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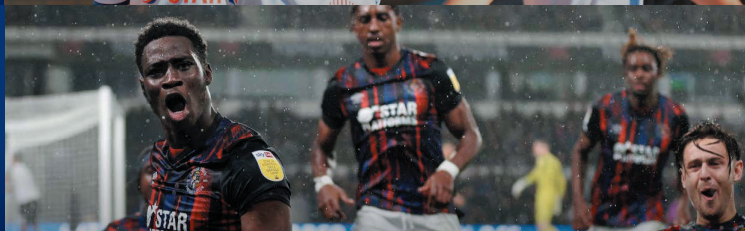
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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR TODAY'S FINAL GAME OF THE REGULAR LEAGUE SEASON.

We extend that welcome to Liam Rosenior, his staff, their squad and everyone who has travelled in support of Hull this afternoon. Liam has done a great job since taking over up there just before Richie, Trolls and myself came in here, and we wish him well for next season and beyond.

As for ourselves, I will start by saying how proud I am of the lads, the staff and everyone at the club who has put so much hard work in over the course of the season. To finish third in the Championship and improve the club's league position for a seventh season in a row is a huge achievement, and it speaks volumes for everyone who gives absolutely everything for the cause here.

In many cases, people have been doing that for several years dating back to the days in the Conference, and even before that with some of the staff who do so much unseen work behind the scenes.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so much, and I include Nathan, Chris, Alan and the players who left in January – Breezy, Corns and Cam – in that. The fact the club and the squad were in such fine shape meant that we have been able to come in and work with what was already a very well-oiled machine.

What you all see out on the pitch is obvious; the players have been phenomenal, but they know that nothing is won yet. They have so much belief and set their standards so high, they want to keep the 13-game unbeaten run going to maintain the momentum going into the play-offs.

That has been very important to us since the Reading game, and although maybe not at our very best against Middlesbrough and Blackburn, they have shown the character to come from behind to win again when up against a fancied team at home, and then stand up to some intense pressure from a side desperate to keep their play-off hopes alive, with their own partisan crowd behind them.

It was brilliant to see them get the acclaim they deserve at the Supporters' Trust presentation evening on Wednesday, and massive congratulations to Locks, Carlton, Jordan, Alfie, Mick, Fred and young Joe on your awards.

I know that you'll show the players all your appreciation at the end of today's game too, when they will rightly be joined on the pitch by their families, who we also need to recognise. The days on the road, nights away in hotels and Sundays in for training will have meant school parents' evenings, middle-of-the-night feeds, birthday parties and family events have had to be missed, so we thank every single partner, relative and child for your contribution to this season as well.

It can get better still, and that is our one goal over the next three weeks.

Enjoy today's game and I know we'll see a couple of thousand of you in fantastic voice somewhere in the country on Saturday before what we know will be a truly special occasion here under the lights next Tuesday. Thank you for such fantastic support.

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

GARY SWEET

Chief Executive



Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for the penultimate time this season. This isn't the Luton way, is it? We arrive for the final game of the regular league programme knowing exactly where we'll finish and our fingernails have a stay of execution, just for one day!

I will start by welcoming Hull City and everyone who has travelled south with them this afternoon, for what will be an enjoyable afternoon for them too, celebrating their own excellent second season back in the Championship after regrouping so well following relegation to League One in 2019-20.

"...should we be fortunate enough to get promoted..."

That's a line you'll be reading throughout these notes and this programme today. It's polite custom to avoid the subject of success. Whether to avoid the arrogance of disrespecting competing opponents or in fear of tempting fate, to dodge the topic usually feels the right thing to do. Alas, in our day-to-day business in the offices of Kenilworth Road, it would be reckless and unprofessional to put our heads in the sand. Never before has the saying, "you fail to plan, you plan to fail" ever been more relevant.

So, having experienced that failure last season by doing our best to publicly avoid the topic, we don't feel shy about talking openly about it this time. But when we do, as long as we caveat any perceived overconfidence with 'should we be fortunate enough to get promoted', everything will be fine and we'll feel our bases are covered.

Like it or not, so much of our time has been forced into preparing for a potential Premier League entry. There will be a colossal necessity to scale up in terms of staffing, resources, player recruitment and, of course, facilities. If recruiting a new squad fit for top tier football isn't challenging enough, the rebuilding of physical infrastructure in the shortest time imaginable is the hardest task on our hands, 'should we be fortunate enough to get promoted'.

Much has been written about the shock to the Premier League nervous system our old stadium would bring, especially of our away supporters' entrance usually proclaimed by opposition supporters, as if they were the first to discover the scene, or cheap shots pushed by the cheap press just for clickbait and kicks.

It's really quite odd behaviour regarding a feature that has previously hosted the top-flight for many a season and which hasn't much changed since the last world war which, for me, just goes to show how much our old girl will put the shivers up the spines of some visiting opponents, which is something we will be very much proud to do.

Like it or not, Kenilworth Road is real-life proper old-school football, and it should be embraced or scorned upon at your peril.

However, we shall be placing much of our infrastructure attention to rebuilding most of the Bobbers Stand in order to accommodate many of the media facilities required for the Premier League to be contractually compliant to their broadcast partners, which not only is a necessity, but it's something we should all accept as we deliver what's required in the swiftest and best way possible, 'should we be fortunate enough to get promoted'.

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Kenilworth Road off to the televised world, we are happy to put ourselves in the limelight in the best way possible, but as expected, it will come with a cost to some supporters who will have (even more) restricted views and other minor disruptions.

As you will know, we put our loyal supporters first, but any disruption will only be temporary given that Power Court is on the horizon. Meanwhile, you can rest assured that we are confident satisfactory solutions will be found, with your patience and understanding.

I know we will have that from you and speaking to so many at the Supporters' Trust Player of the Year presentation evening on Wednesday night, I know there is an excitement and anticipation building for the next potentially huge three weeks.

It's hard to believe that when we'd lost 5-1 to Gateshead at Carlisle just over

ten years ago, on our way to finishing 99th in the English football pyramid, that we'd be sitting here a decade later in 23rd place.

John Still had just been appointed, and despite that result, we were on our way back. The big man wasn't even there that day as he was scouting potential recruits elsewhere, but would lead us to promotion the following year and we have continued that improvement in nine of the ten seasons since his appointment, the one exception being the 2015-16 season when we dropped from eighth to 11th in League Two.

The transition since Rob, Richie and Paul came in has been seamless but very noticeable – 24 league games and 49 points is promotion form in any division – and the improvement in our performances is clear for all to see.

This week we have announced the return to our academy of Wayne Turner, as Head of Academy Development, to support Paul Benson, who has taken over as Academy Manager to fill the hole left by Paul Hart's departure at the end of January.

Paul has been doing a great job as interim for the past couple of months, and having won that initial promotion with us from the Conference, absolutely gets what this club is about. He will pass on his vast knowledge of the game, gained from playing under the likes of Stilly for so long.

