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## GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THIS EASTER BANK HOLIDAY GAME AGAINST BLACKPOOL.

Having never come up against a former club before, it seems strange to now be doing it for a second successive home match! Before coming onto the derby win over Watford, I'd like to welcome Blackpool and their manager Mick McCarthy to Kenilworth Road, along with everyone who has made the long journey south.

It's a double hit for me today, as I've not only got great memories of playing for Blackpool and winning promotion to the Premier League against all the odds under Ian Holloway, but I also played under Mick and Terry Connor at Wolves for a couple of years and he's a manager I have tremendous respect for. I learned a lot from Mick and TC, so it'll be great to see them.

I've been asked a lot about the similarities between that season with Blackpool and this one with Luton, and although the team spirit and atmosphere around the place are alike, as a group we were widely expected to go down that year. It's different here, and I've said it a couple of times recently, but I'll repeat it. This group of players have been up in this position in the Championship now for the best part of two years. It is believable and they are so much better than what people think.

Since we came in we've continuously said we wanted to be in the mix with five games to go, and even though I'm having to write these notes ahead of the Good Friday trip to Millwall, that will definitely still be the case after the final whistle today.

We have a chance of emulating that unbelievable feeling we had up at Bloomfield Road 13 years ago, and that is testament to what the players and staff have done here for a long time now. This club is connected from the very top with our owners, or custodians as they prefer to be called, right through the stands and out onto the pitch.

Never will you see a better example how that connection works than nine days ago here for the derby. From the warm-up, the guys came back in and said that the atmosphere was bubbling and what followed was amazing.

I'm so glad we got the second goal – which we fully deserved because the boys were outstanding throughout – and we were able to take it all in for a couple of minutes before the final whistle.

It was quite emotional at the end, because I know how much it means to all of you supporters, and Gary, David and the board. We didn't want to let you down because you'd waited so long to be inside this fantastic old stadium for a derby, and some might have wondered whether it would ever happen again, so I'm glad we could get the result for you all.

Now we need to go again. We need exactly the same backing for six – possibly more – matches, and I know you won't let us down. The support we have had from day one has been outstanding, so please keep it going and make the place shake again.

Enjoy the game, COYH and Happy Easter to everyone!

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# FROM THE BOARDROOM

STEPHEN BROWNE

Director



**Welcome to the Blackpool fans, Mick, his staff, and players to Kenilworth Road. It's a long journey and so we know the Seasiders will want to return home with some points from today's game. Mick has visited Kenilworth Road many times, including scouting trips to watch Collo when he was Republic of Ireland manager, so he knows the atmosphere that we create.**

A significant date – a birthday – comes tomorrow. On 11th April 1895 Luton Town was born (and we know our real age and don't lie about it, like some clubs on our doorstep). 138 years young and we have so much more to give. Happy Birthday Hatters everywhere!

To add to that, a small coincidence is that 4 years ago almost to the day it was a 2-2 draw against today's opponents that saw us set a new club record of 28 games unbeaten. That run saw us end the season with promotion.

For the run-in, we have some really tough games. Everyone is fighting for points with teams vying for play-offs and those trying to avoid relegation. There's a lot of work to be done, but the last few weeks show we are worthy of a play-off place. We have put ourselves in an excellent position by a truly awesome performance in our last home game.

One game we all looked for once the fixture list was published was against those who shall not be named in yellow (well, Newcastle United colours as it turned out). And what a game - everything from everyone was fantastic. Every player was magnificent; Rob and his team were immense; the staff and volunteers were amazing; and the voices at the game... gargantuan. YOU were massive and you played your role. The Kenny rocked!

Relish every second. It was a cracker from start to finish. We dominated, and not just on the pitch. Their fans seemed to have cast a spell that made them silent because you out-sang them all game whilst they were simply stupefied. If they could really wave a magic wand then the curse they attempted backfired. And despite their on-paper abilities and their loans from Gringots, they were no match for us. Their club must be a

grim old place because from afar it does not appear to be a happy sorting hat.

Despite how they choose to run their club, it's no business of ours. Social media circulated a great picture of Pelly and one of their players in a tackle, one with a shirt advertising 'Giving', and the other with a shirt advertising betting, including the letters 'Take'. To me that says it all – it's hardly a chamber of secrets.

As for us, whilst we should always revel in success and a win of such power, we must now focus on the next game and remember we have a job to do. It doesn't matter how you reach the playoffs - and who knows, those who shall not be named may yet slither in - but once you have reached those final games it becomes a whole new mini-tournament. There are no silver medals or bronze ones; there is one gold and the rest are a very bitter butter beer.

Rest assured, together we will all be doing our utmost to continue the season upon season improvement we strive for. We always knew it would be a rollercoaster, and just a decade ago those down the road were mid-table Championship and we were non-league. How they laughed...but now the joke is on them. We are now poles apart.

Ethics and stability are at the heart of our culture and identity. You are that heart. The irony and naivety of any club to point the finger anywhere but at themselves, fail to take accountability, and the inability to call out one another

and pull in the same direction, is baffling to us Hatters. Take how Chelsea have treated Potter, isn't this yet another example? Some mad clubs have had eighteen managers in the time we have had four or five, and yet owners still wonder why things aren't going their way, with their fans oblivious to the obvious.

Suffice to say, to beat so convincingly a side that has buzzed around grey areas fills us all with pride. We've done it our way. We've done it together. We are united. We are determined to stand by our values. We define ourselves by our choices. And, we haven't finished yet.

However this season pans out, it's been one to remember. There have been many smiles since the first day of the season. Whereas last season we felt lucky to be riding high, this season it feels like "No, we are not just lucky – we are competing, we are good, and we are well worth our position in the league". We have no reason to be afraid of anyone.

If refereeing this year had been of the standard we should expect, we'd be even higher. If the saying 'It evens out over the season' has any truth to it, then I'm expecting at least half a dozen 'undeserved' points before the end of this campaign (but I'm not holding my breath). I feel for the lads when they play with heart and honesty and yet get penalised in some way by bad officiating. But they make me so proud that they use that injustice and let their feet do the talking.

That performance will be remembered for a very long time, along with the names of every player involved. In the same way Kirk and Wayne relive their goals and the roar of the crowd, so will Gabe and Al. It makes the hair on my arms stand on end. 10,000 were lucky enough to see it and feel it. It seems to me that the natural order has returned.



## COME ON YOU HATTERS!

One last thing that brings back happy memories - Wembley, 14 years ago last Wednesday we won the JPT Final against Scunthorpe. 42,000 Hatters; Nico putting his body on the line; Chris and Tom up front; and that final goal by Claude. Who'd have dared dream then where a decade would take us?!

Yes, I am sure you have spotted some of the references I have used in these notes. Some things not only stay in the memory forever, but cannot be erased by those that would like to forget. Like a record defeat in a cup final, once it's happened, that's it. I'd like to thank the organiser because whenever I need cheering up all I have to do is think of a young lad with a scar on his forehead shaped like a bolt of lightning...

How to finish? Well, I can't resist so I'm going to copy Wilko and end with a quote...

