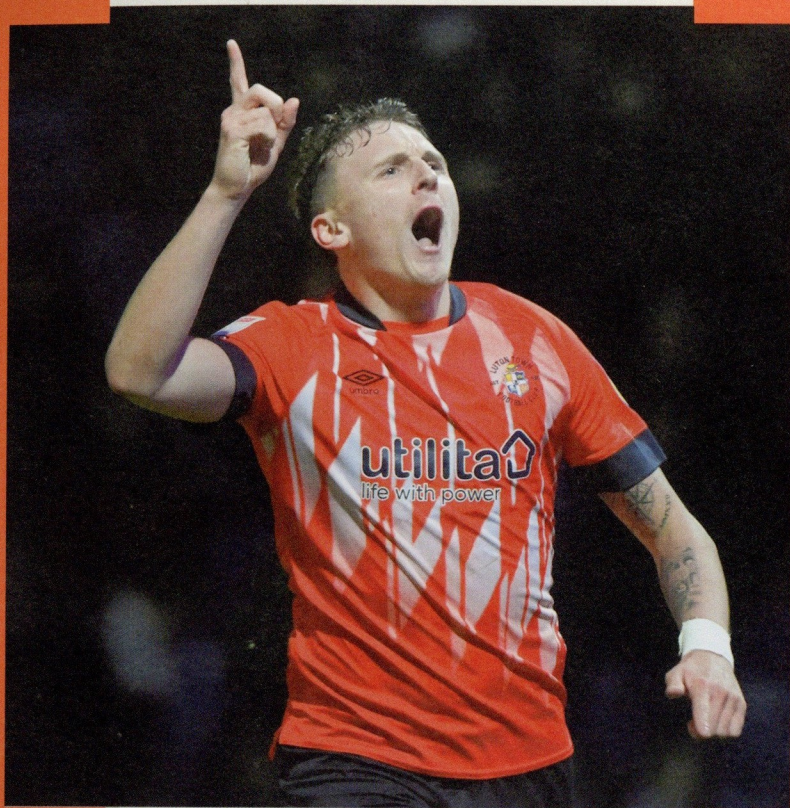




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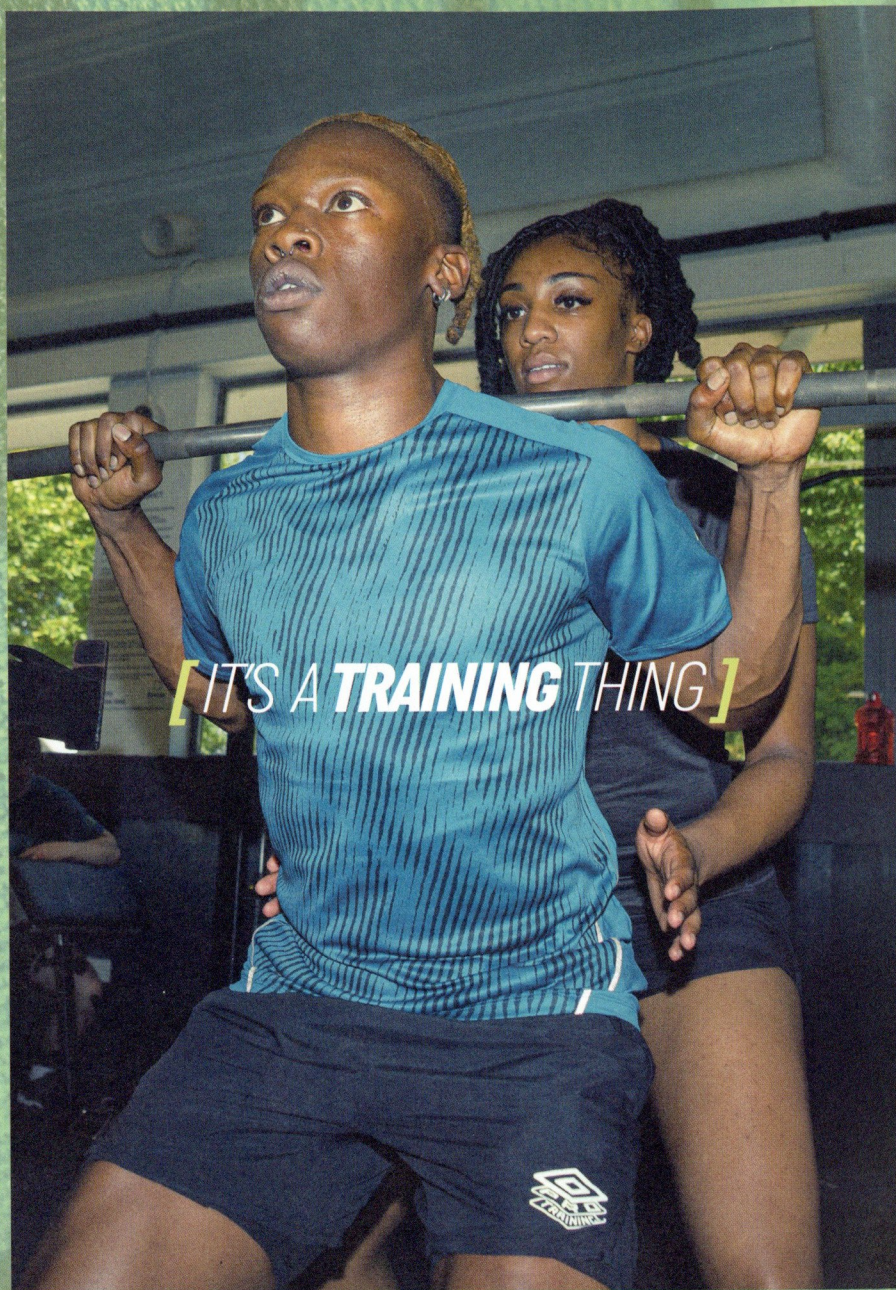
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We extend the welcome to Kolo Toure, his staff, their players and the Wigan supporters who have travelled down from the north-west today. Kolo had a distinguished playing career with some of the top clubs in Britain, and has been part of Brendan Rodgers' coaching set-up during a really successful time at Leicester, so I wish him every success in transferring all of that knowledge and experience to his first managerial role.

FA Cup third round day is one of the best in the English football calendar, and we know the significance of a good cup run and what it can do for morale around the club, which is already understandably pretty high. We have had a fantastic festive period and Luton Town is a great place to be, as you all know from the brilliant story you've been part of for several years now.

I'm really enjoying the opportunity I've been given, and I have to say thank you again for not only the brilliant welcome you gave myself, Richie and Paul at our first home game against Norwich, but also the amazing travelling support at QPR and Huddersfield.

I don't think any of us will ever forget the reception we received here on Boxing Day, and the noise coming down from the top tier at Loftus Road was something else. To have over 1,500 there, and then another 650 make such a long journey north on New Year's Day, when you factor in the expense of Christmas and the cost of living crisis, it was amazing.

Late goals, especially winners, certainly help add to that atmosphere and with Cauley's strike against Norwich, Alfie's at QPR and then Reece's winner on his return from injury at Huddersfield, we have scored some stunners in that period.

As well as a hugely talented squad who are so honest and hard-working, we have also inherited a group of staff who know the players, this club and their own roles inside out. They have worked so hard to help us settle in, and I have to thank them all for their vital contributions in keeping the players in such top condition to keep going right to the end of all of those three matches inside six days.

