campaign's FA Cup and Scottish Cup. This paired the Town with Aberdeen.

The first game was played at Kenilworth Road on 14th October 1959 which was won 4-0, but in the return a week later we went down 2-3 at Pittodrie.

Pictured is the Hatters team setting off on the flight to Aberdeen.

ROGER WASH

LUTON AZ

WITH JAMES BREE

A - ATHLETE

If you had to compete, what event would you do?
100m hurdles, I fancy my chances on that.



B - BOOTS

Favourite pair of boots?
Red Nike Mercurial Vapors with the gold tick, I had them when I was a kid.



C - CAR

Dream car?
Lamborghini Urus



D - DESTINATION

Dream destination?
Bora Bora



E - EAT

Favourite food?
Pizza



F - FIVE

What is your all-time five-a-side team?
I'll have Harry Isted, Lloyd Jones, myself, then Messi and Ronaldo!



G - GUESTS

Celebrity you'd like to have a drink with?
Leonardo DiCaprio.



H - HOBBIES

Favourite thing to do other than football?

Xbox, and I love watching and playing basketball as well.



I - IDOL

Who is your sporting idol?
Steven Gerrard, I liked Liverpool when I was younger



J - JOB

What do you see yourself doing after playing?
My mate is an electrician, so I could help him out and be his runner!



K - KIT

Favourite all-time football shirt?
The England home shirt from Euro 2004.



L - LANGUAGES

How many languages can you speak?
One although I can speak a little bit of French, I got a C at GCSE!



M - MOMENT

Favourite moment of your career so far?

I'd say either playing in the play-offs or getting promoted to the Championship with Barnsley.



N - NOTABLE

Who is the most famous contact in your phone?
John Terry



O - OPPPOSITION

Hardest opponent?
Timo Werner when he was playing for Chelsea.



P - PIZZA TOPPINGS

What toppings would you choose?

Spicy meat feast from Dominos, all day long!



Q - QUALITY STREET

Favourite chocolate?
Crispy M&Ms.



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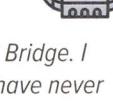
Favourite stadium you've played at?

Probably playing at Stamford Bridge. I warmed up at Wembley, but have never got on.



Z - ZOO

Favourite animal?
Grizzly bear, a little one though!



T - TRAVEL

Best place you've been to?

The Bahamas, I swam with pigs there although I didn't really like that part!



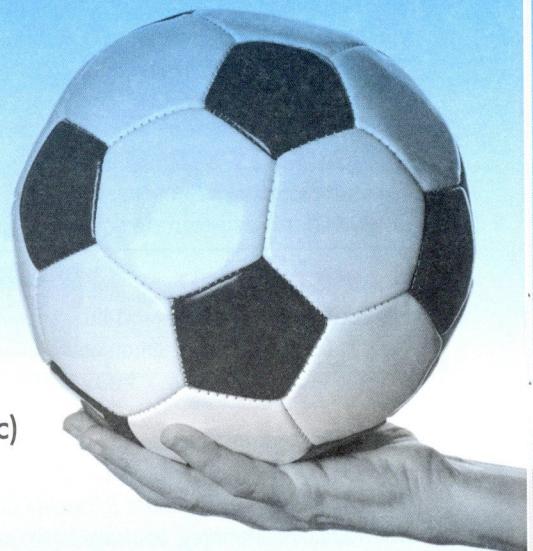


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EFL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WEEK

MILLAR MATTHEWS-Lewis

Words: Dan Briard

Millar Matthews-Lewis is using team-mate Zack Nelson's first-team experience as motivation as he looks to make a big impression at Kenilworth Road!

The pair are good friends away from the pitch, and Millar was at his side during a daunting but brilliant experience for the 17-year-old, who travelled to Hull as part of the matchday squad after impressing in youth team fixtures this season.

"We have our group chat with a couple of the boys and because he didn't share a room with anyone (in Hull), we were just on the phone with him for about two hours, just talking about anything really!" said Millar.

His personal learning curve became greater a matter of days later, after featuring on the bench against Huddersfield Town in the Sky Bet Championship. Having played at Kenilworth Road himself in Development Squad fixtures, Matthews-Lewis is keen to gain more opportunities in the future, explaining as part of the EFL's Youth Development Week.

