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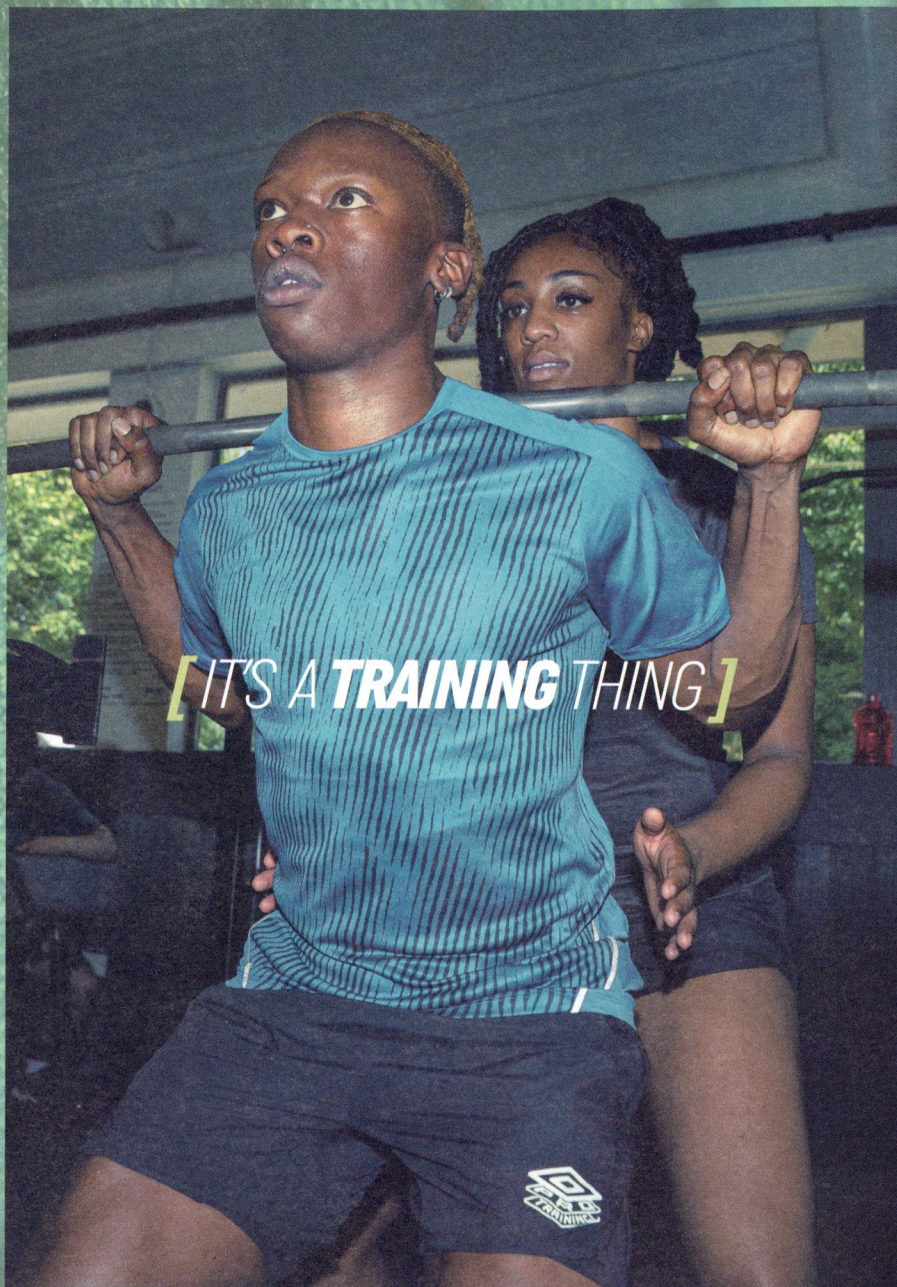


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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR OUR SECOND HOME GAME OF THE WEEK AGAINST SWANSEA CITY.

The midweek game against Millwall was bitter-sweet. The lads were slightly flat in the dressing room after the game, but despite the disappointment of certain decisions that went against us, we have to take pride in the quality, patience, grit and determination we showed as a group to come from two goals down to get a point.

Your part in the comeback cannot be underestimated either, as you stayed right with us even at 2-0 down. We wouldn't expect anything else, like you wouldn't expect anything else other than strong character and plenty of resilience on display from a group of players who leave everything out there.

We knew before the match that Millwall are a very strong side under Gary Rowett, but once again I was pleased with our ability to compete against a team who are rightly promotion contenders, and arguably on another day we could have taken all three points. I don't think anyone watching, either here or at home on Sky, would argue if we had.

Eli had got us back into the game with that really difficult finish, one he executed brilliantly as everyone seemed to be

thinking the chance had gone with the goalkeeper's save onto the bar from Cody's effort.

Then I was so pleased for Luke Berry to get the equaliser. It was great to have Sonny back on the bench, and we could have maintained our shape by bringing him on when we lost Gabe to injury. But we wanted to get goals on the pitch and over the years, Bez has proved he can come up with important ones at all levels for this club. Although he's not been on the pitch as much as he'd like, he has been brilliant around the place for us from the moment we came in.

The performance levels from Coventry onwards have been really pleasing for us as a coaching staff, and we want to make sure we get what we deserve as we head into our final 12 league matches, because we are firmly in the mix.

Today's game will pose a completely different challenge against a possession-based Swansea City side. I had a spell playing with Russell Martin at Norwich more than ten years ago now, and I'm not surprised he's taken to management as well as he has. We welcome Russ, his staff and everyone who has made the long journey up from south Wales this afternoon.

I've said it before, and I won't hold back from saying it again. Your support has been amazing since myself, Richie and Trolls came into the club and Tuesday night was another great example of that. We could feel you sucking the ball into the net as that second half went on.

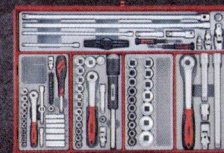
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello and welcome to my first programme message of 2023. We are in the third month of a year and what a year 2023 is promising to be!

Under Rob Edwards our team is going from strength to strength and playing great football in a style which we are all enjoying watching. They haven't got the results their excellent play has deserved over the last few weeks, with that again being the case on Tuesday night when our dominance against Millwall was worth much more than a point.

The good thing, much like this time last year, is our club are once again challenging for a top six finish and have our destiny in our own hands. We are confident under our excellent, relatively new management team, that we will push on over the last 12 games and achieve that goal of a top six finish where we all hope we get to go better than last season.

2023 has already been busy for the Trust as we have been involved with the Fair Game group who are looking at the sustainability and the future of football. Being involved in initiatives and with groups such as this, as well as giving presentations to the fan-led review previous to that, are extremely important to us and we will continue to put the views of our members forward and ensure that supporter views are taken into account and listened to as football prepares to undergo major change.

2023 is also the 20th anniversary of the Luton Town Supporters' Trust. Originally created as Trust in Luton to oust a certain John Gurney from our club, so much has gone on in the last two decades. We will be announcing celebration events in due course to mark the anniversary as well as various things which highlight what the Trust has achieved in its first 20 years as an organisation.