Seeing what I have over the past few weeks has reinforced everything I was told before I came here about the bond running through this club from the boardroom, to the stands and down to the staff and the players out on the pitch.

The only thing that we've been lacking is more home matches, and we can't wait to experience being back out in front of our own fans again today. So make as much noise as you can, get behind the lads and let's see where we can get to on the road to Wembley.

Enjoy the game and COYH!

## FROM THE BOARDROOM

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this FA Cup third round tie with Wigan Athletic at yet another different kick-off time! My first duty is to formally wish you all a happy and healthy New Year and to extend those wishes to our friends and visitors from Lancashire.

It seems an age since we had a three o'clock Saturday start here, just under two months in fact, if you cast your mind back to before Christmas, the World Cup and, of course, pre-Rob Edwards.

We clearly need to be commercial to balance the books and welcome the additional income when we're televised but, as football romantics, we prefer a more traditional 3pm Saturday afternoon kick-off so much more and still feel this should be maintained as much as possible. We have been known to challenge certain kick-off times which you won't hear about when we're successful.

It would be remiss of me, amid all the festive cheer we've had, not to say a big thank you to our hero Big Mick for once again stepping in to oversee that last 3pm kick-off, which we drew with Rotherham.

On behalf of everyone at the Club, I also offer our condolences to the whole Harford family as they prepare to say goodbye to Mick's older brother John, who sadly passed away just before Christmas.

Since Nathan's departure, and with Mick's help, we've established some decent momentum in the League – something that Rob, Richie and Paul have built on so impressively over the busy Christmas period.

I know how frustrating it was for them to have to wait so long for their first chance to walk out here in front of you, with the Millwall postponement, and also the opportunity to get their first points on the board.

The Championship is such a tight division that it was incredible to see how rapidly we could climb up the table within six days but with only five points separating twelve clubs in and around those play-off spots, we can't afford any complacency, quite the contrary.

**GARY SWEET**

Chief Executive



The hunger, character, and desire we have in the camp is so impressive I know we're now looking to build on that belief when we restart our League programme here next week against the Baggies.

Already, we've witnessed Cauley and Alfie score their first goals for the club, and Louie (pictured) win his starting debut. Congratulations to each of you for those achievements, boys! We hope to see more of that as we see a continued progression of playing style which I know we're all enjoying.

As we enter every new year, we always get asked the same two questions; what are your resolutions and what players are we going to sign? And every year, my resolution is to avoid getting too hung up on the January transfer window!

Whilst not impossible, and while we scout the market more deeply than most, it's hard to acquire good value players in the winter window. Indeed, with such an active summer window and players returning from injury, it will feel like we've got some new signings anyway and our January strategy is primarily underpinned by keeping our squad together and reviewing our loans – welcome back into the fold, Elliot!

If, however, a gem became available, we are more than ready to pounce.

Today, we turn our attentions to the FA Cup and welcome Wigan, and everyone who has travelled with them for the second time this season. We hope the outcome is different to the league meeting,

but we respect the Latics not only as reigning League One champions, but FA Cup winners of a decade ago – a game I attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

Like Wigan, that 2012-13 FA Cup campaign will always have a special place in our history for what we achieved as the first Non-League side to knock out Premier League opposition.

Our Boxing Day win over Norwich, helping to leap above them in the Championship table, serves to remind everyone of exactly how far we have come since that famous fourth round day at Carrow Road.

Alex Lawless, one of our starters that day, is in the Press Box today, but it was from the edge of the Kenilworth Road penalty box that he so memorably smashed in the winning goal in our third-round win over Wolves, ten years ago last Thursday.

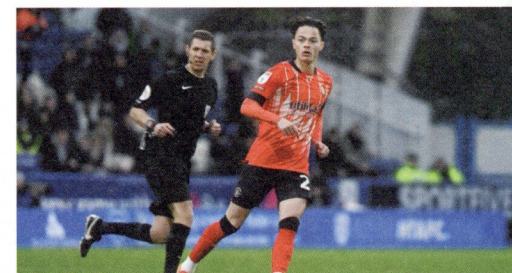
It's a huge asset for us to have someone like Alex now back working at the club, passing on his experience of such a special stage of our journey to our young players as a coach in the Academy.

Along with Alan McCormack, Alex helped mastermind a wonderful 6-0 FA Youth Cup win away at Birmingham City just before Christmas putting on a magical display. I would encourage as many of you as possible to get down to the Kenny and support our boys in the fourth-round tie against QPR.

It's a 7pm kick-off on Wednesday 17th January with tickets costing just £5 and £3, complimentary to season card holders.

It would be great for the young players' development to have a sizeable crowd to play in front of, and a reward for their stunning form in the league so far this season, too.

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Of course, you wouldn't expect me to sign-off without providing some re-assurance on our developments at Power Court. I can't deny that this is the most challenging project on our plate right now and has increased in its difficulty and complexity due to recent changes to the political and economic landscape. As I have mentioned previously, most – if not all others – would have given up, as many other such clubs have.

But rest assured, we won't! We are absolutely progressing.

I understand many will see our detailed planning application as the key milestone to kick things on, but, frankly whilst it is important and necessary, the timing of it isn't crucial. In order for the Stadium to be built we need the remaining buildings demolished, the sub-station moved, the river opened up and the residential scheme progressed to a greater degree of certainty.

As a pre-cursor to that, we have now fixed firm plans for the remaining demolition works and then, the most time-dictating element of these matters has started, with the UKPN project now underway with known deadlines for completion. Until this has been known, we have been unable to properly proceed with detailed planning.

As these deadlines determine the ultimate timing of everything, and we're now working to fit a programme around those schedules and any *perceived* delay in submitting a detailed planning application doesn't impact the final delivery of the stadium, as matters stand.

Asking for patience is indeed completely boring, for which I may apologise, but I can only re-iterate that we remain committed to getting the stadium built as quickly as possible without taking massive, unnecessary risks on the Club's stability that we have been fighting for so long to successfully avoid.

But for now, let's hear you give the senior lads everything in this FA Cup. Enjoy the game and Come On You Hatters!



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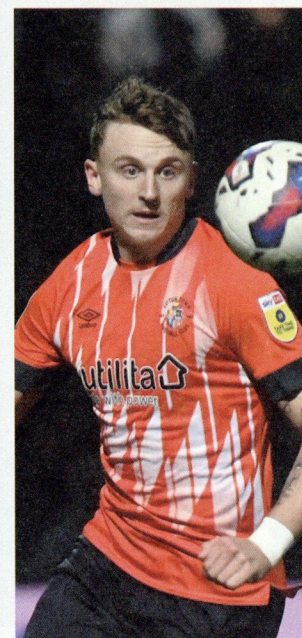
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"It was massive in the game. We were under pressure and as soon as it left my boot and it went in it was such a relief for all of the boys. 3-0, 10 minutes to go, we saw out the job really well."

**ALFIE DOUGHTY** on his stunning first goal for the Hatters!



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**Hatters:** Horvath; Doughty, Bree, Lockyer, Potts (C) (Freeman 76'), Bell; Clark, Campbell (Berry 85'), Mpanzu; Morris (Jerome 85'), Cornick (Woodrow 58').

