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GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR TONIGHT'S SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURE WITH BRISTOL CITY.

I'd like to welcome Nigel Pearson, who is a vastly experienced and respected manager at this level, and everyone who has made the journey from Ashton Gate. That travelling party includes a familiar face tonight, and I know that you will all give Harry Cornick a warm welcome on his return to the Kenny.

Although I only worked with him for a short period of time, I quickly learned what a great lad Corns is and having played such a huge part in the club's rise from League Two to the Championship play-offs, he deserves every respect that comes his way.

As ever, I have to say a huge thank you to you for packing out this famous old ground once again when we hosted Swansea here a couple of weeks ago, and also to those who attended the Meet The Manager evening in the Eric Morecambe Lounge last week.

I can honestly say that the welcome myself, Richie and Trolls have received has been beyond anything we could have wished for, and when the passion I hear on a matchday from the stands is transferred into a couple of hours of fair, reasoned questioning in a more relaxed

environment, I can only drive home with an even more positive feeling about the club we are now part of.

It was a cracking evening at the end of a real feel-good day in which we'd announced that Jordan Clark had signed a new contract, and after Clicker and I had attended a Utilita Kids Cup event put on by the talented and tireless coaches who work for the academy and the Luton Town Community Trust.

At that tournament at Creasey Park I saw exactly what it means to young players who represent this great club, and I can tell you that feeling runs right up from the Under-11s on that occasion, to the boys who wear the badge out here under the lights tonight.

The 1,717 of you who were at Bramall Lane on Saturday saw that passion, determination and no little quality in a performance that underlined that these players deserve to be in the position they are. We've said all along that we want to be in the mix with five games to go, and the lads deserve all the credit for what they've done so far.

The only dampener on a brilliant afternoon was the injury suffered by Pelly, who has been outstanding for us both on and off the pitch. At the time of writing we don't know the full extent, but we are a family who look after each other, and I know that goes for you supporters too.

The backing we received was unbelievable and I thank you so much for the efforts you went to in difficult weather conditions to support the boys. We'll need you again tonight, so be loud and proud and let's keep building something special.

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**DAVID
WILKINSON**

Chairman



Good evening and a very warm welcome to you all, whether supporting us or tonight's visitors, Bristol City.

The Robins are having a very 'up and down' season, and being one of the few clubs who can't practically be involved either end of the table so early at the business-end of the season.

I'm sure, though, based on media reports they will be disappointed not to have done better despite, as their latest accounts show, they have been "giving it a go." However, they inflicted one of our only four away defeats this season back in August, when we put in one of our poorer performances, so let's hope we can even it out tonight.

We've had a few player exchanges between us over recent years, Joe Morrell, Freddie Hinds, Tyreeq Bakinson, plus Chris Martin and Jay DaSilva, albeit indirectly of course and not forgetting a couple of recent players who've taken the move west.

We were sorry to lose Harry Cornick and it'll be good to see him out there again tonight. We understand that it may still be the case that Kal Naismith is injured, which is disappointing as it would have good to welcome him back, too. I know some of you have noticed a bit of media comment recently about reasons for him leaving us. It's always gratifying to exceed people's expectations. Indeed, we've seen it all too many times over the last decade.

While we are on the subject of away form, it's the first time we have ever won so many away games in the second tier. It is fantastic that after 18 games we are sitting on top of the away table with ten wins and only four defeats and along with Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday have the most away points (34) in our respective divisions.

Those of you who saw Saturday's game against Sheffield United at Bramall Lane will have seen another exceptional performance and fantastic result. It's fascinating that the last time we won a league game in front of a bigger crowd (42,843) was at Manchester City in 1983 when Raddy Antic

scored the winner to keep us up and relegate City from the old First Division and Pleaty had his little jig in his iconic beige suit and shoes.

Those of you who were there on Saturday were magnificent and loud despite the sound deadening acoustic baffles dangling from the roof of the away stand. It seems an odd thing to do because I've always found you get a more vibrant atmosphere and home crowd response from a louder away end. After half-an-hour on Saturday, it may have been better for their team if they used them in the home end.

It is, of course, fantastic being where we are with ten games left, but I just can't stop looking back to all those decisions that have gone against us over the season so far and where we might then be. I know it achieves nothing, but it does tell us more about how we are doing. Magnificent.

We are all absolutely delighted that Jordan Clark has signed a contract extension (pictured). He is a joy to watch and an integral part of our squad.

Life has been a fraught with difficulties over recent years with Covid, Brexit and the economic downturn, but we hope everyone will see our ambition and potential with all that's in front of us – a new stadium, the hopeful levelling-up of the football pyramid and the chance to make the Premier League, with all that they entail.

The future isn't straight-forward and



you can see from our recently published accounts that it is simply not sustainable, as it is. But we are optimistic that changes will come and when they do, we will be beneficiaries. As it stands it is virtually impossible to compete at this level without making losses and needing the consequential investor support, which we minimise to a manageable level but it's still unsavoury.

Many clubs, particularly in the Championship without parachute payments, are struggling in an attempt to keep up with those that have. The advantage is clear and it is the exception to the rule that a club without parachute income gets promoted. Well-run clubs with larger fanbases, good infrastructure and a long-standing footballing heritage should always have an advantage. But doubling up on that advantage by gambling their parachute income at short-odds distorts the competition, even more ensuring an even less level playing field.

Congratulations to the U21s for beating Bedford Town 5-1 to reach the Beds Senior Cup Final against Biggleswade

at the Kenny on Tuesday 21st March at 7.30pm. If you get the chance, please come along. They are good to watch and playing in front of a crowd is great for their development and will give you a chance to cast an eye over some of our future prospects.

Following on from this we are delighted to have signed five of our title winning U18 squad to professional development contracts. Jacob Pinnington, Zack Nelson, Joe Johnson, Jayden Luker and Axel Piesold have already played in development games and their coaches have high hopes for them all. All bar Zack Nelson played for the u21s on Monday night, coming away with a 1-1 draw against Hitchin's first team, and I would expect some or all of them to feature in next Tuesday's Final.

Could I give another shout out for Hatters Heritage. They are close to having digitized our complete History and will then be planning our museum at Power court. They were able to do their initial work with support from the Lottery Heritage fund, but need funding to keep going so if you are able, please support them.

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– Audrey Hepburn.

Enjoy the game.

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David

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"It was a similar sort of game to Burnley, if you think how Burnley play and think we did that that night for 96, 97 minutes. Today it was a bit of a different way but that's fine, you've got to solve problems and we got over the line."

ROB EDWARDS



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Kenilworth Road – Sat 4th March 2023

Hatters: Horvath; Drameh, Osho, Lockyer (C), Bell, Doughty; Nakamba, Campbell, Clark (Taylor 90+5'); Morris (Mpanzu 81'), Adebayo (Woodrow 68').

Swans: Fisher; Cabango, Wood, Latibeaudiere, Sorinola (Cullen 68'), Allen (C) (Whittaker 45+3'), Fulton, Manning, Cundle (Walsh 68'), Cooper (Paterson 77'), Piroe.

