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Sonny Bradley after netting Town's first goal back in the Championship. Last week it was confirmed our captain will leave Kenilworth Road at the end of his contract this summer. Thank you for everything Sonny...just one more job to do!

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That welcome is warmly extended to Tony Mowbray, his staff and their squad, as well as everyone who has made the long journey south in support of their team.

We experienced a very partisan atmosphere at the Stadium of Light on Saturday night with 44,000 Sunderland supporters packed in, but I have to say thank you to the 2,000 of you who made that same trek north.

I know there'd have been thousands more if we'd have had the tickets, but your support was outstanding and we could hear you from up in the Gods, have no doubt about that. We know that we can do noise here at Kenilworth Road too, and we are going to need you tonight.

It is half-time in a two-legged cup tie, and it's perfectly poised. I thought we played very well in the first half on Saturday, having got our noses in front with a set piece goal from Elijah, who deservedly moved into double figures for the season.

Sunderland are a very good side and are

capable of the kind of goal they scored to get themselves level, and then we know we can do better from a short corner routine that led to their second. While we could have kept the ball more in the second half, the lads gave absolutely everything as they always do and are determined to put things right tonight.

A lot of the squad were involved in the play-off campaign last season, or have been with other clubs, and are used to the two-legged nature of semi-finals. Ultimately we know what we have to do over 90, possibly 120 minutes – and that is win a game of football at our home, which we have been very good at recently.

It is six months tomorrow since we came to this wonderful club and I want to end by saying thank you to everyone for the love and support you have shown the three of us from day one. These are special times at the football club, when you consider where Luton Town were just nine years ago, and we are honoured to be playing a part in it.

The progression over the last decade has been down to dedication and hard work from so many people on and off the pitch. We believe this has continued this season and we will need these qualities right up until the final whistle tonight, from everyone.

We feel a real connection which runs from the boardroom right through the stands to the players out on the pitch, and together we can make history for this football club.

Bring the noise, give it everything you've got and let's make sure we have one more, huge game to look forward to.

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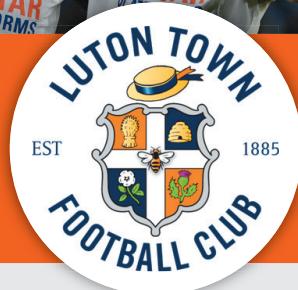
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# FROM THE BOARDROOM



## DAVID WILKINSON -

Chairman

**Well, good evening everyone. Here we are for the second leg of the Championship Play-off Semi-Final against Sunderland. We find ourselves 2-1 down after an inexplicably disappointing second half at the Stadium of Light last Saturday, but we are only halfway and a lot can happen in the next 90 minutes or more.**

We all know what a lottery the play-offs are and how a two or three game sprint can wipe out a 46 game marathon. Let's hope that whichever way it goes tonight it doesn't involve controversy. I'm not a fan of VAR, but I believe we would have benefitted from it this year.

Whatever happens tonight it has been a magnificent achievement to finish comprehensively third in such a fantastically competitive league, and to end up as the 23<sup>rd</sup> highest club in the football pyramid. Along the way we have seen a lot of first-evers and tremendous performances to reach our highest league position for 31 years, and all done without compromising our beliefs.

We are so fortunate that Rob, Richie and Trolls joined us after Nathan left. It is a pleasure to be around them and witness the environment that they have and are creating. It is still early days and I for one can't wait to see how we

progress and develop on the field.

We have a strong ethic in the way we operate both on and off the pitch, but even so can't avoid being caught up, somewhat, by the madness of football finances. However, we press on and know that we will be able to be even more competitive when Power Court is built and there is fairer distribution of central funds down the pyramid.

Apart from the first team's continuing progress on the field there is so much more to be proud of: our academy goes from strength to strength. The quality of players coming through all age groups is evident, and our position in the Championship widens the net and willingness of young players to choose to join us. The U21 development squad is also competing well against top opposition. These are so important to us as a source of talent for the first team and we are in exciting times.

The training ground continues to be expanded and developed. We have installed a new gym, which is one of the largest and best equipped in the Championship. We continue to improve the pitches, which are now close to stadium standard. We are always looking to upgrade our treatment and medical facilities.

Those who work from the training ground are the club's greatest asset so it is crucial that the environment for them is as special as possible and that means everything from training facilities

to catering; from health to comfort so we continue trying to find ways of making them better.

All of this is without all the work being done by Gary and his team in design and engineering for the new stadium to be ready to apply for detailed planning as soon as possible.

Finally, as I said in a few words at the Sponsors End of Season Dinner, we could have done none of this without your support over the years. I think it makes us different to many that there is no real hierarchy. It gives us as much pleasure standing in a pub with a beer before a game singing “there’s only one Micky Harford” as it does hobnobbing with a prawn sandwich in an away boardroom.

Thank you one and all.

*“Without deviation from the norm, progress is not possible”* - Frank Zappa.

Fingers crossed and enjoy the game!

COYH

David



## STEPHEN BROWNE

Director

**I was in the Wheatsheaf before the game at the Stadium of Light and as we went to leave, 200 voices erupted with the sound of ‘There’s only one Micky Harford...’**

It sent shivers down the spine seeing fans from both sides sing the name of someone so humble, so loved.

Once in the ground, up at the high level, were 2,000 Hatters who had managed to get one of the very rare tickets and had travelled up in good heart. Even though they faced 44,000 Mackems, we could hear them sing. And if we could hear them, so could the lads. Song after song was sung and every effort was made. At the end the songs continued and supporters and players showed their true appreciation for each other. Everyone was in it together.

Now, the roles are reversed...now we outnumber the away fans 10 to 1. We will make that count.

Just as the famous Roker Roar gave the Sunderland players energy on Saturday, tonight the Kenny will rock for our players. The team will leave nothing on the pitch tonight. They will give everything in our last, and most important, home game of the season.

We must do the same. We must leave nothing in the stands. We must give everything too.



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## FROM THE BOARDROOM

In the Kenny, in the Oak Road...sing. In the David Preece and the Enclosure... scream.

We know G Block will do us proud, but this time the whole ground will sing just as loud and for as long!

Shout, sing, show your support. The Kenny will be a cauldron – we will be the 12th man.

There will be twists and turns - like there has been all season long – but whatever happens, we must keep singing till the ref blows his whistle.

Leave nothing, give everything.

We have had an amazing season and we all want it to continue. We are only at half-time and the game is on a knife edge. A piece of luck here, and bobble there...it will be very fine lines that separate two teams that fully deserve to be contesting this semi-final.

The eyes of the world will focus on the Kenny tonight. Let's show them what it means to be a Luton Town supporter. Let's show them what a massive family we are. Let's show them what unity really looks like. Let's shatter those who have illusions of us being 'little ol' Luton.'

We might be playing in a little old stadium, some might be unfancied, we might be outsiders.

BUT WE ARE LUTON TOWN.



### BOB CURSON

Director

**Good evening and a very warm welcome to the management, staff, players and fans of Sunderland AFC. Also, a special welcome to you, our wonderful fans who are here hoping that we can end the season with a trip to Wembley and finish on a massive high.**

So, here we are again, in the play offs for the second year in succession, last year we could not quite finish the job. This year, I feel we are in a stronger position however, nothing is a given, therefore, we will have to be at our very best if we are to reap the ultimate prize of finishing winners.

This season has been eventful in many ways. We started slowly, changed managers at the halfway stage, then finished strongly. Most clubs normally change their manager when the team is struggling for form and not getting results. Not us, we had to do it whilst we were in good form as Nathan's departure was not planned.

The circumstances of his leaving put us in a difficult position for a short period as we had to find a new management team as quickly as possible. Fortunately, the gods were shining on us because our near neighbours from just down the road, for reasons known only to themselves, decided that their manager wasn't doing a good enough job for them and had just ended his contract after 11 matches, ten at Championship level.

Rob was on our shortlist and when we interviewed him, everything fell into place. His pedigree and track record, his knowledge of the game, his positive attitude and his wonderful personality said it all, and he proved to be an instant hit with the Board of Directors.

So much so, we were unanimous on our decision to give him and his team of Paul Trollope and Richie Kyle the opportunity of managing the first team squad. At that time, we also had the international break on our side which eased the situation and as such, we never really lost momentum on the pitch.

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## FROM THE BOARDROOM

Rob's style and persona quickly rubbed off on the players and supporting staff and although it is early days, it seems like he and his team have been here for years and are already part of the furniture. They have settled in seamlessly, the training ground is a happy and vibrant place, oozing with positivity and confidence which is showing on the pitch, and long may it continue!

I am sure that you agree with me that our neighbours' loss is proving to be a considerable gain for us, for which we thank them!

As far as the team is concerned, to be in the play-offs two years in succession is a wonderful achievement. It is a different team this year with player movements in and out and with Rob coming on board keeping the same philosophy and making improvements along the way, I feel that we are in a stronger position this time round. Let's hope we are up for it, and we perform to our very best. If we can do that it will take a very good Championship side to compete with us, so whatever the result, enjoy the ride, and let's see where we end up.

My biggest frustration at this moment is that there will be many disappointed Luton fans watching the game on TV tonight instead of being here with us because they could not get tickets for the Kenny. This message for them is; please be patient, Gary and his team of dedicated specialists are doing their very best to alleviate the situation and as he said in a recent statement, we hope to have shovels in the ground early in 2024.

