



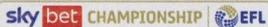
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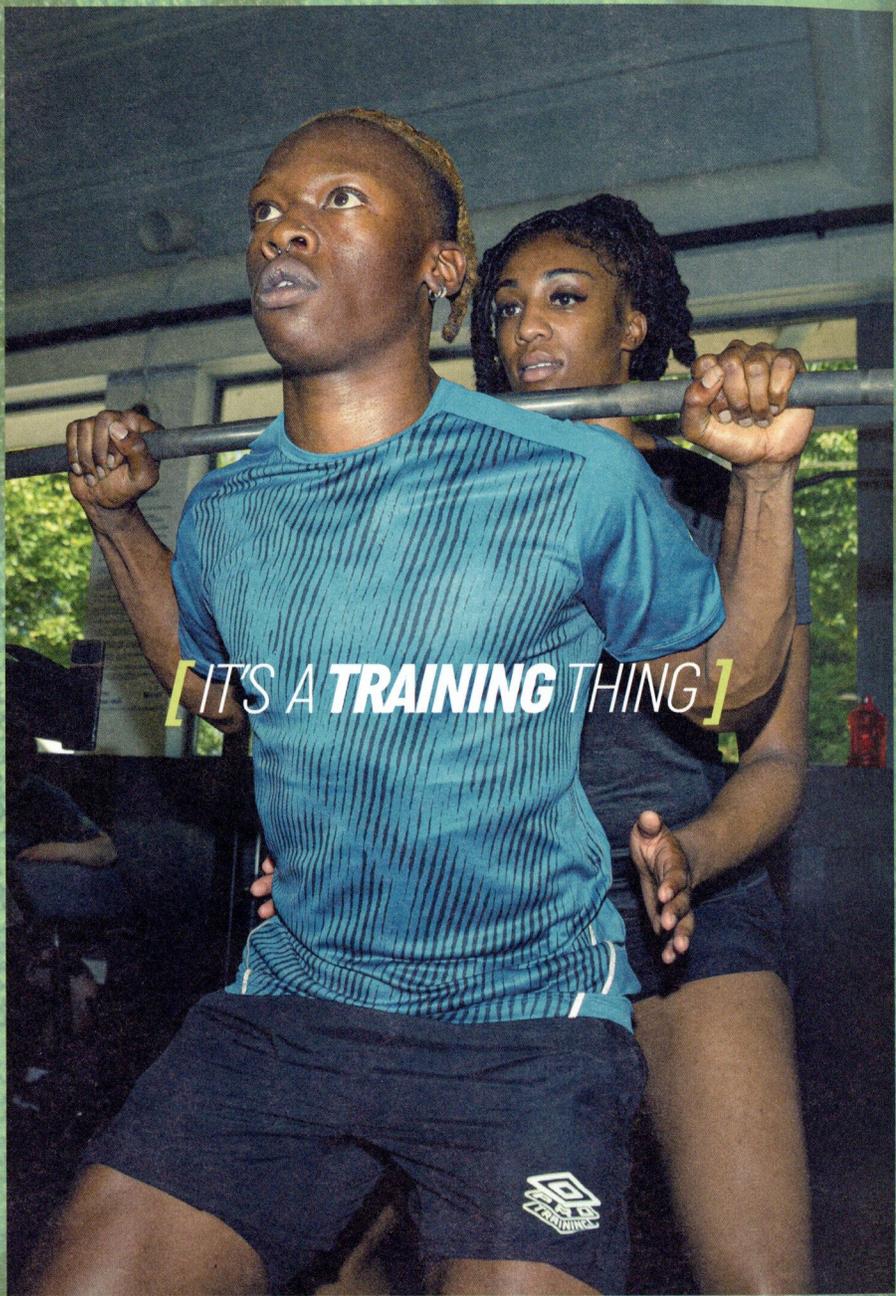


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GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THIS REARRANGED FIXTURE WITH MILLWALL.

It is both of our sides' game in hand after the postponed match before Christmas, which is hard to believe would have been our first home match in charge.

A lot has happened since then and Richie, Trolls and I certainly feel settled with the brilliant staff we are fortunate to be able to work with, the players who have been outstanding, and of course you, the supporters, who have given us nothing but unbelievable backing here since that delayed home debut against Norwich on Boxing Day.

That was the case against Burnley here last time out, when I felt we were outstanding and could have taken all three points against what is probably the best side the Championship has seen for a long time. It was the continuation of some of the best football we have played here in the previous two matches at Coventry and Preston, the only disappointment being that those three games certainly didn't return the points the displays merited.

Birmingham on Saturday was never going to be the prettiest game. We did have to show a different side to our game, but we also showed some moments of

real quality towards the end of the first half, and especially at the start of the second, which won us the points with a great header from Carlton. It was gutting to then lose him to what, for me and many others, was a red card tackle. It was especially gutting having already lost Dan Potts in the warm-up and then another centre-back in Reece Burke early in the second half.

Pelly dropped into right centre-back and, as captain on the day, was outstanding. We defended resiliently in the second half with the boys throwing themselves in the way of things, and although they did hit the woodwork as well, I didn't feel we were ever under threat. That's seven league games now without conceding a goal from open play, which proves that the grit and determination we have been showing consistently doesn't change with the personnel.

I have to say a massive thank you again to the supporters who travelled to St Andrew's. You have all been amazing for us since we came in and were terrific again at Birmingham. We could hear you in the dressing room before the game, we could hear you at half-time when I was trying to talk to the lads, and then again after the game in celebration, which was brilliant.

It was great to send everyone travelling home with three points and we are going to need that backing again tonight. Millwall are an excellent team who have a very experienced and top manager in Gary Rowett, so it's going to be a real challenge. But it's one we are looking forward to, which is only right because these games against fellow promotion and play-off challengers are the games you want to be involved in.

I know you'll have the place rocking, so let's enjoy the ride and once again, see how high we can climb.

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DAVID WILKINSON
Chairman



Good evening everyone and a very warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for this rearranged game that was originally postponed when the snow hit us just before Christmas.

Today's opponents, Millwall, are having a good season and are currently on a par with us having the same number of points and an identical goal difference. Both of us are sitting in play-off positions and still have to play each other again in a couple of weeks, which will add spice to what is always an intense challenge.

After our brilliant performance, but unfortunate result against Burnley, we went toe-to-toe with Birmingham and won a physical encounter to dispel yet another bogey and keep ourselves in the play-off mix.

We have been talking for some time about the parlous state of football finances and how the Championship in particular is financially unsustainable. The average percentage of wages to turnover is 125% with some close to 200%. Total losses were approaching £350m.

Finally, last week saw the publication of potentially the most important event in football since the formation of the Premier League. The White Paper entitled "A Sustainable Future – Reforming Club Football Governance" has come about as a result of Tracey Crouch's Fan Led Review, which showed that the pyramid was very fragile and that significant changes are required in the way football is governed and financed.

Gary has been in the background of the process and, as a club, we have given our views on many occasions, and I'm sure he will fill you in with more detail as the plan progresses. He was quoted in the EFL Press release as saying: "We look forward to an independent regulator to provide all clubs with the fairest opportunity to compete through sporting endeavour whilst operating sustainably with the inclusion of supporters and influence on their communities."

I'll try here to outline the broad intention behind the proposed legislation.

The Government is proposing a new Independent Regulator for football clubs, whose primary strategic purpose will be to ensure that English football is sustainable and resilient for fans and local communities that they serve.

To support this the regulator will have three specific primary duties, which are:-

Club sustainability – the financial sustainability of individual clubs.

System stability – the overall stability of the football pyramid.

Cultural heritage – protecting the heritage of clubs, which is so important to fans.

It is a shame that it has come to this because it would always be better for the industry to regulate itself, but the Premier League calls the shots now and no one expects "turkeys to vote for Christmas".

It is still hoped that the Premier League and EFL can reach an agreement before the Regulator is in place regarding readdressing financial distributions across the leagues, but there is a lot more involved than just money even though chasing that is what has caused most of the problems.

The regulator will initiate a licencing system without which a professional club will not be able to operate. He will also require that clubs demonstrate good basic financial practices, have appropriate reserves to meet cash flows



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and any unexpected issues, and that the core assets such as the stadium are protected.

There will also be more rigorous owners and directors tests and enhanced due diligence of sources of funds and a requirement for robust financial plans.

These are all very well, but will mean little if there isn't a fairer distribution of broadcast revenues. The gap between the Premier League and the Championship is so vast that it encourages some short-sighted owners to place major bets either to gain promotion or to avoid relegation. Although it's argued that parachute payments even things out, they also force those who don't have them to increase expenditure in order to compete. When you consider this it is amazing that the Championship is such a good competition, but then maybe that's why losses are so large.

As you all know we run a pretty tight ship, but still incur losses, which would be unsustainable in the long term and make it hard to compete.

We may not need the proposed changes

as much as some, but believe me we need them as does football at all levels. No other country has a pyramid like ours and it deserves protecting.

"You cannot negotiate with people who say what's mine is mine and what's yours is negotiable." - JFK

I couldn't possibly end my notes without paying my respects and condolences to John Motson's family, and especially to his wife of 47 years, Anne, who accompanied him many times on his visits to Kenilworth Road.

