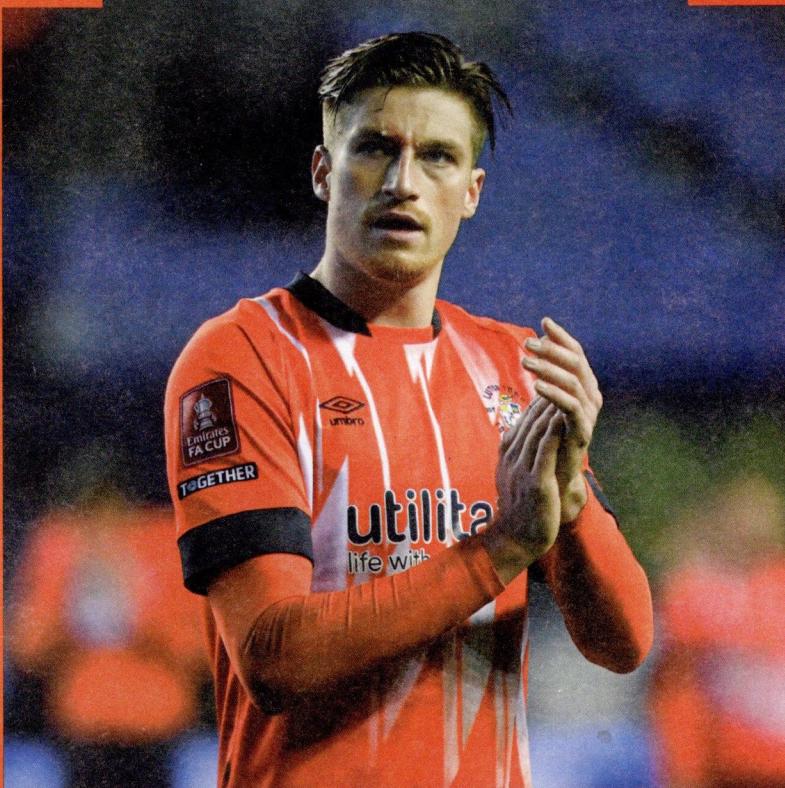




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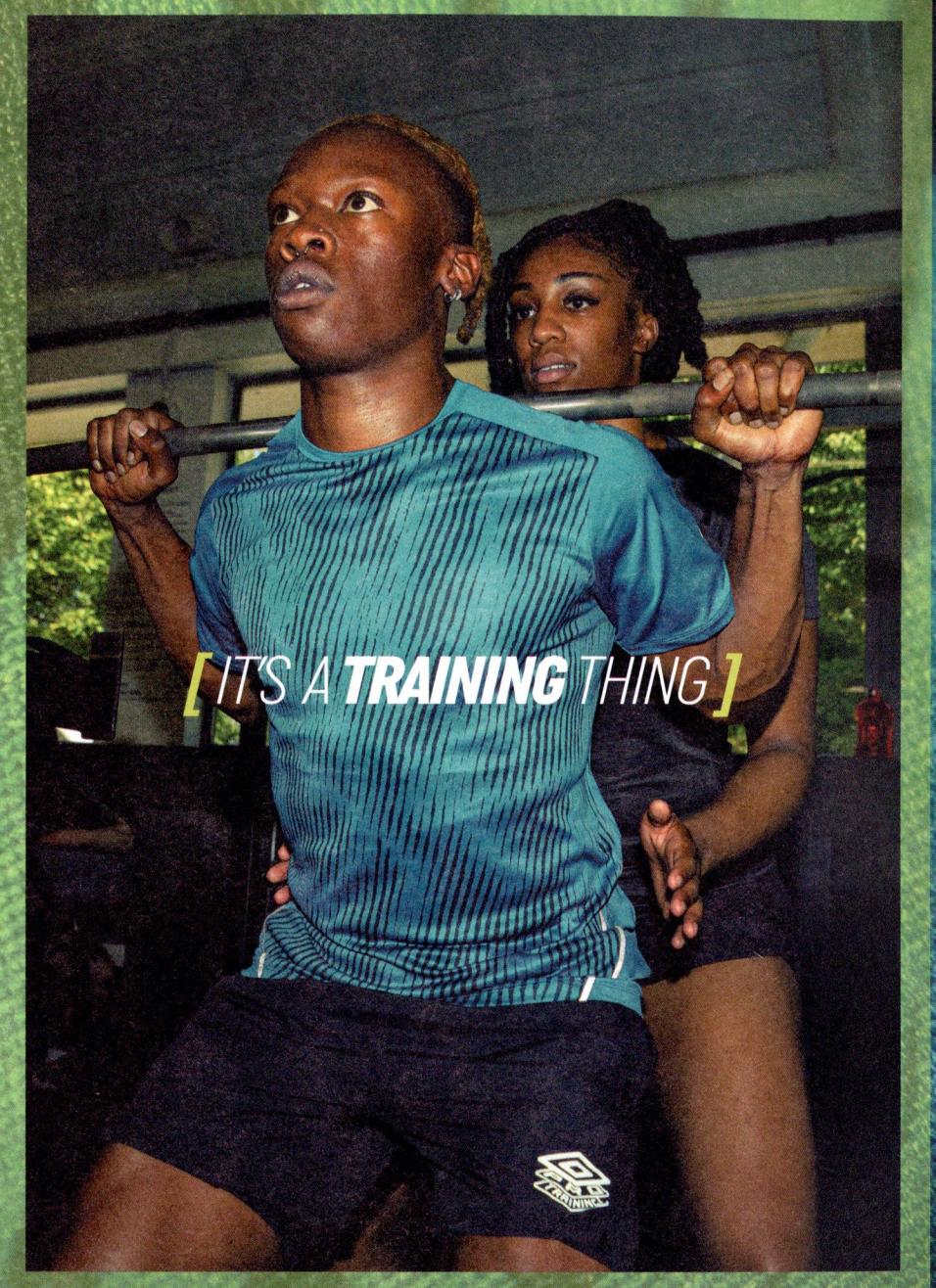


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We welcome everyone who has travelled from Cleethorpes for what I know has been a regular fixture over the years, with the two clubs battling to get back up out of the Conference, and then in League Two. Although I'm new to it, I understand there has been a really close relationship built behind the scenes which has resulted in John McAtee being signed by ourselves in August and loaned back to Grimsby to continue his development, along with Bim Pepple who returned recently.

Paul Hurst has done a tremendous job over his two spells in charge, leading Grimsby to promotion to League Two both times, and we know we'll come up against a tough challenge against his team today. They have already beaten three League One sides, so we will have to be at our best if we want to progress.

I can't fault the attitude and commitment of any of our players since Richie, Paul and myself came into the club, and that was clear last week when we went to Wigan twice and did a professional job in both FA Cup and the league.

It can't be easy playing against the same team three times out of four matches. It's certainly not something I've ever done in my career. But the lads came up with the answers to any questions Wigan posed with two excellent away performances.

We were without our top goalscorer through injury, so for Elijah to take his tally to three in as many matches, and both Cauley and Corns to net their second goals of recent weeks, shows we have strikers who are bang in form and hungry to keep pushing each other.

Whoever plays today will be desperate to do well in this competition because the FA Cup holds so many opportunities for players and clubs to keep improving, especially with the spotlight a run can bring, to maintain momentum on and off the pitch. You can see how Luton Town has progressed as a club since creating history with the win at Norwich ten years ago this week, and I know how much the Cup means to everyone here at Kenilworth Road.