We need it to happen to secure the long-term future of our club so I am sure that we will hear much more about this as we move through the summer months and into the autumn.

Until then, enjoy the match and let us hope we come out of the play-offs on the positive side.

Best wishes and good luck to you all.

Bob



### PAUL BALLANTYNE

Director

April 1st was all right really, but I happened to lose my scarf. I know it doesn't sound a big deal, compared with the jubilation of that day, but this was my Luton scarf. I'd had it for over 40 years.

It had kept my neck warm from Plymouth to Newcastle, from Dartford to Morecambe (didn't go to Barrow, shamefully. Maybe another chance will come. Hopefully in the cup).

I got home that night, eventually, and went to hang it on its usual peg but it was nowhere to be found. In truth, it was getting a bit tatty. Raggedy you could say. To the extent that I wore it in the Boardroom with some trepidation, especially if I heard Stephen was in town (the man for whom the word dapper was surely invented).

It meant a lot to me though. I was with my mate Graham Barton when I got it, in the old club shop.

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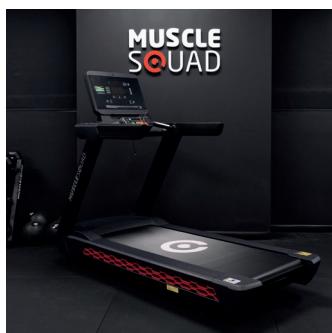
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## FROM THE BOARDROOM

We'd taken the Bobbers coach from Bletchley up to some forgotten night game (trawling through the brilliant Hatters Heritage, I think it might have been a rip-roaring 0-0 draw with Stoke in February 1979, possibly in the week The Undertones released Get Over You, but we'd better pull back from that particular wormhole).

We agonised for ages, though the choice was only between orange with navy and white stripes or black with orange and white. Eventually, I went for the black.

Anyway, I'd like to think that when Wee Al whacked home the second on that brilliant day four decades later, my old scarf was lifted skywards by the collective outpouring of Kenny Road joy and is now stuck somewhere up in the ancient Main Stand rafters.

Realistically though, it was most likely left on the rail replacement bus to Hitchin after one too many celebratory snifters in the Brickies.

Given the occasion, I didn't really mind. Would have been different if it was at Grimsby away in the cup.



### MIKE HERRICK

Director

Well, here we are again! Having outperformed 21 other championship teams, 18 of whom would give their right leg to be where we are this season, we're once again on the cusp of taking a seat at the top table.

So how do we continue to defy the odds? It's not just perseverance, spirit and ability. Above all it's character. The right

characters in our team give us all something to relate to and get behind. This is all part of what makes following Luton Town such a rewarding experience.

Wouldn't it be great if our dear Kenny were able again to host top-flight matches before finally being consigned to history? It would certainly give a host of other clubs and their supporters some idea of what football used to be like.

In the many decades that all of us on the board have supported our club, the game has changed almost beyond recognition – particularly at the top level. The gulf between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' is widening year on year.

Don't get me wrong. There have been improvements but whilst the wealthy continue to claim the bulk of the riches and spend without let or hindrance, it will be a long time before the playing field can ever be levelled out.

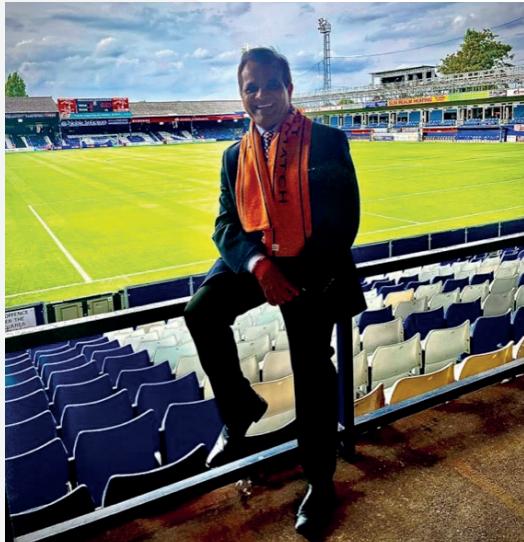
If or when we rise one more step into the Premier League we'll have the satisfaction of knowing that we'll have achieved it the right way rather than flirting with bankruptcy, both financial and moral. It would be achieved without sponsorship from those who promote gambling or alcohol; or from remote foreign ownership; or from tapping into the sovereign wealth of a foreign nation.

I know we're at the 'dare to dream' stage right now, but just a couple more matches and we really could see our future at Power Court becoming ever-closer.

Let's give it all we've got tonight and see where Rob, our staff and our squad can take us.

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## FROM THE BOARDROOM



### KAILESH KARAVADRA

Shareholder

**Wow! What a great season and what an outstanding, memorable journey we have been on together for many years now. Genuine privilege, honour and pride in being a Hatter.**

As the saying goes, “It takes a village to raise a family” and we have all contributed in our own way. Simply put, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Our culture, DNA and principles have guided us well and as we take steps towards our ambitions on and off the field, we should all promise to each other to stand by that fabric of care, support and understanding that has served us so well.

We will continue to do the right things that work for our Team, our Club and our Town and success will follow.

Let's enjoy these moments with a smile, passion and the give the loudest roar of 'Come On You Hatters' in the play-offs!





## ROB STRINGER

Director

Hello Everyone! Writing this from Pomona, California where my eldest daughter just graduated from college this weekend and hence prevented me from being at Sunderland.

In some ways it was a welcome distraction from the tension of that first leg. Once I had watched the game on ESPN+ (with Simon's commentary!) I had to grit my teeth and be a proud Dad for the next 30 hours.

Those Americans at the event were at least curious about my obsession and once I had answered a few times about what division we are in (no...not the same one as Wrexham again and again) I was able to put Saturday's game behind me and look forward to tonight.

Flights being on time I will be at the Kenny as part of the collective chorus willing us onwards.

Win on the night and we go through. Simple as that. We would have all taken that possibility at the start of the season.

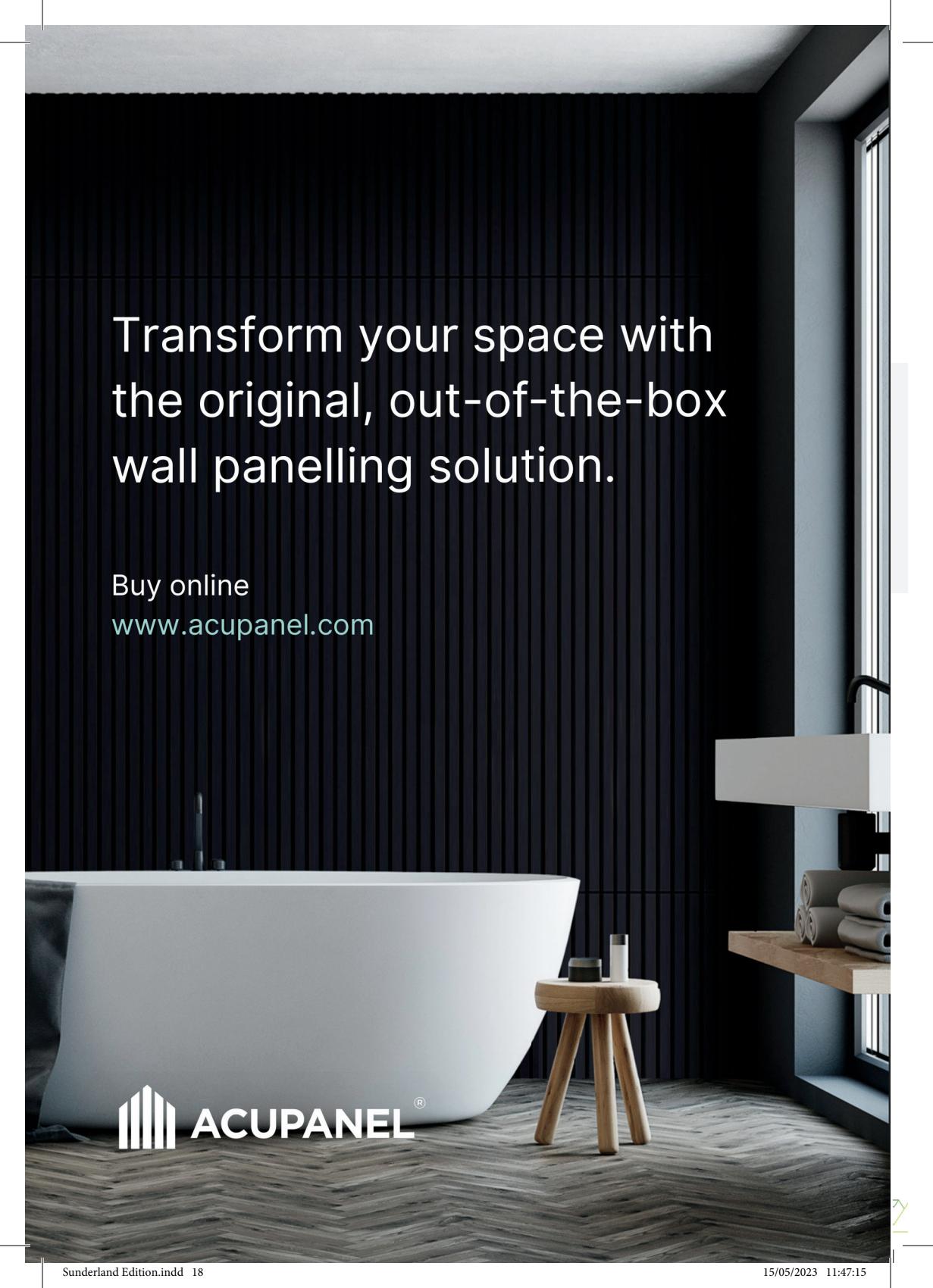
As I am sure we all agree this has been an incredible season and I am constantly reminded of the togetherness all of us have exhibited in the face of such a magical but complex journey over the last few years.