**Scorers:**

LT - Morris (10', 47'), Doughty (81')

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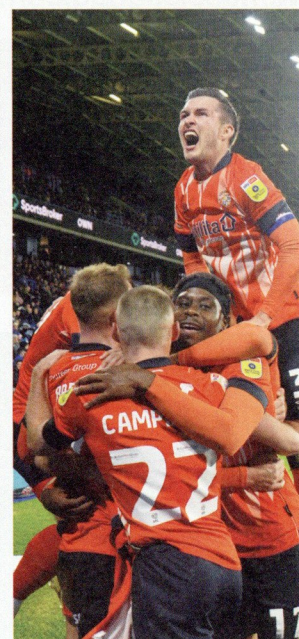


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"Full credit to the players and all the staff, who have worked extremely hard to make sure the players are in as good a condition as possible to deliver nine points [from the past three games]."

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**Hatters:** Horvath; Doughty (Burke 62'), Bree, Lockyer, Potts (C), Bell; Watson (Woodrow 65'), Campbell, Mpanzu; Morris, Adebayo (Jerome 83').

### Scorers:

HT - Holmes (25')

LT - Bell (43'), Burke (84')

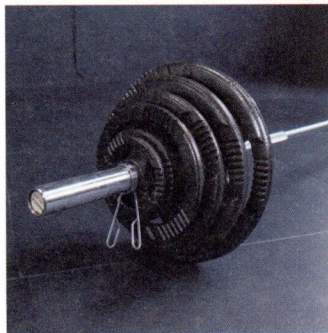
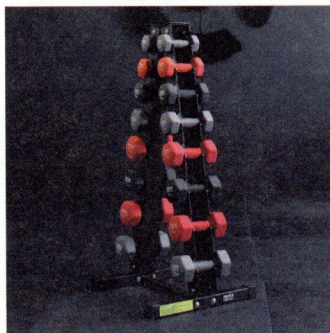
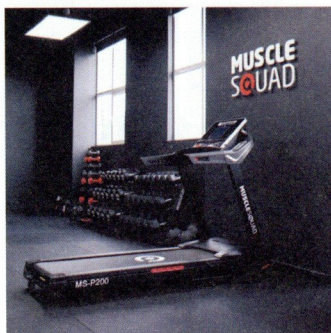
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## REECE BURKE

Reece Burke revealed his comeback was exactly how he wanted it to go, and more, as he made his return after more than three months out and scored the all-important winning goal against Huddersfield Town!

Of course, goals aren't something the defender is usually known for, but he was in the right place at the right time to thump the ball home with six minutes to play.

The Hatters came from behind to win for the first time since November 2021 in the Championship, a testament to the character of the team and belief instilled by manager Rob Edwards.

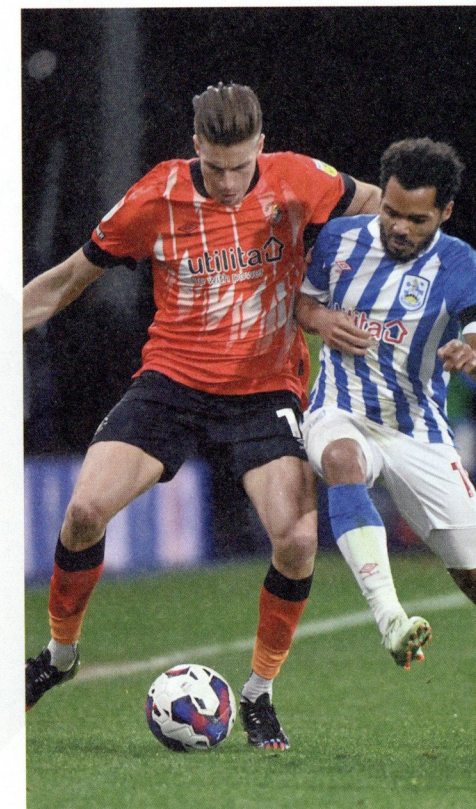
"If I was to say how I wanted it to go [return from injury], that would have been it! It's been tough, about three months I haven't played for now, but it was great to get back out there today and score the winner. It's a massive boost of confidence for me and hopefully I will get more game-time and less niggles throughout the season."

The centre-back has already scored this term, the stunning left-footed drive against Blackburn Rovers, and he added to his tally to secure a third successive win as the Hatters banished memories of last season's play-off semi-final defeat at the John Smith's Stadium.

"I think if you watch my games, I like to do that. I like to get forward and that's exactly what I did there to be fair. I found myself in the box, it was a great ball in from Breezy, we all know he's got quality and yeah, just a touch and finish. It was a tight game, the boys have been doing really well so it was just good to get out there to be honest."

The 26-year-old was in a rich vein of form prior to his injury against former club Hull City in September, and he praised the work of the club staff that have helped during his recovery.

"It has been tough. It feels like I haven't played for ages. Fair play to the Sport Science and the physios working hard to find



out the issues I had. It has been tough but I'm glad to be out there again.

"The boys have been doing really well, even when I've been at home watching them. They've been flying and obviously I'm sat there thinking, 'Am I going to get some game time?' I was glad to get on today, I know there is three games in a week and it's tough for the boys at times. I knew I probably would have got some minutes today and then I'm glad things went the way they did."

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## THEIR TOWN



By Zac Neal

Today's visitors are Wigan Athletic, a club founded in 1932 and proud former winners of the Emirates FA Cup in 2012-13, a season in which they suffered the heartbreak of relegation from the Premier League just days after beating Manchester City at Wembley.

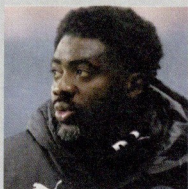
After promotion last season as League One champions, the fourth time the Latics had won the third tier title, it has been a tough period for the DW Stadium outfit lately, with the side sitting bottom of the EFL Championship three points adrift from safety.

Wigan appointed former Arsenal, Manchester City, Liverpool, Celtic and Ivory Coast defender Kolo Toure as manager during the World Cup period after Leam Richardson was relieved of duties in November. Toure has managed five matches so far, picking up one point in the Championship.

The last three matches have been the worst for as they have lost three in a row by the same scoreline, going down 4-1 to Sunderland at home, Middlesbrough at the Riverside and then Hull City back on their own turf on Monday.

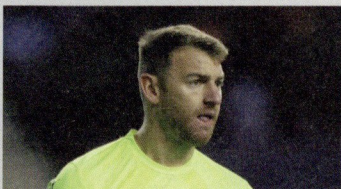
Last time out against the Hatters, Wigan left Kenilworth Road with all three points in early September. A Carlton Morris header put Town in front in the opening stages, but that was cancelled out in the last ten minutes by a Tom Lockyer own goal and a late Thelo Aasgaard curler to win the match for the Latics, who moved up to 14th in the table at that point.

Wigan last recorded a win under interim manager Rob Kelly in their game immediately before the break, beating Blackpool 2-1 at home. Their top scorer is Will Keane, who has nine goals, while Everton loanee Nathan Broadhead has five, including two in his last three.



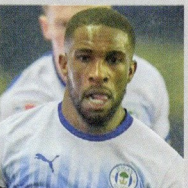
## KOLO TOURE

MANAGER | 41-year-old Touré retired from playing when at Celtic in 2017 before pursuing a career in coaching. He began playing for ASEC Mimosas before signing for Arsenal, where he spent seven years. The Ivorian then had four years at Manchester City and three at Liverpool before joining Celtic in 2016. Touré became assistant-manager of Ivory Coast U23s and technical assistant at Celtic before becoming Leicester's first team coach. He was appointed Wigan manager in November.



