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# LUTON TOWN V GILLINGHAM

TUESDAY 29TH AUGUST 2023 | 7.45PM | KENILWORTH ROAD



A man with a beard and sunglasses stands on a grassy field. He is wearing a short-sleeved polo shirt with a red and white striped pattern and a large red 'PERCIVAL' logo on the chest. He is also wearing red shorts, white socks, and black loafers. The background shows a grassy field with soccer goals and trees under a cloudy sky.

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**Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road to you all. I trust our achievement at the end of last season has meant you have had an enjoyable summer.**

With this being our first home match of the season, I would like to take this opportunity to stress how important your support will be for us over the next 10 months because first and foremost, I want you all to enjoy this season.

We are realistic enough to know that we are not going to win as many games this season as we did last year but it's our aim to be competitive in every single match. I believe this group will improve and learn quickly and I hope you will be able to see that as the season progresses.

We want to achieve something special this season but we can only do this together. I won't keep repeating myself about the size of task we have ahead, but I will continue to ask for your support in our quest to achieve our goal.

I want you all to be proud of watching your team this season. I love your passion and loyalty for this club – you have shown that to us since we were appointed but we know that it runs deeper and for longer than we have been here.

You have longed for a return to the Premier League. Life is about living and enjoyment so enjoy it! We know you relished our season opener at Brighton even despite the result and even though we were on the end of a defeat, there were elements of the performance which were encouraging.

My promise to you is that we will always try and win and always try and hurt the opposition, even if we know we are not going to have much of the ball. And that's when we need your support.

Tonight, we face Gillingham and I extend my welcome to Neil Harris and his staff and players. They have started the season like a steam train. Neil's done a brilliant job and they are used to winning so it's not going to be easy.

The fact this match comes three days before our first home league game certainly gives me a few selection headaches. but we will respect the competition and are looking forward to a tough, competitive game.

Get behind us and enjoy the game. 🍌

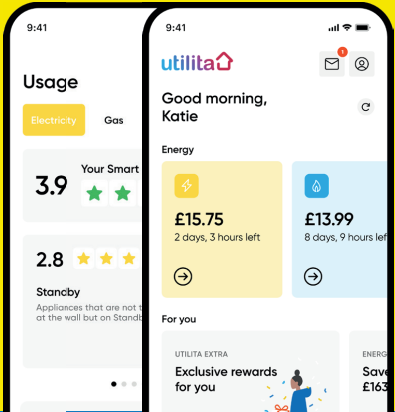
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# TOM LOCKYER

**Welcome back to the Kenny. Boy have I missed this place. It seems an eternity since we were last here for the second leg of our play-off semi-final against Sunderland when the noise levels you created were out of this world.**

That was a special, special night under the floodlights, wasn't it? It's occasions like them that we as footballers live for. Even during the warm-up we could feel the buzz inside the ground and from then on the decibel level just increased. That game will live long in the memory and for me personally it was definitely one to remember after I managed to get my head on Alfie's cross for what was ultimately the winner.

Obviously a lot has happened since our last appearance at Kenilworth Road. At Wembley I didn't get to experience the unbelievable ending and achievement of the boys after I had to leave the field early in the first half. I've spoken about it a lot this summer in interviews, and it still makes me emotional thinking about it. It would be remiss of me not to thank everyone involved in helping me that day, including our own medical team, Simon and Chris, both legends. Cheers boys.

These are my first programme notes after the manager appointed me captain of this

great club. It goes without saying it's a massive honour to wear the armband and lead the lads out onto the pitch this season. The conversation was a pretty quick one with him but I'm bursting with pride for me and my family to be named captain of Luton Town.

I will touch on our start to life in the Premier League in my notes on Friday night when West Ham come to town, but tonight we focus on the Carabao Cup with the visit of Gillingham.

They've had a decent start to the season in League Two so will fancy their chances of an upset. They're a good team with plenty of talented lads – many of who I know and have played with before, including Jonny Williams – so we will take nothing for granted. We were on the wrong end of a shock last season against Newport here in this competition and we do not want a repeat this evening.

