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WELCOME TO KENILWORTH ROAD

Late Tuesday night defeats. Hate them. The less said the better, eh? The beauty of football is there's always the next game and my word do we have a game today. Tottenham, unbeaten, arrive at the Kenny in front of the live TNT Sports cameras. These are the games we knew we'd get excited about when the fixtures came out. So enjoy the game, enjoy the ride and get behind the boys. COYH!



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ROB EDWARDS

Tuesday night was a tough one to take. I'm sure many of you were the same as me afterwards and didn't have the best night's sleep.

It the cold light of day, I was really proud of the players and their performance, there was commitment and quality – especially in the second half. It was after half-time that we completely dominated a team that ran away with the Championship last year. We had them on the ropes and we really should have won the game.

We had plenty of chances – 15 efforts inside their box – but it's up to us to convert those chances, ensure we keep it out of our net at the other end and never switch off. However, we're always learning, and we are continuing to get better. That is our commitment and that's what we have got to do regardless of where we are in the league or who we play. We're always striving for improvement and I think you have seen that has been the case in our first seven matches.

This season we know we are also going to have moments like we did on Tuesday. Moments of difficulty. Moments where someone comes up with a little bit of magic out of the blue that goes against us. It is important, therefore, in these times, that we stick together. Where we stick out our chests and keep believing in what we're doing and work harder to get better.

Today we welcome Tottenham Hotspur and Ange Postecoglou and his staff and players. I think today represents – and I mean no disrespect to West Ham, Wolves or Burnley, who are all fantastic clubs – a step up in class.

It's our first game against one of the so-called big six. They have had an amazing start to the season and life under a new manager which has led to a real positive impact around the club. They have world class players so we are under no illusions of how tough a challenge we face today.

What I want for you, though, is for you to enjoy it. And, what I can promise you, is that we will give it everything, like we have done in every single game. I hope, by the end of this afternoon, you are on your feet applauding the players after they have given the same level of commitment, energy, passion and quality.

It's an exciting game. Of course it gives us an opportunity to pick up three points. These are the games that you want when you get promoted. Tottenham at the Kenny. It's a special occasion and one we're all looking forward to. They will be favourites, but we'll be right up for it.

Thank you for your continued support. It has been incredible. We'll try and do you proud.

Bring the noise and enjoy the game. 





TOM LOCKYER

Tuesday night hurt. We were down. We were annoyed. I could probably write a load of swear words on this page but I don't think that would achieve anything especially now the game is gone.

We felt a mixture of emotions. Mostly frustration and disappointment. Frustration that all our efforts were for nothing and disappointed at the timing and the manner of their winner.

Vincent Kompany said afterwards it was a game of two halves. They probably shaded the first half but in the second half we almost had complete domination. Against a side who passed a number of the top teams off the pitch, we penned them back for so long in the second half that it seemed inevitable that we would score. Therefore it was great to see Eli off the mark in the Premier League to get us back on level terms.

We were in the ascendancy at that point, building ahead of steam and I think we all felt we had the last five or ten minutes left to go grab a winner. As we now know, that wasn't to be. They hit a great goal but we should have done better, been more focused following the restart. To concede a goal like that is like a punch in the stomach. It knocked the stuffing out of us and we were unable to come back.

It's another lesson for us, though. We know this league is ruthless and unforgiving. I think you have

seen already this season that we have adapted and learned a lot and improved since the Brighton game.

Hopefully you'll see more of that today against Tottenham. These are the games you love to be involved in as a footballer. Early kick-off, live on the telly at home against Spurs.

They come here unbeaten which adds a bit more spice to it. We know that the Kenny needs to be a fortress this season if we're to achieve our goal and we know that it is definitely one of our strengths. It can't be the most comfortable of places for opposition players to come and play and we will need you with us this afternoon to make it that little bit more intimidating.

The pressure will be on them to maintain their unbeaten record and if we're able to replicate the second half performance from Tuesday night then this is going to be one hell of a game.

After the defeat to Burnley there was no time to wallow in self-pity – preparation for today was at the forefront of our minds. Here's hoping we can give you an afternoon to remember.

Thank you again for your magnificent support on Tuesday night. As the gaffer said after the game, you wouldn't be staying behind to applaud us if we weren't doing something right, so for that, we thank you for your understanding and for the noise levels you created.

More of the same this afternoon, please.

Stick with us. Up the Hatters. 





FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN DAVID WILKINSON

Good afternoon everyone and a very warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.

Today, we entertain Tottenham Hotspur for the first time in 31 years. Our first game against Spurs was in 1894 when having drawn an FA Cup tie at their then Cumberland Park Ground we came home to win the replay 4-0. Since then we have met 80 times winning 22, drawing 25 and losing 33, but we haven't won since beating them twice at home in 1987.

They have made a great start to the season under their new manager Ange Postecoglou, and we are excited to be pitting our wits against one of the Premier League's top clubs. For us every game is special and we are so privileged to have this opportunity to compete with the best.

So far it has been a fascinating journey and for the squad a challenging learning curve. We have seen continuing improvement and one of the best performances for years in the first half here against Wolves.

Our exciting and well deserved three points in victory at Everton earned us our first win of the season and the monkey off our back after so much

negativity from media pundits, a lot of whom hadn't even seen us play. It's amazing how well informed you can be by watching edited highlights!

Our game in hand on Tuesday against Burnley culminated in a disappointing result despite creating a hatful of chances.

The last few weeks have seen continuing and worsening controversy surrounding VAR and we too have suffered from its vagaries. However, those events seem to be under the radar and more easily forgotten than the higher profile mistakes we have seen recently.

Undoubtedly VAR has a place in the modern game and works well with little criticism in other sports, but it seems that there is too much subjectivity without responsibility and a lack of consistency in its use and interpretation in football. Such well reported mistakes will inevitably concentrate the minds of the authorities to try to prevent further such errors, which it goes without saying can be extremely costly to the clubs involved and generate and fuel anger for the injustice and contradiction.



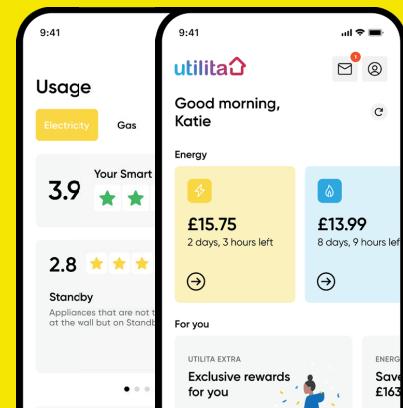
We are two months into our first season in the Premier League and it is still hard to get our heads round the fact that we are one of 20 members of the biggest and most prestigious football competition in the world. It is a wonderful opportunity, but carries with it a considerable responsibility to earn the respect of our peers and the organisation both on and off the field. As you will all be aware, we are structured, owned and operated in a very different way to most of our competitors and we feel it is vital to protect that way of doing things in the long term.

Our ownership model is unique – and while it exists, our philosophy is protected, but the magnitude of revenue and costs in this division put additional pressure on the club to maintain its beliefs. We have the long-term future of our club in our hearts and everything we do is to that end. We are not looking to profit from our time in the Premier League, but we are working to add value to the club by building a new stadium and improving the squad. ➤

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It seems a lot of observers are rather dismissive of us as club because we operate on a relatively small budget, but that is the whole point. We spend the club's income on the club and don't expect an investment return. Plus we do not borrow or seek investment from those who have no interest in us or our community.

On the subject of change, it is crucially important for us to maintain our longstanding relationship with our fans. We regularly meet with the various supporters groups listening to their views and have given the Supporters' Trust various powers to protect the club's image rights, and discussions continue about how to further strengthen them.

We are accessible to all and where possible enjoy mixing with fans, often making a point of hunting them down when away from home. It's nice that we can spend time at an away pub before a game just as we used to in the Conference and since.

It is important to us all that we never forget who we are or where we have come from. So please let us know if you think we are. We will always listen, but as you may not have all the facts, we may not always agree.

"If we do not maintain justice, justice will not maintain us."

Enjoy the game.

COYH

David

No room for racism

All Premier League matches between 7 and 23 October will be dedicated to No Room For Racism, as the League reiterates its call for supporters to challenge and report discrimination, wherever they see it. Players will take the knee ahead of kick-off before all 20 fixtures to show their unity against all forms of racism.

This comes as the Premier League, EFL and The FA joined with other football bodies this week in a unified approach in the fight against discrimination, sending a clear message that racism will not be tolerated across all levels of the game.

Fans can now report online discriminatory abuse they see targeted at Premier League players, managers, coaches, match officials and their families directly at www.premierleague.com/reportracism. Each report will be investigated by the League's specialist team.

Discriminatory abuse is illegal, causes hurt to those targeted and damages football. The Premier League and clubs are committed to working with the authorities to bring offenders to justice and have introduced tougher sanctions. Those identified and found guilty of discrimination will face punishment, including automatic club bans and legal prosecution. This can affect education and employment opportunities and, in some cases, lead to custodial sentences.

Through its online abuse reporting system, which launched in 2020, the Premier League provides support for players and others within football who suffer online hate. The League's dedicated investigation team tracks abuse and reports it to social media companies for removal. The team also works to identify perpetrators around the world, with legal action taken where possible. In the past three seasons, the Premier League has investigated more than 1,000 cases.

Along with the other English football authorities, the League has lobbied the UK Government in the development of the Online Safety Bill, which was passed recently. We will continue to work proactively with the Government, regulators and social media companies to ensure that combatting discriminatory abuse remains a priority.

Fans who experience or witness discrimination while at a Premier League match should contact the nearest steward or police officer, or report it by using clubs' confidential text services, which can be found at www.premierleague.com/reportracism.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANDREW PAPWORTH

Happy 17th birthday to Town fan Andrew Papworth. Andrew first came to Kenilworth Road on his seventh birthday, sitting in the David Preece Stand and has now 'graduated' to block F of the main stand, "singing with the best of them" according to his dad, Ian. "Roll on Power Court!"

WE REMEMBER THEM

The Club are saddened to report the passings of three long-time, loyal Town supporters. Our condolences go to the

family and friends of all our fellow Hatters. Rest in Peace.



Stewart Wildman, a lifelong Hatters fan and Diamond Season Ticket holder sadly

passed away on 28th August following a brave fight against Pancreatic cancer.

Stewart began watching Luton Town at Kenilworth Road in 1954 at the age of eight. He was recognised with the Golden Hatter Award in December 2019 and he was extremely proud to wear the badge.

Stewart attended his last game in May against Sunderland with his daughter Anji, when his grandson James was mascot.

He watched the play-off final at home and saw highlights of the Brighton game before he passed. Sadly, he will never see Luton in their new stadium at Power Court. Donations to Hatters' Heritage in Stewart's memory would be gratefully received.

Lifelong Hatters fan, **James McGarry** was a loyal supporter of Luton for over half a century and a season ticket holder here at Kenilworth Road.

His seat in Block B of the Main Stand may now be empty in a physical sense however his love for this football club will never fade.



Kenilworth Road end season ticket holder **Mick Cornes** was a life-long fan who sadly passed away last month.

Mick was an avid follower until sadly ill health meant he could no longer attend the games.



Our condolences also go to the friends and family of Hatter **Tony Keane**, who passed away on 16th September at the age of 76, after suffering from a very rare form of adrenal gland cancer.

From Houghton Regis, he had been a Luton Town fan since his teens and a season ticket holder since the early 80s. He managed to get to the play-off final but sadly never got to see Luton play in the Premier League.



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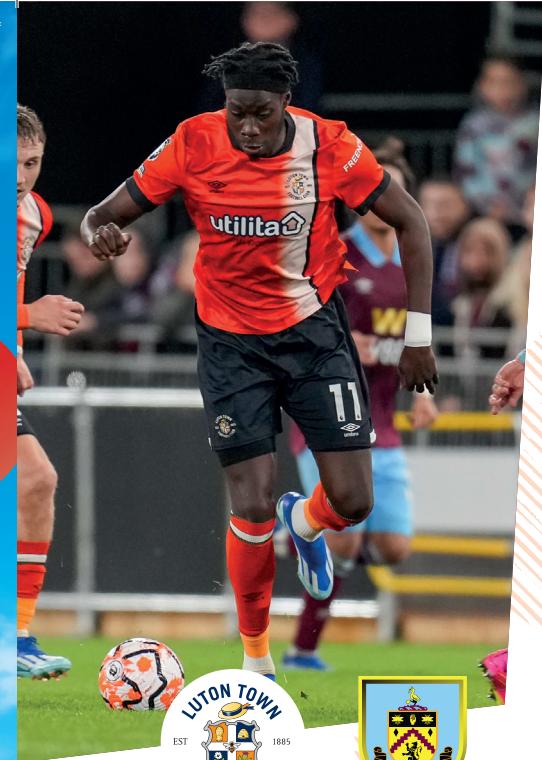
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Kenilworth Road – 3rd October 2023

Hatters: Kaminski; Kaboré (sub Adebayo 62), Doughty, Mengi, Lockyer, Bell (sub Burke 21); Nakamba, Mpanzu; Ogbene, Morris, Brown (sub Chong 69).

Sub not used: Krul, Andersen, Berry, Woodrow, Giles, Johnson.

Clarets: Trafford, Roberts, Beyer, Al-Dakhil, Taylor, Cullen, Brownhill, Berge, Amdouni (sub Ramsey 71) (sub Delcroix 90+3) Koleosho (sub Bruun Larsen 71), Foster (sub Rodriguez 79)

Sub not used: Muric, Cork, Tresor, Vitinho, Odobert

SCORERS:

Luton - Adebayo 84

Burnley - Foster 45+2, Larsen 85

HATTERS DENIED POINT BY LATE CLARETS WINNER

Just when it seemed as though the Town would take a deserved point – or more after a spirited second half display – Burnley delivered a cold, harsh lesson in Premier League finishing to condemn Rob Edwards' side to a gut-wrenching late defeat.

Trailing to Lyle Foster's late first-half strike, the Hatters hauled themselves level after a period of sustained pressure thanks to substitute Elijah Adebayo's trickery and cute finish with six minutes left.

Yet 65 seconds later the Clarets, searching for their first win of the campaign, restored their lead with a wonderful finish from Jacob Bruun Larsen.

It was harsh on the Hatters following a second half of domination and endeavour that conjured up a multitude of half-chances.

In the first half Thomas Kaminski had been the busier of the two keepers but it wasn't until the second minute of added time at the end of the half when Foster struck.

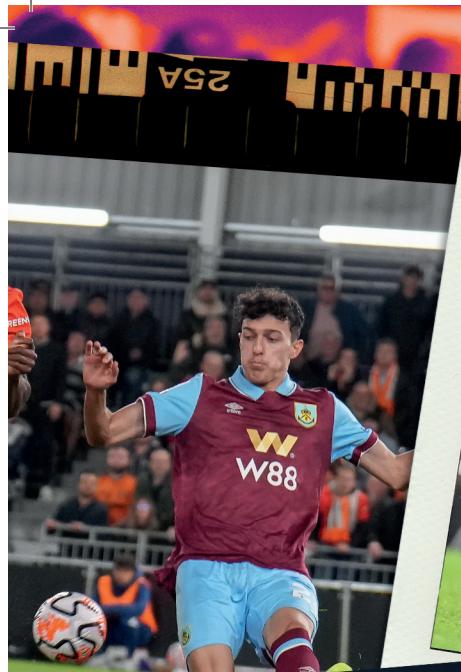
Trailing at the break, the Town upped the ante in the second period. Plenty chances came and went as the Hatters worked the ball into the box, only to see a flurry of headers miss the target.