Scorers:
Morris 39'

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"It's a really big win. I thought the lads were brilliant and you have to be if you are going to win here at Bramall Lane. It's a really difficult place to come. I thought first half we were the better team. We really quietened them down."

ROB EDWARDS



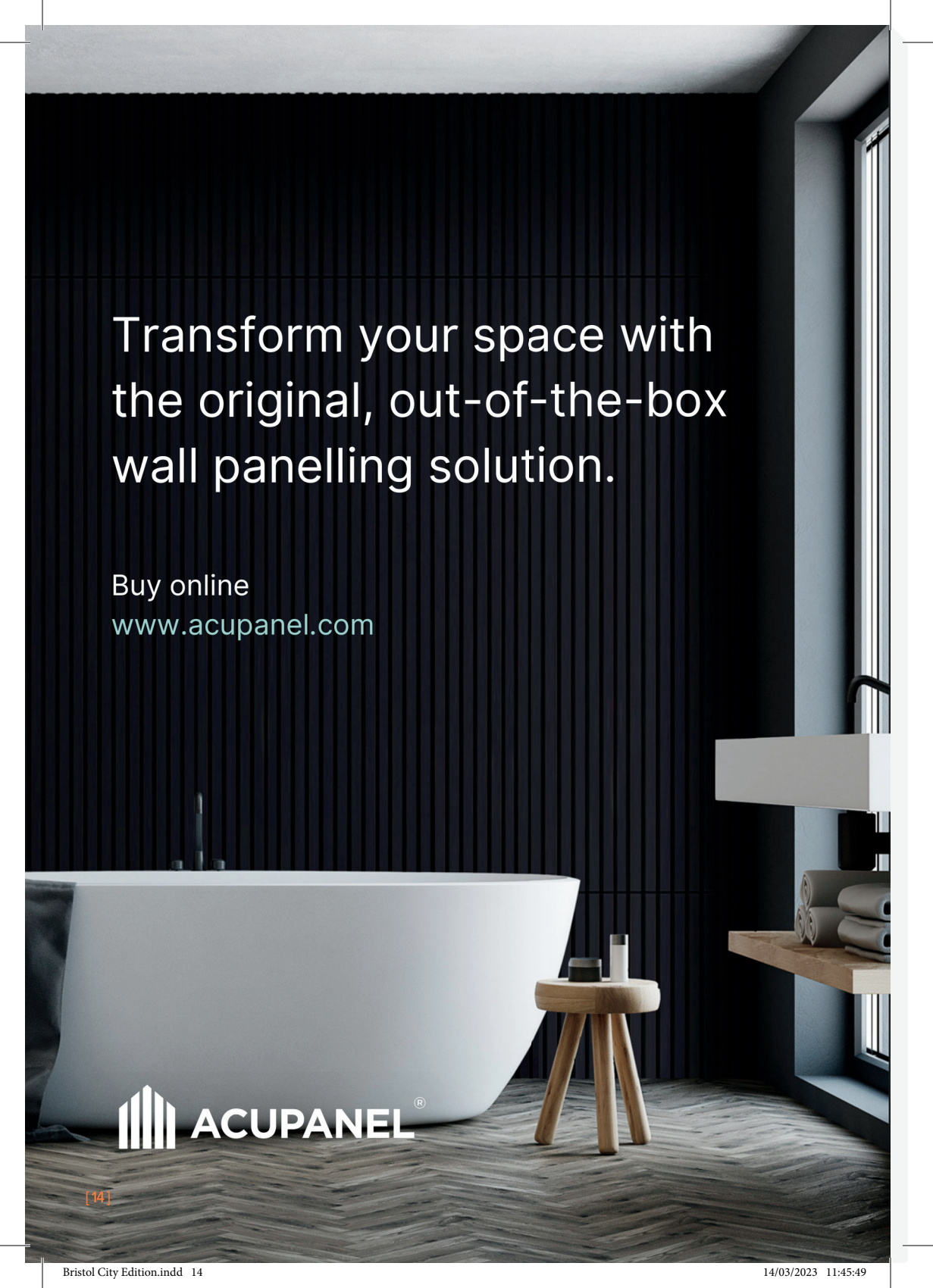
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Bramall Lane – Sat 11th March 2023

Blades: Foderingham, Fleck (Sharp 59'), Berge, McBurnie, Egan (C), Lowe, Ahmedhodzic, Norwood (Doyle 69), Robinson (McAtee 70), Bogle, Ndiaye.

Hatters: Horvath; Drameh, Osho, Lockyer (C), Bell, Onyedima (Bradley 84'); Nakamba, Mpanzu (Berry 26'), Campbell; Morris (Woodrow 76'), Adebayo.

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ETHAN HORVATH

Words: Stuart Hammonds



Ethan Horvath spoke of his pride in the Luton Town team he is part of after keeping his 15th clean sheet of the season at Sheffield United on Saturday, as the Hatters made it seven away league games unbeaten with a tenth away win of the season.

"It's kind of the cherry on top to get the clean sheet, but the most important thing was to get the victory and I couldn't be prouder of how we performed today," said the USA goalkeeper, who made a series of routine, but important saves in the 1-0 victory at Bramall Lane, including a crucial late block at point-blank range to deny Blades skipper John Egan inside the six-yard box.

"Right place, right time," said Horvath. "Not much to say other than I made my block, the ball hit me and I'm happy to have contributed to the victory. The defence, the midfield and the guys up top really worked hard today, so I'm very happy to have done my bit."

The Bramall Lane shut-out was Horvath's second in as many matches since he let Zian Flemming's early shot slip through his grasp for Millwall's opening goal in the recent live Sky match, which the Hatters fought back to draw 2-2 having been two down.

Asked about his response to that difficult moment, the 27-year-old replied: "That's football. Mistakes will happen. It's not the first mistake I've made, and it won't be the last one I make. The boys had my back. Now it's two clean sheets in a row and we keep moving."

On whether his team-mates put an arm around him and urged him to move on, he said: "Yes, of course. I've been around the game long enough as well, and you know that when the mistake happens, you need to forget about it because there is still plenty of football to be played.

"If you dwell on it maybe you'll make another one, so after it happens you forget about it and the next thing you do, you want to make sure it's good to get yourself back in the game."

The man on loan from Nottingham Forest is now looking forward to two more big matches, at home to Bristol City tonight and then at Sunderland next Saturday, as the Hatters look to cement their position in the play-off spots before the international break.

He added: "Today was a massive result and I don't think we can let it get to us on Wednesday night. We need to go out and do the same thing against Bristol and the same thing against Sunderland. Two big games coming up and yes, I think we are ready for them."

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THEIR TOWN



By Zac Neal

The Robins are in town tonight as we welcome Nigel Pearson's Bristol City side to Kenilworth Road. The Ashton Gate side arrive in Bedfordshire in 13th place in the Sky Bet Championship table, nine points off the play-off positions but 16 above the relegation zone.

They are 12 points adrift of the Hatters and are in a decent run of form since the turn of the year, having lost just one league game since a 2-0 reversal at home to West Brom on Boxing Day – although six of those 12 matches have ended in draws. They also beat Championship clubs Swansea and Albion in the FA Cup, before losing 3-0 to Manchester City in the fifth round.