I'm extremely proud of my board members who are working very hard behind the scenes to keep moving the Trust forward in all different avenues, with the constant aim of representing our members to the best of our ability. That will continue for

the rest of this season and many more to come.

Enjoy the game today. Be loud and proud and cheer the boys on to a valuable three points.

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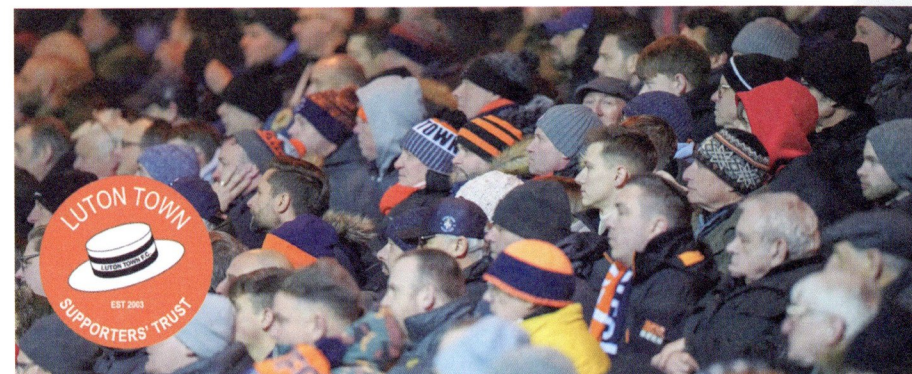
Tony

PODCAST

Kev and the guys have continued their popular podcast throughout 2023 so far. The podcast is monthly with the March edition dropping next week. While you wait for that to be available, Kev caught up with Town star Alfie Doughty ahead of the Birmingham City trip last weekend to get his thoughts on a whole range of things, not least the push for the top six and how the versatile player has settled in at Luton. Links to listen to that episode and all others can be found on our website.

EVENTS

We are in the final stages of putting together our calendar of events for 2023. The next one will be the Presentation Evening where we will find out who succeeds Kal Naismith as the Player of the Season as well as multiple other awards which will be awarded on the evening. We aim to announce the date for that this coming week and tickets



will go on sale shortly after. Members will have a priority booking period but we do expect the evening to sell out quite quickly, so keep your eyes on our website and socials for full details when they are announced.

SOLYD

SoLYD is now under the LTST umbrella and we are delighted to announce that over the last few months over £1,000 was raised courtesy of a World Cup sweepstake game run by Simon Pitts. We also raised over £500 hosting raffles and auctions during two pre-match hospitality events ahead of the two home FA Youth Cup matches in 2023. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has contributed to those totals.

Remember, SoLYD supports the future of our club so if you would like to make a donation and play your own part in making a difference to our future you can do so via the link on our website.

CHARITY

Everyone at LTST was saddened to hear of the passing of the Beds Prostate Can-

cer Support Group chairman Brian Webb just prior to Christmas. Members of the Trust board attended Brian's funeral.

BPCSG remain our charity of the season for the remainder of the campaign and we will continue to raise awareness of this wonderful group over that period. They held a bucket collection prior to the Stoke City match last month which raised £1,008.20. Thank you to everyone who contributed to that total.

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If you are not already a member of the Trust there is still the chance to join and enjoy the many benefits that come with being a member of LTST. If you are already a member but can't remember when your renewal is due you can sign up to have your membership fee paid by direct debit which will automatically come out of your bank account when your renewal is due.

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"I said to the lads, because they're a bit flat in the dressing room, to pick their heads up and say come on, that's a really good point. Give a team like that a head-start and if someone offered me a 2-2 draw at the end, then I would have taken it, we all would have."

ROB EDWARDS



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Lions: Long; McNamara, Cresswell, Cooper, Wallace; Leonard (Watmore 88'), Honeyman, Shackleton (Evans 76'), Voglsammer (Malone 83'), Flemming (Burke 83'); Bradshaw (Hutchinson 76').

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LT - Adebayo 58', Berry 87'
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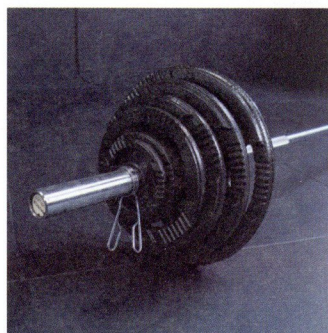
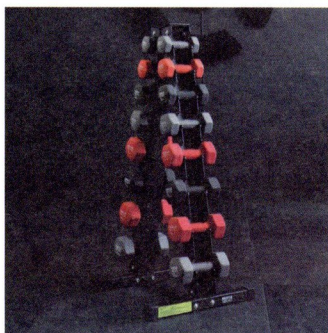
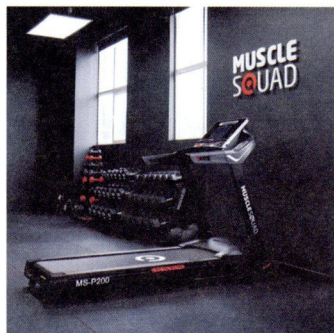
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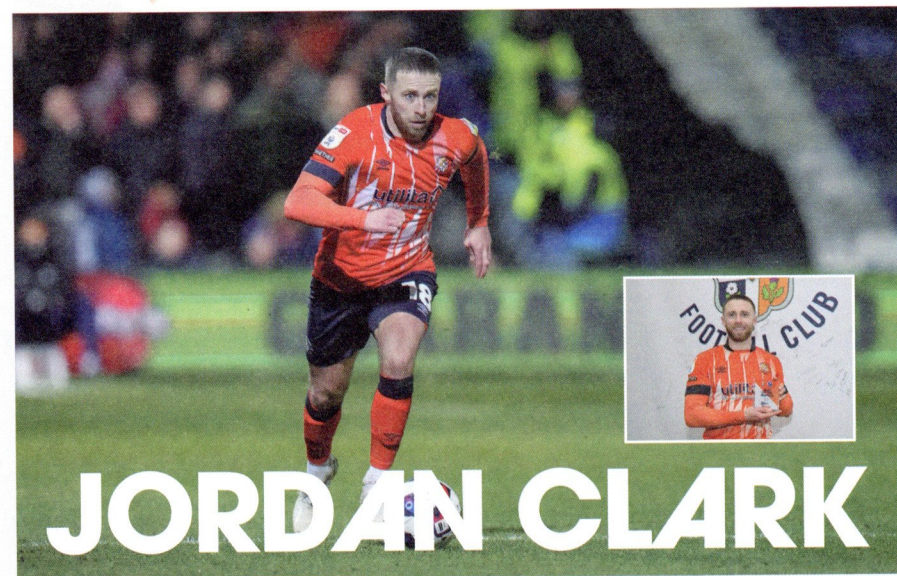
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JORDAN CLARK

Hatters midfielder Jordan Clark was voted man of the match in the 2-2 midweek draw with Millwall by both match sponsors Toureen Group and Sky Sports.