On 64 minutes one header did almost land in the Burnley net when Jacob Brown rose in the box to nod goalwards – but the Clarets' Josh Cullen, anticipating the danger, headed off the line to safety.

And with six minutes left it did pay off when Adebayo turned neatly in the box to beat James Trafford to make it 1-1 with his first Premier League goal. All of a sudden hopes of a comeback victory were reignited.

Yet Burnley and Larsen had the final say a minute later, cutting inside and placing a wonderful left-foot strike into the top corner to leave the Town searching for their first home win of the campaign.





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BURKE ON BURNLEY SETBACK

Reece Burke spoke of the disappointment of conceding two avoidable goals to Burnley on Tuesday night, but immediately looked forward to making Kenilworth Road a fortress ahead of the visit of Tottenham.

Burke was introduced as a 21st-minute substitute in place of Amari'i Bell, with the Jamaica international going off injured, as the 27-year-old Burke had done himself at half-time of the 2-1 win at Everton last Saturday.

"We're disappointed. I think the first goal was a little bit sloppy from us," said the ex-West Ham man. "We didn't get organised quickly enough, and it was a bit too easy for them. We managed to get one back to get ourselves back in it, but then conceded late on and made it difficult for ourselves."

The Clarets' first goal came on the stroke of half-time, when Lyle Foster raced clear and slipped the ball past the onrushing Thomas Kaminski from just outside the box.

"It was hard to take, but we spoke about it at half-time and it was a lack of communication and getting organised quicker, so it was very disappointing to concede a goal like that," explained the defender.

Substitute Elijah Adebayo struck an equaliser with seven minutes left for his first goal of the season, but within two minutes the visitors' substitute Jacob Brun Larsen netted a stunning winner after cutting in from the right flank past Burke to fire left footed into the top corner

"After half-time we came out flying and tried to get back in the game," said Burke. "The lads did really well and we managed to get the equaliser with a great finish by Elijah, but to concede like we did was disappointing.

"To be fair, I should have got closer, but the quality from him to put it into the top corner was there, but overall it was disappointing. We need to learn from it and obviously move forward for the next game."

That game comes today against Spurs, and Burke added: "Obviously we are disappointed today, but as a team we do bounce back so we are looking forward to the weekend, and we need to make the Kenny a difficult place to come." 





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MIXED NIGHT FOR MENGI

Our latest full debutant Teden Mengi made his first start for the Town in the Premier League defeat against Burnley on Tuesday night at Kenilworth Road.

The former Manchester United youngster has worked through his youth development and various loan spells to get to the first Premier League start of his career.

"I think it's a great milestone for me in my career," said Mengi. "It was a very disappointing game for us, in the first half we've got to be honest with ourselves, we know we weren't up to speed. We know we weren't playing to our identity, but in the second half we really got it going.

"We didn't let Burnley have any control whatsoever, we were really knocking on the door. I think we deserved to at least get a point from that game.

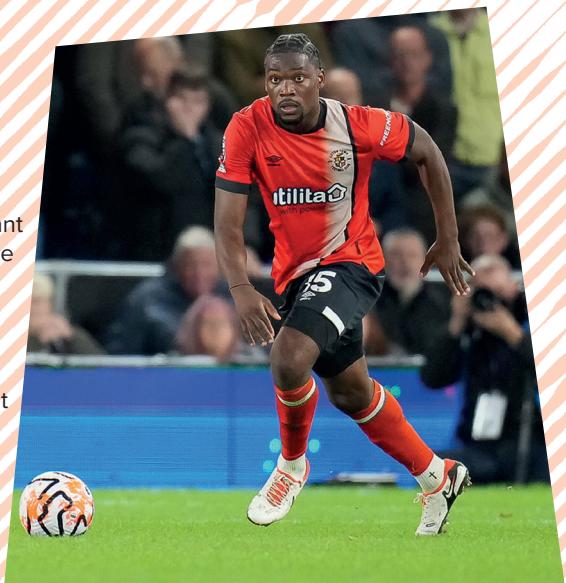
"Fair play to them for scoring straight after conceding, but we can't be disappointed for too long as we have another game which is a very important one. We'll recover now and go into the Spurs game with a positive outlook."

Mengi's education at Manchester United massively helped him on Tuesday night: "Being in and around it

at Manchester United, knowing the speed of the matches and knowing what the level is like has helped me a lot. Now I've had that, it's time for me to go and do the business here.

"Their second goal is tough to take, it's like someone has stabbed us in the back when we just worked so hard to get to the stage that we got to. That's football. We need to work to the point where we don't allow that to happen again and make sure to stay focussed throughout the whole game.

"There's no time to dwell on this result, we go away and recover, we analyse what we done well and what we can do better before we take it into the next game. We've really got to go into that game positive, fresh and ready to go again." 



No room for racism

Hatters duo Chiedozie Ogbene and Marvelous Nakamba visited Stopsley Community Primary School on Thursday afternoon to speak to pupils who had been taking part in a No Room For Racism workshop put on by the Luton Town Community Trust.

Cheered into an assembly, they answered questions on their upbringing as young Africans growing up in Nigeria and Ireland, in Chiedo's case, and Zimbabwe in Marv's, before listening to the kids' brilliant anti-racism rap.

"I think at this age we can influence and help change their perspective on how they see others," said Ogbene. "It's very important because we know diversity teaches us and promotes tolerance and understanding between different cultures.

"We know inclusion helps eliminate depression and anxiety in young people. It's very important to include kids, because at Luton Town we know what kind of town we are. We have a high diversity rate and to be here today, I feel like we can change their perspective.



"We are role models for them, and when we come in they can actually ask the questions that they wouldn't be able to ask from afar. We get to share our experiences first hand and some of these things they see on TV, they can actually ask it in person and get to feel what we mean.

"We can motivate them a bit more by seeing their idols or people they look up to come into their school. I see how attentive they are when we are here.

"I cherish programmes like this. I think it's very important we get involved so we can teach the younger generation the impact that racism and discrimination can have on our society.

"I try to live a good mannered and disciplined life, so when the younger generation see me and my career, they can be inspired and hopefully I can encourage them to chase their dream.

"Many may have doubts about themselves and when they listen to our stories, whatever doubt they have, when they look at my story and my journey,



they can see it is possible for them.”

The Hatters’ dressing room is a prime example of a hugely diverse group that works alongside each other to achieve results on the pitch. There are 11 different nationalities in Rob Edwards’ current first-team squad, and Chieo was asked what it needs for such a diverse group to be successful.

“I think it takes people to be open minded,” he said. “At Luton Town we have a dressing room where people are open minded and are willing to adapt very quickly. We take the time to listen and to learn each other’s ways.

“We are not just team-mates. We are friends outside of football and that creates a better bond for the team, so I think you have to let yourself be open-minded in a diverse team, to learn each other’s ways and cultures and to understand each other.

“But most important we need to listen to each other’s stories, and by doing that you create a better bond within the team.”

Chieo explained that his own story, which involved moving to Ireland as an eight-year-old from Lagos, is “quite different”. He overcame exclusion and isolation, but admits that was from his own doing until he let himself “be open to learn other cultures”.

After overcoming that difficulty, Chieo says he learnt to listen and admits: “My perspective on these kinds of things changed and I was able to make more friends and create good relationships, and then I had a good bond with my community.”

Chieo’s final message is one that not only the youngsters of Stopsley Primary should listen to, but one for the wider world to heed.

“Racism and discrimination has a negative impact in our society. We have to learn to love and respect others the same way we want others to love and respect us. If there is one message I would leave, it’s that love is the cure of hate in our society.”

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PLAY SAFE

As we come off the back of a last week's Play Safe campaign, Stuart Cornish, of the Hatters' safeguarding team, explains the measures the club have in place when it comes to the welfare of players in our academy

English football united last weekend to help promote The FA's Play Safe campaign and Luton Town's Football Club and Academy as always are fully behind the national campaign that puts safeguarding in the spotlight up and down the country.

The FA's Play Safe campaign is endorsed by the NSPCC and was supported last weekend across every level of English football, including the Premier League, EFL, Barclay's Women's Super League, Barclay's Women's Championship, National League and across the grassroots game.

This year's campaign focuses on the safeguarding role that everyone can play at every level of football – coaches, players, parents/carers, spectators, and volunteers to keep children and young people safe, no matter what the football setting.

Luton Town Football Club, its staff, management, and Board of Directors are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment where we can all thrive together, and the Play Safe campaign gives us the opportunity to inform and educate those around us to the importance of safeguarding in everything we do.

As the Academy Safeguarding Manager my role is to make sure every child and young person who comes to the Academy, from under-9s up to under-8s and those playing up with the first team not only do so in a safe and secure environment, but are encouraged, supported, and protected from any serious harm and not exposed to serious risk during their LTFC journey.

At the Academy I work with the Player Care Manager Wayne Polson as part of the team. As a team we work closely with the players on overseeing and monitoring their welfare, including mental health and emotional wellbeing, providing, and sourcing the appropriate training where required for players, parents, and staff.

Between September 2022 and May 2023, the Academy delivered 164 workshops to the under-9s through to the under-21s. These were a mixture of internal and externally provided workshops, including an input by Troy Townsend around Kick It Out and Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI).

As a safeguarding team we are constantly developing and successfully coordinating a robust mechanism for engaging with players and parents to ensure the correct level of support to each individual player aged 9-23.

This includes providing aftercare support for all released players and ensuring they are supported throughout the retain and release process. All of this helps us as safeguarding staff to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults across every part of the club, ensuring that our policies, procedures, and practices in regard to safeguarding are followed at all times.



WELCOME TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Today, the Town welcome Tottenham Hotspur to Bedfordshire for another massive match at Kenilworth Road. Spurs have enjoyed an amazing start to the season so far and are one of two unbeaten sides in the Premier League this season.

Spurs got their season off to a decent start with a 2-2 draw away to Brentford. This was followed by a huge 2-0 home win over Manchester United and the first Tottenham win of the Ange Postecoglou era.

Tottenham then put out some statement victories after this and really showed what they are about. A 5-2 win over Burnley and then a 2-1 win over Sheffield United in dramatic fashion catapulted the Spurs towards the top of the table. Richarlison and Dejan Kulusevski scored the goals against the Blades in the eighth and tenth minute of injury time to steal the three points from the visitors.

More recently, Spurs drew 2-2 with Arsenal in the North London derby after coming from behind twice. Heung-Min Son scored both as Tottenham left the Emirates Stadium with a point.

Last Saturday, Spurs beat Liverpool to maintain their unbeaten start to the season going. Son opened the scoring which was soon cancelled out by a Cody Gakpo leveler. Liverpool were down to nine men with 20 minutes to play and couldn't hold out as a Joel Matip own goal in the 96th minute won the game for Spurs.

Tottenham have done some excellent business over the summer and have brought in the likes of Guglielmo Vicario, James Maddison, Manor Solomon, Micky Van de Ven and Brennan Johnson.

Following Harry Kane's departure in the summer, questions were asked of Spurs and how well they would fair without the striker. It's safe to say they have responded well to this and proved everyone wrong.

Postecoglou has got off to a great start at Spurs. After joining in June, Postecoglou has got Spurs fans back believing again. Players like Maddison, Son, Richarlison and Kulusevski are really beginning to click up front for Spurs.

A huge welcome to all associated with the club making the journey to Kenilworth Road today.

MEET THE SPURS

THE BOSS



ANGE POSTECOGLOU.

Manager who arrived in the Spurs hotseat this summer after joining from Glasgow Celtic, where he had won two league titles. Has also managed in Japan and Australia, including the national team.

GOALKEEPER



GUGLIELMO VICARIO.

Italian stopper who signed for Spurs this summer. Began his career with Udinese but left and went on to enjoy spells with Venezia, Perugia (loan) and then Empoli.

DEFENDERS



DESTINY UDOGIE. Left-back Destiny signed in August 2022 from Hellas Verona. The Italian under-21 international enjoyed two loans spells with Udinese, including one last season.



EMERSON ROYAL. Brazilian international right-back now in his third season with Spurs. Signed from Barcelona after just three appearances having arrived in Europe from South America in 2019.



PEDRO PORRO. January transfer window arrival Pedro signed from Sporting. The Spain international was previously on Manchester City's books and enjoyed spells with Valladolid and Sporting in Portugal.



CRISTIAN ROMERO.

Argentinian World Cup winner Cristian signed for Spurs in 2022 from Atalanta. The centre-half was previously on the books at Genoa and Juventus.



MICKY VAN DE VEN.

Summer arrival from Wolfsburg for a reported €50m. A Dutch under-21 international, the centre-half began his career in the Netherlands with Volendam.

MIDFIELDERS



YVES BISSOUMA. Mali international defensive midfielder who signed

for Spurs in 2022 from Brighton for £30m. Picked up by African scouts for French club Lille before joining the Seagulls in 2018.



PIERRE-EMILE HOJBJERG.

Danish international midfielder who arrived from Southampton in 2020 for a reported initial fee of £15m. Began his professional career at Bayern Munich, winning two Bundesliga titles.



JAMES MADDISON.

Attacking midfielder who signed for Spurs this summer from Leicester. Spent five years with the Foxes, winning the FA Cup and earning a call up for the England national team.



PAPE SARR.

Young defensive midfield player who joined Tottenham in 2021 from Metz. Capped by Senegal, he helped the Lions win the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations.

ATTACKERS



DEJAN KULUSEVSKI.

Swedish international winger completed a permanent move this summer after a fine loan spell last season from Juventus. Left Sweden for Atalanta in 2019 and had two loans with Parma.



HEUNG-SON MIN.

Spurs captain who has scored over 100 goals since arriving from Bayer Leverkusen in 2015. The South Korean international started his career in Europe with Hamburg.



BRENNAN JOHNSON. Welsh forward or winger who completed a £47.5m move from Nottingham Forest this summer. Joined Forest as a youngster from Dunkirk in Ireland and spent one season on-loan at Lincoln.



RICHARLISON.

Brazilian international striker who signed for Spurs in 2022 after 43 Premier League goals in four years at Everton. Came to the UK from Brazil in 2017, joining Watford.



MANOR SOLOMON.

Winger or attacking midfielder Manor joined this summer from Shakhtar Donetsk. Impressed on loan at Fulham last season, scoring four times.