Motty was an absolute master of commentary. His dedication and discipline with meticulous notes, research and focus were legendary. He was a gentleman, at all times, in word and behaviour.

When he was diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2014 he went public with announcing his condition in order to encourage other men to "get themselves checked out", in the same altruistic manner as our own Mick Harford.

Rest in peace Motty, football will miss you.

Enjoy the game!

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David



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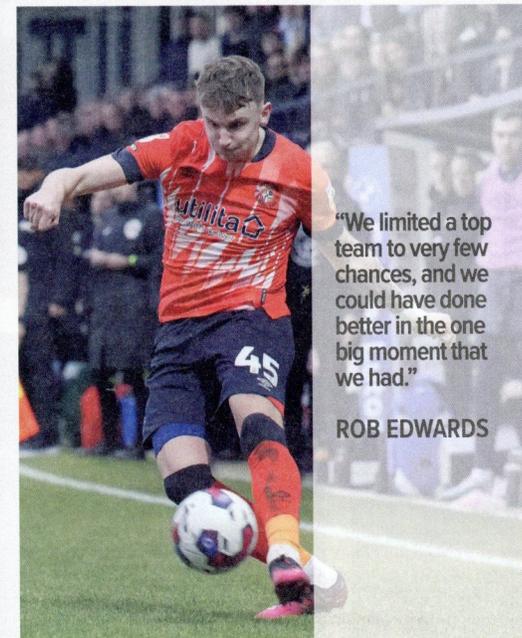


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"We limited a top team to very few chances, and we could have done better in the one big moment that we had."

ROB EDWARDS



0 LUTON TOWN 1 BURNLEY

Kenilworth Road – Sat 18th February 2023

Hatters: Horvath; Drameh (Doughty 32'), Burke, Lockyer (C), Osho, Bell; Nakamba (Campbell 68'), Mpanzu, Clark; Morris (Woodrow 57'), Adebayo.

Clarets: Muric; Roberts, Ekdal, Taylor, Maatsen; Cullen, Cork; Gudmundsson (Zaroury 54') (Foster 90+2'), Brownhill, Tella (Vitinho 61'); Barnes.

Scorers:
Barnes (pen) 78'

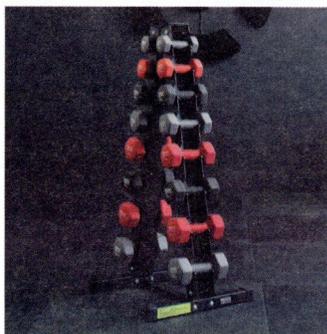
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"We know how important the points are in every single game going forward. Today we had to grind it out a little bit, but we showed some really good moments at key times."

ROB EDWARDS



0 BIRMINGHAM CITY 1 LUTON TOWN

St Andrew's – Sat 25th February 2023

Blues: Ruddy, Colin, Dean (James 90+2'), Long, Longelo (Graham 86'), Chong, Gardner (Bacuna 64'), Hannibal (Chang 64'), Hall (Roberts 64'), Jutkiewicz, Hogan.

Hatters: Horvath, Drameh, Burke (Campbell 55'), Osho, Bell, Doughty, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Clark, Morris (Woodrow 73'), Adebayo.

Scorers:
GT - Morris (47')

BIRMINGHAM REACTION

Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu was pleased to play a vital part in a 13th defensive shutout of the season and guide Luton Town back to winning ways against Birmingham City.

The midfielder wore the captain's armband for the second time during his nine years as a Luton player, maintaining his 100 per cent record after last season's victory over Coventry City, and followed suit with a battling display to lead the Hatters to three points.

Following an injury to Reece Burke, Mpanzu was even forced to drop into a centre-back role with no recognised defender amongst the substitutes owing to Dan Potts' late withdrawal in the warm-up. Though he was keen to help the team by any means possible, in a position he has previously played in – albeit 10 years ago – he is hopeful he won't be needed as part of the back five anytime soon!

"It's boring, I want to get forward!" Pelly replied. "Joking aside, if I need to do a job there, I will do a job there, it's no qualms for me. The main thing is that it was a good team performance and the three points is what we needed."

He added: "I don't know about Burkey and Locks, I don't know how they're saying it's hard, it's not hard! Potts went down in the warm-up which is unfortunate for him, but if I need to do a job at centre-back then I will do it. It was good to keep a clean sheet and I thought Cody and Alf did well as well."

After a run of three league matches without a win, Rob Edwards' side

recorded a third successive 1-0 victory, only a second win at St Andrew's since 1986.

"We wanted to get to winning ways, we have put in three good performances and think we should have got more points, but it is good to come here and get three points to back up what we've been trying to do all season.

"It has been a bit sticky at St Andrew's, I can't lie. But it was nice for us to get a win. The travelling fans are always great so I'm glad that they're going home with three points today."

Mpanzu was also pleased for Carlton Morris to get back on the scoresheet and to see him in good spirits after the game, despite his afternoon being cut short by injury.

"It was a good cross from Alf (Alfie Doughty) into Carlton and we made sure we kept a clean sheet, me, Gabe and Belly towards the end. It was good for us to keep a clean sheet and get the three points.

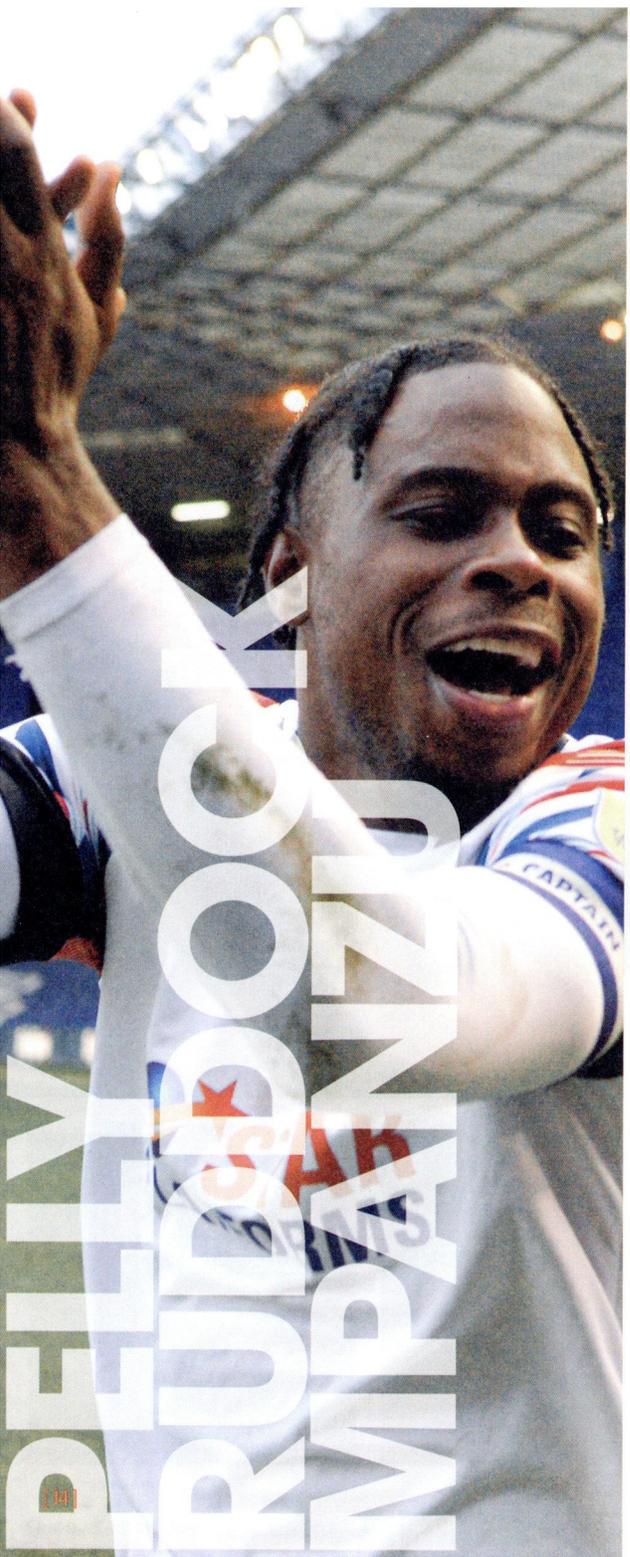
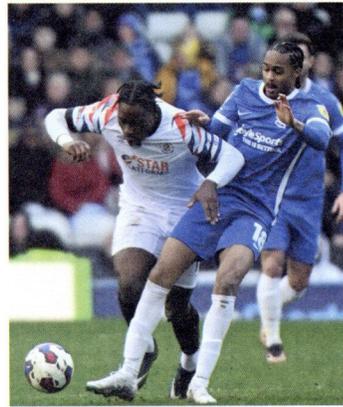
"Carlton is great in the air so you just need to put the ball in the right area and you know he's going to create a chance or get a good head on the ball."

On the tackle that ended the striker's afternoon, Pelly continued: "I thought it was a good challenge [at first], but looking back on it it's not great at all. I don't know why the ref didn't do more about it, maybe because it was his first challenge, but regardless of that, he could have broken his leg but hopefully he'll be alright.

"He looks frustrated. He wants to play every game and he's in great form. He's in good spirits. Angry at the challenge, but he's glad to get the winning goal."