The siege mentality of that ridiculous FA decision started it all and I don't think any other club and its supporters has faced similar odds and dealt with them so courageously.

I am more proud than at any point in my 50 years as a Luton Town supporter of what we stand for and what we share today. It is a privilege to be part of our unique community.

My admiration goes out to Rob and the players and coaching staff at all levels, and Gary and the staff behind the scenes who work tirelessly to action our collective vision.

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# THEIR TOWN



By Zac Neal

We welcome Sunderland to Kenilworth Road for a second time this season in a massive game in the play-offs. Last time here in Bedfordshire, on October 29th, the regular league fixture ended in a 1-1 draw after a second half Elliot Embleton equaliser cancelled out Carlton Morris' opener.

Sunderland have had a brilliant first season back in the Championship. Form really picked up near the end of the season and they snuck in the last play-off spot ahead of Millwall, Blackburn and West Brom on the final day with a 3-0 win at Preston, with goals from Amad Diallo, Alex Pritchard and Jack Clarke.

The Black Cats have been enjoying a ten-game unbeaten run in the back end of the season and it was this form that saw them grab a play-off spot, reaching 69 points to finish above Blackburn on goal difference. Saturday's 2-1 win at the Stadium of Light made it five wins and five draws in that sequence.

The ex-Blackburn boss was only appointed at the end of August, with Alex Neil leaving his post as Sunderland manager to pursue a job at Stoke City. Ironically, Neil's Stoke side finished 16 points worse off than the Black Cats, down in 16th place, while the north-east side soared to sixth under Mowbray, who was previously best known in the area for captaining and managing his local club Middlesbrough.

Manchester United loanee Diallo has been having a standout season for Sunderland, drawing lots of attention from the media. He has scored 14 goals, including the opener at the Stadium of Light on Saturday, and provided three assists. Clarke has also been a star turn, scoring nine and assisting 13.

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## TONY MOWBRAY

MANAGER | 59-year-old Mowbray made over 500 appearances as a player, mostly for Middlesbrough where he is regarded as a club legend. Mowbray retired in 2000 and has since built a successful managerial career, serving briefly at Ipswich before permanent stints at Hibernian, West Brom, Celtic, Middlesbrough, Coventry City, Blackburn Rovers and now Sunderland. He arrived in August 2022 and has guided the youngest team in the division to the play-offs.



## ANTHONY PATTERSON

GK | 23-year-old goalkeeper Patterson came through the ranks of the Sunderland academy and was briefly on loan at Notts County last season before being recalled for the League One run-in. Patterson impressed as he helped the Black Cats secure promotion through the play-offs and retained his place as the starting goalkeeper in the Championship. The youngster has played every league game this season and has kept 14 clean sheets.



# SUNDERLAND IN FO BY DEC O'REILLY



## LUKE O'NIEN

DEF | Versatile O'Nien was a central midfielder earlier in his career and plied his trade on loan in non-league with Wealdstone while at Watford, helping the Stones get promoted to the National League South in 2014. It earned O'Nien a move to League Two Wycombe Wanderers and helped them get promoted after three seasons. O'Nien moved to Sunderland in 2018, earning them an EFL Trophy, a promotion and played a variety of roles.

## AMAD DIALLO

ONE TO WATCH | Manchester United loanee Diallo joined the Black Cats at the start of the season after a loan spell at Rangers the season before and has been instrumental to Sunderland's success this term. The Ivory Coast international has netted 14 times and contributed to the Black Cats' run to the play-offs following Ross Stewart's injury. The 20-year-old is one of United's big prospects and has four caps for his country.



# ND OCUS



## PATRICK ROBERTS

MID | Experienced wide-man Roberts began his professional career at Fulham before signing for Manchester City at 18 years old in 2015. Roberts had loan spells domestically and across Europe at Celtic, Girona, Norwich City, Middlesbrough, Derby and Troyes before eventually signing permanently for Sunderland in January 2022. He scored the tie-winning goal at Sheffield Wednesday which sent the Black Cats to Wembley in the League One play-offs last season.

## JOE GELHARDT

ATT | 21-year-old Leeds United loanee Gelhardt joined the Black Cats on January after a frustrating first half of the season with his parent club in the Premier League. Gelhardt started his career at Wigan Athletic and was relegated with the Latics in 2020 before arriving at Elland Road. Last season, Gelhardt contributed with a late winner against Norwich City to help steer Leeds to safety. Gelhardt has multiple caps for various England age-groups.





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## ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE - CHAMPIONSHIP TOP FIVES

### GOALS

|   |   |    |                 |
|---|---|----|-----------------|
| 1 |  | 28 | CHUBA AKPOM     |
| 2 |  | 21 | VIKTOR GYÖKERES |
| 3 |  | 20 | CARLTON MORRIS  |
| 4 |  | 19 | JOËL PIROE      |
| 5 |  | 17 | TOM BRADSHAW    |

### TOTAL SHOTS

|   |   |     |                 |
|---|---|-----|-----------------|
| 1 |  | 143 | JOËL PIROE      |
| 2 |  | 137 | VIKTOR GYÖKERES |
| 3 |  | 130 | ZIAN FLEMMING   |
| 4 |  | 114 | CARLTON MORRIS  |
| 5 |  | 107 | BEN BRERETON    |

### % OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

|   |   |      |                 |
|---|---|------|-----------------|
| 1 |  | 53.5 | VIKTOR GYÖKERES |
| 2 |  | 47.4 | CARLTON MORRIS  |
| 3 |  | 37.5 | JERRY YATES     |
| 4 |  | 36.8 | TOM BRADSHAW    |
| 5 |  | 36.8 | WILL KEANE      |

### DRIBBLES COMPLETED

|   |   |     |                 |
|---|---|-----|-----------------|
| 1 |  | 116 | JOÃO PEDRO      |
| 2 |  | 111 | ILIMAN NDIAYE   |
| 3 |  | 101 | PATRICK ROBERTS |
| 4 |  | 96  | VIKTOR GYÖKERES |
| 5 |  | 89  | JACK CLARKE     |

### ASSISTS

|   |   |    |                 |
|---|---|----|-----------------|
| 1 |  | 11 | JACK CLARKE     |
| 2 |  | 11 | RYAN GILES      |
| 3 |  | 10 | GUSTAVO HAMER   |
| 4 |  | 10 | VIKTOR GYÖKERES |
| 5 |  | 10 | RYAN MANNING    |

### CHANCES CREATED

|   |   |     |                 |
|---|---|-----|-----------------|
| 1 |  | 108 | JOHN SWIFT      |
| 2 |  | 108 | RYAN MANNING    |
| 3 |  | 96  | ILIAS CHAIR     |
| 4 |  | 87  | RYAN GILES      |
| 5 |  | 85  | VIKTOR GYÖKERES |

### SUCCESSFUL PASSES

|   |   |      |                 |
|---|---|------|-----------------|
| 1 |  | 3844 | MATT GRIMES     |
| 2 |  | 2888 | BEN CABANGO     |
| 3 |  | 2696 | JOSH CULLEN     |
| 4 |  | 2462 | NATHAN WOOD     |
| 5 |  | 2424 | DARRAGH LENIHAN |

### SAVES

|   |   |     |                   |
|---|---|-----|-------------------|
| 1 |  | 160 | VIKTOR JOHANSSON  |
| 2 |  | 137 | DANIEL BACHMANN   |
| 3 |  | 123 | FREDDIE WOODMAN   |
| 4 |  | 119 | SENY DIENG        |
| 5 |  | 113 | ANTHONY PATTERSON |

## ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE - CHAMPIONSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Sunderland manager Tony Mowbray has never won an away match against Luton in his managerial career, with all four games coming in the Championship since the 2019-20 campaign (D3 L1).

Coventry manager Mark Robins has never won an away game against Middlesbrough, failing to win any of his six games at the Riverside (D3 L3), all in the Championship.

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“Securing the play-off spot has allowed the manager the luxury to make changes. We've got good numbers, everyone's back fit now and it gives the manager options.” –

DAN POTTS



## 0 LUTON TOWN 0 HULL CITY

Kenilworth Road – Mon 8th May 2023

**Hatters:** Shea, Onyedinma (Thorpe 54'), Osho (Burke 46'), Bradley, Potts, Doughty (Johnson 60'), Clark (Lansbury 55'), Campbell, Watson, Freeman, Taylor (Berry 70').

**Tigers:** Ingram, Coyle, Greaves, Jones, Tufan (Longman 63'), Docherty, Sayyadmanesh (Jones 84'), Vaughan (Jarvis 87), McLoughlin, Traore (Wood 84'), Simons (Seri 63').