## JAMIE JONES

GK | Jones joined the Latics in 2017 after spells at seven other English clubs. The 33 year-old began his career in Everton's youth system and was signed by Leyton Orient. He would stay at Brisbane Road there for six years prior to moving to Preston, where he was then loaned out to Coventry, Rochdale and Colchester. In January 2016, Jones signed for Stevenage, and stayed with the Hertfordshire club in League Two for a season before moving to Wigan.

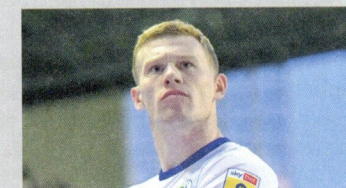
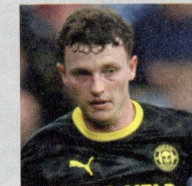


## TENDAYI DARIKWA

DEF | Captain Darikwa started his career in the youth team at Chesterfield, before signing a professional contract. The 31-year-old went on loan from Chesterfield to Barrow for a season and after returning from the Cumbrian club, remained a Spireite for almost five years. The Zimbabwean international moved to Burnley in July 2015 and helped the Clarets win promotion to the Premier League, before moving to Nottingham Forest in 2017. The full-back signed for the Latics in 2021.

## NATHAN BROADHEAD

ONE TO WATCH | Bangor-born Broadhead began his career in the Everton youth system, before earning himself a loan move to Burton Albion in August 2019. After returning to Everton, he was loaned out to Sunderland in August 2021, where he impressed, registering 10 goals in 22 appearances. The 24-year-old, who has 17 caps for Wales at U21 level, was loaned out to Wigan in August to gain more experience at Championship level and has five goals so far this term.



## JAMES MCCLEAN

MID | McClean played with Derry City and Sunderland before moving to Wigan in August 2013. He spent two seasons as a Latic before returning to the Premier League when he joined West Brom in June 2015. McClean spent three years with the Baggies before joining Stoke in July 2018. The Ireland international re-signed for Wigan in August 2021. This season, the 33-year-old has made 26 appearances, picking up seven goal involvements.

## WILL KEANE

ATT | Irish international Keane began his career with Manchester United. He had loan spells with Wigan, QPR, Sheffield Wednesday and Preston North End before making a permanent move to Hull City in 2016. After a loan spell at Ipswich in 2019, he was released by the Tigers at the end of the season and signed for the Portman Road outfit on a permanent basis. After a year in Suffolk, however, he joined Wigan and has 47 goals to his name from 109 appearances.



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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 Stowmarket in October 1970, Gavin joined Ipswich from school and went on to make over 100 League appearances for the Portman Road side over six seasons despite suffering a succession of serious knee injuries.

Given a free transfer in 1995, Gavin was snapped up by Luton manager Terry Westley but could manage only a handful of games as the Town struggled in Division One (now the Championship). By the time the Hatters had recruited Lennie Lawrence to the hot seat, Gavin was on loan at Wigan and a £15,000 cheque eventually took him to Springfield Park permanently.

Considering his early injury record as well as subsequent broken legs, this solid and obviously indestructible left sided midfielder or defender went on to enjoy a long career and was still turning out in senior non-League football in East Anglia into his forties.

## **FIRST GAME: LUTON TOWN 1 LEICESTER CITY 1 (26/8/95)**

A game the Town dominate but fail to turn their superiority into goals. A powerful 20-yard effort from Ceri Hughes opens the scoring on 20 minutes but former Hatter Garry Parker levels just after the hour mark with a free-kick which takes a wicked deflection off Tony Thorpe to wrong-foot goalkeeper Juergen Sommer.

Gavin Johnson, making his Luton debut in place of the dropped Graham Alexander, has a steady game but is unable to put his stamp on the match.

## **LAST GAME: STOKE CITY 5 LUTON TOWN 0 (4/11/95)**

Future Hatter Paul Peschisolidi opens the scoring for the home side in the 14th minute after slack Luton defending, but after that the Town compete without unduly troubling the Stoke defence. The normally reliable Steve Davis misses a through ball which leaves Simon Sturridge with an easy opportunity on 73 minutes, and after that the defence falls apart with Stoke then scoring at will.

An awful day out for supporters of the rock-bottom Hatters.

# FIRST AND LAST

## GAVIN JOHNSON



## HATTERS TALES

WITH ROGER WASH  
CLUB HISTORIAN

Mick Harford turns away having scored one of his hat-trick goals as the Town beat Wigan 4-2 to go through in the 2nd round tie.



# A SORRY RECORD AGAINST THE LATICS

Today's visitors, Wigan Athletic, were elected to the Football League in 1978, replacing Southport, and one of their first tasks was to face the Hatters in a League Cup second round tie at Kenilworth Road.

After thrashing Oldham 6-1 on the opening day we were expected to make light work of the Latics, but we struggled to make an impression against a determined side that had obviously set out its stall to earn a replay. After a great deal of huffing and puffing, two Brian Stein efforts, with the

second coming just before the end, eventually saw us through to the next round.

Paths did not cross again until the two sides were drawn together in the Littlewoods Cup in 1987/88. A goal from Micky Weir, on his full Luton debut, gave the Town a first leg lead against the Division Three leaders at Springfield Park, while back at Kenilworth Road a hat-trick from Mick Harford earned a 4-2 victory and a comfortable aggregate win. Luton supporters need little reminding of what happened at the end of that particular cup run!

Our first meeting in the League arrived on 18th October 1997 at Springfield Park, where Wigan remained unbeaten and were still riding on the crest of a wave following their Division

Three (now League Two) championship winning season of 1996/97. They had won four and drawn one of their previous five home games.

The Hatters had endured a miserable start to the season after reaching the play-offs the previous campaign, and a succession of injuries had culminated in an extremely embarrassing 4-0 hammering by Watford at Kenilworth Road two weeks before.

A certain amount of self respect had been regained with a 3-0 win over Plymouth the previous week as the walking wounded began to return to full fitness.

In a controlled and measured display, the Town defence kept the free-scoring Wigan attack at bay and when David Oldfield calmly side-footed the ball into the net in the 68th minute, it looked highly likely that the first away win of the season was on the cards. Unfortunately, gamesmanship by Roberto Martinez, when he tumbled theatrically in the area, fooled the referee, leaving Graeme Jones to net from the spot. In the cold light of day we were pleased with the point as we attempted the slow rise up the table.

The return was played the following February and although the Town were still in the bottom four, a draw at promotion bound Watford a couple of weeks before had put a new spring in the step of all those at Kenilworth Road.

Unfortunately, the supporters were not happy when they learnt, on turning up for the game, that ace marksman Tony Thorpe was on his way to Fulham for £800,000. Despite this loss the Town were always the better side against a sliding Wigan and although the Latics took an early lead through Jones, many chances were created but only one, from Oldfield, was converted on a frustrating evening.

The next clash came early in the following season on the occasion of our final visit to Springfield Park. This time we had started the campaign in rather better form and sat in mid-table alongside Wigan, fresh from a win at Oxford in the Worthington Cup and a 2-0 victory over Colchester at Kenilworth Road.