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“I thought the players were outstanding, every single one of them, to the point where it actually made me emotional at the end. The running they showed, the intent that they showed, right to the very, very end, they were outstanding. So yes, a really enjoyable day.”

ROB EDWARDS



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Kenilworth Road – Sat 1st April 2023

**Hatters:** Horvath; Drameh, Lockyer (C), Osho, Bell, Doughty; Campbell, Nakamba, Mpanzu; Morris (Woodrow 90+3'), Adebayo.

**Hornets:** Bachmann; Porteous, Cathcart (C), Hoedt (Sarr 65'); Ngakia (Ferreira 65'), Louza, Choudhury, Kone (Asprilla 77'), Sema; Pedro, Davis (Assombalonga 67').

### Scorers:

Osho (28'), Campbell (90+1')

## WATFORD REACTION

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Gabe Osho was ecstatic at being able to write his name into Luton Town history after scoring the opening goal in a 2-0 win over Watford in the first derby with fans at Kenilworth Road for 17 years.

The 24-year-old's first half strike was doubled in added time by Allan Campbell as the Hatters went joint third with Middlesbrough, who lost 4-2 at Huddersfield later on last Saturday afternoon.

Osho spoke of the feeling in the dressing room afterwards, saying: "Everyone is just happy to be a part of today, an important day for the club's history, especially when you put it into perspective of what happened in the reverse fixture at their place, so everyone is just really happy."

Having been sent off in the 4-0 defeat at Vicarage Road earlier in the season, scoring in the win was the perfect redemption for the ex-Reading youngster.

"It was important, and I think you could see that in my celebration," he said. "Obviously for myself last time, I kind of let myself down with the sending off, so it was just nice to get a bit of revenge today and win the game, which was the most important thing."

"The three points is really important, especially after the international break which can take away momentum sometimes, so to start



Words: Stuart Hammonds

the last run of games with a win is important and could propel us up the league."

His goal was created by Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, who returned to action after it seemed like his season was over when he suffered a knee injury in the win at Sheffield United on March 11th.

"I saw Pells running round and he has that power just to keep going and keep going, so when he crossed it, I can't really remember what happened to be honest. I just stuck my foot out and it went in thankfully, but it was just a great day."

Remembering the reaction of Watford player William Troost-Ekong when he was shown that straight red card back in October, Osho had a special celebration.

"My little brother actually messaged me and said 'If you score, then give them a little bit after what happened in the last game.' So I was happy to be able to do that today, it's something I've been thinking about since getting sent off, so I'm just happy."

"I almost forgot to do it, I planned it before the game, but once I scored, the emotion just went. I kind of let myself down with the sending off, so it was just nice to get a bit of revenge and win. I'm going to be staying up to 12 when the highlights come on!"

On Mpanzu's return, he went on: "Pells coming back was a big one for the team. Even when he's injured he's as loud as anything, so having him on the pitch today was just amazing."

"I think in comparison to last season when we had a lot of injuries at this stage, now we have pretty much a full

squad and hopefully everybody is going to be pushing each other to get minutes and to be playing games, so it should just lift the standard of the team even more."

That was certainly something the 9,000-plus Hatters inside a packed Kenilworth Road did, too.

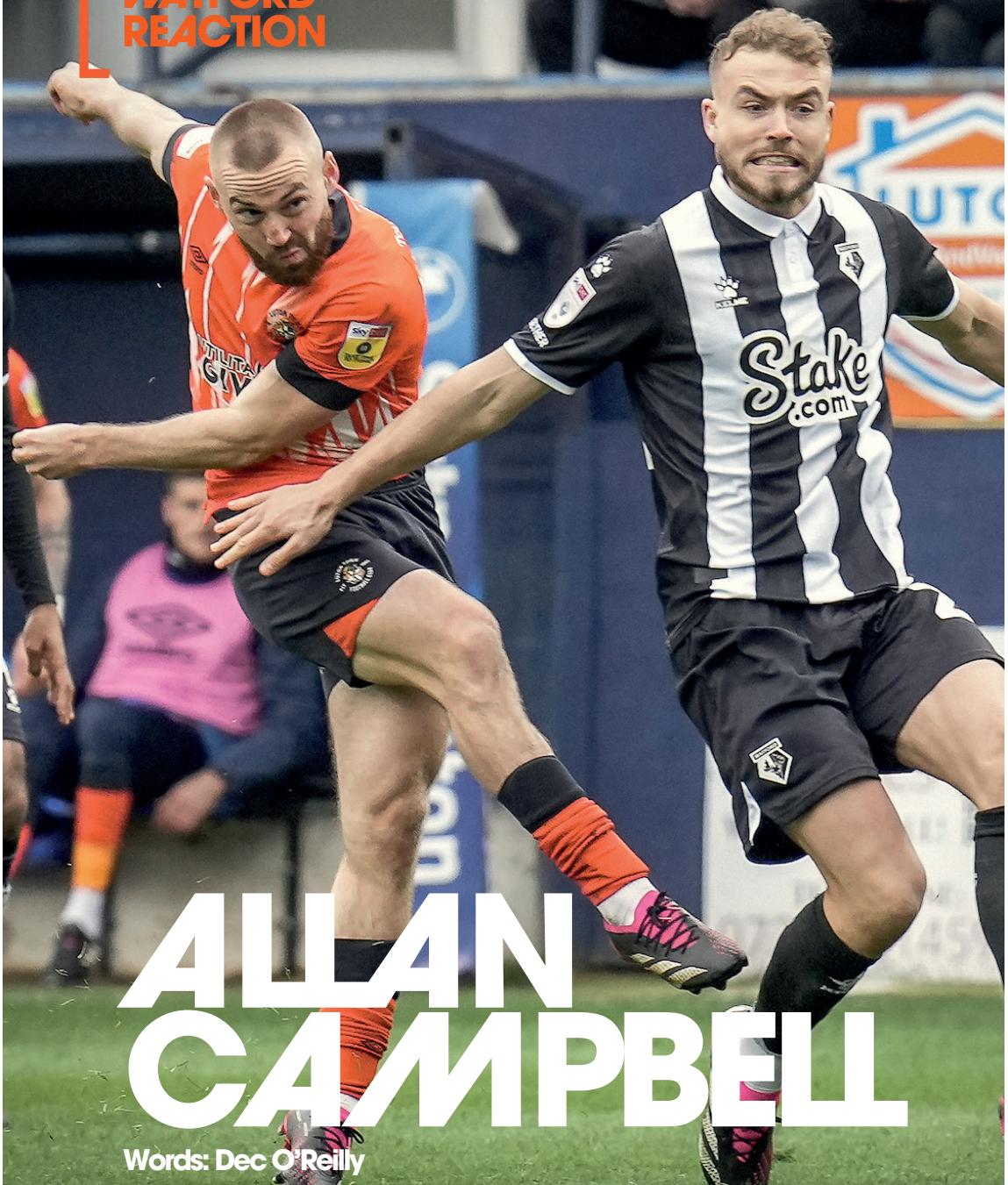
"It was amazing," said Osho. "I think that's as loud as I've ever witnessed it. So yes, just speechless really and just happy to have been a part of it, and to get the win."

