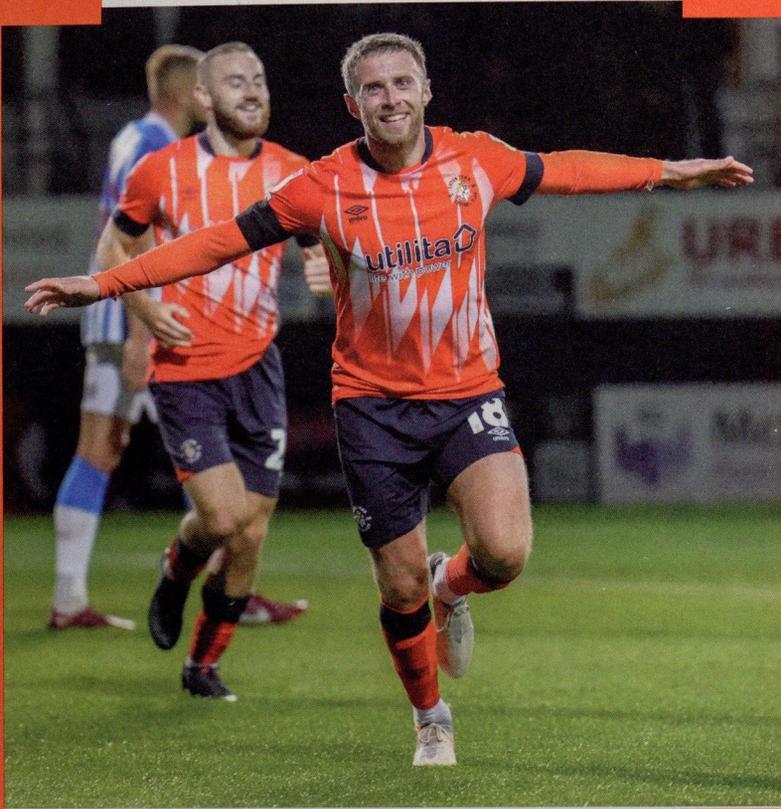




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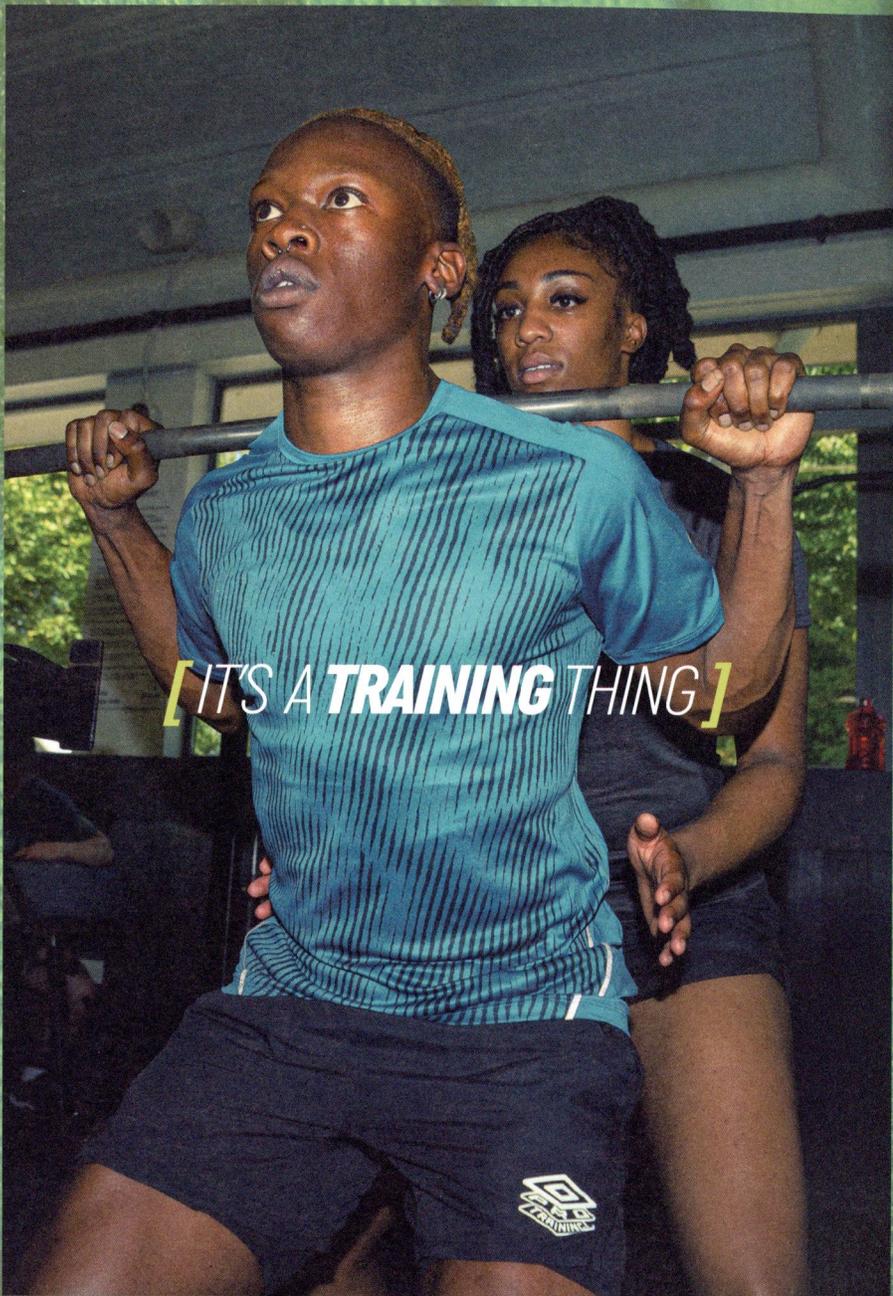
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Manager Rob Edwards embraces winning goalscorer Elijah Adebayo following the final whistle of the 1-0 victory over Cardiff City at the Kenny on Tuesday.

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THE THIRD TIME THIS WEEK!

After waiting an age for a home game when we first came to the club, they have now been coming thick and fast and I'm so proud of how the players and our supporters are responding.

From that first time we stepped out here against Norwich on Boxing Day, when Cauley hit the late winner, to Tuesday night when Eli put behind him the disappointment of seeing his penalty saved to head home that emphatic winning goal, I have felt a real connection from the stands to the pitch.

We felt the part you all played in those closing stages, almost sucking the ball into the net at the Kenny End as we went in search of the goal that I believe our play deserved.

I know Cardiff were on a difficult run in terms of results, but all of their games have been tight. They don't concede many goals and it was always going to be a difficult game for us. I asked before the game for us to see how high we could climb with there being no other matches played on Tuesday night, so I was delighted with the three points that took us up to fourth, knowing every Hatter in the ground had played a part.

Today will be another tough challenge. Alex Neil is a vastly experienced manager who has done a great job with some big clubs since moving down from Scotland eight years ago, and I'm certain he'll have Stoke City on the rise soon. Hopefully that will really take effect after today, but we know that once more we are in for a test of our credentials as we look to make it five matches unbeaten.

Tuesday was complicated by the closure of the transfer window an hour or so after the final whistle, but with the business done over those final few days, I believe we are in a stronger position coming into February, both as a club and as a squad.

That is no slight on any player who has left in recent days. Each and every one has played a role in the club's journey and we thank them for that. Sometimes we have to consider the human element of a contract, and the fact that clubs can offer more money at this level and above, that we cannot match as the healthy future of Luton Town Football Club is the overriding factor.

We welcomed Cody Drameh into the starting line-up on Tuesday and he was excellent. Jack Walton was on the bench with Marvelous Nakamba and Joe Taylor also coming in on deadline day. Admiral Muskwe returned from his loan at Fleetwood, and I'm looking forward to working with someone I know is as exciting a young talent as we have at the club, as much as I am with the new boys.

Please give them all a real Luton Town welcome, enjoy watching them play and travel safely as we head north over the coming days.

COYH!



FROM THE BOARDROOM

GARY SWEET

Chief Executive



Good afternoon and welcome to February, the return of footballing normality after the transfer window slammed shut with a bang on Tuesday night, little more than an hour after Elijah had headed in that late winner against Cardiff City.

More on our transfer business later, but first we welcome Stoke City to the Kenny this afternoon for a match in which we can reinforce our position in the Championship play-off places. We wish everyone who has travelled south from the Potteries a safe journey home afterwards, hopefully minus the points they left with last season, as we look to extend the fine run of form we are showing since Rob, Richie and Paul came into the Club.

A lot has been made of how our results at home haven't been at the level they usually are, but huge wins over Norwich and Cardiff since Christmas, both with late goals, as well as the FA Cup draws with Wigan and Grimsby, show we are on the right track to restoring Kenilworth Road as the fortress it's been famous for.

I've noticed a big talking point over recent weeks has been the apparent lack of atmosphere, particularly in the first half of home games. On an afternoon when the Stoke faithful behind the goal will be loudly and proudly airing their voices to the tune of Delilah, today is the day we need to try to 'up our game' off-the-pitch.

You will all know that us Luton folk enjoy the preference of a more organic, au-naturel atmosphere; one that isn't diluted by drums, musical instruments and piercing piped PA music in an attempt to 'whip up' the atmosphere.

It's generally been understood and accepted that we much prefer an instinctive, spontaneous, raw ambience which has a certain purity and edge about it. Indeed, this has been a core principle in the strategic design consideration for Power Court.

It would be a miserable state-of-affairs if that was ever eroded. I'm sure that any recent evident 'drop-off' in vibrancy is temporary. As we all often urge the players ahead of a match, "let's get off to a good, aggressive, front-foot start" and the rest of the game will take care of itself. You cannot underestimate how your vocal enthusiasm can spur on every single player in orange. Let's get going from the whistle today, folks!

However, remember that we're in a great place, fighting well above anyone's expectations and this is not a position we should ever fear. We've been a top quartile Championship performer for two years now, let's not feel pressure, let's all just relax, be (politely) vocal and enjoy it!

On the subject of vocal supporters, how fantastic were the Grimsby fans?

Whilst we didn't really want it, we travel to Cleethorpes for Tuesday night's fourth round replay at Grimsby, a ground we are very familiar with over the years and a club with whom we have developed a mutual respect under their recent new 'ownership'. The spirit of custodianship at football clubs pleasingly is on the rise, which we love to see, and it's no coincidence that the pair of loans with the Mariners wouldn't have ever been entertained before Jason, Andrew and Debbie steadied the ship.


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So, a busy final few days of the window started with James Bree moving up a division to the south coast, Cameron Jerome moving back up north to be closer to home, Harry Cornick moving to take his chances out west but most leftfield of all, young Ed McJannet gaining such an exciting adventurous opportunity in Italy which we couldn't deny him.