"Zack is one of my friends I talk to everyday, on the PlayStation we talk all the time and watching him do what he's doing every day, on the bench for the first team, travelling away as well, it helps us to push more because there is always light at the end of the tunnel.

"Everyone is trying to push to be in Zack's position, get on the bench and train with the first team, because that's a big experience and it's what everyone wants."

As part of Luton Town's academy, one shining example of a player progressing through the ranks is James Justin – a man Millar revealed all youngsters, including himself, look up to.

"We look at what he's done and then you look at him now,



he's been picked for England and he's a starter for Leicester. We all look up to him because he's playing in the Premier League and that is where every boy's dream is."

Matthews-Lewis has been amongst the goals on a regular basis, crediting the help provided by Head Coach Alan McCormack and Alex Lawless who have 'been there and done it'.

"They have played in front of thousands of people, they know the standards we have to have to be over with the first team. It helps us because it improves everything we do, from the goalkeeper to the striker, it helps us massively on the pitch because we know we need to reach a certain level to be over there, and it helps because they've done it and been through it."

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ACADEMY UPDATE

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DALE BRUNTON

HEAD OF ACADEMY EDUCATION

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Kenilworth Road for the final League game before the World Cup break. There has been lots going on in the Academy over the last few weeks including fixtures, community support and new members of staff joining us.

On Tuesday 1st November, the U21s travelled to Stevenage for a fixture which saw the hosts field a strong team made up of a number of first team players. John McAtee made his first appearance in a Luton shirt and was on target twice as the game finished 3-3. Second year apprentice Millar Matthews-Lewis was also on the scoresheet for the Hatters.

This result came shortly after the U21s had supported the Luton BID Project on 25th October as they joined other volunteers in St George's Square to do some litter picking. Adrian Forbes (U21s Lead Coach) and 12 of the players from his squad supported the project, which meets on the last Tuesday of every month to help clear up a different area of Luton Town Centre.

In other news, we are delighted that Jill Little has joined us as our new Head of Education for the Academy. Jill takes up this important role which oversees the education provision for our young apprentices, as well as looking after the educational needs of all of the boys within our Academy from U9-U16's. Jill

joins us with a wealth of teaching and instructing experience, and has previously worked with aspiring young footballers within an education program which is run by former Hatter Leon Barnett.

The Head of Education role is an extremely important one within the Academy as our programme looks to support boys off the field, as well as on it. Our apprentices all study a BTEC Level 3 in Sporting Excellence and Performance during their two years with us, while others also complete A-Levels alongside this. The end result is hopefully well-rounded young men, who are capable of achieving great things both on, and off the field.



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GETTING TO KNOW...

ZACK NELSON

Age: 17

Position: Attacking midfield

Where are you from?

Enfield in London. I travel up via Thameslink every day.

Which junior teams did you play for?

Tottenham, I was there from Under 7s to Under 14s. I didn't play grassroots, I was pretty much straight in.

Which team do you support?

Tottenham Hotspur. All my family support them and obviously my favourite player is Harry Kane!

What age did you join Luton?

I was 15, so I've been here two years now.

How did you join the club?

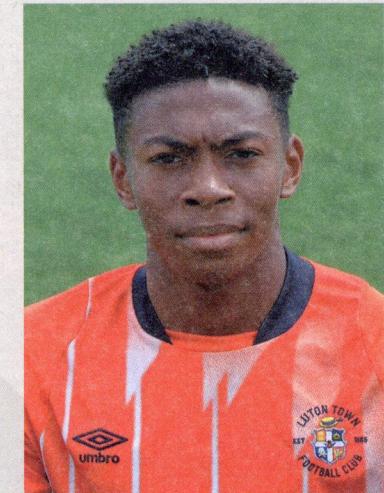
It was after I was released from Tottenham. I managed to get a trial, I was here for about four weeks during the season for the Under 15s.

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

I have to say my parents – Mark and Sarah. All the sacrifices they have made for me so far, having to take me around the country and I'm really happy they did it because I'm really happy with where I am today.

Who is your footballing hero?

It has to be Lionel Messi. He plays with a lot of passion and he expresses himself on the pitch. What I can take from him I will, but it's hard to replicate!



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

Definitely being on the bench in the Championship against Huddersfield Town, it was a really good experience. I travelled to Hull the match before and it was a little bit daunting because my initiation was quite scary, I sang U Remind Me by Usher and the boys helped me out and joined in to be fair! It was a really good experience because the lads are all really great.