**GORDON TURNER
CRASHES HOME THE
LATE WINNER.**

CLASSIC MATCH



**ROGER WASH
REMEMBERS GORDON
TURNER'S LATE WINNER
AGAINST THE SPURS**

27TH AUGUST 1955
LUTON TOWN 2-1 TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

After 70 years of trying Luton Town finally made it Division One (now Premier League) by finishing runners-up to Birmingham City at the end of the 1954/55 campaign.

The Town's first game in the top-flight was at the Valley against Charlton and on a sizzling hot day watched by a crowd of 28,460 a tense struggle developed. Charlton had not won since mid-February and were obviously anxious to get off on the right foot while the Hatters were out to prove they were in their rightful place at the top table.

Goalkeeper Ron Baynham was injured when bravely throwing himself at the feet of Stuart Leary in order to prevent a certain goal and had to leave the field for a short time. Soon after his return, ace marksman Gordon Turner scored the Town's first Division One goal when he turned in a centre from full-back Bud Aherne.

Leary obtained the equaliser in the time added on at the end of the first half for Baynham's injury with Jimmy Gauld putting the home side ahead in the 55th minute.

Luton plugged away and eventually got the draw their play deserved when Peter MacEwan beat future Hatters manager Sam Bartram with a fine drive with 18 minutes left.



**NUMBER 1 ON THIS DAY:
SLIM WHITMAN
ROSE MARIE**

The next assignment was a midweek away trip to Preston where the Town were desperately unlucky to come away with a 2-1 defeat after leading by a MacEwan goal at half-time. 'Chiltern' in the Luton News wrote 'As a sample of the bad luck in finishing there is evidence of the woodwork being struck on three separate occasions.'

At last came the great day – the first home game in Division One and what better opponents than near neighbours Tottenham against whom we had enjoyed so many titanic struggles in the past. Mike Cullen, who had been refused a transfer request the previous week was preferred to Arthur Taylor while inside-forward Reg Pearce, making only his second Football League appearance, found himself in the side in place of injured winger Roy Davies.

The big disappointment on the day was the size of the crowd. When the turnstiles stopped clicking there were 'only' 21,143 present on a bright, sunny day. Much was made of this in the local press with the general opinion that supporters were fearful of a crush and uncomfortable conditions as well as not being able to get in.

Given that Tottenham had broken our attendance record three times in the late 1940s with figures of 26,362, 26,496 and 27,319 in a less than fully developed Kenilworth Road, with scenes of spectators hanging off fences for a vantage point perhaps they had a point. With everyone at the club at great pains to say that their crowd management was far better now the attendances soon shot up with 24,174 being present at the next home game – a midweek clash with Preston.

The Hatters had all the early play and it came as a great surprise when John Gavin



Spurs goalkeeper Ted Ditchburn dives to foil Peter MacEwan.

headed home a centre from Tony Marchi to put the visitors ahead in the 17th minute. The goal inspired Tottenham and from a free-kick, taken with power by Alf Stokes, the ball rebounded into play some 30 yards after hitting a post.

Despite all the scares the score remained unchanged at half-time and in the second period the Town took the game to Tottenham and were finally rewarded when George Cummins levelled the score after 54 minutes taking a pass from MacEwan and leaving Spurs goalkeeper Ted Ditchburn helpless with a low cross shot.

From then on the game was end to end with both sides missing reasonable chances. With the minutes ticking away Cullen, spotting Turner in space in front of goal, played a perfect pass and the inside-forward wasted no time in blasting a shot into the roof of the net.

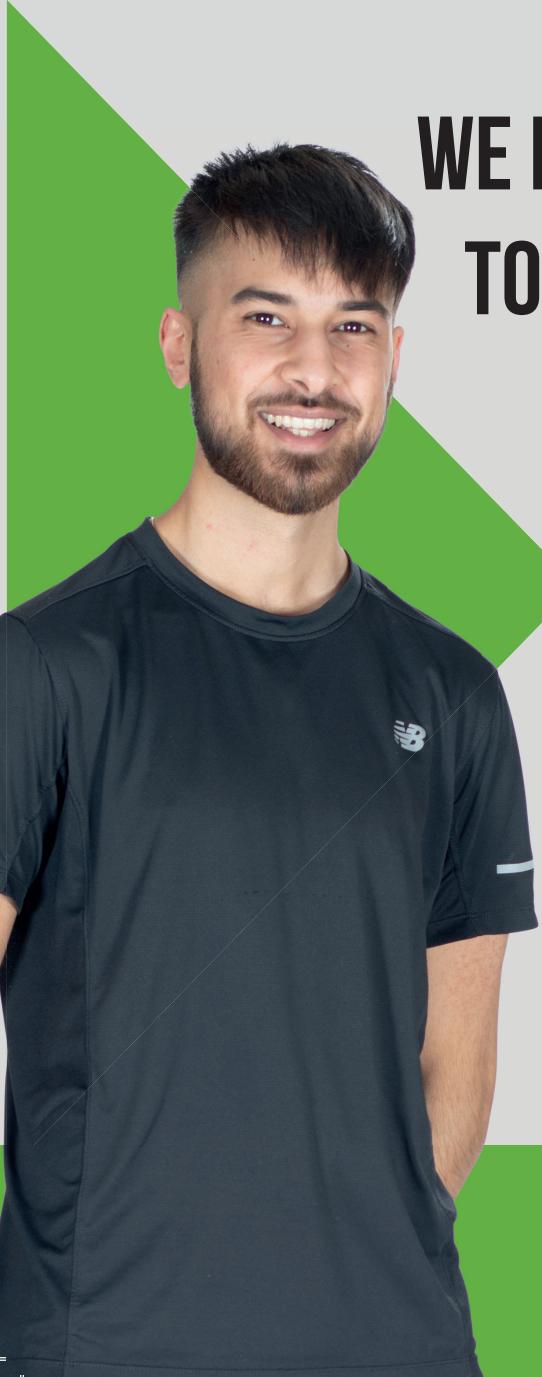
Pandemonium broke out with the players as excited as the crowd and the noise was doubled when the final whistle sounded soon after to bring about a perfect end to a perfect day. 

TOWN: Baynham, Dunne, Aherne, Shanks, Owen, Morton, Cullen, Cummins, MacEwan, Turner, Pearce.

SPURS: Ditchburn, Withers, Hopkins, Blanchflower, Clarke, Marchi, Gavin, Brooks, Stokes, Baily, Robb.



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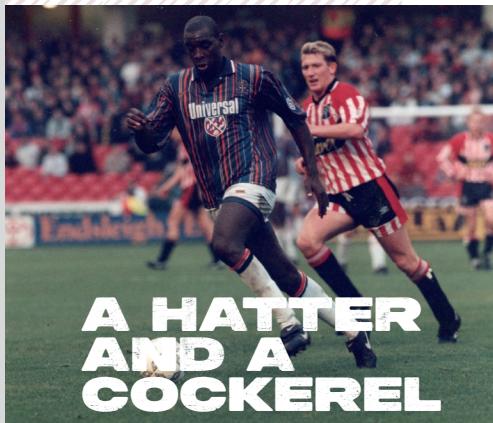
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A HATTER AND A COCKEREL

Local boy Mitchell Thomas joined the Town from school and made his League debut at 18 in a 3-2 win at West Ham in December 1982.

After earning a regular place in the Hatters top-flight side during the following campaign, the tall and elegant full-back was looked on as a future England international and his standing was enhanced further when Steve Foster joined the Town and bullied him into even greater efforts.

Mitchell controversially left Luton in 1986 to join ex-manager David Pleat at Tottenham but came back to Kenilworth Road seven years later, via West Ham, this time in the Foster role!

After finishing his career at Burnley, Mitchell became an agent.



GREAT GAMES

The Town have struggled to get results against Spurs down the years – not a great omen for today, granted – winning just three of the last 26 meetings.

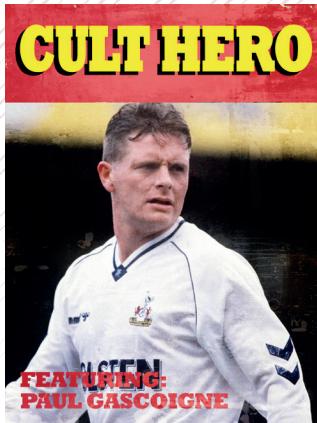
However, one of those victories in 1986/87 – the year of our highest ever finish – came at Kenilworth Road in March that year. A biggest crowd of the season – 13,447 – turned up

to witness the Hatters beat a Spurs side managed by David Pleat 3-1. The Hatters turned in a wonderful performance to see off Tottenham with Ricky Hill in imperious form, setting up all three goals. Mick Hartford got the ball rolling and Mike Newell and Darron McDonough also found the net to crown a famous win.



CLASSIC KIT

The mid-80s saw Danish manufacturer hummel churn out classic after classic and their effort for Spurs between 1985 and 1987 is one you'd fall in love with today. Complete with hummel's classic chevrons and a sponsor that takes you back to your childhood (even though it was beer), in Holsten, it's a real beauty of a shirt.



CULT HERO: GAZZA

Tottenham fans sure have been lucky down the years. A string of players most would give their right arms to play for their club. Players with attacking flair and a bit of swagger don't need to do much to be revered by the Spurs faithful. Bale, Ardiles, Lineker, Berbatov, Greaves, Villa, Sheringham, Ginola, Waddle. It's a pretty endless list. Here though, we'll plump with **Paul Gascoigne**. Gazza's skills won him the hearts of fans who didn't support the club he was playing for. He joined Spurs from Newcastle in 1988 and left in 1992 after 92 league appearances and scoring 19 goals



VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD END

RAISED IN NORTH LONDON INTO A FOOTBALL MAD CYPRIOT FAMILY, THERE WAS ONLY GOING TO BE ONE TEAM FOR CHRIS PAOUROS TO SUPPORT. AS SHE EXPLAINS, THE CLUB HAS PLAYED A HUGE ROLE IN HER LIFE

Like many of us, football has been there through all the ups and downs in life – and Tottenham fan Chris Paouros is no different.

Having been taken to her first game as a six-year-old she caught the bug early.

“My uncle Mike took me to my first game in 1980. My dad was an armchair Manchester United fan,” she says. “When I was little I always loved football, I’d play, buy scarves, watch it on TV. It was an exciting thing to be offered a ticket to the game.”

However, as she grew older she soon fell out of love with the game as her views and opinions in life changed.

“I found feminism at university and stopped going. Football didn’t really fit in with my opinions then. I went to Birmingham uni, went to watch us at Aston Villa a few times but I wasn’t obsessed by it then,” she explains.

“I asked myself ‘is this for me?’ Football felt so male-orientated, almost as if there was this performance of masculinity associated with going to watch games.”

But Chris soon returned, making a promise to herself that she’d one day be a season ticket holder and the rest is history.

Yet football fans the world over will tell you the same. It’s the hope that kills you. For Chris, football is so much more than the result at the end of 90 minutes.

“It’s about unity, togetherness,” she says. “It’s about those mad moments you don’t expect. Things that are unusual or surprise you, but also those things like routines that you get used to and cherish. It’s wonderful to share a connection with tens of thousands of people all at the same time.”

Supporters make hundreds of friendships through their love of the game. It’s the same for Chris, where family and friendship have always gone hand in hand backing Tottenham.

"Those connections match phases in your life," she says. "My uncle at the start, mates as a young adult, then reconnecting with family later in life.

"I was watching Spurs with my late wife, Monica. Those were great times. We did mad away days and we'd go all over the place watching the team. When she died I felt it was important to continue her legacy so now I take my nephew and it's great to see him enjoying it so much."

Chris is also the Co-Chair of Spurs' Fan Advisory Board and of Proud Lilywhites, the club's LGBTQ+ fan group, and is passionate about making football inclusive for everyone who cares about Spurs.

"I realised it wasn't the same experience for everyone," she explains. "I was upset at the homophobia and misogyny and thought to myself 'how do I change that?' We wanted to make a change, to make sure it's a place where everyone can watch games together. If I can do anything to make that better for others, especially those that think 'do I belong here?', then all the better. The club have been amazing in helping the project flourish."

On the pitch, Spurs are flying. But can Ange Postecoglou deliver the Premier League title their fans crave?

"We're feeling positive," says Chris. "We've got a manager who gets us. He knows how we feel, he wants to play the Tottenham way: attacking, flair, excitement, a bit of jeopardy. To dare is to do."



"For me it's all about enjoying the ride. We're on a journey and we're just going to enjoy it."

FAVOURITE PLAYER

"It's hard... we've had plenty to choose from: Kane, Bale, Modric... but if you had to pin me down to one I'd say Ledley King (above). He was a such a talented player and spent his whole career at Spurs. He had everything. If he had stayed fit, he would have definitely been the greatest defender of his generation."

FAVOURITE MATCH

"I'd be hard pressed to find anything other than the semi-final of the Champions League away to Ajax. The last few minutes were incredible, indescribable. The scenes at the end while we were kept in the ground will live with me forever. We got back to the hotel and the game was being replayed on TV so we watched it all over again. It was brilliant."

MEMORIES OF LUTON

"I remember Luton being in the top-flight when I was a kid. Mick Harford up front. And who can forget you beating Arsenal 3-2 in the League Cup final."

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THE BIG INTERVIEW

HE MIGHT HAVE PLAYED JUST EIGHT GAMES FOR THE HATTERS BUT RORY ALLEN HAS FOND MEMORIES OF HIS TIME AT KENILWORTH ROAD

They say never fall in love with a loan player. But when they do so well for you, it's hard not to.

Gary McSheffrey and Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall are cases in point. You can throw in Marvelous Nakamba too – although thankfully Marv's ours now.

