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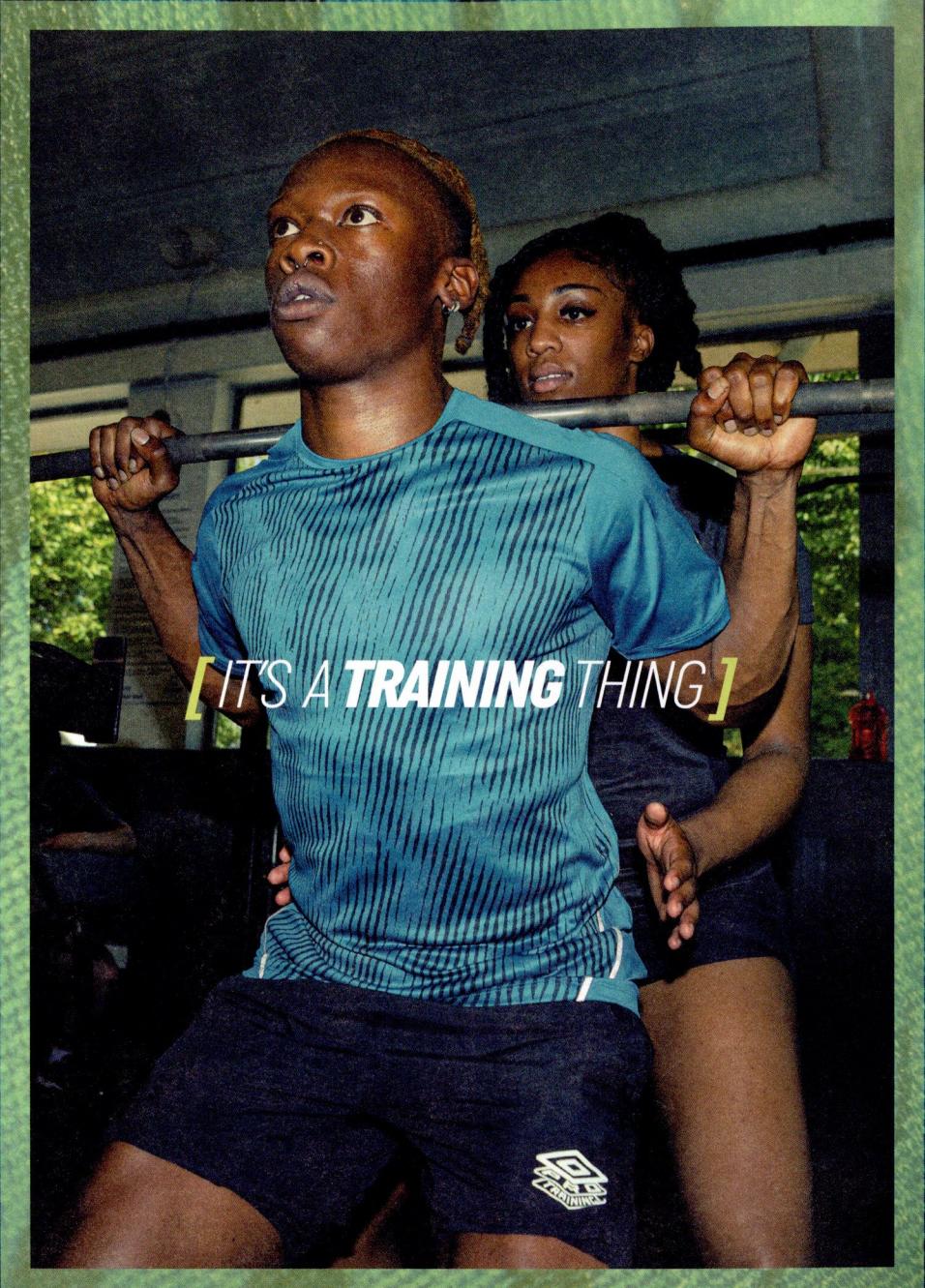
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## ROB EDWARDS



Good evening and welcome to Kenilworth Road for this Sky Bet Championship fixture with Norwich City.

I'd like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and hope that you had a great day yesterday. We were all disappointed not to be able to play Millwall, but we appreciate the efforts you have made to get here tonight for another unusual Boxing Day kick-off time, as I know you would have done last Sunday morning, along with all of the positive responses we had to the request to help clear the snow off the pitch.

I'll kick-off by saying a huge thank you to everyone for the welcome that Richie, Paul and I have received since our appointment last month.

From Gary, David and the board, through to Mick, every single member of staff, the fantastic squad of players we've inherited and, of course, the supporters we've been lucky enough to meet so far, the warmth has hit all three of us through the freezing temperatures outside.

It is an honour to be asked to manage this brilliant club at such an exciting time for Luton, not just for the club but the town as a whole, with the new stadium at Power Court shining like a beacon in the plans we've been so impressed by.

Today is going to be a special occasion for us, just as it was up at Middlesbrough a fortnight ago. The 'Welcome Rob' banner meant so much. Allied with the fact that so many fans

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had made the trip despite several reasons to stay at home, including the distance, cost, the weather and the small matter of the England match taking place at 7pm, it was a really proud moment – so thank you.

In the end, the result was frustrating, but I was so proud of the lads. They gave absolutely everything and that is something I've quickly learned is never in question with this group. Having almost gone the distance against a very good side, limiting them to not too many clear cut chances despite playing the last quarter with ten men, I felt that we were good value for a point.

The lads left everything out there, they gave us a great base and that's the very least that you want. I know we are going to get that in every game from them. The talent is there, everyone can see that. But there is an honesty, an endeavour, a work-rate and a togetherness that I've quickly got to recognise in the period since we came in.

The World Cup break has definitely helped in that process. It's been a unique time, and one that I doubt we'll

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ever experience again, having the chance to come into a club midway through a season and having this spell to not only work with the players, but to get to know them and the club as well. That's really going to benefit us going forward and the big thing now is to start getting results, to get that buy in and belief. They achieved brilliant things last season, and they already have so far this, so we don't need to change too much.

We want to try and build, evolve and grow as we go on, and of course we are going to make some tweaks, because in the end it is going to be a reflection of us. But we do so many things well at this club, we've got to keep continuing to do that and because of the lads' attitude, work ethic and talent, I know we will get better at them. That showed on Wednesday in an excellent performance against a near full-strength Arsenal first team, in what was a really worthwhile friendly. After the youth team's cracking win at Birmingham on Monday, it added to a great atmosphere around the club heading into Christmas.

If I can give one message to you, the supporters, it is to get behind the lads, as I know you always do, starting today against a very good Norwich City side who will make life difficult for us under Dean Smith.

I've been here as an opposition player and experienced what it is like trying to compete against the atmosphere you create. It's hard, I can assure you, and in the best way possible, I want it to be that way for us to use in our favour now. We need our fans to be at their brilliant best, get behind the lads and make it a really difficult place for everyone who comes to Kenilworth Road, because getting our home form going is really important for us to be successful.

Please enjoy the game and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at QPR and Huddersfield during what I know is a busy and expensive time for everyone. Please travel safely and have a great New Year.