We're always sorry to see our players leave but such moves are an intrinsic part of the life of a football club and player. All four go with our best wishes and heartfelt thanks for everything they've done for our club – all have been impeccable ambassadors.

We also saw the temporary departures of Glen Rea, Matt Macey and Harry Isted taking loans to get more involved in first team action, which of course, we hope they do.

We saw the loan returns of Elliot Thorpe, Admiral Muskwe and Bim Pepple, all of whom return with welcoming arms.

The incoming loans of Marvelous Nakamba and Cody Drameh will make a huge difference to the balance of our squad, and will help Rob and his coaching staff continue the subtle adjustment to our playing style, the start of which has been very evident in the few games so far.

Marvelous' quality, particularly, will help us gain more ball control in the middle of the pitch which will be so important to the other nine outfield players. His one addition could mean we see a little more from every other player.

Cody doesn't just come in to temporarily fill a vacancy at right wing-back. His



self-belief and talent could add more value to the overall balance of the side.

Then of course, it's my pleasure to warmly welcome Jack Walton and Joe Taylor into the family fold. Jack will add additional security behind Ethan and become a mutual 'sparring partner' with James Shea as he returns from his long spell out.

Joe is such an exciting talent who, whilst he will admit himself is nowhere near the finished article and will need plenty of coaching to improve his raw talent, isn't just 'one-for-the-future' and one we'll trust to have an involvement in our front line this season.

In summary, we were pleased with the outcome of our January activities. Rob and his coaching staff, plus Mick and our recruitment team all feel that we have achieved our primary football objective of entering February stronger than the squad we had in December, whilst our primary commercial objective to avoid 'blowing our brains out', monetarily speaking, was also achieved.

Of course, it's easy for an armchair enthusiast to pick isolated holes in any such outcome, but our process goes into incredible detail, looks at the wider effect of the team given how we are transitioning, and is carried out by very skilled and trusted people who have demonstrated their capability time and time again.



After David's excellent notes in midweek explaining that the navigation of a January transfer window contains pitfalls and strategies that need wider consideration but, most importantly, always has to be managed to uphold the integrity of our continued financial stability.

I'll speak more of the continued battle on redistribution in football, financial fair play and ownership when I have more space, but by the time I will, the government's white paper will already have been published promising to impose a new football regulator.

Whilst the white paper won't include everything we, ideally, wanted to see, it will give our industry the massive kick it needs to force the leagues to conclude a long-running negotiation to help clubs below the top half of the Premier League survive.

The future is indeed bright.

And so, after today, our attention turns to the Under-18s – newly-crowned EFL Youth Alliance South-East Division champions – and their FA Youth Cup fifth round tie with Preston North End here on Monday.

Congratulations to Macca, Alex and the boys on their achievement in winning their division with four games to spare, and we look forward to another good crowd being here to get behind them under the lights, as was the case for the previous round's 3-1 win over QPR.

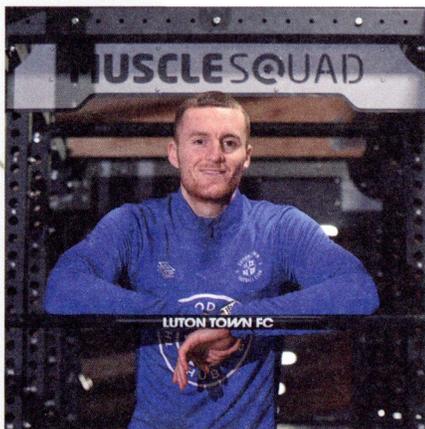
Again, tickets prices and details of how to obtain them, before the day if possible, are featured later in the programme, and if you aren't able to travel to Grimsby but still want your Tuesday football fix, please head to Biggleswade United to support the U21s in the Beds Senior Cup second round, 7.45pm kick-off.

I would like to end by wishing Paul Hart the very best as he departs his role as Academy Director. Paul has served the Club so well in his two spells, both with the first team and, in more recent months, the youth set-up. He has given the academy a shake-up this season and leaves our youngsters in the very capable hands of Paul Benson, for the short-term as interim academy director, and several other former players who are now highly-skilled and driven coaches.

It has been a pleasure to work with such a footballing legend. Thank you for all you've done for us Harty!

Enough from me for now. Enjoy today's match and Come On You Hatters!

TRANSFER ROUND UP



> IN: JACK WALTON <



> IN: MARVELOUS NAKAMBA <

Deadline Day at Luton Town Football Club was a pretty busy one this year, with two incomings, one loan returning and three players heading in the other direction – and a match against Cardiff thrown in!

Following last Thursday's addition of Cody Drameh on loan from Leeds and James Bree's departure to Southampton, Town signed goalkeeper Jack Walton on a permanent transfer from Barnsley on Monday in order to be eligible for Tuesday night's game at Kenilworth Road. Harry Isted went the other way on loan for the rest of the season,

Walton, 24, said: "It's a great new challenge for me to come to Luton. I've been at Barnsley a long time and I think that's the reason I'm ready for a fresh start, a new challenge. I've had ups and downs of football there, but I feel that I've got good experience that I can bring to the squad."

Glen Rea was the first to depart on Tuesday after agreeing to join League One side Cheltenham Town when back to full

match fitness in the coming weeks.

Midfielder Marvelous Nakamba then joined from Premier League side Aston Villa on loan for the remainder of the season, adding to the depth of the midfield department. Capped 26 times for his native Zimbabwe, where he started his career, Nakamba won the KNVB Beker Cup with Vitesse Arnhem, before a move to Club Brugge in 2017 where he made five appearances in the Champions League.

Speaking at The Brache for the first time, the 29-year-old said: "I'm very happy to be here at Luton Town. I know Henri Lansbury from Aston Villa and Ethan Horvath because I played with him at Club Brugge, so it's a good feeling to see them again."



> IN: JOE TAYLOR <



< OUT: HARRY CORNIC >



< OUT: GLEN REA >



< OUT: ED MCJANNET >

Youngster Ed McJannet then completed a permanent move to Italian Serie A club U.S. Lecce before Admiral Muskwe returned to the club following his loan spell at Fleetwood Town, where he scored three times in 17 appearances.

The last departure was forward Harry Cornick, who joined fellow Championship side Bristol City, ending a six-year stint as a Luton Town player, leaving with 235 appearances to his name.

Joe Taylor was the second and final addition of the day after joining from Peterborough United on a permanent basis for an undisclosed fee.

The 20-year-old amassed 15 appearances in all competitions this season, scoring his first and only goal for the Posh in an EFL Cup win over Plymouth Argyle in August last year.

Manager Rob Edwards and Mick Harford both spoke glowingly of the striker, with the former saying: "Joe's an exciting young player and someone that the recruitment team here have been tracking for a while. He's very quick, he gets chances and we really like the look of him."

THIS WEEK'S INS:

Jack Walton (Barnsley) - Permanent transfer
Marvelous Nakamba (Aston Villa) - Loan
Admiral Muskwe (Fleetwood Town) - Recalled
Joe Taylor (Peterborough United) - Permanent transfer

OUTS:

Harry Isted (Barnsley) - Loan
Glen Rea (Cheltenham Town) - Loan
Ed McJannet (U.S. Lecce) - Permanent transfer
Harry Cornick (Bristol City) - Permanent transfer

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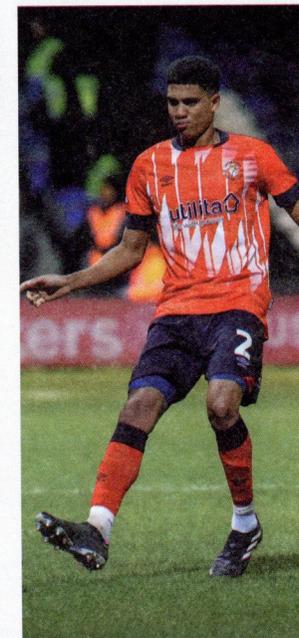


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CARDIFF MATCH ACTION

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"It's a really good win. It was a really difficult game as you could all see. I'm delighted for Eii. I just told him the character he has shown there, to be in the right place at the right time, after missing the penalty is excellent."

ROB EDWARDS



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Kenilworth Road – Tue 31st January 2023

Hatters: Horvath; Drameh (Onyedinma 69'), Burke, Lockyer (C), Bell, Doughty; Clark, Mpanzu; Woodrow (Berry 69'); Morris, Adebayo.

Bluebirds: Callson; Ng, Kipre, McGuinness (C), Simpson; Wintle, Sawyers, Ralls (Colwill 77'); Harris (Philogene 77'), Ojo, Robinson.

Scorers:
LT - Adebayo (88')

CARDIFF MATCH REACTION



ELIJAH ADEBAYO

Elijah Adebayo vowed to keep “being the player that I know I’m capable of being” after scoring for the fifth game in a row to seal an important three points against Cardiff City on Tuesday evening.

The striker took his tally to eight for the season by netting the winner which lifted the Hatters to fourth in the Sky Bet Championship table.

Since netting against West Brom at Kenilworth Road on January 14th, he has scored in every game Town have played and he said: “Since the new management team has come in, it’s been a fresh start for all of us and for me.

“I know at the beginning of the season it wasn’t quite going my way, but players have to just dig in, keep going

and working hard in training, and train how you’re going to play on matchday.

“Especially since the turn of the year, and I hope everyone can see, I definitely feel like I am – I wouldn’t say back – but I’m just being the player that I know I’m capable of being.”

Adebayo climbed highest to meet Alfie Doughty’s 88th-minute cross, just quarter-of-an-hour after seeing a penalty saved by Cardiff keeper Ryan Allsop.

“It’s something that I’ve had a discussion with myself about, about that reaction and not letting it be five, ten, 15 minutes of the game, just trying to not – I wouldn’t say sulk – but not worry about what’s happened,” said the 24-year-old.

“It’s just about getting on with it, these things happen. As you can see the reaction from me today was better, and from the team.

“Everyone was filling me with confidence to carry on going, and I’m not going to stop taking them. I’m going to carry on



taking them because that’s the position I put myself in.”

“That’s the work the management team have been doing with me and Carlton, just picking up those positions in and around the box and being hard to mark.

“It’s not the ideal position for a defender if he can’t see the centre-forward, so if that ball does arrive – which it probably will more often than not – then you’ll be seeing plenty more goals from me, Carlton and Cauley as well.

Under new management for the first time in his two-year career at Luton after joining from Walsall on Deadline Day in 2021, the forward is confident he can continue scoring with an eye on team-mate Carlton Morris’ tally of 11 goals.

“Earlier on in the season I said when I scored against Huddersfield that I was going to give him (Carlton Morris) a run for his money, and listen, I’m not going to say too much, I’m just going to say I’m going to keep working hard, he’s going to keep working hard, Cauley’s going to keep working hard and the competition is going to be there.