Osho and his team-mate were firmly positioned in the play-off places and scenting automatic promotion following the derby win. Asked whether that is becoming a possibility, he responded: "Yes, I think so. When you're playing every game and right now, we feel that we can win every game, so we are only going to look up instead of looking behind us, because we go into every game positive, believing we can win."

"I think with that kind of mentality, it's only upwards, so we'll take each game as it comes. We are not looking too far ahead, but we are looking positive towards every single game."



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REACTION



# ALLAN CAMPBELL

Words: Dec O'Reilly

**Derby day goalscorer Allan Campbell was glad to give Hatters something to brag about when they returned to work last Monday after netting the second goal in the 2-0 victory over Watford.**

The Scottish international also paid his compliments to the home support for creating an atmosphere that the players could feed off of throughout the game.

“I had a lot of messages after the game”, Campbell said. “People were buzzing, we know how much it means to the fans obviously for the bragging rights. I’m sure a lot of them were happy going into work on Monday morning, but I’m buzzing that I chipped in, did my part and saw the win off.

“It was a better experience than the last game [against Watford], the last one was a bit disappointing with the result and the way we played. This game was about continuing the run we’ve been on recently and giving back to the fans, using them as an advantage.

“We knew they’d be there from the start until the end with the atmosphere that they created. The boys fed off it well and we gave them something to cheer about at the end of the day.

“A lot of people were messaging me on Twitter and social media, fans just buzzing that we made their weekend. It’s good to see that you can put a smile on people’s faces that you’ve done everything to get the result.”

Campbell says he is “enjoying” his second season playing in the Sky Bet Championship with the Hatters, despite a short spell out of the starting line-up earlier in the year.

“I’m just trying to continue on from where I left off last season, trying to remain in the team, trying to improve all aspects of my game and for the club to just continue to push forward as well,” he said. “I think the position we find ourselves in this time of the season is where we wanted to be and it’s been going good so far, I’ve been enjoying it.

“I feel comfortable here. I’m settled and my girlfriend is settled too, we are loving it. I’m loving it at the club, I’m doing well, the fans are brilliant, and the team is doing well too.

“There’s a great group of lads here and I love coming into training everyday to work harder, get better and trying to

improve myself. We’re winning games of football so it makes it even better. Hopefully that continues and we can end the season buzzing instead of how it finished last year.

“There was a couple of games at the start of the [calendar] year where I was left out. The manager changed the team and the boys put in a good few performances, it’s just part and parcel of football [being out of the team] sometimes.

“When the team’s doing well, the manager has to make decisions and you have to stick by that, work harder and when you’re back in the team, take your opportunity. Thankfully, I’ve been back in the team for six or seven games now, playing well and enjoying it.

“Obviously it was frustrating because you want to play every game, but it is football at the end of the day. There are 23 players in this squad and there’s 11 places up for grabs. That’s just football, so you have to react in the right way and when you get your chance, try to get back in.

“Rob and I had a chat, obviously just said his decisions at the time and you just have to react well, train well and be ready to get back in the team and help the boys. I’ve done that and that’s what I’ll keep doing.”



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## TOM LOCKYER

Words: Stuart Hammonds

**Tom Lockyer issued Town fans with a challenge to recreate the derby day atmosphere for every home game remaining this season, after starring again in what he describes as the “favourite game of his career”!**

The Welsh international centre-half, who skippered the Hatters to a memorable 2-0 win over Watford with another masterful display at the heart of defence, said: “It was incredible!

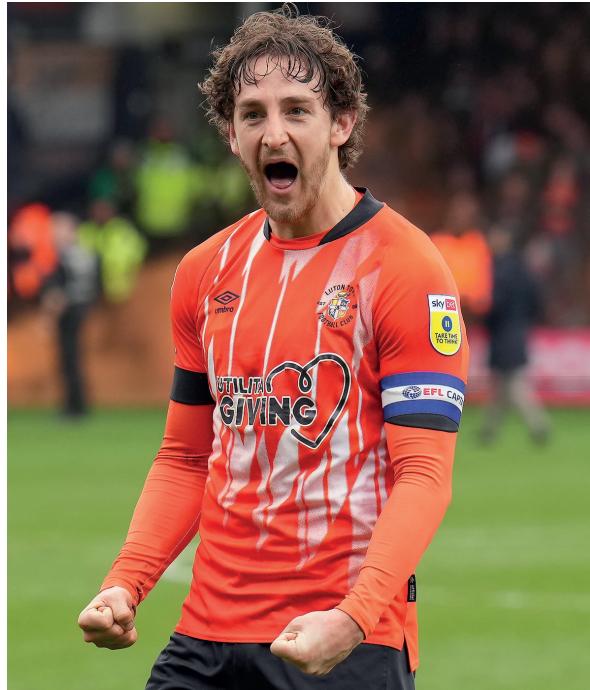
“The hurt from the reverse fixture was still there and we knew exactly what it meant to the fans, so to be able to give them what they wanted was incredible and that second goal just topped it off, as we like a one-nil don’t we?”

“So to get that second so late on and basically seal the game off, the way the whole stadium just erupted was really special and it was an unbelievable feeling.”

As his side look to seal a play-off position, while also looking up with the automatic promotion places in sight, Lockyer wants the Kenilworth Road cauldron to be bubbling again – starting today for the visit of Blackpool.

“I loved every minute of it, from the first whistle to the last whistle and I’ve never seen the Kenny like that before, so my challenge to the fans now is can you replicate that in some sort of way for the remaining home games for us?”

“I know it’s nigh on impossible to get to what it was on Saturday, but if you get half of that for these remaining home games, that will help us on the pitch massively as that is hard



to describe just how good it was to play in front of.”

Lockyer emphasised how good it was to win for manager Rob Edwards and assistant Richie Kyle, who were sacked by Watford earlier this season.

“It was fantastic we could do that for Rob and Richie, because they’ve been amazing since they came in,” said Lockyer, who also praised on-loan midfielder Marvelous Nakamba for his contribution since arriving from Aston Villa on January transfer deadline day.

“He’s brilliant, isn’t he?” said Lockyer. “Such a nice guy off the pitch as well. On the pitch I just need to talk to him, tell him go right or go left, and then he goes and tackles anything in sight.”

“I’m not sure who was responsible for getting him in, but I’ll get them a bottle of red or something. He makes my job a hell of a lot easier.”



## MICK McCARTHY

MANAGER | Yorkshireman McCarthy began his playing career as a defender for Barnsley in 1977 before moving to Manchester City and eventually captaining Celtic. McCarthy also earned 57 caps for the Republic of Ireland national team. As a manager, he has been in charge of Millwall, Sunderland, Wolves, Ipswich Town, the Cypriot club APOEL and Cardiff, as well as two different spell as Ireland's manager. He was appointed as Blackpool's gaffer in January 2023.