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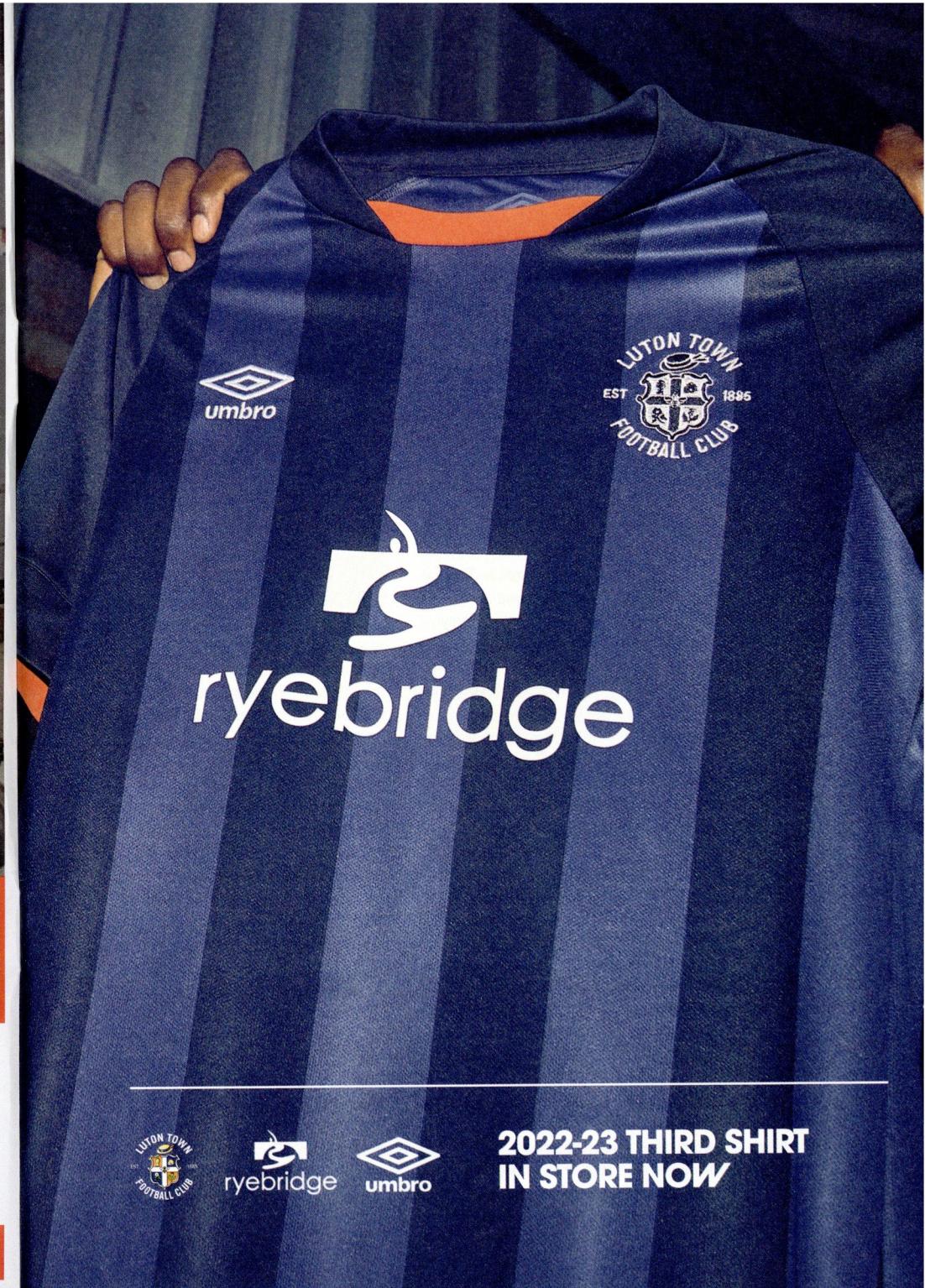


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## FROM THE BOARDROOM

DAVID  
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Chairman



Good evening everyone and a very warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against our Norwich.

Our postponed game against Millwall was due to kick off at the unprecedeted time of 11.30am and today, Boxing Day, it's 7.45pm. So many of these inconsiderate timings seem to be giving little thought to the social and travel arrangements of supporters. For me it's a worrying trend to be seemingly discouraging live attendances along with saturation TV coverage of all levels of football.

Football without fans is a hollow game as we saw through the Covid lockdown and we should be careful to avoid it being redirected from the stadium to the living room. There is always a tingle of excitement and anticipation when you walk up to a stadium and first get a glimpse of the pitch. I always tell people that if you haven't felt the electricity generated among the crowd at a live game you have missed out on one of life's exhilarating experiences. That's what hooks you in and brings you back time and again.

What disruption this World Cup has caused. It all seems so surreal. It's six weeks since we last played a game here. They say that football is a game of two halves, this year it's a season of two halves.

Games against Norwich have provided many memorable moments over the years. One of my first ever games in 1959 was to see us beat them 1-0 at St. Andrews, Birmingham in a replay to reach the FA Cup Final. More recently was the historic 1-0 win at Carrow Road in 2013, which was the first time a non-league club had beaten a team in the Premier League. We beat them at their place earlier in the season, and with Delia saying they would get their own back here it'll be interesting to see how it goes.

A lot has transpired since we were last here. We said goodbye to Nathan, Chris and Alan just before the last home game, and while the players, in most cases, were enjoying a well-earned break, we were so fortunate to be able to identify and recruit an impressive new manager, and the same can certainly



be said of his two assistants. We are delighted and privileged to welcome Rob Edwards, Richie Kyle and Paul Trollope to our club and hope they enjoy their time with us.

Because of the World Cup break we have had the unusual opportunity to have some time to get to know the new boys, and they have been able to spend some quality time with the players. Changes are never easy, but it seems from both sides that it has gone smoothly so far.

Gary and I were fortunate to be able to join the squad on part of their trip to Dubai and were able to witness the bonding in progress.

Rob and his team have considerable coaching experience, including being part of the FA's England coaching set up, and we have all been fascinated by

## "A TEAM THAT BELIEVES TOGETHER ACHIEVES TOGETHER"

some of their thoughts and ideas.

It will be different, but we are excited about the change and looking forward seeing their plans in action. We have spent time talking with them about the club, its history and philosophy, and they have already seen for themselves the attitude, camaraderie and work ethic in the squad.

Their first game in charge was away at Middlesbrough and most people on both sides agreed that a draw would have been a fairer reflection of a decent performance, particularly in the first half. However, that wasn't to be and some dubious refereeing decisions and a red card meant we couldn't withstand the late pressure.

This game marks the halfway point in a disrupted season and we should be pretty happy with where we are. Let's hope that we have a bit of luck on the injury front in the second half of the season, as in several cases it will be like having new players as they return to fitness. We are all very confident with our choices and hope that you will enjoy the way they play and get behind them.

Last Wednesday saw us in a behind closed doors friendly against a very strong Arsenal first team. I was tucked

up in bed with a bug so particularly unhappy to have missed it, but I'm told it was an excellent performance with a final scoreline of 0-0.

Last Monday saw the U18s at Birmingham in the FA Youth Cup and what a performance it was. A 6-0 win against a Category 2 academy away from home. Apart from the score, it was just a brilliant performance and bodes well for the future. We have been drawn at home against QPR in the next round in January and highly recommend coming along if you can.

As we approach the end of 2022 it is worth noting that despite adversity Gary, Mike and their teams are continuing to move ahead with plans for Power Court and improve our other facilities. A new gym is being completed at the Brache and we are only too aware that we need to upgrade our Academy to EPPP2 at the earliest opportunity.

We were all very sad to hear that lifelong fan Fred Young passed away recently. Fred had supported the club for 88 years, after his family's milkman suggested he take up a hobby. That meant cycling from his home in Welwyn to Luton for every home game! A season ticket holder up until the 2019-20 season, when Andrew Shinnie presented Fred with his own shirt at West Brom to mark his 100th birthday, he unfortunately hadn't been able to return since Covid. He did have a club calendar next to his bed in the home where he spent his final days, however, and still had daily chats with his son Steve about the football.

Fans are proposing a minute's applause at the 17th minute of today's game because that is the date he died. As he was 102 the only chance of doing it at that point of the game would be if we were playing Wycombe. Please join in the tribute to a great fellow supporter. RIP Fred.

*"A team that believes together achieves together"*

Finally a very merry Christmas to you all and a happy and healthy 2023.

Enjoy the game. COYH.



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## RICHIE KYLE & PAUL TROLLOPE



As well as welcoming Rob Edwards to Kenilworth Road last month, the Hatters had two more new faces joining with Richie Kyle and Paul Trollope as assistant managers.

Kyle, 38, was Edwards' number two at both Forest Green Rovers and Watford, with the pair having worked together for the Football Association as in-possession and out-of-possession specialist coaches with England U16s and U20s.

They had first met through Edwards' links to former playing club Blackpool, where Kyle was Under-18s coach and head of coaching before progressing to first team level, helping the Seasiders to promotion from League Two at the Hatters' expense in 2016-17.

Kyle, who had started coaching part-time in Everton and Blackburn's academies, had a brief spell as Canadian women's national team assistant manager in 2021, before returning to this country to help Edwards lead Forest to the League Two title.

With a second opportunity at Championship football, Kyle admitted: "When you get a little bit of a knock in life, you always have to come back a bit stronger. Personally, I have a fire in my belly, a hunger to try and prove people wrong."