“I think that not only makes the three of us better players, but the whole the squad.”

Now in the play-offs places, with a game in hand over both fifth and third place in the table, Adebayo and his team-mates want to turn the fairytale into a reality after coming so close last season.

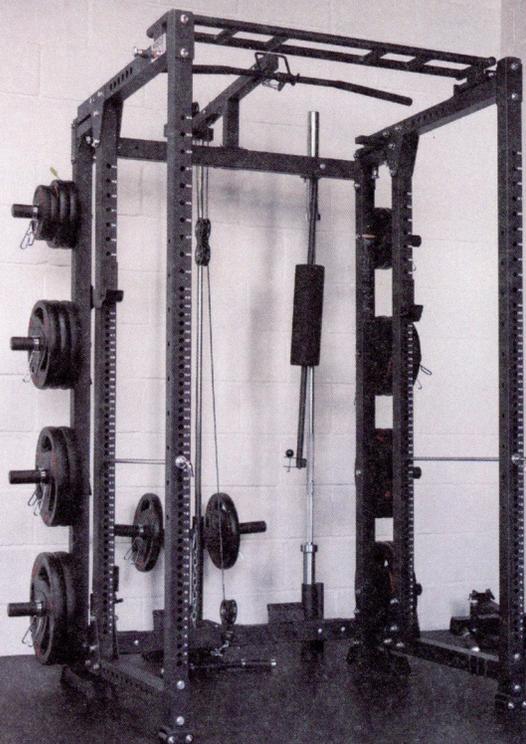
“We all know about the story of last year, how we got into those play-off places and we are not going to shy away from it. That’s where we want to be again. I think this place was bouncing. We almost did the fairytale, and we want to go that one step further. It’s a great position to be in now and we want to keep kicking on and carrying on this good run.”

And with a home win to conclude the month, the striker is hoping that can be the catalyst for change as the team push forward for the remainder of the season.

“We were saying how last year we were really good at home, but these things happen and the boys will give it 100 percent to make sure we put it right and we try to get that home record back to what it was.

“The boys will give 110 per cent, win lose or draw, but we want to try and make this place a fortress again, and we are going to need the fans was well. We are going to need everyone. If we get that roar nice and loud then the boys are going to feed off that, and you’ll get people doing what they do.”

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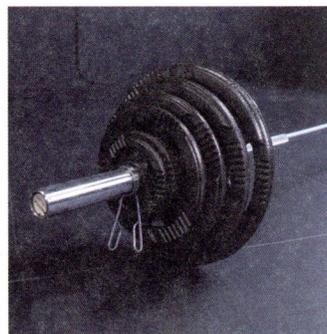
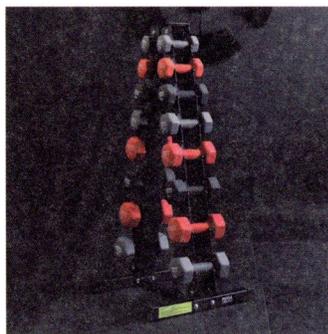


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THEIR TOWN



By Zac Neal

Today, our opposition is Stoke City. They were founded in 1863 and they play at the Bet365 Stadium. Stoke are currently 18th in the Championship under Alex Neil, the former Norwich and Preston boss who was appointed as manager in August, succeeding Michael O'Neill.

Stoke are on a decent FA Cup run this season as they recently qualified for the fifth round by beating Stevenage 3-1. They will face Brighton & Hove Albion at the end of February or early March as they look to book their place in the quarter finals.

The Potters spent ten years straight in the Premier League from 2008 to 2018, but they dropped back into the Championship almost five years ago now with their joint highest finishes since then being 14th place in both of the last two campaigns.

Things have been tough this season as they have struggled to find momentum throughout, although in their last league match prior to the Stevenage Cup tie, they beat Reading 4-0 at home. Their home record has been poor so far this term losing seven games in the Potteries, with most of their points coming away from home, but their overall form has been improving with City winning three of their last four games in all competitions.

Manager Neil brought in his former Preston midfielder Ben Pearson ahead of the transfer deadline, as well as Manchester United defender Axel Tuanzebe after losing Australian international centre-half Harry Souttar to Premier League Leicester City.

Lewis Baker and Jacob Brown are their joint top scorers so far this term with six goals each, former Chelsea midfielder Baker also providing five assists. Tyrese Campbell has five goals.



ALEX NEIL

MANAGER | The 41-year-old Neil retired from his playing days in 2015, following an average playing career. The Scotsman appeared for Airdrie, Barnsley, Mansfield and Hamilton, where he started his managerial career. After a successful season there, winning promotion, he signed for Norwich and took them into the Premier League, before later joining Preston. In February 2022, Neil joined Sunderland, before switching to Stoke a month into the current campaign.



JACK BONHAM

GK | Stevenage-born Jack Bonham made his way through Watford's academy. He spent time on loan at Harrow, before moving to Brentford in June 2013. The 29-year-old then went on loan to Arlesey Town, Carlisle United and Bristol Rovers before transferring to Gillingham in 2019. Following two relatively successful seasons there, he made a move to the Potters in July 2021 and has played 33 times since.



BEN WILMOT

DEF | Wilmot started his career in Stevenage's academy before breaking into their first team. The then 18-year-old signed for Watford in May 2018 and was loaned out to Italian side Udinese in January 2019, before joining Swansea on loan in July of the same year. Wilmot then signed for Stoke City in June 2021. He also has eight caps for England's U19s, 20s and 21s.



STOKE CITY IN FOCUS

BY OLLIE FILMER



NICK POWELL

ONE TO WATCH | Powell began his career at Crewe Alexandra, making his first appearance at 16. After an impressive first season, he was signed by Manchester United in July 2012. Unable to make Manchester United's first team, he was loaned out to Wigan, Leicester and Hull prior to being released in June 2016. He joined Wigan permanently in July 2016. After three years with the Latics, the 28-year-old joined the Potters in 2019 and has since made 110 appearances, scoring 27 times.



LEWIS BAKER

MID | Baker progressed through Chelsea's youth system at a young age, joining them from the Hatters academy. He was at Chelsea for the majority of his career, playing on loan for Sheffield Wednesday, MK Dons, Dutch side Vitesse Arnhem, Middlesbrough, Leeds, Reading, German club Fortuna Düsseldorf and Turkey's Trabzonspor. Upon returning to the Chelsea camp in 2022, the 27-year-old signed for the Potters on a permanent basis.

JACOB BROWN

ATT | 24-year-old Brown kicked off his senior career with Barnsley, making his debut in October 2016. After spending time out on loan at Chesterfield in 2017-18, he broke into the first team at Barnsley, helping them make the Championship the following season. In September 2020 he joined Stoke City and became their new number 9, since making 124 appearances and scoring 26 times, including six this term.



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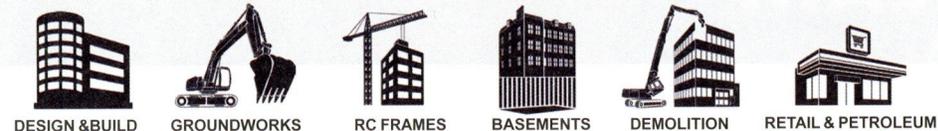
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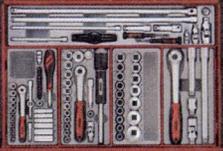
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Under the spotlight is a player with a connection to both the Hatters and today's visitors, with club historian ROGER WASH looking back at their first and last appearances for the Town.

Born in Cape Town in January 1966, Mark moved with his family to England in the 1970s and eventually joined his older brother Brian at Kenilworth Road, signing as a junior before being offered professional terms in January 1984.

After making his Hatters debut in 1984, Mark had to wait until the 1986/87 campaign before earning a regular place in the side when he showed speed off the mark, excellent ball control and an eye for goal.

After coming on as a substitute in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final, when Arsenal were defeated 3-2, Mark found himself surplus to requirements when a bid of £300,000 from QPR in June of that year appeared too good to turn down.

The tiny striker moved to Oxford a year later then on to Stoke where he bagged 50 goals in 89 League starts and earned legendary status as he helped the Potters to promotion. This earned him a £1.5 million transfer to top flight Chelsea, where he was again amongst the goals and at one time scored in seven consecutive games to form a new Premier League record.

After spells at Ipswich and Bournemouth, Mark came back to Ricky Hill's Luton in 2000 where he joined a struggling side. The Town turned out to be his last League club and after studying for the necessary qualifications, Mark became physio at Barnet before joining Crawley Town in the same capacity.

FIRST GAME: LUTON TOWN 0 EVERTON 3. 7/4/1984

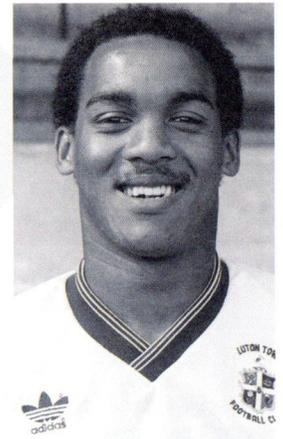
Mark Stein makes his debut, alongside his brother Brian, as a replacement for the injured Paul Walsh, and plays on the left of a three man attack. Mark shows speed of thought and deed in an even first half, but the game ends as a contest when Mal Donaghy is dismissed for bringing down Everton's Adrian Heath on 52 minutes. In a bad tempered affair Everton take full advantage and net three times in the last 27 minutes.

LAST GAME: LUTON TOWN 1 PORT VALE 1. 5/5/2001

The Town are already relegated by the time of this end of season dead rubber but the defiant Luton crowd roars the team into an early lead through Steve Howard.

FIRST AND LAST

MARK STEIN



Sadly, Vale level a minute later and the Hatters are not able to end their miserable run of 13 games without a victory.

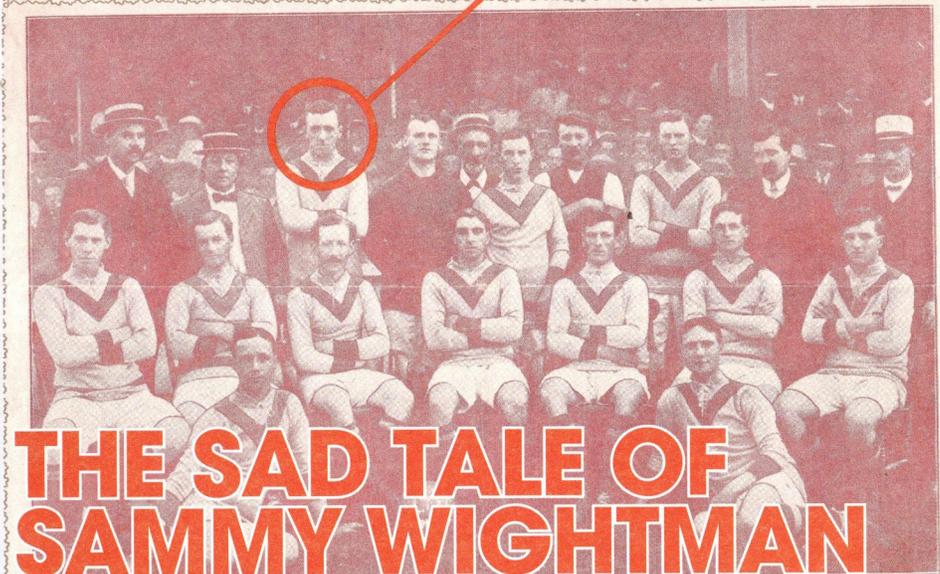
Mark Stein comes off the bench for the last 28 minutes and sees a couple of trademark shots flash narrowly wide.