Last time out, City beat Blackpool 2-0 in a comfortable win at Ashton Gate, with second half goals from Andreas Weimann and Alex Scott sealing the three points for City.

"We needed to be patient because we had an awful lot of the ball and a game that doesn't perhaps suit our optimum style," said Pearson, who saw his side keep a third clean sheet in their last four league games. "But what is important is that we find different ways of winning games and unlocking the door, and that is a really good example of us finding a good end product."

City fans will fondly remember their last match against the Hatters as they triumphed 2-0 at Ashton Gate in mid-August. Nahki Wells and Tommy Conway bagged the goals for the Robins.

Forward Wells has been having a good season as the Bermudian sits on 11 goals and four assists for the campaign. He is joined in the Robins' attacking stable by former Town forward Harry Cornick, who switched clubs on transfer deadline day in January to join another ex-Hatter in Kal Naismith, who moved as a free agent last May but is likely to miss out tonight through injury.



NIGEL PEARSON

MANAGER | Pearson started his playing career with Shrewsbury Town, making 153 appearances, before playing 80 times for Sheffield Wednesday and 116 Middlesbrough. In total he scored 24 times as a defender in 449 games. As a manager however, he has been in charge of Carlisle, West Brom, England U21s, Newcastle, Southampton, Leicester on two different spells, Hull, Derby County, OH Leuven in Belgium, Watford, and has been in his current job with the Robins since February 2021.



MAX O'LEARY

GK | The 26-year-old made his way through the ranks at Ashton Gate, playing for the U18s before eventually breaking into the first team squad in 2015/16. He has gained valuable experience out on loan, initially with Kidderminster before joining his hometown club Bath City for a year. He then made over 50 appearances for Solihull Moors and Shrewsbury, earning a call-up to the Republic of Ireland squad in 2019, before returning to Ashton Gate. He has now played more than 60 times for City.



BRISTOL CITY IN FOCUS BY OLLIE FILMER



JAY DASILVA

DEF | Luton-born Dasilva started his junior career with the Hatters, joining Chelsea in 2012, where he made his way through their system. The 24-year-old was first loaned to Charlton in January 2017, where he made 48 appearances before returning to the Blues. He was then loaned out to City in 2018, making 28 appearances in his first spell there. After being such an asset to the Robins, they signed the ex-England U21 international on a permanent deal in 2019.

TOMMY CONWAY

ONE TO WATCH | Scotsman Conway became part of City's youth in 2009, when he was just seven. He made his first U18 appearance in 2019/20, and his U21 debut the season after, while also representing his country at that age group. Conway was loaned out twice, to Yate Town and Bath City in Non-League, before making the first team last season, when he appeared four times. This season however, he's played 26 games, finding the net nine times in league and cup.

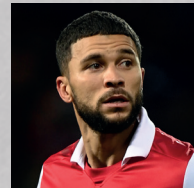


MATTY JAMES

MID | Bacup-born James began his career in Manchester United's academy, but was loaned out to Preston, playing 28 times over two seasons. Leaving Old Trafford without making a senior appearance, he was signed by Leicester, playing 101 times for the Foxes and contributing to their Premier League title-winning season. While at the KP, James was loaned to Barnsley and Coventry, and in 2021 he joined the Robins. Now 31, he has made 64 appearances for them, scoring once.

NAHKI WELLS

ATT | Wells started his career in his home country Bermuda, playing for Dandy Town and Bermuda Hogges. He only started playing in England in 2010 for Non-League side Eccleshill United, joining Carlisle in January 2011 and Bradford later on that year. The 30-year-old joined Huddersfield in 2014 and played 144 times there, netting 45 times, before moving to Burnley. He was then loaned to QPR before a £5m transfer to City in 2020. Has since scored 30 goals in almost 150 games.





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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 Glastonbury in December 1950, Peter joined Bristol City from school. A quick and powerful attacking midfielder he soon had the scouts flocking to Ashton Gate after he was moved up front and scored five goals in as many games.

This led to a £65,000 move to Bill Shankly's Liverpool in 1973 but the dream turned to disaster when a series of injuries left him still waiting for a League start. Luton manager Harry Haslam then rescued him in November 1974 for £70,000 but five games into his Hatters career he broke a toe when winning a penalty against future champions Derby which opened a space in the side for teenager Ron Futcher.

Unable to win back a regular spot in the Luton side, Peter moved to Hereford in 1976 where he made over 200 League appearances in a long and successful career. Peter still lives in Hereford where he became an electrical contractor.

FIRST GAME: STOKE 4 LUTON TOWN 2 16/11/1974

After going behind after two minutes to championship-chasing Stoke the Town, aided by man-of-the-match Peter Anderson, manage to draw level and then spurn many opportunities.

Peter Spiring can only watch as Stoke turn on the power in the second period, scoring three times in seven minutes to kill off the game.

The Town have now gone eight games without a win and look destined to go straight back to Division Two (now the Championship).

LAST GAME: BLACKBURN 3 LUTON 0 3/4/76

For the fourth away game in a row the Town go down by the same scoreline and end their slim chances of immediate promotion back to the top flight.

Relegation-threatened Rovers turn in their best performance of the season as they sweep away a below par Hatters side, but it could have been so different had a foul on John Aston in the box led to a stonewall penalty with the game still scoreless.

Peter Spiring, making his first appearance since the end of November, puts in his normal 100 per cent effort but is unable to inspire his colleagues.

FIRST AND LAST

PETER SPIRING



HATTERS TALES

WITH ROGER WASH
CLUB HISTORIAN

Malcolm Macdonald forces the ball over the line for the first goal.



SUPERMAC STRIKES

Following three years of almost non-stop success, expectation levels remained extremely high at Kenilworth Road, and even though the Town had forced their way back into the old Division Two after double promotions, and the standard of football was likely to be of a much higher standard, there were those supporters who expected the team to win every week as of a right.

When the players failed to get off to a winning start, losing 4-2 at Bolton on the opening day, it seemed as if the world had ended such was the wringing of hands on the streets of

Luton. Tempers did not improve on the terraces when Norwich returned to Norfolk with a point from a dull 0-0 draw the following week, and supporters were starting to feel that the great period of success was finally over and a season of struggle was a foregone conclusion. Fans are fickle!

A glimmer of light shone through in the next game, away to a powerful Birmingham side, with ace marksman Malcolm Macdonald earning a point with a late penalty in front of a baying, partisan crowd of 30,141. Those Luton supporters present at St Andrews had finally witnessed some Second Division class and know-how from the players, and it was hoped that the Hatters would now start climbing the table.

If anyone was thinking that the point earned at Birmingham was a flash in the pan, their fears disappeared quickly when unbeaten Oxford were thrashed 4-0 at Kenilworth Road the



following Tuesday evening. The season was now up and running!

Macdonald shows his heading prowess with the second goal.

Middlesbrough were flattered by managing to leave Kenilworth Road with only a 1-0 defeat in the next game before the Town were unfortunate to go down by the same score to eventual champions Leicester at Filbert Street.

in midweek. City included their new signing, £5,000 full-back Steve Stacey, who had joined the Ashton Gate club after being on a month's loan from Ipswich.