Ahead of a meeting against fellow play-off contenders Millwall tonight in front of the Sky Sports, the number 17 was keen to add that he and his team-mates will not be resting on their laurels as they look to cement their place in the top six.

"All the games are big but because we're right on the same points, whoever wins climbs up the table. It's a massive game, we have to recover, make sure we put our all in and make it a Kenilworth Road experience on Tuesday night."



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THEIR TOWN



By Zac Neal

Today's visitors are Millwall, who come into the tonight's match in fifth position in the Sky Bet Championship table, one place above the Hatters but level on 53 points from 33 games.

Managed by Gary Rowett, the Lions travel to Kenilworth Road in excellent form, having lost just one of their last seven matches. Four of those games have ended in victory, with the latest coming at the manager's former club Stoke City on Saturday, where Zian Fleming's early goal made it 15 wins from the 16 occasions in which they have opened the scoring this season.

Founded in 1885, the South-East London outfit reached the top-flight for the first time in their history in 1988 and spent two seasons in the old First Division, but have played for much of their existence in the second tier. They ended a two-year stay in League One by winning promotion via the play-offs under former striker Neil Harris in 2015-16, and after narrowly avoiding relegation in 2018-19, they have finished 8th, 11th and 9th under Rowett.

They will be hoping to finally make the play-offs this season and after their latest win in the Potteries, Rowett - the EFL's sixth longest-serving gaffer having been in the job for three years - said: "The desire to run and tackle and compete - our players embrace that side of the game - and for us to be in fifth, with more points than we've had at this stage of a season for a long while, is testament to that work rate and that energy. The defensive performance was brilliant. We haven't had enough clean sheets away from home. We have picked up away from home to beat the likes of QPR recently, Cardiff away and now Stoke - these are not easy places to go."

The last three meetings between the sides at the Kenny have ended all-square, and with Town and the Lions neck-and-neck in the play-offs at kick-off, another close encounter is a certainty.



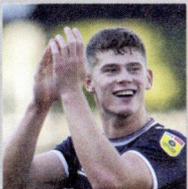
GARY ROWETT

MANAGER | 48-year-old Rowett has been in charge of Millwall since 2019, which to date makes him the second-longest serving manager in the division. After a playing career spanning more than 350 matches with the likes of Everton, Derby County and Birmingham City, he turned to management in 2012 at Burton Albion, five years after hanging up his boots at the Pirelli Stadium.



GEORGE LONG

GK | Sheffield-born Long started his career at Sheffield United and would spend 16 years at Bramall Lane, progressing through the ranks to make 100 appearances for the first team. Following three loans spells away from the Blades, he completed a permanent switch to Hull City in 2018 where he would remain for three seasons, before signing for Millwall in July 2021.



CHARLIE CRESSWELL

DEF | England U21 international Cresswell has enjoyed an impressive loan spell at The Den so far. The 6ft 3in defender was an instant hit with Millwall fans after netting a brace against Stoke in the first match of the season. Arriving from Leeds, which had been home to the 20-year-old since 2013, the centre-back made his Premier League debut in September 2021, and a month later made his England U21 bow.

ZIAN FLEMMING

ONE TO WATCH | Summer signing Flemming has hit the ground running in England and is Millwall's joint top scorer with 11 goals so far, including the winner on Saturday at Stoke. Amsterdam-born, the attacking midfielder is a regular goal contributor, demonstrated best by his spell at Fortuna Sittard where he averaged a goal every other game between 2020 and 2022 – with 29 goals in 58 matches.



GEORGE SAVILLE

MID | Defensive midfielder Saville began his senior career at Chelsea but didn't make a first team appearance. His first loan spell was at Millwall, before more experience came at Brentford and Wolverhampton Wanderers. However, this current spell at The Den is his fourth spell, following a loan in 2015, followed by a two-year period from 2017 and he re-signed for the club last year.

TOM BRADSHAW

ATT | Number nine Bradshaw has now made over 100 appearances for Millwall since signing in 2019. A career that started with Aberystwyth Town in Wales progressed to England and prolific spells with Shrewsbury, Barnsley and particularly Walsall. Last season he netted nine goals in 24 matches and he has already bettered that this term with 11 goals, including two hat-trick against Watford and Sheffield United.




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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 Lambeth in February 1951, Alan signed for his local club Millwall in 1969, but was frustrated to make only two League appearances for the Lions in two years.

A skilful central defender with a tremendous long throw, Alan was trailed by Luton scout Harry Haslam who was surprised to get his man for free in 1971. Alan, though, had to wait patiently until Chris Nicholl was transferred to Aston Villa the following March.

Ever present during the Hatters' promotion season to the top flight in 1973/74, Alan was unfortunate to lose his place to the young Paul Fitcher during the following campaign and moved to Watford where he made 200 League appearances in a Hornets side moving up through the divisions.

After spells at Portsmouth, Chesham, Barnet and Barton Rovers, Alan ran a local window business and worked at Luton airport before sadly passing away in July 2020.

FIRST GAME. LUTON TOWN 1 BURNLEY 0 (18/3/72)

The Town win at home for the first time since New Year's Day in a bad-tempered clash with Burnley.

Skipper Mike Keen lashes in a free-kick which Clarets goalkeeper Alan Stevenson can only push into the path of the onrushing Viv Busby who accepts a tap-in for the only goal.

LAST GAME. LUTON TOWN 2 BURNLEY 3 (16/11/74)

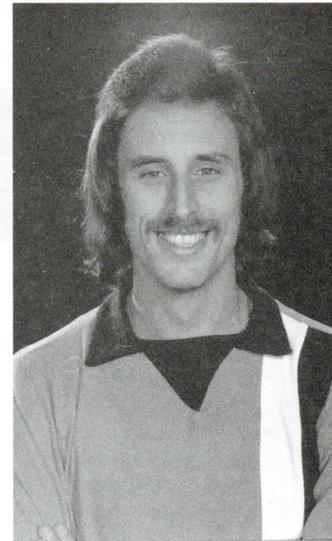
In their first season back in the top flight since 1960, the Town are having an awful run and by the time of the visit of Burnley have recorded only one victory and sit rock bottom of the table.

The Hatters are unable to get to grips with Burnley forward Ray Hankin who wins everything in the air and nets twice in a Clarets victory which is not as close as the scoreline suggests.

Luton show enthusiasm but little else.

FIRST AND LAST

ALAN GARNER



HATTERS TALES

WITH ROGER WASH
CLUB HISTORIAN

W. THOMAS, Manager; J. WATKINS, Left Half; W. CRISTELL, Centre & Capt.; M. D. NICHOLSON, Right Back; J. SQUIRES, Liberman; F. BELL, Goal; A. HOWE, Left Half; J. BELWEN, Left Back; S. WRIGHT, Assist. Manager.



THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE - UNSATISFACTORY AND PECULIAR.

It is back to Victorian times this week with a tale written by BRIAN WEBB who is a Hatters' Heritage Trustee and curator of the excellent Strawplaiters website (www.thestrawplaiters.com) which concentrates on Luton Town FC in the Victorian era. Let Brian take up his story...

My interest in the first game in the Southern League, Luton Town v Millwall in 1894, was stirred by a Luton News article from 1957. The article featured the pavilion built on Luton's first ground at Dallow Lane ground in 1890. In 1957

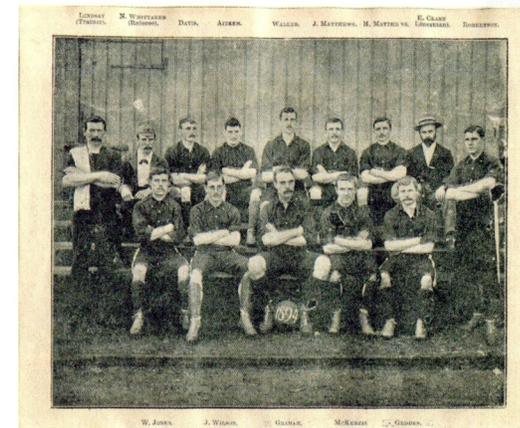
the pavilion still stood in Brown's Timber Yard and had been used as stables since Luton left in 1897. The Luton News interviewed 77-year-old Harry Ashby, who recalled the Dallow Lane ground and mentioned the "mobbing" of a referee called Whittaker against Millwall. Intrigued and bemused as to how 63 years later a fan could remember the name of a referee, I decided to investigate.

Competitive games for Luton Town before the Southern League consisted of the FA Cup and Charity Cup games only. The latter were organised by towns in order to raise money for local causes, usually hospitals who relied on donations to survive as there was no NHS. In early 1894 it was clear that the Southern League would at last be formed. The strongest

team in the South was Woolwich Arsenal, who were already members of the Football League. However, they were excluded as they would not play their first team. The next two strongest clubs were Millwall Athletic and Luton Town, and there was no doubt that the Southern League championship would go to one of them. The League consisted of just ten clubs so the games between the two would be of vital importance. The first "Battle of the League," as it was dubbed, was scheduled for 6th October 1894 at Luton's first ground at Dallow Lane.