Interviewed by the broadcaster immediately after the game alongside second goalscorer Luke Berry, the 29-year-old was asked if Town had got what they deserved with the second-half comeback from 2-0 down.

"Yes, I felt we were the better side," replied Clark. "Credit to Millwall, they are up there for a reason. They've been good all season. We know what they are good at, and obviously giving them an early goal is what they want, because they are a very good, organised team. I thought we deserved more, but maybe it was a fair result in the end."

Replays showed that the Hatters should have had a penalty in the first half when Clark got to the ball ahead of Ryan Leonard, with the Millwall man clearly connecting with the Yorkshireman's foot, before the Lions' second goal soon into the second half came amid correct claims for offside by Town defenders.

"I thought it was definite penalty," said Clark. "I felt contact and sometimes you get them, sometimes you don't. If he's offside (for the goal), he's offside. It's disappointing to hear, but the reaction is good and obviously bringing this man (Berry) on, you know what you're going to get from him. I'm delighted for him as well."

On the significance of not losing the game to a rival for a play-off place, Clark added: "Yes, it's massive at this time of the season. Obviously we want to win the game but when you're behind, you don't want to lose the game, so we'll take a point."

"We're a point better off and it takes us a bit further away from the teams who are just below us, so it's a massive point and we go again on Saturday."

MILLWALL REACTION

On the pitch or supporting from the bench, midfielder Luke Berry said that he 'loves playing for Luton Town' after scoring a dramatic late equaliser against fellow play-off contenders Millwall on Tuesday night.

The midfielder scored his third goal of the campaign in the 87th minute with a left-footed drive from outside the area, which now means his efforts have directly earned five points for the team – having scored the winner against Blackpool and securing a point against Rotherham and now the Lions.

"It was important for us to get the point because I thought we played really well," Berry admitted shortly after the full-time whistle. "We didn't take shots and our chances when we needed to. I've heard now that their second goal is offside, which is a bit unfortunate, and maybe we could have had a penalty. At the very least, I thought we deserved a point.

"It seemed like we were on top looking like the better team. It's funny when you're 2-0 down, you think your miles off it, but we weren't.

"Our last two home games – Burnley and tonight – I think we've been really good. We've only picked up the one point, but the points will come if we keep on playing how we're playing."

The 30-year-old replaced the injured Gabe Osho in a positive change on the night and boss Rob Edwards reaped the rewards.

"A few of the lads to be fair were saying 'you're going to get a goal here', and then Rob said 'go and make an impact and get a goal', and thankfully I did.

"There were chances in the game before I was on where we could have got a shot off, but we took an extra touch or made another pass, so I thought if I got into a position, I would have a go and luckily it went in."

On a personal note, it was the 11th time Berry has come off the bench in the Championship this season and the former Barnsley man is keen to continue making an impression where he can.

"I have been fit for quite a lot this season, just haven't been getting the minutes I would have wanted. When I come on, I just need to make an impact and if I keep doing that, I'm sure I will get a start and more minutes, so hopefully I can.

"When I come on, I need to impact the game and if I don't score, try and put a positive performance in for the team and if I can do that, eventually I will get some starts and bigger minutes in the tank."

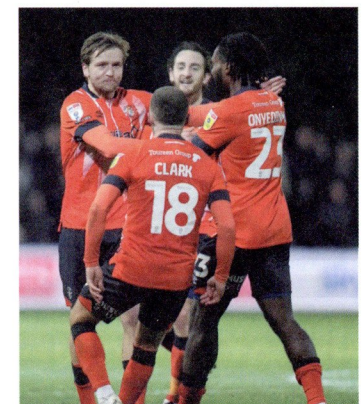
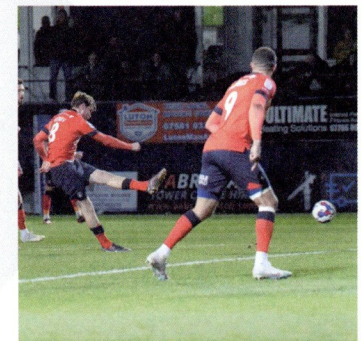
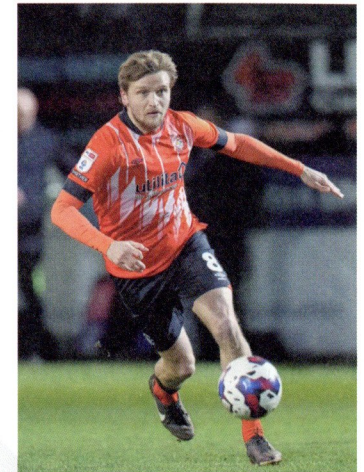
The emotion on his face after netting the all-important equaliser was evident for all to see, the first he has scored under the new boss.

"It was a big one. I feel like sometimes I'm coming on and getting half-chances. It's just one of those where I have been working hard on the training pitch as well, so it was a big one personally, my first goal under Rob as well so it's just to show I can do it, I can score goals.

"I've got three or four really good players in front of me. Clicker is doing brilliantly, Pelly is brilliant at what he does. Allan Campbell was probably one of our best players last season. You've got Freeman who is injured, but he's a really strong player. You have Marv, it's probably our strongest area. It's understandable but I want to be playing as well."

Now into his sixth season as a Luton player, the midfielder - who has amassed over 150 appearances for the club - shared just how much it means to represent the club out on the pitch.

"I'm not a hard person to motivate. I like it when we're winning. On Saturday I didn't play but I'm buzzing we're winning, doing well and pushing up the table. I'm not going to get all stroppy and moody, I love playing for Luton when I do. I love training and trying to get minutes. It's not something I get moody about, I love playing for this club so when I do, I just want to do well."



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THEIR TOWN



By Zac Neal

Today, our opposition is Swansea City, a club founded in 1912 and who are currently under the management of Russell Martin, the former Norwich City defender who left Milton Keynes Dons to take charge of the Swans on the eve of the 2021-22 season.

The Swans have had some success in recent years as they spent the best part of a decade in the Premier League. They were promoted as play-off winners in 2011 and they spent seven years in the top-flight before returning to the Championship in 2018. They also won the League Cup in the 2013/14 season, the first Welsh club to do so, after they beat Bradford City 5-0 at Wembley.

Thanks to this, they had a European adventure making it to the Europa League round of 32, drawing 0-0 with Napoli in the first leg before losing 3-1 in the return.

The Hatters have left the Swansea.com Stadium with all three points on their last two visits to south Wales, this season's victory coming with a perfect away performance as goals from Allan Campbell and Carlton Morris, with his first for the club, ensured a first three points of the season.

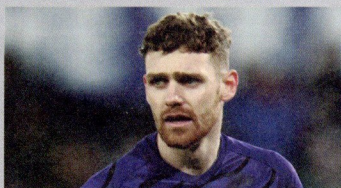
Swansea drew 1-1 with Rotherham United on Monday night to end a run of two successive defeats. Joel Piroe put the hosts ahead, but Chidozie Ogbene equalised for the Millers to earn a point. City have only won one of their last seven matches, a 2-1 home win over Blackpool in mid-February, and arrive in Bedfordshire in 15th – 11 points behind Town in the final play-off position.