## CHRIS MAXWELL

GK | 32-year-old goalkeeper Maxwell is a Welsh international who started his career at Wrexham. He joined Fleetwood Town in 2012 before loan spells with Cambridge United and Grimsby Town. He signed for Preston in 2016. After making 91 appearances for North End, he joined Blackpool in 2019. Maxwell has also earned caps for Wales U21s and U19s. Had made 26 Championship appearances so far this season going into the Easter period.



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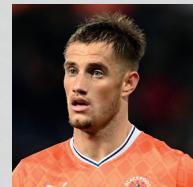


## DOMINIC THOMPSON

DEF | 22-year-old Dominic Thompson is an English left-back who currently plays for Blackpool after beginning his youth career at Arsenal. Thompson moved to Brentford in 2019 where he made his professional debut that August. He went on to make seven appearances at Griffin Park and joined Swindon Town on loan in January 2021, playing 17 times in League Two. Thompson signed for Blackpool in July 2022 and had made 29 appearances for the Seasiders pre-Easter.

## JERRY YATES

ONE TO WATCH | Yates started his career with Rotherham United, where he made his debut in 2015. Yates also had loan spells at Harrogate Town, Carlisle United and Swindon Town, where he scored a combined 25 goals in 68 appearances. The 26-year-old joined Blackpool in 2020 and heading into the Easter matches had made 130 appearances across three seasons, scoring 42 times. Thirteen of those have come this term to make him the Seasiders' top scorer.



## KENNY DOUGALL

MID | Midfielder Dougall began his career with Brisbane City in his native Australia. He then had a stint in the Dutch Eredivisie with Telstar, making 29 appearances there. Staying in Holland, he joined Sparta Rotterdam, making 89 appearances, before moving to England to join Barnsley in 2018. The 29-year-old moved to Blackpool two years later, in October 2020, and since joining the north-west club, Dougall has featured in 114 games, scoring eight times.

## GARY MADINE

ATT | Englishman Gary Madine started his career at Carlisle United before moving to Sheffield Wednesday in 2011. He has also had loan spells at several clubs including Rochdale, Coventry City, Chesterfield, Sheffield United and Bolton Wanderers. Madine has made over 450 career appearances and scored 108 goals in that time. This season the 32-year-old had eight goal involvements in 27 games going into Easter, with four goals making him the club's second top scorer.





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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 Kennoway, Fife, in 1926 Allan Brown became a record Scottish export when leaving East Fife for Blackpool in exchange for £26,500 in 1950 due to his pace, power and subtlety in the forward line.

A Scottish international, he was regarded as a major coup by the Hatters in February 1957 and became part of the Luton side that won through to Wembley for the 1959 FA Cup final making up for the two finals he missed with Blackpool due to injury.

After leaving Luton for Portsmouth in March 1961 he wound down his playing career at Wigan where he became player/manager. It was from Wigan that he returned to Kenilworth Road as manager in November 1966 with the club languishing in Division Four (now League Two). In his first full season he steered the club to the championship and seemed set fair for a further promotion when he was controversially sacked in December 1966 after attending an unsuccessful interview for the vacant Leicester position.

Allan was not out of a job long and after spells at Torquay, Bury and Nottingham Forest he became Blackpool manager in May 1976 until falling out with the Club's board and being dismissed in February 1978.

After a period managing in Kuwait, Allan returned to Blackpool in March 1981 before leaving for the final time in May 1982.

Allan lived in Lytham St Annes in retirement until passing away in 2011.

## **FIRST GAME: LEEDS 1 LUTON TOWN 2. 9/2/1957**

A debut to remember for Allan as he helps the Hatters end a four game losing run. Setting up George McLeod for the Town's first goal he weighed in with the second, firing in from 25 yards. Giving a display of powerful inside-forward play he was regarded as the missing link in a side that then eased away from any lingering fears of relegation.

## **LAST GAME: SHEFFIELD UTD 2 LUTON 1. 11/2/1961**

The Town gave the League leaders a fright when Gordon Turner fired in the opening goal five minutes before the interval. Sadly, the Luton defence could not hold out in the second period with the Blades ploughing through the Bramall Lane mud and netting twice to secure the points.

# **FIRST AND LAST**

## **ALLAN BROWN**



# HATTERS TALES

WITH ROGER WASH  
CLUB HISTORIAN

An alert Allan Brown waits for a slip from Blackpool goalkeeper George Farm.



## MATTHEWS FAILS TO SHINE

**When the Hatters were drawn to play Leeds at home in round three of the FA Cup in the 1958/59 season, most Luton supporters did not give the game much thought, and certainly cup euphoria was not evident on the streets of the town.**

Since winning promotion to the old Division One four years earlier the Town had been knocked out of the competition at the first time of asking each season, and the thoughts of the 'Twin Towers' were a long way from the fans' minds.

Of rather more importance was the dismal league record that season for, after a bright start, form had slumped and relegation was a real danger. The week before the Leeds game

Birmingham had won at Kenilworth Road and the team looked bereft of ideas, especially up front.

The Town were without a manager, Dally Duncan having left for Blackburn the previous autumn, and the selection committee, which included the directors and captain Syd Owen, decided to make sweeping changes. For the game against Leeds, out went winger Jim Adam and terrace favourite Gordon Turner, to be replaced by Allan Brown and youngster Tony Gregory.

A crowd of 'only' 18,534 turned out to see the new-look Luton side and the supporters went home impressed after seeing Billy Bingham turn on a masterful display on the wing as the Hatters thrashed Leeds 5-1 on a snowy pitch. In Leeds' defence it must be said that their right back Ashall was a passenger for most of the match after breaking his wrist early on. No substitutes in those days!

In the next round, the Town were drawn to meet Leicester at Filbert Street, and over 3,000 Luton supporters made the trip

Bob Morton goes in where it hurts.



to see Bingham score a late equaliser and bring the tie back to Kenilworth Road. The replay, under floodlights for the first time, was watched by 27,277 and this time it was Brown's turn to shine with a hat-trick in a 4-1 win.

Cup fever was now in evidence, and when it was announced that the Hatters were to travel to second division Ipswich in round five, the initial allocation of 6,000 tickets was snapped up immediately. Fortunately, a price hike by the Suffolk club did not go down well with the locals, with the result that the Town's allocation was eventually increased.

"Play it tight for the first few minutes," said captain Owen as the players went out on the pitch, but his instructions were blown to smithereens straight away with Ipswich scoring almost from the kick-off. By the 17th minute, however, the Hatters had amazingly scored four times in a display of attacking football that has rarely been bettered by a Luton side.

The Town were now through to the quarter-finals for only the third time in

their history, but the draw was unkind, pitting them against arguably the strongest side left in the competition, Blackpool, who still boasted the mercurial Stanley Matthews and a good many of the side that had lifted the trophy six years before.

It was a dream come true for Allan Brown who had missed out on a winner's medal with the Seasiders after breaking his leg scoring the winning goal in the quarter-final of 1953. Here was the chance to make up for that disappointment and against his old side to boot!