A volley from Steve Davis gave the Town an interval lead before Stuart Barlow, so often a thorn in our sides, took advantage of shoddy Luton defending to stroke home an equaliser against the run of play.

All was well in the end though with Phil Gray, giving his best display for the club since his return almost a year before, setting up Sean Evers and then netting himself for a deserved 3-1 win.

The return, the following February, is best forgotten! For the record Pat McGibbon put the Latics into an early lead before Hatters goalkeeper Kelvin Davis was sent off for handling the ball outside the area after 23 minutes. Full-back

Gerry Harrison, on loan from Sunderland, deputised between the sticks but ten man Luton were unable to give him much cover, and he ended up picking the ball out of the net three times.

By the time of the Town's next visit to Wigan, in October 1999, the Latics had moved to the marvellous JJB stadium and a good number of Luton supporters made their way to the new venue to see third-placed Hatters take



Brian Stein heads in the second in the 1978 clash

on the side one place below them.

Administration had left manager Lennie Lawrence with a very young, inexperienced side against a team that had cost a lot of money to assemble. It was hard to tell which side was which, however, as the Town took the game to their illustrious opponents and it was only a strange decision by the linesman, ruling offside against Gary Doherty, that prevented the Town from taking the lead.

The only goal of the game came when Barlow shot home with 15 minutes left to leapfrog the Town in the table for a rather fortunate home win.

By the time of the return, just before

the end of the season, we had secured a mid-table place but Wigan were tucked in behind Preston at the top of the table. Their visit to Kenilworth Road was therefore seen as a vital three points in their bid for promotion to Division One (now the Championship) for the first time in their history.

This time Luton supporters were mourning the departure of Gary Doherty, who had just gone to Tottenham, but the players did not seem to be affected as they tore into the Wigan defence from the start. The opening goal, a dubious penalty awarded to Wigan after Simon Haworth tumbled over Luton goalkeeper Ben Roberts, was therefore against the run of play, but in the second period Gray equalised for the Town during a period of Wigan ascendancy.

Wigan failed to win promotion and welcomed Luton to the JJB for their first home game of the following campaign. Both sides had new managers in charge, with the Town giving Ricky Hill a pointless baptism on the opening day following a 1-0 home defeat at the hands of Notts County, while the

Latics welcomed ex-Luton favourite Bruce Rioch, who saw his side earn a point in a 0-0 draw at newly promoted Swansea.

The game hinged on set piece plays with Wigan supporters seeing McGibbon head in from a corner and Andy Liddell netting from a free-kick, while our solitary reply came from Julian Watts who headed home Matthew Taylor's flag kick.

By the time of the return we had parted company with Ricky Hill who had been replaced by Lil Fuccillo in the hot seat. Fuccillo had fared little better though, and the Town were second bottom five points from safety.

Wigan were once more challenging for promotion and in a perfect display of counter attacking football won 2-0 through goals from Haworth and Stefan Bidstrup. During the 90 minutes we had only one shot on target to make it a thoroughly miserable afternoon.

We were relegated at the end of that 2000-01 campaign but won immediate promotion to find Wigan still in Division Two (now League One). This time, though, the Latics won the division easily but could not get past the Town in the League that season following two 1-1 draws.

In the game at Kenilworth Road only a late leveller earned the Latics a point, while the same score was recorded at Wigan but this time they won the division by a wide margin to finally justify the money spent on the team.

Before winning promotion though, Wigan had been drawn against the Town in the FA Cup for the first time.

Injury and suspension had cost the Town 12 players and with record Wigan signing Nathan Ellington, who had cost nine times more than the Hatters side put together, running riot a comfortable 3-0 home win was recorded.

Much water then passed under the bridge before the two sides clashed again – following the Town's promotion to the Championship in 2019. Wigan had won the FA Cup and played in Europe while the Hatters had dropped out of the League for five seasons in the intervening years.

Finally a home League win was secured when goals from George Moncur and former Latic Callum McManaman eased the Town through 2-1, while at Wigan a miraculous last minute save from Simon Sluga enabled the game, the last before the Covid lockdown, to remain scoreless.

The two teams therefore clash for only the second time in the FA Cup this afternoon, but the Town are mindful of the smash and grab raid by the Latics at Kenilworth Road in the League earlier this season!



Phil Gray rises to score the Town goal in a 1-1 draw in 1997

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# 10 YEARS ON, ALEX IS STILL UP FOR THE CUP!

Words: Dan Briard



**Having played his part in the 2012/13 FA Cup heroics, Alex Lawless only has fond memories of the competition that saw Luton Town twice produce giant-killings as a Non-League club 10 years ago this month.**

Fondly recollecting the Third Round tie against Wolverhampton Wanderers – which took place a decade ago on Thursday – the midfielder, now Assistant Professional Development Phase Coach in the Luton Town academy, remembers that day as one of his best in a Hatters shirt.

It was those such memories that made his decision to return to the club last summer an easy one, with the Welshman admitting his return has been everything he had hoped for.

"I was delighted to come back to the club in a coaching capacity," said Lawless. "It was something that I was really pleased with and looking forward to, it felt like a bit of a homecoming and that's exactly what it's been like.

"For me I had the success in terms of getting back into the League whilst I was here and had some really good FA Cup ties, so from my own experience there was so many positives on the pitch. Off it as well, living in the town I got to know people, so many that have now become friends. I think all of those things combined, it gives you so many reasons why you want to be part of the club."

On the win over then-Championship club Wolves, in front of 9,638 packed

into the Kenny, he recalls: "The whole occasion was huge. We were playing against a club three divisions higher than us at that time but there was an air of confidence because we were at home. We had that FA Cup feeling, there was always that chance there could be an upset. It was a brilliant occasion for us all, but on a personal level, to score the only goal of the game, it's one of the moments I remember the most.

"We still have a laugh about it now because Jon Shaw, who is still a really close friend of mine, challenged for the header in front, and he claims that as an assist! Whenever that goal comes up, because it is one of the ones that comes up from that period, he always claims it!"

Of course, even more memorably, that win led to a match against then-Premier League side Norwich City, and there is no need to remind supporters how that game ended.

"To get that draw was brilliant. At the time they were a Premier League club, away from home, it was really big for all of us. The season wasn't going that great in the league so we tried to balance that off a little bit if we could. With the FA Cup, you always feel like there is a chance of an upset being the underdog.

"I remember it a lot but with the success we had, to celebrate with the fans after the game was brilliant. The amount of supporters we took that day was brilliant. It was quite late in the game that we scored, there was a bit of a build-up. I just remember a lot of people talking about that one.

"It was such a big upset because we were in the Conference and they were a Premier League club, and at their ground. It was the fourth round that took us to the fifth and it was huge, another enjoyable cup game for sure."

Now as a coach, Lawless is hoping to oversee more cup success and the Under 18s are already on the right path in the FA Youth Cup. A 6-0 win against Birmingham City has set-up a Fourth Round tie against QPR at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday 18th January (see page 47 for ticket details).