Jacks fans will have fond memories of their last visit to Kenilworth Road, however, as they came from three goals down in the opening 23 minutes (Luke Berry netting first before Elijah Adebayo grabbed a brace) to draw 3-3 with goals from Callum Paterson, Olivier Ntcham and Piroe.



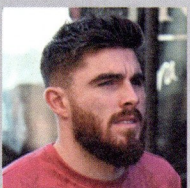
RUSSELL MARTIN

MANAGER | Staying in England for the duration of his playing career, Martin began his career with Lewes, before moving across the country to play for teams such as Wycombe, Peterborough, Norwich, Rangers, Walsall and MK Dons. The defender made a total of 509 career club appearances, scoring 25 times, and won 29 Scotland caps. He ended his playing days at Milton Keynes in 2019 and took charge as manager there in November that year, before leaving in July 2021 for Swansea.



ANDY FISHER

GK | After beginning his youth career in Blackburn's academy, Fisher went out on loan to FC United of Manchester, where he made 13 appearances, then Northampton and MK Dons. After a season-long loan without making an appearance, he signed on a permanent contract with them in October 2020 and went onto play 62 times before following manager Russell Martin to Swansea last January. The 25-year-old has since made 35 appearances for the Swans.

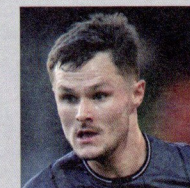



RYAN MANNING

DEF | Republic of Ireland international Manning started his career in his home country, playing for Mervue Academy, before signing a pro contract with them. In 2014/15, Manning joined Galway United, making 21 appearances. The 26-year-old earned himself a move to QPR, playing 87 times over five years. During his time there, he was sent out on loan to Rotherham, before making a move to City in October 2020. The left-back is now closing in on a century of Swans appearances.

LIAM CULLEN

ONE TO WATCH | 23-year-old Cullen played for Swansea's youth from 2007 to 2018. He made his way into the U18s first, then the 21s, before making his Swans first team debut in 2018. He has played 48 times so far, netting seven times along the way. Swansea loaned Cullen out to Lincoln in January last year. He played 20 times scoring, scoring once. On his return to Swansea, Cullen has emerged as a key player, scoring six times in 21 appearances this season from midfield.






SWANSEA CITY AFC

IN FOCUS

BY DAN BRIARD





OLIVIER NTCHAM

MID | Starting his youth career at Paris FC, Ntcham signed for Le Havre before making a breakthrough move to Manchester City. He played in City's U18s and 21s when in July 2015, he was loaned out to Genoa. Making 37 appearances in Italy, he was then loaned to Celtic the season after, making a name for himself in Scotland before he was signed on loan by Marseille, only playing four times. Upon returning to Celtic, he joined Swansea in 2021.

JOEL PIROE

ATT | Now one of the Championship's most prolific goal scorers, Piroe started his career in his home country, Holland. His junior career began at Feyenoord in 2013/14, before signing for PSV where he continued his development in the academy before making his senior debut in 2019. That August he was loaned out to Sparta Rotterdam, where he made 18 appearances, scoring twice. The 23-year-old was signed by Swansea in 2021 and has since scored 33 goals in 75 appearances.



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

Born in Kirkby, Merseyside in September 1949, Phil signed professional forms for Liverpool in September 1968, and, mainly from a midfield position, helped the Reds to lift the League Championship and UEFA Cup in 1972/73 before moving to Middlesbrough for £72,000 in December 1975 when his Anfield appearances became less frequent.

Luton Town manager Harry Haslam lost out to Boro that time, but eventually got his man in August 1977 in exchange for £35,000. A quick and skilful player, Phil netted some memorable goals for the Hatters, none more so than the diving header which saw off Brighton in front of the 'Match of the Day' cameras in December 1977.

After one season with Luton, new manager David Pleat transferred Phil to Swansea, where a broken ankle ended his career.

Becoming a physio and coach under his old team-mate John Toshack at Vetch Field, he then moved on to assist, in a similar position, his old Middlesbrough pal Graeme Souness at Rangers, Southampton, Blackburn and Newcastle.

FIRST GAME: LUTON TOWN 1 ORIENT 0. 20/8/1977

Missing several first team players who were still out in the USA playing 'summer soccer', the Town put out a patchwork team against an Orient side who came for a point.

The Hatters huffed and puffed and it took a defender, Steve Buckley, to break the deadlock on 52 minutes before Orient came out of their shell and put the Luton defence under some pressure.

Phil Boersma, after missing a reasonable first half chance, limped off after 62 minutes with a hamstring strain.

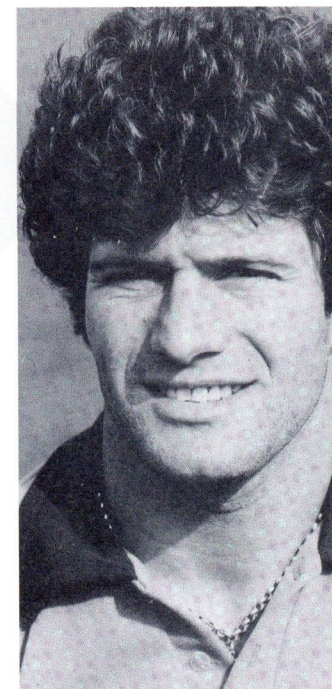
LAST GAME: BURNLEY 2 LUTON TOWN 1. 29/4/1978

In an end of season dead rubber Godfrey Ingram fires the Town into the lead with his first League goal on 35 minutes before Paul Futchter heads into his own net a minute later.

Burnley go ahead after the interval but the Hatters are denied a point when late substitute Phil Boersma beats full-back Derek Scott for pace before sending in a cross which the defender dives to put out of play with his hands. The referee awards a corner!

FIRST AND LAST

**PHIL
BOERSMA**



HATTERS TALES

WITH ROGER WASH
CLUB HISTORIAN

Jimmy Husband hammers in the first goal following a free-kick routine.



A SEVEN GOAL THUMPING OF CHARLTON

It was certainly a hectic close season for the Town players in the summer of 1977, with the squad embarking on a 33,000 mile round trip to tour the USA, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Fiji.

The party travelled from Heathrow to Los Angeles and then to St Louis, where the local side was beaten 3-2. From the sunny States it was on to New Zealand, where it was the middle of winter, and three wins were recorded out of four games. On then to humid New Caledonia and Fiji where three further games

were played and won. It was a tired party that eventually arrived back on these shores after what must have been one of the longest tours in football history, and after very little respite it was back to pre-season training ready for another determined tilt at the Division Two (now Championship) title.

Pre-season training was hindered by the absence of three first-team players, Paul Price, Alan West and Ron Futcher, who were all enjoying a summer playing in the USA and who were not due back until the English season had started.