A crowd of 30,634 gathered at Bloomfield Road to see two rugged defences in action with very little in the way of goalmouth action. The game seemed to be petering out to a scoreless draw when quicksilver Bingham, anticipating a long cross from Bob Morton, ran between two defenders and crouched low to head the Town into the lead.

With only five minutes remaining, all the Town defence had to do was the same as it had done for the previous 85 and, ably marshalled by Owen, looked more than capable of holding on to the advantage. Only seconds remained and with the referee looking at his watch disaster struck when the normally reliable Luton full-back Ken Hawkes played an underhit back pass to goalkeeper Ron Baynham, which allowed Blackpool's Ray Charnley to nip in for an undeserved equaliser and a replay at Kenilworth Road the following Wednesday.

Everyone felt sorry for Hawkes, who was distraught at the end of the game. "I had time to put the ball into the sea. I deserve to be whipped," he said afterwards.



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# HATTERS TALES

WITH ROGER WASH  
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Due to the fact that Blackpool (and more particularly Matthews so it was rumoured) objected to the Luton floodlights, the replay was scheduled to take place in the afternoon which the Town officials felt would affect the attendance.

As it turned out, when the turnstiles had stopped clicking, the crowd was recorded at 30,069, a ground record. Truancy was rife that afternoon and the major employers in the town turned a blind eye to absenteeism (or so they said afterwards).

This time the play was more open with Blackpool trying to bring Matthews more into the game, but the Luton defence held firm. It was felt that the team scoring first would be the winner, but as the game wore on in the second period it looked increasingly likely that we were in for a stalemate.

In true storybook fashion it was Brown who broke the deadlock with 15 minutes to go. George Cummins split the defence for Brown to run on and sweep the ball past George Farm in the Blackpool goal. The two players collided, but this time unlike in 1953, Brown struggled to his feet as the crowd went wild.

Despite frantic efforts by Blackpool the Town defence held on and when the referee called an end to the game, the crowd surged on to the pitch to celebrate the club's first appearance in an FA Cup semi-final.

Bill Holden in the Daily Mirror praised

The winning goal, slotted in by Allan Brown.



37-year-old skipper Syd Owen, who 'marshalled his defence brilliantly to blot out the Blackpool attack whenever it got within shooting range and who collapsed in agony with cramp at the final whistle.'

John Camkin in the Daily Herald, perhaps betraying a little bit of Blackpool bias, bemoaned the fact that 'Lancashire, the original home and most powerful quadrant of the Football League was without a single representative in the last four of the FA Cup for the first time in more than 20 years.'

Finally, Bob Pennington in the Daily Express had no such reservations about the lack of a Northern club in the last four and was pleased in particular for goalscorer Allan Brown. 'One man sat motionless, speechless, amid the tumult and the shouting in the Luton dressing room as the champagne signalled they were there – in their first semi-final. He was Allan Brown, Luton's Scottish international inside-right who had beaten his old club Blackpool.'

Luton (both games): Baynham, McNally, Hawkes, Groves, Owen, Pacey, Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.

Blackpool: Farm, Armfield, Garrett, Hauser, Gratrix, H. Kelly, Matthews, Mudie, Charnley, Durie, Perry. J. Kelly replaced Perry for the replay.



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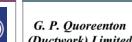
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**The Hatters squad celebrate the 2-0 derby win over Watford on Saturday 1st April by joining hands and running towards an ecstatic Kenilworth Road End.**



**“I said to my family after, as I’ve played in the Bristol derby as well, but that was right up there. I don’t know whether that’s because we won or not, or because the reverse fixture didnidn’t feel as good. But that was special and probably one of my favourite games to have played in. Just everything about the day, from the result to the occasion, it was really fun!”**

**TOM LOCKYER**



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**We were delighted to announce last week that NOAH Enterprise has been selected as Luton Town's club charity of the year for the rest of this season and the 2023-24 campaign.**

NOAH Enterprise is a Luton-based charity that works across Bedfordshire to support those experiencing homelessness and severe poverty.

For over 30 years, NOAH have been providing practical support to those who need it most in our community. Last year, the Welfare Centre in Luton was visited almost 14,000 times by people requiring the charity's services, with nearly 300 people assisted into secure accommodation. With the cost of living continuing to rise, they unfortunately believe their services are only going to be in higher demand moving forward.

NOAH Enterprise CEO, David Morris, said: "We are honoured to have been chosen as Luton Town Football Club's Charity of the Year, and it could not have come at a more important time for charity like ours. For the first time in four years, the amount of people sleeping rough on our streets has increased. And with the cost of living crisis continuing, we are yet to see the full consequences of what this means for the people living in our town and wider county.

"The work we do here at NOAH is vital to keeping people safe and improving their quality of life. We'd like to thank Luton Town Football Club for choosing to support NOAH and raising awareness of homelessness and poverty in Luton and Bed-

fordshire. We look forward to working with the club to best serve the people who need us in our town."

The NOAH Welfare Centre is located on Park Street in Luton town centre. Here people can receive a healthy lunch, a shower, internet access and warm clothing. They have visiting GPs, nurses and dentists, alongside highly-motivated staff who can provide practical accommodation support. The Welfare Centre is open 365 days a year so there is always somewhere for people to find support.

NOAH's Outreach Team work with individuals who are rough sleeping – on the street, in car parks, bus shelters, under bridges and in derelict buildings – across Luton and Central Beds. The aim is to help people off the street and into accommodation, which is a vital part of improving their quality of life.

NOAH's Luton and Bedford Academies seek to support those facing unemployment, as one of the biggest causes of homelessness. Last year, their provision supported 802 people by providing free



courses, such as ESOL and basic IT, as well as CV workshops, interview practice and one-to-one job search help.

All of NOAH's services are completely free to access, but they do cost around £2 million per year to run. At a meeting attended by club officials including manager Rob Edwards and chairman David Wilkinson at their Park Street welfare centre this week, NOAH staff explained how the support of Luton Town Football Club will make a tangible difference in improving the lives of people in our community.

Manager Edwards said: "It's been a privilege to come to NOAH to see the hard work and effort that the brilliant people here put into trying to help people who have fallen on difficult times get their life back on track.

"We all know that football is important, including to the people here because of the partnership that as Luton Town Football Club we already have, and are going to develop further. But there is more to life than football. A lot of things are a lot more important than that, and

that's health and safety, and having somewhere to live. Visiting NOAH has helped put some perspective on the stresses we think we have in football.

"The people here have given me a sense of how they can help people get back on the straight and narrow, get back into society, get a roof over people's heads, help them get jobs, and get some normality with things that so many of us take for granted.

"It's clear they don't want a pat on the back. They don't want us to be singing and dancing about them, saying well done. They go about it because it's important to them and they want to help people, but it's good that at certain times we are able to recognise that.

"There are some brilliant people here, and it's fantastic now that I know they are here, and what they do, that as a football club we can have a partnership to try and help in any way possible. I can promise that it's a goal we will all work towards."

**For more information on NOAH, visit [noahenterprise.org](http://noahenterprise.org)**

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# AMERICAN HATTERS SUCCESS!

Over to New York and congratulations to Albion Brooklyn SC Under 11s who won a local 5-a-side tournament recently - in Luton colours!