Elijah Adebayo really took me under his wing with some good advice, Cameron Jerome and Tom Lockyer were really good as well.

What are your hopes for the future?

To make my debut for Luton Town and then push on from there, get as many appearances as I can for the club as possible.



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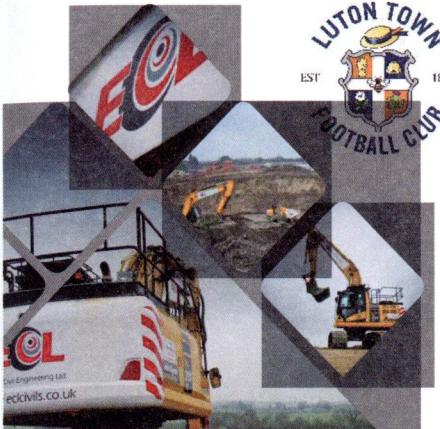
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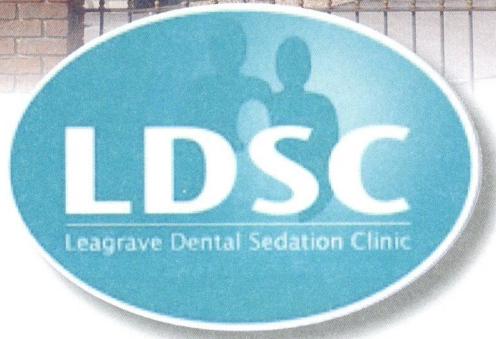
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PREMIER LEAGUE COMMUNITY CAPTAIN

As part of the Premier League's 30th anniversary celebrations, each Club Community Organisation has been asked to nominate a Community Captain; someone who has gone the extra mile for the organisation and the communities it serves. We were delighted to present this to Nora Moran last week.

Nora began with Luton Town FC Community Trust in a voluntary capacity, supporting our Premier League Kicks programme back in 2020 as we restarted our programmes following the periods of lockdown and restrictions. Premier League Kicks is one of our core programmes. We run these sessions during the evenings in the most in need parts of the town, using football as a tool to prevent anti-social behaviour, alongside a series of workshops aimed at empowering and upskilling the young people that we work with.

It soon became clear what a great asset Nora was, utilising her skills and experience in education and youth work. Nora quickly moved into a paid position with the trust, continuing to work on the Kicks programme, as well as our youth club in Marsh Farm and taking a prominent role on our National Citizen Service programme, in which she was part of a staffing team that took a cohort of 30 young people from the town on a residential trip to an activity centre, as well as a weeklong social action project.

Daniel Douglas, Community Operations Manager for Luton Town FC Community Trust, commented: "I'd like to congratulate and thank Nora on behalf of everybody at Luton Town FC Community Trust. Nora is extremely deserving of the Community Captain award in recognition of her outstanding dedication and incredible work as a leader and role model for the young people through our Premier League Kicks programme. Local people willing to give back and contribute to building stronger and more inclusive communities are who we rely on at the Trust and Nora is a perfect example of how we accomplish this within our everyday work."

Nora is also working at the match today, running our inflatable dartboard on the concourse at the Kenilworth Road end of the ground. Pop along and see her before the match and congratulate her on this award!



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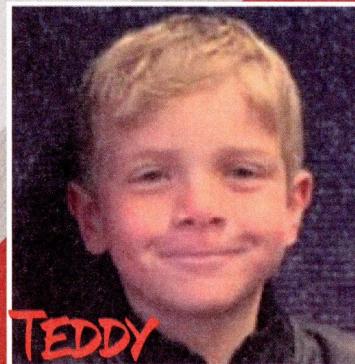
GRACE

NAME: Grace Zanna
AGE: 9
HOBBIES: Watching Luton Town with my family & ballet.
FAVOURITE PLAYER: James Shea



BEN

NAME: Ben Zanna
AGE: 13
HOBBIES: Playing Football, Rugby, Hockey & Cricket.
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Fred Onyedinma



TEDDY

NAME: Teddy Jenkins
AGE: 8
HOBBIES: Football, Squash & Tennis.
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Tom Lockyer & Elijah Adebayo



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SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP 2022/23