Next up were Orient, who were swept aside by the power of Macdonald and they went back to East London on the wrong end of a 4-0 defeat and, although only a point could be picked up at Swindon, both were secured at QPR when skipper Mike Keen returned to his old club and scored the only goal of the game with a scorching free-kick.

The Town opened the scoring on 18 minutes when Macdonald, showing acute awareness, was on the spot to ram the ball home after City goalkeeper Mike Gibson had saved full length, but failed to hold, a rasping shot from Keen.

The Town had now eased up to fifth spot and things were looking rosy at Kenilworth Road with almost 16,000 turning up for the visit of Bristol City. The Hatters had yet to concede a goal at home and were so full of confidence that they were expected to sweep the Robins aside with ease.

The score was doubled after 33 minutes when Macdonald netted again, this time with a flashing header from a pin-point Jim Ryan centre. A nano-second before this I remarked that Macdonald didn't often score with his head, which is occasionally thrown back at me over 50 years later!

Despite injuries to goalkeeper Tony Read and big centre-half Chris Nicholl, both were pronounced fit before kick-off, meaning that the side was unchanged from the one that beat QPR

The game was made safe just before the hour mark when full-back Alan Slough, on the overlap, took a shrewd Don Givens pass in his stride and bore down on goal before giving Gibson no chance from close range.

From then on it became a personal duel between Macdonald and Gibson, with the Luton striker being thwarted on three occasions by the brilliant anticipation of the shell-shocked Robins goalkeeper.

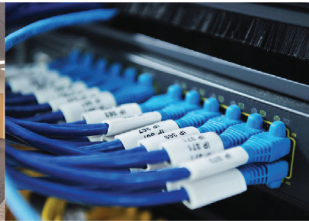
City were never in it with the Luton defence, in which John Moore was a rock alongside Nicholl, making short work of anything thrown at them, which was not very much.

Luton coach Jimmy Andrews said afterwards: "With the gusty wind and the light ball, conditions were very difficult. To score



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[David Court fires in a shot.]



three times and create half a dozen other chances in these conditions, satisfies me.

“There’s a terrific pride in the side about this clean sheet. It’s got to the stage that if an opponent even manages to get in a shot, there’s an immediate post-mortem among our defenders.”

The Town needed crowds of 20,000 to break even and manager Alec Stock, celebrating 21 years as a manager, couldn’t understand the reason why

only 15, 992 were present. “If we keep playing on like this people will have to come and watch us. Look at the goals Macdonald is getting, surely he’s the biggest Saturday attraction in the town.”

City manager Alan Dicks admitted they were outplayed by a Hatters side that had moved up to third spot in the table.

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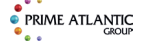
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KEV'S KEEPING POSITIVE

**KEVIN DEARDEN ON
TOWN'S GK UNION**

WORDS: STUART HAMMONDS

Head of goalkeeping Kevin Dearden believes the men between the sticks currently for the Hatters, and those starting elsewhere for their loan clubs, have put the club's GK Union in a more positive place than ever.

Having been to the World Cup with the USA, Ethan Horvath has been in fine form, recording a 15th clean sheet of the season - the same number as goals that top scorer Carlton Morris has to his name - as the Hatters have laid roots in the Sky Bet Championship play-off places.

"The longer the season goes on the more Ethan is showing his value to us," said Dearden, who along with fellow Kev, goalkeeper coach Pilkington, took great satisfaction from the crucial big hand the 27-year-old produced to prevent Sheffield United captain John Egan from plundering a late close-range equaliser in the 1-0 win at Bramall Lane on Saturday.

"It was a big save the other day, and he's up to 15 clean sheets. It's not all Ethan. It's a team game, but he should be proud of that, and he is proving himself to be one of the best goalkeepers in the Championship, which is what we thought he would be and what we hoped he would be.

"His attitude and his work ethic, day in day out, is absolutely first class and an example to any player, and that's transferring itself onto the pitch. He's a really steady, calming influence. The team have got a lot of trust in him, and I think we are seeing it in the clean sheets and performances so far."

Currently on a season loan from Nottingham Forest, Horvath did feature



in Steve Cooper's side's amazing surge to play-off promotion last season, and Dearden believes that experience is aiding the Hatters' own push this term.

"He did play a few important games for Forest, which I think we have reaped the benefit of, because he's got an idea of what the Championship is about," says Dearden.

"It's difficult for goalkeepers coming into the Championship. It's a rugged, relentless, tough division for goalkeepers and I think maybe that gave Ethan an indicator of what it would be like.

"He was involved in the play-off push, so he knows what it entails, he knows what it takes to win the play-offs, and he'll bring that experience and that calmness to the group, which he has done all season."

Dearden also emphasised the importance that the fans' audible support of the keeper, when they sing 'USA, USA', can have on the team as a whole.

"It's massively important from the team and from a personal point of view, but it just shows the support that he has from the fans, because he also has that support from the group

as they realise how good he is, and it always helps if you've got support from the fans.

"We know what our fans are like away from home, they are second to none, they are brilliant. And when the 'USA, USA' chants go round, it's got to make you feel good."

The only goals that Horvath has conceded from open play in the last ten league games have come against Millwall, the first which he uncharacteristically let slip through his hands, and a second that should have been ruled out for offside.

"It's a great stat," says Dearden, "but we have to reiterate that the team is in good form. There is an unbelievable belief and team spirit amongst the group. They are prepared to die for each other.

"Ethan makes a terrible mistake against Millwall. He knows that, we know that, but we've never even talked about it because that's a goalkeeper's lot. It's something that he'll do again, that's a certainty. A lot of goalkeepers could have crumbled in a big game, live on TV - the first thing they do is make a mistake like that. But Ethan didn't.

"He showed his character, showed his strength of mind and ended up having a good game. He held his hands up, we move on and we didn't even discuss it. The team is doing an unbelievable job in defending their box, defending Ethan, but Ethan is there, and has been there, when he's been needed."

Horvath will only benefit from being pushed by fit-again James Shea, whose return to the matchday squad in early

February came sooner than anticipated following the serious knee injury he suffered at Cardiff last Easter Monday.

"Sheasy has done unbelievably because that was a bad injury, a serious injury, and he's come back quicker than we all thought," says Dearden. "That's a credit to him and to the medical team, they have done a great job with him, and it's been an eye opener for me.

"I've spent a lot of time with him on his rehab, because ACL rehab is different for goalkeepers and there is no real evidence of what you should do, because it's not really a goalkeeping injury. I've really enjoyed getting involved one on one with Sheasy for the rehab.

"His work ethic and his desire to come through is amazing, but that's Sheasy. He's shown that every time at this football club that he'll come through, whether it's being left out, or playing, whatever - Sheasy shows that he's always stepped up to the mark.

"He's never had a serious injury before. It's the first one he's had and stepped up and come back. Now he's over with Kev, and you'd never know there had been anything wrong.

"He feels great, he looks great, he's training hard and one, Ethan knows that he's got competition on his hands, and two, it's also a great feeling for the football club that if something should happen to Ethan, we've got Sheasy ready and firing and can't wait to get involved."