The formation of the Southern League that summer caused consternation in Luton as the club was denied a place on the controlling League Council. Independent newspapers also thought Millwall had too much control of the League. Mr Henderson of Millwall therefore stood aside as secretary of the league, and was replaced by Nat Whittaker - see his photo above right with the Millwall team which was published in the Sketch newspaper a few weeks before the start of the season. The consternation in Luton turned to anger when Mr Whittaker was appointed to officiate in the first game of the season between the two favourites on 6th October 1894. He would go into that game having refereed seven out of the last ten Millwall games. It was a very odd appointment as impartial referees had been the norm in the Football League and other parts of the football world.

Luton protested in writing to the Southern League Council, saying that feelings were running high in the town and asked that a different referee be appointed. Mr Whittaker was unknown to the club as he had not refereed them,



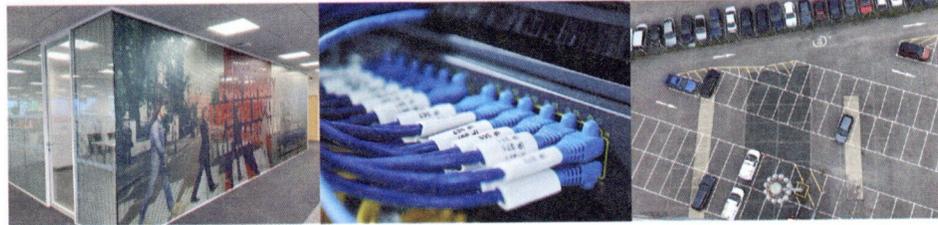
so there was no festering grudge from a previous match. The Southern League waived aside the protest and said "we have not the slightest doubt that Mr Whittaker will have been found to have given unbounded satisfaction to everyone concerned."

The 6th October 1894 arrived, "the Battle of the League" was upon us. Mr Whittaker was greeted onto the pitch with cries of "here's Millwall's referee" and, according to the Luton Times Newspaper, gave a performance that was "both unsatisfactory and peculiar. Fouls on Luton players were ignored, soft free kicks were given to the Dockers and the height of absurdity was reached when a Millwall player handballed, but a free kick was awarded against Luton. Millwall won 4-3 with three of their goals hotly disputed and Mr Whittaker "mobbed" by Luton fans at the end of the game.

Predictable bias and sour grapes by the Luton Newspapers? Many independent voices wrote to newspapers about their feelings of injustice. An Everton fan was at the game and wrote to "warn your League officials of the dangers of having referees of incompetence or biased in their judgments." The respected Manchester newspaper, the Athletic News, said: "With another referee I should not be at all surprised to see the result reversed." Other independent fans also wrote, plus a Millwall fan who was disgusted at Mr Whittaker's performance.

The matter did not end there. An exchange of letters between Luton and the Southern League Council followed. A meeting

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was arranged for 19th October 1894 when the club's grievances would be heard, or so they thought.

Only when the Luton delegation arrived at the meeting did they discover that the first item on the agenda was Mr Whittaker's charge that Luton failed to protect him from the fans. It was an ambush. Mr Whittaker, knowing what Luton's case would be, evidently thought that attack was the best form of defence. He addressed the meeting stating that 100 Luton fans were outside his dressing room after the game, and he was without protection. Oddly he said he left his dressing room door open and heard Luton Committeemen use insulting language towards him. In particular, he said he saw Mr Arnold, a Luton committeeman, town councillor and future mayor of Luton and heard his comments. It was odd enough for him to leave his dressing room door open while getting changed, but especially so with 100 angry Luton fans outside. After saying he had no protection, he then contradicted himself by saying he had friends outside his dressing room plus Millwall committeemen, and of course there were Luton committeemen.

Mr Whittaker continued to set out his case and called witnesses who were all Millwall committeemen, who testified to comments made by their Luton counterparts after the game. The Luton delegation protested at this farce and said that no charge had been given to them in writing, they had no prior warning so had no chance to prepare their case nor call witnesses

of their own. The Chairman waived aside the protests and Mr Whittaker was allowed to continue. Luton, of course, referred to their protest that feelings were running high in the town at Mr Whittaker's appointment and that a referee unknown to both should have been appointed. The Millwall committeemen interjected, fearing a replay of the game, and said that Mr Whittaker should referee every Luton game in the future. They added that Luton were "trying to rule the league", which was a bit rich considering Luton had no member on the Council and independent observers considered Millwall's influence far too high. Luton's complaint about the performance of Mr Whittaker was ignored.

Mr Whittaker had briefed the London Press and they attacked Harry Arnold and deflected the spotlight on the real issue. The incident was widely known as the "Whittaker/Arnold affair" in the newspapers. Later in the season, the Royal Ordnance club, who were also in the Southern League, encountered Mr Whittaker in their game against Millwall. They later wrote to Luton and the press to say that they understood why an objection was made about Mr Whittaker.

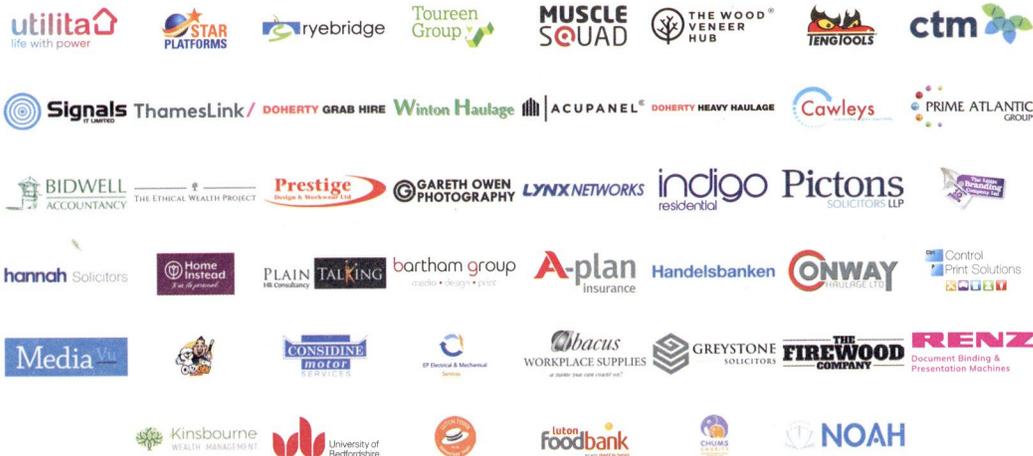
The damage done to the Southern League was irreparable. After years of anticipation, the Southern League effectively died in Luton 90 minutes after it arrived. The Luton public largely lost interest in what they thought was a corrupt organisation. Gates dropped for Southern League matches and Luton only made money on Millwall home and away games. It was therefore no surprise that just three months later Luton wrote to the Football League enquiring whether they could join the Second Division. Rebuffed by the League, the club decided to stay another season and in May 1895 Luton were offered a place on the Southern League Council.

The wounds were deep however, and on the 14th August 1895 the club committee resolved "With regard to Mr Whittaker it was decided he should be objected to in any match where Luton Town is engaged."

Knowing football fans, it is not surprising that Mr Whittaker's name was recalled in 1957.



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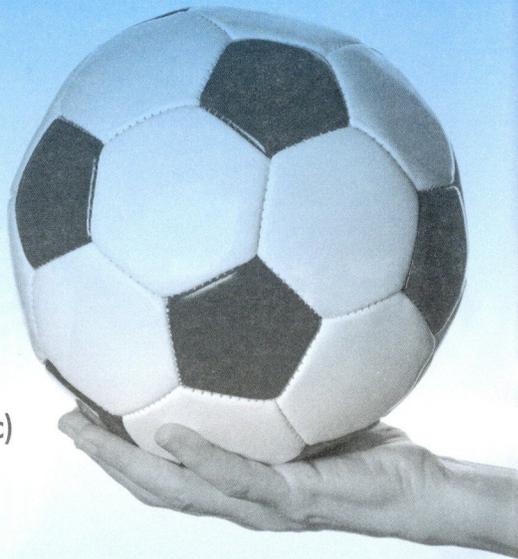


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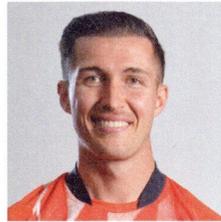
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A - ATHLETE

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



B - BOOTS

Favourite pair of boots?
Old school predators with the tongue, they were definitely my favourites.



C - CAR

Dream car?
Rolls Royce.



D - DESTINATION

Dream destination?
Singapore, that's the one place I would love to go to.



E - EAT

Favourite food?
Chicken milanese with spaghetti on the side.



F - FIVE

What is your all-time five-a-side team?
Ederson, Virgil Van Dijk, Andres Iniesta, Lionel Messi and Neymar.



G - GUESTS

Celebrity you'd like to have a drink with?
I'd go Leonardo Di Caprio.



H - HOBBIES

Favourite thing to do other than football?
Crypto, poker, F1 - a range of things!



I - IDOL

Who is your sporting idol?
Roger Federer.



J - JOB

What do you see yourself doing after playing?
Sporting Director or Technical Director, that's what I'd like to do.



K - KIT

Favourite all-time football shirt?
I had the Spain shirt from Euro 2008 with David Villa on the back, that was class. I had the gold away one as well.



L - LANGUAGES

How many languages can you speak?
Just one.



M - MOMENT

Favourite moment of your career so far?
Both promotions were unbelievable. That Notts County away game sticks in my mind, and making my first-team debut for West Ham when I was 17 against Barnsley.