We're all looking forward to playing back in front of you tonight, so get behind us like you always do and enjoy the game.

Cheers. 🥰

Locks.

# ALL SET

**KENILWORTH ROAD  
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**KICK OFF: 8PM**



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# AROUND TOWN

## WELCOME HOME!

**Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road. Like you, everyone at the club has been itching for a match here since we earned promotion to the Premier League back in May.**

You will notice plenty of changes in around the stadium tonight so we appreciate your patience and understanding should your usual matchday experience be affected in any way.

A full detailed list of what has been going on at Kenilworth Road – on and off the pitch – will be communicated in the West Ham programme on Friday night.

In the meantime, enjoy reading the first programme of our 2023/24 season and should you have any requests to be included in our future editions, please email [media@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:media@lutontown.co.uk).



## SPURS GAME ON TV

**A reminder, as if you needed one, that this Friday's game against West Ham is live on Sky Sports.**

And another Premier League fixture of ours in the not-too-distant-future has also been chosen for live TV coverage.

Our home fixture against Tottenham Hotspur at Kenilworth Road will be broadcast live on TNT Sports. As a result, kick-off has been moved forward to **12.30pm** but will remain on the original date, **Saturday 7th October**.

We apologise to any supporters inconvenienced by this fixture amendment.



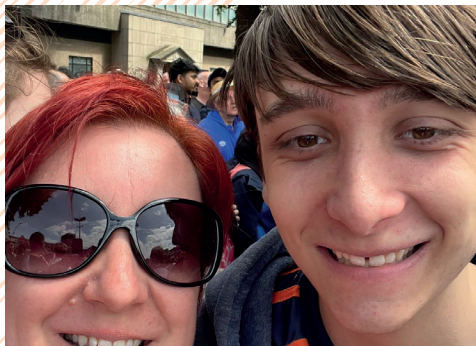
## IFOLLOW BECOMES HATTERS PLAYER

**We can confirm to supporters that following our promotion, live video streaming of Premier League matches is not permitted for clubs, so there will not be an alternative to iFollow Hatters for watching matches live on the club website or app for next season.**

Audio commentary of matches will continue to be available however via EFL Digital, along with behind-the-scenes video content and match highlights, but this service will now be named Hatters Player.

The cost of an overseas Season or Monthly Pass subscription to Hatters Player has been reduced to be the same as a domestic subscription, costing £45 annually or £4.49 per month, to reflect the absence of live match video streams.

Single match passes for Hatters Player audio commentary will be available for £2.50.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BENJAMIN!

Many happy returns to Town fan **Benjamin Pratt** who is celebrating his 18th birthday. On behalf of his dad Phill – also a huge Hatters fan – happy birthday and good luck at University! Be sure to spread the good word about LTFC, Benjamin!

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# WELCOME GILLINGHAM

**Tonight, we welcome Gillingham to Kenilworth Road as our first visitors of our new-look home for this Carabao Cup second round tie.**

Neil Harris' side have so far had an excellent start to the season in League Two and, as we went to press, were top of the fourth tier.

In the previous round of Carabao Cup, the Kent club beat Russell Martin's Southampton side 3-1 on an amazing night at the Priestfield Stadium. A double from Robbie McKenzie as well as a goal from Ashley Nadesan provided a shock win for the Gills to set-up tonight's tie.

Last season, Gillingham had an underwhelming season in League Two, rallying in the end to overcome a poor start to finish in 17th place on 55 points. Walsall and Doncaster Rovers also finished on the same amount of points – and all three were opponents for the Hatters during the League One campaign in 2018/19.

It's been since then that the two sides have faced each other. The last time each club met one other was in March 2019 which resulted in a 2-2 draw at Kenilworth Road. Danny Hylton and Jack Stacey were on the scoresheet that day for the Town, helping them on their way to the League One title.