"You have another opportunity at a good level to try and achieve success. I'm as passionate as anyone, I know we have a great opportunity here to really build on what has gone on and take it up to the next level."

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Trollope, 50, made almost 500 appearances during a playing career that took in spells at Torquay, Derby, Coventry and Northampton. The midfielder also won nine Welsh caps between 1997 and 2003, when Edwards featured in some of the same international squads.

A five-year stint as manager at Bristol Rovers, where he finished his playing days, saw Trollope win promotion from League Two and reach Wembley in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. He was the seventh longest-serving manager in the EFL at the time of his departure from the Memorial Stadium in 2010.

Later Trollope was part of Chris Coleman's Wales' staff in the build-up to, and during their run to the semi-finals of the European Championships.

"When you're between jobs, whether you're a manager or whether you're a coach, you look at opportunities as they come along," said Trollope. "I reconnected with Rob again recently and as soon as he said there was a possibility of working together, it was something I was very excited about."

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## FROM THE PRESS BOX

**SIMON OXLEY**  
BBC 3CR COMMENTATOR



So this is something new, and I can't decide whether I like it or not. Festive football on Boxing Day EVENING.

In my early days of covering the Hatters I can recall 6am starts from my parents' house in Yorkshire to make it back down south for an 11.30am kick-off at Kenilworth Road. (Richard Cooke v Nottingham Forest in 1989 anyone?) Now that was a hassle, but at least the roads were clear.

Away games in London on Boxing Day lunchtime usually mean spending the afternoon on the M25 with everyone heading to Heathrow or Gatwick, or rushing off to buy a cheap sofa.

But today it's 7.45pm. When I first saw that I thought "goodness me EFL, that's something of a liberty" or words to that effect. But maybe it's not that bad – well not for home supporters anyway. No early start, a leisurely turkey sandwich for lunch, and no need to sit through more Michael McIntyre tonight.

However, it's not all good news on the fixture front with Thursday's 6pm start at QPR on a "work day" and a trip to Huddersfield on NYD. The kick-off time bingo continues the following weekend with 5.30pm for the home FA Cup game due to overseas TV coverage. I can already hear alarm clocks around the world being set for Luton v Wigan!

So as we prepare to bid farewell to 2022 some brief reflections...

**Favourite game:** The 3-2 home win over Bournemouth back in January. Naismith and the kneeslide. Enough said. Honourable mentions for Hull away, Nottingham Forest at home and Cardiff away last season, and this season's win at Blackpool.

**Least favourite game:** Fulham away.

**Best goal:** See above.

**Biggest thrill:** Making the play-offs, and commentating on Luton v Harrogate – my home town club visiting the club which has become a home.

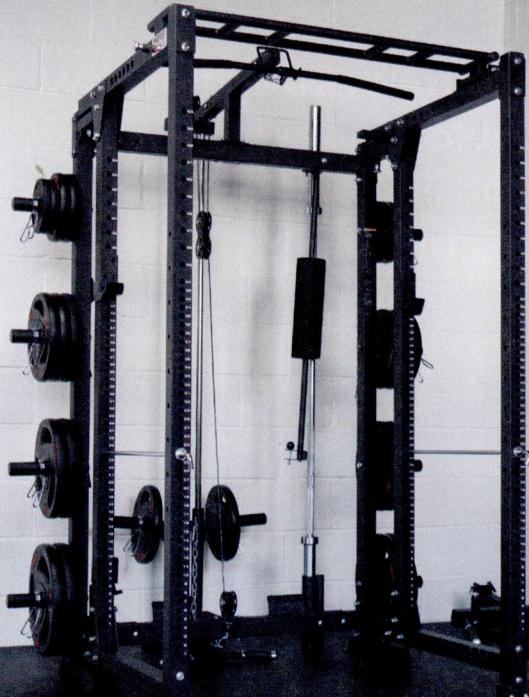
**Biggest disappointment:** Not quite having enough in the tank to succeed in the play-offs, and, to be honest, learning that Nathan Jones was leaving in the aftermath of that win at Blackpool.

**Happy New Year, and here's to more great memories in 2023.**

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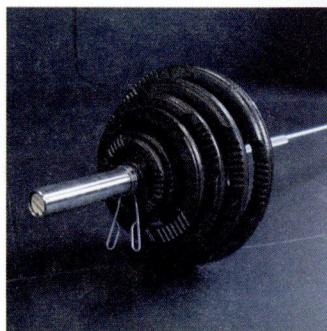
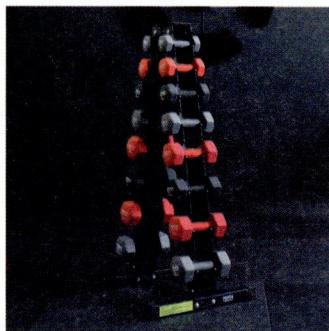
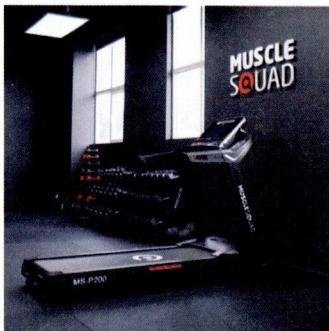


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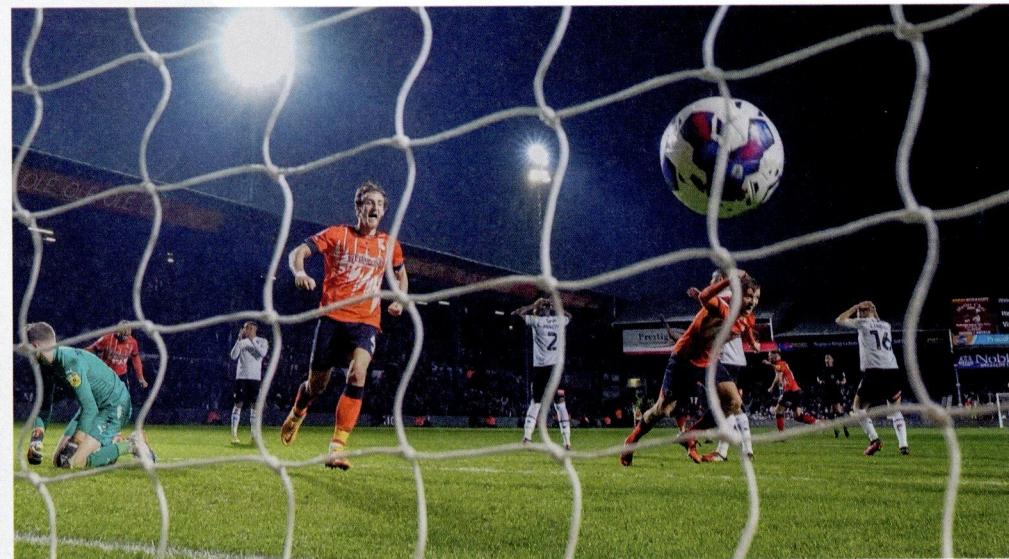
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"We tried to do something different and it didn't work out, but overall am I pleased with a point? Yes. I would rather have a win 100 per cent but I thought the performance was brilliant."

**MICK HARFORD**

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## **1 LUTON TOWN 1 ROTHERHAM UTD**

Kenilworth Road - Sat 12th November 2022

**Luton Town:** Luton Town: Horvath; Bree, Osho (Berry 57'), Lockyer (C), Bell, Doughty; Mpanza, Clark, Campbell (Freeman 70'); Adebayo (Cornick 70'), Morris.

**Rotherham Utd:** Johansson; Kioso (Norton-Cuffy 45'), Peltier, Humphreys, Harding, Bramall; Wiles (C) (Eaves 76'), Barlaser, Lindsay (Odoffin 90+1'), Rathbone; Ogbene (Washington 90+1').