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Wayne needs no introduction, having written his own chapter in the club's history as a player with THAT derby goal having already helped us into the old First Division! He has performed miracles as a coach with our academy already when we were trying to get the youth system back up and running in Non-League as Premier League clubs pinched our talent, and is a Lutonian through and through.

Having come through the ranks himself, he will have looked on proudly – as we all did – when Joe Johnson came on for his senior debut against Middlesbrough in our last home game at the age of 17 years and 62 days. The latest JJ is the first homegrown player from our academy to play for us in a league game since the last one, exactly four years ago before his move to Leicester and winning an England cap. No pressure, Joe!

The future is definitely bright, and with Benno and Wayne working together alongside so many of our other former promotion winners – congratulations

on your lads' fine seasons Forbesy, Macca and Alex – our youngsters are in the safest of Hatters hands. By the time you read these notes, the U18s may well have added a Merit League One title to go with their EFL Youth Alliance south-east championship, while the U21s won the Beds Senior Cup, so well done to all!

Well done also to our recently-crowned EFL supporter of the season, Les Miller, and the man who should have won that accolade last season – Mark Crowther – who will be cycling to the Kenny today to complete his 34-day, 2,500km and 116-club challenge in aid of three great charities; Prostate Cancer UK, Teenage Cancer Trust and Mind for Mental Health. If you can spare a few pounds for another super-human effort from Mark, please visit www.markfootballcyclechallenge.co.uk (both Mark and Les are pictured above).

What remains to be said is to enjoy that stress-free 90 minutes today, show your respect to Rob and this wonderful team afterwards for what they have achieved already this season, and then clear your throats for two huge occasions in the next eight days.

This old place won't see too many more nights under the lights like we'll experience next Tuesday, so let's have a good warm-up this afternoon and all play our part in keeping our great Club moving forward. Thank you, as always, for your unbelievable support.

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"We're a good side, we know what we are capable of. We walk into the dressing room every day and it's a pleasure to come to work with this group of people."

CARLTON MORRIS



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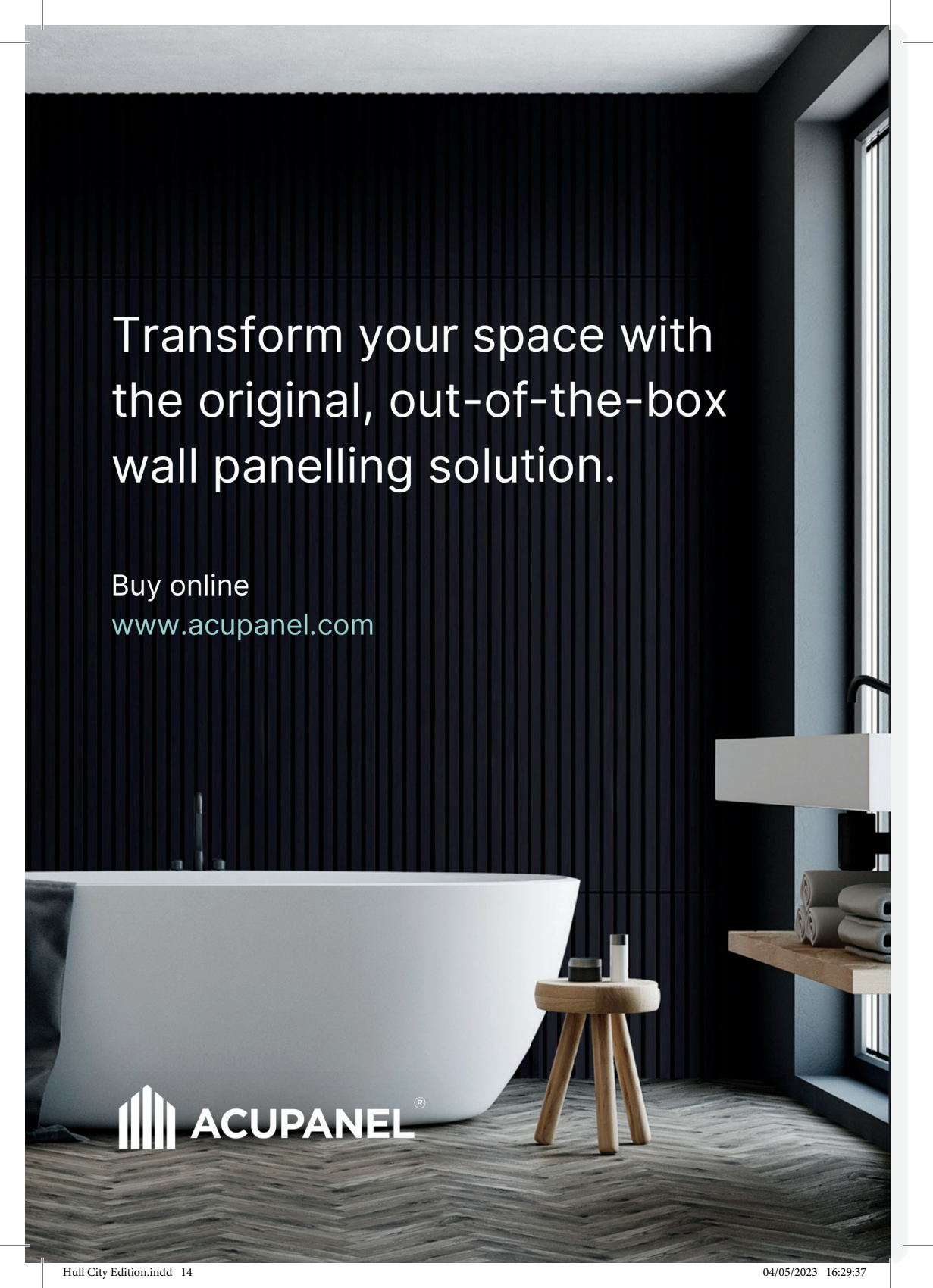
Kenilworth Road – Mon 24th April 2023

Hatters: Horvath, Drameh, Lockyer, Bradley (C), Bell, Doughty (Johnson 83'), Nakamba, Mpanzu (Berry 76'), Campbell (Clark 56'), Morris (Taylor 75'), Adebayo (Freeman 83').

Boro: Steffen, Jones, Giles, Mowatt, Barlasler, Archer (Muniz 78'), Dijksteel, Howson (C), Crooks, Lenihan, Bola.