Only Phil Boersma, a £35,000 signing from Middlesbrough, was added to the squad and it was a severely depleted team that entertained Arsenal in a prestige pre-season friendly at Kenilworth Road. The game attracted a reasonable crowd of

6,300, many of whom had turned up to see the debut of Pat Jennings in the Arsenal goal, and they were pleasantly surprised by a fighting Town performance that earned the players a well deserved draw.

Orient were the visitors to Kenilworth Road for the first League game of the season, and with Futcher, Price and West still absent, Graham Jones, Tim Smith and David Carr were drafted into the side. A crowd of 8,061 turned up to see the makeshift line-up and although the record books show that the Town won 1-0 courtesy of a second half goal from full-back Steve Buckley, the scoreline was rather unfair on the 'O's who had their chances to take both points.

With West and Price back in this country and included in the squad for the following week's trip to Oldham the team had a more familiar look about it. But if the Town were lucky against Orient, fortune evened itself out very quickly as the 1-0 defeat at Boundary Park was an injustice and, to add insult to injury, Paul Futcher was ordered off for a foul.

Ron Futcher was next to return and a full-strength Luton side went to First Division (now Premier League) Wolves for a League Cup tie and came back having secured a fine 3-1 win with goals from Jim Husband, Boersma and substitute Carr.

It was therefore a confident Luton side that was to welcome Charlton to Kenilworth Road in the next League game. Gary Heale was called up for his debut in place of the injured Boersma, and a crowd of 9,061 settled down to watch a first half that gave no real hint of the fireworks to come.

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Ricky Hill thunders in the third goal.

After dominating the opening period the Town took the lead after 20 minutes when Husband scored following a well worked free-kick routine and, ten minutes later, Buckley, who was fast earning a goalscoring reputation, was on hand to fire home an unstoppable shot to put the Town two-up.

From the way the first half had gone the Luton supporters were obviously hoping for another couple of goals to secure a sound victory, but the second period saw the Town attack in unstoppable form, leaving Charlton goalkeeper Jeff Wood shell shocked and the Valiants defence all over the place.

Ricky Hill put the Hatters three goals to the good on the hour with a long shot, then Husband scored a fourth soon after, working his way through the Charlton defence. Heale made it a debut to remember by heading home number five before Husband made it a personal tally of four when scoring from a penalty that trickled over the line and then heading in a John Faulkner cross.

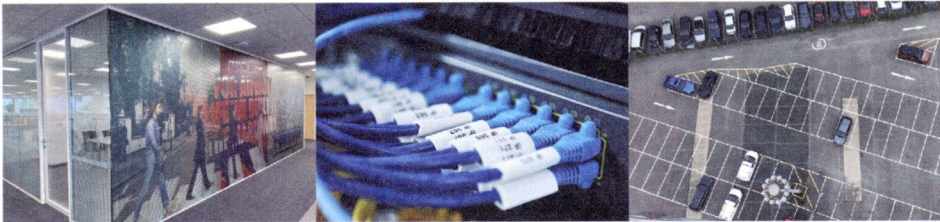
Charlton scored a consolation in the final minute when Mike Flanagan beat Luton goalkeeper Milija Aleksic from the spot.

A disconsolate Charlton goalkeeper Jeff Wood said afterwards: "When the penalty was awarded with Luton already five up, I asked the ref which was the quickest way out of the ground. I have now conceded 13 goals in four games against Luton." He then added: "Everything we did this afternoon went completely wrong and this type of defeat is particularly hard to swallow."



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Goal hero Jimmy Husband put his form to the Town's exhausting close season tour. "It did me the world of good. I don't believe a long summer lay-off does anyone any good and I think I proved my point today"

Husband was given the match ball as, in the words of Manager Harry Haslam, "He has had it all afternoon so he might as well keep it."

All the Charlton manager Andy Nelson would say as he hurried from the ground was that he was "(expletive deleted) ashamed."

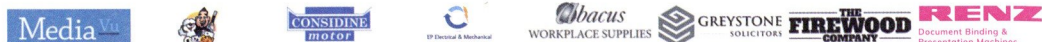
Jimmy Husband slots home the fourth.



Gary Heale's looping header puts the Hatters five-up.



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After a spell of around six years, it is with a heavy heart that I must step down as the chair of the Luton Town Disabled Supporters Association (LTDSA).

I feel the time is now right to hand over the reins of what started as a bit of a rant about buying some tickets for an away fixture at Barnet, that eventually led to the formation of the LTDSA and my placement as the first chair!

A subsequent meeting with Gary Sweet to talk about this and what the aims and objectives would be, was only met with huge support and the rest, as they say, is history. The club made the necessary resource required to set things in motion, available and off we went!

Forming a committee of like-minded people for me, has been a delight and I am pleased to say most of those good people still serve the committee and the disabled supporters of the club fantastically well.

It is with a heavy heart that I step down, however, I have so many things going on in my life that I feel I am unable to allocate the energy and commitment that this role fully needs and deserves. Over the six years or so, we can be proud of what we have achieved as a group. With a fantastic working relationship with the club, the DSA have implemented an easier eligibility process for disabled supporters to obtain match day tickets. We have implemented 'Hatters-Vision' a live audio feed into live commentary for supporters who are

visually impaired, both home and away.

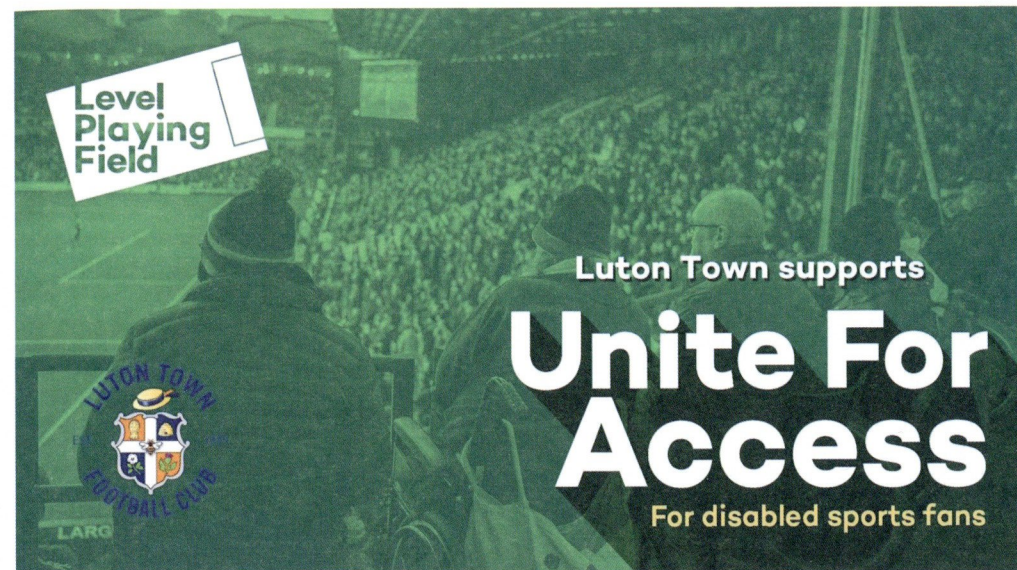
A whole host of 'small wins' around what is an aging ground to make the comfort levels of disabled supporters better. Working closely with other clubs' DSA's to provide and receive matchday information that is so vital for disabled supporters in their planning.