The Gills won their opening four games of the League Two season all by a 1-0 scoreline. Their season opener saw them defeat Stockport but wins over Accrington, Sutton and Crawley have meant Harris' side went into last Saturday's game with Colchester with a 100 per cent record – without conceding a goal.

Last season in the Carabao Cup, Gillingham made it to the fourth round of the competition. It was in the fourth round where they were knocked out by Premier League side Wolves.



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# MEET THE GILLS

## THE BOSS



**Neil Harris.** Millwall's all-time record goalscorer who took control at Priestfield in January 2022. Cut his managerial teeth with the Lions before two years at the helm with Cardiff.

## GOALKEEPER



**Jake Turner.** Former England youth international who came through the ranks at Bolton before joining Newcastle in 2019. Swapped Tyneside for Priestfield last season.

## DEFENDERS



**Cheye Alexander.** Right-back who signed in July 2022 after two years with AFC Wimbledon. A West Ham academy graduate, he has also enjoyed spells at Aldershot and Barnet.



**Max Ehmer.** German-born centre-half now in this third spell with the Gills. Began his career with QPR and has now made over 300 appearances for the club.



**Scott Malone.** Experienced left-sided defender who signed this summer. Has enjoyed spells higher up the Football League with the likes of Millwall, Derby and Cardiff.



**Shadrach Ogie.** Irish youth international who joined the Gills this summer from Leyton Orient for an undisclosed fee. Was named man-of-the-match on his debut against Stockport.

## MIDFIELDERS



**Ethan Coleman.** January transfer window arrival from Leyton Orient who came through the ranks at Reading before spells in non-league with Brackley and King's Lynn.



**Timothée Dieng.** Another January arrival, the Frenchman signed from Exeter where he'd scored 15 goals in 59 games for the Grecians.



**Dom Jefferies.** Young Welshman who signed from Brentford B in 2022. Came through the ranks at Newport and was named the Gills' young player of the year last term.



**Jonny Williams.** Experienced Welsh international who was named in the squad for the 2022 World Cup. Joined the Gills this summer after leaving Swindon where he scored 10 goals last term.



**Shaun Williams.** Gills captain and Irish international with over 600 career appearances, the majority at Championship level with Millwall.

## STRIKERS



**Ashley Nadesan.** Summer arrival from Crawley who netted nine league goals last season. Already scored three times this season for the Gills.



**Tom Nicholls.** Exeter academy graduate who arrived last season from Crawley, where he scored 29 goals in two-and-a-half-seasons.

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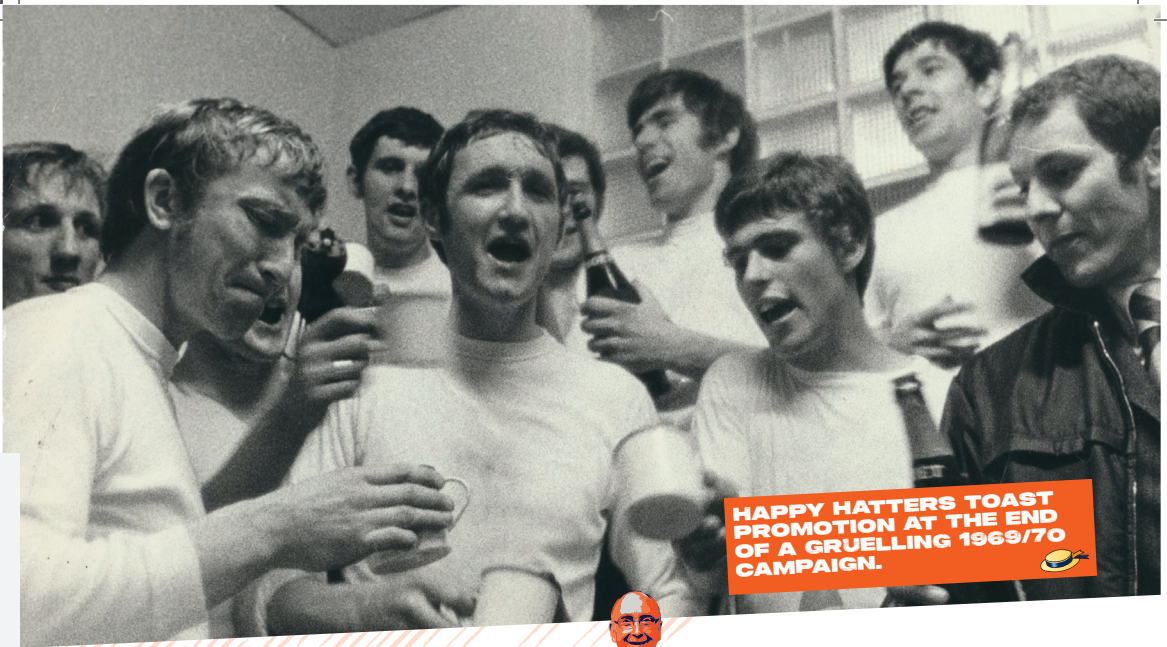
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# CLASSIC MATCH