Albion Brooklyn are coached by Tom Ginn, whose dad Steve is known as Formby Hatter on social media.

*Steve watched Albion Brooklyn play during a visit to New York in October 2022, and held up Luton Town FC as a shining example of a well-run English club playing exciting football. This caught the imagination of Glen Eric, one of the parents and Club Treasurer.*

*Albion Brooklyn FC were due to enter 2 sides in a local tournament being held Socceroof, Sunset Park, Brooklyn on 12<sup>th</sup> February. Rather than one team have to enter as a 'B' team it was suggested that a team should enter as 'Luton Town'.*

*Steve Ginn contacted the Club shop and was able to obtain 11 shirts, and manager of the 'Luton Town' 5-a-side team for the tournament was Brandon Zimmerman.*

**After winning all four of their games, the American Hatters went on to beat an Albion Brooklyn team in the final and they would like to thank the Club Shop for getting the shirts there in time. COYH!**



# GOLDEN HATTER, ROBIN!

Robin Fletcher and his family celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Swansea game. David Wilkinson presented him with a 'Golden Hatter' award to recognise his 66 as a true Hatter, and the Fletcher family's support stretching back over 120 years!



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## WAYNE POLSON

Player Care Officer

Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to the Kenny for this EFL Championship match.

The boys within the Academy are striving to play in front of you all for the first team one day, however there is more than just football skills which are required to become a top-level athlete and unfortunately, not all of the boys within the Academy will achieve their dreams.

A large part of what we offer as an Academy is supported by our Life Skills programme where we try to educate the boys and parents/guardians on different aspects of life, both within football and the wider world. We have recently had a couple of works shops around Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, which are outlined below to give you a flavour of Academy life.

Ebadur Rahman from Nujum sports delivered a workshop to help raise awareness of Islamophobia, this was part of a life skills session to help educate the U18s and Development Squad. Nujum Sports want to promote a culture of educational excellence for athletes, from within a caring and secure Islamic environment enriched with the values of discipline, mutual care and respect which extends beyond and into the wider community. By building, empowering and supporting a community of Muslim athletes, Nujum will empower our future generations to be positive and inspirational members of society.

Younes Kaboul is a volunteer coach within the Professional Development Phase, and the ex-Spurs star has spent time with the Academy players who, like him are taking part in Ramadan. The main vision of the Organisation is to: "To see a world where Muslim athletes flourish & fulfil their potential".



## KICK IT OUT

Troy Townsend (Head of player engagement) at Kick It Out visited the Academy players to provide valuable life skills and education.

The organisation works within the football, educational and community sectors to challenge discrimination, encourage inclusive practices and work for positive change. Kick It Out is primarily a campaigning organisation which enables, facilitates and works with the football authorities, professional clubs, players, fans and communities to tackle all forms of discrimination.

Thank you to Troy for coming along to talk to the academy players about Kick It Out's work.



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## GETTING TO KNOW...

# AXEL PIESOLD

**Age: 17**

**Position: Defensive midfielder**

### Where are you from?

North London. I grew up in Muswell Hill.

### Which junior teams did you play for?

I played for a team called Focus Football when I was really young, a few of the other lads at Luton played for them too. Then when I was seven or eight years old, I joined Tottenham Hotspur and played there for quite a while before playing for Dunstable Town and then Luton.

### Which team do you support?

I actually support Arsenal! It wasn't hard to separate my support for Arsenal when I played for Spurs, you can separate it easier when you are playing because you want you and your team-mates to do as well as possible, it's easier to separate the two than people think.

### How did you join the club?

I was on trial at Luton since last summer and was also playing for Dunstable Town. I was offered a development contract and was lucky to then sign my first-year professional development deal recently.

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

My parents supporting me, taking me to lots of different away games when I was younger has really helped me. I think they have always believed in me, so they have probably been my biggest influence.

### Who is your footballing hero?

It's quite a basic choice, but I've always really liked Lionel Messi. Recently, I've liked Kevin De Bruyne as well, the way he plays is just amazing. I try and watch those two as



much as I can when they are on the TV because they are a joy to watch.

### What has been the highlight of your career so far?

I'd say it was being on the bench for the first-team in the FA Cup replay at Grimsby. It was a really proud moment for me, I was really happy to find out. Obviously, the result wasn't what we wanted but the whole experience was really good. It's a totally different experience to under-18 and under-21 football. With all age groups, the aim is obviously to win, but also to develop yourself as a player. That doesn't change in the first-team, but the whole away day experience and staying in a hotel overnight is obviously different to how you would do it in the academy games, the food we eat is different and things like that, so it was a really good experience.

### What are your hopes for the future?

I think my hopes for the future are to just kick on really, I've enjoyed my start here at Luton and I want to just improve myself and see where that takes me. There are no guarantees about how high you can get in football, but I will give it my all and see where it takes me.



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The Trust are one of just over 200 organisations that have secured the funding which has allowed us to deliver targeted delivery as an extension to the Premier League Kicks sessions that are currently delivered every Tuesday and Thursday night in Marsh Farm at Lea Manor Recreation Centre, Luton. We have been able to deliver a 10 week programme in partnership with Luton Youth Partnership Services for teenagers aged 14-18 when anti-social behaviour has proven prevalent across the town. The weekly sessions blend a mixture of sport with mentoring and sports leadership opportunities delivered by our coaches and targeted youth workers.

The group were thrilled when we told them that we'd be taking them to the game. Despite all living locally and being huge football fans, none of the group had been to see a game

at Kenilworth Road before. In terms of the match itself, The Hatters won the game 1-0 with an early goal from Carlton Morris, much to the pleasure of our group who soon picked up and joined in with all the chants from the Kenilworth Road End.

One member of the group commented: "We've had such a great night. I've never been to the Kenny before and actually this is the first proper game I've been too. To see Luton win made it even better. I can't wait to come to another match here!"

For further information regarding the project or Premier League Kicks contact [Daniel.Douglas@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:Daniel.Douglas@lutontown.co.uk)



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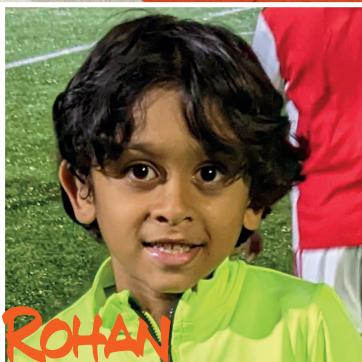


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# JUNIOR HATTERS



## TODAY'S MASCOTS



**ROHAN**

**NAME:** Rohan Patel

**AGE:** 7

**HOBBIES:** Rohan loves playing football, gaming, and YouTube videos! He attends matches with his brother Rishi, and today is a treat for his birthday!