Being consulted on a number of occasions during varying stages of the planning process for the new stadium by the club and Gary in particular has been so welcomed and to have vital input at those stages is crucial and hugely appreciated by us as a group.

If you are a disabled supporter yourself, or an ally to a disabled supporter, please make contact with the club. They need you! – With the time ticking towards that new stadium, the DSA will play a major role around accessibility so it's a great time to get involved.

Take care. Kindest regards,

Richard Hill MBE



Hey, how are you doing? We hope you're enjoying the match!

We'd like to introduce ourselves. We are Level Playing Field, the leading charity in England and Wales campaigning and advocating on behalf of disabled sports fans.

Today, your club is using this match day to participate in our new national campaign, 'Unite For Access'. A celebration of disabled fans, accessibility, and inclusion at sports venues.

Did you know that an estimated 22% of the UK population are disabled?

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Quick question - how did you get to the game today? If you came by train, did you know that 40% of railway stations don't have step-free access? Meaning that if you're a wheelchair user or ambulant disabled, even getting to a match can be a considerable barrier to attending this game.

Talking of barriers, Level Playing Field conducted a survey last year which found that nearly 29% of disabled fans considered the 'Attitudes of others' to be a barrier when attending live sports.

We appreciate that talking about disability can be daunting sometimes, it's a complex subject matter. That's why we invite all supporters, disabled and non-disabled, to engage with your club, Disabled Supporters Association (DSA) if it has one, and ourselves, because it's not just down to disabled people to highlight the importance of access and inclusion at your club...

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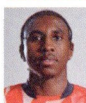
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LUTON LADIES

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Luton Ladies were in cup action again last weekend, this time in the League Cup. The Ladies were at home as they hosted familiar foes Bedford.

The Hatters started the game sharpest and only four minutes in, Jess McKay won a free-kick in a dangerous area but saw the Bedford keeper deal with it well.

Minutes later Leyah Maddix burst up the pitch with the ball, a counter attack from a Bedford corner, she then swivelled and put the ball across goal with the on-running Lil Sanders (pictured) missing it by a whisker.

As the half progressed Luton had chance after chance, both Adi Milton and Shanice Lewis causing problems out wide. Luton finally converted 22 minutes in, a great shot from captain McKay that clattered in off the bar!

The Luton skipper then went on to take a penalty, won by Leyah Maddix, but failed to convert, putting her shot just wide of the post.

However, this didn't deter the ladies and just before the half-time whistle they scored another, substitute Fi Constable converting directly from her corner as she whipped a fast curling ball in to the back post.

In to the second half and the ladies started as they had

finished the first, well on top. In the 61st minute they found a third when joint top goal scorer Sanders burst away from her defender and in to the box, slotting low past the keeper.

But she wasn't done there, only two minutes later substitute Shakeela Hussain worked the ball to the edge of the box and provided a great assist to Sanders, who proceeded to smash her shot high past the keeper and into the net for number four.

From there on in it was plain sailing for the ladies, who rode the game out, claiming another clean sheet and have their name back in the hat for the next round!

Player of the match was awarded to Leyah Maddix for her superb performance, proving very versatile as she covered 3 different positions over the 90 minutes.

The Ladies are back league action tomorrow as they make the long journey to Ipswich to face Needham Market.

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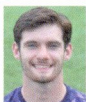
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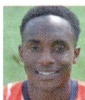
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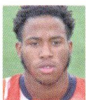
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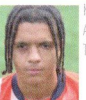
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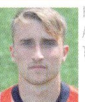
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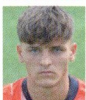
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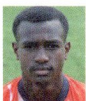
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ACADEMY UPDATE

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Good afternoon all, and welcome back to the Kenny for another afternoon of Championship football.

The Academy season is heading towards its final throws now as the league and cups come into the critical times.

The U18s were presented with their league winners trophy and medals in front of a packed Kenny last weekend and as a result of topping the table, they are now competing in Merit League One for the remainder of the season. This sees the top six teams from the South-East League, and the top five teams from the South West League, come together to see who will be crowned the Merit League winners.

The U18s got off to a good start by beating Cambridge United 3-2 last weekend with goals from Jayden Luker, Millar Matthews-Lewis and Oli Lynch.

Following on from the U18s success this season, the U16s were also crowned champions of their EFL Youth Alliance South East League as Craig Alcock's team amassed an impressive eight wins and one defeat from their nine fixtures, which saw them pip Gillingham to the title by two points.

The boys will be presented with their trophy and medals on the pitch at half-time during the Easter Monday fixture against Blackpool.

The U17s and U15s are also competing in their respective

**DALE
BRUNTON**
Academy Operations
Manager



Floodlit Cup competitions which are still in the group stages. The U17s currently sit top of their group with one game still to be played, while the U15s are also in contention to qualify for the next round.

The opportunity for the boys to compete in fixtures is vitally important for their development, which is why the Academy strives to enter all age groups into as many competitive fixtures as possible to increase the amount of high pressure match moments that they are exposed to.

This will continue for the U21s on Tuesday night (March 7th) when they head to Bedford Town for the semi-final of the Beds Senior Cup.

Kick-off at The Eyrrie is 7.45pm and all support for the lads is welcome as they look to reach a final that will be held here at Kenilworth Road.

GETTING TO KNOW...

JACK LORENTZEN-JONES

Age: 16

Position: Attacking midfielder

Where are you from?

Bedford. I was born in Northampton.

Which junior teams did you play for?

I played for Bromham and Luton, that's it. I started at five-years-old at Bromham and it was always football from the start.

Which team do you support?

I support Luton.

What age did you join Luton?

I joined Luton at the age of eight after playing for my local team.

How did you join the club?

I believe it was during a community event at my school, Bromham Primary School. Anyone could come along and play and I got spotted for the Centre of Excellence, then I did well there and got signed for the academy.

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

I would say my dad. He has supported me the whole way through and trusted me on my path, so I would say him.

Who is your footballing hero?

Definitely Eden Hazard. I love the way he plays, on the ball he's great. In the Luton team currently, I would say Jordan Clark is someone I look up to. He plays similar to how I play and I think he's a very influential player.



What has been the highlight of your career so far?

It's one that everyone says but I have to say getting my scholarship. It was a big achievement for me, so I would say that. Also, the FA Youth Cup run this season was really good. I got some minutes off the bench and I thought I did pretty well, so hopefully I can get some more next year.

What are your hopes for the future?