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ROGER WASH  
LOOKS BACK ON THE  
TIME THE TOWN  
RETURNED TO THE  
THIRD TIER WITH A  
BANG**

## NEW BOYS TAME THE GILLS

After the euphoria of the Fourth Division title win of 1967/68, followed by the near miss in gaining further promotion the following season, it was felt by a lot of Hatters supporters that we had shot our bolt and that the glory days were going to be just a distant memory.

Those feelings were reinforced when 'golden boy' Bruce Rioch was sold to Aston Villa for £100,000 which was then a record fee for a player leaving Division Three (now League One).

In Rioch's place the Town welcomed Peter Phillips from Bishop's Stortford, Alan Guild from East Fife and John Ryan from Fulham – all on free transfers. Also from Fulham, for the princely sum

of £17,500, came defender Malcolm Macdonald, a player of whom manager Alec Stock said: "He's the right age for us at 19. We wanted younger players and we wanted a left-back."

The pre-season friendlies did not bode well though, and a 5-2 defeat at Aldershot was followed by a narrow win over the Italian Under-21 side and then a dull 1-1 home draw with Clyde. ➡



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During the second half of the match against Clyde, Macdonald was moved to the left-wing in place of the injured Mike Harrison and retained this position in a 10-0 joke game against a Gibraltar side who had never played on grass before.

An extremely subdued crowd of 'only' 12,080 turned up at Kenilworth Road for the opening game of the season to see new boys Ryan, Macdonald and previous day signing from Reading, John Collins, take on Barrow.

In a fairly comfortable victory, goals from Keith Allen, skipper Mike Keen and Collins saw off an average Barrow side, but the supporters were not satisfied. Barrow had conceded five goals at Kenilworth Road five months previously and they were still wondering when the Rioch windfall would be spent.

Despite all this, a large crowd of Luton supporters went to Bournemouth the following week and swelled the attendance at Dean Court to 9,735. They were not disappointed as Macdonald scored his first senior goal for the club, when he sped onto a defence splitting pass from Keen before rounding the goalkeeper and side-footing the ball home. Little did supporters know that this was to be the first of many – not bad for a full-back!

Fans were beginning to allow themselves to slip out of the doldrums after a home victory over Orient the following week, especially as the Town had fought back from 2-0 down to win 3-2, with the deciding goal coming from Macdonald in the 86th minute.



The Town were now on a roll but, as is often the case, we were brought back to earth when Halifax came to a wet and windy Kenilworth Road for a mid-week game and went home with a point following a deserved 1-1 draw.

Although Macdonald netted the Luton goal, the tall Halifax centre-half Chris Nicholl kept him under fairly close control all evening and we were pleased to hear afterwards that Stock had agreed to buy him for a huge (by Luton standards) fee of £34,000.

Nicholl had been tailed by Stock for several weeks but to the supporters it felt that he had signed him simply because he had kept Macdonald quiet. "He will play for England one day," said his old manager Alan Ball senior. ➤



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All those fans who had doubted Alec Stock and his apparent failure to spend money were well and truly silenced the following day when another £25,000 was found for Matt Tees, a proven goalscorer, who was dropping down a division to join Luton from Charlton.