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Burnley	20	10	8	2	37	23	14	38
2	Blackburn Rovers	20	12	0	8	24	19	5	36
3	Sheffield United	20	10	5	5	34	19	15	35
4	Norwich City	20	9	5	6	28	21	7	32
5	Watford	20	9	5	6	28	22	6	32
6	Queens Park Rangers	20	9	4	7	26	22	4	31
7	Preston North End	20	8	7	5	16	16	0	31
8	Swansea City	20	8	6	6	27	28	-1	30
9	Luton Town	20	7	8	5	22	21	1	29
10	Birmingham City	20	7	7	6	22	18	4	28
11	Millwall	19	8	4	7	22	20	2	28
12	Coventry City	18	7	5	6	19	18	1	26
13	Reading	20	8	2	10	21	29	-8	26
14	Rotherham United	20	6	7	7	24	25	-1	25
15	Stoke City	20	7	4	9	22	25	-3	25
16	Middlesbrough	20	6	6	8	27	25	2	24
17	Sunderland	19	6	6	7	24	22	2	24
18	Cardiff City	20	7	3	10	17	24	-7	24
19	Hull City	20	7	3	10	24	37	-13	24
20	Bristol City	20	6	5	9	27	29	-2	23
21	Blackpool	20	6	4	10	23	31	-8	22
22	West Bromwich Albion	19	4	8	7	22	24	-2	20
23	Wigan Athletic	20	5	5	10	19	30	-11	20
24	Huddersfield Town	19	5	3	11	19	26	-7	18

DIAMOND PLAYER OF THE MONTH

We are pleased to announce that Tom Lockyer has won the Diamond Player of the Month award for October! Tom Lockyer was the winner with 55 per cent of the vote for his performances in October, including wins against Queens Park Rangers and Norwich City.

From those Diamonds Card holders that voted for the Welshman, Steven Kelsh was selected to receive two seats in Hospitality and the opportunity to present the Trophy after Saturday's game against Rotherham. We would like to thank all Diamond Season Tickets that took the time to vote this month.

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND FIXTURES:

FRIDAY

Birmingham City v Sunderland

TODAY

Bristol City v Watford

Cardiff City v Sheffield United

Coventry City v QPR

Huddersfield Town v Swansea City

Hull City v Reading

Luton Town v Rotherham United

Norwich City v Middlesbrough

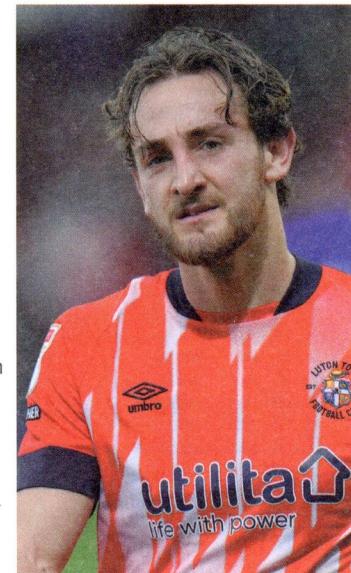
Preston NE v Millwall

West Brom v Stoke City

Wigan Athletic v Blackpool

TOMORROW

Burnley v Blackburn Rovers



2022-23 FIXTURES & RESULTS



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



MORGAN VARA

The family of Maganlal Meghji Vara, aka Morgan, are saddened to announce that he passed away peacefully on 13th October 2022, aged 78 years.

He supported the Hatters since moving to Luton in 1966 from Thika, Kenya, He worked at Lucas Aerospace and used to socialise in the club which was in the old Bobbers stand at The Kenny.

He lived in Luton until 1985, and continued to follow LTFC on TV, radio, newspapers, and more recently online. The last match he attended at the stadium was vs Braintree on 12/04/14.

He will be sorely missed.