# MATCH ACTION



“It’s 2-1 with 90 minutes at least of football to go, so we need everyone behind us for the whole duration of the game and the lads will give everything.”

ROB EDWARDS



## 2 SUNDERLAND 1 LUTON TOWN

Stadium of Light – Sat 13th May 2023

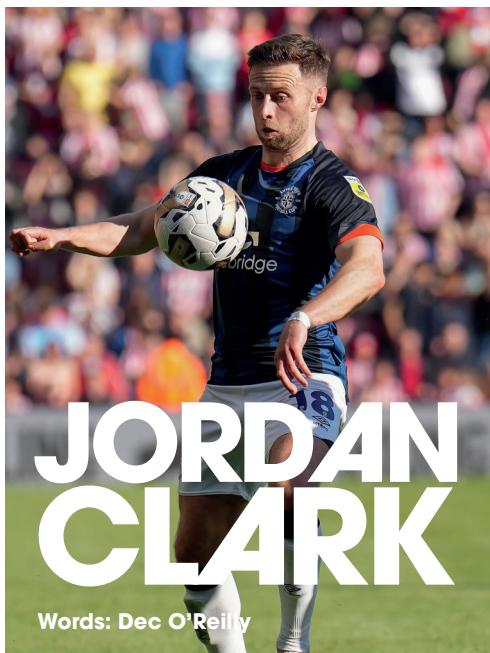
**Black Cats:** Patterson, Roberts (Huggins 81'), Gooch, O’Nien, Diallo, Clarke, Pritchard (Ba 90'+1), Neil, Gelhardt, Hume, Ekwah.

**Hatters:** Horvath, Drameh (Onyedinma 72'), Osho, Lockyer, Bell, Doughty (Burke 88'), Nakamba, Mpanzu, Clark (Berry 79'), Morris, Adebayo.

### Scorers:

Sunderland - Diallo 39', Hume 63'  
Luton Town - Adebayo 11'

## MATCH REACTION



# JORDAN CLARK

Words: Dec O'Reilly

**Hatters midfielder Jordan Clark believes that everything is still to play for in the Championship play-off semi-final despite being one-goal behind against Sunderland.**

"The beauty of the play-offs", said Clark. "It's not the result we wanted, but obviously they are a good side, it's only half-time.

"Started the game well and got the goal, I thought that there was no way we were going to lose this game. Fair play to them, they're a good side and they've got some really good players. We know that at our place it's going to be a different game and we'll make it

difficult. It's a big pitch here, fans were good today for them and created a good atmosphere. I'm just looking forward to Tuesday now, I can't wait.

"It wasn't like us, I thought we could have played into the strikers a little bit more, especially in the second half I thought we weren't great, but obviously we're still in the tie. We just need to work on some things over the next few days, recover, watch the clips and watch the game back, learn where we could have been better and just take it to Tuesday full of positivity because we're good enough to beat anyone at our place.

"It's the play-offs to get to the promised land. It's the biggest game of everyone's career, barring the players who've already played in the Premier League. This is what you play football for, this is what you dreamed of when you were a little kid, to play in the Premier League. It's a big pressure, 46,000 fans here, these are the stadiums you want to play at. You get different kind of nerves, if we had drawn the game, we'd still have to win the second leg."

The 29-year-old believes that the second leg at Kenilworth Road will be a different affair to the game at the Stadium of Light and the Hatters fans will play their part.

"It's going to be a different game at our place, it's a tighter pitch, they won't get as much space as they have done today, and we need to work on a few things. I'm sure the crowd will be up for it and it will be another great atmosphere.

"We're really positive. It's obviously not the result we wanted, but we know we're still in the game and we're a good side. We finished third in the league for a reason and the league table never lies. We'll do all the things we need to do to get the body back to 100 percent, we'll go through what we need to go through and put right what we can for Tuesday."

## HE LOOKS GOOD, HE LOOKS FINE...

**Carlton Morris became the first Luton Town player to score 20 goals in a second tier season for more than 40 years over the course of the regular league campaign.**

Speaking to Sky on Saturday, the summer signing from Barnsley put his best-ever goals return down to having “confidence in myself and my team-mates behind me”, adding: “A lot of support staff have been working on it behind the scenes and it’s come to fruition for me now.”

Having experienced play-offs previously with Shrewsbury and the Tykes, the former Norwich City youngster said: “This is the play-offs so anything can happen. I’ve been watching the games already, that’s why people love it so much. That’s why I love watching it, you don’t know what to expect.”

“It’s more cup football, knock-out football, which is exciting but you’ve got to keep cool heads. We’ve got experience behind us and that can only help us going into it.”

Good luck Carlton, and thank you for a fantastic first season at Kenilworth Road. COYH!

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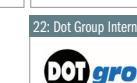
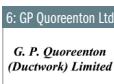


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## STATS OF THE SEASON

**My final article of the season is a statistical review of the League campaign 2022/23, which resulted in the highest finish since 1991/92.**

A 3rd place finish in the Championship on 80 points, was three places and five points ahead of last season, and the highest points total at this level since winning Division Two (as it was called then) in the 1981/82 season.

Top scorer Carlton Morris was also the first Luton player since that season to score 20 goals in the second tier, with Brian Stein netting 21 goals from 42 appearances in that campaign.

At the other end of the field only 39 goals were conceded in the 46 League matches which is only bettered, in a post-war Football League season, by the 38 conceded in 1968/69 and that was in the 3rd tier!

A total of 30 players were used during the League campaign, just one more than last season, with nine of these making their debut for the Club.

Ethan Horvath started 44 of the 46 matches, keeping 19 clean sheets in the process, with 3,960 minutes played he leads the way from Amari'i Bell 3,866 (from 43 starts and one substitute appearance) and Tom Lockyer 3,446 minutes from 39 starts.

Carlton Morris has the best minutes per goal ratio, netting on average every 170

minutes, with his 20 goals coming from 116 shots this season, 17.2%. This strike rate is only bettered by Luke Berry with three goals from 17 shots, 17.6% and Reece Burke who deserves a special mention as he has scored with his only two shots this season, against Blackburn at Kenilworth Road in September and the late winner at Huddersfield on New Year's Day.

The most shots in a single game came in the 3-3 draw against Huddersfield back in October when the Hatters registered 24 attempts on goal, with 18 the highest in an away game, both coming in 1-1 draws, at Preston and Reading.

Looking at their 23 opponents, Luton completed the double over five Clubs, Swansea, Norwich, QPR, Cardiff and Blackpool, whilst going unbeaten against a further ten, and nobody did the double over the Hatters during the campaign.

Under Rob Edwards the Club have achieved exactly two points per game on average, with 50 points achieved from 25 matches. Fourteen wins, eight draws and just three defeats since taking charge in November. There were 34 goals scored during these matches and just 17 conceded.

Congratulations to those players that reached landmark appearances for the Club during the season, Elijah Adebayo and Jordan Clark both reaching 100 and Dan Potts achieving 200 – whilst Tom Lockyer was hoping to reach a century at the Stadium of Light on Saturday.

These are just a few of the so many positive statistics from an amazing season for Luton Town FC, but I'm going to end with a particularly relevant quote from Rob Edwards' recent press conference:

*"I think where we finished probably hasn't got a part to play now, it has been a fantastic season and the players do deserve a lot of credit to finish third in this league, it's really good. But we're not done, and we don't want it to end now."*

COYH!



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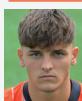
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# ACADEMY UPDATE

## PAUL BENSON

ACADEMY MANAGER



Good evening, I hope you are all looking forward to tonight's match as much as I am!

What a great season it has been for the academy in 2022/23! There has been change within that year which has seen me move from my role of Head of Academy Coaching to take on the mantle of Academy Manager from the departed Paul Hart. As someone who has represented the club with great pride as a player, to now be afforded the opportunity to lead the Academy at this wonderful football club, it is a great honour and one that I'm relishing.

Joining me is Wayne Turner as Head of Academy Development. Wayne needs no introduction to the club having been a successful former player himself. My relationship with Wayne goes back to 2013 when I joined the club as a player. I was a great admirer of him and the way he worked while he was in the role I am occupying now! Wayne being back at the Academy will be a huge benefit to myself, the staff and all the players. The insight and knowledge that he possesses is immense, he has forgotten more about football than I will ever know! He will be a great support and mentor for me moving forwards and we as an Academy are very fortunate to be able to bring him in.

I have had some fantastic role models and mentors to learn from in my career and along with the rest of the staff I am desperate for the Academy to start producing players for the first team again, a challenge all of us within the Academy are focused on achieving.

Standards are an integral part of making this a reality. I have always been a firm believer in 'the standard you walk past is the standard you accept', so setting high standards and expectations for all within the academy, I believe, lays the

foundations to be able to layer further fundamentals to give players within our academy the best possible opportunity to one day represent the first team with the same commitment, passion, and desire as those that currently wear the shirt.

It is our obligation as an academy to provide these young men and children with the right standards of discipline, respect, humility, and grit! To be a professional in this great game you will need these traits in abundance, so it's important we educate these boys about them.