"Both players will appear on Saturday at Gillingham," said Stock, which guaranteed there would be a large influx of Town supporters in the Medway Towns for the game.

The Gills were pointless at the bottom of the table and were desperate for a result to kick-start their season. They set their stall out early by clattering both Macdonald and Tees, who they obviously regarded as the danger men, but it was the Town that drew first blood when Gillingham's Andy Smillie needlessly handled the ball in the area after 13 minutes, with Macdonald lashing home the resultant penalty.

The Town had the better of the first half without being able to make their superiority tell but, aided by some ruthless defending, Gillingham managed to claw themselves back into the reckoning early in the second period.

It was now the turn of the Luton defenders to show their worth with Nicholl having an outstanding game and gradually things turned the Town's way again with the midfield of Keen, Collins and Keith Allen providing ammunition for the forwards and winger Graham French in particular.



The points were secured after 76 minutes when a cross from French was turned into his own net by Gillingham full-back Mike Green, and although it was a scrappy win it proved the Town could fight as well as play pretty football.

Gillingham finished the season one place off the relegation positions due, in the main, to away wins over the three top sides, Orient, Luton and Bristol Rovers. It was their win over Rovers at the end of the season that virtually guaranteed the Town promotion!

**TOWN:** Read, Ryan, Bannister, Keen, Nicholl, Slough, Collins, Macdonald, Tees, Allen, French.

**GILLINGHAM:** Simpson, Weston, Green, Machin, Williams, Quirke, Woodley, Yeo, Riddick, Smillie, Pound.



## THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

Tony Thorpe is engulfed after netting his second goal  
in the 2-1 win at Priestfield on Boxing Day 1996.





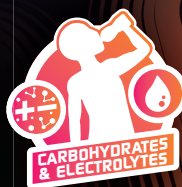




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# ON THIS DAY

## 29TH AUGUST

Do any of these games strike a chord with you?

### THE RECORD

In total the Town have played 25 times on this day down the years, winning just seven of those. Seven have ended all square while 11 have ended in defeat. It's pretty low-scoring as well, with the Hatters netting just 28 times across the 25 games. In the last 33 years, the Town have played in all top five divisions on this date.



### MEMORABLE WIN!

LUTON 3-0 CHARLTON.  
29th AUGUST 1981



Brian Horton marks his first Luton appearance with an impressive display against a newly promoted Charlton side who had six players making their debuts. The Valiants are swamped after Donaghy dives to head the first goal from a Horton corner. Paul Walsh hits a post for the visitors. The Town would go on to enjoy their season, winning the Division Two title come the end of the campaign.

Town team: Findlay, Stephens, Aizelwood, Horton, Saxby, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, White, Antic, Ingham.

### TOP-FLIGHT TO NON-LEAGUE IN 19 YEARS

The Town last played in the top tier of English football on this date at Highbury against Arsenal in 1990. Despite a goal from Danish international Lars Elstrup giving the Hatters the lead, the Gunners hit back and a goal from Michael Thomas gave the hosts all three points.

If you had told any Luton fans inside the famous old ground that night that they would be watching the Town in the Conference 19 years later then you would no doubt receive some interesting looks. However, that's exactly what happened in 2009 when Mick Harford's side drew 0-0 at Kettering in front of 3,266 at Rockingham Road.



### 'THE BEST GAME EVER'

The words of legendary British journalist Dennis Hackett describing the Hatters' 5-4 defeat to Wolves in the top-flight back on this day in 1956, there. Molineux was packed to the rafters with 46,781 treated to a nine-goal thriller that the Town were on the wrong end of despite the best efforts of all-time leading goalscorer Gordon Turner, whose hat-trick was all in vain.