**Scorers:**  
LT: Berry (90')  
RU: Lindsay (1')

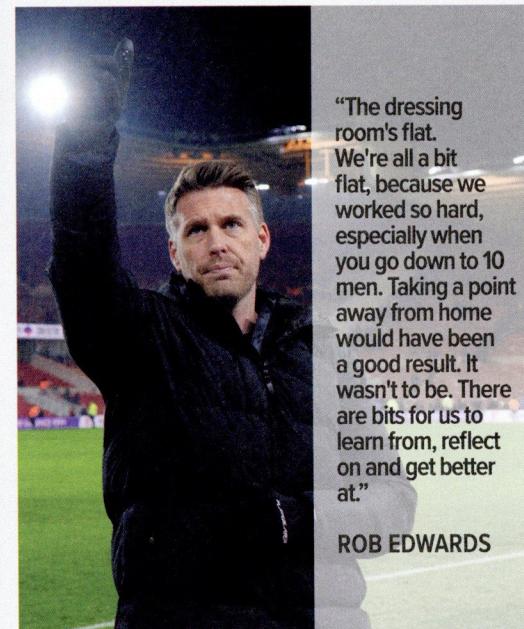
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"The dressing room's flat. We're all a bit flat, because we worked so hard, especially when you go down to 10 men. Taking a point away from home would have been a good result. It wasn't to be. There are bits for us to learn from, reflect on and get better at."

**ROB EDWARDS**



## **2 MIDDLESBROUGH 1 LUTON TOWN**

Riverside Stadium – Sat 10th Dec 2022

**Boro:** Steffen; Smith, Fry, Lenihan, Giles; Howson (C), Hackney; Jones (Dijksteel 90+3'), Akpom, McGree (Watmore 72'); Forss (Crooks 83').

**Luton Town:** Horvath; Bree, Osho, Lockyer (C), Bell, Doughty; Mpanzu, Campbell (Freeman 67'), Clark (Berry 82'); Morris (Jerome 82'), Adebayo (Cornick 67').

**Scorers:**  
MFC - Akpom (38'), Crooks (90+1')  
LT - Clark (33')

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**THEIR TOWN**



By Zac Neal

Today's opposition are Norwich City, who arrive at Kenilworth Road in fifth place in the Sky Bet Championship table having won three of their last six matches, but on the back of home defeats to Middlesbrough and Blackburn Rovers in their last three outings.

The Canaries were founded in 1902 and play their home games at Carrow Road. They have won the League Cup twice in their history, in 1962 and '85, and have spent a fair amount of time in the Premier League in recent years. Their best season saw the Canaries finish in third place in the inaugural campaign of 1992-93 and qualify for European football, when they were knocked out of the UEFA Cup last 16 by Inter Milan having beaten Bayern Munich in the previous round.

Over the past dozen years Norwich have become a 'yo-yo' club, bouncing around the top-flight and Championship, spending six seasons in each since 2011-12. The Canaries were relegated in bottom place last term, recording only five league wins all campaign under Daniel Farke, who had led the Norfolk side to promotion twice, and the current manager, Dean Smith.

This season has been better, with strikers Teemu Pukki and Josh Sargent scoring nine and seven goals respectively, but still not up to the expectations of the Canaries supporters as inconsistency has blighted their form leading into, and since the World Cup break. Town were one of four teams to beat Norwich during their six-match winless run in October, with a classy goal from Carlton Morris securing a 1-0 success at Carrow Road, with City midfielder Kenny McLean sent off.

The Hatters also came out on top in the last meeting here at the Kenny, when George Moncur, Matty Pearson and James Collins scored in a 3-1 win in front of 1,000 fans who were invited to a test event during the behind-closed-doors season of 2020-21.



## DEAN SMITH

MANAGER | After retiring from playing in 2005, Smith was assistant manager at Leyton Orient before taking over at Walsall in 2011. He stayed with the Saddlers until 2015, getting them to the final of the Football League Trophy before moving up to the Championship with Brentford. In October 2018, he joined boyhood club Aston Villa and led them back to the Premier League via the play-offs. He took over at Norwich in November 2021, but couldn't prevent relegation last term.



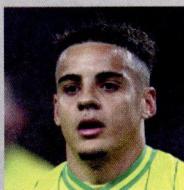
## TIM KRUL

GK | The Dutchman has vast English football experience, making 222 appearances in the top flight as well as 98 in the Championship. Krul began his career playing in ADO Den Haag's youth system, before completing a move in 2005 to Newcastle. He had loans with the likes of Falkirk and Carlisle before venturing back to the Netherlands with both Ajax and AZ Alkmaar prior to signing for Brighton in 2017. Now 34, Krul joined the Canaries a year later.



# NORWICH CITY IN FOCUS

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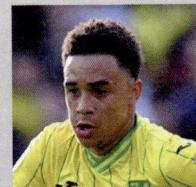


## MAX AARONS

DEF | Started out in the Hatters' youth system before moving to Norwich's academy in 2016. In June 2018, he signed a three-year professional contract, and quickly established himself as a key member of City's Championship title-winning side. The 22-year-old has played 24 times in all competitions this season, and is approaching the 200 club appearance landmark. He also has 20 caps for England U21s.

## AARON RAMSEY

ONE TO WATCH | Aston Villa loanee Ramsey has found form at Norwich this season after consistently impressing in Villa's U23s. The 19 year-old joined the Premier League club's youth system at Under-9 level, and he has played for England at every age from U16 to U20. Ramsey had a loan spell at Cheltenham last season, making 15 appearances in League 1. This year, in 18 Championship appearances, the Birmingham-born midfielder has scored three and assisted three.



## MARCELINO NUNEZ

MID | The Chilean international started his career with the Catolica U19s squad. He worked his way through the ranks, putting in impressive performances and eventually found himself in Catolica's first team. He had two consistent seasons as a box to box midfielder. The Canaries put a bid in for Núñez last summer, and since then the 22-year-old has been one of their most influential players, making 20 appearances so far and scoring once.

## JOSH SARGENT

ATT | The USA international made his Norwich debut in August 2021, coming on as a substitute in a 3-0 defeat against Liverpool. Prior to his Norwich days, Sargent played for Sporting Kansas City in America before being scouted by Werder Bremen. After a successful few seasons in Germany, Norwich signed him on a fee in the region of £10m. This season, he has scored 9 goals in 21 games in the Championship.



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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.

After failing to make the grade at both Arsenal and Fulham, John probably thought it was the end of the line when he joined Division Three (now League One) side Luton on a free transfer in 1969.

Full-back John soon became a crowd favourite at Kenilworth Road though, with his swashbuckling runs down the wing and fierce shooting, and it was a sad day when he left for Norwich in 1977 for £60,000 after 264 League starts for the club.

At Carrow Road he was moved to midfield and became a consistent goalscorer before spells with Seattle Sounders, Sheffield United and Manchester City. Player/coach roles at Stockport and Chester then followed before John was appointed player/manager of a very poor Cambridge United side in 1984. John showed his frustrations by being sent off three times in his five League outings at the Abbey!

After managing several non-League sides, John worked for the PFA before becoming Director of Youth Development for the Thailand Football Association in Bangkok.

## FIRST GAME. LUTON TOWN 3 BARROW 0. (9/8/69).

Making his League debut for the Town alongside fellow newcomers John Collins and a little-known defender, also from Fulham, Malcolm Macdonald, it was an easy start for John as a comfortable 3-0 win was recorded.

Goals from Keith Allen, Collins and Mike Keen set the Hatters up for what would be a promotion winning campaign.

## LAST GAME. LUTON TOWN 3 BRISTOL ROVERS 1. (19/4/76).

John's last game for the club was rather overshadowed by the introduction of substitute Ricky Hill for his first.

Setting up Brian Chambers to put the Town ahead and then netting himself with virtually his first two touches saw Hill about to become a new crowd favourite. The King is dead, long live the King!

# FIRST AND LAST JOHN RYAN



**HATTERS TALES**  
WITH ROGER WASH  
CLUB HISTORIAN



## LARS ELSTRUP: WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN

The summer of 1989 was always going to signal a period of change for the Hatters. Losing in the Littlewoods Cup final to Nottingham Forest the previous campaign, and finishing rather too close to the relegation places in the top flight for comfort with an ageing side, it could be seen that a refresh was needed.

Out went Ricky Hill to Le Havre after 15 years with the club, followed by skipper Steve Foster who joined up with his old team-mate Brian Horton at Oxford. With Brian Stein and Mal Donaghay having

already left, the Littlewoods Cup winning squad of 1988 was slowly being broken up.