Being an elite professional is a 24/7 lifestyle, as a former manager of this club once said to me, "Benno, you can't be a little bit pregnant, you either are or you're not!" It is the same as being a professional, the greats of the game, the one-percenter, they are all in, and that's what makes them. They are the future players we are looking to bring through, to not only play for our first team but to drive them forwards and leave a legacy in doing so!

As early days into the process as it is, we are already beginning to see some fruits of our labour. Success has run through the Academy this season. Adrian Forbes and our Development squad won the Bedfordshire Senior Cup with a resounding victory against Biggleswade FC at the Kenny, winning the competition for the first time since 2017/18. Our Under-18s side, led by Alan McCormack and Alex Lawless, triumphed in the Youth Alliance League and the Merit League 1, alongside a very respectable FA Youth

Cup run, which included beating the likes of Birmingham City and Queens Park Rangers.

Our Under-16s side also saw success in claiming the Youth Alliance League title. Our younger age groups continue to flourish and all at the club can be encouraged by the quality of the players we are producing in our Foundation and Youth Development Phases.

Although winning is not the be-all and end-all within youth development, I do believe creating a winning environment is important in accelerating the development process. It is my belief that players develop quicker within a winning environment, winning is a good habit to have, as we have seen with the first team this season!

It would be remiss of me not to mention the staff who have worked tirelessly for the Academy this season, all who have played a part in where we currently are. Regardless of the job title, every member of staff plays their part, so when we get a success story, like Joe Johnson making his senior debut appearance, all members of staff should feel proud of that achievement. Alongside those I have spoken about already, there's the unsung heroes who get little mention but who deserve huge credit.

Emily Howes, Dale Brunton, Dan Taylor, Archie Johnson, Ollie Sharples, Lauren Low, Albert Bell, Craig Alcock, Dan Walder, Ben Strevens, Frank Attwell, Jack Cartwright, Kev Thoburn, Lee Cowley, Sean Daley, Michael Malone, Wayne Polson, Kim Pearce, Anthony



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Which brings us to the first team, what a fantastic group of players and role models for our Academy boys and staff to look up to! When I talk about the types of characters we want to produce for this club, they have no one better to learn that from than this current group of players. They have the standards I have mentioned in abundance, and alongside Rob and the first team staff, we have no better inspiration to allow all of us to develop and improve. It goes without saying, but all of us within the Academy are incredibly proud of the first team and their achievements this season, whatever the result tonight, they are an inspiration to all of us and we are right behind them every step of the way!

Enjoy the game tonight and COYH!!

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**Luton Ladies scored a goal for every 18 miles they travelled on Sunday as they put six past Wroxham to keep their title hopes alive.**

After the two-hour trip to Norwich, the Ladies started the game with a high tempo. With just nine minutes on the clock, Shanice Lewis came close as she was first to the ball to beat the Wroxham keeper, but her shot sailed over the bar.

However, this didn't deter Luton as three minutes later Fi Constable whipped a corner in and the ball dropped to Shanice Lewis again, this time her effort hit the back of the net!

Down the other end Tanya Blacksley showed some skilful prowess to play the ball out from the back, something that continued for the rest of her game.

By half-time Luton were the better team but only had the one goal to their name.

Manager Rob Burton made a double change at half-time, something that proved to be game changing in the second half.

Five minutes from kick-off and Luton doubled their lead. This time with a sublime effort from substitute Lil Sanders. Jess McKay picked the ball up wide and penetrated the Wroxham back line to provide the assist, but the finish was top drawer from the young striker Sanders as she timed her run well and met the ball on the volley to fire it into the net!

Luton continued to control the game and ten minutes later added another to their tally, McKay going from assist to goal

scorer this time. A great through ball from Ellie Sargeant put it on a plate for McKay, who calmly lobbed the onrushing keeper. Wroxham looked to kill the momentum though as they got a goal of their own in the 64th minute, but Luton responded well with a fourth two minutes later. Lewis providing the assist for Tsaianne Leander, whose effort was rifled into the top corner from close range.

For Luton's fifth goal the roles reversed when Leander provided a cross to Shanice Lewis at the back post for a tap-in.

As the game entered added time, Sanders seized on another opportunity, latching on to a Lewis through ball and spotting hole for her second.

With the three points in the bag, Luton forced the league to go to the last game of the season for league leaders AFC Sudbury next week.

Manager Rob Burton added: "The ladies put on a dominate display today, under hot and humid conditions. I was delighted with the performance but thought we should have left with more goals!"

"We'll build on this game and take this in to our remaining fixtures and more importantly our league cup final on 21st May at Haverhill Town FC, 2pm kick-off. We would love to see as many fans there as possible."



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## MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

As we approach the end of the season that doesn't mean the football stops at Luton Town FC Community Trust!

During the May half-term we will be running holiday camps in Luton and the surrounding areas. Our holiday camps provide youngsters with the opportunity to play the game they love and learn from our skilled coaches.

It is also a great chance to make new friends and work on their social skills, in a fun, friendly and safe environment. Our camps are suited to those of all abilities, from the child that has never played football through to the child that plays every week in a grass-roots team and wants to build upon their skills.

Our camps are open to all 5-11 year olds, and will be taking place in Luton, Dunstable, Flitwick and Harpenden.

Prices start from just £12.50 per day, so represent incredible value. Everyone who attends will receive a medal, as well as

having a chance at winning the "Hatter of the Day" award, which is awarded to someone who excels in terms of their abilities or demonstrates a positive attitude throughout the day. Our camps are very popular, and places are limited.

For more information and to book your child's place, please visit [www.luton-towncommunity.co.uk/holidaycamps](http://www.luton-towncommunity.co.uk/holidaycamps) or call the office on 01582 561622.

**Good luck from everyone at Luton Town FC Community Trust!**

There has been a real sense of excitement around the office at Luton Town FC Community Trust this week as we approach the play-offs.

We're so proud of what this team has achieved this season, surpassing even that of last season. There are so many highlights to pick from, with hopefully a few more to come, but if we had to pick one it's hard to look past that incredible performance in the 2-0 victory in the derby. It was an incredibly special day and one that we'll all remember for many years to come.

We want to wish the team, and everyone involved at the club, the very best of luck against Sunderland. We know you've got what it takes to go one step further than last year and get to Wembley, and have no doubts that this team will give it absolutely everything. Come on you Hatters!



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# LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

This season has gone by so quickly that I can't believe I am already penning my final message for it!

What a campaign it has been. Everyone at the club both on the pitch and off the pitch have come together to deliver one of the best seasons in our history, one which we all hope ends at Wembley Stadium a week on Saturday with us celebrating promotion, and completing the journey from non-league to Premier League.

When any season is coming to an end announcements start to get made about who is staying and who is moving on, and it has already been confirmed that Sonny Bradley will leave us this summer.

Sonny has been a huge figure in our rise from League One to knocking on the door of the Premier League and I thank him hugely for the massive impact he has had on our club in the time he has been here. That same gratitude goes out to everyone for whom tonight is their final match at Kenilworth Road as a Luton player.

I'd also like to thank my fellow LTST board members and congratulate them on another wonderful season for the Trust. Our achievements this year are too deep to mention but if you head to our YouTube channel you will see a compilation of them all. I'm a very proud chairman as ever.

Be loud and proud tonight. Enjoy the summer.

COYH! Tony



## PRESENTATION EVENING

Earlier this month we once again staged the Player of the Season presentation evening where a number of awards were dished out. Congratulations to Tom Lockyer who picked up the Player of the Season award from our members, and to Mick Harford who was the recipient of the Kevin Catlin Memorial Trophy.

For a full report on the evening and pictures of the night courtesy of Gareth Owen check out the Trust website or the official site.

## PODCAST

Our popular podcast crew have been busy over the last month or so. Episodes have dropped either side of the derby win while the boys also recorded an episode during the presentation evening. Kev also caught up with Marvelous Nakamba for a chat prior to the Rotherham away game and James joined Kev to interview Luton legend Lars Elstrup ahead of the Middlesbrough game last month.

To listen to any of the previous episodes, and those which follow tonight's game, make sure you check out the link on our website!

## MEMBERSHIP

As we revealed at the presentation evening, we are in dialogue with the club regarding ground protection moving forward and are heavily affiliated to initiatives such as Fair Game to make football fairer for all.

We would love our voice to continue to get stronger and the way that can happen is by enhancing our membership. If you are not a Trust member or were a member but let your membership lapse and wish to join again, you can sign up on our website – [www.lutontownsupportertrust.com](http://www.lutontownsupportertrust.com)

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## JOHN FRY

Wishing long time Hatter John Fry a Happy 90th birthday.

Since moving to Luton in the late 1950s, John has been a regular at Luton games over the years. Initially, he had season tickets in the Bobbers Stand for him and his son, then moved to the Oak Road and he now sits in the Main Stand.

Most of you will remember John from the 2017 play-off game with Blackpool, when he became Luton's oldest mascot at the tender age of 84!

## ADAM DILLEY

A routine eye test discovered a glioblastoma (GBM) brain tumour cancer developing in lifelong Hatter Adam Dilley's eye.