HATTERS TALES

WITH ROGER WASH
CLUB HISTORIAN

Team group 1911-12 with Wightman first player on the left, back row.

Luton Town Football Club, Season 1911-12.



THE SAD TALE OF SAMMY WIGHTMAN

Photographed by Mr. F. Tinsley, F.R.P.S., for the "LUTON REPORTER."

Back row.—Mr. H. Smart (director), Mr. W. Super (director), Wightman, Naisby, Mr. J. Smith (director), Potts, James Hygrave (groundsman), J. Ashton, Mr. Charles Green (secretary), "Billy" Lawson (trainer).
Second row.—Brown, Walker, Bob Hawkes (captain), Stephenson, Moody, Standfield, Johnson.
In front.—Fred Hawkes, Bushell.

The Town lurched from crisis to crisis in the Edwardian era, not least when a gale took off part of the roof of the Lane (Beech Hill Path) stand causing damage to a nearby house. This sort of unfortunate accident simply added to the costs of retaining a professional football team with the directors forever on the lookout for finance and regularly coming up with schemes to raise money.

A plan to allocate two turnstiles for those supporters willing to pay 1 shilling

(5p) for entrance rather than the normal sum of half that was shelved after two games through lack of use. The players were asked to forego part of their wages which, of course, went down like a lead balloon and finally, in March 1911, it was resolved that all 46 players would be placed on the open to transfer list.

The vultures were soon circling, leading to the transfer of two of the club's 'crown jewels' Tommy Quinn and Johns Smith to rivals Millwall for a 'considerable' sum. This, of course, gave rise to the directors being tagged with a selling club mentality for the first, and certainly not the last, time.

Rather than use some of the money to replace Quinn and

Smith, and perhaps even strengthen the side, the directors instead merely re-signed most of the existing players on increased wages.

In hindsight this decision proved misguided and the Town struggled from the start of the 1911-12 season, not helped by a raft of injuries, and it soon became increasingly likely that relegation from Southern League Division One, where the club had been since 1894 when they were founder members, was on the cards.

The Town had four games left to play when they travelled to Brighton on Easter Monday, April 8th 1912, and after going a goal down shortly after the interval, right-back Sammy Wightman went into a challenge with Brighton winger Fred Goodwin. Wightman had cleared the ball into touch a split second before Goodwin clattered into him with his foot raised in an attempt to block the clearance.

Wightman received a boot in the stomach which sent him to the ground. After treatment from trainer Billy Lawson he had to leave the field, taking no further part in the game and leaving the Town down to ten men in those far off days before substitutes. Significantly, neither the referee or linesman deemed it a foul and awarded a throw-in to Brighton.

Wightman was examined by two Brighton doctors who felt he was fit to travel home, but on the train he was in some pain and had to lie across the seats. At Victoria he was rushed across London in a horse-drawn cab to St Pancras where his condition deteriorated.



Sammy Wightman

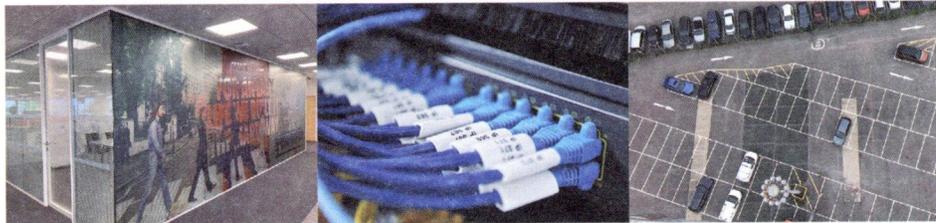
Back in Luton he was examined by a Dr Rose who sent him home to 66 Reginald Street to bed, but on seeing him the following morning made arrangements to admit him to the Bute Hospital, where later that day he was operated on by a surgeon who had travelled up from London.

It was discovered that Wightman had peritonitis following a rupture to his small intestine with little hope of recovery. He passed away at 1.15pm the following day, remaining conscious until the last few minutes.

Sammy Wightman was born in Whitehaven in Cumbria on 2nd November 1887 and after playing school football was taken on by Workington before moving to Merthyr, where he made a name for himself as a tough tackling right-back who used his height of six feet and weight of 13 stone to good effect.

A subsequent big move to Middlesbrough did not work out so he was glad to sign on for the Town in December 1910 to help shore up a defence that had been leaking goals at an alarming rate. He steadied the ship immediately and soon became a big crowd favourite remaining ever present (apart from one game), between the time he signed until the time of his death.

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HATTERS TALES WITH ROGER WASH CLUB HISTORIAN

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Fred Goodwin of Brighton.



A great number of Luton supporters gathered at 8.00am on the Friday morning at Bute Street station to see the coffin loaded on to a train to Whitehaven. The hearse had been followed by a cortege of Luton Town players and directors who then stood in silence on the platform as the train pulled out

The Town, unsurprisingly, lost 3-0 at home to Swindon the following day in a sombre atmosphere. All spectators, with hats doffed, remained in the ground at the end of the game to hear the Luton Red Cross band play Chopin's Funeral March. Town director Ernest Gibbs and club captain Bob Hawkes then caught an overnight train to Whitehaven to represent the club at the funeral, which was held on the Sunday.

The inquest was held at the Luton Court House on Tuesday 23rd April presided over by the Deputy County Coroner Mr G Whyley, who read out a deposition signed (with a cross) by Wightman shortly before he died. The deposition, witnessed by magistrate Colonel Carruthers, his clerk AF Barnard and a police officer stated that "I was kicked maliciously by him (Goodwin) and make this declaration and statement with the knowledge and fear of immediate death before me."

Luton inside-forward Bob Walker, who had lodged with Wightman in Reginald Street, was then called. He maintained that Goodwin put his foot up wilfully as Wightman cleared the ball in an "attempt to put him out of action." When asked why he nor any of the other Luton players had appealed for a foul he said "it would have been no use as referees seldom take any notice".

Luton supporters Fred Mullett and Alvena Inwood, who witnessed the incident at the Goldstone Ground could see no intent with the collision and did not think it was a foul. This opinion was echoed by an Inspector of the Hove Borough Police, who was on duty as he had been on scores of occasions without 'receiving a penny from them', as if to say he was not in the pocket of the Albion.

The referee Mr Arthur Shallcross said that it was a closely contested, clean game and was adamant that it was not a foul, and confirmed that he had said to Goodwin, "If I had the least doubt I would have sent you off."

Finally, questions were asked of Goodwin who, as expected, said that he hardly knew Wightman and that he simply went to challenge for the ball just as it had been kicked into touch. "I am very grieved, sir. It was a pure accident. I had no intention whatever, only to play the ball."

The Coroner then addressed the jury to say that the bulk of the evidence went to show that it was an accident in the course of the game, and the only real evidence against was the deposition of Wightman and that a dying declaration has to be taken with a great deal of caution.

The jury then retired to consider their verdict which came back seven minutes later as 'Accidental Death'.



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ALFIE DOUGHTY

Words: Dan Briard

SIX MONTHS ON FROM JOINING LUTON TOWN, A FULLY SETTLED ALFIE DOUGHTY SAID HE IS 'LOVING PLAYING FOOTBALL AGAIN' AFTER ESTABLISHING HIMSELF AS A KEY MEMBER OF THE STARTING LINE-UP.

The 23-year-old penned a permanent deal from Stoke City in the summer and was excited for a fresh start at Kenilworth Road having struggled with injuries during the last two seasons.

Instantly, the number 45 impressed during pre-season and looked to be a shrewd addition, along with eight other summer signings, but in the build-up to the first league game of the season against Birmingham City, disaster struck once more.

Injury prevented his league debut for the Hatters until October, though it didn't stop him settling in quickly at The Brache, saying: "The boys made me settle very early on and that's the best thing about this group. I settled straight away and it's a lot better now I'm playing.

"I have a lot of banter with all of them which is the good thing about it. Reece (Burke) and Dan (Potts) are always playing tricks on each other but that's why you can settle in really early. Straight away you are having fun with them, having a laugh with them, and I think that is what made it so easy for me to get used to the group.

"I wanted to come here and have a fresh start and it just didn't happen as quickly as I wanted it to with the injury that came just before the start of the season. Now I'm on my 16th game and I'm loving playing football again."

His first involvement in a Luton shirt was in an advanced role against Norwich City – playing his part in a 1-0 away victory – but reiterating, as he did upon arrival, Doughty isn't worried about where he is on the pitch as long as he's on it!

"I really do like playing on the right-hand-side, that started early on and then playing right wing-back has helped with cutting in and I can use my right foot as well.

"I don't mind playing in most positions, so it was just another game. I started off as a left-winger, came in to play midfield and then played midfield the next two games as well. I'm not really fussed with that sort of stuff, I just go on the pitch and play.

"I think that was the most positive thing anyone can take out of it, especially me as I was able to play through those minutes. That started off a really good run for us and where we are now, if we win again this weekend we can fly up the table if results go our way. It's a really good opportunity for everyone at the moment."

His performances on the pitch went from strength-to-strength in the month of December, aligned with the change in management that occurred during the World Cup break when Rob Edwards was introduced as the replaced for Nathan Jones, who departed for Southampton.

"It just feels like it's the perfect swap really. We did well under Nathan Jones but I feel like we're all coming together as a team under Rob. I think it's amazing and you can see that from the results."

One of the more memorable victories from that month was against Queens Park Rangers, where Doughty provided an assist and scored a stunning goal himself – which was later awarded Town's Goal of the Month – in a



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resounding 3-0 victory at Loftus Road.

He received further recognition for his overall performances after he was crowned Diamond Player of the Month, which he admitted was a 'lovely feeling'.

"As a whole, that night was good, and it was just nice to score the third goal and call it a day with them really!

"Back when I was younger as a kid I maybe hit one of those every now and then but not professionally, it has mainly been tap-ins and at the back post as a wing-back! It was a good feeling because it was a nice strike, and it was even better that it was my first Luton goal as well.