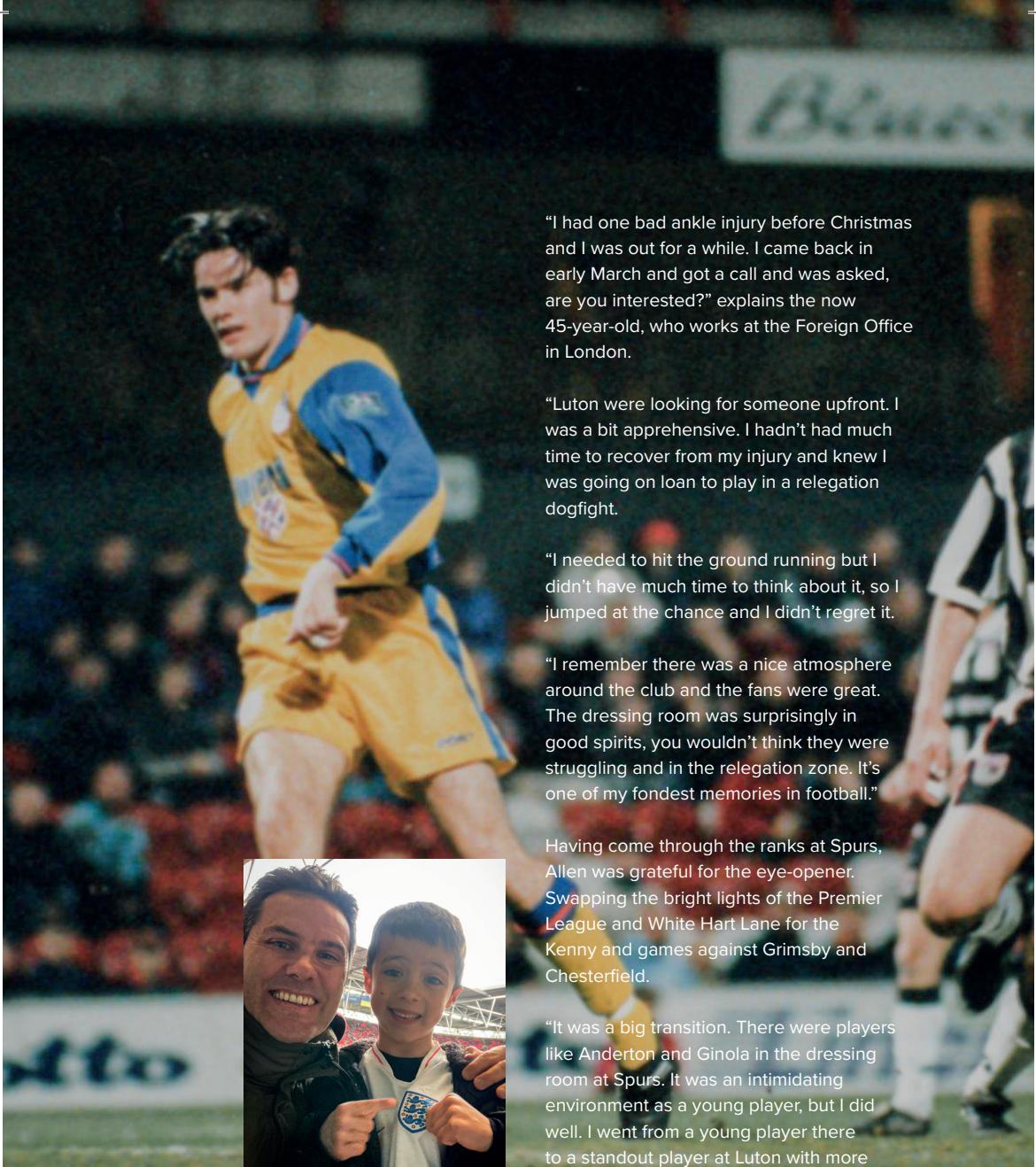
But back in 1998, the Town, struggling in today's League One equivalent and staring relegation in the face, had a Tottenham youngster to thank for staving off relegation to the basement division.

A man who, although playing just eight times, wrote his name into Hatters folklore and who now looks back on his brief spell at Kenilworth Road as one of the fondest moments of his career.

Step forward Rory Allen – a striker who had scored on his home debut at White Hart Lane and scored against Manchester United as an 18-year-old. ➤



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"I had one bad ankle injury before Christmas and I was out for a while. I came back in early March and got a call and was asked, are you interested?" explains the now 45-year-old, who works at the Foreign Office in London.

"Luton were looking for someone upfront. I was a bit apprehensive. I hadn't had much time to recover from my injury and knew I was going on loan to play in a relegation dogfight.

"I needed to hit the ground running but I didn't have much time to think about it, so I jumped at the chance and I didn't regret it.

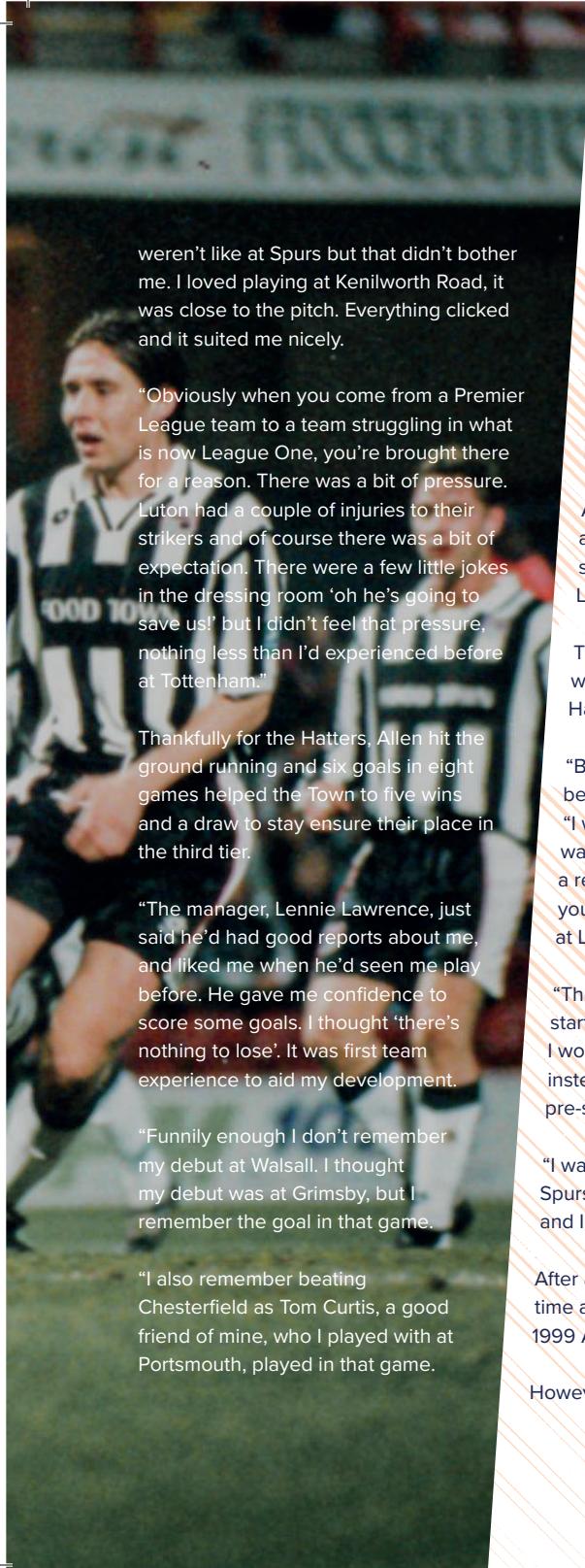
"I remember there was a nice atmosphere around the club and the fans were great. The dressing room was surprisingly in good spirits, you wouldn't think they were struggling and in the relegation zone. It's one of my fondest memories in football."

Having come through the ranks at Spurs, Allen was grateful for the eye-opener. Swapping the bright lights of the Premier League and White Hart Lane for the Kenny and games against Grimsby and Chesterfield.

"It was a big transition. There were players like Anderton and Ginola in the dressing room at Spurs. It was an intimidating environment as a young player, but I did well. I went from a young player there to a standout player at Luton with more responsibility and that gave me confidence.

"It was good to take on a new challenge and I felt comfortable from day one. The facilities

Rory now, pictured with son Teddy



weren't like at Spurs but that didn't bother me. I loved playing at Kenilworth Road, it was close to the pitch. Everything clicked and it suited me nicely.

"Obviously when you come from a Premier League team to a team struggling in what is now League One, you're brought there for a reason. There was a bit of pressure. Luton had a couple of injuries to their strikers and of course there was a bit of expectation. There were a few little jokes in the dressing room 'oh he's going to save us!' but I didn't feel that pressure, nothing less than I'd experienced before at Tottenham."

Thankfully for the Hatters, Allen hit the ground running and six goals in eight games helped the Town to five wins and a draw to stay ensure their place in the third tier.

"The manager, Lennie Lawrence, just said he'd had good reports about me, and liked me when he'd seen me play before. He gave me confidence to score some goals, I thought 'there's nothing to lose'. It was first team experience to aid my development.

"Funnily enough I don't remember my debut at Walsall. I thought my debut was at Grimsby, but I remember the goal in that game.

"I also remember beating Chesterfield as Tom Curtis, a good friend of mine, who I played with at Portsmouth, played in that game.

"The Brentford game stands out. I scored, I had family there and it pretty much meant we secured safety.

"And then of course the Carlisle game. I scored with the final kick of the game in my final match to win it, which was a lovely way to end it."

And that was that for Rory's career at Kenilworth Road. Short, sweet and successful. He'd done his job in keeping Luton up.

The bad news is now hearing that Allen would have loved to have joined the Hatters on a permanent basis.

"By the end of the loan spell, I would have been quite happy to have stayed," he says. "I went from being a young kid making my way at Spurs to being a young player with a responsibility at Luton. Even though I was young I was looked at in a more senior way at Luton and I liked that.

"The season ended, the summer break started and we had about two months off. I would have liked the season to continue instead of having to start all over again in pre-season.

"I was involved in a few first team games for Spurs but then broke my leg for the first time and I was out for a while."

After a spell recovering on the sidelines, his time at White Hart Lane came to an end and in 1999 Allen was transferred to Portsmouth.

However, a string of injuries followed at Fratton

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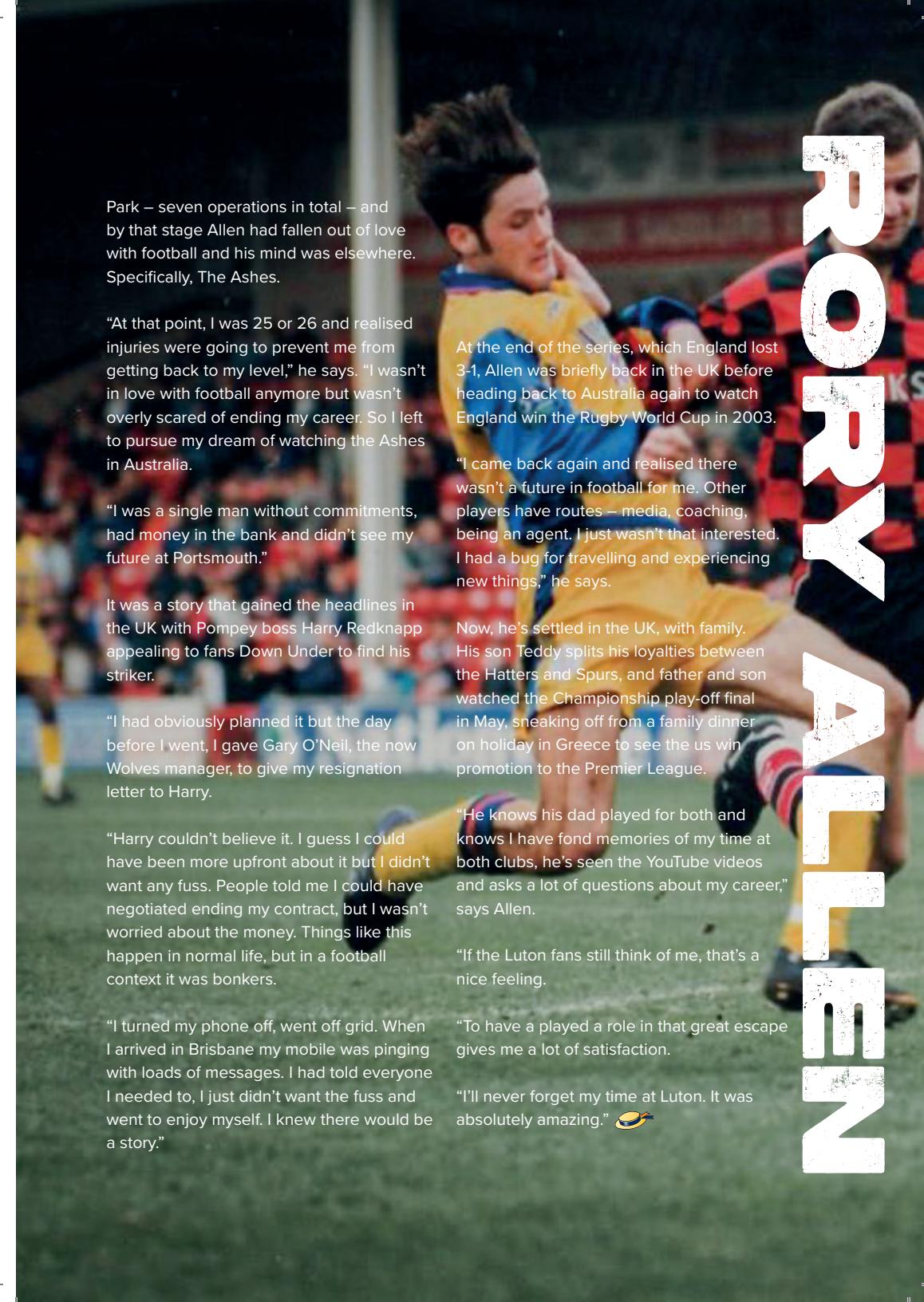


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Park – seven operations in total – and by that stage Allen had fallen out of love with football and his mind was elsewhere. Specifically, The Ashes.

"At that point, I was 25 or 26 and realised injuries were going to prevent me from getting back to my level," he says. "I wasn't in love with football anymore but wasn't overly scared of ending my career. So I left to pursue my dream of watching the Ashes in Australia.

"I was a single man without commitments, had money in the bank and didn't see my future at Portsmouth."

It was a story that gained the headlines in the UK with Pompey boss Harry Redknapp appealing to fans Down Under to find his striker.

"I had obviously planned it but the day before I went, I gave Gary O'Neil, the now Wolves manager, to give my resignation letter to Harry.

"Harry couldn't believe it. I guess I could have been more upfront about it but I didn't want any fuss. People told me I could have negotiated ending my contract, but I wasn't worried about the money. Things like this happen in normal life, but in a football context it was bonkers.

"I turned my phone off, went off grid. When I arrived in Brisbane my mobile was pinging with loads of messages. I had told everyone I needed to, I just didn't want the fuss and went to enjoy myself. I knew there would be a story."

At the end of the series, which England lost 3-1, Allen was briefly back in the UK before heading back to Australia again to watch England win the Rugby World Cup in 2003.

"I came back again and realised there wasn't a future in football for me. Other players have routes – media, coaching, being an agent. I just wasn't that interested. I had a bug for travelling and experiencing new things," he says.

Now, he's settled in the UK, with family. His son Teddy splits his loyalties between the Hatters and Spurs, and father and son watched the Championship play-off final in May, sneaking off from a family dinner on holiday in Greece to see the us win promotion to the Premier League.

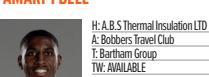
"He knows his dad played for both and knows I have fond memories of my time at both clubs, he's seen the YouTube videos and asks a lot of questions about my career," says Allen.

"If the Luton fans still think of me, that's a nice feeling.

"To have a played a role in that great escape gives me a lot of satisfaction.

"I'll never forget my time at Luton. It was absolutely amazing." 