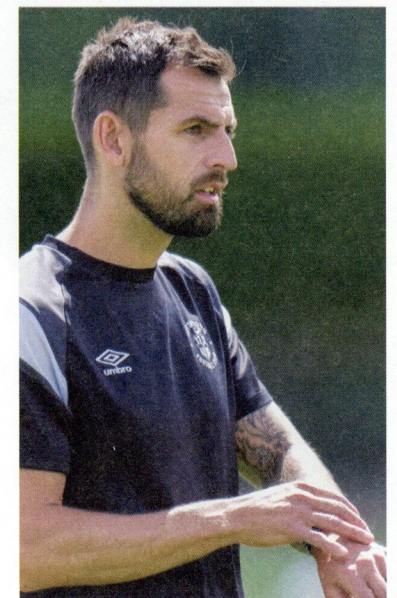
Having been a part of the mightily impressive league form so far this season, the hopes keep increasing from the 37-year-old's perspective.

"To be honest, I was somewhat unsurprised by the

performance and the result (against Birmingham). What the players have been doing this year, how all the staff work with the players to prepare. I was really pleased for the players who were involved. I was also really pleased for Alan (McCormack) because I know how much he puts in to it, and Paul Benson and Paul Hart as well.

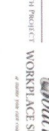
"We had high hopes anyway for the group, and we now have the opportunity to impress and progress again, which we are more than capable of. It'll be a tough game but an enjoyable one as well.

"I always remember the support I used to get as a player, and I hope the boys get to experience something like that at Kenilworth Road. It would be great to see as many fans there as possible to support the team and hopefully we will get another brilliant result."





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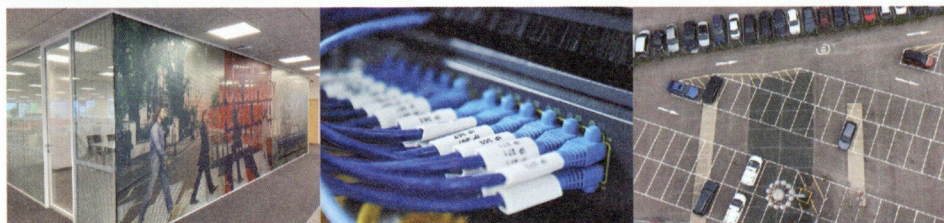
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Coach Roy McCrohan introduces new signing Phil Boersma to the Town squad in 1977.

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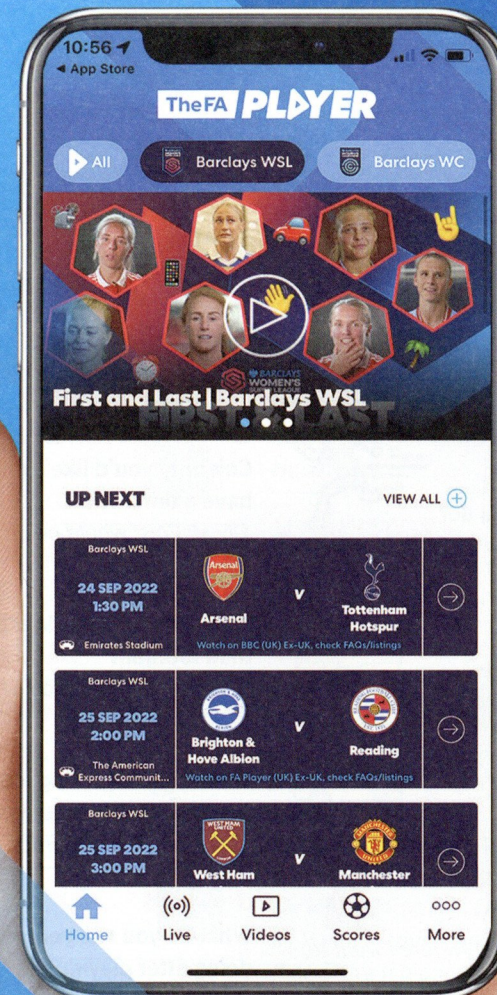
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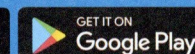


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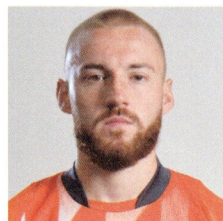
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# LUTON AZ

WITH ALLAN CAMPBELL



## A - ATHLETE

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

*I'd probably try a triathlon or something mad like that!*



## B - BOOTS

Favourite pair of boots?

*Old school predators with the tongue.*



## C - CAR

Dream car?

*Rolls Royce Cullinan*



## D - DESTINATION

Dream destination?

*Honestly, I've been everywhere I want to, but I love Dubai.*



## E - EAT

Favourite food?

*Chicken with anything really.*



## F - FIVE

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

*Ederson in goal, at the back Virgil Van Dijk, then Xavi, Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi*



## G - GUESTS

Celebrity you'd like to have a drink with?

*Ally McCoist would be up there!*



## H - HOBBIES

Favourite thing to do other than football?

*Honestly, nothing really, I just love football!*



## I - IDOL

Who is your sporting idol?

*It's a tough choice between Cristiano Ronaldo, Michael Jordan or Kobe Bryant.*



## J - JOB

What do you see yourself doing after playing?

*Hopefully try and get into property and own a few houses.*



## K - KIT

Favourite all-time football shirt?

*The Rangers home kit when Paul Gascoigne was there (1994-96).*



## L - LANGUAGES

How many languages can you speak?

*Just the one.*



## M - MOMENT

Favourite moment of your career so far?

*Has to be my Scotland debut.*



## N - NOTABLE

Who is the most famous contact in your phone?

*Andy Robertson.*



## O - OPPOSITION

Hardest opponent?

*Phil Foden when I played against England Under 21s.*



## P - PIZZA TOPPINGS

What toppings would you choose?

*I like pepperoni.*



## Q - QUOTE

A quote you live by?

*Hard work pays off!*



## R - RESTAURANT

Favourite restaurant?

*The Anchor Line in Glasgow, it's a steakhouse.*



## S - STADIUM

Favourite stadium you've played at?

*Ibrox.*



## T - TRAVEL

Best place you've been to?

*Dubai!*



## U - UNLIMITED

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

*Happiness*



## V - VICTORY

Most memorable win?

*Beating Reading to get in the play-offs.*

## W - WATCH

Favourite film/series?

*Film is The Dark Knight. Series I would go with Peaky Blinders.*



## X - X FACTOR

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

*My initiation song is Life is a Rollercoaster by Ronan Keating, so would have to be that. I give it a good go but I'm not the best!*



## Y - YIKES

Biggest fear?

*Snakes - they creep me out.*



## Z - ZOO

Favourite animal?