"December was a good month for me, especially with all those games and playing pretty much every minute in those three matches we had in a week. It was a really good feeling and like I said, I've got a smile on my face again when I'm playing football which has been a long time coming."

Back at Kenilworth Road again on Saturday for the third successive match, Doughty is hoping that the midweek win over Cardiff City can be a catalyst for more victories at home, supplementing the superb away form so far this season.

"It's a great stadium. I love it because it's closer to the fans, it's packed every game which is even better. The results at home haven't been our best, there has been a lot of draws, but we know we can be better because our away form is very good. We just need to tighten up sometimes when it comes to those last bits towards the end of the game and try to end it like we did on Tuesday against Cardiff."

On a personal note, there will be an added incentive to do well going head-to-head with his former club Stoke City. Featuring off the bench against the Potters in the reverse fixture back in November, Doughty is keen to make a big impact this time.

"It would be nice to get a run-around against them, there is no bad love there, my time just didn't work the way I wanted it to, but that is fine. They are a good bunch of lads but it is what it is, you've got to do a job and Saturday is just another game."

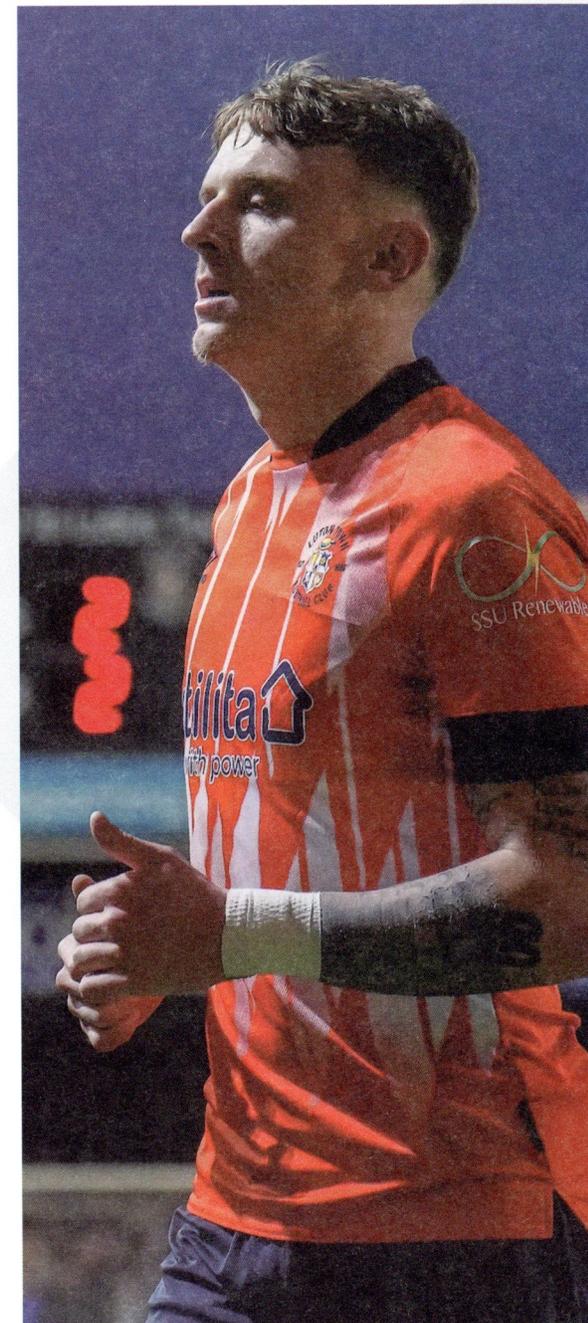
With lofty ambitions of securing a place in the play-offs once again, the former Charlton man finished by saying: "I think we have every chance this season. We've proven we can beat or come very close to beating those teams at the top."



Doughty during his time at Stoke.



Picking up the Diamond Player of the month award in December 2022.



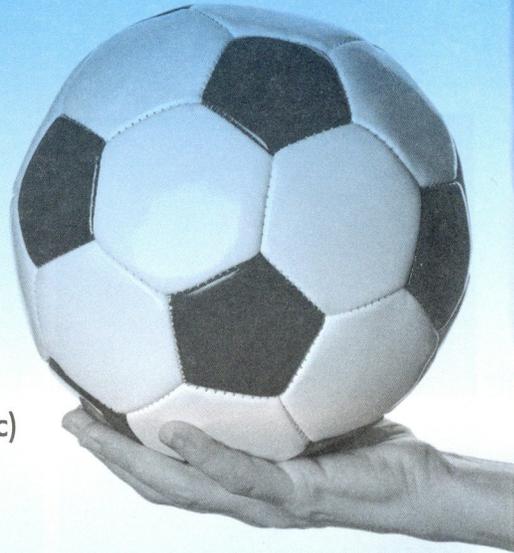


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LUTON LADIES

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Luton Town Ladies were finally back in action last Sunday, after a string of postponed fixtures, as they hosted Royston Town.

It was a slow start from Luton as you could tell they hadn't had a match day for weeks, but it only took 10 minutes before they pushed in to first gear.

A Jess McKay shot forced out for a corner was then swung in by Fi Constable and converted by Lil Sanders to take the lead.

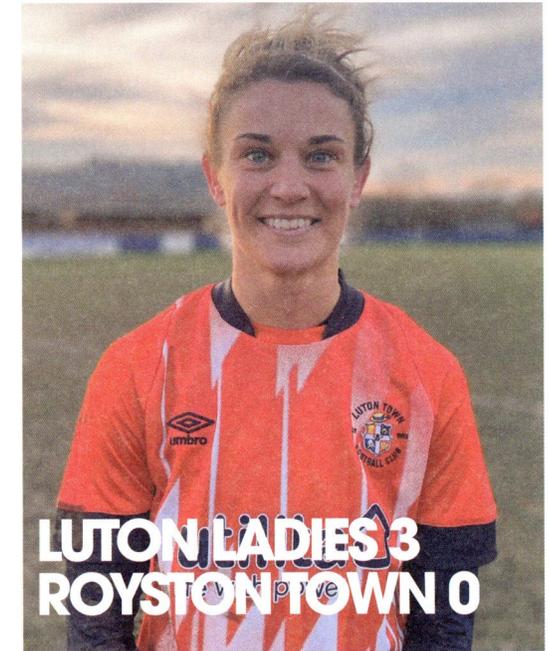
By the 24th minute Luton had squandered three chances to further their lead, the latest coming from Sanders when she came one-on-one with the keeper, only to put the ball within the keeper's grasp.

The remainder of the first half played out in the middle of the park until on 44 minutes, Luton keeper Hannah Payne was called in to action to make a superb save to deny Royston.

A half-time team talk from manager Rob Burton proved to be vital as the Ladies dominated the second half. On 53 minutes Sanders came close again, this time putting her shot wide.

With only 20 minutes to go centre-back Elly Wade (pictured) made a last ditch sliding tackle to deny a Royston breakthrough, a vital point in the game!

It felt like Luton were destined to see out a tight 1-0 win when minutes later Leyah Maddix fired wide when clean through, and then Shakeela Hussain lifted a well-worked shot over the bar.



Alas up stepped captain Jess McKay on 75 minutes, who won the ball in the midfield, looked up at the Royston keeper and pulled off an exquisite lob to convert Luton's second, a sigh of relief could be heard on the bench.

It then only took Luton four more minutes to score again. Town were now playing with a stride in their step, Constable latching on to a rebounded effort to drive low and hard for Luton's third! A lovely moment for the left midfielder, as she dedicated her goal to her late cousin Ro, who sadly passed away this weekend.

The Ladies saw the remainder of the game out professionally to walk away with three goals, a well earned clean sheet and player of the match deservedly being awarded to centre back Elly Wade!

The Ladies are next in action tomorrow, with a 2pm kick-off against Stevenage at the Herts County FA in Letchworth.

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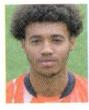
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DALE BRUNTON

ACADEMY OPERATIONS MANAGER



Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Stoke City.

The U18s clinched top spot in the EFL Youth Alliance South East Division on Saturday after AFC Wimbledon lost 2-0 away at Gillingham, a defeat which means that Alan McCormack's men are 13 points clear at the top of the table with four games left to play.

The U18s' impressive league form has seen them win 15 of their 16 games, conceding only eight goals in the process. They have also averaged 3.6 goals per game in what has been an emphatic run to the title.

The EFL South East and South West leagues now split with the top six from both leagues forming a new league called Merit League One, which will be played throughout the rest of the season.

There will also be an official presentation of the league trophy at half-time during the First Team fixture against Burnley on the 18th of February.

On Tuesday 31st January, the U21's travelled up to Huddersfield Town to play a friendly at their training ground. Adrian Forbes fielded a youthful team with a mixture of U21's and U18's being involved.

It was a proverbial game of two halves with the first being a closely fought contest in which neither team could get to grips with the strong winds as the teams went in goalless at half-time.

Huddersfield made seven changes at half time and with the weather conditions behind them, they made the most of their opportunities.

Avan Jones and Daniel Idiakhwa had good chances before Huddersfield went two goals in front.

Aribim Pepple pulled one back for the Hatters before Huddersfield added two more to finish the game 4-1 winners.

The U21s are back in action on Tuesday evening as they travel to Biggleswade United for the second round of the Bedfordshire Senior cup.

The game will take place at Second Meadow and will kick off at 7:45pm. Tickets are available to buy on the gate.

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GETTING TO KNOW...

JAMESON HORLICK

Age: 19

Position: Goalkeeper

Where are you from?

I'm from Enfield in north London.

Which junior teams did you play for?

I started off at Enfield Rangers and from there a couple of the dads and players made a team called Woodside, which was named after the school we were playing for. From there, we played through the leagues and went into Hertford Town Woodside to become an EJA squad which is a step down from academy. From there, I got signed for Luton and I have been here ever since.

Which team do you support?

I support Man City, which is a bit controversial given I'm from London! The story behind it is that my dad got into football when he was about 16 and picked a team that was mid-table, didn't want to go for a big team, so he's been with them since they've been up and down the leagues, all through the hardships and it's worked out alright for me!

What age did you join Luton?

I think it was between Under 12s and Under 13s. I remember coming in at the old, old Astroturf at Barnfield South, that's where we used to train.

How did you join the club?

I joined the club through my coach at Woodside. He did his coaching badges with a previous coach that was here – Jordan McCann – and we played friendlies against academies. I managed to play well in a couple of those and get scouted through Jordan.

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

I feel like there are loads, I can't just pick one person. At different times during my career so far I've needed different people. There have been coaches that have helped me through and family members and parents as well. Having a



close relationship with my family, they support me through thick and thin which has really helped me.

Who is your footballing hero?

I love the story about Bert Trautmann. He was a prisoner of war in World War II and he was captured and then played Non-League, then got scouted for Man City and broke his neck in the FA Cup and played on.