Off the field, controversial Chairman David Evans stood down to be followed by long standing Chief Executive John Smith. Brian Cole took over as Chairman with Henry Richardson and Ray Pinney joining the Board. Club Secretary Bill Tomlins moved internally to become Chief Executive.

When news that talismanic striker Mick Harford was to undergo an ankle operation just as the season was due to begin, alarm bells were beginning to ring amongst the Luton faithful who sensed a struggle emerging.

Out of the blue the Town entered the transfer market. Tough

Lars Elstrup heads in his and Town's second goal against Southampton.

tackling Mick Kennedy came in from Leicester in a part exchange deal involving another member of the Littlewoods Cup winning side, Rob Johnson, but more was to follow.

The club's transfer fee record was smashed when Denmark international forward Lars Elstrup came in from Danish champions OB Odense. At this stage, Elstrup had netted eight goals from 12 appearances for his country including two on his debut against Sweden and one against England.

With many clubs in Europe, notably Cologne, after the services of the former Brondby and Feyenoord striker, it seemed a great coup when he decided to sign for Luton. The fee, although undoubtedly a club record, was shrouded in mystery. A letter from the UK based agents employed by Odense confirmed that £730000 would be paid by Luton and in addition Raphael Meade (signed by the Town earlier in the year from Dundee United for £250000 and still valued at the same figure) would go to Denmark.

Elstrup, apart from rent-free accommodation, removal expenses from Denmark, eight return tickets a year, a car and an annual salary of £50,000, would also receive a signing-on fee. How much is open to debate. On the agents letter it was stated as £20,000, yet in an exposé by Mihir Bose of the Daily Telegraph, Elstrup's two year contract stated £170000.

The Inland Revenue took great interest in this apparent anomaly for a while, especially as Odense only received £400000, but even accountants called in by the Hatters could not provide a solid answer.



Elstrup in full flow at Leeds in 1990-91

Elstrup appeared to have it all. Six feet tall, tremendously fast and with a rocket left foot shot, he immediately drew comparison with Malcolm Macdonald, but his first season at Kenilworth Road never really got going.

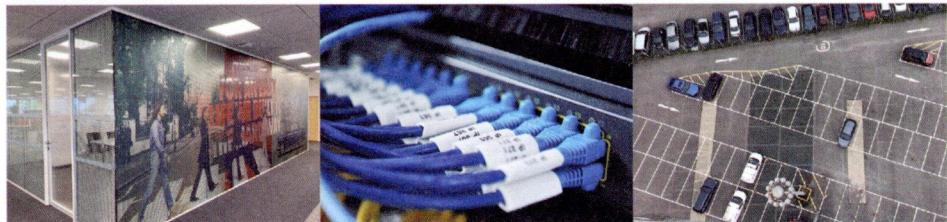
In and out of the side at the start, he took until the end of October before he netted a first League goal, in a 1-1 draw at Millwall, although before this he had scored five times in an 11-5 aggregate win over Mansfield in the Littlewoods Cup.

His first season came to an abrupt halt after Christmas when he needed a cartilage operation and only returned at the back end of the campaign when he came off the bench in the last four games, including the never to be forgotten final day 3-2 win at Derby to avoid relegation.

Luton supporters were probably thinking that we had bought a dud but, fully fit and re-energised, Elstrup showed his full potential in 1990-91.

Leading the line, Elstrup bagged both goals in an early season 2-1 win at Southampton, went one better in a 3-1 victory at Norwich and netted twice at Nottingham Forest. In this latter game he was up against super-quick England international defender Des Walker. The song was regularly warbled from the Trent End at Forest 'You'll never beat Des Walker', but Elstrup did, holding the defender off in a long chase before slotting the ball in the net!

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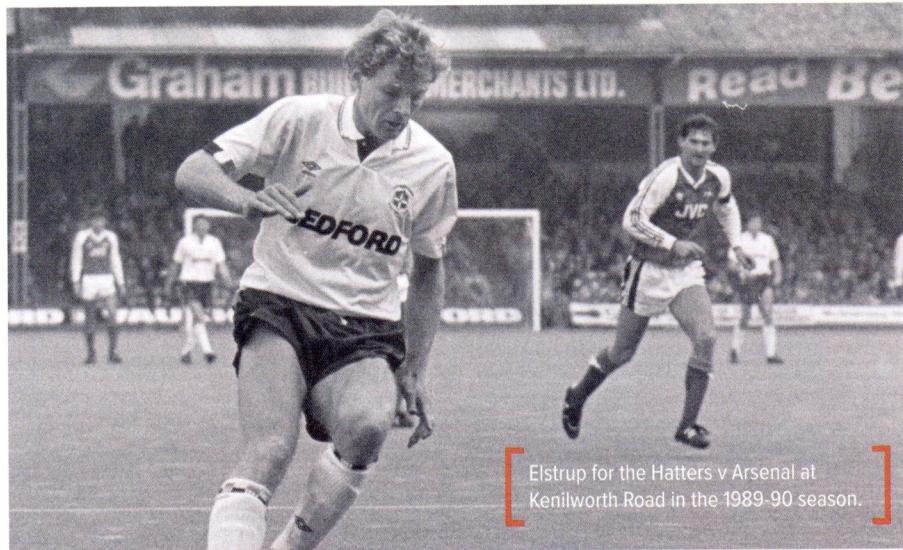
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Elstrup for the Hatters v Arsenal at Kenilworth Road in the 1989-90 season.

By the end of the campaign, Elstrup had missed only one game and finished streets ahead as top scorer in a struggling Luton side. His last goal came in the final day 2-0 win over relegated Derby, where his header to add to an own goal from Rams' Mick Harford, confirmed top flight status for another year.

Elstrup put his improvement and adaptation to the English game down to manager Jim Ryan, who had taken over the hot-seat in January 1990. When Ryan was unceremoniously sacked after the Derby win in May 1991, Elstrup took the decision to return to Odense.

The problem was that Odense had no money and under an agreed European formula, the Town were due around £650000 which would have provided new manager David Pleat with a war chest.

Elstrup was adamant that he wanted to go and turned down fresh terms at Kenilworth Road. He said that he would retire for six months and go back to banking before signing on for Odense

as an amateur. UEFA stated that they would take a dim view of this and scrutinise any paperwork relating to Odense in the transfer market.

As it turned out the Town 'reluctantly and unhappily' accepted a cut-price £250,000 from Odense, taking the view that anything is better than nothing.

Elstrup enjoyed two further seasons at Odense including scoring in the Danish FA Cup final and also turning out for his country in the 1992 Euros. Denmark were given a last minute reprieve after Yugoslavia were thrown out due to United Nations sanctions against the war torn country, and then went and won the competition. Elstrup scored the winner against France and netted a penalty against Holland in the semi-final shoot-out.

Elstrup then dropped out of the game completely, changed his name to Darando (which means the river that streams into the sea) and joined the anarcho-Buddhist Wild Goose sect.

He then set up his own new-age community called 'Heart of the Sun' and tales of his brushes with the law filtered back to Kenilworth Road to much amusement, tinged with regret at losing a superb striker who was at the top of his game when he departed.

After offering seminars on new age topics Elstrup, now approaching 60, still lives in Denmark where he keeps out of the public eye.



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Season 1957-58 was the last time the Town played back to back games on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Having lost 3-0 at Old Trafford the Hatters team and their opponents then travelled to Luton on the same train to renew hostilities the following day.

The crowd of 26478 witnessed a hard-fought 2-2 draw and for some spectators any vantage spot would do!

On a sad note, eight of the Manchester United players would lose their lives in the Munich air disaster only six weeks later

# LUTON AZ

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## A - ATHLETE

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



## B - BOOTS

Favourite pair of boots?  
Yellow Air Zoom Mercurial Vapors that I'm wearing now.



## C - CAR

Dream car?  
Volvo XC60.



## D - DESTINATION

Dream destination?  
Algarve.



## E - EAT

Favourite food?  
Steak.



## F - FIVE

What is your all-time five-a-side team?  
Kev Dearden in goal, Baily Cargill, Joe Quigley, Harry Cornick and myself.



## G - GUESTS

Celebrity you'd like to have a drink with?  
Elon Musk.



## H - HOBBIES

Favourite thing to do other than football?  
Golf.



## I - IDOL

Who is your sporting idol?  
I'd say Lebron James.