The freezing weather hasn't made it easy this week, but we have been able to use the fantastic new gym facility at The Brache for the first time, along with the 3G pitch, to prepare as well as any club would for a really busy spell of three home games in a week, kicking off today.

I'll end by saying a huge thank you to the 191 who braved the snow to get to Wigan for the FA Cup replay, and the 1,005 who were there again on Saturday. You were our 12th man in both games and we're going to need your support again today, as we always do.

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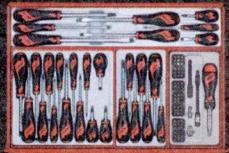
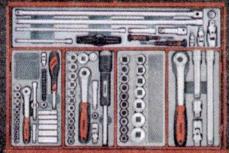
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"It was difficult, we huffed and puffed. They went into a back five and we couldn't quite create that moment. We just needed that bit of quality today and we didn't quite have it."

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### 2 LUTON TOWN 3 WEST BROMWICH ALBION

Kenilworth Road – Sat 14th January 2023

**Luton Town:** Horvath; Doughty, Bree, Lockyer, Potts (C), Bell; Mpanzu (Jerome 70'), Campbell, Clark (Watson 81'); Morris (Woodrow 71'), Adebayo (Cornick 71').

**West Brom:** Palmer; Furlong, O'Shea, Pieters, Townsend; Molumby, Yokusu; Wallace (Ajayi 84'), Swift (Diangana 57'), Phillips (Reach 90+2'); Dike

#### Scorers:

LT: Morris (7'), Adebayo (10')

WBA: Dike (39'), Molumby (65'), Townsend (67')

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"It was a great honour (to be captain), especially for this great club. I'm really proud and to top it off with a win, one for one so I'll take that!"

JORDAN CLARK



**1 WIGAN ATHLETIC  
2 LUTON TOWN**

DW Stadium – Tuesday 17th January 2023

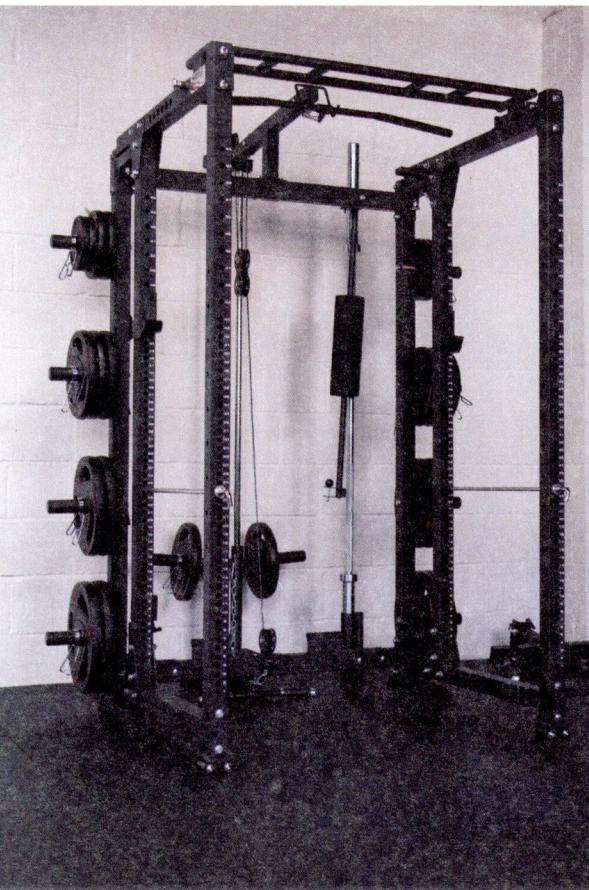
**Wigan Athletic:** Amos; Darikwa (C), Hughes, Whatmough, Tilt, Bennett (McClean 58'); Power, Naylor; Lang (Magennis 63'), Aasgaard; Fletcher (Keane 63').

**Luton Town:** Horvath; Doughty, Bree (Lockyer 90+2'), Burke, Osho, Bell; Watson (Mpanzu 90+9'), Campbell (Cornick 64'), Clark (C); Woodrow, Adebayo (Jerome 90+9').

**Scorers:**

WA - Aasgaard 46

LT - Woodrow 50, Adebayo 90+7

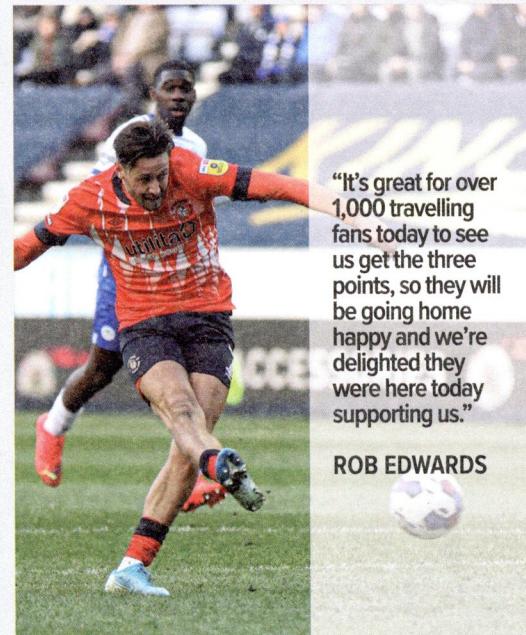
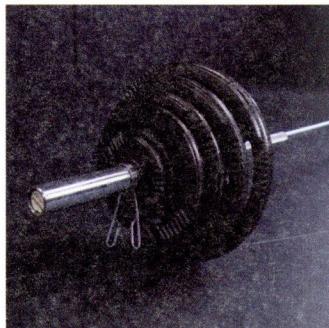
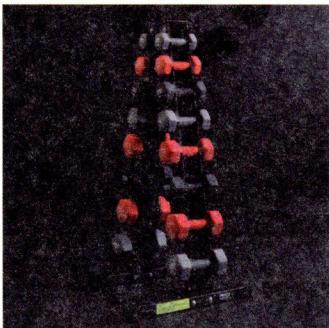


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**ROB EDWARDS**



**0 WIGAN ATHLETIC  
2 LUTON TOWN**

DW Stadium – Saturday 21st January 2023

**Wigan Athletic:** Amos; Nyambe, Hughes (Asgaard 59'), Caulker, Tilt, McClean; Power (C), Tiehi (Naylor 81'), Azeez (Lang 59'); Keane, Fletcher (Magennis 81').

**Luton Town:** Horvath; Bree, Osho (Burke 63'), Lockyer, Potts (C), Bell; Watson (Campbell 54'), Clark, Mpanzu; Cornick (Doughty 68'), Adebayo.

**Scorers:**

LT: Cornick (11'), Adebayo (53')

## MATCH REACTION

### GABE OSHO

Words: Dan Briard

Gabe Osho was 'delighted' with a second successive win against Wigan Athletic in the space of four days, playing his part in FA Cup and league success.

Harry Cornick scored after pouncing on a defensive error before Elijah Adebayo doubled Town's advantage in the second period.

The defender played a key part in the victory, helping preserve a 10th clean sheet in the Sky Bet Championship this evening with an all-round top display.