**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Carlton Morris



**OLIVER**

**NAME:** Oliver Hill

**AGE:** 8

**HOBBIES:** Playing for Stopsley United, swimming, gaming, beavers and fishing.

**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** All of them and Mick Harford (who I met when I was a baby)



**GEORGE**

**NAME:** George Ayres

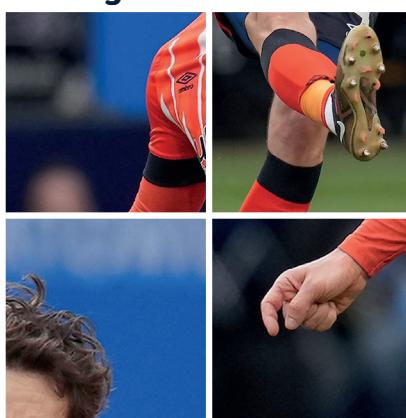
**AGE:** 9

**HOBBIES:** George loves playing football, especially saving his brother's penalties! George also likes to play Fortnite and FIFA.

**FAVOURITE PLAYERS:** Ethan Horvath

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	DATE	OPPOSITION	POS	SCORE	STARTING XI					
	SAT JUL 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H /	D 0-0	HORVATH BREE OSHO BRADLEY POTTS BELL CA					
	SAT AUG 6	BURNLEY	A 15	D 1-1	HORVATH BREE OSHO BRADLEY POTTS BELL CA					
	TUE AUG 9	NEWPORT CTY AFC (CCR)	H /	L 2-3	MACEY MENDES GOMES BURKE LANSBURY LOCKYER PEREIRA WI					
	SAT AUG 13	PRESTON NORTH END	H 20	L 0-1	HORVATH BREE BURKE BRADLEY POTTS BELL CA					
	TUE AUG 16	BRISTOL CITY	A 23	L 0-2	HORVATH BREE BURKE BRADLEY POTTS BELL CA					
	SAT AUG 20	SWANSEA CITY	A 18	W 2-0	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	FRI AUG 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H 17	D 1-1	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	TUE AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	A 9	W 2-1	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	SAT SEP 3	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H 16	L 1-2	HORVATH BREE OSHO LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	WED SEP 14	COVENTRY CITY	H 18	D 2-2	HORVATH BREE OSHO BRADLEY POTTS ONYEDINIMA CA					
	SAT SEP 17	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H 11	W 2-0	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	FRI SEP 30	HULL CITY	A 5	W 2-0	HORVATH BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	TUE OCT 4	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H 8	D 3-3	HORVATH ONYEDINIMA BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	SAT OCT 8	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A 9	D 0-0	HORVATH BREE LOCKYER BRADLEY POTTS BELL CA					
	SAT OCT 15	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H 6	W 3-1	HORVATH BREE LOCKYER BRADLEY POTTS BELL CA					
	TUE OCT 18	NORWICH CITY	A 4	W 1-0	HORVATH ONYEDINIMA BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	SUN OCT 23	WATFORD	A 9	L 0-4	HORVATH BREE LOCKYER BRADLEY POTTS BELL DOUGHTY CA					
	SAT OCT 29	SUNDERLAND	H 9	D 1-1	HORVATH DOUGHTY BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	TUE NOV 1	READING	H 10	D 0-0	HORVATH BREE LOCKYER BRADLEY POTTS BELL CA					
	SAT NOV 5	BLACKPOOL	A 8	W 1-0	HORVATH CLARK BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	TUE NOV 8	STOKE CITY	A 9	L 0-2	ISTED CLARK BREE LOCKYER OSHO BELL CA					
	SAT NOV 12	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H 10	D 1-1	HORVATH BREE OSHO LOCKYER BELL DOUGHTY CA					
	SAT DEC 10	MIDDLESBROUGH	A 13	L 1-2	HORVATH BREE OSHO LOCKYER BELL DOUGHTY CA					
	MON DEC 26	NORWICH CITY	H 12	W 2-1	HORVATH BREE OSHO ■ LOCKYER POTTS DOUGHTY CA					
	THU DEC 29	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A 5	W 3-0	HORVATH DOUGHTY BURKE BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	SUN JAN 1	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A 5	W 2-1	HORVATH DOUGHTY BREE LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	SAT JAN 7	WIGAN ATH (FAC R3)	H -	D 1-1	HORVATH BREE BURKE OSHO POTTS BELL CA					
	SAT JAN 14	WEST BROM	H 9	L 2-3	HORVATH DOUGHTY BREE BURKE LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	TUE JAN 17	WIGAN ATHLETIC (FAC R3 B)	A	W 2-1	HORVATH BREE BURKE OSHO BELL CA					
	SAT JAN 21	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A 7	W 2-0	HORVATH BREE OSHO LOCKYER POTTS BELL WI					
	SAT JAN 28	GRIMSBY TOWN (FAC R4)	H -	D 2-2	HORVATH DOUGHTY OSHO LOCKYER POTTS BELL CA					
	TUE JAN 31	CARDIFF CITY	H 4	W 1-0	HORVATH DRAMEH BURKE LOCKYER BELL DOUGHTY CL					
	SAT FEB 4	STOKE CITY	H 4	W 1-0	HORVATH DRAMEH BURKE LOCKYER BELL DOUGHTY CA					
	TUE FEB 7	GRIMSBY TOWN (FAC R4 R)	A -	L 0-3	HORVATH THORPE OSHO LOCKYER BELL ONYEDINIMA CA					
	SAT FEB 11	COVENTRY CITY	A 4	D 1-1	HORVATH DOUGHTY BURKE ■ LOCKYER OSHO BELL NA					
	WED FEB 15	PRESTON NORTH END	A 4	D 1-1	HORVATH ONYEDINIMA BURKE LOCKYER OSHO BELL NA					
	SAT FEB 18	BURNLEY	H 4	L 0-1	HORVATH DRAMEH BURKE LOCKYER ■ OSHO BELL NA					
	SAT FEB 25	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A 6	W 1-0	HORVATH DRAMEH BURKE OSHO BELL DOUGHTY NA					
	TUE FEB 28	MILLWALL	H 6	D 2-2	HORVATH DRAMEH OSHO LOCKYER BELL DOUGHTY NA					
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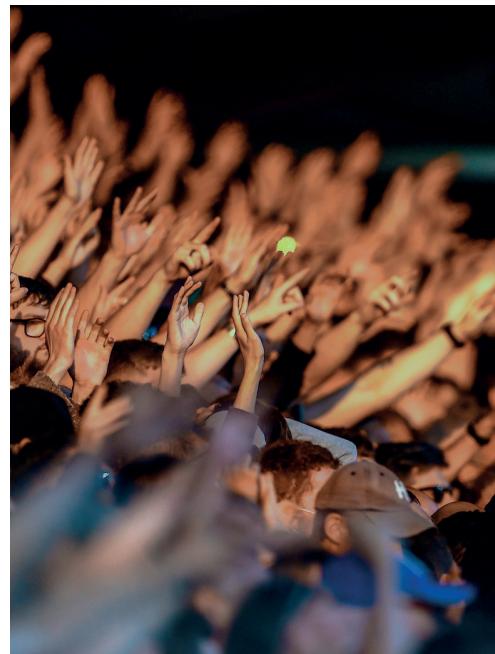
**A message about anti-social and criminal behaviour**

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

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

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

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## HAPPY 50TH DAWN!