Scorers:

M - Archer (29')
LT - Lockyer (49'), Morris (pen 67');



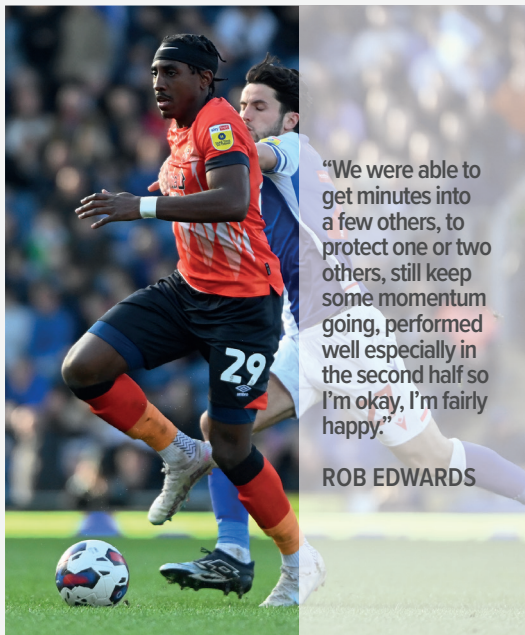
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Ewood Park – Mon 1st May 2023

Rovers: Pears, Rankin-Costello, Carter, Hyam, Pickering (Brittain 80'), Travis (Leonard 81'), Wharton, Hedges (Thomas 54'), Szmodics, Brereton Diaz, Dolan (Dack 54').

Hatters: Horvath, Drameh (Potts 83'), Lockyer, Bradley, Bell, Doughty (Onyedinma 66'), Nakamba (Campbell 74'), Clark (Mpanzu 66'), Berry, Morris (Freeman 75'), Adebayo.

Scorers:

LT - Lockyer 50'
BR - Carter 86'

**BLACKBURN
REACTION**



LUKE BERRY

Words: Dec O' Reilly

Hatters midfielder Luke Berry is looking forward to being part of Luton Town's play-off campaign this season after missing out due to injury last term.

Speaking after the draw at Blackburn Rovers last Monday, Berry said: "We want to put a stamp on it, so we can go into the play-offs with a good win under our belt or a good performance under our belt and really kick on."

"Really looking forward to the play-offs, I was around it last season, but I couldn't get back in time, which was disappointing. Now I'm feeling strong, got a good 90 in the tank now and however the gaffer wants me to play, I'll be ready."

"We've got everyone available pretty much, everyone's had minutes, we're feeling strong, we've got no excuses to not do our best."

Berry is one of the longest-serving players in this current Hatters squad and was very complimentary on the strength of this season's team and their work ethic.

"We want to win every single game, we don't know what's happening the other way, we just want to focus on ourselves and get the three points."

"We've got such a strong squad, every day the boys are training full-on, even if you're not in the starting line-up, I think that's why we've done so well at times, the boys have come in and done really well. It's nice for me to get 90 minutes in the tank, I've not had one for a couple weeks so it's always nice to get that."

"I want to perform for the club, for myself and my teammates. It was a shame not to get the win, but it's always nice to get out there and show what I'm about."

The Hatters are now 13 games unbeaten going into today's game against Hull City, and Berry believes that taking momentum into the play-offs is important.

"At the beginning of the season, we wanted to improve on what we did last season, and we did that. Now we just need to go into the play-offs strong, need to win against Hull City and keep that momentum going. What we've got at the moment is hard to get, you can't train it, you can't teach it, it's something that's just ingrained into the team, and we want to keep that going."

On last week's stalemate at Ewood Park against Blackburn Rovers, Berry made his first start since March but was disappointed not to come away with the three points after being pegged back late on.

"We were disappointed. First half I thought we were a bit sloppy at times, we couldn't get to grips with how they were moving the ball. When we did, I thought second half we came out real strong, but at the end of the day we don't like to concede from a set-piece how it was. We are really strong there and in the changing room, we were quite disappointed that we didn't get the three points."

"They came out, but on the transition, I thought we were causing them problems. Sometimes we were a bit sloppy, and it was our own downfall when we were giving the ball away. Second half, we came out strong, I had a good chance which I should have put away and we just showed our quality."

"I like this ground, I'm a bit gutted I didn't score to be honest. I just love playing, I want to try my best, even like the other day against Middlesbrough, when I was running around like a lunatic, but I just really enjoy it."

"If you are a team that's mid-table, it may be (hard to be motivated), but we want to win every game, in training we want to win every single rondo, and when it comes to a matchday, you don't switch off from that, you want to win. It's ingrained in us really, every single time we put our foot over the line, we want to win."

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By Zac Neal



Today, our opposition is Hull City. The Tigers have been having a decent season in the Championship as they sit in and around mid-table in 14th place, securing their second tier status for another season with several games to spare.

Liam Rosenior's side have only lost once in their last eight games, but have only won two out of those eight, drawing the other five, with their top scorer being 13-goal Óscar Estupiñán.

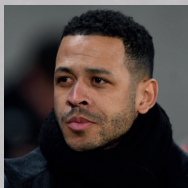
A recent standout result for the Tigers was an epic 4-4 draw away against Sunderland in a contender for game of the season. Ozan Tufan scored a double, including a last-minute penalty, with their other goals scored by Allahyar Sayyadmanesh and Regan Slater.

Hull started the season with Turkish manager Shota Arveladze at the helm, but he was sacked on the morning of that fixture. Since then, Liam Rosenior has taken over and steadied the ship as they are set for another Championship season.

Last time against the Hatters, The Tigers were beaten 2-0 at the MKM Stadium. An own goal from Alfie Jones and a thunderbolt from Henri Lansbury sealed the win for Luton, with the latter unveiling his lawn-mower celebration in front of the Sky cameras.

The Tigers' last visit to Kenilworth Road ended in defeat, Elijah Adebayo's first-half header enough to settle the October 2021 clash in the Town's favour.

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LIAM ROSENIOR

MANAGER | Former full-back Rosenior is Hull's current manager. Rosenior began his playing career at Bristol City before moving to Fulham. He also played for Torquay, Reading, Ipswich, Hull, Brighton and Derby. Rosenior retired from playing in 2018 and became a coach, joining Derby County's staff. After two years, Rosenior was appointed assistant head coach at Derby County before being appointed as the head coach of Hull City in November 2022.

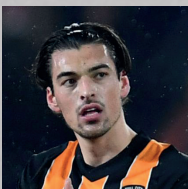


MATT INGRAM

GK | Ingram began his professional career at Wycombe, where he made 125 appearances in all competitions. In 2018, following a number of loans, he joined QPR, where he played ten times before moving to Hull in 2019. Since joining Hull, Ingram has made 89 appearances over three seasons and had even been loaned out to the Hatters as an emergency goalkeeper, playing four times including the play-off semi-final against Huddersfield.



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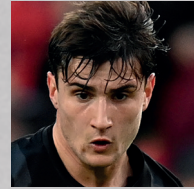


JACOB GREAVES

DEF | 22-year-old Greaves joined Hull's academy in 2013 and worked his way up through the ranks, making his first-team debut in September 2020. In August 2019, he joined Cheltenham, making 29 appearances there in just one year. So far, Greaves has made 129 appearances for Hull in all competitions, 44 of which have come this season, scoring four times.