Due to speedy help, he is recovering but this highlights that although brain tumours kill more under 40-year-olds than any other cancer, only 1% of cancer research money currently goes to brain tumour research. Adam's brother Graeme is running a marathon to raise funds. You can help this great cause via his Just Giving page at [justgiving.com/fundraising/graeeme-dilley](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/graeeme-dilley)

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| 1                            | Burnley              | 46 | 29 | 14 | 3  | 87 | 35 | 52  | 101 |  |
| 2                            | Sheffield United     | 46 | 28 | 7  | 11 | 73 | 39 | 34  | 91  |  |
| 3                            | Luton Town           | 46 | 21 | 17 | 8  | 57 | 39 | 18  | 80  |  |
| 4                            | Middlesbrough        | 46 | 22 | 9  | 15 | 84 | 56 | 28  | 75  |  |
| 5                            | Coventry City        | 46 | 18 | 16 | 12 | 58 | 46 | 12  | 70  |  |
| 6                            | Sunderland           | 46 | 18 | 15 | 13 | 68 | 55 | 13  | 69  |  |
| 7                            | Blackburn Rovers     | 46 | 20 | 9  | 17 | 52 | 54 | -2  | 69  |  |
| 8                            | Millwall             | 46 | 19 | 11 | 16 | 57 | 50 | 7   | 68  |  |
| 9                            | West Bromwich Albion | 46 | 18 | 12 | 16 | 59 | 53 | 6   | 66  |  |
| 10                           | Swansea City         | 46 | 18 | 12 | 16 | 68 | 64 | 4   | 66  |  |
| 11                           | Watford              | 46 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 56 | 53 | 3   | 63  |  |
| 12                           | Preston North End    | 46 | 17 | 12 | 17 | 45 | 59 | -14 | 63  |  |
| 13                           | Norwich City         | 46 | 17 | 11 | 18 | 57 | 54 | 3   | 62  |  |
| 14                           | Bristol City         | 46 | 15 | 14 | 17 | 55 | 56 | -1  | 59  |  |
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| 18                           | Huddersfield Town    | 46 | 14 | 11 | 21 | 47 | 62 | -15 | 53  |  |
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| 20                           | Queens Park Rangers  | 46 | 13 | 11 | 22 | 44 | 71 | -27 | 50  |  |
| 21                           | Cardiff City         | 46 | 13 | 10 | 23 | 41 | 58 | -17 | 49  |  |
| 22                           | Reading *            | 46 | 13 | 11 | 22 | 46 | 68 | -22 | 44  |  |
| 23                           | Blackpool            | 46 | 11 | 11 | 24 | 48 | 72 | -24 | 44  |  |
| 24                           | Wigan Athletic *     | 46 | 10 | 15 | 21 | 38 | 65 | -27 | 42  |  |

## DAVID PREECE

Our late hero, David Preece, would be celebrating his 60th birthday this month, and 16 years after his death his family are marking the occasion by raising money for local mental health and wellbeing service charity, CHUMS.

If you are able to donate to a great cause in memory of a man who played 395 times for this club, and who left us far too soon, please scan the QR code below or visit [chumscharity.org/donate](https://chumscharity.org/donate)



# 2022-23 FIXTURES & RESULTS

| DATE       | OPPOSITION                | POS     | SCORE | STARTING XI | BREE         | OSHO    | BRADLEY  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
|------------|---------------------------|---------|-------|-------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|------------|---|
| SAT JUL 30 | BIRMINGHAM CITY           | H /     | D 0-0 | HORVATH     | BREE         | OSHO    | BRADLEY  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| SAT AUG 6  | BURNLEY                   | A 15    | D 1-1 | HORVATH     | BREE         | OSHO    | BRADLEY  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| TUE AUG 9  | NEWPORT CITY AFC (CCR)    | H /     | L 2-3 | MACEY       | MENDES GOMES | BURKE   | LANSBURY | LOCKYER | PEREIRA    | W |
| SAT AUG 13 | PRESTON NORTH END         | H 20    | L 0-1 | HORVATH     | BREE         | BURKE   | BRADLEY  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| TUE AUG 16 | BRISTOL CITY              | A 23    | L 0-2 | HORVATH     | BREE         | BURKE   | BRADLEY  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| SAT AUG 20 | SWANSEA CITY              | A 18    | W 2-0 | HORVATH     | BREE         | BURKE   | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| FRI AUG 26 | SHEFFIELD UNITED          | H 17    | D 1-1 | HORVATH     | BREE         | BURKE   | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| TUE AUG 30 | CARDIFF CITY              | A 9     | W 2-1 | HORVATH     | BREE         | BURKE   | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| SAT SEP 3  | WIGAN ATHLETIC            | H 16    | L 1-2 | HORVATH     | BREE         | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| WED SEP 14 | COVENTRY CITY             | H 18    | D 2-2 | HORVATH     | BREE         | OSHO    | BRADLEY  | POTTS   | ONYEDINIMA | C |
| SAT SEP 17 | BLACKBURN ROVERS          | H 11    | W 2-0 | HORVATH     | BREE         | BURKE   | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| FRI SEP 30 | HULL CITY                 | A 5     | W 2-0 | HORVATH     | BREE         | BURKE   | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| TUE OCT 4  | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN         | H 8     | D 3-3 | HORVATH     | ONYEDINIMA   | BREE    | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| SAT OCT 8  | WEST BROMWICH ALBION      | A 9     | D 0-0 | HORVATH     | BREE         | LOCKYER | BRADLEY  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| SAT OCT 15 | QUEENS PARK RANGERS       | H 6     | W 3-1 | HORVATH     | BREE         | LOCKYER | BRADLEY  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| TUE OCT 18 | NORWICH CITY              | A 4     | W 1-0 | HORVATH     | ONYEDINIMA   | BREE    | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| SUN OCT 23 | WATFORD                   | A 9     | L 0-4 | HORVATH     | BREE         | LOCKYER | BRADLEY  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | C |
| SAT OCT 29 | SUNDERLAND                | H 9     | D 1-1 | HORVATH     | DOUGHTY      | BREE    | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| TUE NOV 1  | READING                   | H 10    | D 0-0 | HORVATH     | BREE         | LOCKYER | BRADLEY  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| SAT NOV 5  | BLACKPOOL                 | A 8     | W 1-0 | HORVATH     | CLARK        | BREE    | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| TUE NOV 8  | STOKE CITY                | A 9     | L 0-2 | ISTED       | CLARK        | BREE    | LOCKYER  | OSHO    | BELL       | C |
| SAT NOV 12 | ROtherham United          | H 10    | D 11  | HORVATH     | BREE         | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | C |
| SAT DEC 10 | MIDDLESBROUGH             | A 13    | L 1-2 | HORVATH     | BREE         | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | C |
| MON DEC 26 | NORWICH CITY              | H 12    | W 2-1 | HORVATH     | BREE         | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | DOUGHTY    | C |
| THU DEC 29 | QUEENS PARK RANGERS       | A 5     | W 3-0 | HORVATH     | DOUGHTY      | BREE    | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| SUN JAN 1  | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN         | A 5     | W 2-1 | HORVATH     | DOUGHTY      | BREE    | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| SAT JAN 7  | WIGAN ATH (FAC R3)        | H -     | D 1-1 | HORVATH     | BREE         | BURKE   | OSHO     | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| SAT JAN 12 | WEST BROM                 | H 9     | L 2-3 | HORVATH     | DOUGHTY      | BREE    | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| TUE JAN 17 | WIGAN ATHLETIC (FAC R3 R) | A -     | W 2-1 | HORVATH     | DOUGHTY      | BREE    | BURKE    | OSHO    | BELL       | C |
| SAT JAN 21 | WIGAN ATHLETIC            | A 7     | W 2-0 | HORVATH     | BREE         | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| SAT JAN 28 | GRIMSBY TOWN (FAC R4)     | H -     | D 2-2 | HORVATH     | DOUGHTY      | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | POTTS   | BELL       | C |
| TUE JAN 31 | CARDIFF CITY              | H 4     | W 1-0 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | BURKE   | LOCKYER  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | C |
| SAT FEB 4  | STOKE CITY                | H 4     | W 1-0 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | BURKE   | LOCKYER  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | C |
| TUE FEB 7  | GRIMSBY TOWN (FAC R4 R)   | A -     | L 0-3 | HORVATH     | THORPE       | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | BELL    | ONYEDINIMA | C |
| SAT FEB 11 | COVENTRY CITY             | A 4     | D 11  | HORVATH     | DOUGHTY      | BURKE   | LOCKYER  | OSHO    | BELL       | N |
| WED FEB 15 | PRESTON NORTH END         | A 4     | D 11  | HORVATH     | ONYEDINIMA   | BURKE   | LOCKYER  | OSHO    | BELL       | N |
| SAT FEB 18 | BURNLEY                   | H 4     | L 0-1 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | BURKE   | LOCKYER  | OSHO    | BELL       | N |
| SAT FEB 25 | BIRMINGHAM CITY           | A 6     | W 1-0 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | BURKE   | OSHO     | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | N |
| TUE FEB 28 | MILLWALL                  | H 6     | D 2-2 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | N |
| SAT MAR 4  | SWANSEA CITY              | H 5     | W 1-0 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | N |
| SAT MAR 11 | SHEFFIELD UNITED          | A 4     | W 1-0 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | BELL    | ONYEDINIMA | N |
| WED MAR 15 | BRISTOL CITY              | H 4     | W 1-0 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | N |
| SAT MAR 18 | SUNDERLAND                | A 4     | D 11  | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | N |
| SAT APR 1  | WATFORD                   | H 4     | W 2-0 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | N |
| FRI APR 7  | MILLWALL                  | A 3     | D 0-0 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | N |
| MON APR 10 | BLACKPOOL                 | H 3     | W 3-1 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | BURKE   | LOCKYER  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | N |
| SAT APR 15 | ROtherham United          | A 3     | W 2-0 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | BURKE   | BRADLEY  | LOCKYER | BELL       | N |
| WED APR 19 | READING                   | A 3     | D 11  | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | LOCKYER | BRADLEY  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | N |
| MON APR 24 | MIDDLESBROUGH             | H 3     | W 2-1 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | LOCKYER | BRADLEY  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | N |
| MON MAY 1  | BLACKBURN ROVERS          | A 3     | D 1-1 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | LOCKYER | BRADLEY  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | N |
| MON MAY 8  | HULL CITY                 | H 3     | D 0-0 | SHEA        | ONYEDINIMA   | OSHO    | BRADLEY  | POTTS   | DOUGHTY    | C |
| SAT MAY 13 | SUNDERLAND                | A 10 SF | L 1-2 | HORVATH     | DRAMEH       | OSHO    | LOCKYER  | BELL    | DOUGHTY    | N |