N - NOTABLE

Who is the most famous contact in your phone?
Joe Cole.



O - OPPOSITION

Hardest opponent?
Probably Robin Van Persie. I didn't play directly against him but he just kept on getting in behind. One who stands out in that same game was Javier Hernandez, his movement and his timing was unreal.



P - PIZZA TOPPINGS

What toppings would you choose?
I'm not really a pizza guy but I'd go margherita with chicken and peppers.



Q - QUOTE

A quote you live by?
The early bird catches the worm but the second mouse gets the cheese.



R - RESTAURANT

Favourite restaurant?
Hakkasan.



S - STADIUM

Favourite stadium you've played at?
Old Trafford.



T - TRAVEL

Best place you've been to?
Miami. I went last year for my mate's stag-do. Dubai is a close second.



U - UNLIMITED

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



V - VICTORY

Most memorable win?
Portsmouth at home in the snow. Definitely the most memorable.



W - WATCH

Favourite film/series?
Film is The Big Short, the only one I could watch constantly on a plane. Series is Ozark.



X - X FACTOR

If you had to sing, what song would you choose?
Billy Jean by Michael Jackson.



Y - YIKES

Biggest fear?
Spiders, with heights a close second.



Z - ZOO

Favourite animal?
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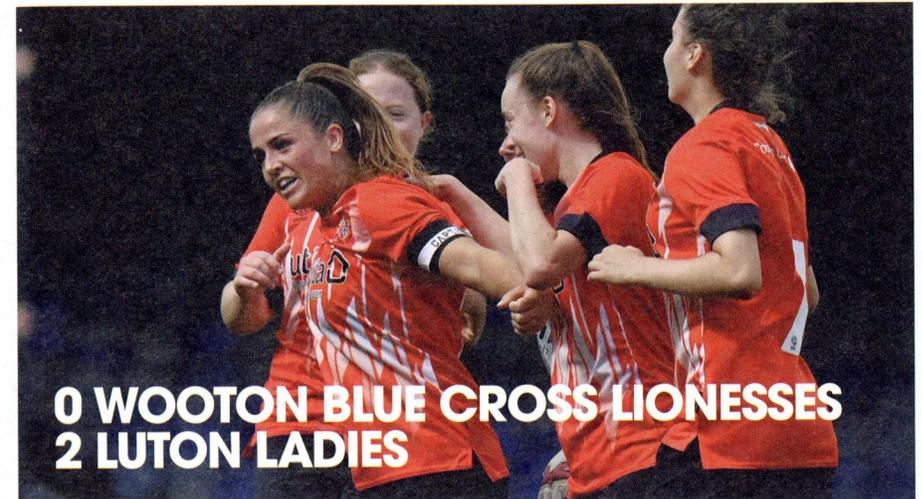
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LUTON LADIES



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The Ladies were in the Beds FA quarter-finals of the County Cup last weekend as they travelled to take on Wootton Blue Cross Lionesses.

From kick-off Leyah Maddix came close, coming one on one with the keeper only to be denied by a strong hand. The game then began to slow down and become scrappy, and Luton struggled to take any kind of control on the pitch.

By the half-time whistle it was arguably the worst 45-minute performance from the Ladies this season.

The second half kicked off with a much higher tempo as it only took Luton six minutes to break the deadlock, substitute Shanice Lewis converting from a Lil Sanders cross.

Ten minutes later and Luton came close again, Shanice Lewis this time providing the cross and finding Fiona Constable whose shot was saved by the Wootton keeper.

The game then hit a stalemate and, for the next 20 minutes, Luton struggled to get the ball back on the ground and play. It wasn't until the 82nd minute that saw any goalmouth action, when captain Jess McKay struck a ball on the edge of the box, forcing the keeper in to a save. Manager Rob

Burton named a bench of five before the game with an average age of only 17 and, in the 85th minute there was a double substitution with two debuts for youngsters Nancy Tucker and Luella Worrall.

A minute later and Luton had won a penalty, McKay (pictured) driving into the box with the ball, her initial shot was saved but on the rebound she poked it past the keeper and was subsequently fouled. She proceeded to take the penalty and left the keeper with no chance as she rifled it high and hard in to the net.

The ladies proceeded to see out the 2-0 win but will be disappointed with their display, as it didn't reflect the football they have been so used to playing this season.

Luton have been drawn away to AFC Dunstable Women in the semi-finals, to be played on Sunday 19th March.

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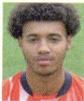
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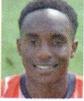
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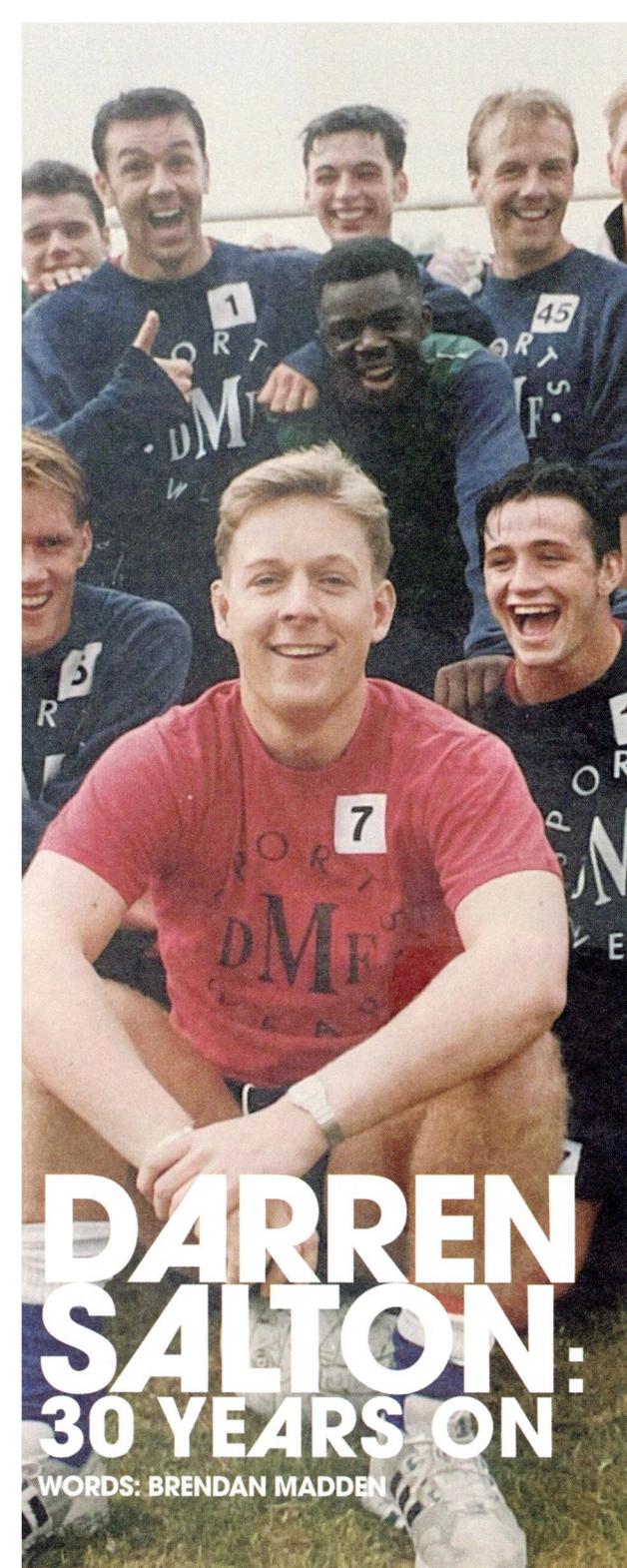
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DARREN SALTON: 30 YEARS ON

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Tonight's fixture holds a particular resonance for one former Hatter. It was a home game against Millwall that proved to be Darren Salton's last. Thirty years on, Salton has been reflecting back on the crash that cost him a hugely promising career and left him fighting for his life. Not that you'll detect any hint of regret or self-pity — that's just not his style.

Salton signed for Luton at the age of 16 alongside Paul Telfer. The pair were inseparable — and still are — though Salton can recall a time when they were rivals. "Whenever we played Paul's team, I always marked him. One time, in an Edinburgh Under-12s semi-final, I took a swing at him and got sent off. But after that, I asked him for a round of golf. Then we were both at Hibs and became best mates."

Strong beyond his years and dominant in the air, Salton possessed all the qualities of a top central defender, including impressive speed. "Shoot magazine did this challenge at the training ground — longest throw, fastest shot, all that. Everyone thought Scott Oakes would win the 100 metres, but I won easily."

Those attributes helped Salton break into the first team at 19, just as the Town were relegated from the top flight at the end of the 1991/92 season. Assured displays the following season provided a rare highlight at a club struggling to adapt to life in the second tier.

Salton also became a key part of a talented Scotland Under-21 side, testing himself against some of Europe's best. His marshalling of Italy's Christian Vieri drew particular praise in a game played just days before the night that changed his life forever.

"I came back from Scotland and we drew with Millwall on the Saturday. We had Watford the following Sunday on TV, so we had Thursday off that week. I ended up in Legends on Wednesday night with John Dreyer and Marvin Johnson."