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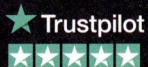
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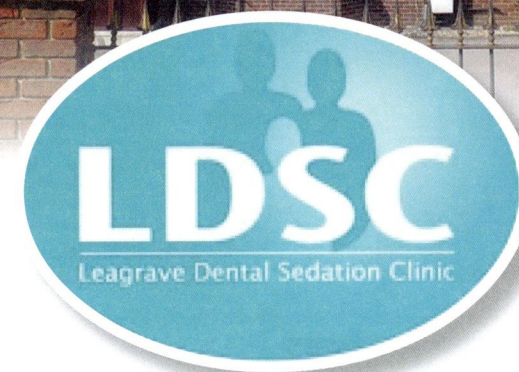
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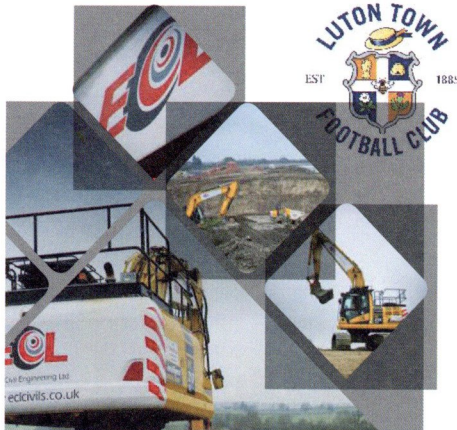
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The boys have been excellent during February and have shown great spirit and togetherness. I think that culminated in the game against Millwall, fighting back from 2-0 down.

I'm so pleased for the Bezmeister scoring, and I think it shows the lads' desire and team spirit in that despite losing characters from the squad, they have embraced Cody, Marv, Joe, Jack and still produced quality performances.

I must wish Ed McJannet good luck with his Italian experience. When he heard about an Italian side, he thought it was garlic bread in the canteen.

Injury wise we have been busy, but let's start with positives. Sonny is back in the matchday squad and Henri is training with the squad. We hope to see Burkey back involved today.

James Shea has been back in involved and playing Development games. Apparently making saves. Obviously a better rehab than we thought.

Well done Glen Rea. After a second half debut for Cheltenham at Pompey he played 60 minutes at Derby and picked up the usual yellow card. Once they appear, you know he is back.

Potsy has a hamstring strain but is in the gym. Luke Freeman continues his rehab on grass.

The good news was that Carlton survived the horror tackle and despite discomfort, declared himself fit. I remember

Specsavers sponsoring Scottish Officials. Maybe they would consider the Championship after recent tackles, penalties and offsidess.

The spirit of the squad is there to be seen, especially now, with the introduction of the Dartboard. There has been some tense encounters that have seen the Number 1 slot claimed by Jordan "The Archer" Clark. There has been 501, 301, Cricket and Killer. The last time I made a 180, it was the bus home from the pub.

We have had lots of birthdays: Super Darren Cook, James Redden, the legend that was Danny Hylton and one I must mention, Adrian Forbes. No mention of age but let's say an all-nighter now is not a disco, but the fact he got through the night without going to the toilet.

Also, happy birthday Kev Dearden for Wednesday.

Finally, a huge thanks for your support home and away in recent weeks. It's been incredible and appreciated by all the players and staff. Keep it going.

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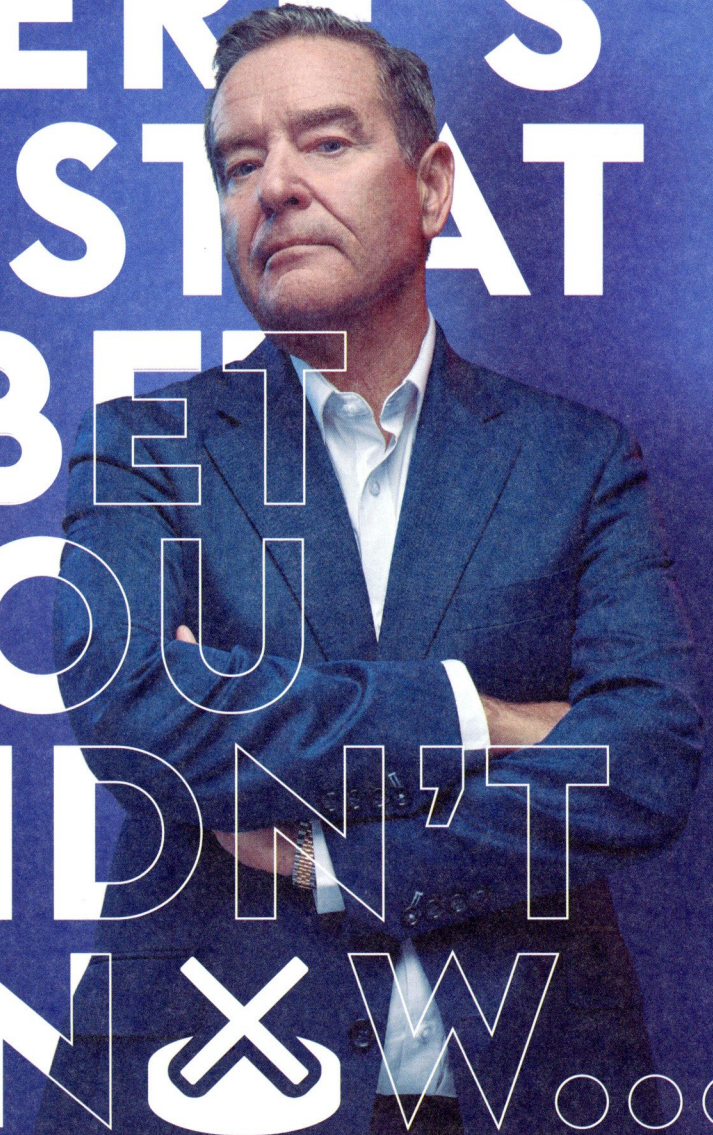
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1	Burnley	34	22	10	2	68	28	40	76
2	Sheffield United	33	19	7	7	55	30	25	64
3	Middlesbrough	34	17	6	11	56	40	16	57
4	Blackburn Rovers	34	17	4	13	38	38	0	55
5	Millwall	34	15	9	10	43	35	8	54
6	Luton Town	34	14	12	8	42	34	8	54
7	Norwich City	34	15	7	12	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	Coventry City	34	13	10	11	37	34	3	49
11	West Bromwich Albion	33	13	9	11	44	36	8	48
12	Preston North End	34	12	10	12	30	38	-8	46
13	Bristol City	33	11	11	11	43	41	2	44
14	Reading	33	13	5	15	38	48	-10	44
15	Swansea City	34	11	10	13	47	51	-4	43
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	34	8	13	13	37	46	-9	37
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



WELCOME TO LTFC, MILLIE!

Proud parents Mark & Camilla would like to introduce Millie Margaret Turner, born on the 11th February 2023 to Luton Town FC.

Millie's great grandfather is Hatters legend and record goal scorer Gordon Turner, who would be so proud of the newest addition to our family. We can't wait to bring Millie to her first match and cheer on the team from the Kenny with her father Mark and grandfather Michael Turner, who are season ticket holders.