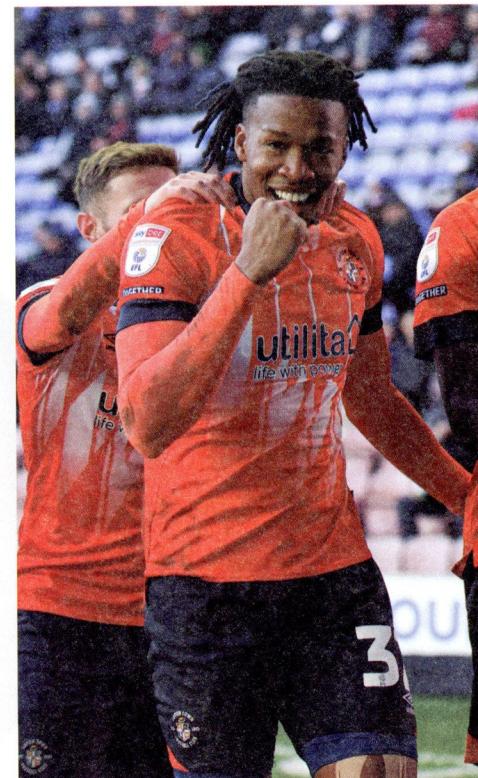
"It's a tough place to come," Osho admitted after the match. "They know a lot about us from the last couple of weeks so it was always going to be a tight game but we're really happy with the three points."

"I think the early goal really helped," he continued. "In the recent games we've played against them, they've gone in front, so today we were really happy with the early goal and that built a platform for us to get a second and make it a bit more comfortable."

The tenth shut-out in the league was a result of a resolute team performance, Osho believed, as he shared just how much it meant to him and his team-mates.

"It's always good to get a clean sheet but it's not just the back boys, it's everyone. You see the work Elijah and Corns were doing today which was really helpful for the whole team."

"We have to defend against them every day in training, so we know how hard they work, every single one of them. It just shows that our top scorer Carlton isn't here today but the two boys up front stepped up and did well. It just shows the squad we have."



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## **L THEIR TOWN**

By Zac Neal

Today, our opponents are Grimsby Town, a club that was founded in 1878 and who play at Blundell Park in Cleethorpes. The Mariners are currently 16th in Sky Bet League Two under Paul Hurst, who guided them to promotion via the National League play-offs last season.

The Mariners travel to Kenilworth Road for this Emirates FA Cup fourth round tie having already beaten three higher level clubs, with a trio of League One sides having fallen at their hands. Plymouth Argyle were hammered 5-1 on at Blundell Park, while a 2-1 win at Cambridge United was followed by a 1-0 home success over Burton Albion in round three.

Long-time rivals of the Town in the Conference and League Two, Grimsby fell back into Non-League football in 2021, but had a very successful 21/22 campaign as they gained a second promotion from the National League, after previously doing so in 2016. A thrilling 5-4 play-off semi-final win over Wrexham got them to the final at the London Stadium, where they beat Solihull Moors 2-1 to return to the EFL at the first attempt.

Forward John McAtee scored one of the goals that day, with his form over the course of the season – in which he netted 16 times and won the Mariners' young player and player of the year awards – prompting the Hatters to sign him in the summer transfer window.

As part of the deal, the 23-year-old returned to Grimsby on loan for the rest of this season after recovering from shoulder surgery and has since made 11 appearances, although he is unable to feature against his parent club today. The sides' close working relationship that has developed in recent years also saw striker Bim Pepple spend the first half of this term at Grimsby.

We welcome everyone who has travelled today and wish them a safe journey home this evening.



## PAUL HURST

MANAGER | After retiring from playing in 2008, Hurst's first managerial role was a joint head coach job at Ilkeston Town, then Boston United, before joining Grimsby Town in 2011. The 48-year-old became sole boss in 2013 and led Town to promotion from the National League for the first time in 2016, before taking over as manager at Shrewsbury. He took the Shrews to League One play-off and JPT finals before landing the Ipswich job. Returned to Grimsby in 2020 after a spell at Scunthorpe, and brought them back up to the EFL last term for a second time.



## MAX CROCOMBE

GK | Crocombe made his professional debut for Oxford United after joining from Non-League Buckingham Town. He was loaned out to Banbury, Nuneaton, Barnet and Southport before signing a permanent deal with Carlisle. In 2017, he joined Salford City and played a part in their promotion to the EFL. He joined the Australian A-league side Brisbane Roar in 2019, then Melbourne Victory, before signing for Grimsby in July 2021.



# GRIMSBY TOWN IN FOCUS

BY OLLIE FILMER



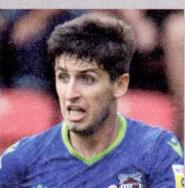
## HARRY CLIFTON

ONE TO WATCH | 24 year old Clifton joined Grimsby as an under-10 and developed through the Mariners' youth system. In September 2016, he made a season long loan move to Non-League side Grantham Town, where he made 38 appearances, finding the net five times. The Welshman returned to Blundell Park and has performed consistently for the past few seasons, clocking up more than 200 appearances, scoring 18 goals, including six this term.



## BRYN MORRIS

MID | 26-year-old Morris began his career at Middlesbrough, and as well as winning England caps at every age group from U16 to U20, he had loan spells with Burton, Coventry, York City and Walsall prior to joining Shrewsbury on a permanent transfer. Morris was then loaned out to Wycombe before being bought by Portsmouth, who also sent him on loan to Northampton. In July 2021, he joined Burton and went out on loan there, to Hartlepool for half a season. Joined Grimsby in July 2022.



## ANTHONY GLENNON

DEF | Merseysider Glennon played football at youth level for Liverpool before signing his first professional contract at Burnley, having impressed on trial in 2018. The 23-year-old made his senior debut during a loan spell with Grimsby in 2020 and also spent some time on loan at Barrow. The left-back made three Cup appearances for Burnley before returning to Blundell Park on a permanent deal in July 2022.

## RYAN TAYLOR

ATT | 34-year-old Taylor began his career at Rotherham, breaking into their first team, before going on loan to Burton. After another loan spell at Exeter, he signed for Bristol City and then Portsmouth in 2014. After a decent goalscoring spell at Fratton Park, Taylor joined Oxford United before playing for Plymouth and Newport. He left the Exiles in 2021 to join Grimsby and helped them win promotion last season.





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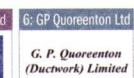
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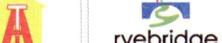
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Under the spotlight is a player with a connection to both the Hatters and today's visitors, as club historian ROGER WASH looks back at their first and last appearances for the Town.

Matt Tees did not look like a 'goal machine', as he was called on the terraces, being slight and not particularly tall but he was tremendously brave, very strong and phenomenal in the air.

Born in Johnstone in October 1939, Matt joined Grimsby from Airdrie in 1963 and soon formed a prolific partnership with future Hatter Rodney Green, leading to the pair of them moving to Charlton for a joint fee of £23,000 in 1967.

Luton manager Alec Stock, looking for a partner for his young striker Malcolm Macdonald, managed to prise Matt from Charlton for £25,000 in 1969 and he proved a wonderful tutor, as well as weighing in with his share of goals as the Town won promotion from Division Three in 1970.

Job done, Matt moved back to Grimsby, where he had earned legend status, to finish his playing career and was still living in the area in retirement at the time of his death in 2020.