"The next day I was hanging around the house a bit tired, so I suggested to Paul we go up the driving range. For some strange reason, we went out to Beadlow Manor rather than Stockwood Park. I vaguely remember being there, but the last thing I can remember is putting my clubs back in the boot of Paul's car."

Returning to Luton, Telfer lost control of the car, colliding with an oncoming vehicle. A 51-year-old woman, Eileen Phillimore, was killed. Her husband, Barry, was seriously injured. Salton was rushed to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge and put on life support.

The following morning, David Pleat broke the news to a stunned squad. Training was cancelled, and the club considered postponing that Sunday's game. But Pleat was passed a letter from Salton's father, John, urging them to play — and to win it for Darren.

Before kick-off at Kenilworth Road, Pleat read the letter to his players. In an emotional atmosphere, in the pouring rain, Luton eventually broke Watford down with goals from Oakes and Ian Benjamin.

"We played for Darren, and I think that showed," David Preece told ITV reporters after the game.

Salton awoke from a coma a month later. Though fully recovering from his head injuries, building his shattered

"LIFE THROWS THINGS AT YOU. YOU JUST HAVE TO FIND A WAY OF GETTING ABOVE IT."

right leg back up was a different proposition. "It was getting stronger, but I could feel it wasn't strong enough." In April 1994, a consultant confirmed his worst fears and advised retirement: "I was devastated. But by then, I just needed a clean break from football."

For the next few years, Salton was usually found on Chapel Street working at Luton's main menswear store, Storage. "I loved it there. Everybody came to the shop, so you got to know everyone in town."

Football came calling again, with Salton involved in the local non-league scene as manager of Hitchin Town and lending that familiar Edinburgh brogue to the Luton's iFollow coverage.

The pandemic forced Salton to reinvent himself again, this time as a Mastic Man. He now struggles to keep up with demand, with clients impressed by his enthusiasm, putting in the same energy and pride into sealing bathrooms as he did playing for club and country.

That attitude appears to be the key to coming to terms with the cruel loss of a career that he and many felt was destined for the top.

"I've always been focused and driven, no matter what I've done. You have to enjoy what you do and try to be the best you can at it. You could crumble away and hide in a corner, but I've always stood up. I think you've got to be like that. And be nice to everybody — that's important too."



Brendan has written a longer article for Nutmeg magazine, which can be purchased via the QR code on the left.



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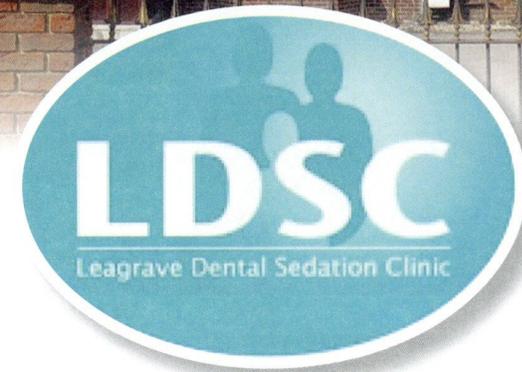
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We already run PL Kicks sessions in the evenings across Luton at Lea Manor Recreation Centre, Stockwood Park Academy and at Bedfordshire FA HQ. As part of these sessions, we hire high class facilities around the town in targeted areas for the evening and provide free football sessions that can be attended by young people in our communities, where they can play the game they love in a safe, supervised and fun environment.

Many of these facilities are block booked by competitive clubs or activities that participants have to pay for. PL Kicks gives young people the opportunity to take part in sporting activity without having to pay. It also offers a positive activity for young people to take part in, in areas and at times where antisocial behaviour has proven to be prevalent amongst these communities. In addition to the football, the PL Kicks programme also includes regular targeted workshops with external providers, aimed at boosting employment opportunities and life skills of our participants.

Premier League Kicks is a national programme, funded by The Premier League Charitable Fund, and has been running since 2006, with the vision to inspire children and young people

to achieve their potential and improve their wellbeing; working together to build stronger, safer and more inclusive communities.

Our brand new sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings at the astro-turf pitch at the Bedford Campus of University of Bedfordshire, right next to Goldington Academy. Our first session took place last Tuesday and was a great success.

Reacting to the news of securing the funding, Community Operations Manager, Daniel Douglas, said: *"Our PL Kicks sessions have gone from strength to strength in Luton in recent years engaging with and providing positive opportunities for over a thousand young people from local areas. We are delighted with the support of our VERU with vital funding which will allow us to expand the project through further youth engagement in Bedford contributing to safer and stronger communities in Bedfordshire."*

Premier League Kicks sessions are aimed at 11-18 year-olds and open to all in the community. For further information about any of the Luton or Bedford Kicks sessions, please contact Daniel.Douglas@lutontown.co.uk



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FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CAMPS ROUND-UP

Over the February half term, our coaches were all out delivering holiday camps across Luton and the surrounding areas. Over 500 enthusiastic participants took part in our activities in Luton, Bedford, Dunstable, Flitwick, Harpenden, Kempston and Wheathampstead. Many of our youngsters were kitted out in their Hatters gear, which is always a joy to see!

Over the course of the week, the children took part in different footballing activities throughout the day, ranging from warm up activities, specific drills aimed at improving technique, penalty shootouts, and of course tournaments and matches at the end of each day. Not only did our participants improve their football skills, but they also had the opportunity to make new friends each day. As always, those that excelled and / or displayed a positive attitude were in

with a chance of winning one of our Hatter of the Day awards. Each participant also received a Luton Town medal!

One of the highlights of the week was the visits from Luton Town FC first team squad members. Amari'i Bell, Sonny Bradley, Luke Freeman, Fred Onyedinma, Gabe Osho, Aribim Pebble, Glen Rea and Elliot Thorpe were all incredibly generous with their time and answered our participants questions, as well as posing for photos and signing autographs.

Holiday Camps Coordinator, Daniel Bobinski, commented;

"Our camps were a tremendous success over the February Half Term as we engaged with a high number of participants across Luton, Bedfordshire and North Hertfordshire. As usual, the most important part for us is to ensure each child attending our camps has a positive experience so it becomes something they can remember for the rest of their lives. Thank you to everyone who attended our camps."

Our camps will return for the Easter holidays, so please do look out for those. Once bookable, they will be listed on www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk



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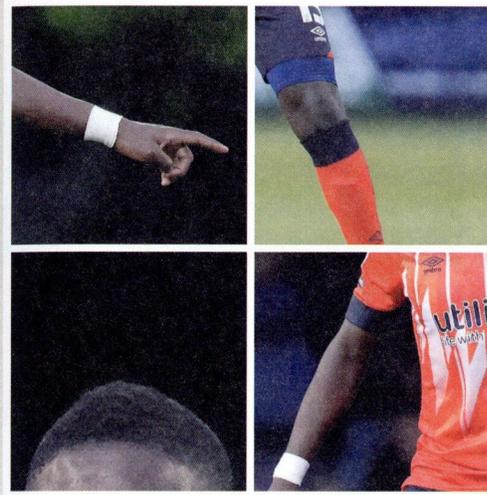
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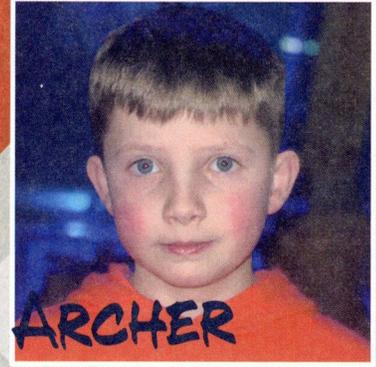
JUNIOR HATTERS



GUESS THE PLAYER
Can you guess the player using the clues below?



TODAY'S MASCOT



NAME: Archer Breed
AGE: 9
HOBBIES: Swimming, gymnastics, gaming & reading.
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Allan Campbell

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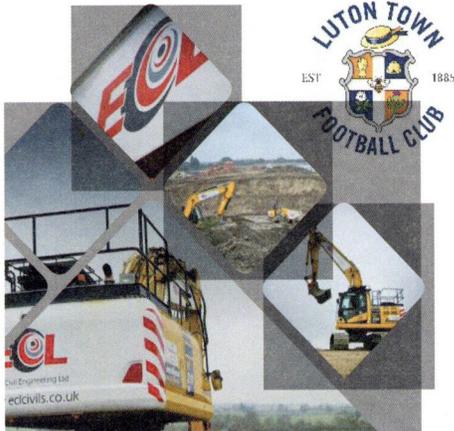
Guess The Player: Marvelous Nakamba