*Dogs*





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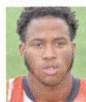
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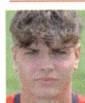
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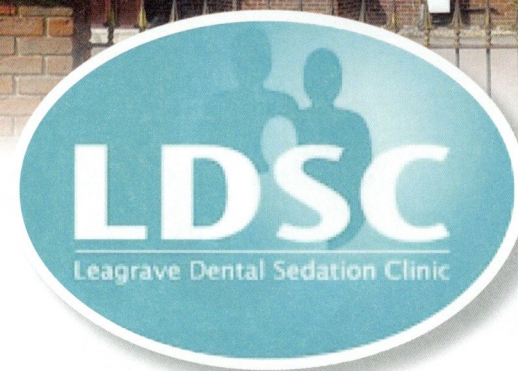
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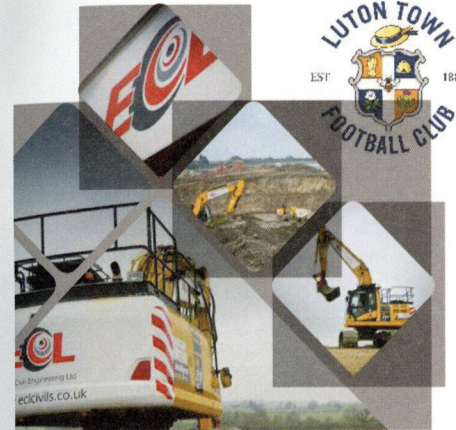
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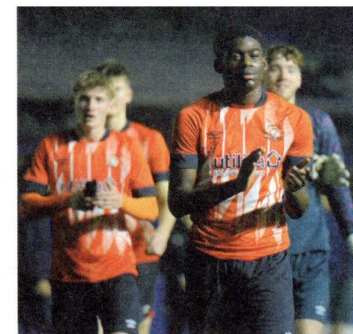
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	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL		
	APPS		G	APPS		G	APPS		G		APPS	G	
Elijah Adebayo	21	(2)	3	0	(0)	0	21	(2)	3	4	0	83	25
Amari'T Bell	23	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	23	(1)	1	0	1	70	2
Luke Berry	1	(8)	2	1	(0)	0	2	(8)	2	1	0	147	
Sonny Bradley	9	(3)	0	0	(0)	0	9	(3)	0	3	0	168	6
James Bree	25	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	25	(0)	0	2	0	139	2
Reece Burke	7	(2)	2	1	(0)	0	8	(2)	2	1	0	42	4
Allan Campbell	25	(0)	2	0	(0)	0	25	(0)	2	2	0	64	6
Jordan Clark	22	(1)	2	0	(0)	0	22	(1)	2	3	0	90	7
Harry Cornick	6	(11)	0	0	(1)	0	6	(12)	0	1	0	230	36
Alfie Doughty	9	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	9	(1)	1	6	0	10	1
Luke Freeman	9	(11)	2	0	(0)	0	9	(11)	2	2	0	20	2
Ethan Horvath	24	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	24	(0)	0	0	0	24	0
Harry Isted	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Cameron Jerome	0	(20)	1	1	(0)	0	1	(20)	1	0	0	58	6
Henri Lansbury	6	(2)	1	1	(0)	0	7	(2)	1	2	0	46	1
Tom Lockyer	20	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	21	(0)	1	5	0	77	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	22	(3)	10	0	(1)	0	22	(4)	10	5	0	26	10
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	8	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	8	(4)	0	1	0	345	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	9	(5)	1	0	(1)	0	9	(6)	1	2	2	42	1
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	3	0
Dan Potts	21	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	21	(0)	1	2	0	209	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	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0	3	0
Josh Williams	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Cauley Woodrow	2	(8)	1	1	(0)	0	3	(8)	1	0	0	14	1



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**Luton Town Under-18s' FA Youth Cup  
Fourth Round tie against Queens  
Park Rangers will take place on  
Wednesday 18th January 2023, 7pm  
kick-off.**

The match will take place at Kenilworth Road after Alan McCormack's side beat Birmingham City 6-0 in the previous round to book a Fourth Round tie for the first time since 2016.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 9th January and MUST be booked in advance of the fixture.

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**Adults: £5**  
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All tickets will need to be purchased in advance of the game (by close of business on Tuesday 17th January). They can be booked online or from the Ticket Office in person or by phone.