### FIRST GAME: GILLINGHAM 0 LUTON T 2 - 30/8/1969

Matt, making his debut alongside another new signing, Chris Nicholl, is singled out by Gills' defender Mike Green for rough treatment in a full-blooded clash at Priestfield.

Matt has the last laugh though as Green slices the ball into his own net to add to a penalty slotted home by new goalscoring sensation Malcolm Macdonald.

### LAST GAME: LUTON 1 MIDDLESBROUGH 0 - 5/9/1970

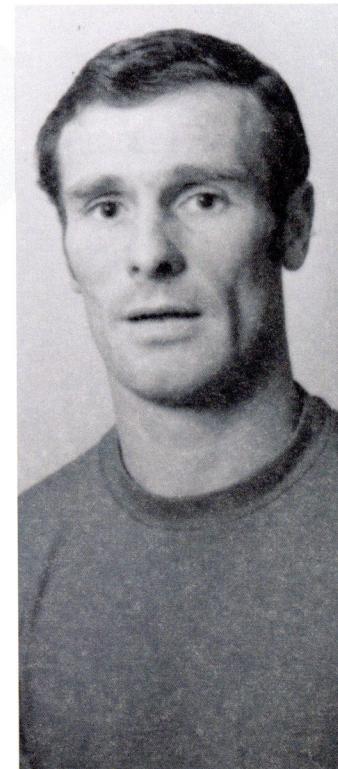
The Town follow up a 4-0 home win over Oxford in mid-week with a slender 1-0 victory over a tough Boro side who set out their stall to contain the rampant Luton attack.

Macdonald is unlucky not to net a hat-trick with a shot miraculously tipped around a post by Middlesbrough goalkeeper Willie Whigham, hits the wood work and is hauled down by Bill Gates just as he is about to pull the trigger.

All the Town have to show for their efforts is an early header from Don Givens, but it means that the Hatters are unbeaten in four games.

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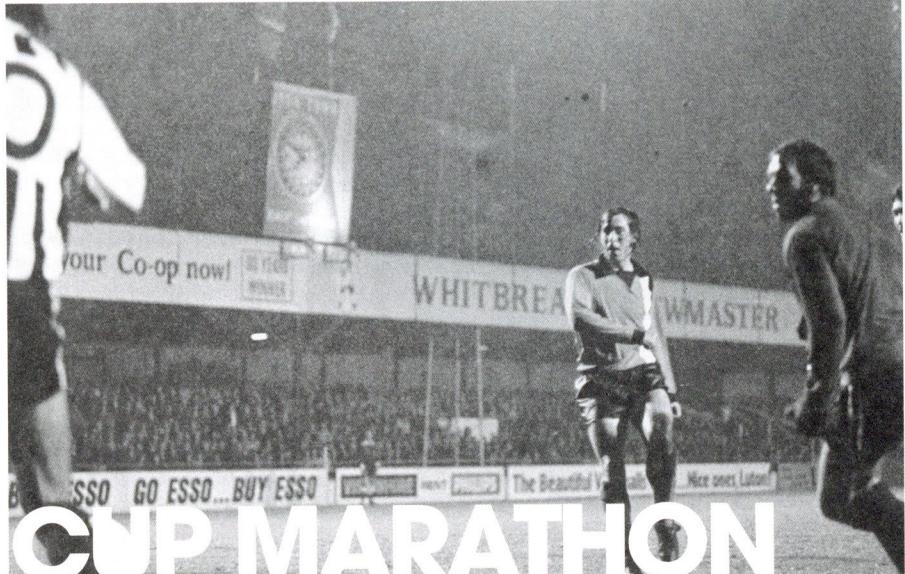
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## HATTERS TALES WITH ROGER WASH CLUB HISTORIAN

Gordon Hindson opens the scoring in the first game at Kenilworth Road



## FA CUP MARATHON WITH THE MARINERS

A new football season always opens with a great deal of optimism and 1973/74 was no different. If the away record of the previous campaign could be harnessed with some sound home performances then a tilt at promotion back to the top flight could be dreamt about.

The optimism evaporated immediately, however, following a 0-4 thrashing at Nottingham Forest on the opening day which meant that manager Harry Haslam had to go back to the drawing board. Out went new signing Peter

Cruse and in his place came youngster Tom Finney for the next game, at home to Carlisle.

Only 7,231, the poorest opening home crowd for several years, turned out but they were treated to an amazing display of football which saw the Hatters 6-0 up by half-time with Finney bagging two. The close season signing from Crusaders followed this up with a goal in the 3-1 win at Bristol City the next week, and the equaliser in a midweek draw at Notts County.

Although Finney's goal supply did eventually dry up the Town continued their early season form with a fine 1-0 win at the home of FA Cup holders Sunderland and a devastating 3-0 home victory over Blackpool, which pushed them up to a top three position.

The Town maintained the promotion push with a win at Crystal Palace before turning their eyes to the League Cup.

A good run in the competition was looked for as, in the words of manager Harry Haslam, "winning is a good habit to get into and I have never believed in 'concentrating on the League'."

A good run in the League Cup would have been a novelty at the time however because, in the 13 years since the competition started, the Town had not advanced further than the fourth round and that was back in 1963. Things could only get better.

The Hatters were exempted until the second round because of their status and their opponents were to be Grimsby Town of Division Three (now League One), who had seen off Northampton in the previous stage of the competition.

In view of the Town's League form they were not expected to have too many problems and a crowd of 9,656 turned up on a wet, windy evening to see the tall Mariners defence soak up all the early pressure and then, using winger Frank Barton to good effect, create their own problems in the Luton rearguard.

The Town continued to pump aimless high balls forward and, with star forward John Aston bottled up, it looked increasingly likely that the away side would be the favourites to open the scoring because of their incisive breakaways.

It came as a surprise, therefore, when the Town scored first after 20 minutes. Gordon Hindson, playing his first game of the season, took advantage of some panic and uncertainty in the Grimsby

defence following a long Alan Garner throw-in to bury the ball in the back of the net.

For the rest of the game Grimsby adapted to the conditions rather better than the Town and with the minutes ticking away, and a Luton victory seemingly assured, the press corps were getting ready with their 'Brave Mariners sunk' headlines.

Out of the blue, and with only four minutes remaining, Grimsby's Lew Chatterley hit home a fierce volley to deservedly level the tie and take the Town back to one of their least favourite venues, Blundell Park.

The replay took place the following week, and in between times the Town had made hard work of seeing off Swindon at Kenilworth Road in the League, but had pushed themselves up to second spot in the table.

A best of the season crowd of 13,643 were present at Blundell Park to see the Hatters have the better of the first half but fall away as the sheer determination of the underdogs forced them back.

Luton centre-forward Barry Butlin hit the bar with a header in the first period but that was the closest the Town came, as Barton had the ball in the net for the Mariners only to be penalised for a foul on goalkeeper Graham Horn.

The game went into extra-time where Grimsby had two efforts



Tom Finney, unable to reach the ball.

disallowed in the space of a minute by the linesman's flag as first Barton and then Mick Hickman seemed to score perfectly good goals. Then Town defender John Ryan caught a through ball in spectacular fashion to prevent another Grimsby breakaway and was lucky to escape with only a booking. A certain red card offence today.

The game finished scoreless at the end of extra-time and as penalty shootouts had yet to be introduced as a way of settling drawn ties, Luton chairman Robert Keens and his Grimsby counterpart tossed a coin for choice of venue for the third game. Keens lost!