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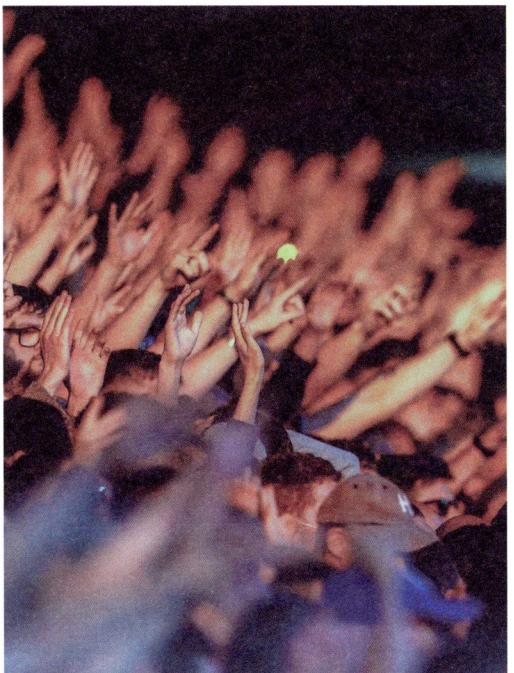
A message about anti-social and criminal behaviour

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	17	(2)	3	0	(0)	0	17	(2)	3	4	0	79	25
Amar'i Bell	19	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	19	(1)	0	0	0	66	1
Luke Berry	1	(5)	1	1	(0)	0	2	(5)	1	1	0	144	22
Sonny Bradley	9	(3)	0	0	(0)	0	9	(3)	0	3	0	168	6
James Bree	20	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	20	(0)	0	1	0	134	2
Reece Burke	7	(1)	1	1	(0)	0	8	(1)	1	0	0	41	3
Alian Campbell	20	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	20	(0)	1	2	0	59	5
Jordan Clark	18	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	18	(1)	1	2	0	86	6
Harry Cornick	5	(9)	0	0	(1)	0	5	(10)	0	1	0	227	36
Alfie Doughty	4	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(1)	0	3	0	5	0
Luke Freeman	9	(7)	2	0	(0)	0	9	(7)	2	2	0	16	2
Ethan Horvath	19	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	19	(0)	0	0	0	19	0
Harry Isted	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Cameron Jerome	0	(16)	1	1	(0)	0	1	(16)	1	0	0	54	6
Henri Lansbury	6	(2)	1	1	(0)	0	7	(2)	1	2	0	46	1
Tom Lockyer	15	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	16	(0)	1	2	0	72	2
Matt Macey	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	14	0
Carlos Mendes Gomes	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0	0	15	2
Carlton Morris	17	(3)	8	0	(1)	0	17	(4)	8	5	0	21	8
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	3	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(4)	0	0	0	340	20
Admiral Muskwe	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0	26	2
Fred Onyedinma	3	(5)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(5)	0	1	0	39	3
Gabriel Osho	6	(5)	1	0	(1)	0	6	(6)	1	2	1	39	1
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	3	0
Dan Potts	18	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	18	(0)	1	1	0	206	12
Glen Rea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	207	8
James Shea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	106	0
Elliot Thorpe	0	(2)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(3)	0	0	0	4	0
Louie Watson	0	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	2	0
Josh Williams	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Cauley Woodrow	2	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(5)	0	0	0	11	0



WORLD CUP CALL UPS

Hatters Tom Lockyer and Ethan Horvath are heading to the 2022 FIFA World Cup after receiving call-ups to the Wales and USA squads respectively!

Lockyer, 27, has been capped 14 times by his country and is now part of Rob Page's 26-man Wales team for the upcoming tournament, following his inclusion in the EURO 2020 squad.

The centre-back has been in fine form for Luton Town this season and has been re-called to the national squad for the first time since September 2021.

Lockyer and Wales start Group B against Horvath's USA on Monday 21st November, before facing Iran and England.

The Nottingham Forest loanee has kept eight clean sheets in the Sky Bet Championship so far this season and will go head-to-head with Matt Turner and Sean Johnson for the number one spot.

Horvath, 27, has been capped eight times by his country and was most recently involved in the 1-1 CONCACAF Nations League draw against El Salvador in June and was on the bench for two friendlies in September.

Three Luton players have previously represented the club at the World Cup finals – namely Syd Owen, Mal Donaghy and Carlos Edwards. The latter of which was the most recent in 2006, playing three matches for Trinidad & Tobago.

We would like to wish Tom and Ethan the very best of luck during the World Cup!



THE LAST WORD

SIMON OXLEY
BBC 3CR COMMENTATOR



So there I was penning some reflections on the day out to Blackpool, and the memories when you least expect them. A one-nil away win doesn't often capture the imagination, and from a commentator's perspective give you a match to immerse yourself in so fully and recreate the excitement for those listening.