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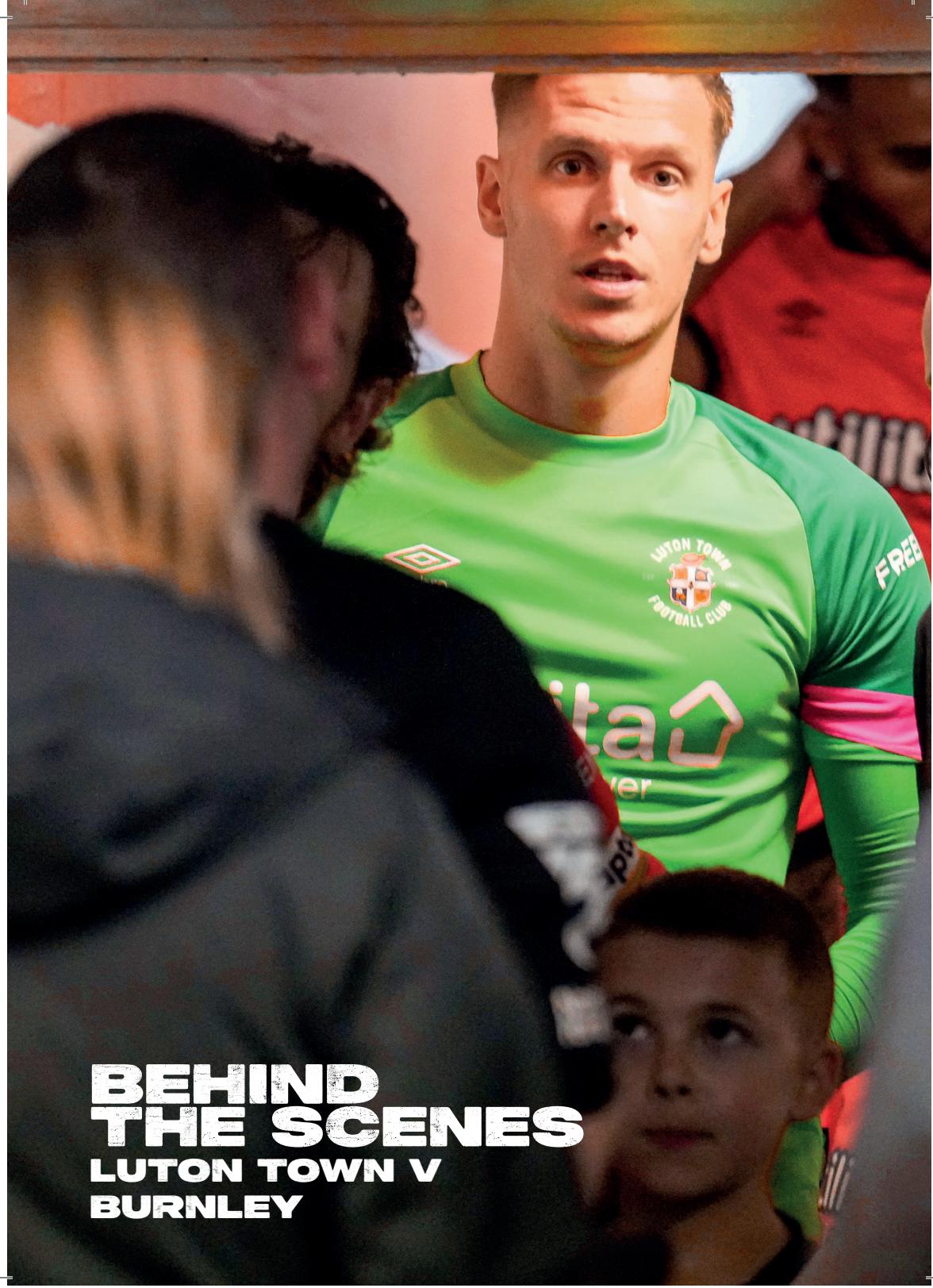


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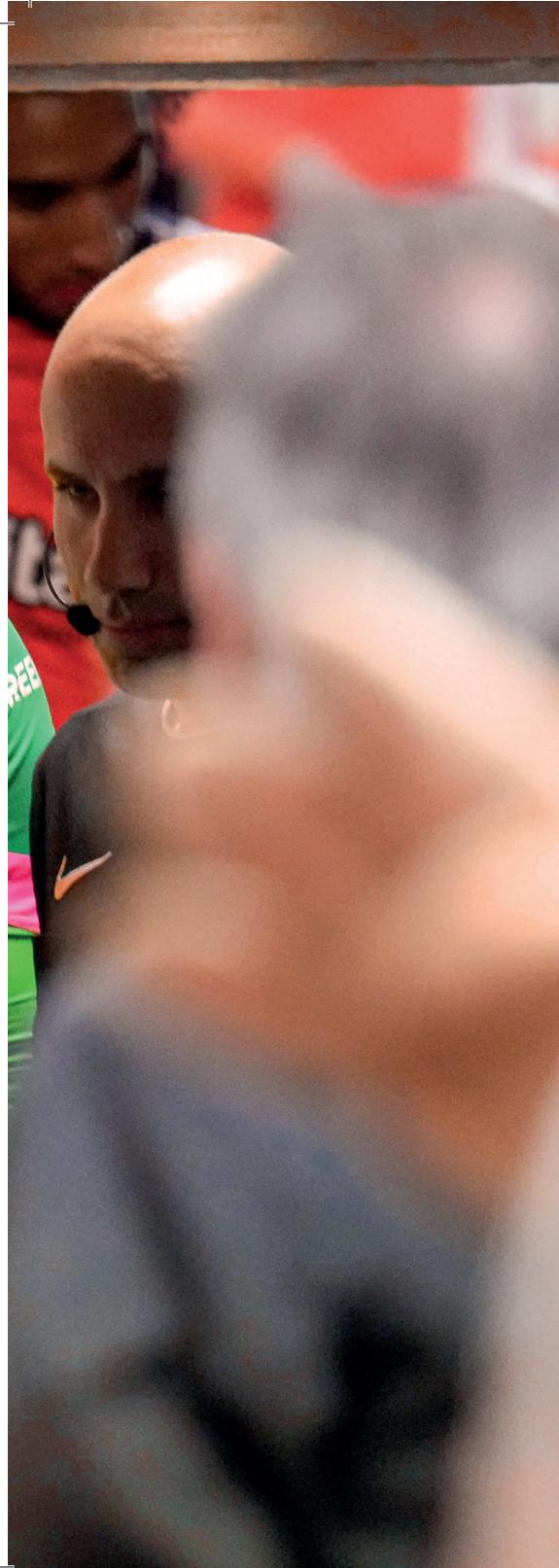


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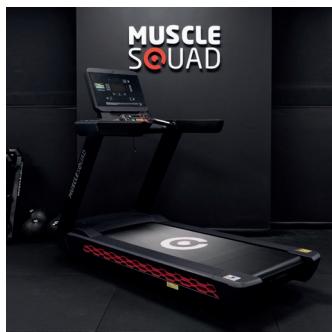
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7TH OCTOBER
DO ANY OF THESE
GAMES STRIKE A
CHORD WITH YOU?

MEMORABLE MATCH!

**LUTON 2-2 BRENTFORD
(TOWN WIN 4-3 ON
PENALTIES)**

7TH OCTOBER 2008.

We'll level with you. We took a look at the 20 games on this date, and nothing immediately shouted back at us. Then we saw a 2-2 draw at home to Brentford lurking towards the bottom of the list.

The Bees visited for a Johnstone's Paint Trophy second round tie at Kenilworth Road with the Hatters looking forward to a game that didn't have the desperation involved of cutting back a 30-point deduction in a league game.

2,029 hardy souls turned up for this one to see a much-changed Town side line-up including 18-year-old Jake Howells making his full debut.

The majority inside the ground were left wondering why they had bothered as the Bees surged into a 2-0 lead midway through the first half thanks to some iffy Hatters defending.

BEST OF THE REST

Overall on this day it's nine wins, five draws, six defeats with the Town successful last time we played on 7th October with a 2-0 win at Accrington Stanley in League Two in 2017. James Collins and a Danny Hylton penalty secured the three points.

The Hatters' biggest win on this day came back in 1905 when the Hatters – now playing at Kenilworth Road – beat Bristol Rovers 7-1. Three years later, the Town beat Leyton during our short stay in the Western League (essentially step 7 in the pyramid then).

Today will be the first time we've played in the top-flight on this day.

However, loan striker Chris Martin halved the deficit six minutes before the break and 10 minutes into the second half the frontman levelled things up with a near-post header.

Both sides missed chances to win the tie in extra time so to penalties it went. Harry Worley missed the first for the Town but goalkeeper Conrad Logan, on loan from Leicester, pulled off two great saves.

Those stops and successful conversions from Paul McVeigh, Asa Hall, Martin and Rossi Jarvis sealed the Town's place in the next round.

And the rest is history. The Hatters went all the way to the final, winning another shootout in the area final against Brighton, before beating Scunthorpe 3-2 under the arch at Wembley.

Brentford ended that season as League Two champions while the Town were relegated to the Conference. Time flies, eh?



THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

Tottenham's Gary O'Reilly (foreground) looks aghast as he has just headed the ball into his own net during the 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road in January 1983. 







CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS YOU'LL NEVER SING THAT!

IT'S HARD TO THINK THAT TEN YEARS AGO WE WELCOMED PELLY RUDDOCK MPANZU TO KENILWORTH ROAD. A DECADE LATER, HE'S STILL HERE WITH HATTERS NOW IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE. HERE'S THE MIDFIELDER'S STORY OF THAT FIRST SEASON

Ten years ago a quiet 19-year-old walked into Kenilworth Road, played centre-half at Staines in the FA Trophy and never left.

Turns out, despite some initial hesitancy, it was the best decision of Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu's career. Four promotions later, he became famous around the globe for being the first player to go from non-league to Premier League with the same club – all in less than a decade.

"I didn't really want to come!" he starts our interview with a typical Pelly bombshell. "Nobody wants to drop out of the Prem and join a team in the Conference. But sometimes you're in that football bubble and you don't want that bubble to burst.

"A decision had to be made though, and the rest is history. To drop down, to experience men's football, experience our old Ely Way training ground, win four promotions and now be in the Premier League is great. It was the experience I needed; to play football.

"I spoke to my mum, my dad, my agent, and with my contract ending at West Ham at the end of that season, I knew I needed to be playing regular football. It was also important that I signed for someone who wanted me, and Luton and John Still wanted me. I needed a place to prove myself and I think I've done that now."

It's hard to believe that ten years ago the Town were drawing in that Trophy match at Staines and today host Tottenham in the Premier League – but that game is one that still sticks out in Pelly's mind. "It was 0-0, we had the likes of David Viana, Arnaud Mendy, Joe Davis and Zane Banton playing," remembers Mpanzu. "I played centre-half that day but I think those days are long gone! Ten years later we're now playing the big boys and it's been a journey – one I'd love to do again.

"All those players along the way who have helped me get to where I am, thank you. Especially Dan



Potts as he's been here with me the longest!"

Mpanzu was a major driving force in the Hatters' title win of 2013/14 but, at 19, coming into a club that had struggled to get out of the Conference after four seasons of hurt, did he feel any expectation?

"Not really, slotting in was easy," he says. "The team was doing well. If we were near the bottom it might have been different, but the team were doing so well there was no pressure on me. I was 19 and the manager gave me free rein to explore myself and do what I do, driving into the box, scoring goals and it worked out well."

"We battered a lot of teams and Luton was a tough place to come. We played a system that suited us. We got the ball up to Andre [Gray] and Benno [Paul Benson] and they scored a lot of goals between them. We scored 100 goals and got 101 points and it was probably the strongest side I've played with since I been here."

"The team had real fluidity and it showed. We eventually overtook Luke Berry at Cambridge and I remember scoring a banger in the game at Dartford to equalise. We were 1-0 down and I scored in off the stanchion and then Andre scored a header – which he hardly did – and that was game that really stands out." ➤



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Pelly all smiles with Andre Gray



That comeback win at Dartford – already a result highlighted by Benson and Alex Lawless in this series – all but clinched promotion back to the Football League.

So, did that justify Mpanzu's decision to join the Town on a permanent basis?

"Wholeheartedly," he says. "It would have been tough had we not made it out of the Conference that season.

"To get out of the league first time of asking – for me anyway – was key and made me feel like my decision was the right one. It was probably the toughest decision of my career – and something not many players would think of doing. Sometimes you've got to take a leap of faith. God's got a plan for you and for me that plan worked out."

Despite hitting the ground running when arriving at Kenilworth Road, once promotion was secured Mpanzu felt the relief of the fans and one player in particular.

"Jake Howells was here when we were deducted 30 points," he says. "The relief of him making it out of the Conference was wonderful. The joy on his face, and the fans in their celebrations showed that.

"They thought they had been hard done by, so the rise from the bottom is a fairytale and to see us where we are right now, it's a great feeling."

Ten years – for most clubs and players – seems a long time. Two play-off defeats, four promotions and a great escape act means the past decade has flown by.

And while he might have a little more facial hair and his haircut might have changed a few times, he's barely changed.

"I'm still a kid at heart," he smiles. "I'm still joking with the boys and playing around. I might have matured on the pitch in that time but in those ten years players have come and gone and it's been great to be a part of.

"Luton have progressed every year I've been here. I remember the training ground at Ely Way, people walking their dogs. It wasn't the worst, but the facilities we have at The Brache are great.

"Can I believe what this club has done? I don't think I've ever stopped and thought what we have achieved. I'm focused on this club staying in the Premier League, because that achievement would top them all.

"But I think, once this season's done and we're in the Premier League next season, maybe when I'm holiday, in the sun, enjoying a cocktail, and I'll think about what this club has achieved, particularly those behind the scenes and the directors who have sustained the club.

"I'm sure it will be a wonderful reflection." 



GOAL!—Luton scoring during their Cup-tie with the 'Spurs, in which they brought off one of the biggest surprises of a round packed with sensations.

mighty spurs fall to the hatters

Back in 1932/33 we were a middle of the road team in Division Three (South) and it would be fair to say that the first round FA Cup pairing with Kingstonian of the Isthmian League hardly caused a ripple of excitement in the streets of Luton.

Kingstonian were, however, just about the strongest non-league outfit around, as proved by their lifting of the FA Amateur Cup at the season's end and the championship the following year. The Town eventually struggled through after a replay and then saw off Stockport and Barnsley of Division Three (North) as

FA Cup euphoria at last swept through the streets of the town.

Mighty Tottenham were to be the visitors to Kenilworth Road for a fourth round tie and although 'only' a Division Two (now Championship) side they were on the way to promotion at the season's end and boasted a proud FA Cup pedigree having won the trophy in both 1901 and 1921.

Tottenham supporters, confident after their team's 6-0 win at Oldham in the previous round, started arriving in Luton on the milk trains and by 7.30am were staging an impromptu kickabout on the Moor. By midday, queues stretched all the way down Hazelbury Crescent and two hours later

the gates were closed with 17,213 inside the ground. Some 21 coaches from London were parked along Dunstable Road and the site of the old Town ground was used as an overspill car park.

The pitch was hard and icy and would doubtless be regarded as unplayable today, but on the morning of the game the Town's groundstaff had used a steamroller to iron out the ruts and at least make the playing area flat.

The Luton players were definitely up for the game and adapted far better to the conditions for within 20 minutes they were two goals to the good courtesy of strikes from Tom Alderson and Tommy Tait with both efforts set up by Arthur Mills, deputising for the injured Rennie.