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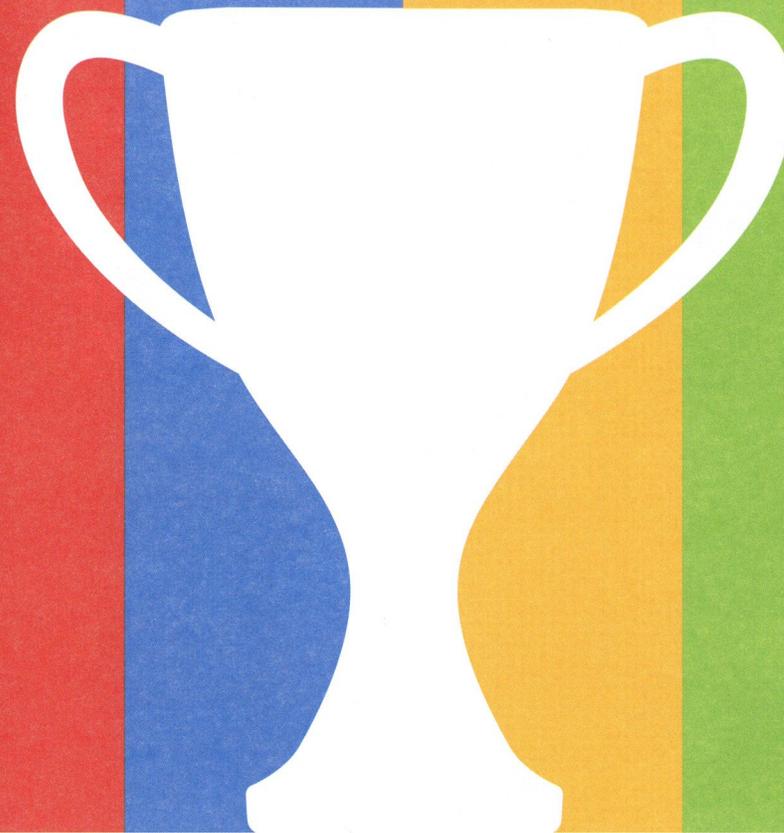


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LUTON TOWN v MILLWALL
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SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP 2022/23

1	Burnley	34	22	10	2	68	28	40	76
2	Sheffield United	33	19	7	7	55	30	25	64
3	Middlesbrough	34	17	6	11	56	40	16	57
4	Blackburn Rovers	34	17	4	13	38	38	0	55
5	Millwall	33	15	8	10	41	33	8	53
6	Luton Town	33	14	11	8	40	32	8	53
7	Norwich City	34	15	7	12	48	37	11	52
8	Watford	34	13	11	10	41	38	3	50
9	Sunderland	34	13	10	11	49	38	11	49
10	West Bromwich Albion	33	13	9	11	44	36	8	48
11	Coventry City	33	13	9	11	37	34	3	48
12	Preston North End	33	12	9	12	30	38	-8	45
13	Bristol City	33	11	11	11	43	41	2	44
14	Reading	33	13	5	15	38	48	-10	44
15	Swansea City	33	11	9	13	46	50	-4	42
16	Hull City	34	11	9	14	38	48	-10	42
17	Stoke City	34	11	7	16	39	41	-2	40
18	Queens Park Rangers	34	10	9	15	35	49	-14	39
19	Birmingham City	34	10	8	16	38	46	-8	38
20	Rotherham United	33	8	12	13	36	45	-9	36
21	Cardiff City	34	9	8	17	25	38	-13	35
22	Huddersfield Town	33	8	7	18	30	47	-17	31
23	Blackpool	34	7	10	17	33	51	-18	31
24	Wigan Athletic	33	7	10	16	30	52	-22	31

CHAMPIONSHIP TOP SCORERS

19 – Chuba Akpom (Middlesbrough)
15 – Viktor Gyökeres (Coventry City)
13 – Carlton Morris (Luton Town)
12 – Nathan Tella (Burnley)
12 – Óscar Estupiñán (Hull City)
11 – Nahki Wells (Bristol City)
11 – Tom Bradshaw (Millwall)
11 – Josh Sargent (Norwich)
11 – Oli McBurnie (Sheff Utd)
11 – Zian Flemming (Millwall)
11 – Joel Piroe (Swansea City)

TOP ASSISTS

8 – Dan Barlaser (Middlesbrough)
7 – Teemu Pukki (Norwich City)
7 – Iliman Ndiaye (Sheffield United)
7 – Josh Brownhill (Burnley)
7 – Ryan Giles (Middlesbrough)
7 – Ilias Chair (QPR)
7 – Jed Wallace (West Brom)
7 – Ken Sema (Watford)
7 – Sorba Thomas (Blackburn)

CLEAN SHEETS

15 – Ben Wilson (Coventry City)
13 – Wes Foderingham (Sheffield United)
13 – Freddie Woodman (Preston North End)
13 – Ethan Horvath (Luton Town)
12 – Daniel Bachmann (Watford)
12 – Arijanet Muric (Burnley)
11 – Ryan Allsop (Cardiff City)

UNDER-21S TAKE ON HITCHIN TOWN

The Hatters' development squad will face Non-League neighbours Hitchin Town in a friendly at Top Field on Monday 13th March.

Admission to the 7pm kick-off will be by pre-purchased online tickets, in line with the Southern League club's policy for all first-team fixtures at Top Field, where the Hatters have played several development matches this season.

Ticket prices are:

- Adults - £6
- Concessions (60-79) - £4
- Teenagers - £2
- Accompanied U13s - £1
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2022-23 FIXTURES & RESULTS



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

	DATE	OPPOSITION	POS	SCORE	STARTING XI										O.G.	SUBSTITUTES	ATT	AWAY
AUGUST	SAT JUL 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	0-0	HORVATH BREE OSHO BRADLEY POTTS BELL										MACEY, LOCKYER, CORNICK, WOODROW, LANSBURY, PEREIRA, JEROME	9,921	1,032	
	SAT AUG 6	BURNLEY	A	1-1	HORVATH BREE OSHO BRADLEY POTTS BELL										MACEY, LOCKYER, BERRY, MORRIS, WOODROW, LANSBURY, BURKE	19,628	1,026	
	TUE AUG 9	NEWPORT CTY 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	2-0	HORVATH BREE BURKE BRADLEY POTTS BELL										MACEY, LOCKYER, MUSKWE, CLARK, THORPE, FREEMAN, JEROME	9,740	895	
	TUE AUG 16	BRISTOL CITY	A	2-3	HORVATH BREE BURKE BRADLEY POTTS BELL										MACEY, LOCKYER, MUSKWE, CLARK, THORPE, FREEMAN, JEROME	17,329	718	
	SAT AUG 20	SWANSEA CITY	A	2-0	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL										MACEY, BERRY, MORRIS, WOODROW, THORPE, OSHO, JEROME	16,323	609	
OCTOBER	FRI AUG 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	1-1	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL										MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, MUSKWE, ONYEDINMA, OSHO, JEROME	9,882	1,032	
	TUE AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	A	2-1	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL										MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, ONYEDINMA, OSHO, JEROME	17,202	421	
	SAT SEP 3	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	1-2	HORVATH BREE OSHO LOCKYER POTTS BELL										MACEY, BRADLEY, CORNICK, BERRY, WOODROW, ONYEDINMA, JEROME	9,885	1,035	
NOVEMBER	WED SEP 14	COVENTRY CITY	H	2-2	HORVATH BREE OSHO BRADLEY POTTS ONYEDINMA										MACEY, LOCKYER, WOODROW, ADEBAYO, LANSBURY, BELL, JEROME	9,546	1,028	
	SAT SEP 17	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	1-1	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL										ISTED, WATSON, ONYEDINMA, FREEMAN, OSHO, JEROME, DOUGHTY	9,839	712	
	FRI SEP 30	HULL CITY	A	5-2	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL										ISTED, CORNICK, MPANZU, ONYEDINMA, OSHO, JEROME, DOUGHTY	15,730	544	
DECEMBER	TUE OCT 4	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	3-3	HORVATH ONYEDINMA BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL										ISTED, BRADLEY, CORNICK, MPANZU, PETTIT, NELSON, DOUGHTY	9,073	308	
	SAT OCT 8	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A	0-0	HORVATH BREE LOCKYER BRADLEY POTTS BELL										ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, MPANZU, ONYEDINMA, FREEMAN, DOUGHTY	21,550	1,385	
	SAT OCT 15	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	3-1	HORVATH BREE LOCKYER BRADLEY POTTS BELL										ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, ONYEDINMA, FREEMAN, JEROME, DOUGHTY	10,011	1,038	
JANUARY	TUE OCT 18	NORWICH CITY	A	1-0	HORVATH ONYEDINMA BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL										ISTED, BRADLEY, BERRY, ADEBAYO, LANSBURY, FREEMAN, JEROME	25,846	1,182	
	SUN OCT 23	WATFORD	A	4-0	HORVATH BREE LOCKYER BRADLEY POTTS DOUGHTY										ISTED, POTTS, CORNICK, BERRY, WATSON, OSHO, JEROME	19,282	1,954	
	SAT OCT 29	SUNDERLAND	H	1-1	HORVATH DOUGHTY BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL										ISTED, BRADLEY, CORNICK, BERRY, MPANZU, FREEMAN, JEROME	10,060	1,032	
FEBRUARY	TUE NOV 1	READING	H	0-0	HORVATH BREE LOCKYER BRADLEY POTTS BELL										ISTED, BERRY, MORRIS, WATSON, FREEMAN, JEROME, PETTIT	9,620	926	
	SAT NOV 5	BLACKPOOL	A	1-0	HORVATH CLARK BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL										ISTED, CORNICK, WATSON, FREEMAN, JEROME, PETTIT, LAWLESS	11,452	1,208	
	TUE NOV 8	STOKE CITY	A	2-2	ISTED CLARK BREE LOCKYER OSHO BELL										MACEY, BERRY, WATSON, FREEMAN, JEROME, PETTIT, DOUGHTY	18,095	784	
MARCH	SAT NOV 12	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	1-1	HORVATH BREE OSHO LOCKYER BELL DOUGHTY										ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, WATSON, FREEMAN, WILLIAMS, PETTIT	10,071	1,040	
	SAT DEC 10	MIDDLESBROUGH	A	1-2	HORVATH BREE OSHO LOCKYER BELL DOUGHTY										ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, WATSON, FREEMAN, PETTIT, JEROME	23,187	463	
	MON DEC 26	NORWICH CITY	H	2-1	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	3-0	HORVATH DOUGHTY BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL										ISTED, BERRY, WOODROW, ADEBAYO, WATSON, FREEMAN, JEROME	16,030	1,562	
	SUN JAN 1	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A	2-1	HORVATH DOUGHTY BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL										ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, WOODROW, BURKE, JEROME, PETTIT	18,333	638	
	SAT JAN 7	WIGAN ATH (FAC R3)	H	1-1	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	2-3	HORVATH DOUGHTY BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL										ISTED, CORNICK, WOODROW, BURKE, WATSON, OSHO, JEROME	10,069	1,042	
	TUE JAN 17	WIGAN ATHLETIC (FAC R3 R)	A	2-1	HORVATH DOUGHTY BREE BURKE OSHO BELL										ISTED, POTTS, LOCKYER, CORNICK, BERRY, MPANZU, THORPE, JEROME, PETTIT	5,668	191	
	SAT JAN 21	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	2-0	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	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	1-0	HORVATH DRAHEH BURKE LOCKYER BELL DOUGHTY										WALTON, BERRY, WATSON, CAMPBELL, ONYEDINMA, THORPE, OSHO	9,031	544	
	SAT FEB 4	STOKE CITY	H	1-0	HORVATH DRAHEH BURKE LOCKYER BELL DOUGHTY										SHEA, BERRY, WOODROW, NAKAMBA, ONYEDINMA, TAYLOR, OSHO	10,031	1,021	
JULY	TUE FEB 7	GRIMSBY TOWN (FAC R4 R)	A	0-3	HORVATH THORPE OSHO LOCKYER BELL ONYEDINMA										SHEA, MORRIS, BURKE, MPANZU, CLARK, PEPPE, DOUGHTY, PIESOLD, JOHNSON	7,051	466	
	SAT FEB 11	COVENTRY CITY	A	1-1	HORVATH DOUGHTY BURKE LOCKYER OSHO BELL										SHEA, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, CAMPBELL, ONYEDINMA, TAYLOR	20,366	2,843	
	WED FEB 15	PRESTON NORTH END	A	4-1	HORVATH ONYEDINMA BURKE LOCKYER OSHO BELL										SHEA, POTTS, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, CAMPBELL, TAYLOR	13,903	457	
AUGUST	SAT FEB 18	BURNLEY	H	1-1	HORVATH DRAHEH BURKE LOCKYER OSHO BELL										SHEA, POTTS, BERRY, WOODROW, CAMPBELL, TAYLOR, DOUGHTY	10,066	1,026	
	SAT FEB 25	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A	1-0	HORVATH DRAHEH BURKE OSHO BELL DOUGHTY										SHEA, BERRY, WOODROW, WATSON, CAMPBELL, ONYEDINMA, TAYLOR	16,866	1,838	
	TUE FEB 28	MILLWALL	H															
SEPTEMBER	SAT MAR 4	SWANSEA CITY	H															
	SAT MAR 11	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A															
	WED MAR 15	BRISTOL CITY	H															
OCTOBER	SAT MAR 18	SUNDERLAND	A															
	SAT APR 1	WATFORD	H															
	FRI APR 7	MILLWALL	A															
NOVEMBER	MON APR 10	BLACKPOOL	H															
	SAT APR 15	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A															
	WED APR 19	READING	A															
DECEMBER	SAT APR 22	MIDDLESBROUGH	H															
	SAT APR 29	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A															
	MON MAY 8	HULL CITY	H															