RYAN LONGMAN

ONE TO WATCH | 22-year-old Longman began his youth career at Brighton before being loaned out to AFC Wimbledon, where he impressed with his performances in League One, scoring eight goals in 44 appearances. In July 2021, he signed for Hull City on a season-long loan, where he played 19 times, scoring three times. After his loan had expired, Hull resigned Longman and has since made 52 appearances, scoring three times.



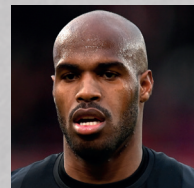
OZAN TUFAN

MID | Tufan started his career at Bursaspor in Turkey, where he made 42 appearances and scored three goals. He then moved to Fenerbahçe, where he spent five seasons and scored 18 goals in 133 appearances. Tufan joined Watford on loan last season, playing just seven times. He joined the Tigers in July 2022 and has since made 41 appearances for the club, scoring eight times this season.



OSCAR ESTUPINAN

ATT | Estupinan is a Colombian forward who joined Hull in July 2022 from Vitória Guimarães in Portugal. Estupinan started his professional career with Once Caldas in his native country. He then played for Vitória Guimarães before going on loan to teams such as Barcelona SC in Ecuador and Denizlispor in Turkey. Estupinan has made a solid start to his Hull City career, scoring 13 goals in 35 appearances for the club.





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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 Oxford in September 1965, cultured midfielder Garry signed as an apprentice for the Hatters in 1982 and full professional forms a year later. Due to the form of the likes of Ricky Hill and David Preece he failed to earn a regular place at Kenilworth Road and so stepped down a level in February 1986, joining Hull who were managed by his old Luton skipper Brian Horton.

Such was his form at Boothferry Park that he was soon back in the top flight with Nottingham Forest, who paid £260000 for his services in March 1988, where he was on the fringes of the full England side and also starred in the 1989 Littlewoods Cup win against the Hatters! Further big money moves to Aston Villa and then Leicester followed, much to the disgust of Luton fans, before he brought his career to a close in Oxfordshire non-League circles.

Garry became first team coach under Neil Lennon at Celtic, Bolton and Hibs before joining Oxford United as performance analyst and latterly assistant manager at Omonia in Cyprus with Lennon.

FIRST GAME: MANCHESTER UNITED 3 LUTON TOWN 0 - 9/5/83

After suffering a devastating 5-1 home defeat to Everton on the previous Saturday, the Town had two games left to secure their Division One status – away to the two Manchester clubs. Feeling that the City game, against fellow strugglers, was likely to be the winner takes all clash, manager David Pleat handed debuts to teenagers Ray Daniel and Garry Parker for the game at Old Trafford against a United side who were unbeaten at home that season.

United won easily 3-0 with Paul McGrath netting twice while Parker was substituted on 41 minutes, making way for Raddy Antic who was to score the goal against City a few days later in that never to be forgotten game thus vindicating Pleat's decision to rest players.

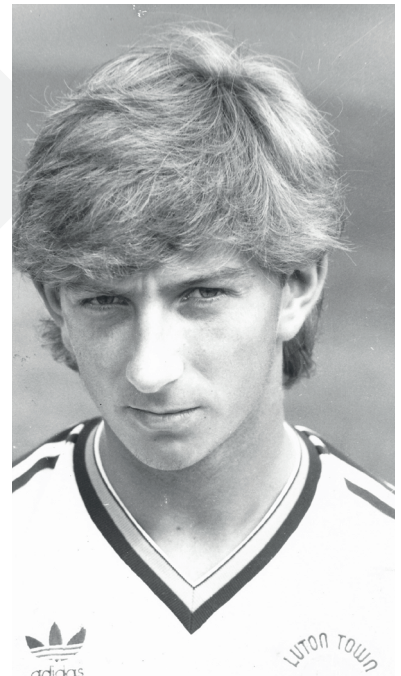
LAST GAME: LUTON TOWN 2 ARSENAL 2 (FA CUP) - 15/2/86

A breathless first half to this 5th round tie saw both teams score twice. The second period saw the Town do everything but score as the Gunners defended with their lives.

Brought in from the cold, Garry Parker entered the fray replacing the injured Brian Stein on 75 minutes but could not alter the scoreline. Parker did not have chance to appear in the replay as, by then, he had moved to Hull for £72,000.

FIRST AND LAST

GARRY PARKER



HATTERS TALES

WITH ROGER WASH
CLUB HISTORIAN

The supporters march from Pope's Meadow to the ground prior to the Birmingham game in 1983.



NO TO MILTON KEYNES: HOW THE PROPOSED MOVE WAS DEFEATED BY THE FANS

For this week's Hatters' Tales the baton is passed to long-term Town fan and Hatters' Heritage volunteer **JOHN CHAPMAN**, who writes...

Forty years ago on 14th May 1983, one of the most defining moments in the club's history occurred. Most supporters will remember the date with great fondness, as the day we beat Man City thereby securing our Division One status. However, for many fans it holds bitter-sweet memories, as news that the

club had made an application to the Football League to re-locate to Milton Keynes (and were in discussions with the MK Development Corporation) were leaked to the press directly after the memorable result had been achieved.

During the next 24 hours a number of supporters were in contact to discuss how this move could be stopped. A meeting was hastily convened for 16th May where it was agreed that a Supporters Club should be formed, with the specific aim of creating a forum by which the move could be halted.

To enable the supporters club to establish a large fan base a mobile caravan was therefore acquired and a roadshow tour



Recently crowned EFL Supporter of the Year Les Miller hands out leaflets.

was set up to travel around the town to both highlight the situation and for supporters to join the campaign. A first newsletter was quickly produced and this was distributed free to all people attending the roadshows. A petition was also begun, to show the strength of opposition to the proposed move, and incredibly within the first two weeks, 18,000 people had signed it. The petition (which asked the Football League to block the move) was subsequently presented to the Football League, prior to a meeting they were having to discuss the proposal. However their lack of action was to become complicit in the later establishment of MK Dons.

The close season proved to all those involved that a groundswell of support existed to fight the proposed move and therefore a second club newsletter was produced for the first home game of the 83/84 season against Sunderland on 3rd September 1983. Members gave this leaflet out free to supporters at the

turnstiles around the ground, whilst inside the ground the directors' ambitions were the subject of chanting which made clear how the vast majority of supporters felt about the idea.

The club's first AGM was arranged for 20th October 1983 and the third 'Hatters Hotline' came quickly off the press for distribution outside of the turnstiles prior to the Aston Villa game on 1st October, informing supporters of the AGM and progress on matters since August. The AGM was held at St Joseph's Church Hall, and emanating from that meeting came the decision to organise a march and rally from Popes Meadow to the football ground, prior to the Birmingham match on 12th November. Flyers were produced and distributed at the Southampton game on 22nd October informing supporters of this action. The protest rally and march proved to be a huge success and is remembered by many as the main event of the campaign against the move. It is certainly something which is often mentioned to me with pride for the way it was organised and conducted.