Happy 50th birthday to lifelong Hatter Dawn Keveren.

Dawn had previously worked at the club for 33 years on a matchday helping to organise the Golden Gamble draw, taking great pride in this role & making many friends. She now sits in the Enclosure as a season ticket holder and loves to cheer on the lads these days.

Have a fantastic day Dawn, lots of love from Dave, family & friends x

## GRAHAM GRAY

Congratulations to Graham Gray, who tomorrow celebrates 70 years of watching the Hatters at Kenilworth Road!

Graham's friend, Stephen Jones, wrote to 'Our Town' to say: "He has been a lifelong supporter and has travelled the length and breadth of the country following his beloved Hatters, even in those dark days of Non-League."

"At nearly 84 years old Graham is finding the trek up Kenilworth Road hard going these days, but his determination to see his favourite team keeps him going."

Thank you for such wonderful support, Graham!

## PLAYER STATISTICS

	2022-23 SEASON								CAREER	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL	
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	Y	R	APPS	G
Elijah Adebayo	35	(2)	7	3	(1)	2	38	(3)	9	9
Amarill Bell	37	(1)	1	4	(0)	0	41	(1)	1	2
Luke Berry	3	(12)	3	2	(2)	0	5	(14)	3	2
Sonny Bradley	9	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	9	(4)	0	3
James Bree	27	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	29	(0)	0	3
Reece Burke	13	(4)	2	3	(0)	0	16	(4)	2	3
Allan Campbell	32	(3)	3	4	(0)	0	36	(3)	3	3
Jordan Clark	32	(2)	2	2	(1)	1	34	(3)	3	4
Harry Cornick	7	(12)	1	2	(2)	1	9	(14)	2	1
Alfie Doughty	19	(3)	2	2	(2)	0	21	(5)	2	8
Cody Drameh	10	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	10	(0)	0	2
Luke Freeman	9	(11)	2	0	(0)	0	9	(11)	2	2
Ethan Horvath	38	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	42	(0)	0	0
Harry Isted	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Cameron Jerome	0	(21)	1	1	(2)	0	1	(23)	1	0
Henri Lansbury	6	(3)	1	1	(0)	0	7	(3)	1	2
Tom Lockyer	33	(0)	1	3	(1)	1	36	(1)	2	6
Matt Macey	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Carlos Mendes Gomes	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0
Carlton Morris	35	(3)	16	1	(3)	0	36	(6)	16	10
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	19	(5)	1	1	(3)	0	20	(8)	1	3
Admiral Muskwe	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0
Marevelous Nakamba	10	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	10	(1)	0	1
Fred Onyedinma	5	(10)	0	1	(1)	0	6	(11)	0	2
Gabriel Osho	20	(5)	2	4	(1)	0	24	(6)	2	3
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Dan Potts	23	(0)	1	2	(0)	0	25	(0)	1	4
Glen Rea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0
James Shea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0
Joe Taylor	0	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0
Elliot Thorpe	0	(2)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(3)	0	0
Louie Watson	2	(2)	0	4	(0)	0	6	(2)	0	1
Josh Williams	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0
Cauley Woodrow	3	(20)	1	4	(1)	1	7	(2)	2	3

## THE LAST WORD

SIMON PITTS

IFOLLOW HATTERS COMMENTATOR



**Although not the main topic for this article, there is only one place to start and that's the wonderful 2-0 victory over Watford last time out at Kenilworth Road.**

Gabe Osho and Allan Campbell writing themselves into the Luton Town history books as scorers against the arch-rivals. It was the 38th time Luton have been victorious against them on home soil, and the 57th win in all competitive competitions.

A superb all round team performance and, although there's only been six home games since, a first victory in front of home supporters in nearly 30 years was certainly something very special for fans of all ages to celebrate.

My last article, in the Swansea programme, covered the landmark appearances for Luke Berry, Reece Burke, Jordan Clark and Gabe Osho – this time round the focus is on Elijah Adebayo who reached 100 appearances in the 1-1 draw up at Sunderland last month.

Adebayo signed from Walsall in January 2021 and made his debut as a substitute against Cardiff the following month. Just a week later he made his first start for the Hatters and scored in the 1-1 draw against Millwall at Kenilworth Road.

A further four goals were to follow in the next 15 appearances as Adebayo quickly settled himself into the Championship side. In his first appearance for the Hatters with fans present, Adebayo scored on the opening day of the 2021/22 season at Kenilworth Road in a 3-0 victory against Peterborough and went on to score 16 Championship goals from 40 appearances. He also scored in his only FA Cup appearance, the 4-0 win over Harrogate.

By the end of the season Adebayo had scored in 20 matches, Luton had won 14 and drawn 6 of these, and he was closing in on the club record 23 consecutive games for a player to have scored in and never lost (regular readers of

my articles will know it's Stuart Fleetwood who holds this particular record!)

Two goals against Huddersfield in a 3-3 draw, and one against QPR in the 3-1 win, both at Kenilworth Road in October meant that Adebayo just needed to avoid defeat in the next game he scored in – and at 2-0 up against West Brom back in January it looked as though he was going to equal that record but sadly the Hatters went on to lose 3-2.



This was the start of a five consecutive game run of scoring for Adebayo though, as he reached eight goals for the season in two victories over Wigan, the FA Cup draw against Grimsby and the win over Cardiff City. Adebayo also scored in the 2-2 draw against Millwall as the Hatters fought back to earn a point after trailing 2-0.

At the time of writing just three more goals are required to push Adebayo into the top 60 for all time scorers for Luton Town, and in doing so will pass the likes of Billy Bingham, David Oldfield, Kevin Nicholls and Rowan Vine to name just a few.

Enjoy the match – COYH!



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## ROB EDWARDS

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

## MICK McCARTHY

01 CHRIS MAXWELL (GK)  
02 CALLUM CONNOLLY  
03 JAMES HUSBAND  
04 JORDAN GABRIEL  
06 KEVIN STEWART  
08 LEWIS FIORINI  
09 JERRY YATES  
10 KESHI ANDERSON  
11 JOSH BOWLER  
12 KENNETH DOUGALL  
13 STUART MOORE (GK)  
14 GARY MADINE  
16 SONNY CAREY  
18 JAKE BEESLEY  
19 SHAYNE LAVERY  
21 MARVIN EKPITETA  
22 CHRISTOPHER HAMILTON  
23 DOMINIC THOMPSON  
24 ANDY LYONS  
25 MORGAN ROGERS  
26 IAN POVEDA  
27 CHARLIE GOODE  
28 CHARLIE PATINO  
29 LUKE GARBUZZ  
30 BERYLY LUBALA  
31 CURTIS NELSON  
32 DANIEL GRIMSHAW (GK)  
34 JORDAN THORNILEY  
35 LIAM BRIDCUTT  
36 ROB APTER  
46 TOM TRYBULL

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: **ANDY DAVIES**  
ASSISTANT REFEREE 1: **GRAHAM KANE**  
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2: **JAMES WILSON**  
FOURTH OFFICIAL: **SAM PURKISS**

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