## J - JOB

What do you see yourself doing after playing?  
Sat on a beach, hopefully!



## K - KIT

Favourite all-time football shirt?  
Tottenham Hotspur shirt from 2008 when they won the League Cup



## L - LANGUAGES

How many languages can you speak?  
Just the one.



## M - MOMENT

Favourite moment of your career so far?

Scoring in the play-off semi-final for Shrewsbury against Charlton.



## N - NOTABLE

Who is the most famous contact in your phone?  
Obviously Tom Lockyer.



## O - OPPPOSITION

Hardest opponent?  
I'd also say Tom Lockyer when he was at Bristol Rovers.



## P - PIZZA TOPPINGS

What toppings would you choose?  
Just basic pepperoni and cheese.



## Q - QUOTE

A quote you live by?  
It's not what you do, it's who you do it with.



## R - RESTAURANT

Favourite restaurant?  
TGI Friday's



## S - STADIUM

Favourite stadium you've played at?  
Easy one - Wembley Stadium.



## T - TRAVEL

Best place you've been to?  
Dubai.



## U - UNLIMITED

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



## V - VICTORY

Most memorable win?  
I don't have a standout win, I just enjoy my last win



## W - WATCH

Favourite film/series?  
I'm a series guy and it would be Entourage.



## X - X FACTOR

If you had to sing, what song would you choose?  
Let Me Love You by Mario



## Y - YIKES

Biggest fear?  
Snakes, hate them.



## Z - ZOO

Favourite animal?  
Has to be dogs!



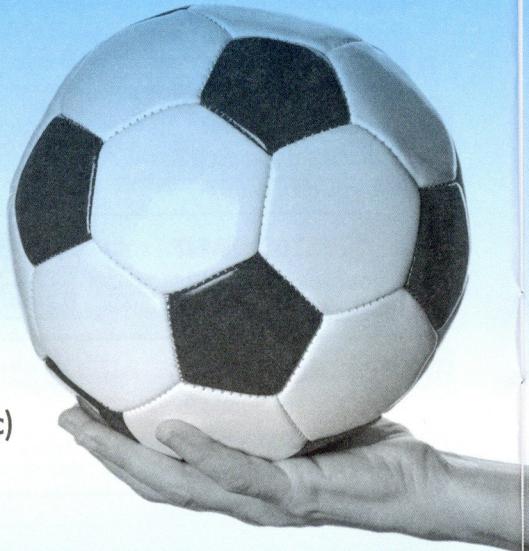


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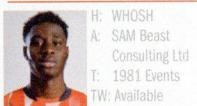
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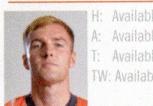
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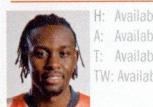
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## FA YOUTH CUP UPDATE



## NO YOUTH CUP BLUES FOR THE HATTERS!

Words: Dan Briard

Luton Town U18s progressed to the Fourth Round of the FA Youth Cup for the first time since 2016 with an emphatic 6-0 win over Birmingham City U18s last Monday night.

Zack Nelson scored a hat-trick as Alan McCormack's side put their Category Two opponents to the sword in an impressive display at St Andrew's Stadium.

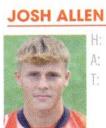
Oli Lynch grabbed a brace and Joe Johnson the other to ensure the young Hatters continued their fine form in the EFL Youth Alliance South-East Division to book a date with QPR, who beat Spurs 3-1 after extra-time. That match is due to be played at Kenilworth Road before January 21st.

On the victory, McCormack said: "They understand the game and they're able to withstand good competition from good opposition and can step up more gears which is the pleasing stuff. I'm really proud of them."

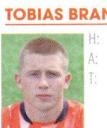


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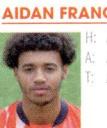
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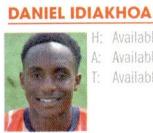
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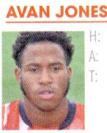
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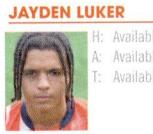
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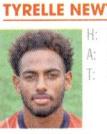
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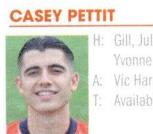
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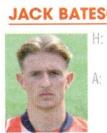
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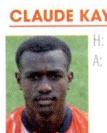
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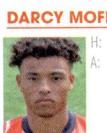
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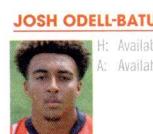
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# ACADEMY UPDATE

## DALE BRUNTON

ACADEMY OPERATIONS MANAGER



Hello everyone, and welcome back to the Kenny after what seems like an age of no home matches! Although the first team have had no fixtures for a few weeks, the Academy has carried on as normal with a few extra things happening too.

Twenty-two of our Academy boys were invited to Luton Town Hall to meet King Charles III as part of his visit to the town. Wayne Polson (Player Care Officer) and Kim Pearce (Senior Safeguarding Manager) escorted the boys on the day and the King even stopped to speak with some of the boys to ask about the Club and how they were getting on.

The U21s played in the first round of the Beds Senior Cup away at Shefford Town and Campton FC and were 2-1 victors on the night.

Goals from Josh Allen and Millar Matthews-Lewis were enough to see Adrian Forbes' men through to the next round, where they will play away at Biggleswade United. This game is due to be played in the new year, and ticket details will be circulated once it has been confirmed.

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1	Luton Town	14	13	0	1	59	7	52	39
2	AFC Wimbledon	11	8	1	2	34	13	21	25
3	Gillingham	13	6	3	4	26	25	1	21
4	Sutton Utd	13	6	1	6	21	32	-11	19
5	MK Dons	10	6	0	4	20	22	-2	18
6	Stevenage	11	5	1	5	22	25	-3	16
7	Southend Utd	10	5	1	4	17	25	-8	16
8	Cambridge Utd	12	3	1	8	19	23	-4	10
9	Northampton Town	11	2	4	5	10	19	-9	10
10	Brentford	14	3	0	11	20	44	-24	9
11	Leyton Orient	13	2	2	9	10	23	-13	8

Speaking of cup action, as you'll read elsewhere in today's programme, the U18s continued their fine league form into the FA Youth Cup last Monday when they beat Birmingham City 6-0 in the third round tie played at St Andrew's!

The U18s went this fixture on a good run of form which sees them 14 points clear at the top of the EFL Youth Alliance League South-East division, with only six games left to play having only lost one game so far this season. The fact that Birmingham are a Category 2 academy made it even more of an achievement, so well done to Alan McCormack, Alex Lawless and all the boys.

I hope you all enjoy today's game, have a great New Year and hopefully we can see plenty of you here in January for the fourth round. COYH!



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## **MILLAR MATTHEWS- LEWIS**

Age: 17

Position: Striker

**Where are you from?**

I'm from West London. I was born and raised in Hammersmith but now I'm in Acton. I use the Thameslink pass on a Saturday for a game, but I currently live in digs Monday to Friday with a host family.

**Which junior teams did you play for?**

I started at a team called Old Actonians when I was around five or six, then FC Real when I was around eight to 10. I went to Staines Town until 13, then I moved to Hanwell FC and I'm now in my fourth season at Luton.

**Which team do you support?**

I support Chelsea because I'm from West London.

**What age did you join Luton?**

I was in Year 9, so Under-14s.

**How did you join the club?**

I played for Hanwell in a game against Luton and scored a hat-trick. I got the call to come in during the January, was on trial for eight weeks and then I got signed.

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

My dad Marvin and uncle JJ. They take me everywhere, have always helped me with everything and one of the main reasons why I have kept going through football. Without them, I don't think I'd be able to handle this, the football environment. They didn't play football but when they were younger they always dreamt of being a footballer, so they



are helping me achieve and get my career as far as possible.

**Who is your footballing hero?**

It's a difficult one because there are so many. I have always looked up to Cristiano Ronaldo, I have always been a fan of him. I think he got me into football and got me where I am today.

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

Getting the early scholarship. That is the most important thing I've had and I saw the reaction of my parents. I was under 16, and before I got into the house I had a couple of messages saying 'congratulations', but I didn't know what they were congratulating me for! Then I found out - my parents had the email - and that is the biggest highlight of my career so far.