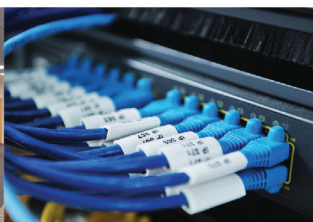
Whilst supporters rallied to the cause a business consortium was also formed who offered to buy the directors' shares, so they could take over and stop the proposed move. Not surprisingly this was rejected.

The next move to show the strength of feeling against the re-location of the club occurred at the LTFC AGM. After a



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heated exchange of views the clubs directors, who were up for re-election, were voted out on a show of hands from the floor. However, the block vote of the other directors inevitably meant that their voting power overcame this challenge, but the subsequent disquiet from the floor led to the unprecedented decision of the Chairman to abandon the meeting. Nevertheless, the point had been proved that the Board were pursuing a course of action that had no support amongst fans.

Following this meeting at the end of March 1984 it was felt that a more radical approach needed to be taken and, as a result, a policy was adopted to encourage supporters to starve the club of revenue by not renewing season tickets or buying any merchandise. It was also decided that the local derby against Watford on 28th April, could provide a good opportunity to give national attention to the issue. A plane was therefore hired, behind which a banner was flown with the words "Luton like Watford more than MK". As the plane circled the ground the Oak Road was in full song singing "We hate Watford and we hate Watford", which highlighted how great the disapproval to the move was.

Despite the above efforts it became clear that the directors were not to be persuaded from their course of action and the final 'Hatters Hotline' was produced for the last home game of the season setting out (with heavy heart) how the boycott of the club would be implemented.

During the following summer a covert operation was carried out with local residents close to the proposed site at MK, helping them to mobilise their objection to the proposal. This proved to be pivotal in the decision of the Development Corporation to withdraw their support in January 1985. As a result the directors' ambitions were thwarted and supporters returned for the next home game against Spurs in their thousands.

However, lessons were learnt by those in power at MK. Had the supporters club not mobilised support over a 20-month period I am convinced that MK Hatters would exist, rather than MK Dons. The supporters club also helped set a template for subsequent supporters groups, such as Trust in Luton and LLSC, in subsequent challenges which faced supporters.

Forty years on we have a Board who wish to liaise with supporters and are progressing with a new ground in Luton, which was always the aim the 1983 Supporters Club sought to achieve. For that reason my fellow "conspirators" are to be applauded in what they achieved. In acknowledgement of their achievements they are (in alphabetical order):

Catherine & Colin Ball	Derek Dellar	Malcolm Rennie
John & Peter Chapman	Pam Gray	Clive Richardson
Nick Cooper	Tom Hunt	Peter Sell
	Les Miller	Cathy Walsh
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[A young Richard Hedge, now a Hatters' Heritage volunteer, holds up the banner he prepared that morning.]



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LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST PRESENTATION EVENING

Ten days after being named in the EFL Team of the Season, Tom Lockyer was crowned the Player of the Season at the Luton Town Supporters' Trust presentation evening on Wednesday.

It was a busy night for the Wales international as he collected five awards on the evening, with the Bobbers Travel Away Player of the Season, Junior Hatters Player of the Season, Internet Player of the Season and a share of the Players' Player of the Season all scooped by the popular defender.

Lockyer shared the award which was voted for by his teammates with 20-goal striker Carlton Morris, who also landed the trophy for the Signing of the Season, after an incredible impact since arriving at Kenilworth Road last summer.

Elsewhere on the evening, Alfie Doughty picked up the Goal of the Season Trophy for his strike in the 3-0 win at QPR in December. Jordan Clark took home the Ian Pearce Memorial Trophy after a series of impressive home displays throughout the campaign, while Rob Edwards and his coaching staff named recent debutant Joe Johnson as the Young Player of the Season.

There was also recognition for the great Mick Harford with the Trust awarding the Luton legend with their Kevin Catlin Outstanding Contribution Award for the incredible service he has given, and continues to give, to the club.

"I'd like to say a huge thank you to the Luton Town Supporters' Trust for acknowledging and giving me the Kevin Catlin award," said the Hatters legend. "It was an honour and a privilege to receive it in the name of someone who did so much for this club."





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OH TOMMY, TOMMY...

Not only did Tom Lockyer clear up at the Supporters' Trust presentation evening on Wednesday, our Wales international defender was also celebrated at the recent EFL Awards when he was named in the Championship Team of the Season.

The 28-year-old – who if he plays today will make his 100th appearance for the Hatters – was at the Grosvenor House Hotel a fortnight ago and is pictured above on stage with some of his fellow TOTS peers.

Locks was selected in the following side, with Burnley's Vincent Kompany as manager of the year:

Ben Wilson (Coventry City), Connor Roberts (Burnley), Anel Ahmedhodzic (Sheffield United), Tom Lockyer (Luton Town), Ian Maatsen (Burnley); Alex Scott (Bristol City), Josh Brownhill (Burnley), Nathan Tella (Burnley); Iliman Ndiaye (Sheffield United), Chuba Akpom (Middlesbrough), Viktor Gyokeres (Coventry City).

Speaking to the local media a couple of days later, the Hatters centre-half said: "It was a really proud moment for me and my family to get that recognition, fantastic, something that no-one can take away from me.

"I'm really delighted with that, but I couldn't have done it without the lads, so massive thank-you to them as well.

"It's been a good season for myself personally and to get that accolade as well is really nice, but there's a bigger goal with the team which I would trade any individual award for."

Well done Locks on a superb season...one we hope will get better still!



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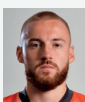
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Wow, what a season, what a story and what a documentary it could have been.

To go from 99th in the Football pyramid to 23rd in ten years, on a budget that one Manchester City sub is worth. Outstanding and I have been fortunate enough to have been on that journey. Look out for my book!

I will remind a couple of my staff members (Daz and Chris) that should things progress the tattoos will look nice on them. Oops, hope the wives didn't see that.

I sat in a hotel recently with Mick Harford, when he was asked "What's the best club you played for?" He replied "Luton Town". He is right, this is a special club with special people and it gets stronger.

I was told that some people lay in bed and dream, whilst others stay awake and make it happen. Well, this group is wide awake and desperate to make it happen. The group have been fantastic all year. That brings me into my first 'Thanks' category.

Chris, Daz, David Leu and Doc Deeley have been a fantastic support throughout the season. If you couple that with the Sports Science lads (Jared, Luke, Elliott, James, Ted and Jake) we have produced a formidable backroom staff, that has learnt and produced answers to problems we encountered. The coaching staff haven't done bad either. We've got Super Robbie Edwards.

Injury wise we are looking good going into today's game. Reece Burke, Gabe Osho will be available again and hopefully Cauley Woodrow will not be too far behind. The weirdest injury goes to Tom Lockyer, who had a cut hand following a

home game. When asked how he did it, he replied 'I caught it on the teeth braces of a fan whilst celebrating'.