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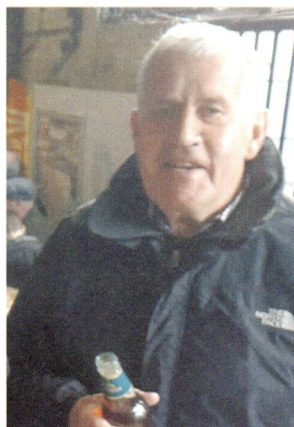
	DATE	OPPOSITION	POS	SCORE	STARTING XI						O.G.	SUBSTITUTES	ATT	AWAY
AUGUST	SAT JUL 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H /	D 0-0	HORVATH BREE OSHO BRADLEY POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK FREEMAN MORRIS ADEBAYO	MACEY LOCKYER CORNICK WOODROW LANSBURY PEREIRA JEROME	9,921	1,032					
	SAT AUG 6	BURNLEY	A 15	D 1-1	HORVATH BREE OSHO BRADLEY POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK FREEMAN CORNICK ADEBAYO	MACEY LOCKYER BERRY MORRIS WOODROW LANSBURY BURKE	19,628	1,026					
	TUE AUG 9	NEWPORT CTY AFC (CCR1)	H /	L 2-3	MACEY MENDES GOMES BURKE LANSBURY LOCKYER PEREIRA	WATSON BERRY WOODROW JEROME MUSKWE	ISTED CORNICK MORRIS THORPE OSHO WILLIAMS ALLEN PETTIT NELSON	3,827	207					
	SAT AUG 13	PRESTON NORTH END	H 20	L 0-1	HORVATH BREE BURKE BRADLEY POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK FREEMAN MORRIS ADEBAYO	MACEY LOCKYER WOODROW WATSON THORPE OSHO JEROME	9,740	895					
	TUE AUG 16	BRISTOL CITY	A 23	L 0-2	HORVATH BREE BURKE BRADLEY POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL OSHO WOODROW MORRIS ADEBAYO	MACEY LOCKYER MUSKWE CLARK THORPE FREEMAN JEROME	17,329	718					
SEPTEMBER	SAT AUG 20	SWANSEA CITY	A 18	W 2-0	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK FREEMAN MUSKWE ADEBAYO	MACEY BERRY MORRIS WOODROW THORPE OSHO JEROME	16,323	609					
	FRI AUG 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H 17	D 1-1	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK FREEMAN MORRIS ADEBAYO	MACEY BERRY WOODROW MUSKWE ONYEDINMA OSHO JEROME	9,882	1,032					
	TUE AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	A 9	W 2-1	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK FREEMAN MORRIS ADEBAYO	MACEY BERRY WOODROW LANSBURY ONYEDINMA OSHO JEROME	17,202	421					
	SAT SEP 3	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H 16	L 1-2	HORVATH BREE OSHO LOCKYER POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK FREEMAN MORRIS ADEBAYO	MACEY BRADLEY CORNICK BERRY WOODROW ONYEDINMA JEROME	9,885	1,035					
	WED SEP 14	COVENTRY CITY	H 18	D 2-2	HORVATH BREE OSHO BRADLEY POTTS ONYEDINMA	CAMPBELL CLARK FREEMAN MORRIS CORNICK	MACEY LOCKYER WOODROW ADEBAYO LANSBURY BELL JEROME	9,546	1,028					
OCTOBER	SAT SEP 17	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H 11	W 2-0	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK FREEMAN MORRIS WOODROW	ISTED WATSON ONYEDINMA FREEMAN OSHO JEROME DOUGHTY	9,839	712					
	FRI SEP 30	HULL CITY	A 5	W 2-0	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK LANSBURY MORRIS ADEBAYO	JONES ISTED CORNICK MPANZU ONYEDINMA OSHO JEROME DOUGHTY	15,730	544					
	TUE OCT 4	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H 8	D 3-3	HORVATH ONYEDINMA BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK LANSBURY MORRIS ADEBAYO	ISTED BRADLEY CORNICK MPANZU PETTIT NELSON DOUGHTY	9,073	308					
	SAT OCT 8	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A 9	D 0-0	HORVATH BREE LOCKYER BRADLEY POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK LANSBURY MORRIS ADEBAYO	ISTED CORNICK BERRY MPANZU ONYEDINMA FREEMAN DOUGHTY	21,550	1,385					
	SAT OCT 15	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H 6	W 3-1	HORVATH BREE LOCKYER BRADLEY POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK LANSBURY MORRIS ADEBAYO	ISTED CORNICK BERRY ONYEDINMA FREEMAN JEROME DOUGHTY	10,011	1,038					
NOVEMBER	TUE OCT 18	NORWICH CITY	A 4	W 1-0	HORVATH ONYEDINMA BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK DOUGHTY MORRIS CORNICK	ISTED BRADLEY BERRY ADEBAYO LANSBURY FREEMAN JEROME	25,846	1,182					
	SUN OCT 23	WATFORD	A 9	L 0-4	HORVATH BREE LOCKYER BRADLEY BELL DOUGHTY	CAMPBELL CLARK FREEMAN MORRIS ADEBAYO	ISTED POTTS CORNICK BERRY WATSON OSHO JEROME	19,282	1,954					
	SAT OCT 29	SUNDERLAND	H 9	D 1-1	HORVATH DOUGHTY BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL CLARK LANSBURY MORRIS ADEBAYO	ISTED BRADLEY CORNICK BERRY MPANZU FREEMAN JEROME	10,060	1,032					
	TUE NOV 1	READING	H 10	D 0-0	HORVATH BREE LOCKYER BRADLEY POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL MPANZU DOUGHTY CORNICK ADEBAYO	ISTED BERRY MORRIS WATSON FREEMAN JEROME PETTIT	9,620	926					
	SAT NOV 5	BLACKPOOL	A 8	W 1-0	HORVATH CLARK BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL MPANZU BERRY MORRIS ADEBAYO	ISTED CORNICK WATSON FREEMAN JEROME PETTIT LAWLESS	11,452	1,208					
DECEMBER	TUE NOV 8	STOKE CITY	A 9	L 0-2	ISTED CLARK BREE LOCKYER OSHO BELL	CAMPBELL MPANZU CORNICK MORRIS ADEBAYO	MACEY BERRY WATSON FREEMAN JEROME PETTIT DOUGHTY	18,095	784					
	SAT NOV 12	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H 10	D 1-1	HORVATH BREE OSHO LOCKYER BELL DOUGHTY	CAMPBELL MPANZU CLARK MORRIS ADEBAYO	ISTED CORNICK BERRY WATSON FREEMAN WILLIAMS PETTIT	10,071	1,040					
	SAT DEC 10	MIDDLESBROUGH	A 13	L 1-2	HORVATH BREE OSHO LOCKYER BELL DOUGHTY	CAMPBELL MPANZU CLARK MORRIS ADEBAYO	ISTED CORNICK BERRY WATSON FREEMAN PETTIT JEROME	23,187	463					
	MON DEC 26	NORWICH CITY	H 12	W 2-1	HORVATH BREE OSHO LOCKYER POTTS DOUGHTY	CAMPBELL MPANZU CLARK MORRIS ADEBAYO	ISTED CORNICK BERRY WOODROW FREEMAN JEROME PETTIT	9,831	1,039					
	THU DEC 29	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A 5	W 3-0	HORVATH DOUGHTY BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL MPANZU CLARK MORRIS CORNICK	ISTED BERRY WOODROW ADEBAYO WATSON FREEMAN JEROME	16,030	1,562					
JANUARY	SUN JAN 1	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A 5	W 2-1	HORVATH DOUGHTY BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL	CAMPBELL MPANZU WATSON MORRIS ADEBAYO	ISTED CORNICK BERRY WOODROW BURKE JEROME PETTIT	18,333	638					
	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 I FAC R4	H											
MARCH	SAT FEB 4	STOKE CITY	H											
	SAT FEB 11	COVENTRY CITY	A											
	WED FEB 15	PRESTON NORTH END	A											
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## THE LAST WORD

**SIMON PITTS**

IFOLLOW HATTERS COMMENTATOR



**Happy New Year to you all – and welcome to Kenilworth Road for this first home fixture of 2023.**

It's certainly been a great start to Rob Edwards' managerial career, with three victories in a week from Christmas to New Year, the first time this has been achieved since 2013/14, the last season of non-League football for the Hatters. Back then it was two 2-1 victories over Barnet, either side of a 6-0 win over Kidderminster at Kenilworth Road.

Securing nine points from the opening four League matches in charge at this level is only bettered by Lennie Lawrence (1995/96) with 10 points, and it's matched by Dally Duncan (1947/48).

Today sees a break from the League for the FA Cup, albeit against fellow Championship side Wigan Athletic, who have enjoyed League success in the same seasons as the Hatters on several occasions.

After being elected to the Football League in 1978 they won promotion from Division Four in 1981/82 as Luton were Champions of Division Two. Wigan were promoted from the Championship in 2004/05, as the Hatters were Champions of League One, and then as Luton were promoted from League Two in 2017/18, Wigan were League One Champions.

All of this has meant that the two sides have only been in the same division for seven seasons, including the current campaign.

This is the first time the two clubs have met at Kenilworth Road in the FA Cup, and it's the 40th Third Round tie to be played here, not including replays. It's also the third consecutive year that the Hatters have been drawn at home at this stage of the competition, and Luton will be hoping it's three consecutive victories, too.

This time last year the Hatters beat Harrogate 4-0 courtesy of goals from Adebayo, Jerome, Naismith and Berry, whilst back in 2020 it was a solitary goal from George Moncur that knocked Reading out in the third Round.

This is just the tenth game played at Kenilworth Road on this date, 7th January, and it's 11 years since the last, a 2-0 victory over Newport County AFC in the Conference Premier, courtesy of goals from Aaron O'Connor and Danny Crow.

The last FA Cup game here, on this date, was an absolute classic as Liverpool took the lead before the Hatters stormed back with goals from Steve Howard, Steve Robinson and a Kevin Nicholls penalty to lead 3-1! Liverpool fought back though and in a 12-minute spell in the second half made it 4-3.

Luton didn't give up and were pushing for an equaliser with keeper Marlon Beresford up for a corner late in the game, when Xabi Alonso took advantage of an unguarded net and scored a long-range effort to secure the victory (although I still think there was a high foot into the face of a Luton player just prior to that goal!)

Let's hope this afternoon's encounter is as entertaining, although with the right result for Luton this time!

Enjoy the match - COYH!



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- 09 CARLTON MORRIS
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- 18 GRAEME SHINNIE
- 19 CALLUM LANG
- 20 NATHAN BROADHEAD
- 21 JOE BENNETT
- 23 ASHLEY FLETCHER
- 25 RARMANI EDMONDS-GREEN
- 27 TENDAYI DARIKWA
- 28 JOSH MAGENNIS
- 30 THELO AASGAARD
- 32 CHARLIE HUGHES
- 39 STEPHEN HUMPHRYS

If today's game ends in a draw, there will be no extra-time or penalties. A replay will take place on Tuesday 17th January at the DW Stadium, subject to TV selections.

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