**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.



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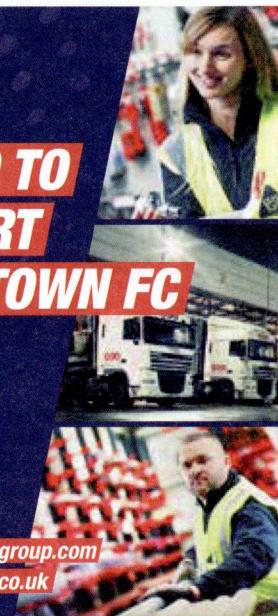
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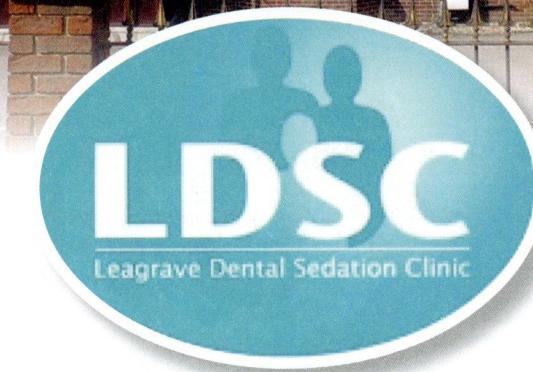
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## **LUTON TOWN COMMUNITY TRUST**

All at Luton Town FC Community Trust are delighted to see football return to Kenilworth Road this evening. Whilst we've all been enjoying the incredible football on display at the World Cup, you can't beat live action watching the Hatters at The Kenny!

### **KING CHARLES III VISITS LUTON!**

Luton Town FC Community Trust Director, Kerry Downes was invited to meet with His Majesty King Charles III as part of a group of organisations involved in the community cohesion agenda. Kerry had the opportunity to speak about the work of the Trust in the community using the power of football.

LTFC Community Trust is a charitable organisation which promotes community participation in healthy recreational sport by providing high quality activities that improve health, are in the interests of social welfare and to provide a more active, healthy, socially inclusive, and cohesive community in Luton & Bedfordshire. The Trust seeks to engage with all members of our diverse community and recognises the power of football to be at the heart of all communities with the ability to make a positive difference to people's lives through the provision of educational, sports, health and social cohesion services.

The Trust works closely with a range of community partners including with Bedfordshire Police, Active Luton and Luton

Youth Offending Service, engaging approximately 2,500 people each week throughout Luton and Bedfordshire. Following meeting with community organisations at the Town Hall, the King officially opened the Guru Nanak Gurdwara, took a trip on The DART, the new shuttle service between Luton Airport Parkway train station and the airport, and met volunteers at the Sikh Soup Kitchen.

The King also took the time to speak to Luton Town FC Academy players, who were among the first people to welcome him to the Town, creating memories for these youngsters that will never be forgotten! Some of the group also got to take part in the media coverage surrounding the King's visit, offering valuable experience for their potential future careers!

Kerry Downes, Community Trust Director said it was "not your typical Tuesday, a very special day for Luton!"



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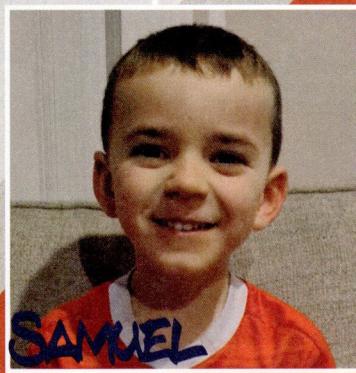
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We've jumbled up some festive words, can you switch the letters around to put them in their right place?

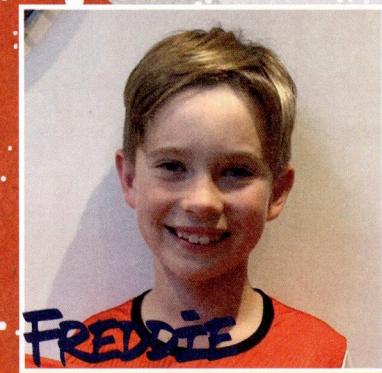
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## TODAY'S MASCOTS

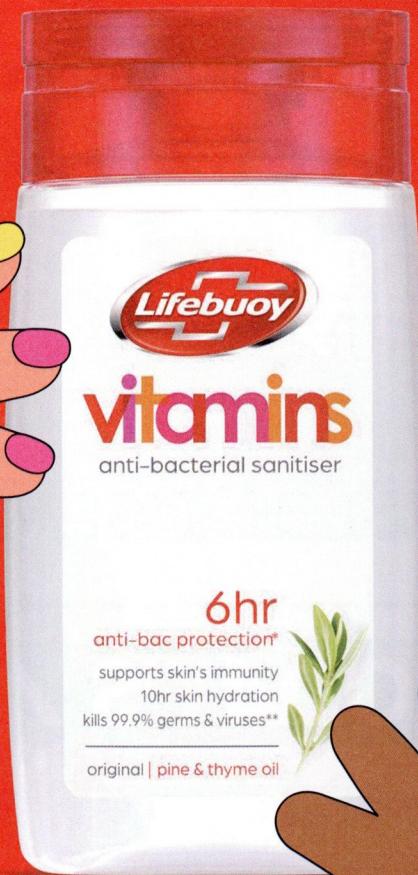


NAME: Samuel Terry  
AGE: 5  
HOBBIES: Playing football & cricket, watching Luton Town and Star Wars.  
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Tom Lockyer



NAME: Freddie Hattie-Smith  
AGE: 10  
HOBBIES: Football and LTFC Mad.  
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Elijah Adebayo

Word Jumble: Bubbles, Presents, Sprouts, Sleigh, Reindeer, Snowman



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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.

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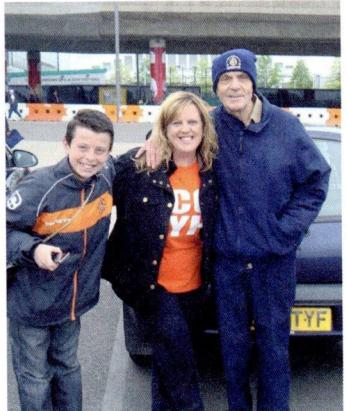
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# 2022-23 FIXTURES & RESULTS



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

DATE	OPPOSITION	POS	SCORE	STARTING XI	BREE	OSHO	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL
SAT JUL 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	/	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL
SAT AUG 6	BURLEY	A	15	D11	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	POTTS	BELL
TUE AUG 9	NEWPORT CITY AFC (CCR1)	H	/	L2-3	MACEY	MENDES GOMES ⚽	BURKE	LOCKYER ⚽	PEREIRA
SAT AUG 13	PRESTON NORTH END	H	20	L0-1	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	BRADLEY	POTTS
TUE AUG 16	BRISTOL CITY	A	23	L0-2	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	BRADLEY ⚡	BELL
SAT AUG 20	SWANSEA CITY	A	18	W2-0	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS
FRI AUG 26	SHEDFIELD UNITED	H	17	D11	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS
TUE AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	A	9	W2-1	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS
SAT SEP 3	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	16	L1-2	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	LOCKYER	POTTS
WED SEP 14	COVENTRY CITY	H	18	D2-2	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	BRADLEY	POTTS ⚡
SAT SEP 17	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	11	W2-0	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE ⚽	LOCKYER ⚡	POTTS
FRI SEP 21	HULL CITY	A	5	W2-0	HORVATH	BREE ⚡	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS
TUE OCT 4	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	8	D3-3	HORVATH	ONYEDINMA	BREE	BRADLEY	POTTS
SAT OCT 8	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A	9	D0-0	HORVATH	BREE	LOCKYER	BRADLEY ⚡	POTTS
SAT OCT 15	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	6	W3-1	HORVATH	BREE	LOCKYER	BRADLEY	POTTS
TUE OCT 18	NORWICH CITY	A	4	W1-0	HORVATH	ONYEDINMA	BREE	LOCKYER	POTTS
SUN OCT 23	WATFORD	A	9	L0-4	HORVATH	BREE	LOCKYER	BRADLEY ⚡	POTTS
SAT OCT 29	SUNDERLAND	H	9	D1-1	HORVATH	DOUGHTY ⚡	BREE	LOCKYER	POTTS
TUE NOV 1	READING	H	10	D0-0	HORVATH	BREE	LOCKYER	BRADLEY ⚡	POTTS
SAT NOV 5	BLACKPOOL	A	8	W1-0	HORVATH	CLARK	BREE	LOCKYER	POTTS
TUE NOV 8	STOKE CITY	A	9	L0-2	ISTED	CLARK ⚡	BREE	LOCKYER ⚡	OSHO ⚡
SAT NOV 12	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	10	D1-1	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	LOCKYER ⚡	BELL ⚡
SAT DEC 10	MIDDLESBROUGH	A	13	L1-2	HORVATH	BREE ⚡	OSHO	LOCKYER ⚡	BELL ⚡
MON DEC 26	NORWICH CITY	H							
THU DEC 29	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A							
SUN JAN 1	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A							
SAT JAN 7	WIGAN ATH (FAC R3)	H							
SAT JAN 14	WEST BROM	H							
SAT JAN 21	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A							
SAT JAN 28	CARDIFF CITY   FAC R4	H							
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	SHEDFIELD 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	MILLWALL	H							



## BRIAN SHEPHERD

It is with deep regret that we announce Brian Shepherd sadly passed away at Keech Hospice, Luton on Tuesday, November 22nd, aged 85, after a long and determined fight. He was a Hatter home and away since 1947.