Shea, who joined the Hatters as a free agent following his release from AFC Wimbledon in the summer of 2017,



has played in two development squad matches in recent weeks as he increases his fitness to be ready to make a 107th appearance whenever required.

"Sheasy gives us that stability," says Dearden. "We've relied on Sheasy and we always talk about it. We recruited him as a number two in League Two, and he's been a number one in the Championship. That's credit to him, because of his attitude, he knows his role at this football club and he plays that to an absolute tee. Whenever he's been required, he's never let this football club down, and that's a credit to him.

"There are a few here who have become a bit of the fabric, who have been on this journey the last six or seven years with the football club, and I think it should give the people in the club pleasure that we've got so many - Pelly, Pottsy, Glen, Bez, Harry and Sheasy – that are still on it.

"A lot of teams, if they'd gone from where we have to where we are now, would have lost them. But we've still got that fabric and that is part of us, and that is why we have got that extra percentage compared to a lot of other teams, I'm certain."

By Harry, Dearden is of course referring to Harry Isted, who moved on loan to Barnsley in January with Jack Walton moving in the opposite direction on a permanent transfer.



“Jack was unfortunate in that he tweaked his groin, then his partner had their first baby and it was a quite long and drawn-out process. Obviously Sheasy had to come in and it was a bit of unfortunate timing for Jack, but his recruitment was with a longer term, bigger picture. It wasn't always just about right now.

“If we look at where Harry was, we saw Sheasy coming back strong and fit and firing, and we just felt that Harry's opportunities with Sheasy back would be limited, and that he needed the opportunity to go and play some games and find his way, and see where that took him.

“He's gone to Barnsley, he's got in the team, he's doing great and they're doing great, so in the end it's worked out perfectly for Harry.

“As part of that, last year with the situation we had with goalkeepers being injured, we couldn't leave ourselves short and in that chat with Barnsley, we had an opportunity to bring in Jack, a young goalkeeper who has already played 40 games in the Championship and was vital to them when they stayed up the same year we did.

“He played several matches and was a massive part of the reason why they stayed up, with his performances, and we think there is potential. We think we can work with Jack and make him a better goalkeeper.

“So the opportunity came with Harry and Jack, which we felt was the right thing to do to allow Harry to play football and for us to bring in a young goalkeeper who has the potential, and who also has that experience of the Championship if we need to call on it.”

While Isted has kept four clean sheets in his first seven matches for the Tykes, Matt Macey moved to Portsmouth and although Pompey's push for the play-offs under new manager John Mousinho hasn't materialised, the 28-year-old summer signing from Hibernian has earned plaudits with five clean sheets in his ten matches.

“Matt came here hoping to play. We felt that the department, with Sheasy being out injured but with Harry here, so we had Matt, Ethan and Harry, was what we needed. I think we'll all turn around and say regarding Matt that it hasn't worked out exactly as we'd all have hoped.

“But we know that we has a very good goalkeeper here in Matt, and given the opportunity, he will do well. But



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he wasn't playing, he was getting frustrated and it was a case of us looking after ourselves and having cover, but if an opportunity came along for Matt to go out on loan and get some games and rebuild his confidence and be the first team keeper that we think he is, then we'd let him do it.

"Portsmouth offered him that opportunity. A big club in League One that was still hoping to get in the play-offs. We felt it was an ideal opportunity for Matt to go and get some games and really show what he can do.

"Although some of the results for Portsmouth haven't been great, myself and Kev have watched some of the games and getting feedback, Portsmouth are delighted that Matt's done really well. He's kept a few clean sheets, but he's kept them in games as well when he's needed to."

With development squad keeper Jameson Horlick training with the first team on a daily basis while preparing to go out on loan to gain senior experience, and Under-18 stopper Sam Bentley starring in the youth team's title win and run to the FA Youth Cup fifth round, Dearden is hugely positive about his goalkeeping pack.

"There has been a real change in the goalkeeping department since the January window, but I think it's real positive change," says Dearden. "It's positive for Matt going to get games, positive for Harry to go and get games and maybe find his way, real positive in Ethan's form, unbelievable positive in Sheasy's recovery, and bringing in Jack, a young keeper who we feel has got potential.

"He's settling in well. He'll be disappointed he's not on the bench, but it isn't about right now for Jack. It's longer term and covering ourselves for if anything happens this season, but we see Jack as a long-term project.

"Credit to Kev (Pilkington) because he puts a lot of hard work out there on the training ground with the boys, including Jamo and Sam, and that is starting to really come to fruition."

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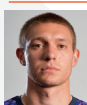
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Under-18s players Jacob Pinnington, Zack Nelson, Joe Johnson, Jayden Luker and Axel Piesold all signed first-year professional development contracts last week after they impressed for Alan McCormack's Under-18s this season.

The young Hatters won the EFL Youth Alliance South East title by 12 points and reached the Fifth Round of the FA Youth Cup for the first time since 2016. The Under-18s are now competing in the EFL Youth Alliance Merit League One and are currently top of the table after three games.

To add to their title win, FA Youth Cup run and now signing their new contracts, three of the five youngsters also featured in the Development squad starting line-up that progressed to the Beds Senior Cup final last week.

Development squad head coach Adrian Forbes said "it's brilliant" that the five players have signed professional development contracts at Kenilworth Road.

"I think it's important to highlight how hard they've all worked this season", said Forbes. "It has been well documented how well the Under-18s team have done as a whole under Macca [Alan McCormack]. The work that they've put in on the training ground has certainly reflected on the performances.

"When these players have stepped up and played in the

Development squad, it's been a nice transition for them and they've ended up with contracts that they thoroughly deserve. We want to build an academy where we get players that come through the academy and then, hopefully, go into the first-team squad.

"That's what we want and that's what we're striving to achieve, and I think it just shows that the work we're doing within the academy is allowing us to hopefully achieve that in the next few months and years.

"It's now a case of those boys that have been given those contracts, knowing that it's not 'job done', it's the next step on their ladder. Now they have to continue to work hard, listen and take in the information that is being given to them by all the coaches at the club and hopefully that will lead to them getting minutes for the first-team."

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BEDS SENIOR CUP SEMI-FINAL

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WORDS: Dec O'Reilly

Development squad head coach Adrian Forbes spoke of his delight at the Beds Senior Cup semi-final victory against Bedford Town at The Eyrle last Tuesday.

"I'm absolutely delighted for the boys", said Forbes, after seeing Jake Burger and Oli Lynch hit a brace each and Millar Matthews-Lewis add the other in a 5-1 win, with first team keeper James Shea continuing his return to fitness after almost a year out with another 90 minutes in goal.

"I spoke to them before the game about the momentum that they have been building over the last few weeks, taking into account this game, the previous round and the performances against Chelsea, Bournemouth and Reading in recent weeks. I knew we were building up to something, so it's great that they have been able to put that on show tonight.

"I'm really pleased and really proud of the boys for how they've been over the last few weeks, which has comminated in this performance. Also, I didn't want any other teams playing in the final at Kenilworth Road, it was important that we were there and the boys have done brilliantly to get the deserved win."



ACADEMY UPDATE



Seven of the Under-18 side which won the EFL Youth Alliance South East title featured in the starting line-up, and Forbes described the transition those players have made as “amazing”.