Obviously without the maintenance side of things, nothing goes ahead – so a big shout out to Peter Kemp and his team. He did tell me a story about how to fix metal work. It was riveting. Also well done to Dickie Bird for 30 years as groundsman. He's like the Hulk, got green fingers.

Big thanks to Les Miller and congratulations on his award, but also the Bobbers Travel Club. They have supported us unbelievably this year, purchasing a Shockwave Therapy Machine which has been invaluable.

Thanks to Gary and the Board for their support which has enabled us to provide medical services many clubs would love to have.

Finally, there is one thing you cannot dispute, there is no club without fans. At Luton we have the best. When you hear that home roar and you walk out to see the orange on away games it makes a massive difference. So thank you! Let's get behind the boys for the big push. What a season!

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UNDER-21 LEAD COACH

The 2022/23 season has been one that has been positive for the development squad, but has also thrown up some really good challenges for players and staff alike.

Key for the development squad is bridging the gap between the U18s and the first team and to give them the chance to develop all aspects of their game.

The Development Squad also plays a key role in supporting the first team around giving any first team players that may need top up minutes or may be returning from injury the opportunity to get some match sharpness within the development squad.

Over the course of this season- James Shea, Jack Walton, Matt Macey, Sonny Bradley, Gabe Osho, Glen Rea, Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu, Louie Watson, Elliott Thorpe, Luke Freeman, Alfie Doughty, Admiral Muskwe, Aribim Pepple, Joe Taylor and John McAtee have all played valuable training and match minutes with the development squad, which has helped them be in the best possible shape to be able to be at their best to perform for the first team when called upon.

The current crop of development squad players also gets the opportunity to learn from these more experienced players, which has been invaluable to their development as well as getting the chance to showcase their abilities in front of the first team coaching staff.

These opportunities to impress also led to Casey Pettit, Conor Lawless and Josh Allen all been on the substitutes bench for the first team, and Josh Williams made his debut versus Newport County in the Carabao Cup.



For the first half of the season the squad was kept together at the club to give the players the right and relevant detail and develop them technically and tactically before players are given the opportunity to go out on loan to gain vital experience of playing men's football.

This method has been very rewarding and successful and has seen us compete with and beat the likes of Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Bournemouth and QPR, all teams that are of a higher category status than ourselves, but it proves that we are able to compete with these teams.

Also, very rewarding is the fact that we now have a vast majority of the development squad out loan, meaning these players are gain vital experience having games twice a week for their respective teams:

Josh Allen – Hitchin Town
Avan Jones – Chesunt
Tobias Braney – Chesham United
Aidan Francis-Clarke – St Albans City
Ben Tompkins – Bedford Town
Conor Lawless – Dulwich Hamlet
Callum Nicolson – Welwyn Garden City
Dan Idiakhooa – Hitchin Town
Josh Williams – Hemel Hempstead Town
Josh Neufville – Sutton United

Having ten of the squad out on loan also highlights the work that goes on behind the scenes to find these players the right loans for the right stages of their careers.

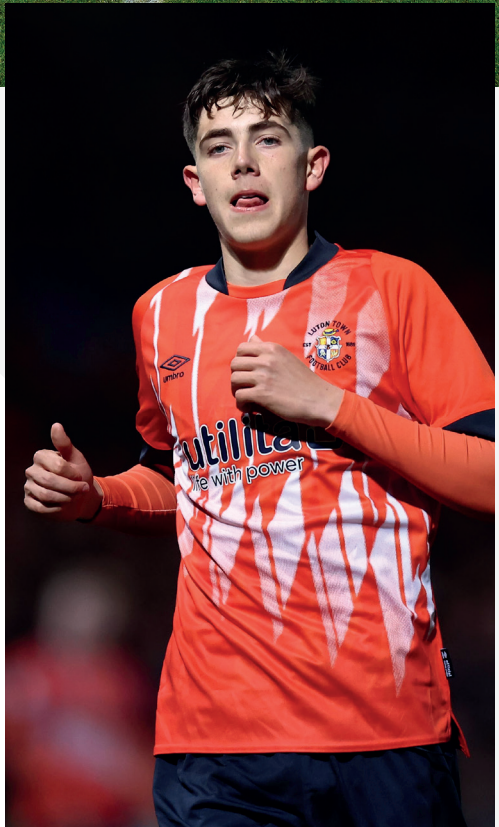


The U18 squad have had a very successful season culminating in a league win having progressed well in the FA Youth Cup, and that has also meant that several of the squad have gained exposure to training and playing with the development squad, and then to training and being selected for the first team squad on numerous occasions.

Zack Nelson, Axel Piesold and Jayden Luker have all been on the substitutes bench for the first team this season, and we proudly watched on as Joe Johnson made his senior debut in the live Sky game against Middlesbrough last week (pictured right). That again shows that there is a pathway to the first team providing the players are applying themselves and always keeping their standards high.

The challenge now for the 2023/24 season is again to provide a challenging programme for the development squad that allows the group to develop once again and continue to help shape the future of Luton Town.

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LUTON LADIES WIN THE COUNTY CUP!

It was a busy week for Luton Town Ladies as they faced Bedford on Wednesday night in the County Cup final.

The ladies took an early lead in the game when Tsaianne Leander scored an outstanding solo goal 20 minutes in. She won possession 40 yards out and, in a flash, unleashed a thunderous effort that flew over the keeper and in to the back of the net.

Luton continued to control the game and looked to see out the narrow lead until, on the 81st minute, the ref gave a penalty for a soft handball decision. Bedford finished their penalty well and the remaining 10 minutes wasn't enough for Luton to retake the lead.

It came down to penalties and after Andie Dickens, Maria Taylor and Shakeela Hussain had converted their penalties while Bedford had missed two, goalkeeper Angelika Kopec-Knurec made her second save of the shoot-out to ensure the Hatters had won the Beds County Cup!

The Ladies didn't have time to celebrate for long however, as they went in to Sunday looking for a place in another final, this time the League Cup, facing top-of-the-table AFC Sudbury at home in the semi.

After an underwhelming first half, Luton came out of the traps with a much higher tempo after the interval and six minutes in, Hussain's effort was saved but the rebound fell to Tsaianne Leander, who finished well.

Luton continued to raise the tempo, with captain Jess McKay leading her team well. Sudbury had a handful of chances but thanks to defenders Elly Wade, Tanya Blacksley and Hannah Major, their clean sheet stayed intact and Shanice Lewis added the killer second, heading home a Fiona Constable corner in stoppage time.

Manager Rob Burton said of the two wins: "In a final anything can happen. I didn't think the ladies performed to the best of their abilities and that's what took us to penalties. I commend them for holding their nerve though and bringing the silverware home.

"As for Sunday's game, we started too slow, the tempo wasn't there from the start. Again, the ladies responded and delivered a much more positive second half and we are now in to our second final of the season. I'm asking for as much support on 21st May as possible, I want us to have the 12th player on that pitch via the crowd. Please, come down and show your support!"