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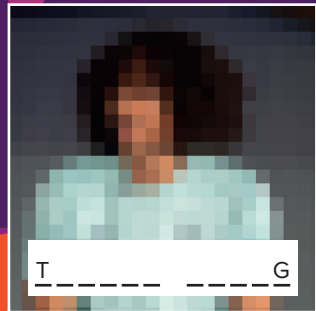


**HENRY  
HETHERINGTON**

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Luke Berry	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	165	24
Reece Burke	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	57	4
Allan Campbell	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	86	7
Tahith Chong	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
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Alfie Doughty	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	36	2
Ryan Giles	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Issa Kabore	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	0	1	0
Thomas Kaminski	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Tom Lockyer	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	103	6
Matt Macey	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	14	0
Carlton Morris	1	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	0	0	52	21
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	371	23
Marvelous Nakamba	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	21	0
Chidozie Ogbene	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Gabriel Osho	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	62	3
Dan Potts	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	216	12
James Shea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	107	0
Louie Watson	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	9	0
Cauley Woodrow	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	36	3

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# LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE FROM TONY MURRAY

Hello and welcome to the first of what will be a regular column in the programme this season as we endeavour to keep not just our members but the wider Luton fanbase abreast of everything regarding LTST.

As we gear up for watching Premier League football at the Kenny for the first time in three evenings from now, excitement is already building to what will undoubtedly be a special night with a superb atmosphere guaranteed.

As ever, our summer has been busy with us opening up our new membership year while continuing with the many projects we have ongoing behind the scenes, which I will endeavour to keep you updated on throughout the year.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, or wish to join for the first time, you can join or renew in a matter of minutes by going to our website – [www.lutontownsupporterstrust.com](http://www.lutontownsupporterstrust.com).

As with the club itself, the profile of the Trust has risen incredibly over the last two months or so. You will have undoubtedly seen or heard a member of our board interacting on a wide range of media outlets in that time and that continues to be the case even now.

I would like to thank everyone on the board for their continued hard work throughout the summer months, especially those who have

represented us so well within the national and global media. I am a proud chairman knowing that my colleagues have the Trust in the best place for what will be a momentous season on and off the pitch.

Moving onto the season, from long standing supporters to youngsters attending their first game. From players to all who work for the club, from 2020 to the turnstile operators we are all in this together.

## WE NEED EVERYONE TO BE POSITIVE.

We need everyone inside the Kenny, the Bobbers Stand, the David Preece Stand, the Enclosure and the Main Stand to get behind those representing us on the pitch and make our home games an intimidating place for all of those teams visiting us.

There will be highs and there will be lows. We're used to adversity and doing things the hard but correct way and that will not change over the next nine months.

I hope you have all had a great summer and are looking forward to seeing the boys in the Premier League at the Kenny on Friday night.

Enjoy the journey, it is sure to be an exciting one!

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Tony



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# UP NEXT

**TOP-FLIGHT ACTION RETURNS TO THE OLD GIRL ON FRIDAY**



## WHO'S IN TOWN?

West Ham United, aka the Hammers, aka the Irons, make the short trip up from East London to become the first club in the top-flight to visit Kenilworth Road since Aston Villa on 25th April 1992. Founded as Thames Ironworks in 1895 they became West Ham United in 1900. David Moyes is the man in charge and the club now call the London Stadium (formerly Olympic Stadium) home after moving from Upton Park in 2016. The Hammers finished 14th in the Premier League last season but Moyes' side will be best remembered for their UEFA Conference League success following their win over Fiorentina in the final.

## SO FAR SO GOOD

Due to bank holiday printing deadlines we sit here typing this without knowing how the Hammers fared in their Saturday evening fixture at Brighton in the Premier League – but West Ham fans were jumping for joy following their first home match of the season at London Stadium. Moyes' side saw off London rivals Chelsea 3-1 thanks to goals from Nayef Aguerd, Michail Antonio and Lucas Paquetá. That brought their points tally to four following their opening-day-of-the-season draw at Bournemouth.