“All of us do a lot of work with them on the training ground, but it’s about how they apply themselves during training and games with the detail and information that ourselves as a group of coaches give them. Credit to them, they have been fantastic for all of us.

“We continue to work with them and challenge them to make them better. You look at how they’ve performed today, it really bodes well for the future of the club if we can just get them to make that next step, we will continue to work with them and fingers crossed, they can [make the next step].”

The young Hatters will be playing in the final at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 21st March against Biggleswade FC and Forbes is “really looking forward” to the special occasion.

“Hopefully, behind the scenes, we can get the noise out there and let people know that the game is going to be on, hopefully there will be a good crowd for these boys,” he said.

“I also think we have to look at it in the sense of how it’s developing the boys by having the crowd there as well. Giving them a good crowd to play in front of, letting them hear the noise of the crowd, that’s something that they don’t always get when playing Under-18s football and in the Development squad games.

“Just having that 12th man in the stands, backing them and supporting them will be massive. We want to make it a special occasion for anyone who comes to watch and, ultimately we want to come away lifting the trophy.”

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JOE JOHNSON

Age: 17

Position: Left-back

Where are you from?

North London. I'm from Barnet.

Which junior teams did you play for?

I played for Total Football Academy until I was six years old, then I signed for Arsenal and was released when I was ten. I started to play for Focus Football before being picked up by Luton. I used to play as a centre-half when I was younger, but I put on a bit of weight so went into midfield before becoming a left-back at Luton.

Which team do you support?

I support Arsenal, which is why I went to play for them over other clubs when I was younger.

When did you join Luton?

I had quite a long trial, I trialled as an under-15 and we had a long break because of the COVID-19 pandemic. I've been here for about three years now.

How did you join the club?

Lee Cowley scouted me, he was a good friend of my coach at Focus Football. Lee Cowley was given a recommendation about me, he watched me play and decided to give me a trial. I originally got signed as a box-to-box midfielder, but they didn't think it suited me, so they put me in at left-back and it worked.

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

Professionally, there isn't that one player I look up to. I would say my family, my dad has helped me out a lot. When I look and think about quality full-backs, I like to watch Trent Alexander-Arnold, I like the way he attacks. I also like Kieran Trippier a lot, but within Luton I love to watch Alfie Doughty, I like the way he drives at players, he's direct and very quick.

Who is your footballing hero?

I don't remember watching him, but Roberto Carlos. His



technique was unbelievable, he was an absolute joke.

What has been the highlight of your career so far?

Probably our run in the FA Youth Cup. I really enjoyed playing in that competition, especially playing in-front of the fans in a few of the rounds. It was a great experience to play at the Kenny with the atmosphere of the crowd.

What are your hopes for the future?

I just want to get as high in football as possible. There's no limit for me, I just want to play at the highest level. From where I am now at Luton, I'd love to progress and eventually play in the Premier League and the Champions League. I like to dream. If I'm being realistic, I just need to keep my head down and work, hopefully it will come as a result of being dedicated.



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As some of you may know, last year Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School ended up winning the national final at Wembley Stadium prior to the Championship Play-Off Final, whilst representing Luton Town which was a massive achievement for the school and the whole Club!

With the snow hitting Bedfordshire area, there were some doubts as to whether the tournament would be able to take place. Fortunately, we were able to overcome those weather conditions and were able to host the tournament - we ended up brushing the snow off the pitch in the morning!

Twelve teams took part in our tournament, representing southern based teams from the Championship. Teams who participated in our tournaments were: Luton Town, Queens Park Rangers, Reading FC, Birmingham City, Millwall, Coventry City, West Bromwich Albion, Watford, Swansea City, Cardiff

City, Norwich City and Bristol City.

The Hatters were represented by The Arnold Academy, a middle school based in Barton-Le-Clay who flew through the Central Bedfordshire heats and then won the county tournament earlier this year.

The above teams were split into two groups of six teams where they all played each other once, and the teams finishing in the top four of the group progressed through to the quarter finals of the competition. Right from the first set of games, you could see the standard of the tournament, which was extremely high to say the least. Over the group stages, we saw 78 goals scored, averaging over 2.5 goals per game which sums up how high the standard



was. One game to look out for in the group stages was the final fixture of Group B where Norwich City faced Bristol City. The latter were bottom of the group heading into this fixture, however with a 1-0 win, they jumped into fourth place, finishing above Birmingham City on goal difference and qualifying into the quarter-finals!

The quarter finals saw some exciting games, including the derby between Luton Town and Watford, where the latter booked their spot in the semi-final with a 1-0 win in what was an extremely close encounter which could have gone either way. The standout game of the quarter finals was the fixture between Coventry City and Queens Park Rangers. You could call this game the 'end to end' fixture with goals flying in at both ends. Queens Park Rangers ended up scoring a late winner, which was the decisive goal in the game and the Hoops progressed through to the semi-finals. Joining Watford and QPR in the semi-finals were Reading (winning

2-0 against Bristol City) and Cardiff (beating West Brom 1-0).

The semi-finals saw Reading take on Cardiff City, and they booked their spot in the final, winning 2-0 against the Bluebirds. The other semi-final saw Watford beat Queens Park Rangers 5-2, after another feisty encounter.

The last fixture, saw Reading take on Watford. With both teams unbeaten throughout the whole day and

topping their groups, this was due to be an exciting encounter and it certainly was. Reading started off on the front foot, scoring an early goal to take the lead and get closer to the dream of playing at Wembley. However, the Hornets responded very well scoring three goals, which were enough in the end to take them to victory.

A personal highlight of the day today was the visit of Luton Town manager Rob Edwards, along with star midfielder Jordan Clark, who came down to present the medals and trophies to the participants after it had been announced earlier in the day that he had signed a new contract with the Hatters.

Our Arnold Academy boys have a memory which will last long in the mind, as Rob Edwards gave them an inspirational talk following their exit in the quarter-finals, reminding them that football can be cruel at times and it's important to remember how successful they were to get to this tournament in the first place. It's important to remember that despite the disappointment of not getting through, their effort over the last few tournaments was an extremely great achievement. With over 50 schools taking part in our local tournaments, it is an achievement in itself to go on and represent the Hatters!

A massive thank you goes out to the EFL Trust for giving us the opportunity to host this great tournament, as well to all teams who took part in the tournament as some had very long journeys to make.



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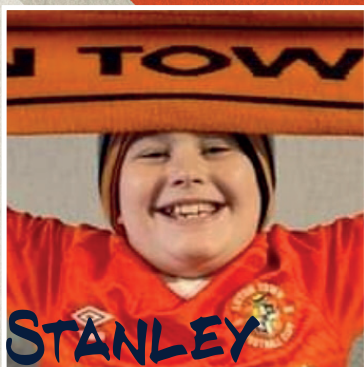
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STANLEY

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AGE: 9

HOBBIES: Football & Gaming

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Elijah Adebayo



ZANE

NAME: Zane Oliver-Hodges

AGE: 10

HOBBIES: Plays for Luton Town
Development Academy

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Carlton Morris

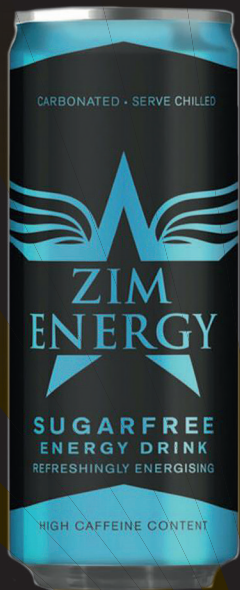
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0 LUTON LADIES 1 AFC SUDBURY

It was defeat for Luton Ladies on Sunday as they faced AFC Sudbury at home.