Good luck to all the players and staff for today's game, let's get the 3 points!! COYH

HAPPY 70TH STEPHEN!

We would like to wish a happy birthday to lifelong Hatters fan Stephen Janes, who turns 70 on 14 March and is celebrating today in Box 1 with his wife Lesley, sons Keith, Matt and Jono and grandsons Harry and Elliot.

Stephen follows the Hatters home and away and is hoping for nothing more for his birthday than a Luton Town win and three more big points to mark the occasion. Have a great day, Stephen.





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The Government has released its White Paper into Football Governance – effectively its plans for football reform.

Make no mistake this is a massive moment for our National Game, but what does it mean to Luton Town Football Club?

We all want success on the pitch, but sadly we can't all win every week. But what we can do is build a better future for football – one that ensures you can be proud in everything your club's shirt stands for, safe in the knowledge that your club's history and traditions will be secure for generations to come.

It doesn't take a genius to realise there is a problem in the Game. At the top of the pyramid, clubs are spending more than they earn on players' wages, encouraging well-run clubs to overspend just to compete. The consequence is clear. Clubs will disappear.

In 2020, before the pandemic AND the cost-of-living crisis, 62% of clubs in the top four divisions were technically insolvent. Yet, in 2021, a club getting relegated from the Premier League got £44m in parachute payments – that's more than the Premier League gave to all of the clubs in League One, League Two, the National League, the National League North, the National League South and the top two divisions of the women's game put together. One club getting more than 164 others.

And of course in the recent transfer window Premier League clubs spent £812m.

Football needs a culture change, and we need fairer financial flow in football.

The current proposals suggest that financial flow should be decided by the Premier League and the EFL. But if that is the case there is a huge risk that clubs not in receipt of parachute payments in the Championship, and clubs in League One,

League Two, the National League, the National League North and the National League South will lose out.

We all know the Premier League should give more to the rest of the pyramid, but they don't want to. And over 70% of what they do give goes on parachute payments – clubs getting rewarded for being relegated from the Premier League.

Meanwhile, the EFL are hamstrung by their articles of association, which stipulate that revenue from the Premier League must be split 80:12:8 between the Championship, League One and League Two.

Those articles can only change if the clubs vote for it. But the current voting structure means Championship clubs have a controlling say.

In short, where is the voice for lower league clubs in those negotiations?

Fairer financial flow will only come through independent oversight, with a remit to care about all of the pyramid.

The clubs at the bottom of the Championship need a voice, the clubs in League One and League Two need a voice, the clubs in the National League, the National League North and the National League South need a voice.

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In the next few weeks as football debates the Government's plans, we need to make sure our collective voice is heard.

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	2022-23 SEASON											CAREER		
	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL		CARDS			TOTAL		
	APPS		G	APPS		G	APPS		G			APPS		G
Elijah Adebayo	30	(2)	7	3	(1)	2	33	(3)	9	7	0	96		31
Amar'i Bell	32	(1)	1	4	(0)	0	36	(1)	1	1	1	83		2
Luke Berry	1	(11)	3	2	(2)	0	3	(13)	3	1	0	153		24
Sonny Bradley	9	(3)	0	0	(0)	0	9	(3)	0	3	0	168		0
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	31	(1)	2	2	(1)	1	33	(2)	3	4	0	102		8
Harry Cornick	7	(12)	1	2	(2)	1	9	(14)	2	1	0	235		38
Alfie Doughty	15	(3)	1	2	(2)	0	17	(5)	1	8	0	22		1
Cody Drameh	5	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0	5		0
Luke Freeman	9	(11)	2	0	(0)	0	9	(11)	2	2	0	20		2
Ethan Horvath	33	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	37	(0)	0	0	0	37		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	28	(0)	1	3	(1)	1	31	(1)	2	5	1	88		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	30	(3)	13	1	(3)	0	31	(6)	13	8	0	37		13
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	17	(4)	1	1	(3)	0	18	(7)	1	2	0	358		21
Admiral Muskwe	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0	26		2
Marevelous Nakamba	5	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	5	(1)	0	1	0	6		0
Fred Onyedinma	4	(9)	0	1	(1)	0	5	(10)	0	2	0	46		3
Gabriel Osho	15	(5)	1	4	(1)	0	19	(6)	1	3	2	52		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
Caulley Woodrow	3	(15)	1	4	(1)	1	7	(16)	2	1	0	26		2

THE LAST WORD

SIMON PITTS
IFOLLOW HATTERS COMMENTATOR



Today's article is about landmark appearances, as several players have reached a milestone in their Luton Town careers in recent weeks.

Luke Berry joined from Cambridge United in 2017, and on Tuesday 31st January made his 150th appearance for the Hatters, coming on as a substitute in the 1-0 win against Cardiff City.

Berry scored his first goal for the club against Stevenage, in just his 8th appearance, and went on to score two more in the match as he finished with a hat-trick in a 7-1 win! Two promotions in his first two seasons, as he went from League Two to the Championship in successive campaigns, and with 24 goals to his name Berry is yet to score in a Luton defeat!

Netting in 20 different games, including Tuesday's draw against Millwall, Berry is closing in on the record held by Stuart Fleetwood who scored 27 goals in 23 matches without defeat between September 2011 and November 2012.

This season Berry is averaging better than a goal a game, for minutes actually played in the Championship, with three goals from less than the equivalent of three games played!

Last Saturday saw three players all reach landmark appearances, with Reece Burke and Gabe Osho reaching 50 appearances, and Jordan Clark 100.

Burke was signed from Hull City in the summer of 2021 and made 32 appearances for the Hatters in his debut season, scoring twice in the FA Cup, including an early goal against Chelsea here at Kenilworth Road. His first Championship goal for the Hatters came in the 2-0 win against Blackburn Rovers in September, and then on his return from injury, after three months out, he scored a late winner at Huddersfield on New Year's Day.

Osho had joined Luton in November 2020 after being released by Reading the previous summer. After a month on loan at Yeovil, Osho made his debut for Luton, against his former Club, as the Hatters beat Reading 1-0 in the FA Cup. Another loan spell followed then as he joined Rochdale until the end of the season. There were 26 appearances in all competitions for Luton last season, and his first goal came this season in the 2-1 win at Cardiff City.

Jordan Clark was a free transfer from Accrington Stanley in the summer of 2020, and was Nathan Jones' first signing following the conclusion of the delayed Covid season.

Clark made an immediate impact, scoring in his second game for the Club, away at Reading in the League Cup, and then followed it up with the winning goal against Derby in the Championship the following Saturday. To complete the set of scoring in all competitions Clark netted a consolation at Stamford Bridge as the Hatters were beaten by Chelsea in the FA Cup.

His two goals last season also came in consecutive games, first at Kenilworth Road in the 2-1 defeat to Cardiff, and then in the 3-0 win at Blackpool the following weekend. He needs just one more goal this season to beat his debut season's tally of three as he's already netted against Huddersfield, Grimsby (FAC) and Middlesbrough.

Congratulations to all four players and here's hoping for many more appearances for the Hatters in the future.

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