The second replay took place on October 23rd 1973, but this time in the League game the previous Saturday the Hatters had gone down to Orient in a top of the table clash at Brisbane Road and had dropped three places as a consequence.

It was therefore a dejected squad that travelled to Grimsby, lucky to be in the competition, and facing an even bigger crowd of 15,365.

Harry Haslam decided to 'go for broke' and demanded that the players attack from the start, with his instructions paying immediate dividends as the Town went into the interval 2-0 to the good.

Firstly, the recalled Finney headed home an Aston cross on 17 minutes and then centre-half John Faulkner effectively killed off the tie by nodding in an Aston corner just before the break.

Grimsby tried frantically to get back on terms in the second period, but sound defending and a superb performance from new signing from Burnley, Alan



Barry Butlin sees his header smack against the crossbar in the first replay at Blundell Park

West, made sure there would be no upsets.

The reward for this hard-earned victory was a home tie with Bury, another Division Three side, and again the Town made hard work of it eventually winning through in a replay at Gigg Lane. The dreams of Wembley ended in the fourth round with a Wednesday afternoon (three-day week, no floodlights) defeat at Millwall.

Promotion to the top flight was won at the season's end, though!

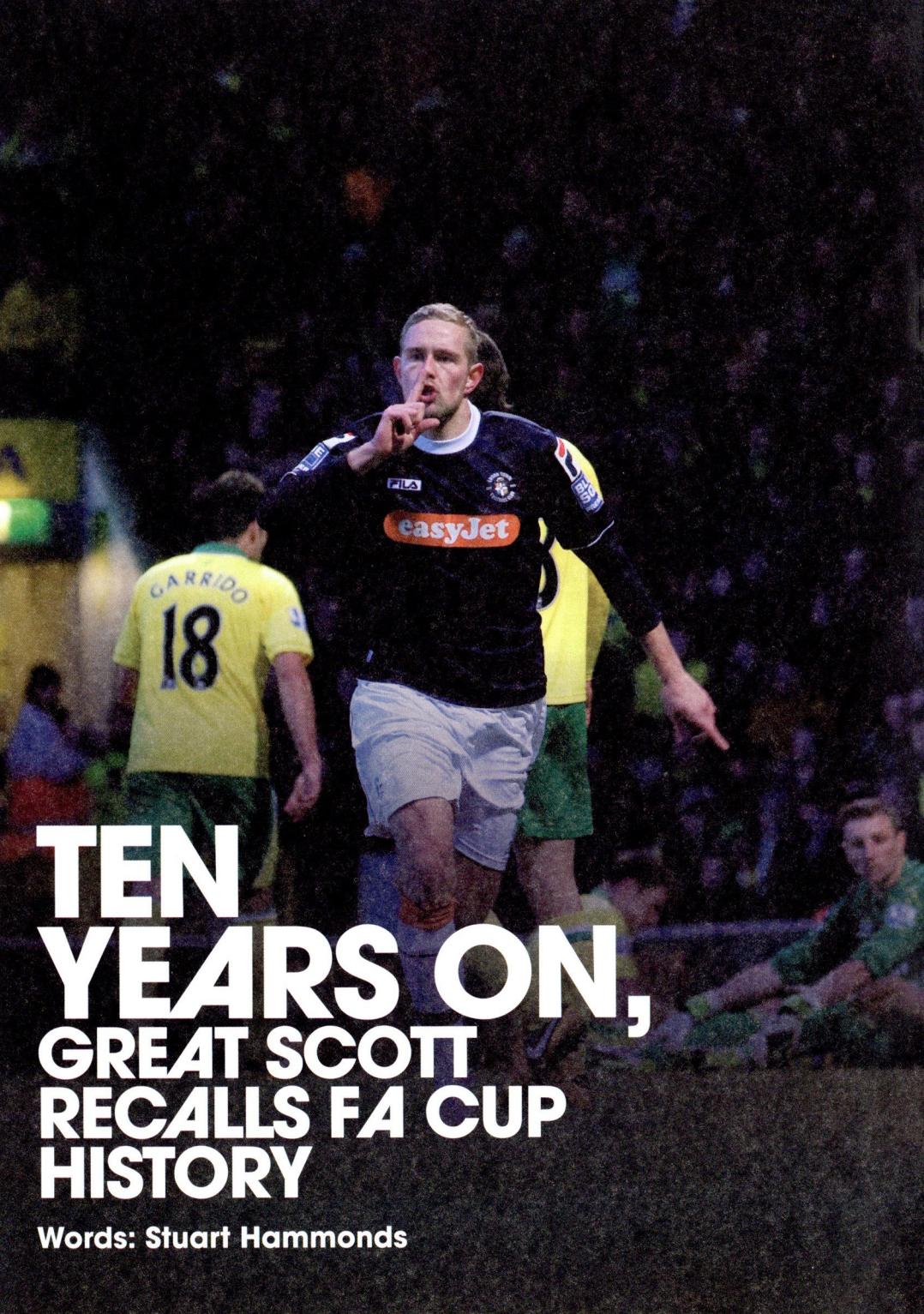
**Luton Town (first game):** Horn, Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Hindson, John Ryan, Butlin, Finney (Jim Ryan), Aston.

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**(Third game):** Barber, Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Jim Ryan, Finney, Butlin, West, Aston.

**Grimsby Town (first game):** Wainman, Beardsley, Booth, Chatterley, Wigginton, Gray, Barton, Hickman, Hubbard, Czuczman, Sharp (Lewis).

Same team and the same substitution in the subsequent two games.



# TEN YEARS ON, GREAT SCOTT RECALLS FA CUP HISTORY

Words: Stuart Hammonds

**Thursday marked a decade since Luton Town made history as the first Non-League club to knock Premier League opposition out of the FA Cup – and the goalscorer on that glorious day at Norwich City, Scott Rendell, this week gave us his recollections of what he describes as the “best moment” of his career!**

Ahead of today's fourth round Emirates FA Cup tie with Grimsby, we caught up with the man who wrote his and the Hatters' name into the record books of the world's greatest cup competition at the same stage on January 26th, 2013.

The Hatters had already beaten Cambridge United, Nuneaton Town in a replay with Rendell scoring three times over the two ties, Dorchester Town and then Championship side Wolves at the third round stage to set up the clash with Norwich, who sat 85 places above the Hatters, sixth in the Conference at the time.

“It was one of those typical FA Cup games,” said Rendell, now 36 and still banging in the goals for AFC Totton in the Southern League Division One South. “It seems so corny to say but you're going to somewhere where it's freezing cold, late January, no one gives you a hope in hell's chance, everyone thinks it's a day out.

“I wouldn't say we were quietly confident because that would be a lie. Where we were, the standings and everything were against us, but we knew if we could give a good account of ourselves then it was definitely an opportunity to do it.”

Rendell came off the bench in the 74th minute as manager Paul Buckle made a double change at Carrow Road, throwing Rendell and fellow striker Stuart Fleetwood into the action in place of Jon Shaw and Andre Gray, moments after introducing midfielder JJ O'Donnell for Arnaud Mendy.

With the score goalless, all three game changers combined as Fleetwood set O'Donnell racing down the left to cut back for former Cambridge United, Peterborough and Wycombe hitman Rendell to bag his 11th goal of the season, and fourth of the Cup run.