With their first choice goalkeeper suspended, a call up for Izzy Bruci was made. Luton started the brighter from kick-off as Fi Constable came close just ten minutes in, firing an Andie Dickens cross over the bar on the volley.

The game then started to level out and 27 minutes on the clock Sudbury took advantage. A low driven effort across goal after catching Luton out wide.

Minutes later and Sudbury continued to press, Bruci provided an outstanding save to deny a one-v-one finish.

The game reached half-time with only one goal in it, but Luton knew a much harder performance was needed in the second half.

There was a double substitution at half-time which provided the Hatters a boost across the pitch as they took the game to Sudbury from the restart.

Luton continued to press and push Sudbury back into their own half for the majority of the second period, but on 70 minutes found themselves defending a counter attack, until Elly Wade made a superb last ditch sliding tackle to deny the away team.

A consistent performance from the Sudbury keeper denied Liv Abraham from the edge of the box as she rifled in a free-kick.

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		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Burnley	36	23	11	2	71	28	43	80
2	Sheffield United	36	20	7	9	56	32	24	67
3	Middlesbrough	36	19	6	11	64	41	23	63
4	Luton Town	36	16	12	8	44	34	10	60
5	Blackburn Rovers	36	18	4	14	41	41	0	58
6	Millwall	36	16	9	11	46	38	8	57
7	Norwich City	36	16	7	13	51	40	11	55
8	West Bromwich Albion	36	15	9	12	46	38	8	54
9	Coventry City	36	14	11	11	42	35	7	53
10	Sunderland	36	14	10	12	51	43	8	52
11	Watford	36	13	12	11	41	39	2	51
12	Preston North End	36	13	11	12	32	38	-6	50
13	Bristol City	36	12	12	12	45	43	2	48
14	Stoke City	36	13	7	16	47	44	3	46
15	Hull City	36	12	10	14	41	49	-8	46
16	Reading	36	13	5	18	38	55	-17	44
17	Swansea City	36	11	10	15	48	55	-7	43
18	Birmingham City	36	11	9	16	41	47	-6	42
19	Queens Park Rangers	36	11	9	16	37	52	-15	42
20	Rotherham United	36	9	13	14	40	49	-9	40
21	Cardiff City	36	10	8	18	27	40	-13	38
22	Blackpool	36	7	11	18	33	53	-20	32
23	Huddersfield Town	36	8	8	20	30	52	-22	32
24	Wigan Athletic	36	7	11	18	31	57	-26	32

As Luton piled on the pressure, they won corner after corner, and on the second attempt they came agonisingly close, Constable whipping a ball in and Abraham poking it goal bound, only to have the ball stopped on the line by the goalkeeper.

Sudbury managed to hold out and left with all three points, Luton left frustrated with faulting in the first half.

The Hatters don't have time for sorrows however, as they are back in action tonight as they take on AFC Dunstable in the semi-final of the County Cup.



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CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, CORNICK, WOODROW, LANSBURY, PEREIRA, JEROME	9,921	1,032
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	CORNICK	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, BERRY, MORRIS, WOODROW, LANSBURY, BURKE	19,628	1,026
WATSON	BERRY	WOODROW	JEROME	MUSKWE	ISTED, CORNICK, MORRIS, THORPE, OSHO, WILLIAMS, ALLEN, PETTIT, NELSON	3,827	207
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, WOODROW, WATSON, THORPE, OSHO, JEROME	9,740	895
CAMPBELL	OSHO	WOODROW	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, MUSKWE, CLARK, THORPE, FREEMAN, JEROME	17,329	718
CAMPBELL ✨	CLARK	FREEMAN	MUSKWE	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BERRY, MORRIS, WOODROW, THORPE, OSHO, JEROME	16,323	609
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, MUSKWE, ONYEDINMA, OSHO, JEROME	9,882	1,032
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN ✨	MORRIS	ADEBAYO ✨	MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, ONYEDINMA, OSHO ✨, JEROME	17,202	421
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BRADLEY, CORNICK, BERRY, WOODROW, ONYEDINMA, JEROME	9,885	1,035
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS ✨	CORNICK	MACEY, LOCKYER, WOODROW, ADEBAYO, LANSBURY, BELL, JEROME	9,546	1,028
CAMPBELL	CLARK	LANSBURY	MORRIS ✨	WOODROW	ISTED, WATSON, ONYEDINMA, FREEMAN, OSHO, JEROME, DOUGHTY	9,839	712
CAMPBELL	CLARK	LANSBURY ✨	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO ✨	ISTED, CORNICK, MPANZU, ONYEDINMA, OSHO, JEROME, DOUGHTY	15,730	544
CAMPBELL	CLARK ✨	LANSBURY	MORRIS	ADEBAYO ✨	ISTED, BRADLEY, CORNICK, MPANZU, PETTIT, NELSON, DOUGHTY	9,073	308
CAMPBELL	CLARK	LANSBURY	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, MPANZU, ONYEDINMA, FREEMAN, DOUGHTY	21,550	1,385
CAMPBELL	CLARK	LANSBURY ✨	MORRIS	ADEBAYO ✨	ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, ONYEDINMA, FREEMAN ✨, JEROME ✨, DOUGHTY	10,011	1,038
CAMPBELL	CLARK	DOUGHTY	MORRIS ✨	CORNICK	ISTED, BRADLEY, BERRY, ADEBAYO, LANSBURY, FREEMAN, JEROME	25,846	1,182
CAMPBELL ✨	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	ISTED, POTTS, CORNICK, BERRY, WATSON, OSHO, JEROME	19,282	1,954
CAMPBELL	CLARK	LANSBURY	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO	ISTED, BRADLEY, CORNICK, BERRY, MPANZU, FREEMAN, JEROME	10,060	1,032
CAMPBELL ✨	MPANZU	DOUGHTY ✨	CORNICK	ADEBAYO	ISTED, BERRY, MORRIS, WATSON, FREEMAN, JEROME, PETTIT	9,620	926
CAMPBELL	MPANZU	BERRY ✨	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	ISTED, CORNICK, WATSON, FREEMAN, JEROME, PETTIT, LAWLESS	11,452	1,208
CAMPBELL	MPANZU	CORNICK ✨	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BERRY, WATSON, FREEMAN, JEROME, PETTIT, DOUGHTY	18,095	784
CAMPBELL	MPANZU	CLARK	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY ✨, WATSON, FREEMAN, WILLIAMS, PETTIT	10,071	1,040
CAMPBELL	MPANZU	CLARK ✨	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, WATSON, FREEMAN, PETTIT, JEROME	23,187	463
CAMPBELL ✨	MPANZU	CLARK	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, WOODROW ✨, FREEMAN, JEROME, PETTIT	9,831	1,039
CAMPBELL	MPANZU ✨	CLARK ✨	MORRIS ✨	CORNICK	ISTED, BERRY, WOODROW, ADEBAYO, WATSON, FREEMAN, JEROME	16,030	1,562
CAMPBELL	MPANZU	WATSON	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, WOODROW, BURKE ✨, JEROME, PETTIT	18,333	638
CAMPBELL	WATSON	WOODROW	MORRIS	CORNICK ✨	ISTED, BERRY, ADEBAYO, MPANZU, THORPE, JEROME, PETTIT, DOUGHTY, LUKER	5,660	290
CAMPBELL ✨	MPANZU ✨	CLARK	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO ✨	ISTED, CORNICK, WOODROW, BURKE, WATSON, OSHO, JEROME	10,069	1,042
CAMPBELL	WATSON	CLARK	WOODROW ✨	ADEBAYO	ISTED, POTTS, LOCKYER, CORNICK, BERRY, MPANZU, THORPE, JEROME, PETTIT	5,668	191
WATSON	MPANZU	CLARK ✨	CORNICK	ADEBAYO ✨	ISTED, BERRY, BURKE, CAMPBELL, ONYEDINMA, JEROME, DOUGHTY	11,125	1,005
CAMPBELL	MPANZU	CLARK ✨	CORNICK	ADEBAYO ✨	ISTED, BERRY, MORRIS, WOODROW, BURKE, WATSON, ONYEDINMA, THORPE, NELSON	8,552	1,473
CLARK	MPANZU	WOODROW	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO ✨	WALTON, BERRY, WATSON, CAMPBELL, ONYEDINMA, THORPE, OSHO	9,031	544
CAMPBELL	MPANZU ✨	CLARK	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	SHEA, BERRY, WOODROW, NAKAMBA, ONYEDINMA, TAYLOR, OSHO	10,031	1,021
CAMPBELL	WATSON ✨	BERRY	WOODROW	ADEBAYO	SHEA, MORRIS, BURKE, MPANZU, CLARK, PEPPE, DOUGHTY, PIESOLD, JOHNSON	7,051	466
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	CLARK	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO	SHEA, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, CAMPBELL, ONYEDINMA, TAYLOR	20,366	2,843
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	CLARK	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	SHEA, POTTS, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, CAMPBELL, TAYLOR	13,903	457
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	CLARK	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO	SHEA, POTTS, BERRY, WOODROW, CAMPBELL, TAYLOR, DOUGHTY	10,066	1,026
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	CLARK	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO ✨	SHEA, BERRY, WOODROW, WATSON, CAMPBELL, ONYEDINMA, TAYLOR	16,866	1,838
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	CLARK	MORRIS	ADEBAYO ✨	SHEA, BRADLEY, BERRY ✨, WOODROW, CAMPBELL, ONYEDINMA, TAYLOR	10,060	1,032
NAKAMBA	CAMPBELL	CLARK ✨	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO	SHEA, BRADLEY, BERRY, WOODROW, MPANZU, ONYEDINMA, TAYLOR	10,072	1,031
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	CAMPBELL	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO	SHEA, BRADLEY, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, MUSKWE, TAYLOR	28,406	1,717