## LONG-TIME NO SEE

Taking out friendlies and a Checkatrade Trophy match against the Hammers Under-21s, the last time the two sides met in true competitive sense was a belter under the lights at the Kenny: March 1994, FA Cup quarter-final replay. Luton 3-2 West Ham. Scott Oakes' (pictured) hat-trick sent the Town to a semi-final at Wembley against Chelsea. The Hatters also tasted victory in the last league match against the Irons at Kenilworth Road. A 2-0 win in the new Division One (now Championship) was achieved thanks to goals from Phil Gray and Martin Williams. In the last 12 matches between the two clubs at Kenilworth Road, the Town have lost just once.

## A HATTER AND A HAMMER

Plenty of Town players in the squad have links with Friday's visitors. The most obvious starting place is our longest-serving player, Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu, who originally joined the Hatters on-loan from West Ham in December 2013.

Defenders Dan Potts – the son of Hammers legend Steve Potts, who played in that game in 1994 – and Reece Burke also came through the ranks in East London – as did midfielder Louie Watson prior to his move to Derby.





# 23/24 HATTERS MEMBERSHIP

## HATTERS MEMBERSHIPS

Join our seasonal Hatters and Junior Hatters memberships!

### The benefits include:

- A priority window on home tickets\*
- A priority window on away tickets\*
- Free entry to all development and youth team games played at Kenilworth Road\*\*
- Membership card
- Pin badge
- Invite to open training session
- Quarterly newsletter
- Welcome letter
- Monthly prize draws for signed merchandise
- Match-by-match prize draw for a pair of tickets
- Window sticker for Hatters members
- Video message for Junior Hatters
- Stickers for Junior Hatters

\*Not applicable in your first season of membership if you do not have a previous purchase history on the ticketing database

\*\* We reserve the right to exclude some Cup fixtures

### FOR FULL DETAILS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS VISIT:

<https://www.lutontown.co.uk/news/2023/july/hatters-memberships/>





# TICKET NEWS



## FULHAM v LUTON TOWN

Premier League  
Saturday 16th September,  
kick-off 3pm

This is an all-ticket match for Luton Town supporters with no tickets available on the day at Craven Cottage. We have received an allocation of 2,701 for this fixture.

### SALES PLAN:

#### Away Season Ticket holders

Supporters who have purchased an Away Season Ticket this season can receive one ticket for this fixture. Seats will be reserved, then payment will be taken, and your ticket will be dispatched on Wednesday 30th August unless otherwise advised. If you do not require a ticket for this game, please email [ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk) to advise.

#### Diamond and Executive Season Card Holders

Tickets for this fixture go on sale on Wednesday 30th August to Diamond Season Card holders and Executive Season Card holders (Commercial Executive Members) at one ticket per person online only from 10am. Tickets will also be available via phone and in person from Thursday 31st August. This priority period will close on Friday 1st September.

A further sales plan for Season Card holders will be released on Monday

4th September when we have been able to review the Diamond / Executive uptake. This will detail dates of sale for Season Card holders and Members and general sale.

Due to feedback received last season regarding allocated seats, please note we have separated the blocks into 'front rows', 'middle rows' and 'back rows'. To assist all supporters' enjoyment of the game, if you intend to sit then please book in the 'front' section. This is now also highlighted when booking online.

#### Prices

Adults £30, seniors over 65 and 18-21-year-olds £25, 17 and under £20.  
Restricted view prices: Adults £28, seniors over 65 and 18-21-year-olds £23, 17 and under £18.

Disabled (higher middle DLA or PIP):  
Adults £15, seniors over 65 and 18-21-year-olds £12.50, 17 and under £10.

### COMING SOON



## LUTON TOWN v WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS

Premier League  
Saturday 23rd September,  
kick-off 3pm

Ticket information and a sales plan for this match at Kenilworth Road will be released in due course.