What has been the highlight of your career so far?

I think sitting on the bench a few times for the first team. Being in and around the squad, travelling with them, that in general has been my biggest highlight. Getting into the first team is where I want to go so being in and around it, seeing what they're like and the mannerisms they have.

What are your hopes for the future?

I think my hope is that I make it through to the first team, but just in general to have a career in football. I'm at the age now where things start to get serious and as long as I can stay in the game, that is my future hope.



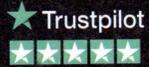
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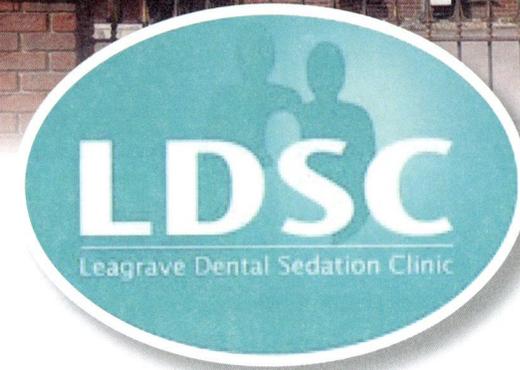
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GREEN FOOTBALL WEEKEND

This weekend marks Green Football Weekend. Green Football Weekend brings together 80 professional clubs and their associated Club Community Organisations, along with their fans, families and communities to unleash the power of football on climate change.

Staff from Luton Town FC Community Trust have been working with pupils from Lancot Challenger Academy in Dunstable, amongst other schools, in recent weeks, discussing climate change issues and steps we can all take to improve things for ours and future generations.

The class were tasked with devising a social action project around climate change, and decided upon using today's fixture as an opportunity to try and reduce the amount of plastic that goes straight to landfill. Look out for the pupils with our staff on the concourse at the Kenilworth Road End before and after the match today.

They'll be running a challenge for fans to attempt to kick a plastic bottle into a recycling bin! They'll also be collecting your plastic, before taking it to be recycled, as well as carrying out a litter pick after the match.

In addition to the activities at today's match, the trust is also encouraging supporters to take part in Planet League.

This is an initiative that encourages individuals to take small actions in their lives that benefit the environment and record them through the website to score "green goals" for The Hatters. The more green goals we score for the club, the higher Luton Town FC will be in the Planet League table.

From eating a vegetarian meal, to walking or cycling a journey you'd normally drive, there's many things we can all do to make a difference. For further information and to register to start taking part, please visit www.planetleague.co.uk



LUTON TOWN FC COMMUNITY TRUST FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMPS

With February half term now just around the corner, we are fast approaching our first holiday camps of 2023.

Running from Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February, the camps take place at a variety of venues both in and around Luton. As well as Luton itself, we'll be heading to Bedford, Dunstable, Flitwick, Harpenden, Kempston and Wheathampstead. Our camps are open to anyone in school years 1 to 6 regardless of ability and previous experience of the game. Our camps are all run by professional coaches and offer opportunities for young people to learn new skills and work on their technique in a positive, fun and safe environment.

Our day starts with warm up activities where we specifically focus on individual SAQ (Speed, Agility and Quickness) skills as well as ball mastery. We then focus on individual and team games where the participants learn to use their social skills to work effectively with their team-mates. In the afternoon all participants take part in football tournaments and matches, with the main focus being having fun and not specifically winning games! To round off each day, we hold a mini awards ceremony to reward those who have displayed a positive

attitude, shown good determination or excelled in their performance. You also never know who might drop in and say hello. In the past our camps have been visited by many of the first team squad, including Carlton Morris, Tom Lockyer and Ethan Horvath amongst others.

Daniel Bobinski, Holiday Camps Coordinator, said: "What's special about our camps is that no matter how good you are at football, you can always take part and learn more about the game!

"We like to keep our prices as low as possible to remain as accessible to as many families in the community as possible. The main objective for us as coaches is to ensure all participants have taken part in an enjoyable day where they have learnt something new and made new friends as well!"

Prices start from just £10 per day. To see a full list of our venues please visit www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk.

For further information please contact us on 01582 561622 or email soccerschool@lutontown.co.uk



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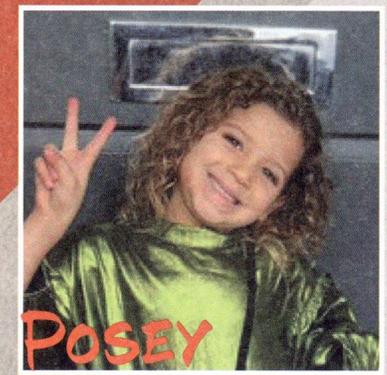


TODAY'S MASCOTS



ALBERT

NAME: Albert Doherty
AGE: 6
HOBBIES: Football & Lego
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Carlton Morris



POSEY

NAME: Posey Malo
AGE: 6
HOBBIES: Football
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pelly Ruddock-Mpanzu



KILIAN

NAME: Killian Beneteau-Kavanagh
AGE: 10
HOBBIES: Football & Basketball
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Jordan Clark



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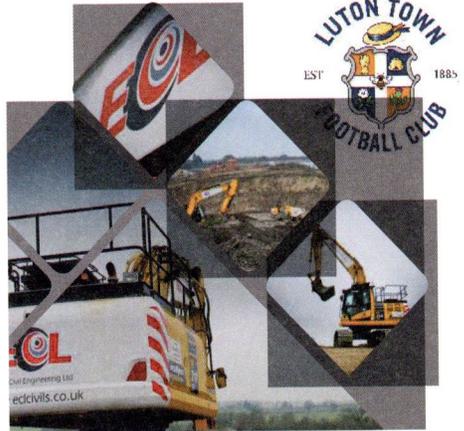
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AGE: 13
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FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pelly Ruddock-Mpanzu



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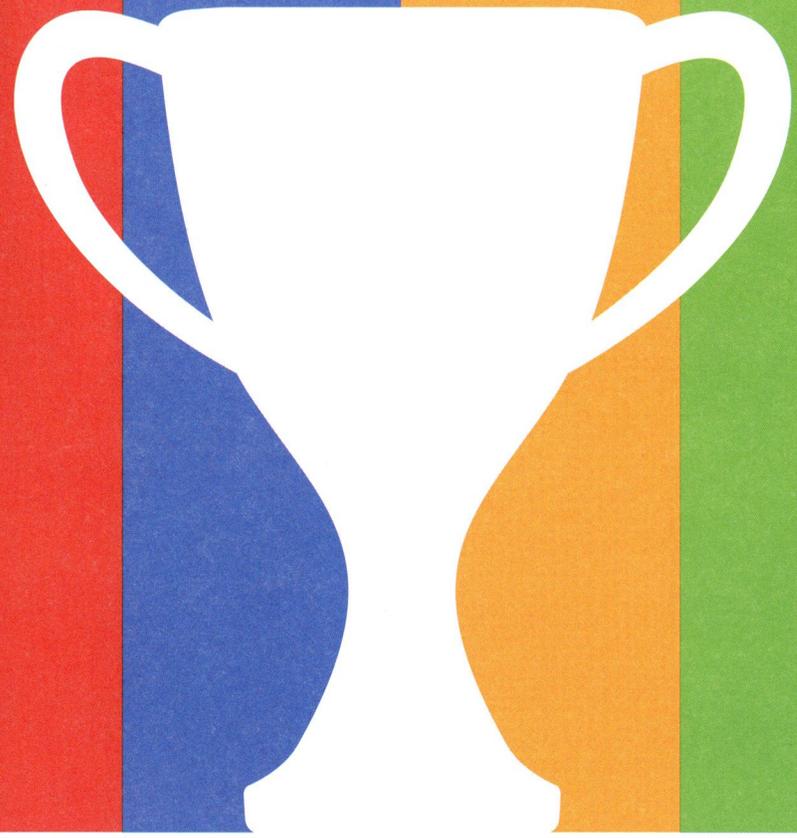
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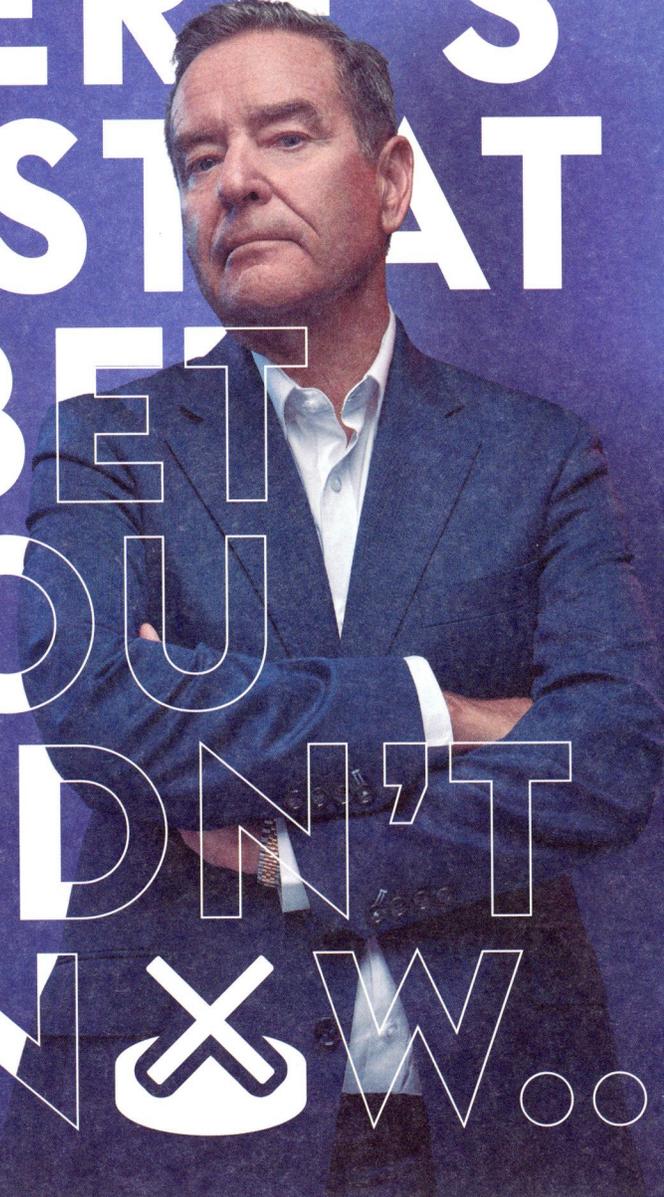


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SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP 2022/23