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Successful candidates will be notified shortly after the interviews and will be invited to attend their first committee meeting which will immediately precede the AGM in April.

We look forward to receiving your applications and then welcoming some of you onto our committee.

Kind Regards,

Allan Drummond - LTDSA Secretary

PLAYER STATISTICS

	2022-23 SEASON											CAREER	
	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL		CARDS			TOTAL	
	APPS	G		APPS	G		APPS	G				APPS	G
Elijah Adebayo	32	(2)	7	3	(1)	2	35	(3)	9	7	0	98	31
Amani Bell	34	(1)	1	4	(0)	0	38	(1)	1	1	1	85	2
Luke Berry	1	(12)	3	2	(2)	0	3	(14)	3	1	0	154	24
Sonny Bradley	9	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	9	(4)	0	3	0	169	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	29	(3)	2	4	(0)	0	33	(3)	2	3	0	75	6
Jordan Clark	32	(1)	2	2	(1)	1	34	(2)	3	4	0	103	8
Harry Cornick	7	(12)	1	2	(2)	1	9	(14)	2	1	0	235	38
Alfie Doughty	16	(3)	1	2	(2)	0	18	(5)	1	8	0	23	1
Cody Drameh	7	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	1	0	7	0
Luke Freeman	9	(11)	2	0	(0)	0	9	(11)	2	2	0	20	2
Ethan Horvath	35	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	39	(0)	0	0	0	39	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	30	(0)	1	3	(1)	1	33	(1)	2	5	1	90	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	32	(3)	15	1	(3)	0	33	(6)	15	8	0	39	15
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	18	(5)	1	1	(3)	0	19	(8)	1	2	0	360	21
Admiral Muskwe	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0	26	2
Marevelous Nakamba	7	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(1)	0	1	0	8	0
Fred Onyedinma	5	(9)	0	1	(1)	0	6	(10)	0	2	0	47	3
Gabriel Osho	17	(5)	1	4	(1)	0	21	(6)	1	3	2	54	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	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	2	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	(17)	1	4	(1)	1	7	(18)	2	2	0	28	2

THE LAST WORD

SIMON OXLEY
BBC 3CR COMMENTATOR



Well that was quite a day! The snow had been and gone, even the M1 was quiet, and the performance was of course excellent.

Ironically Bramall Lane was the venue for my first BBC 3CR commentary in January 1991 when two Lars Elstrup goals helped Jim Ryan's side to a 3-1 FA Cup third round win.

It was also the last time I had seen the Hatters win away to the Blades, as I missed the 1994 league victory under David Pleat.

As I mentioned in commentary on Saturday, I had travelled to Hong Kong hoping to cover Luton boxer Billy Schwer's first world title fight. But with less than 24 hours notice the

whole show was cancelled. At least we made the trip, and of course Billy went on to successfully challenge for a world title later in his career.

So Saturday was a welcome victory which has certainly put the "cat among the pigeons" in the race for the second automatic promotion place.

Sheffield United are certainly wobbling. That was their fourth defeat in six Championship matches and, at the time of writing, those defeats have come to the four sides immediately below them - at home to Middlesbrough and Luton, and away to Millwall and Blackburn.

So can Luton finish second? I wouldn't put my mortgage on it, but nor would I discount it completely. There are trips to Millwall and Blackburn to come, plus a home meeting with Middlesbrough, not forgetting this Saturday's trek to Sunderland. But others have tough matches, FA Cup commitments and the weight of expectation.

In truth every game will be a challenge, starting tonight. But this group are showing such spirit and determination it's impossible not to think "what if?"

Our season on 3CR is coming to the boil nicely. Aside from the possibilities here we have the Watford soap opera which could still even now see them reach the play-offs. Wycombe could yet do the same in League One, with MK Dons battling against relegation. And Stevenage are trying not to slip from the automatic promotion places into the League Two play-offs.





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