“Getting to the game and finding out you're not starting was disappointing but where I was then, and the squad we had, you knew you had a part to play,” said Rendell. “I don't know why but I've said it since day one, I had some feeling I would play some part and you just hope as a striker that you'll get an opportunity.

“It was nil-nil and you just want your chance. I came on with Stuart Fleetwood and you just hope for that one chance. I think Alex Lawless had a chance just before, I slipped him in and he's just volleyed wide, and I thought that could have been the chance. In games like that, when a Premier League side are level with us, you know they're going to commit bodies forward.

“I just had to try and stay sharp and when that chance came, it was mainly instinct really, there's not too much you can think about, it was just the instinct took over and thankfully for us it ended up in the back of the net!

“Fleets slid JJ in down the left, he ran forward with the fresh legs, great pull back into a perfect area and the rest is history. I didn't actually see it hit the net because the position I was in, I kind of connected with it, I knew it went roughly up there and then you just hear the roar.

“The roar gives you shivers, even now, because I know there was 26,000 fans in the ground, but we had over 4,000 there ourselves and they were amazing!”

Rendell speaks with pride about the highlight of not only his 18-month spell at Kenilworth Road, but also his 20-year career, along with playing at Wembley for Cambridge in a Conference play-off final that they lost to Torquay.



"I keep telling my boy Finley about it now, I keep showing him, I'm not one of those that hide it away, it was a massively proud moment for me," says Scott. "Now he's ten and plays football himself, he's old enough to understand what is going on and he loves football. He's a striker himself and to say his dad was part of that means a lot to me. If he manages to score and knock a Premier League team out of the FA Cup then fair play to him!"

Rendell joined the Hatters from Wycombe in the summer of 2012 having worked with Buckle previously at Torquay and Bristol Rovers. His goal at Norwich would be the penultimate strike of his 46-game spell, finishing that 2012-13 campaign with a dozen to his name even though the season again ended in disappointment with Town missing out on promotion.

"I loved it at Luton," said Rendell. "The pressure of playing for such a big club in a lower league, it's probably said too much

where the club is too big to go down or too big to be there, but that was so true. The results speak for themselves because you see where Luton are now, what they're doing and how close they are to making that final step into the Premier League, it's scary how quickly it has happened. Sometimes that's all you need, you need one bit of luck to get out of one league and then you start flying."

It was after John Still came in that Rendell moved, initially on loan, to Woking for the 2013-14 campaign which ultimately proved successful for the Hatters in ending the five-year stay outside the EFL.

"Stilly came in and I just wasn't for him," recalls Scott. "There weren't any issues with Stilly, I've known him for years and years, I still talk to him every now and again. He's a great football person, the things he did for that football club was brilliant, that is what he's done everywhere he's been. He transformed the club, got them back into League football and the club is where it is now probably because of that reason."

"I have been around football long enough. I know that 95 per cent of the time football decisions are never personal, it was just a shame I did have to leave but it was just one of those things. It wasn't by my choice. I didn't ask to leave, but that's football."

"Stilly brought his own players in. He brought Paul Benson in, who was another great player and great professional to be around. I know Benno's back at the club now and I can see why. You had Alex Wall around there, Andre was there before he moved on, but it's one of those things."

"You can turn it around as a player and take it as a negative, or you try and crack on. That's what I tried to do when I left. I did okay but I got injured straight after that and I never really kicked on to where I would have liked to go, but I have no regrets, no complaints."

"I was very, very lucky with my career and thankful for it. I have a moment like that day at Norwich which will absolutely stick in my mind forever and be the best moment of my career, alongside playing at Wembley. It's something you can share with your kids, show them and they might understand their dad wasn't half bad sometimes!"

And now they are old enough, Finley and nine-year-old Lottie can see for themselves that dad's still got it.

After three years at Woking, he returned to Aldershot for another three, then spent a year at each of Eastleigh, Maidstone United and Havant & Waterlooville before joining AFC Totton in the summer, while also working as lead coach for the Southampton branch of the ProDirect Soccer Academy, based at his current club's Snows Stadium.

Sixteen goals in 19 matches so far this season have helped Totton to second place in their Step 4 table, ten points behind leaders Sholing but with two games in hand going into today's trip to Westbury United.

"I coach during the day and train at night, which is good. I enjoy it still. I wouldn't play if I didn't, but I'm at the age now where the end is getting closer and to have the opportunity to go into coaching, it made it easier for me to drop down a couple of levels to go and play there. The club is brilliant, it has so much ambition, it's just trying to get out of this league..."

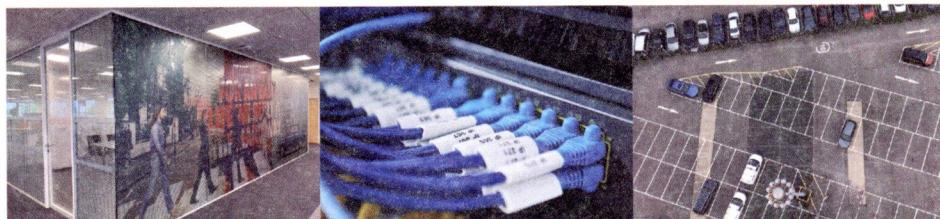
Now, where have we heard that before?

He might not have been part of the team that eventually escaped the Conference, but Scott Rendell is a name that will forever be part of Luton's FA Cup folklore, and we look forward to welcoming him and his family back to Kenilworth Road whenever he gets a weekend off that latest promotion bid!



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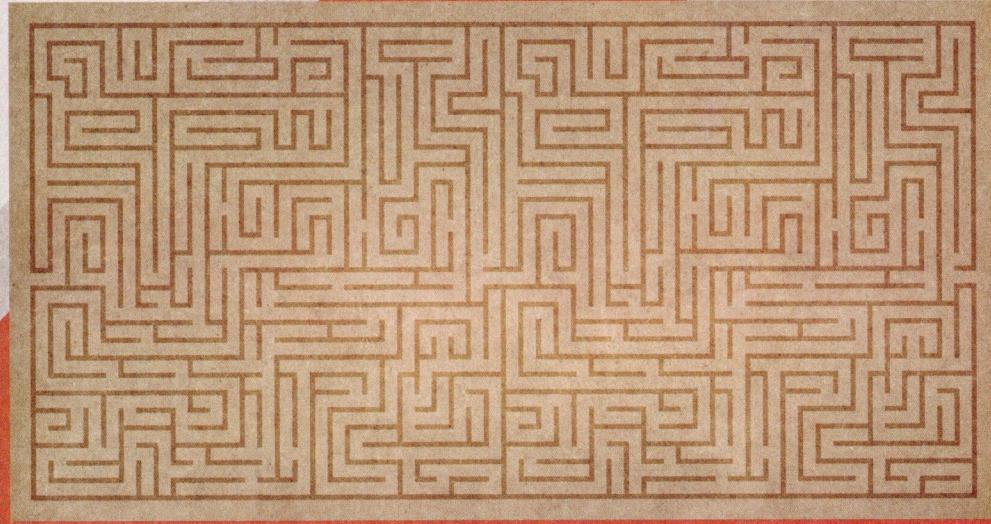
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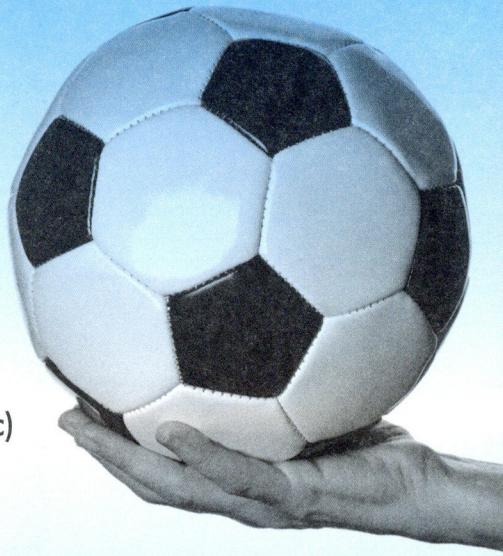


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## LUTON LOANEES

The last few days have seen a flurry of loan activity for senior and development players at Kenilworth Road.