1	Burnley	28	18	8	2	55	26	29	62
2	Sheffield United	28	17	6	5	48	24	24	57
3	Middlesbrough	29	13	6	10	44	35	9	45
4	Luton Town	28	12	9	7	36	29	7	45
5	Watford	29	12	8	9	34	31	3	44
6	Blackburn Rovers	28	14	1	13	31	35	-4	43
7	Norwich City	28	12	6	10	40	31	9	42
8	Millwall	27	12	6	9	33	27	6	42
9	Sunderland	28	11	8	9	41	32	9	41
10	West Bromwich Albion	28	11	8	9	38	30	8	41
11	Preston North End	28	11	7	10	26	31	-5	40
12	Swansea City	28	10	9	9	40	38	2	39
13	Coventry City	28	10	8	10	31	31	0	38
14	Queens Park Rangers	29	10	8	11	31	37	-6	38
15	Hull City	29	10	7	12	36	44	-8	37
16	Reading	28	11	4	13	31	42	-11	37
17	Bristol City	28	8	9	11	37	38	-1	33
18	Stoke City	28	9	6	13	33	37	-4	33
19	Birmingham City	28	8	8	12	30	35	-5	32
20	Rotherham United	28	7	10	11	33	40	-7	31
21	Cardiff City	29	7	8	14	21	32	-11	29
22	Huddersfield Town	27	7	5	15	25	35	-10	26
23	Blackpool	27	6	8	13	28	40	-12	26
24	Wigan Athletic	28	6	7	15	27	49	-22	25

CHAMPIONSHIP TOP SCORERS

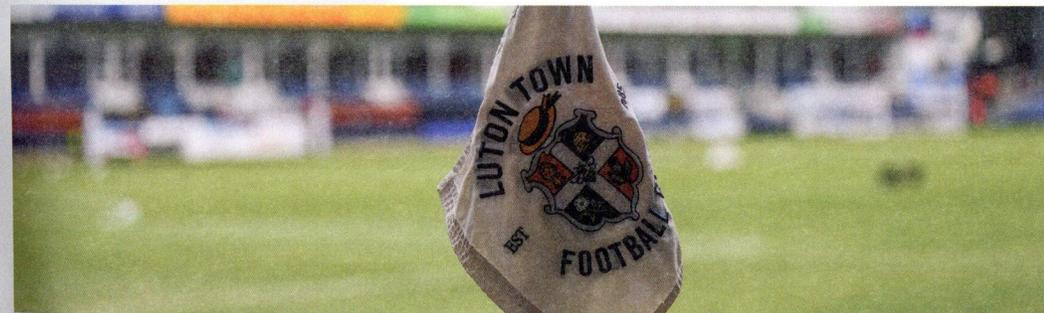
- 14 - Chuba Akpom (Middlesbrough)
- 12 - Viktor Gyökeres (Coventry City)
- 12 - Óscar Estupiñán (Hull City)
- 11 - Carlton Morris (Luton Town)
- 10 - Iliman Ndiaye (Sheff Utd)
- 10 - Teemu Pukki (Norwich City)
- 10 - Will Keane (Wigan)
- 10 - Ross Stewart (Sunderland)
- 10 - Josh Sargent (Norwich)
- 10 - Zian Flemming (Millwall)

TOP ASSISTS

- 7 - Teemu Pukki (Norwich City)
- 7 - Iliman Ndiaye (Sheffield United)
- 7 - Dan Barlaser (Middlesbrough)
- 7 - Ryan Giles (Middlesbrough)
- 6 - Josh Brownhill (Burnley)
- 6 - Ilias Chair (QPR)
- 6 - Jack Clarke (Sunderland)
- 6 - John Swift (West Brom)
- 6 - Stefan Johansen (QPR)
- 6 - Ken Sema (Watford)

CLEAN SHEETS

- 13 - Ben Wilson (Coventry City)
- 12 - Daniel Bachmann (Watford)
- 12 - Freddie Woodman (Preston North End)
- 11 - Ethan Horvath (Luton Town)
- 10 - Wes Foderingham (Sheffield United)
- 10 - Arijanet Muric (Burnley)
- 10 - Thomas Kaminski (Blackburn Rovers)
- 9 - Alex Palmer (West Brom)
- 9 - Ryan Allsop (Cardiff City)
- 8 - Viktor Johansson (Rotherham United)



2022-23 FIXTURES & RESULTS



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	DATE	OPPOSITION	POS	SCORE	STARTING XI											O.G.	SUBSTITUTES	ATT	AWAY
AUGUST	SAT JUL 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	1-1	HORVATH, BREE, OSHO, BRADLEY, POTTS, BELL												MACEY, LOCKYER, CORNICK, WOODROW, LANSBURY, PEREIRA, JEROME	9,921	1,032
	SAT AUG 6	BURNLEY	A	15-1	HORVATH, BREE, OSHO, BRADLEY, POTTS, BELL												MACEY, LOCKYER, BERRY, MORRIS, WOODROW, LANSBURY, BURKE	19,628	1,026
	TUE AUG 9	NEWPORT CITY AFC (CCR1)	H	2-3	MACEY, MENDES GOMES, BURKE, LANSBURY, LOCKYER, PEREIRA												ISTED, CORNICK, MORRIS, THORPE, OSHO, WILLIAMS, ALLEN, PETTIT, NELSON	3,827	207
SEPTEMBER	SAT AUG 13	PRESTON NORTH END	H	20-1	HORVATH, BREE, BURKE, BRADLEY, POTTS, BELL												MACEY, LOCKYER, WOODROW, WATSON, THORPE, OSHO, JEROME	9,740	895
	TUE AUG 16	BRISTOL CITY	A	23-0	HORVATH, BREE, BURKE, BRADLEY, POTTS, BELL												MACEY, LOCKYER, MUSKWE, CLARK, THORPE, FREEMAN, JEROME	17,329	718
	SAT AUG 20	SWANSEA CITY	A	18-0	HORVATH, BREE, BURKE, BRADLEY, POTTS, BELL												MACEY, BERRY, MORRIS, WOODROW, THORPE, OSHO, JEROME	16,323	609
OCTOBER	FRI AUG 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	17-1	HORVATH, BREE, BURKE, LOCKYER, POTTS, BELL												MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, MUSKWE, ONYEDINMA, OSHO, JEROME	9,882	1,032
	TUE AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	A	9-1	HORVATH, BREE, BURKE, LOCKYER, POTTS, BELL												MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, ONYEDINMA, OSHO, JEROME	17,202	421
	SAT SEP 3	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	16-2	HORVATH, BREE, OSHO, CORNICK, BERRY, WOODROW, ONYEDINMA, JEROME												MACEY, BRADLEY, CORNICK, BERRY, WOODROW, ONYEDINMA, JEROME	9,885	1,035
NOVEMBER	WED SEP 14	COVENTRY CITY	H	18-2	HORVATH, BREE, OSHO, BRADLEY, POTTS, ONYEDINMA												MACEY, LOCKYER, WOODROW, ADEBAYO, LANSBURY, BELL, JEROME	9,546	1,028
	SAT SEP 17	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	11-0	HORVATH, BREE, BURKE, LOCKYER, POTTS, BELL												MACEY, LOCKYER, WOODROW, ADEBAYO, LANSBURY, BELL, JEROME	9,839	712
	FRI SEP 30	HULL CITY	A	5-0	HORVATH, BREE, BURKE, LOCKYER, POTTS, BELL												ISTED, WATSON, ONYEDINMA, FREEMAN, OSHO, JEROME, DOUGHTY	15,730	544
DECEMBER	TUE OCT 4	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	8-3	HORVATH, BREE, ONYEDINMA, BREE, LOCKYER, POTTS, BELL												ISTED, CORNICK, MPANZU, ONYEDINMA, OSHO, JEROME, DOUGHTY	9,073	308
	SAT OCT 8	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A	9-0	HORVATH, BREE, LOCKYER, BRADLEY, POTTS, BELL												ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, MPANZU, ONYEDINMA, FREEMAN, DOUGHTY	21,550	1,385
	SAT OCT 15	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	6-3	HORVATH, BREE, LOCKYER, BRADLEY, POTTS, BELL												ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, ONYEDINMA, FREEMAN, JEROME, DOUGHTY	10,011	1,038
JANUARY	TUE OCT 18	NORWICH CITY	A	4-1	HORVATH, BREE, ONYEDINMA, BREE, LOCKYER, POTTS, BELL												ISTED, BRADLEY, CORNICK, MPANZU, PETTIT, NELSON, DOUGHTY	25,846	1,182
	SUN OCT 23	WATFORD	A	9-0	HORVATH, BREE, LOCKYER, BRADLEY, POTTS, DOUGHTY												ISTED, POTTIS, CORNICK, BERRY, WATSON, OSHO, JEROME	19,282	1,954
	SAT OCT 29	SUNDERLAND	H	9-1	HORVATH, DOUGHTY, BREE, LOCKYER, POTTS, BELL												ISTED, BRADLEY, CORNICK, BERRY, MPANZU, FREEMAN, JEROME	10,060	1,032
FEBRUARY	TUE NOV 1	READING	H	10-0	HORVATH, BREE, LOCKYER, BRADLEY, POTTS, BELL												ISTED, BERRY, MORRIS, WATSON, FREEMAN, JEROME, PETTIT	9,620	926
	SAT NOV 5	BLACKPOOL	A	8-0	HORVATH, CLARK, BREE, LOCKYER, POTTS, BELL												ISTED, CORNICK, WATSON, FREEMAN, JEROME, PETTIT, LAWLESS	11,452	1,208
	TUE NOV 8	STOKE CITY	A	9-0	ISTED, CLARK, BREE, LOCKYER, OSHO, BELL												MACEY, BERRY, WATSON, FREEMAN, JEROME, PETTIT, DOUGHTY	18,095	784
MARCH	SAT NOV 12	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	10-1	HORVATH, BREE, OSHO, LOCKYER, BELL, DOUGHTY												ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, WATSON, FREEMAN, WILLIAMS, PETTIT	10,071	1,040
	SAT DEC 10	MIDDLESBROUGH	A	13-1	HORVATH, BREE, OSHO, LOCKYER, POTTS, DOUGHTY												ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, WATSON, FREEMAN, PETTIT, JEROME	23,187	463
	MON DEC 26	NORWICH CITY	H	12-1	HORVATH, BREE, OSHO, LOCKYER, POTTS, DOUGHTY												ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, WOODROW, FREEMAN, JEROME, PETTIT	9,831	1,039
APRIL	THU DEC 29	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A	5-3	HORVATH, DOUGHTY, BREE, LOCKYER, POTTS, BELL												ISTED, BERRY, WOODROW, ADEBAYO, WATSON, FREEMAN, JEROME	16,030	1,562
	SUN JAN 1	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A	5-2	HORVATH, DOUGHTY, BREE, LOCKYER, POTTS, BELL												ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, WATSON, FREEMAN, JEROME, PETTIT	18,333	638
	SAT JAN 7	WIGAN ATH (FAC R3)	H	-	HORVATH, BREE, BURKE, OSHO, POTTS, BELL												ISTED, BERRY, ADEBAYO, MPANZU, THORPE, JEROME, PETTIT, DOUGHTY, LUKER	5,660	290
MAY	SAT JAN 14	WEST BROM	H	9-3	HORVATH, DOUGHTY, BREE, LOCKYER, POTTS, BELL												ISTED, CORNICK, WOODROW, BURKE, WATSON, OSHO, JEROME	10,069	1,042
	TUE JAN 17	WIGAN ATHLETIC (FAC R3)	A	-	HORVATH, DOUGHTY, BREE, BURKE, OSHO, BELL												ISTED, POTTIS, LOCKYER, CORNICK, BERRY, MPANZU, THORPE, JEROME, PETTIT	5,668	191
	SAT JAN 21	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	7-2	HORVATH, BREE, OSHO, LOCKYER, POTTS, BELL												ISTED, BERRY, BURKE, CAMPBELL, ONYEDINMA, JEROME, DOUGHTY	11,125	1,005
JUNE	SAT JAN 28	GRIMSBY TOWN (FAC R4)	H	-	D-2-2	HORVATH, DOUGHTY, OSHO, LOCKYER, POTTS, BELL											ISTED, BERRY, MORRIS, WOODROW, BURKE, WATSON, ONYEDINMA, THORPE, NELSON	8,552	1,473
	TUE JAN 31	CARDIFF CITY	H	4-0	HORVATH, DRAMEH, BURKE, LOCKYER, BELL, DOUGHTY												WALTON, BERRY, WATSON, CAMPBELL, ONYEDINMA, THORPE, OSHO	9,031	544
	SAT FEB 4	STOKE CITY	H																
JULY	TUE FEB 7	GRIMSBY TOWN (FAC R4)	A																
	SAT FEB 11	COVENTRY CITY	A																
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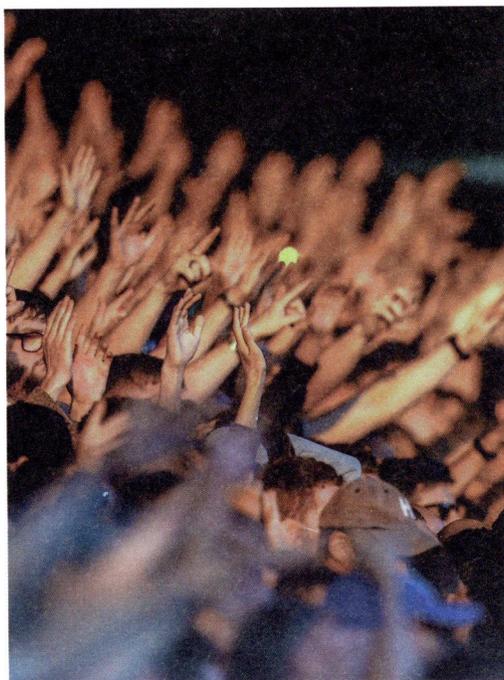
A message about anti-social and criminal behaviour