Brian was a current season ticket holder attending games with his

daughter Angie and his grandson Josh. He most recently attended the win against QPR. His loss is devastating, he loved his family, and he loved his football, we will all miss him.

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CAMPBELL	CLARK ⚡	MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, MUSKWE, ONYEDINMA, OSHO, JEROME	9,882 1,032
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## CHARLES LITTLE

Charles Little sadly passed away on the 10th November 2022. He loved Luton Town Football Club, first attending in the 1960s with his twin brother Peter and their father and grandfather. Charles was still a season ticket holder in the Main Stand and took his three sons to Luton growing up, and here's two of them pictured last year with him at Derby away. Luton was always a huge part of their family life, so thank you all at LTFC.



## JOHN ARTHUR JAMES SMITH

Former Luton Town U18s Physio of the late 1990s and early 2000s sadly passed away in October at the age of 92. As well as being a loyal member of the Youth Team Staff under Paul Lowe, John was a lifelong Luton fan and a season ticket holder for many years. As his health started to fail, John was happiest listening to games on the radio and watching them on television. His son Stuart said: "The last conversation I had with him in hospital when he was very ill and communication difficult, was to tell him of the victory over Norwich. This lit up his face." RIP John.

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	2022-23 SEASON						CAREER	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS	
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G
Elijah Adebayo	19	(2)	3	0	(0)	0	19	(2)
Amari'l Bell	21	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	21	(1)
Luke Berry	1	(7)	2	1	(0)	0	2	(7)
Sonny Bradley	9	(3)	0	0	(0)	0	9	(3)
James Bree	22	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	22	(0)
Reece Burke	7	(1)	1	1	(0)	0	8	(1)
Allan Campbell	22	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	22	(0)
Jordan Clark	20	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	20	(1)
Harry Cornick	5	(11)	0	0	(1)	0	5	(12)
Alfie Doughty	6	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	6	(1)
Luke Freeman	9	(9)	2	0	(0)	0	9	(9)
Ethan Horvath	21	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	21	(0)
Harry Isted	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)
Cameron Jerome	0	(17)	1	1	(0)	0	1	(17)
Henri Lansbury	6	(2)	1	1	(0)	0	7	(2)
Tom Lockyer	17	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	18	(0)
Matt Macey	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)
Carlos Mendes Gomes	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)
Carlton Morris	19	(3)	8	0	(1)	0	19	(4)
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	5	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	5	(4)
Admiral Muskwe	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)
Fred Onyedinma	3	(5)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(5)
Gabriel Osho	8	(5)	1	0	(1)	0	8	(6)
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)
Dan Potts	18	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	18	(0)
Glen Rea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)
James Shea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)
Elliot Thorpe	0	(2)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(3)
Louie Watson	0	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(1)
Josh Williams	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)
Cauley Woodrow	2	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(5)



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY RHYLEIGH!

Happy Birthday to Rhyleigh Cremin who celebrated his 11th birthday on Saturday December 10th. Love from everyone who knows you xx



### HAPPY 60TH HEATHER

We would like to wish Heather Cakebread a very happy 60th birthday. Heather has supported and worked as Luton Town match day hospitality for over 30 years, and is the longest serving match day staff member. The photo shows one of her favourite moments at an away game in Accrington Stanley when she found she was staying in the same hotel as the team.



### KEEP UPPY, ALFIE!

A huge well done to ten-year-old season card holder Alfie Maguire, who completed the Bobby Moore Fund's Keepy Upp Challenge last month. Alfie raised a total of £1,100 for Cancer Research UK and did 12,372 kick ups for the whole of November. Dad Chris said: "Each week Alfie progressed and kept beating his personal best. When he started he kept getting mid 20s and by the end he was hitting the 50s, 60s, 70s and even got a personal best of 84 in one go! "As parents we are ever so proud of the fact that he asked to take part and how much he raised. We only set the bar at £100. Thank you to Henri Lansbury for sponsoring him, too!"

## THE LAST WORD

GEOFF DOYLE  
BBC 3CR SPORTS EDITOR



It's Rob Edwards' first home match in charge at the Ken-ny and he'll obviously get a terrific reception from you lot. You'll start to get to know Rob better over the coming weeks. I have known him for six months having dealt with him when he was manager of the other Championship team in the BBC Three Counties patch! He's a good guy and you're going to like him as a person.

We will now get another chance to see what he's like as a manager at Championship level after being given such a short amount of time in Hertfordshire. When Rob arrived there he spoke about how he needed time to change the culture, to rebuild and to create a togetherness within the squad.

His chief executive infamously said that the club would stick with him "come hell or high water". Ten league games in and he was gone. It was no surprise to us journalists who know how the owner operates at Vicarage Road, but was really harsh on Rob.

Like I'm sure he will do here, the emphasis was on passion and commitment from his players. He created a happier training ground and dressing room.

The players he deals with here at Kenilworth Road will be slightly different to what he had there. Rob was having to manage really big-name players. Individuals who are huge assets of the club worth tens of millions of pounds.

That comes with challenges. Players are treated differently by the club and egos are high. I would imagine it must be a difficult group to manage.

Here at Luton there seems much more of a squad togetherness and the training ground/dressing room culture is

particularly strong. This is a tight group which the previous manager made sure didn't get above its station. No passengers, no idiots; that was Nathan's mantra. This is an honest bunch of guys willing to fight for each other and the club. Rob will love that.

I watched nearly every Watford game Rob was in charge of. He started five unbeaten and had one defeat in eight. The new Hatters boss likes to try to keep possession perhaps a bit more than his predecessor, and is maybe a bit less direct.

He's quite an attacking coach and often criticised Watford for not taking enough risks and being braver on the ball. He likes to press high and he also likes a 3-4-3 formation, which isn't dissimilar to how the Hatters normally play.

He will place quite a big emphasis on his wing backs and he won't be scared to play out from the back a bit more.

I'm looking forward to seeing how he does here at Luton and wish him all the best. He has some very big shoes to fill and I really hope Nathan succeeds at Southampton.

Enjoy the game. Don't forget we provide commentary of every Luton match live on Digital Radio.



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## ROB EDWARDS

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

## DEAN SMITH

- 01 TIM KRUL
- 02 MAX AARONS
- 03 SAM BYRAM
- 04 ANDREW OMOBAMIDELE
- 05 GRANT HANLEY
- 06 BEN GIBSON
- 08 ISAAC HAYDEN
- 09 JORDAN HUGILL
- 10 KIERAN DOWELL
- 11 ADAM IDAH
- 14 TODD CANTWELL
- 15 SAM MCCALLUM
- 17 GABRIEL SARA
- 19 JACOB SORENSEN
- 20 AARON RAMSEY
- 21 DANIEL SINANI
- 22 TEEMU PUKKI
- 23 KENNY MCLEAN
- 24 JOSH SARGENT
- 25 ONEL HERNANDEZ
- 26 MARCELINO NUNEZ
- 27 JONATHAN ROWE
- 28 ANGUS GUNN
- 30 DIMITRIS GIANNOULIS
- 33 MICHAEL MCGOVERN
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- 45 JONATHAN TOMKINSON
- 46 LIAM GIBBS

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