Goalkeeper Matt Macey has joined Sky Bet League One side Portsmouth on loan until the end of the season. The 28-year-old kept two clean sheets in his opening two matches – 2-0 victories at home to Exeter and away at Fleetwood, where he kept out fellow Hatters loanee Admiral Muskwe – as Pompey made a flying start to new head coach John Mousinho's tenure.

Development squad defender Avan Jones came back from Welling United, having added three more senior appearances in National League South to the 20 he made for St Albans City last term.

Striker Josh Allen also returned to the U21 fold, albeit briefly, with his month-long spell at Isthmian League Premier side Cray Wanderers giving the 19-year-old the first three senior appearances of his career, with a debut goal in the Boxing Day win over Margate.

Allen has since joined Southern Premier neighbours Hitchin Town for a month, while attacking midfielder Callum Nicolson will gain experience with Southern League Division One Central play-off chasers Welwyn Garden City for the same period.

We wish all the boys out on loan the very best with their temporary teams.

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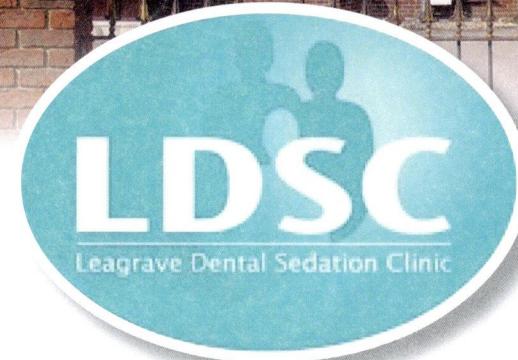
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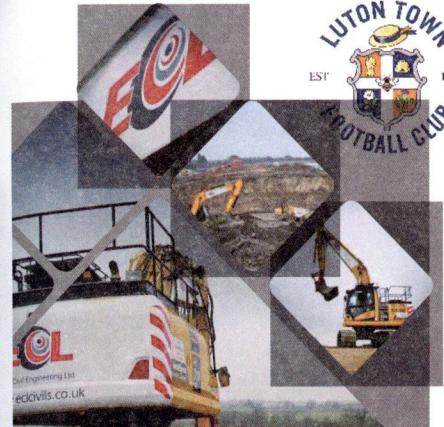
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## PLAYER STATISTICS

	2022-23 SEASON								CAREER				
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS						
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	Y	R	APPS	G			
Elijah Adebayo	23	(2)	5	1	(1)	1	24	(3)	6	5	0	87	28
Amar'i'l Bell	25	(1)	1	2	(0)	0	27	(1)	1	0	1	74	2
Luke Berry	1	(8)	2	1	(1)	0	2	(9)	2	1	0	148	23
Sonny Bradley	9	(3)	0	0	(0)	0	9	(3)	0	3	0	168	6
James Bree	27	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	29	(0)	0	3	0	143	2
Reece Burke	7	(3)	2	3	(0)	0	10	(3)	2	2	0	45	4
Allan Campbell	26	(1)	2	2	(0)	0	28	(1)	2	3	0	68	6
Jordan Clark	24	(1)	2	1	(0)	0	25	(1)	2	4	0	93	7
Harry Cornick	7	(12)	1	1	(2)	1	8	(14)	2	1	0	234	38
Alfie Doughty	10	(2)	1	1	(1)	0	11	(3)	1	6	0	14	1
Luke Freeman	9	(11)	2	0	(0)	0	9	(11)	2	2	0	20	2
Ethan Horvath	26	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	28	(0)	0	0	0	28	0
Harry Isted	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Cameron Jerome	0	(21)	1	1	(2)	0	1	(23)	1	0	0	61	6
Henri Lansbury	6	(2)	1	1	(0)	0	7	(2)	1	2	0	46	1
Tom Lockyer	22	(0)	0	1	(1)	1	23	(1)	1	5	0	80	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	23	(3)	11	1	(1)	0	24	(4)	11	5	0	28	11
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	10	(4)	0	0	(2)	0	10	(6)	0	2	0	349	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	10	(5)	1	2	(1)	0	12	(6)	1	2	2	45	1
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	0	0
Dan Potts	23	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	24	(0)	1	4	0	212	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	2	(2)	0	3	(0)	0	5	(2)	0	0	0	7	0
Josh Williams	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Cauley Woodrow	2	(9)	1	3	(0)	1	5	(9)	2	0	0	17	2



Emirates  
FA CUP

**EMIRATES FA CUP  
4TH ROUND**

**FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY**  
Man City v Arsenal

**SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY**  
Accrington v Leeds (12.30pm)  
Walsall v Leicester (12.30pm)  
Blackburn v Birmingham  
Bristol City v West Brom  
Fulham v Sunderland  
Ipswich v Burnley  
Luton v Grimsby  
Sheff Wed v Fleetwood  
Southampton v Blackpool  
Preston v Tottenham (6pm)  
Man Utd v Reading (8pm)

**SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY**  
Brighton v Liverpool (1.30pm)  
Stoke v Stevenage (2pm)  
Wrexham v Sheff Utd (4.30pm)