# 2023/24 FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	OPPOSITION	POS	SCORE	STARTING XI						
SAT AUG 12	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	A	18	L 1-4	KAMINSKI	KABORE	GILES	ANDERSEN	LOCKYER	BELL
FRI AUG 25	CHELSEA	A								
TUE AUG 29	GILLINGHAM (CC)	H								
FRI SEP 1	WEST HAM UNITED	H								
SAT SEP 16	FULHAM	A								
SAT SEP 23	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	H								
SAT SEP 30	EVERTON	A								
SAT OCT 7	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H								
SAT OCT 21	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	A								
SAT OCT 28	ASTON VILLA	A								
SAT NOV 4	LIVERPOOL	H								
SAT NOV 11	MANCHESTER UNITED	A								
SAT NOV 25	CRYSTAL PALACE	H								
SAT DEC 2	BRENTFORD	A								
TUE DEC 5	ARSENAL	H								
SAT DEC 9	MANCHESTER CITY	H								
SAT DEC 16	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	A								
SAT DEC 23	NEWCASTLE UNITED	H								
TUE DEC 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A								
SAT DEC 30	CHELSEA	H								
SAT JAN 13	BURNLEY	A								
TUE JAN 30	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H								
SAT FEB 3	NEWCASTLE UNITED	A								
SAT FEB 10	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H								
SAT FEB 17	MANCHESTER UNITED	H								
SAT FEB 24	LIVERPOOL	A								
SAT MAR 2	ASTON VILLA	H								
SAT MAR 9	CRYSTAL PALACE	A								
SAT MAR 16	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H								
SAT MAR 30	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	A								
TUE APR 2	ARSENAL	A								
SAT APR 6	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H								
SAT APR 13	MANCHESTER CITY	A								
SAT APR 20	BRENTFORD	H								
SAT APR 27	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	A								
SAT MAY 4	EVERTON	H								
SAT MAY 11	WEST HAM UNITED	A								
SUN MAY 19	FULHAM	H								



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SUBSTITUTES				ATT	AWAY
NAKAMBA	CHONG	MPANZU	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	SHEA, FRANCIS-CLARKE, BERRY, CAMPBELL, DOUGHTY, BROWN, MCATEE, OGBENE, WOODROW
31,872	3,001				



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## LUTON TOWN

1. JAMES SHEA
2. GABE OSHO
3. DAN POTTS
4. TOM LOCKYER
5. MADS ANDERSEN
6. ROSS BARKLEY
7. CHIEDOZIE OGBENE
8. LUKE BERRY
9. CARLTON MORRIS
10. CAULEY WOODROW
11. ELIJAH ADEBAYO
12. ISSA KABORE
13. MARVELOUS NAKAMBA
14. TAHITH CHONG
16. REECE BURKE
17. PELLY RUDDOCK MPANZU
18. JORDAN CLARK
19. JACOB BROWN
20. LOUIE WATSON
21. JOHN McATEE
22. ALLAN CAMPBELL
23. TIM KRUL
24. THOMAS KAMINSKI
26. RYAN GILES
29. AMARI'I BELL
33. MATT MACEY
45. ALFIE DOUGHTY



## GILLINGHAM

1. GLENN MORRIS
2. CHEYE ALEXANDER
3. MAX CLARK
4. CONOR MASTERSON
5. MAX EHMER
6. SHAUN WILLIAMS
7. GEORGE LAPSLIE
8. JONNY WILLIAMS
9. TOM NICHOLS
10. ASHLEY NADESAN
11. DOM JEFFERIES
12. OLI HAWKINS
13. SCOTT MALONE
14. ROBBIE McKENZIE
17. JAYDEN CLARKE
18. ETHAN COLEMAN
19. LEWIS WALKER
22. SHADRACH OGIE
25. JAKE TURNER
26. IKE ORJI
29. JOE GBODE
30. MATTY MACARTHUR
31. RONALD SITHOLE
32. JOSH CHAMBERS
33. TAITE HOLTAM
34. SAM GALE
35. ALEX GILES
36. KIERON AGBEBI
38. TIM DIENG

## MATCH OFFICIALS



REFEREE - JEREMY SIMPSON  
ASSISTANT REFEREE - RICHARD WILD  
ASSISTANT REFEREE - ALEX JAMES  
FOURTH OFFICIAL - GEOFF ELTRINGHAM