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| CAMPBELL   | CLARK    | FREEMAN  | CORNICK | ADEBAYO     | MACEY, LOCKER, BERRY, MORRIS, WOODROW, LANSBURY, BURKE                 | 19,628 1,026 |
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| CAMPBELL   | CLARK    | FREEMAN  | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | MACEY, LOCKER, WOODROW, WATSON, THORPE, OSHO, JEROME                   | 9,740 895    |
| CAMPBELL   | OSHO     | WOODROW  | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | MACEY, LOCKER, 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, OYEDINNA, OSHO, JEROME                  | 9,882 1,032  |
| CAMPBELL   | CLARK    | FREEMAN  | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, OYEDINNA, OSHO, JEROME                | 17,202 421   |
| CAMPBELL   | CLARK    | FREEMAN  | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | MACEY, BRADLEY, CORNICK, BERRY, WOODROW, OYEDINNA, JEROME              | 9,885 1,035  |
| CAMPBELL   | CLARK    | FREEMAN  | MORRIS  | CORNICK     | MACEY, LOCKER, WOODROW, ADEBAYO, LANSBURY, BELL, JEROME                | 9,546 1,028  |
| CAMPBELL   | CLARK    | LANSBURY | MORRIS  | WOODROW     | ISTED, WATSON, OYEDINNA, FREEMAN, OSHO, JEROME, DOUGHTY                | 9,839 712    |
| CAMPBELL   | CLARK    | LANSBURY | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | ISTED, CORNICK, MPANZU, OYEDINNA, 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, OYEDINNA, FREEMAN, DOUGHTY              | 21,550 1,385 |
| CAMPBELL   | CLARK    | LANSBURY | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, OYEDINNA, FREEMAN, JEROME, DOUGHTY              | 10,011 1,038 |
| CAMPBELL   | CLARK    | DOUGHTY  | MORRIS  | CORNICK     | ISTED, BRADLEY, ADEBAYO, LANSBURY, FREEMAN, JEROME                     | 25,846 1,182 |
| CAMPBELL   | CLARK    | FREEMAN  | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | ISTED, POTT, 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  | CORNICK     | ISTED, CORNICK, BERRY, WOODROW, FREEMAN, JEROME, PETTIT                | 9,831 1,039  |
| CAMPBELL   | MPANZU   | CLARK    | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | 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  | 5,690 220    |
| CAMPBELL   | MPANZU   | CLARK    | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | ISTED, CORNICK, WOODROW, BURKE, WATSON, OSHO, JEROME                   | 10,069 1,042 |
| CAMPBELL   | WATSON   | CLARK    | WOODROW | ADEBAYO     | ISTED, POTT, LOCKER, CORNICK, BERRY, MPANZU, THORPE, JEROME, PETTIT    | 5,668 191    |
| WATSON     | MPANZU   | CLARK    | CORNICK | ADEBAYO     | ISTED, BERRY, BURKE, CAMPBELL, OYEDINNA, JEROME, DOUGHTY               | 11,125 1,005 |
| CAMPBELL   | MPANZU   | CLARK    | CORNICK | ADEBAYO     | ISTED, BERRY, MORRIS, WOODROW, BURKE, WATSON, OYEDINNA, THORPE, NELSON | 8,552 1,473  |
| CLARK      | MPANZU   | WOODROW  | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | WALTON, BERRY, WATSON, CAMPBELL, OYEDINNA, THORPE, OSHO                | 9,031 544    |
| CAMPBELL   | MPANZU   | CLARK    | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | SHEA, BERRY, WOODROW, NAKAMBA, OYEDINNA, TAYLOR, OSHO                  | 10,031 1,021 |
| CAMPBELL   | WATSON   | BERRY    | WOODROW | ADEBAYO     | SHEA, MORRIS, BURKE, MPANZU, CLARK, PEPPLE, DOUGHTY, PIESOLD, JOHNSON  | 7,051 466    |
| NAKAMBA    | MPANZU   | CLARK    | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | SHEA, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, CAMPBELL, OYEDINNA, TAYLOR             | 20,366 2,843 |
| NAKAMBA    | MPANZU   | CLARK    | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | SHEA, POTT, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, CAMPBELL, TAYLOR                 | 13,903 457   |
| NAKAMBA    | MPANZU   | CLARK    | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | SHEA, POTT, BERRY, WOODROW, CAMPBELL, TAYLOR, DOUGHTY                  | 10,066 1,026 |
| NAKAMBA    | MPANZU   | CLARK    | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | SHEA, BERRY, WOODROW, WATSON, CAMPBELL, OYEDINNA, TAYLOR               | 16,866 1,838 |
| NAKAMBA    | MPANZU   | CLARK    | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | SHEA, BRADLEY, BERRY, WOODROW, CAMPBELL, OYEDINNA, TAYLOR              | 10,060 1,032 |
| NAKAMBA    | CAMPBELL | CLARK    | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | SHEA, BRADLEY, BERRY, WOODROW, MPANZU, OYEDINNA, 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, OYEDINNA, TAYLOR               | 9,899 858    |
| NAKAMBA    | CAMPBELL | BERRY    | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | SHEA, WOODROW, LANSBURY, BURKE, CLARK, OYEDINNA, 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, BURKE, TAYLOR                 | 18,442 2,599 |
| 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, POTT, MPANZU, CAMPBELL, OYEDINNA, TAYLOR, FREEMAN                | 17,261 1,101 |
| CAMPBELL   | WATSON   | CLARK    | FREEMAN | TAYLOR      | WALTON, BERRY, LANSBURY, BURKE, MPANZU, THORPE, JOHNSON                | 10,061 1,010 |
| NAKAMBA    | MPANZU   | CLARK    | MORRIS  | ADEBAYO     | SHEA, POTT, BERRY, BURKE, CAMPBELL, OYEDINNA, FREEMAN                  | 46,060 2,000 |

Luton Town Football Club's commitment is to promote inclusion and to confront and eliminate discrimination, whether by reason of age, disability, gender reassignment, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief. People can be assured of an environment in which their rights, dignity and individual worth are respected, and in particular that they are able to work and watch football in an environment without the threat of intimidation, victimisation, harassment, bullying and abuse. Should you wish to report a specific incident, please contact your nearest steward or download Kick It Out's free, confidential reporting app on the App Store or Google Play.



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**ANYONE WHO ENTERS THE PITCH WITHOUT  
PERMISSION AND THOSE CARRYING OR USING  
SMOKE BOMBS OR PYROS WILL NOW RECEIVE  
AN AUTOMATIC CLUB BAN.**

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## **‘LOVE FOOTBALL. PROTECT THE GAME’**

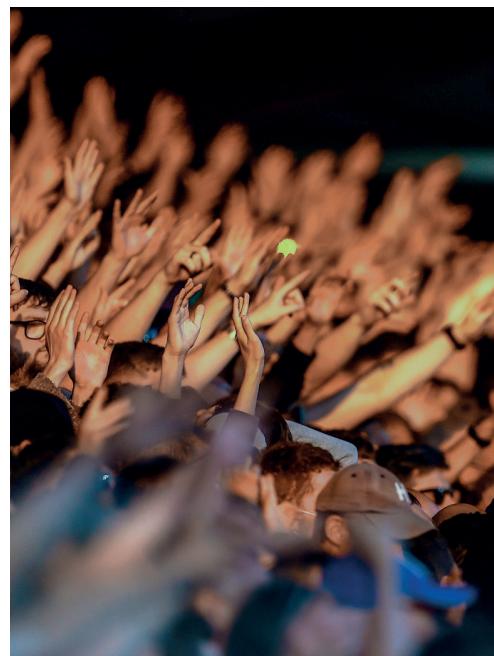
**A message about anti-social and criminal behaviour**

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.

#LoveFootball #ProtectTheGame



**FSA.**

# ACADEMY HOST FAMILIES

Luton Town Academy are looking to recruit potential host families to support young players aged between 16-23 years old.

We currently have around 120 young players within the Academy and from time to time some need to stay with host families allowing them to take the opportunity of full-time employment at the Football Club as either an apprentice or professional player.