**MONDAY 30TH JANUARY**  
Derby v West Ham (7.45pm)

# 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	BREE	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL
AUGUST	SAT JUL 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	/	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL
	SAT AUG 6	BURNLEY	A	15	D 1-1	HORVATH	BREE	BRADLEY	POTTS ⚡	BELL
	TUE AUG 9	NEWPORT CITY AFC (CCR1)	H	/	L 2-3	MACEY	MENDES GOMES ⚽	BURKE	LANSBURY	LOCKYER ⚡
	SAT AUG 13	PRESTON NORTH END	H	20	L 0-1	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	BRADLEY	POTTS
	TUE AUG 16	BRISTOL CITY	A	23	L 0-2	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	BRADLEY ⚡	POTTS
	SAT AUG 20	SWANSEA CITY	A	18	W 2-0	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS
	FRI AUG 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	17	D 1-1	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS
	TUE AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	A	9	W 2-1	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE ⚡	LOCKYER	POTTS
SEPTEMBER	SAT SEP 3	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	16	L 1-2	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	LOCKYER	POTTS
	WED SEP 14	COVENTRY CITY	H	18	D 2-2	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	BRADLEY	POTTS ⚡
	SAT SEP 17	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	11	W 2-0	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE ⚡	LOCKYER	POTTS
	FRI SEP 30	HULL CITY	A	5	W 2-0	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS
OCTOBER	TUE OCT 4	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	8	D 3-3	HORVATH	ONYEDINIMA	BREE	LOCKYER	POTTS
	SAT OCT 8	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A	9	D 0-0	HORVATH	BREE	LOCKYER	BRADLEY ⚡	POTTS
	SAT OCT 15	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	6	W 3-1	HORVATH	BREE	LOCKYER	BRADLEY	POTTS
	TUE OCT 18	NORTHWICH CITY	A	4	W 1-0	HORVATH	ONYEDINIMA	BREE	LOCKYER	POTTS ⚡
	SUN OCT 23	WATFORD	A	9	L 0-4	HORVATH	BREE	LOCKYER	BRADLEY ⚡	BELL
	SAT OCT 29	SUNDERLAND	H	9	D 1-1	HORVATH	DOUGHTY ⚡	BREE	LOCKYER	POTTS
	TUE NOV 1	READING	H	10	D 0-0	HORVATH	BREE	LOCKYER	BRADLEY ⚡	POTTS
	SAT NOV 5	BLACKPOOL	A	8	W 1-0	HORVATH	CLARK	BREE	LOCKYER	POTTS
	TUE NOV 8	STOKE CITY	A	9	L 0-2	ISTED	CLARK	BREE	LOCKYER	POTTS ⚡
	SAT NOV 12	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	10	D 1-1	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO ⚡	LOCKYER	BELL
	SAT DEC 10	MIDDLESBROUGH	A	13	L 1-2	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	LOCKYER	BELL ⚡
DECEMBER	MON DEC 26	NORWICH CITY	H	12	W 2-1	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO ⚡	LOCKYER	POTTS ⚡
	THU DEC 29	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A	5	W 3-0	HORVATH	DOUGHTY ⚡	BREE	LOCKYER	POTTS
	SUN JAN 1	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A	5	W 2-1	HORVATH	DOUGHTY ⚡	BREE	LOCKYER	POTTS ⚡
	SAT JAN 7	WIGAN ATH (FAC R3)	H	-	D 1-1	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	OSHO	BELL
	SAT JAN 14	WEST BROM	H	9	L 2-3	HORVATH	DOUGHTY	BREE ⚡	LOCKYER	POTTS
	TUE JAN 17	WIGAN ATHLETIC (FAC R3 R)	A	-	W 2-1	HORVATH	DOUGHTY	BREE	BURKE	OSHO
	SAT JAN 21	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	7	W 2-0	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	LOCKYER	POTTS ⚡
	SAT JAN 28	GRIMSBY TOWN (FAC R4)	H							
	TUE JAN 31	CARDIFF CITY	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							
	TUE FEB 28	MILLWALL	H							
	WED MAR 1	EMIRATES FAC RS								
	SAT MAR 4	SWANSEA CITY	H							
	SAT MAR 11	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A							
	WED MAR 15	BRISTOL CITY	H							
	SAT MAR 18	SUNDERLAND (FAC Q)	A							
	SAT APR 1	WATFORD	H							
	FRI APR 7	MILLWALL	A							
	MON APR 10	BLACKPOOL	H							
	SAT APR 15	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A							
	WED APR 19	READING	A							
	SAT APR 22	MIDDLESBROUGH	H							
	SAT APR 29	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A							
	SAT MAY 6	HULL CITY	H							



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## BRIAN WEBB

Sadly, life-long supporter of Luton Town, Brian Webb, passed away during December 2022.

Brian was the Chairman of the Beds Prostate Cancer Support Group [BPCSG], who are the Luton Town Supporters' Trust Charity of the Year.

Brian truly appreciated the wonderful support given to BPCSG by LTST Trustees June and Colin Adamson, Les Miller and Nikki Middleton, as well as the Football Club itself.

Brian was especially pleased that Mick Harford most kindly stepped up to be the group's Patron.

Brian worked tirelessly to raise funds to further the group's aims to promote Prostate Cancer awareness and testing.

Brian was nominated for last year's Everyday Heroes award and was unanimously chosen as the Individual Charity Fundraiser of the Year.



## THE LAST WORD

JONATHAN SMITH  
FORMER HATTERS MIDFIELDER



Ten years have passed since our famous FA Cup victory at Norwich, but I still cherish the memories of that day. Even though we were a Conference team at the time, I just had a gut feeling that we could pull off a victory during the build-up.

I recall some friends and family attending the game as a day out, not really expecting a result, but there was a feeling of confidence among the team. I actually had a fairly good record during my career in the FA Cup, and have pulled off a few upsets in my time, but this was certainly the biggest of them all.

Thanks to the support we received both on that day and in the earlier rounds, it was clear that the club belonged at a much higher level, and thankfully they are now competing there.

Being a part of such a significant cup upset and making the front pages of the national papers was fantastic, and when we were drawn against Millwall in the next round, I had even more belief that we might progress. Unfortunately, we simply didn't have enough on that particular day due to injuries and suspensions.

Everyone is aware of how much I loved my time with Luton, and if I had my way, I would still be a part of the team today! I loved running out on the Kenilworth Road pitch because of the atmosphere and also the energy it created inside me. It was also an honour to serve as the team's captain when I got the chance.

The level to which everyone involved with Luton is connected makes them stand out from other clubs. You get the impression that there is a relationship among the board, the

players, and the supporters, with everyone striving for the same thing.

I owe a lot to the supporters for how they supported me through my career threatening injury and it helped motivate me to come back stronger than ever. I still to this day have a metal rod and screws in my right leg, but whenever anybody asks about the lump on my leg it gets me talking about Luton Town and the brilliant time I had there.

I currently co-commentate on a few Luton Town games for BBC Three Counties Radio, and I had the pleasure of doing the two most recent Wigan matches. Both performances demonstrated that this team has a strong work ethic and a genuine desire to succeed.

When I see Gary Sweet and the directors travel to support the team for both games and celebrate with the team, you can see how close-knit the club is. The board deserve a lot of praise since it is clear that the club means everything to them.

In the future, I hope to return to Kenilworth Road to watch a game, but as of right now, I will always be one of you!

Good luck today and enjoy the game!

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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 ONYEDINIMA
- 28 ELLIOT THORPE
- 29 AMARI'I BELL
- 30 LUKE FREEMAN
- 32 GABE OSHO
- 33 MATT MACEY
- 34 ETHAN HORVATH
- 35 CAMERON JEROME
- 45 ALFIE DOUGHTY

## PAUL HURST

- 01 MAX CROCOMBE
- 02 MICHEE EFETE
- 03 ANTHONY GLENNON
- 04 KIERAN GREEN
- 05 SHAUN PEARSON
- 06 LUKE WATERFALL
- 08 GAVAN HOLOHAN
- 10 JOHN MCATEE
- 11 OTIS KHAN
- 13 OLLIE BATTERSBY
- 14 STEPHEN WEARNE
- 15 HARRY CLIFTON
- 16 ALEX HUNT
- 17 BRYN MORRIS
- 18 MIKEY O'NEILL
- 19 LEWIS RICHARDSON
- 20 DANILO ORSI
- 21 KEYENDRAH SIMMONDS
- 22 DANNY AMOS
- 24 JAY GOUNDRY
- 26 ANDY SMITH
- 27 BRENDAN KIERNAN
- 29 RYAN TAYLOR
- 30 EVAN KHOURI
- 31 NIALL MAHER
- 32 JORDAN CROPPER
- 44 SEAN SCANNELL

If today's game ends in a draw, there will be no extra-time or penalties. A replay will take place on Tuesday 7th February at Blundell Park, subject to TV selections.

## MATCH OFFICIALS

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