Spurs huffed and puffed in an effort to get back into the match but the Luton defence held firm and at the final whistle thousands of supporters surged on to the pitch to cheer off their heroes.

Alas, the story does not have a happy ending as, after beating Halifax in round five, the Town were thrashed 6-0 by eventual Cup winners Everton at Goodison Park in the quarter-final. 

Roger Wash



Stuart Fleetwood (13) nets against Darlington in September 2011.



A-Z THE NON- LEAGUE YEARS

**HATTERS HISTORIAN
ROGER WASH REMEMBERS
OUR OPPONENTS DURING
OUR CONFERENCE DAYS**

The Hatters spent five seasons in the Non-League wilderness after being cruelly relegated in 2009 until a final glorious promotion under John Still in 2014. All part of our rich history which should never be forgotten!

Part Four- D is for **Darlington** and **Dartford**.

Darlington, who we used to meet semi-regularly in our pre non-League days found themselves at our level in 2010/11.

The 25,000 seater white elephant, known as the George Reynolds arena, saw only 1,665 hardy souls present to witness Jake Howells score a late leveller in a 2-2 draw in September 2010.

Later on that season, in the return game, the Town took until the 68th minute to break the deadlock through Claude Gnakpa before the floodgates opened and further goals from Alex Lawless and Lloyd Owusu (with two) confirmed our superiority.

The following season, the home game saw a 2-0 win for the Town at Kenilworth Road. Jamie Hand was making his Luton debut while Stuart Fleetwood netted one of the goals in his first home appearance for the club.

Only 1,382 were rattling around in the George Reynolds arena in March 2012. In a dire game only the heroics of teenage loanee goalkeeper Jordan

Pickford prevented the Town from scoring more than the single effort from Fleetwood that earned a point.

Meetings with Dartford took place during our final two seasons at non-League level and what a contrast between the two campaigns!

In the game at Kenilworth Road in November 2012, Paul Buckle's Hatters slipped to their third home defeat of the season against a side who were still enjoying momentum following promotion from Conference South. The return game, played on a cold February night, goes down as one of those away trips where you wished you had stayed at home.

Freezing temperature, little atmosphere, a poor performance and a 1-0 defeat to make it seven away games without a win severely tested our resolve as supporters.

All was right again the following season though. A comfortable 3-0 home win with Paul Benson, Luke Guttridge and Alex Lawless on the scoresheet was the start of a 27-game run which saw us overtake Cambridge and home in on the title.

The game at Princes Park as the season drew to a close, saw a crowd of 2,869 with 1,828 making the evening trip from Luton. A nervous and lacklustre performance saw the Hatters go 1-0 down in the first half and seemingly about to suffer another defeat in Kent but the dismissal of Dartford's Kenny Clark with eight minutes left was a turning point.

Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu's 'banger' into the top corner followed by a header from Andre Gray sealed a fortunate win but we didn't care!



Celebrations at Dartford in 2014



LUTON TOWN FC COMMUNITY TRUST

As October unfolds, several community activities and celebrations will be delivered at Luton Town FC Community Trust to celebrate Black History Month.

Our young people at Premier League Kicks have kicked things off this week, putting their knowledge to the test through general knowledge quizzes. Each of our winners will be announced at their sessions over the coming week along with their prizes.

Role models have proven to play a pivotal role in influencing young people's lives. Throughout this month, our dedicated Youth Workers will be hosting a special youth voice activity, exploring people from diverse BAME backgrounds who have played key roles in shaping their personal development over the years.

Our Premier League Primary Stars team also have a fun filled month with an interactive series of Black History and No Room

for Racism workshops and assemblies across the county. We've already set the stage at Thomas Whitehead Primary, but our standout visit this week was to Stopsley Primary Academy where we were accompanied by Hatters first team players Marvelous Nakamba and Chiedozie Ogbene.

The students at Stopsley Primary were treated to inspiring stories of the players' journeys, fascinating insights into their backgrounds, and of course, the treasured autographs! Next on our schools' destination, St Christophers Academy in Dunstable.

Towards the end of the month, we will be bringing together over 60 participants from our Premier League Kicks sessions to the North of Luton in Marsh Farm, to take part in a No Room for Racism community football tournament. This event will be hosted in collaboration with Luton Youth Partnership

Service and the TREE project as we foster awareness and solidarity. The TREE project, a multi-agency initiative formed by Luton Youth Partnership Service, stands as a beacon of protection for our young people in Luton, empowering them to build resilience against all forms of exploitation through community events and workshops.

Community Operations Manager, Daniel Douglas, said: "Together, we are crafting a narrative of unity, diversity and progress throughout Black History Month. The opportunity to share my experiences and delve into the significance of Black History through community programmes across our town is truly special."

"Black History has played a pivotal role in shaping the broader narrative of history itself. At the Trust, we are privileged to be in a position where we can educate and celebrate cultural differences for generations to come. It's not just about recognising the past, it's about empowering our community with the knowledge and understanding that can drive positive change in the present and future."

The Luton Town FC Community Trust Post-16 Education and Football Development (EFD) is an education programme that allows students to integrate their full-time education alongside their passion for football and development. These programmes operate within a Sixth Form setting in Luton, offering students a comprehensive educational experience.



The logo for Luton Town FC Community Trust features the club's crest and the text 'LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB' above 'COMMUNITY TRUST' and 'Charity No. 1123078'. Below the crest are several logos: 'Luton's Best', 'Luton Town Community', 'Football for Life', 'Luton's Best', 'Luton Town Community', and 'Premier League'. The website 'www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk' and the Twitter handle 'X: @LTFC_Community' are also displayed.

Students have the opportunity to study A Levels, in addition to their BTEC in Sports and Physical Activity. Alongside their academic studies, students participate in up to eight hours of football training across the week, providing them with plenty of opportunities to develop their individual and team skills.

Students represent The Hatters in weekly fixtures in regional EFL leagues and cup competitions, against other club community organisations. Throughout the week, students also have access to the on-site gym facilities at the schools, as well as the opportunity to participate in video analysis sessions with their coaches. These sessions enable students to review and analyse game footage from the previous week, allowing for targeted improvements when heading back to the training field.

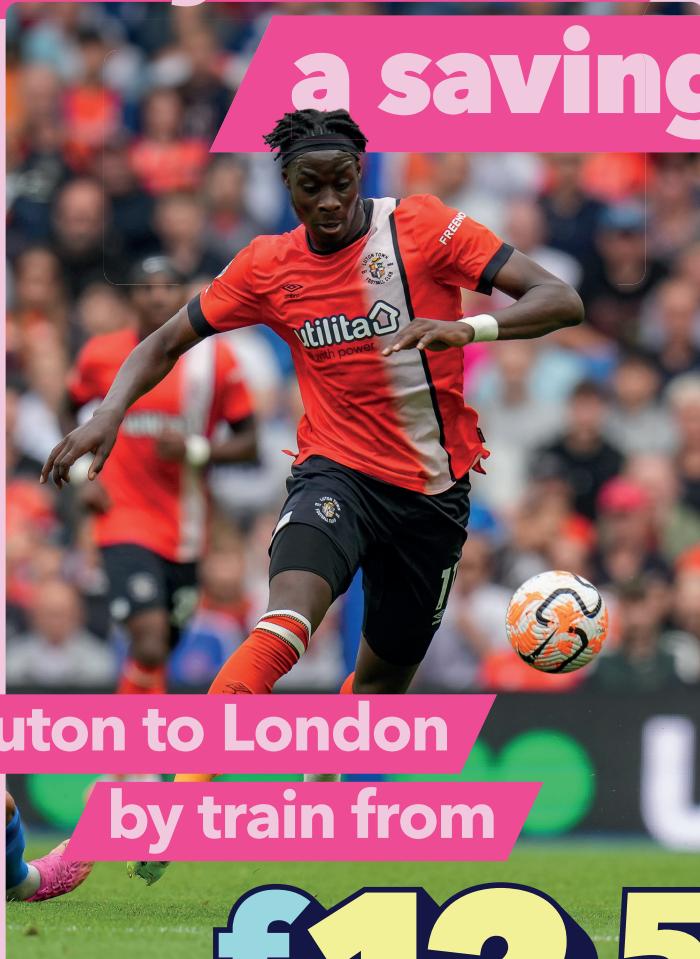
After the introduction of our new partnership with Queen Elizabeth School from September 2023, the programme is now delivered across two separate Sixth Forms in Luton offering students the opportunity to combine football development with their full time education. Our partnership with The Shared Learning Trust, which is now into its fifth year of running, is predominately based at Chalk Hills Academy.

The EFD programme goes beyond just developing aspiring footballers; it provides students with social, sporting and life skills preparing them for a variety of potential future pathways on the completion of the course. The programme drives values of teamwork, discipline and leadership amongst its participants.

The first trial date for current Year 11 students interested in undertaking the qualification next year, will be held on Wednesday 25th October 2023.

For further information on the upcoming trial date, please visit our Community Trust website at www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk/post-16 or get in touch with us via email at EFD@lutontown.co.uk.

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ACADEMY UPDATE WITH UNDER-21 LEAD COACH ADRIAN FORBES

It has been a challenging but rewarding few weeks for the Under-21s. This month saw the squad take part on their first fixture in this seasons Premier League Cup.

Due to the first team's promotion to the Premier League the Under-21s were in turn given the opportunity to play in the Premier League Cup.

We were out on a group consultation of Category 1 and Category 2 teams and it's Chelsea, Leeds and Colchester being our opponents.

Our first game was against Chelsea away and Kingsmeadow last month.

Throughout the game we competed well and despite losing the game 4-1 their score line was certainly in line with the team's performance on the day.

What was also pleasing about the game was the fact that we had three Under-16s in the match day squad which just shows that as an academy we are progressing and pushing out talented young players.

Leading into the Chelsea game we had two teams cancel games against us which certainly hindered our preparation, but credit to the players they gave it their all and we look forward to the return leg against Chelsea at Kenilworth Road in December.

Yesterday, the Under-21 squad will make the trip up north to take on Leeds United in the next group game at York City's LNER Community Stadium which will be another amazing milestone for the squad.

The squad have prepared well for the game and fingers crossed we can put in a positive performance and hopefully get a positive result.

More importantly it's great to see our players competing with Category 1 and Category 2 teams within the competition and thus in turn aiding the building of a bright future for the academy.

Enjoy the game and come on you Hatters!

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YOUTH U18 FIXTURES AND RESULTS

OPPONENT	DATE	SCORE	STARTING XI	CHIGOZIE	HARVEY	MARTINS	BENAGR	ROUTH	EMERY
MILTON KEYNES	SAT 5/8/23	A W 6-0	HOCKEY	CHIGOZIE	HARVEY	MARTINS	BENAGR	ROUTH	EMERY
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	SAT 2/8/23	A W 4-1	THOMAS	GIWA	CHIGOZIE	EMERY	SCOTT	BENAGR	WARREN
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	SAT 26/9/23	H L 1-2	TRIALIST	KAYIBANDA	EMERY	SCOTT	BENAGR	MARTINS	GIWA
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	SAT 9/9/23	H L 3-4	THOMAS	GIWA	HARVEY	EMERY	KAYIBANDA	SCOTT	MARTINS
SUTTON UNITED	SAT 16/9/23	A W 1-0	HOCKEY	CHIGOZIE	BENAGR	KAYIBANDA	EMERY	ROUTH	HARVEY
STEVENAGE	SAT 23/9/23	H L 0-1	HOCKEY	CHIGOZIE	SCOTT	KAYIBANDA	EMERY	ROUTH	HARVEY
GILLINGHAM	SAT 30/9/23	H D 1-1	TRIALIST A	CHIGOZIE	BENAGR	STITT	EMERY	ROUTH	HARVEY
AFC WIMBLEDON	SAT 14/10/23	A							
BRENTFORD	SAT 28/10/23	A							
LEYTON ORIENT	SAT 4/11/23	H							
MILTON KEYNES	SAT 11/11/23	A							
AFC WIMBLEDON	SAT 18/11/23	H							
STEVENAGE	SAT 9/12/23	A							
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	SAT 16/12/23	A							
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	SAT 6/1/24	H							
GILLINGHAM	SAT 13/1/24	A							
BRENTFORD	SAT 20/1/24	H							
LEYTON ORIENT	SAT 3/2/24	A							
SUTTON UNITED	SAT 10/2/24	H							

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD U21 FIXTURES AND RESULTS

GILLINGHAM	TUE 22/8/23	A W 4-3	TRIALIST A	FRANCIS-CLARKE	KAYIBANDA	JOHNSON	PINNINGTON	LUKER	WATSON
BRENTFORD B	TUE 29/8/23	A W 2-1	HORLICK	PINNINGTON	FRANCIS-CLARKE	BATESON	GIWA	PIESOLD	BURGER
CHELSEA	TUE 19/9/23	A L 1-4	HORLICK	PINNINGTON	KAYIBANDA	PHILLIPS	BATESON	JOHNSON	PIESOLD
LEEDS UNITED	FRI 6/10/23	A							
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	TUE 17/10/23	H							
KEMPSTON ROVERS	TUE 24/10/23	H							
COLCHESTER UNITED	MON 13/11/23	A							
CHELSEA	TUE 12/12/23	H							
LEEDS UNITED	FRI 19/1/24	A							
COLCHESTER UNITED	FRI 2/2/24	H							

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THE NEXT GENERATION SPEAKS

Upping sticks and moving across to England is difficult for even for the most experienced of players who have played all over the world.

However, 16-year-old Dylan Stitt has taken to life with the Hatters like a duck to water after joining this summer from Linfield in Northern Ireland.

"It's been good, I've settled in well – it's a great club to be around," said the central midfielder. "It's much more professional over here, better quality and it is one of the reasons why I came over."

"Everyone here has been so friendly – just like in Belfast – so I've settled in really easy which has been nice."

Due to paperwork, Stitt has had to bide his time to get stuck into life in Alex Lawless' under-18s side but he's looking forward to staking a regular claim in the team as the Town youngsters look to climb the Youth Alliance table.

"We've obviously not had the best results recently," he admitted. "But we're a much better team than the results have shown. The performances have been there and I am sure the results will come soon."

A Liverpool fan who models his game on hero and fellow centre-mid Steven Gerrard, Dylan is excited at the prospect of playing for a Premier League club.

"I came through a grassroots team in Northern Ireland and then signed for Linfield, the biggest club there," he explains. "Here is another step up so it's great to come to a Premier League club."

"It's unreal to think so many big clubs are going to be coming to Kenilworth Road so for us young players to experience some of these games it's great. Obviously I can't wait for the Liverpool game!"

While Stitt can't wait to achieve his dream of turning professional, he's also keen to continue his development which has already seen him capped at youth level for Northern Ireland.

"I've played for the under-18s and I've scored against Australia which was a great moment for me, the best of my career so far," he says.

"I've played at international level and to be now involved with a Premier League club is the next step for me and my progress."

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GETTING TO KNOW... DYLAN STITT

NAME: Dylan Stitt

DOB: 30/6/2007

Place of birth: Belfast

Position(s): Central midfield.