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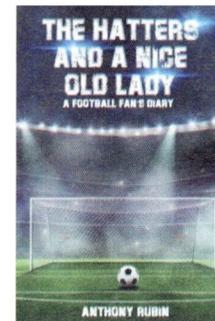
We know those who commit these illegal acts do not represent the majority of supporters.

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PLAYER STATISTICS

	2022-23 SEASON										CAREER		
	LEAGUE		CLUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL				
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	YELLOW	RED	APPS	G			
Elijah Adebayo	29	(2)	6	3	(1)	2	32	(3)	8	7	0	95	30
Amari'i Bell	31	(1)	1	4	(0)	0	35	(1)	1	1	1	82	2
Luke Berry	1	(10)	2	2	(2)	0	3	(12)	2	1	0	152	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	13	(3)	2	3	(0)	0	16	(3)	2	3	0	51	4
Allan Campbell	27	(3)	2	4	(0)	0	31	(3)	2	3	0	73	6
Jordan Clark	30	(1)	2	2	(1)	1	32	(2)	3	4	0	101	8
Harry Cornick	7	(12)	1	2	(2)	1	9	(14)	2	1	0	235	38
Allie Doughty	14	(3)	1	2	(2)	0	16	(5)	1	8	0	21	1
Cody Drameh	4	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	1	0	4	0
Luke Freeman	9	(11)	2	0	(0)	0	9	(11)	2	2	0	20	2
Ethan Horvath	32	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	36	(0)	0	0	0	36	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	(3)	1	1	(0)	0	7	(3)	1	2	0	47	1
Tom Lockyer	27	(0)	1	3	(1)	1	30	(1)	2	5	1	87	3
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	29	(3)	13	1	(3)	0	30	(6)	13	8	0	36	13
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	16	(4)	1	1	(3)	0	17	(7)	1	2	0	357	21
Admiral Muskwe	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0	26	2
Marvelous Nakamba	4	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(1)	0	1	0	5	0
Fred Onyedinma	4	(8)	0	1	(1)	0	5	(9)	0	2	0	45	3
Gabriel Osho	14	(5)	1	4	(1)	0	18	(6)	1	3	2	51	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
Joe Taylor	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Elliot Thorpe	0	(2)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(3)	0	0	0	5	0
Louie Watson	2	(2)	0	4	(0)	0	6	(2)	0	1	0	8	0
Josh Williams	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Cauley Woodrow	3	(14)	1	4	(1)	1	7	(15)	2	1	0	25	2



THE HATTERS AND A NICE OLD LADY: A FOOTBALL FAN'S DIARY

By Anthony Rubin

Anthony has been a Luton supporter for 73 years and is still going, but not so strong.

He has used his long retirement from a career in medicine to compile a book about his life as a football fan.

As well as his many reminiscences about Luton Town, he describes a fascinating story of how he got involved with Juventus (known as the old lady). He relates in detail about how he became a life long friend of Juventus and Italy icon Giampiero Boniperti.

He also developed a particular interest in OGC Nice, a well known French club, when the family acquired a small flat in that Riviera town in 1983. He scheduled his trips to Turin and to Nice to be sure that they did not clash with Luton fixtures!

Luton remains his favourite club by far and he can be found in his great seat on the halfway line at most home matches. In the latter part of the book he describes Luton's somewhat unexpected but thrilling rise from the Conference to the Championship in a relatively short period of time.

“Come on you Hatters”!

THE LAST WORD

DAN BRIARD
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After 28 minutes had been played of my first match working at Luton Town, I knew that life at this football club would prove to be a rollercoaster.

Queens Park Rangers were three-nil up in September 2019 and despite clawing two goals back, the Hatters were defeated at Loftus Road. People joked that I was a jinx when I first joined and having waited six matches to witness my first Luton win in person, I honestly thought I was.

The 2019/20 Championship season was my first working at the club as a shy intern in my second year at university. I mentioned the rollercoaster feeling earlier and well, for all fans familiar with that first season back in the Championship, that is the best way to describe it.

There were lows, but they were outweighed by the unbelievable highs, particularly that final day against Blackburn where at that point I was fully immersed as a Luton fan.

Lockdown was a rubbish time for everyone so it was a huge privilege to carry on working for the club part-time into the next season. I can't really describe how much it actually meant, being able to distract myself and get out to a football



match whilst supporters were forced away. After I finished university, I was fortunate enough to be offered a full-time role at the club and last season was incredible from start to finish.

I have reported on 161 first-team matches, excluding tonight, friendlies and plenty of youth team games, but few come close to topping THAT day against Bournemouth (pictured).

On the contrary, the hardest match was at Huddersfield last season. Coldest game? Well, Blackpool away against the backdrop of Storm Arwen last season takes top spot for that one, but luckily the performance on the pitch that day was very good!

The thing I will miss most about the club? That one is easy. The people. I have been lucky enough to work with some brilliant colleagues during the three-and-a-half years I have been here.

Word count doesn't allow me to sit here naming everyone but I do have to give a special mention to my manager, Stu. He has been a massive help personally, giving me more confidence and has always been extremely understanding, not to mention hard working which doesn't go unnoticed by those around him. (I promise he didn't edit this in!)

I will be keeping a close eye on Luton results this season and beyond, as well as the time tweets go out, and I look forward to returning to Kenilworth Road as a supporter some time soon.

Not only because it's my last working match, but as a West Ham fan, in the words of Kevin Keegan – "I would love it if we beat them!"

All that's left to say is COYH!



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