To mark the new season, we want to make you aware of new measures being taken across all of football to ensure everyone can have a safe and enjoyable experience. We are supporting strong action from the FA, Premier League and EFL to tackle anti-social and criminal behaviours that put all of us at risk.

This reflects the seriousness of the risks to fans and staff – pyros can burn at 2000 degrees Celsius and cause lifechanging injuries, while entering the pitch endangers players, managers and match officials.

We know those who commit these illegal acts do not represent the majority of supporters.

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PLAYER STATISTICS

	2022-23 SEASON										CAREER		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL				
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	YELLOW	RED	APPS	G			
Elijah Adebayo	24	(2)	6	2	(1)	2	26	(3)	8	6	0	89	30
Amari'i Bell	26	(1)	1	3	(0)	0	29	(1)	1	0	1	76	2
Luke Berry	1	(9)	2	1	(2)	0	2	(11)	2	1	0	150	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	8	(3)	2	3	(0)	0	11	(3)	2	2	0	46	4
Allan Campbell	26	(1)	2	3	(0)	0	29	(1)	2	3	0	69	6
Jordan Clark	25	(1)	2	2	(0)	1	27	(1)	3	4	0	95	8
Harry Cornick	7	(12)	1	2	(2)	1	9	(14)	2	1	0	235	38
Alfie Doughty	11	(2)	1	2	(1)	0	13	(3)	1	7	0	16	1
Cody Drameh	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Luke Freeman	9	(11)	2	0	(0)	0	9	(11)	2	2	0	20	2
Ethan Horvath	27	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	30	(0)	0	0	0	30	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	23	(0)	0	2	(1)	1	25	(1)	1	5	0	82	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	24	(3)	11	1	(2)	0	25	(5)	11	6	0	30	11
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	11	(4)	0	1	(2)	0	12	(6)	0	2	0	351	20
Admiral Muskwe	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0	26	2
Fred Onyedina	3	(6)	0	0	(1)	0	3	(7)	0	1	0	41	3
Gabriel Osho	10	(5)	1	3	(1)	0	13	(6)	1	2	2	46	1
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	3	0
Dan Potts	23	(0)	1	2	(0)	0	25	(0)	1	4	0	213	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	3	(9)	1	3	(1)	1	6	(10)	2	0	0	19	2



FA YOUTH CUP

The FA Youth Cup Fifth Round tie against Preston North End Under 18s will take place on Monday 6th February 2023, 7pm kick-off.

Having won 6-0 away at Birmingham City in round three, Alan McCormack's side were backed by over 1,000 supporters at Kenilworth Road as they went on to defeat QPR U18s 3-1 in the fourth round thanks to goals from Jake Burger (pictured), Oli Lynch and Zack Nelson.

The visitors Preston booked their place in the fifth round of the competition thanks to a 2-1 victory over Gillingham in the previous stage.

Tickets are now on sale and MUST be booked in advance of the fixture.

They can be booked online, by phone or from the Ticket Office in person. Season Card holders are entitled to free admission for this fixture but must still book in advance of the fixture (by 3pm on Monday 6th February).

PRICES:

- Adults: £5
- Seniors (over 65): £3
- Under 17s: £3

THE LAST WORD

SIMON PITTS
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Last Saturday's match in the FA Cup saw Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu become just the 13th player to have played at least 350 games for Luton Town Football Club.

Signing on-loan from West Ham in December 2013 Mpanzu made his debut, at centre-back, against Staines Town in the FA Trophy in front of a crowd of just 621 – just over four years later he was playing in front of 47,069 spectators at St James' Park Newcastle in the FA Cup!

Unfortunately injury curtailed the 20-year-old's loan spell after seven games for the Hatters, however a few weeks later and Mpanzu was signing on the dotted line permanently on 28th January 2014, coincidentally nine years to the day later he made his 350th appearance.

Mpanzu featured in 24 matches in his debut season, and Luton only lost three games in that time as they were crowned Conference Champions.

Two goals were scored in his debut season, firstly in the 7-0 win against Hereford and then an absolute cracker to equalise at Dartford in February 2015.

It didn't take long for his first League goal for Luton, as in just his second appearance in League Two he scored a late equaliser against Bury at Kenilworth Road. A run of scoring in 18 games without Luton losing (in fact the goal against Bury was the only draw too!) finally came to an end, ironically, when he scored in his 300th appearance in the 3-2 defeat at West Brom last season.

It was Valentine's Day 2017 that saw Mpanzu make his 100th appearance, in a 3-0 win against Hartlepool at Kenilworth Road, and just over two years later was the 200th appearance, this time a 2-1 win against Bristol Rovers at the Memorial Stadium.

A couple of months before his 300th appearance for Luton, Mpanzu made his International debut for DR Congo in the 1-0 defeat against Tunisia, and then a second appearance

followed in the 1-1 draw against Mali. This made him the 56th player to earn an International cap whilst playing for the Hatters.

Staines were the first of 101 different Clubs that Mpanzu has played against in his 350 appearances, with Wycombe his most common opponents, 10 times, and he's played against 24 Clubs on just one occasion.

Over his nine years at the Club 144 Luton players have featured in the same matches as Mpanzu, with Harry Cornick featuring in 187 of those, and 13 players (four of them goalkeepers) have only played in the same game once! In this list are Arnaud Mendy, whose last game for the Hatters was the 0-0 draw at Staines, whilst it was also the debut game for David Viana.

Just 12 players have made more appearances than Mpanzu and those directly ahead of him are Matthew Spring (357), David Preece (395) and Bob Hawkes (410) – or maybe he has his sights set on reaching the 625 appearances, and the Club record, by Fred Hawkes!

Congratulations Pelly – and here's hoping you can add some Premier League appearances to that total!

STATS:
Championship: 136 apps 6 goals
League One: 46 apps 5 goals
League Two: 107 apps 7 goals
Conference: 21 apps 2 goals
FA Cup: 15 apps
League Cup: 10 apps
Football League Trophy: 10 apps
FA Trophy: 3 apps
Play-Offs: 2 apps



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ROB EDWARDS

- 01 JAMES SHEA
- 02 CODY DRAHEH
- 03 DAN POTTS
- 04 TOM LOCKYER
- 05 SONNY BRADLEY
- 08 LUKE BERRY
- 09 CARLTON MORRIS
- 10 CAULEY WOODROW
- 11 ELIJAH ADEBAYO
- 12 HENRI LANSBURY
- 13 MARVELOUS NAKAMBA
- 15 ADMIRAL MUSKWE
- 16 REECE BURKE
- 17 PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU
- 18 JORDAN CLARK
- 20 LOUIE WATSON
- 22 ALLAN CAMPBELL
- 23 FRED ONYEDINMA
- 24 JACK WALTON
- 25 JOE TAYLOR
- 27 ARIBIM PEPPE
- 28 ELLIOT THORPE
- 29 AMARI'I BELL
- 30 LUKE FREEMAN
- 32 GABE OSHO
- 34 ETHAN HORVATH
- 45 ALFIE DOUGHTY

ALEX NEIL

- 01 MATIJA SARKIC
- 03 MORGAN FOX
- 06 PHIL JAGIELKA
- 07 SAM CLUCAS
- 08 LEWIS BAKER
- 09 JACOB BROWN
- 10 TYRESE CAMPBELL
- 11 DWIGHT GAYLE
- 13 JACK BONHAM
- 14 JOSH TYMON
- 15 JORDAN THOMPSON
- 16 BEN WILMOT
- 17 KI-JANA HOWEVER
- 18 WILL SMALLBONE
- 20 DUJON STERLING
- 23 BERSANT CELINA
- 25 NICK POWELL
- 28 JOSH LAURENT
- 32 CONNOR TAYLOR
- 34 FRANK FIELDING
- 37 EMRE TEZGEL
- TBC - AXEL TUANZEBE
- TBC - BEN PEARSON

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