Year joined the academy/Luton Town: This summer

What boots do you wear? White Nike Mercurials.

My aim for the season is to win everything we play for this season.

The proudest moment of career so far was scoring my first international goal for Northern Ireland against Australia.

In the playground, I used to be Steven Gerrard, because he's a legend of the club I support and we have similar traits.

At school my favourite subject other than PE was sports studies because it's related to sport.

A career outside of football for me would be a Gaelic football player.

Jack Lorentzen-Jones is my most talented teammate because he's very skilful and a good all-round player.

Of the first team squad, the player I look-up to most is Ross Barkley because of what he's achieved in football in his career.

The best thing about Luton Town is the people in and around the club.



THE LAWLESS REPORT

"Dylan's done really well since coming in from Northern Ireland after we signed him this summer.

"It's not easy for a player to come to a new place at his age and start a scholarship. Especially as he's not been able to play until we were able to get international clearance for him.

"Frustrating though that was for him, he worked hard and kept himself fit to ensure he is fit for when the time came.

"He's a central midfielder who is really forward thinking in terms of playing the ball forward and impacting the game. He shows bravery trying to get onto the ball and in the tackle, too.

"He's probably a box-to-box midfielder, and although he's quite quiet he shows grit and determination.

"Dylan's been playing a bit deeper but he's got an eye for goal in training and we might get to see that when we play further forward in midfield at some point in the future."



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LUTON TOWN LADIES

Luton Town Ladies travelled to Essex on Sunday as they faced Grays Athletic in the second qualifying round of the Women's FA Cup.

It was a nervy start for the hatters as they conceded to their lower league opponents within the opening FIVE minutes of the game, a wonder strike from deep.

This didn't deter the Town, however, as they soon gained control of the game. That being said, Grays defended resolutely, the goalkeeper in particular producing some great saves.

Eventually the Hatters found their equaliser 28 minutes in through an exquisite run from Keira Palmiero, beating three players and slotting home for a superb individual goal.

Despite the Town's dominance, frustration was growing as chances were being wasted. Eventually it was Shakeela Hussain who eased the tension on 35 minutes producing a finish with her back to goal, swivelling and finding the inside of the post to put the Hatters in front.

Into the second half and it was much of the same as Luton continued to hold their control over Grays, eventually finding a third from Shanice Lewis with a clinical finish across goal and then Jess McKay, cutting inside to kill the game off in the final minutes with a fourth.

FULL-TIME

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LEWIS, MCKAY
PALMIERO, HUSSAIN

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Manager Rob Burton said: "Despite the early set back, the ladies put on a dominant and professional display today.

"We love an FA Cup run and I'm pleased to see our name back in the hat for the next round. Our attention now refocuses back on the league as we look to push on."

The Ladies' reward is an away tie at Wodson Park on the 22nd October in the Third Qualifying Round, a rematch of the same fixture last season.

The Hatters are next in action tomorrow when they make the short trip to take on St Albans City.

Follow the Ladies on X: @LTFCL_Official



LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST

WITH COLIN ADAMSON

Hello and welcome to a huge game against Tottenham Hotspur this afternoon. There were times over the last decade in particular where hosting a club of such magnitude in a league game was a dream but due to the hard work of so many, today it becomes a reality.

I'm a board member with Luton Town Supporters' Trust. My role, since 2020, has been to lead to SoLYD subcommittee.

The Supporters of Luton Youth Development' (SoLYD) was established in 2009 by Luton fans when academy funding was reduced due to our fall into non-league. The purpose was to fill this funding gap and since then over £100,000 has been raised for the academy.

In 2019, it was agreed to integrate SoLYD into the Luton Town Supporters Trust, enabling us to further fundraise for team building initiatives and overnight stays for Luton's future stars, while also serving as a vital link between the academy and Luton supporters.

Today we are delighted to announce that three former Luton heroes - Wayne Turner, Alex Lawless and Jake Howells – have agreed to be ambassadors for SoLYD.

Luton-born Wayne Turner is the Head of Academy Youth Development who joined the Hatters in 1978, making 103 top-flight

appearances and scoring a notable FA Cup derby winner in 1985.

He said: "Thanks for inviting me to be one of the SoLYD ambassadors. I would be very happy to be involved."

Alex Lawless, a 2013/14 Conference title winner with the Hatters, made 203 appearances for the Hatters, and is now a coach within the academy. The midfielder said: "I would be honoured to accept the role, thank you."

And former Luton favourite Jake Howells, who was also part of the Conference title winning squad, playing 334 times while at Kenilworth Road.

He said: "I would be absolutely thrilled to support SoLYD as an ambassador and push any way I possibly can to help."

We are currently in the process of putting together a calendar of fundraising activities so watch this space, or keep an eye on the Trust website or social feeds, for news of future events and opportunities to meet our new SoLYD ambassadors.

In the meantime, if you would like to support SoLYD, you can donate here: <https://www.lutontownsupporterstrust.com/solyd/>

Enjoy the game today. Please sing your hearts out like you have all season. The boys need all the support we can give them as they look to back up that huge midweek effort.

COYH!

MEET THE FANS WITH HELEN AND JOSH KING

How long have you supported Luton for?

Helen: 1988, since I was ten – my Dad took me to my first match at home against them down the road – the match after we won the Littlewoods Cup Final! We won 2-1. I have been watching us home and away ever since!

Josh: Since 2012, when I was three – and have had a season ticket since. I've seen us go from the Conference to the Premier League!

What are your favourite memories of being a Luton fan?

Helen: Really hard to choose just one. The play-off final obviously tops it, Josh sobbed after that last penalty! All of the promotions have been great - Wrexham in 2005 was brilliant, as was Carlisle in 2018. And I will never forget that last minute Kal Naismith winner against Bournemouth a couple of seasons ago!

Josh: On the pitch definitely Wembley! And being at Carlisle when we got promoted! Off it, when I was nominated a Hatters Hero by the club during lockdown after I walked a marathon to raise money for the NHS.

How has your support of Luton been seen by your friends (did they make fun of little old Luton etc)?

Helen: Growing up in Luton I didn't really



take much stick over being a Hatter, but I work with people all over the country and they have often chuckled when I've said who I support. I got an awful lot of messages from everyone on 27th May though!

Josh: We live in Northamptonshire and I go to school in Oundle, near Peterborough. There are lots of Posh and Leicester fans at my school who have had a lot to say until recently. I now have bragging rights!

How do the experiences of seeing Luton in the Premier League compare with the lower leagues?

Helen: I love the home games, love seeing the rich clubs coming to Kenilworth Road and having to deal with the atmosphere. The away days are great too, but I do miss the lower leagues for the atmosphere!

Josh: I like the away fans coming to Kenilworth Road and experiencing our ground – it makes me laugh when they make up songs about seeing people in the bath! I like going to the away games, Chelsea was a bit different to Welling United.

What are you most looking forward to for the rest of the season?

Helen: Just enjoying it, whatever the result at the end of the season! And attempting to go to every match home and away if we can manage it.

Josh: Staying up – and getting a couple of big upsets!

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WHO'S YOUR PREMIER LEAGUE TEAM?

As we return to Kenilworth Road for our second home game in a week, we face Tottenham Hotspur here in Luton. But I feel as if it is time to cast our minds back to just one week ago when we travelled to Goodison Park to face Everton.

This was a game with a lot of anticipation for both sides. We were still on the hunt for our first Premier League win and Everton were coming off the back of two great away wins.

As for myself, I was quite nervous for this one. I'd never been to Goodison Park, and this will probably be our last visit there, so it was definitely one I wanted to go to. I got on the coach for 8:30 and I was in the ground for 2:30.

I spent most of my time prior to kick-off admiring the ground. It reminded me of Kenilworth Road as the old structure, seats and painting made me think of the Kenny.

Rob Edwards had named another strong lineup, so I was feeling more confident as kick-off got closer. The Toffees fans were feeling optimistic, and I realised we were in for a cracking game.

Everton started the game strongly, but we weathered the early storm and kept the score at 0-0. They were knocking on the door, but the defence was solid and kept the Toffees attack out.

Twenty-four minutes in, Luton took the lead. A brilliant corner was met by Carlton Morris in the air and his effort rattled the crossbar before bouncing off Jordan Pickford. The ball fell to Ashley Young on the line who was quickly closed down by Tom Lockyer who forced the ball into the net for 1-0.

The away end erupted in delight as this was the first time we had taken the lead in a Premier League match this season. This

was also Lockyer's first goal since his famous header against Sunderland in the play-off semi-finals.

Seven minutes later, it was two. Another delightful Alfie Doughty cross from a free kick was met by Carlton Morris who finished excellently into the bottom left corner. This sparked even crazier celebrations in the away end as fans were bursting with euphoria.

Dominic Calvert-Lewin pulled one back for Everton just before half time in controversial fashion. This didn't seem to bother the team so much as the Hatters led at half-time.

The second half mainly consisted of Luton's brilliant game management. The Hatters dealt with everything thrown at them and never looked like conceding. Morris had the ball in the net again for Luton, but it was flagged for offside.

Everton had mainly resorted to crossing the ball into the box towards Dominic Calvert-Lewin and Beto with the hope they get something on it. This was nothing Mads Andersen, Amari'i Bell and Teden Mengi couldn't deal with.

Seven minutes of injury time was announced as Luton edged closer to the points. Eventually, we got across the line and won their first Premier League match of the season.

The players and management staff made their way over to the travelling fans and celebrated in style as the team spirit was at a high. An amazing reception for the players and management who worked so hard for the win.

That made the four-and-a-half-hour coach ride home a lot better! An amazing win, I hope this has brought back some memories!

By Zac Neal





LUTON TOWN BUSINESS PARTNERS



JUNIOR HATTERS

TODAY'S MASCOTS



ARCHIE ROYLE

AGE: 11

HOBBIES: FOOTBALL, FIFA, RUNNING

FAVOURITE PLAYER: CARLTON MORRIS



JASPER LOCKE

AGE: 7

HOBBIES: FOOTBALL, DRAWING, POOL, PS5

FAVOURITE PLAYER: MARVELOUS NAKAMBA



JAYDEN WYMER

AGE: 11

HOBBIES: WATCHING FOOTBALL WITH BIG BROTHER LEWIS, PLAYING FOR HIS FOOTBALL TEAM AND PLAYING FIFA

FAVOURITE PLAYER: CARLTON MORRIS



OLLY FAIRALL

AGE: 10

HOBBIES: PLAYING FOOTBALL, WATCHING FOOTBALL, FOOTBALL TRIVIA/STATS

FAVOURITE PLAYER: CARLTON MORRIS & ALFIE DOUGHTY



WOODY LOCKE

AGE: 9

HOBBIES: FOOTBALL, DRAWING, POOL, PS5

FAVOURITE PLAYER: GABE OSHO



ZACK ALLSOP

AGE: 8

HOBBIES: FOOTBALL

FAVOURITE PLAYER: CARLTON MORRIS

TICKET NEWS



NOTTINGHAM FOREST V LUTON TOWN

Saturday 21st October

Kick-off 3pm

Premier League

Please note this match is all-ticket for Luton Town supporters, with none available on the day at Nottingham Forest.

Town supporters have been allocated 2,893 tickets.

Away Season Ticket holders

Those away season ticket holders who requested a ticket will have their ticket dispatched on 11th October. Please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk if you do not require your ticket.

Diamond & Executive Season Card Holders

Tickets for this fixture go on sale on Friday 6th October at 10am to Diamond Season Card holders and Executive Season Card Holders at one ticket per person. They will be available online or via phone or in person using your Client Reference number. Executive Season Card holders should book online or by phone or in person now they are in possession of the Client Reference numbers.

Any Executive Season Card holders who have not set up 'Networks' to allow them to book multiple ticket purchases on one transaction can contact the Ticket Office for assistance.

No Sales will be in person from the Ticket Office on Saturday 7th October.

Season Card holders who attended six away league* fixtures in 2022/23

Supporters who meet this criteria can book one ticket per person from 10am on Monday 9th October online using their client reference number. These tickets will

be available online or via the Ticket Office via phone or in person. If you did not assign tickets to individual client reference numbers, then you would need to book your tickets either by phone or in person from the ticket office.

* League away fixtures only, not including play-offs.

Season card holders

Subject to availability, tickets for season card holders go on sale 10am on Tuesday 10th October, at one per person online, using a client reference number or can be purchased via phone.

Please note: No tickets will be sold in person for this fixture, you will be able to purchase online from 10am.

Two-year Hatters Members

Subject to availability, any members who have held a membership for two seasons can book one ticket per person from 10am on Wednesday 11th October online, in person or by calling the ticket office.

Phones lines will remain open on this day unless there is an announcement that tickets have sold out.

2023/24 Hatters Members

Subject to availability, any members with a previous purchasing history can book one ticket per person from 10am on Thursday 12th October online, in person or by calling the ticket office.

New 2023/2024 Hatters Members

Subject to availability, tickets will go on sale on Monday 16th October at 10am at one per person to any supporter with a previous purchasing history and any member without a previous booking history.

Prices: Adults £30, Seniors Over 65 £23, Youth (12-19) £15, Junior (Under 12) £10.

Ambulant and wheelchair fans will pay the relevant age-related price and are entitled to a personal assistant if in receipt of higher Disability Living Allowance, PIP or Attendance allowance.

LET'S GO

THE CITY GROUND
SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST
KICK OFF: 3:00PM

WHERE?

The City Ground, sitting on the banks of the River Trent, has been the home of Nottingham Forest since 1898. Although Forest were founded in 1865, the City Ground is their seventh home. Nowadays its capacity is 30,404, and once housed 49,956 for a game against Manchester United in 1967. Hatters fans will be sitting in the lower tier of the Bridgford Stand.

HOW TO GET THERE

Leave the M1 at Junction 24 and take the A453 towards Nottingham. Then take the A52 East towards Grantham and then onto the A6011 into Nottingham. The ground is situated by the A6011. The postcode is NG2 5FJ and if you're going by train the station is a 20-minute walk to the ground. The Bobbers Travel Club will, of course, be heading to the City Ground. Leaving Luton at 11.30am, their fares are £28 adults and £25 concessions. Book your spot by calling 01234 856542.

OUR RECORD THERE

The Hatters overall record at the City Ground has been atrocious – to put it bluntly – down the years, winning just seven out of 32 trips. The Town are unbeaten, however, in our last two visits without conceding. A 0-0 draw in November 2021 followed a 1-0 victory in March the same year thanks to

Ryan Tunnicliffe's winner. That game was played behind closed doors, meaning our last victory there in front of fans was a 1-0 triumph in March 1983 thanks to Ricky Hill winner.

THE FOREST OF TODAY

The season before last saw the Tricky Trees win promotion to the top-flight after winning the Championship play-off final against Huddersfield. Having recruited heavily in the summer they avoided relegation thanks to a fine home record that saw them lose just five times. Their fortunes this season have also been positive. Unbeaten at home, Steve Cooper's side also registered a great win at Chelsea and currently sit in 12th place in the table.