We are looking for families who can provide a room (per player) and an evening meal in either a 6 night per week or 7 nights per week agreement, as well as providing a suitable and safe environment.

Transport is provided by the club for each player.

It is advantageous if your home is in one of the following areas: Wigmore, Farley Hill, Leagrave, Bushmead

If you feel you would be able to successfully support some of our young players, please send an e-mail to Wayne Polson: [Wayne.Polson@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:Wayne.Polson@lutontown.co.uk) expressing your interest.

As part of the recruitment process the Club would complete several visits to determine the suitability of location and to ensure that the home meets the requirements for hosting a young player with the Football Club.

This role will have regular contact with children, and it is therefore required by law to have a DBS Enhanced Criminal Record Check with children's barred list check for all house occupants aged 18 or older.

Closing date for applications:  
Ongoing

## PLAYER STATISTICS

|                      | 2022-23 SEASON |      |      |   |       |   |       |      |       |    | CAREER |     |    |
|----------------------|----------------|------|------|---|-------|---|-------|------|-------|----|--------|-----|----|
|                      | LEAGUE         |      | CUP  |   | TOTAL |   | CARDS |      | TOTAL |    |        |     |    |
|                      | APPS           | G    | APPS | G | APPS  | G | YEL   | RED  | APPS  | G  |        |     |    |
| Elijah Adebayo       | 39             | (3)  | 7    | 4 | (1)   | 3 | 43    | (4)  | 10    | 9  | 0      | 107 | 32 |
| Amarill Bell         | 43             | (1)  | 1    | 5 | (0)   | 0 | 48    | (1)  | 1     | 3  | 1      | 95  | 2  |
| Luke Berry           | 4              | (17) | 3    | 2 | (3)   | 0 | 6     | (20) | 3     | 3  | 0      | 163 | 24 |
| Sonny Bradley        | 14             | (5)  | 0    | 0 | (0)   | 0 | 14    | (5)  | 0     | 3  | 0      | 175 | 6  |
| James Bree           | 27             | (0)  | 0    | 2 | (0)   | 0 | 29    | (0)  | 0     | 3  | 0      | 143 | 2  |
| Reece Burke          | 15             | (5)  | 2    | 3 | (1)   | 0 | 18    | (6)  | 2     | 4  | 0      | 56  | 4  |
| Allan Campbell       | 38             | (4)  | 3    | 4 | (0)   | 0 | 42    | (4)  | 3     | 5  | 0      | 85  | 7  |
| Jordan Clark         | 34             | (4)  | 2    | 3 | (1)   | 1 | 37    | (5)  | 3     | 5  | 0      | 109 | 8  |
| Harry Cornick        | 7              | (12) | 1    | 2 | (2)   | 1 | 9     | (14) | 2     | 1  | 0      | 235 | 38 |
| Alfie Doughty        | 25             | (3)  | 2    | 3 | (2)   | 0 | 28    | (5)  | 2     | 11 | 0      | 33  | 2  |
| Cody Drameh          | 16             | (0)  | 0    | 1 | (0)   | 0 | 17    | (0)  | 0     | 4  | 0      | 17  | 0  |
| Luke Freeman         | 10             | (16) | 2    | 0 | (0)   | 0 | 10    | (16) | 2     | 2  | 0      | 26  | 2  |
| Ethan Horvath        | 44             | (0)  | 0    | 5 | (0)   | 0 | 49    | (0)  | 0     | 0  | 0      | 49  | 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              | (2)  | 0    | 0 | (0)   | 0 | 0     | (2)  | 0     | 0  | 0      | 2   | 0  |
| Henri Lansbury       | 6              | (4)  | 1    | 1 | (0)   | 0 | 7     | (4)  | 1     | 3  | 0      | 48  | 1  |
| Tom Lockyer          | 39             | (0)  | 3    | 4 | (1)   | 1 | 43    | (1)  | 4     | 6  | 1      | 100 | 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   | 2 | (3)   | 0 | 43    | (6)  | 20    | 11 | 0      | 49  | 20 |
| Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu | 24             | (6)  | 3    | 2 | (3)   | 0 | 26    | (9)  | 3     | 5  | 0      | 368 | 23 |
| Admiral Muskwe       | 1              | (1)  | 0    | 1 | (0)   | 0 | 2     | (1)  | 0     | 0  | 0      | 26  | 2  |
| Marevelous Nakamba   | 16             | (1)  | 0    | 1 | (0)   | 0 | 17    | (1)  | 0     | 3  | 0      | 18  | 0  |
| Fred Onyedinma       | 6              | (11) | 0    | 1 | (2)   | 0 | 7     | (13) | 0     | 2  | 0      | 51  | 3  |
| Gabriel Osho         | 22             | (5)  | 2    | 5 | (1)   | 0 | 27    | (6)  | 2     | 3  | 2      | 60  | 2  |
| Dion Pereira         | 0              | (0)  | 0    | 1 | (0)   | 0 | 1     | (0)  | 0     | 0  | 0      | 3   | 0  |
| Dan Potts            | 24             | (1)  | 1    | 2 | (0)   | 0 | 26    | (1)  | 1     | 4  | 0      | 215 | 12 |
| Glen Rea             | 0              | (0)  | 0    | 0 | (0)   | 0 | 0     | (0)  | 0     | 0  | 0      | 207 | 8  |
| James Shea           | 1              | (0)  | 0    | 0 | (0)   | 0 | 1     | (0)  | 0     | 0  | 0      | 107 | 0  |
| Joe Taylor           | 1              | (4)  | 0    | 0 | (0)   | 0 | 1     | (4)  | 0     | 0  | 0      | 5   | 0  |
| Elliot Thorpe        | 0              | (3)  | 0    | 1 | (1)   | 0 | 1     | (4)  | 0     | 0  | 0      | 6   | 0  |
| Louie Watson         | 3              | (2)  | 0    | 4 | (0)   | 0 | 7     | (2)  | 0     | 1  | 0      | 9   | 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



**Loud music, raucous crowd, great expectations and ultimately disappointment... but the UK's Eurovision act won't get a second chance. We do.**

Saturday was a great occasion at a great stadium, at a club with a proud history. In any other year I'd be willing them to claim a place in the Premier League.

I've managed to forgive them for my first footballing disappointment. Growing up in Yorkshire in the 1970s, and aged just seven, I didn't believe that Peter Lorimer shots could ever be saved. It's taken 50 years, but seeing the highlights played out again on the screens around the ground at the weekend still made me shake my head in disbelief.

## PETER SINCLAIR



We are sorry to hear of the passing of lifelong Hatter Peter Sinclair last week at the age of 56. Our thoughts are with his family and many friends at Kenilworth Road, who wrote this tribute:

*'In loving memory of Peter Sinclair, a cherished family member, friend, and fellow Hatter whose light will forever shine in our hearts.'*

This time next week the Stadium of Light will host Beyoncé. Apparently it's quite a show - my Dad taxi will be in operation at Tottenham next month - but whatever she manages it will take something special to provoke the same response which greeted Amad Diallo's equaliser.

That changed the course of the first leg on Saturday, and to be honest I was quite happy to accept 2-1 by the end. It is, though, a result we are more than capable of overturning.

You don't need me to tell you that Luton Town play off history is not on our side, but night time drama here is not uncommon. I'm thinking Hartson v Newcastle, Oakes v West Ham, Keane v Oxford, and Moncur v Portsmouth.

Social media was its usual mix of optimism and gloom as we made our way back down the motorways on Saturday night - Woolley Edge going north and Watford Gap coming home if you're interested - but tonight is time to get on board the positivity bus.

It's 2-1 not 4-nil. Imagine being the PA announcer at Sheffield Wednesday on Thursday night. Even our own Darren would struggle.

I had thought of wearing a new orange polo shirt for the play offs but decided against it on Saturday fearing it might bring bad luck. Perhaps it's time to abandon superstition and just wear it. All these things and more have occupied the last 72 hours.

We finished where we deserved to be after 46 games. Tonight it's time to show why.



## 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 Aribim Pepple  
28 ELLIOT THORPE  
29 AMARI'I BELL  
30 LUKE FREEMAN  
32 GABE OSHO  
34 ETHAN HORVATH  
45 ALFIE DOUGHTY  
48 JOE JOHNSON

## TONY MOWBRAY

01 ANTHONY PATTERSON (GK)  
02 NIALL HUGGINS  
03 DENNIS CIRKIN  
04 CORRY EVANS  
05 DANIEL BALLARD  
06 DANNY BATTH  
08 ELLIOT EMBLETON  
10 PATRICK ROBERTS  
11 LYNDEN GOOCH  
12 ALEX BASS (GK)  
13 LUKE O'NIEN  
14 ROSS STEWART  
16 AMAD DIALLO  
17 ABDOULLAH BA  
18 ELLIS TAYLOR  
19 JEWISON BENNETTE  
20 JACK CLARKE  
21 ALEX PRITCHARD  
22 ISAAC LIHADJI  
24 DAN NEIL  
25 EDOUARD MICHUT  
28 JOE GELHARDT  
30 JACOB CARNEY (GK)  
32 TRAI HUME  
39 PIERRE EKWAH  
42 AJI ALESE  
45 JOE ANDERSON

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