With another win under their belts, Luton head in to the League Cup final where they will face Stevenage on Sunday 21st May at The New Croft in Haverhill, CB9 0BW.



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The support from the football club and community trust will allow three local schools to take part in the carnival, funding the UK Centre for Carnival Arts to run costume making workshops and all the materials required to make their costumes. The schools taking part in the carnival supported by the funding are Chantry Primary Academy, Whitefield Primary Academy and Southfield Primary School.

Reacting to the news of the sponsorship Claudette Whittingham, Executive Director of UK Centre for Carnival Arts, commented ;

"We're absolutely delighted and grateful for the support of both Luton Town FC Community Trust and Luton Town FC. The carnival is a great celebration of the amazing, diverse Luton Community and is an opportunity to put smiles on the faces of all. Our Board members, staff, volunteers and me all feel very honoured to have the community trust and club's support. Please come along and enjoy the Luton Carnival with us!"

There is a whole afternoon of family entertainment planned in both St Georges Square and The Hat District, including puppet shows, live music and a funfair. The parade itself will set off at 1pm from outside the University of Bedfordshire STEM building on Park Street. It then makes its way through the town centre, stopping at St Georges Square performance area before making their way down Guildford Street for a second performance showcase at the Hat District performance area.

Without wanting to count any chickens, with the Championship Play Off Final taking place the day before the carnival, if everything goes the right way it could take the carnival atmosphere to the next level across the town!

For more information about Luton International Carnival 2023 please see www.carnivalarts.org.uk/luton-carnival-2023

Last week we hosted an induction for our latest cohort of Fit Hatters. There is still time to join and catchup, with spaces still available for male participants aged between 35 and 65. This provides a great opportunity to those that want to make a change in their lifestyle and get fitter. Best of all, thanks to funding from EFL Trust, there is no charge to participants for the programme.



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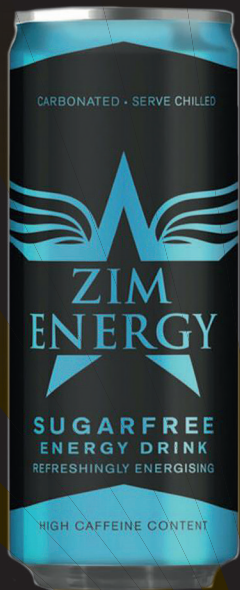
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RYAN!

Happy 15th Birthday to Ryan Macbeth for today! Hope you have a lovely day, lots of love Mum, Dad and all your friends in Kenny Lower xx



HAPPY 18TH, BEN!

Happy 18th Birthday Ben Gooderham, a Hatters fan from the day you were born, you didn't get a choice, blame your dad!

You've had 18 fantastic years at Kenilworth Road, where you've been a mascot, met the players and won the Half-Time Hot-Shots! Having followed the Hatters through four divisions, hopefully you'll see them in a fifth next season.

Happy 18th Birthday and COYH!
Love Mum, Dad and Sam xx

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP 2022/23

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Burnley	45	28	14	3	84	35	49	98
2	Sheffield United	44	27	7	10	71	37	34	88
3	Luton Town	45	21	16	8	57	39	18	79
4	Middlesbrough	45	22	8	15	83	55	28	74
5	Coventry City	45	18	15	12	57	45	12	69
6	Millwall	45	19	11	15	54	46	8	68
7	Sunderland	45	17	15	13	65	55	10	66
8	West Bromwich Albion	45	18	12	15	57	50	7	66
9	Blackburn Rovers	45	19	9	17	48	51	-3	66
10	Swansea City	45	17	12	16	65	62	3	63
11	Preston North End	45	17	12	16	45	56	-11	63
12	Norwich City	45	17	11	17	57	53	4	62
13	Watford	45	15	15	15	54	53	1	60
14	Hull City	45	14	15	16	51	61	-10	57
15	Bristol City	45	14	14	17	53	56	-3	56
16	Stoke City	45	14	11	20	55	52	3	53
17	Birmingham City	45	14	11	20	46	56	-10	53
18	Queens Park Rangers	45	13	11	21	44	69	-25	50
19	Rotherham United	45	11	16	18	49	60	-11	49
20	Cardiff City	45	13	10	22	41	55	-14	49
21	Huddersfield Town	44	12	11	21	44	62	-18	47
22	Reading *	45	13	11	21	46	66	-20	44
23	Blackpool	45	10	11	24	47	72	-25	41
24	Wigan Athletic *	45	10	14	21	38	65	-27	41



WELCOME, HATTERS!

A big Luton Town welcome to Imran, Ehsaaq, Aleesa and Ismael who will be enjoying the game from the Kenilworth Stand today.

Their favourite players are Carlton Morris and James Shea. COYH!



Visit the official club website for up-to-date news, ticket info, match reports, and live coverage via iFollow Hatters.

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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
NAKAMBA	CAMPBELL	BERRY ✨	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO ✨	SHEA, WOODROW, LANSBURY, BURKE, WATSON, ONYEDINMA, TAYLOR	9,899	858
NAKAMBA	CAMPBELL	BERRY	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO ✨	SHEA, WOODROW ✨, LANSBURY, BURKE, CLARK, ONYEDINMA, TAYLOR	37,579	1,054
NAKAMBA	MPANZU ✨	CAMPBELL ✨	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	SHEA, BRADLEY, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, BURKE, TAYLOR	10,046	1,025
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	CAMPBELL ✨	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO	SHEA, BRADLEY, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, TAYLOR, FREEMAN	9,772	493
NAKAMBA ✨	MPANZU ✨	CAMPBELL ✨	MORRIS	WOODROW ✨	SHEA, BERRY, LANSBURY, WATSON, TAYLOR, THORPE, FREEMAN	11,009	2,125
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	CAMPBELL	MORRIS ✨	WOODROW	SHEA, BERRY, ADEBAYO, LANSBURY, CLARK, TAYLOR, FREEMAN	14,126	1,794
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	CAMPBELL	MORRIS ✨	ADEBAYO	SHEA, BERRY ✨, LANSBURY, CLARK, TAYLOR, FREEMAN, JOHNSON	10,063	1,040
NAKAMBA	BERRY	CLARK	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	SHEA, POTTS, MPANZU, CAMPBELL, ONYEDINMA, TAYLOR, FREEMAN	17,261	1,101

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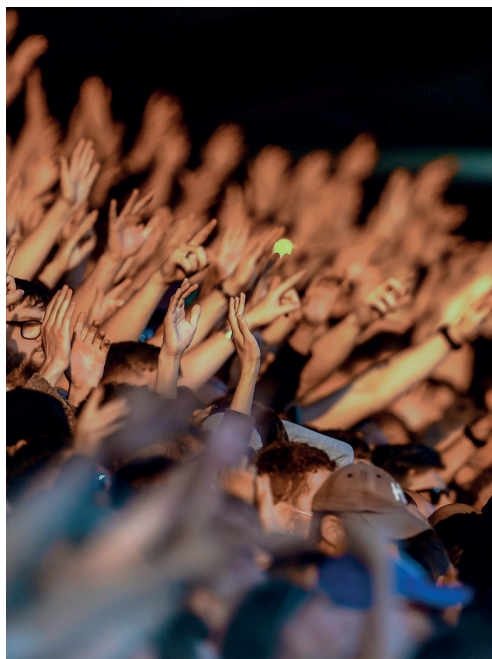
A message about anti-social and criminal behaviour

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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DEREK BIGNELL

Loyal Hatter Derek Bignell passed away on 21st March at the age of 89. Derek was a season ticket holder at the Kenny for around 40 years, having sat in most stands in the stadium from the Bobbers to the Main Stand.