WATCH OUT FOR

Taiwo Awoniyi. The 26-year-old striker has been a revelation since joining Forest for a club record £17m from German Bundesliga side Union Berlin. He hit 10 goals in 27 games in the Premier League last term and has already scored three times in five matches this term. Capped at senior level by Nigeria, he spent six years on the books at Liverpool but never made a single appearance in any competition for the Reds.

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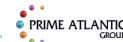


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TOWN TEASERS

Due to popular demand – put your football knowledge to the test and answer these Luton Town and football-related questions. Let us know how you do – you'll win no prizes, just our editor's utmost respect.

1. In which year did the Hatters last beat Tottenham?
2. Former Hatter Luke Gambin represented which country at international level?
3. Which National League side play their home games at the Shay?
4. How many goals did David Beckham score for Manchester United?
5. For which team did Harry Kane play for against the Hatters in 2013?
6. In our 2013/14 Conference winning season, how many goals did Paul Benson score?
7. What is the nickname of Scottish club Ayr United?
8. Which National League side did Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu play for before joining West Ham?
9. Which nation knocked England out of Euro 2016?
10. For which team did Issa Kaboré play for on-loan last season?



HOW DID YOU SCORE? TURN TO PAGE 81 FOR THE ANSWERS. NO CHEATING

8-10 SIMON PITTS. We'll have you co-commentating with Simon soon.

4-7 COURTNEY PITTS. Like a half-decent loan signing, not bad.

0-3 THE PITS. Either you're a Spurs fan or you're new to this.



Premier League

ROUND-UP

Following our midweek game against Burnley the Premier League table is now up to date with every team in the division having now played seven games.

As it stands at the bottom, the Town are where they want to be when the season ends in 29 games' time – outside of the bottom three.

Burnley's win here at Kenilworth Road means it is just Bournemouth and Sheffield United who are now looking for their first wins of the season. Burnley are now level on points with the Hatters and Everton on four points.

There's one big game involving teams at the bottom as Everton host Bournemouth at Goodison Park. Sheffield United head to Fulham, while Burnley host Chelsea – who moved up the table on Monday after their win at Fulham.

At the top end of the division, our visitors this afternoon know a victory will put them top of the league for at least 24 hours. Spurs, unbeaten, beat Liverpool last weekend to move within a point of Manchester City.

The game of the weekend takes place on Sunday as last season's champions take on an unbeaten Arsenal side at the Emirates Stadium.

Liverpool, despite their defeat to Spurs, lie just two points off the top and could take pole position if results go their way and should they take all three points at Brighton in another great match-up on Sunday.

Villa, who we travel to in three weeks' time, could also rise to the summit as they look to continue from where they left off after beating Brighton 6-1 last time out. They head to Midlands rivals Wolves – themselves fresh from beating Manchester City.

Two mid-table battles also take place this afternoon as Manchester United host Brentford and Crystal Palace welcome Nottingham Forest to Selhurst Park. Tomorrow two upwardly mobile sides – West Ham and Newcastle – meet at London Stadium.

Next weekend is an international break, so the Premier League will take a well-earned break until action resumes again on 21st October.





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PLAYER STATISTICS

	2023/24 SEASON								CAREER		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL			CARDS		TOTAL	
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	Y	R	APPS	G	
Elijah Adebayo	3	(4)	1	1	(1)	0	4	(5)	1	0	0
Mads Andersen	3	(2)	1	2	(0)	0	5	(2)	1	1	0
Ross Barkley	2	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0
Amari'i Bell	7	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	8	(1)	0	0	0
Luke Berry	0	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	1	0
Jacob Brown	4	(3)	0	1	(1)	1	5	(4)	1	2	0
Reece Burke	5	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	5	(2)	0	1	0
Tahith Chong	4	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(1)	0	3	0
Jordan Clark	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0
Alfie Doughty	4	(3)	0	2	(0)	1	6	(3)	1	0	0
Ryan Giles	3	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	5	(1)	0	0	0
Joe Johnson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0
Issa Kabore	6	(1)	0	0	(2)	0	6	(3)	0	2	0
Thomas Kaminski	7	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	1	0
Tim Krul	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0
Tom Lockyer	6	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	7	(0)	1	1	0
Sambi Lokonga	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0
Teden Mengi	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	1	0
Carlton Morris	7	(0)	3	0	(1)	0	7	(1)	3	0	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	3	(4)	0	2	(0)	0	5	(4)	0	0	0
Marvelous Nakamba	7	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	7	(1)	0	3	0
Chiedozie Ogbene	3	(4)	0	1	(1)	0	4	(5)	0	0	0
Gabriel Osho	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0
Dan Potts	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0
James Shea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0
Cauley Woodrow	0	(5)	0	2	(0)	1	2	(5)	1	0	0



**FIRST
START
FOR
MENGI**

Congratulations to Hatters defender Teden Mengi who made his first Premier League start in our game against Burnley on Tuesday night. The former Manchester United man put in an accomplished performance at centre-half to add to his substitute appearance at Everton last weekend. Nice one, Ted!

2023/24 FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	OPPOSITION	KO	POS	SCORE	STARTING XI
SAT AUG 12	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	3PM	A 18	L 1-4	KAMINSKI KABORÉ GILES ANDERSEN LOCKYER BELL
FRI AUG 25	CHESLSEA	8PM	A 19	L 0-3	KAMINSKI KABORÉ GILES BURKE LOCKYER BELL
TUE AUG 29	GILLINGHAM (CC)	745PM	H -	W 3-2	KRUL DOUGHTY GILES ANDERSEN LOCKYER BELL
FRI SEP 1	WEST HAM UNITED	8PM	H 19	L 1-2	KAMINSKI DOUGHTY GILES BURKE ANDERSEN BELL
SAT SEP 16	FULHAM	3PM	A 20	L 0-1	KAMINSKI KABORÉ BELL BURKE LOCKYER ANDERSEN
SAT SEP 23	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	3PM	H 18	D 1-1	KAMINSKI KABORÉ DOUGHTY BURKE LOCKYER BELL
TUE SEP 26	EXETER CITY (CC)	745PM	A -	L 0-1	KRUL DOUGHTY GILES MENGI ANDERSEN JOHNSON
SAT SEP 30	EVERTON	3PM	A 17	W 2-1	KAMINSKI KABORÉ DOUGHTY BURKE LOCKYER BELL
SAT OCT 3	BURNLEY	7.30PM	H 17	L 1-2	KAMINSKI KABORÉ DOUGHTY MENGI BURKE LOCKYER BELL
SAT OCT 7	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	12.30PM	H		
SAT OCT 21	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	3PM	A		
SUN OCT 29	ASTON VILLA	2PM	A		
SUN NOV 5	LIVERPOOL	4.30PM	H		
SAT NOV 11	MANCHESTER UNITED	3PM	A		
SAT NOV 25	CRYSTAL PALACE	3PM	H		
SAT DEC 2	BRENTFORD	3PM	A		
TUE DEC 5	ARSENAL	745PM	H		
SAT DEC 9	MANCHESTER CITY	3PM	H		
SAT DEC 16	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	3PM	A		
SAT DEC 23	NEWCASTLE UNITED	3PM	H		
TUE DEC 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	3PM	A		
SAT DEC 30	CHESLSEA	3PM	H		
SAT JAN 13	BURNLEY	3PM	A		
TUE JAN 30	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	7.45PM	H		
SAT FEB 3	NEWCASTLE UNITED	3PM	A		
SAT FEB 10	SHEFFIELD UNITED	3PM	H		
SAT FEB 17	MANCHESTER UNITED	3PM	H		
SAT FEB 24	LIVERPOOL	3PM	A		
SAT MAR 2	ASTON VILLA	3PM	H		
SAT MAR 9	CRYSTAL PALACE	3PM	A		
SAT MAR 16	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	3PM	H		
SAT MAR 30	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	3PM	A		
TUE APR 2	ARSENAL	7.45PM	A		
SAT APR 6	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	3PM	H		
SAT APR 13	MANCHESTER CITY	3PM	A		
SAT APR 20	BRENTFORD	3PM	H		
SAT APR 27	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	3PM	A		
SAT MAY 4	EVERTON	3PM	H		
SAT MAY 11	WEST HAM UNITED	3PM	A		
SUN MAY 19	FULHAM	4PM	H		

Premier League

#	Team	Pi	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Manchester City	7	6	0	1	17	5	12	18
2	Tottenham Hotspur	7	5	2	0	17	8	9	17
3	Arsenal	7	5	2	0	15	6	9	17
4	Liverpool	7	5	1	1	16	7	9	16
5	Aston Villa	7	5	0	2	18	11	7	15
6	Brighton and Hove Albion	7	5	0	2	19	14	5	15
7	West Ham United	7	4	1	2	13	10	3	13
8	Newcastle United	7	4	0	3	18	7	11	12
9	Crystal Palace	7	3	2	2	7	7	0	11
10	Manchester United	7	3	0	4	7	11	-4	9
11	Chelsea	7	2	2	3	7	6	1	8
12	Nottingham Forest	7	2	2	3	8	10	-2	8
13	Fulham	7	2	2	3	5	12	-7	8
14	Brentford	7	1	4	2	10	10	0	7
15	Wolverhampton Wanderers	7	2	1	4	8	13	-5	7
16	Everton	7	1	1	5	6	12	-6	4
17	Luton Town	7	1	1	5	6	14	-8	4
18	Burnley	7	1	1	5	6	16	-10	4
19	Bournemouth	7	0	3	4	5	15	-10	3
20	Sheffield United	7	0	1	6	5	19	-14	1



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SUBSTITUTES										ATT	AWAY
NAKAMBA	CHONG	MPANZU	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	Shea, Francis-Clarke, Berry, Campbell, Doughty, Brown, McAtee, Ogbene, Woodrow, Doughty, Andersen, Ruddock-Mpanzu, Ogbene, Brown, Krul, Berry, Woodrow, Johnson	31,872	3,001				
NAKAMBA	CHONG	BARKLEY	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	Shea, Burke, Johnson, Kabore, Barkley, Chong, Nakamba, Adebayo, Morris	39,893	3,054				
MPANZU	BERRY	WOODROW	OGBENE	BROWN	Krul, Berry, Brown, Francis-Clarke, Johnson, Kabore, Mpanzu, Ogbene, Woodrow	9,468	1,058				
NAKAMBA	CHONG	BARKLEY	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	Krul, Adebayo, Berry, Doughty, Giles, Mengi, Mpanzu, Ogbene, Woodrow	10,802	1,151				
NAKAMBA	CHONG	LOKONGA	MORRIS	BROWN	Krul, Adebayo, Berry, Doughty, Giles, Mengi, Mpanzu, Ogbene, Woodrow	24,467	2,701				
NAKAMBA	LOKONGA	OBGENE	MORRIS	WOODROW	Krul, Adebayo, Andersen, Berry, Chong, Giles, Mengi, Mpanzu, Woodrow	10,893	1,091				
MPANZU	CHONG	BERRY	BROWN	ADEBAYO	Shea, Ogbene, Morris, Kabore, Burke, Brown, Bell, Burger, Luker	7,360	708				
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	OBGENE	MORRIS	BROWN	Krul, Andersen, Berry, Burke, Woodrow, Adebayo, Chong, Mengi, Giles, Johnson	39,289	2,976				
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	OBGENE	MORRIS	BROWN	Krul, Andersen, Berry, Burke, Woodrow, Adebayo, Chong, Giles, Johnson	10,918	1,126				



TODAY'S GAMES

	LUTON TOWN v TOTTENHAM
	BURNLEY v CHELSEA
	EVERTON v BOURNEMOUTH
	FULHAM v SHEFFIELD UTD
	MANCHESTER UTD v BRENTFORD
	CRYSTAL PALACE v NOTT'M FOREST

SUNDAY'S GAMES

	BRIGHTON v LIVERPOOL
	WEST HAM v NEWCASTLE
	WOLVES v ASTON VILLA
	ARSENAL v MANCHESTER CITY

TOP SCORERS

HAALAND (MAN CITY) 8
SON HEUNG-MIN (SPURS) 6
BOWEN (WEST HAM) 5

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1: 1987, 2: Midas 3: Hinch 4: 17: 5: Norwich 6: 18: 7: The Honest Men
8: Borgham Wood 9: Leekland 10: Marcellie
TOWN TEASERS ANSWERS

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HOLD THE BACK PAGE

With talkSPORT's Faye Carruthers

Despite working in football for 20 years, whenever I'm covering Luton it always feels like my two worlds are colliding.

I am so conscious of remaining impartial because I've never been able to keep my allegiance a secret. It's always been mentioned on talkSPORT because of the journey Luton have been on and I was outed as a Hatter by Jeff Stelling on Soccer Saturday when we were promoted from League Two because I wore orange on screen!

It's hard for football to be your escape when it's also your job. Even harder when your team is now in the Premier League and under constant scrutiny!

Kenilworth Road has always remained my escape though, so to walk in for our first home game in the Premier League and see wave after wave of familiar faces, not just in the stands, but in the press box and gantry as well, still felt surreal.

Me and my friend, colleague and fellow Hatter Antony Hagen (Spiney) watched you all flood into the ground on that first Friday night from the back of the new Bobbers media entrance and had goosebumps - we've worked together on many Luton games in the past, but this felt different.

My talkSPORT colleagues are broadcasting here today, watching with the incredible unobstructed gantry view. They're quickly boring of me excitedly showing them where I did my first ever match report as an 18-year-old - on a flip down Motorola near

the back of the main stand - and explaining how me and friend Gary used to shuffle back and forth along the spare Enclosure seats when we were sat in front of a post. I have loved showing them around Kenilworth Road and introducing them to the wonderful people who work at this club.

The thing that makes me proudest though is how many colleagues tell me how lovely, helpful and friendly everyone is here.

We've welcomed the world's media with open arms and they're embracing us, our quirks and our passion. Yes there will be tough times when we're criticised or mocked by some - many of those people doing so from afar, having never experienced football here - but the majority of journalists who visit for the first time are struck by the sense of community and fight we have and enjoy working in a ground with so much soul.

As much as the football snobbery may still exist and some may question our methods at times, I think they secretly want us to do well!

I was totally impartial (while on air!) for the Wolves match, but was here as a fan on Tuesday night with my nephew so could enjoy singing at the top of my voice.

Although that was a disappointing result, as always, we stayed behind the team. We're growing into this league so let's make sure North London can hear how loud the Kenny can be on a Saturday lunchtime. 



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19. JACOB BROWN
23. TIM KRUL
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28. ALBERT SAMBI LOKONGA
29. AMARI'I BELL
38. JOE JOHNSON
45. ALFIE DOUGHTY

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

- 1 HUGO LLORIS
- 3 SERGIO REGUILÓN
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- 8 YVES BISSOUMA
- 9 RICHARLISON
- 10 JAMES MADDISON
- 11 BRYAN GIL
- 12 EMERSON ROYAL
- 13 GUGLIELMO VICARIO
- 14 IVAN PERISIC
- 15 ERIC DIER
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