But I was happy to continue that 'warm glow' in these pages. I was especially proud of the opening paragraph: "Tony Adams might win Strictly, and is certainly on course to appear in the programme's showpiece episode in Blackpool, but however he waltzes or jives it won't be the best performance by a footballer in the seaside town this month." Yeah, I liked it too. Job done.

Then Southampton sacked Ralph Hasenhuttl. Start again.

Now, like you, I had hoped that Nathan Jones' first appearance on the touchline at Anfield, trying to out-gesture Jurgen Klopp, would be as manager of this club. Not so.

Once again we are saying goodbye to Bedfordshire's favourite Welshman, but this time there's more warmth in our good wishes. It appears amicable and professional, and this club has taken him from League Two to the Premier League. Just as we celebrate James Justin's achievements, so we should hope to applaud Nathan making his mark in the top flight. Plus, I can't wait for his post-match interviews about VAR!

Southampton fans don't seem too sure. He's not Spanish or Italian or Dutch. No, but he'll give you everything he's got, and it's not that many years ago that our radio station was covering your team in League One. It will be tough to keep them up. Two of the promoted teams are doing well, and regular strugglers Newcastle are strugglers no more. But I hope he does it.

I am though disappointed he's gone again, and at first was a little angry if I'm honest, especially after that win last weekend. But I remember writing in these pages in the aftermath of the exit to Stoke that even despite that infamous 'Manager of the Month' photo, I would rather remember days like winning promotion at Carlisle.

Now I can reflect on the wins at Hull and at home to Blackburn to keep us in this division; the behind-closed-doors success of the following campaign; and of course reaching the play-offs last season which included the win here against Bournemouth. "Sensational" some might say.

I started my post-Blackpool Twitter reflections... "all you can ask for as a fan making a long trip like this is that the players give you absolutely everything..." and they certainly did. Now, what you want above all else from your manager is that he cares as much in the technical area as you do in the stands. I think that box was ticked.

Will there be a part three? Perhaps... but in the mean time... Luton v Southampton in the FA Cup anyone?



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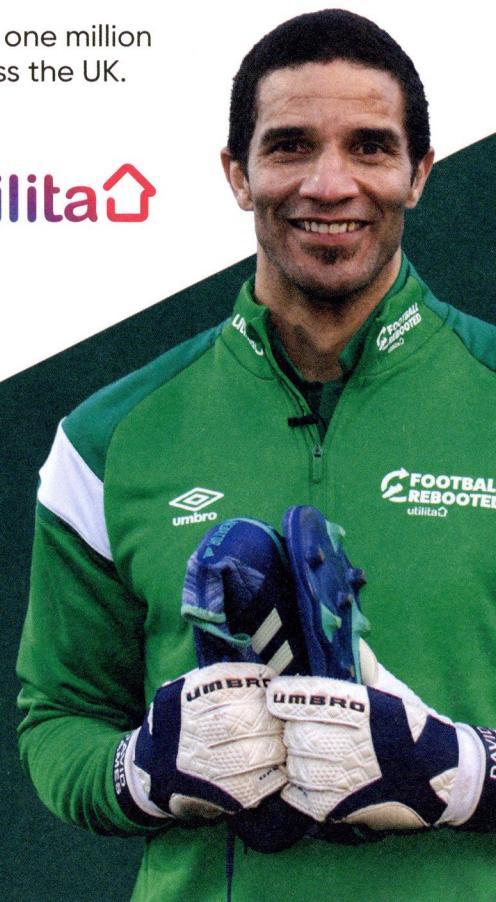
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- 09 CARLTON MORRIS
- 10 CAULEY WOODROW
- 11 ELIJAH ADEBAYO
- 12 HENRI LANSBURY
- 16 REECE BURKE
- 17 PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU
- 18 JORDAN CLARK
- 20 LOUIE WATSON
- 21 HARRY ISTED
- 22 ALLAN CAMPBELL
- 23 FRED ONYEDINMA
- 29 AMARI'I BELL
- 30 LUKE FREEMAN
- 32 GABE OSHO
- 33 MATT MACEY
- 34 ETHAN HORVATH
- 35 CAMERON JEROME
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- 35 HAMISH DOUGLAS

MATCH OFFICIALS

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FOURTH OFFICIAL: **NEIL HAIR**