Although born in London, Derek followed LTFC from the mid-70s and saw some highs and lows in that time. He will be sorely missed by family and friends but will be watching over us for the Play Offs. RIP Del COYH



ROBIN SNOXELL

The family of Robin Snoxell are sad to announce his death, in January, aged 84. Born in Beech Road, he was a lifelong Luton fan and, as a boy, was often let into the ground to watch matches after retrieving footballs that landed in the street! A season ticket holder, match days will never be the same without him.

PLAYER STATISTICS

	2022-23 SEASON											CAREER		
	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL		CARDS			TOTAL		
	APPS		G	APPS		G	APPS		G			APPS		G
Elijah Adebayo	39	(3)	7	3	(1)	2	42	(4)	9	9	0	106		31
Amari'i Bell	43	(1)	1	4	(0)	0	47	(1)	1	3	1	94		2
Luke Berry	4	(16)	3	2	(2)	0	6	(18)	3	3	0	161		24
Sonny Bradley	13	(5)	0	0	(0)	0	13	(5)	0	3	0	174		6
James Bree	27	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	29	(0)	0	3	0	143		2
Reece Burke	15	(4)	2	3	(0)	0	18	(4)	2	4	0	54		4
Allan Campbell	37	(4)	3	4	(0)	0	41	(4)	3	5	0	84		7
Jordan Clark	33	(4)	2	2	(1)	1	35	(5)	3	4	0	107		8
Harry Cornick	7	(12)	1	2	(2)	1	9	(14)	2	1	0	235		38
Alfie Doughty	24	(3)	2	2	(2)	0	26	(5)	2	10	0	31		2
Cody Drameh	16	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	16	(0)	0	4	0	16		0
Luke Freeman	9	(16)	2	0	(0)	0	9	(16)	2	2	0	25		2
Ethan Horvath	44	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	48	(0)	0	0	0	48		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
Joe Johnson	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1		0
Henri Lansbury	6	(3)	1	1	(0)	0	7	(3)	1	2	0	47		1
Tom Lockyer	39	(0)	3	3	(1)	1	42	(1)	4	6	1	99		5
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	41	(3)	20	1	(3)	0	42	(6)	20	11	0	48		20
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	24	(6)	3	1	(3)	0	25	(9)	3	4	0	367		23
Admiral Muskwe	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0	26		2
Marevelous Nakamba	16	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	16	(1)	0	2	0	17		0
Fred Onyedinma	5	(11)	0	1	(1)	0	6	(12)	0	2	0	49		3
Gabriel Osho	21	(5)	2	4	(1)	0	25	(6)	2	3	2	58		2
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	3		0
Dan Potts	23	(1)	1	2	(0)	0	25	(1)	1	4	0	214		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	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(4)	0	0	0	4		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	5	(22)	2	4	(1)	1	9	(23)	3	3	0	35		3

THE LAST WORD

SIMON OXLEY

BBC 3CR COMMENTATOR



In the last hour of last Monday's journey up the M6, the motorway signs became a "Who's Who" of football clubs and rugby league teams.

Liverpool, Manchester, Warrington, St Helens etc etc... you get my drift. There was even one for Skelmersdale. Then, as I arrived at Ewood Park, news came through of Middlesbrough's defeat at Rotherham, and that Skelmersdale sign made me realise the size of this club's achievement.

With all due respect to the north-west non-league side, in a little over 10 years Luton have gone from playing them in the FA Trophy to finishing third in the Championship. It's a remarkable rise. Rob Edwards acknowledged that in the post-match interview at Blackburn, but also remarked that no cups are handed out for coming third.

That's the key here. We are in with a chance – a good chance – of a life-changing promotion for this football club and this town. Who knows when it might come again? Yes, we were here last year, but players and managers come and go, and already this division is looking stronger next season.

Plymouth, Ipswich and probably Sheffield Wednesday are coming up, and maybe Leicester and Everton will be among the teams to come down. Others already in the Championship will surely spend their parachute money more wisely – well some of them anyway – or start to get a return from their eye-watering wage bills. So let's have a 'right good go' at reaching the Premier League.

Fingers crossed for a clean bill of health today, and then on to... who knows where? You can make a case for wanting to face all the contenders, but equally not wanting to meet them, in the semi-finals. I wouldn't mind avoiding Coventry though, as they seem to be a team hitting top form at the right time.

It has been a memorable season with so many highlights. The win at Swansea which kick-started both the campaign and Carlton Morris's goal haul... Henri Lansbury's goal in the Friday night win at Hull... the win at Blackpool... the Christmas and New Year treble, with Cauley Woodrow's winner against Norwich, and Alfie Doughty's strike at QPR... the win at Sheffield United... and the derby day.

Player of the Season? Tom Lockyer for me, followed by Carlton Morris, Amari'i Bell and Jordan Clark. Marvelous gets a special "February to April" award because... well, you know why.

So off to wherever on Saturday, and then back here a week tomorrow. Full commentary on 3CR of course. There are things we would have to get used to in the top flight. Brighter floodlights apparently, although it will come as a surprise to some pundits and correspondents that we actually have electricity here. But tiresome though it has already become, I could even live with endless pictures of Oak Road gardens.





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- 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
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- 24 JACK WALTON
- 25 JOE TAYLOR
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- 28 ELLIOT THORPE
- 29 AMARI'I BELL
- 30 LUKE FREEMAN
- 32 GABE OSHO
- 34 ETHAN HORVATH
- 45 ALFIE DOUGHTY
- 48 JOE JOHNSON

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- 02 LEWIS COYLE
- 03 CALLUM ELDER
- 04 JACOB GREAVES
- 05 ALFIE JONES
- 06 TOBIAS FIGUEIREDO
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- 08 GREG DOCHERTY
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- 10 MALCOLM EBIOWEI
- 12 KARL DARLOW (GK)
- 13 NATHAN BAXTER (GK)
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- 33 CYRUS CHRISTIE
- 35 XAVIER SIMONS
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- 44 AARON CONNOLLY
- 45 ALFIE TAYLOR
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