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WELCOME TO KENILWORTH ROAD

So here we go. Seven games to go. 21 points to play for. The Town head into this afternoon's game with Bournemouth knowing what they need to do in order to be playing Premier League football again next season. After brave displays in north London earlier this week, it's great to be back at Kenilworth Road. This place has been a source of inspiration for so long – and now's the time for us all to really embrace it. So get behind the lads – they need it – bring the noise, and above all, enjoy it. Come on Luton!



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**ROB
EDWARDS**

Firstly, welcome back to you all to Kenilworth Road for massive today's game, including our visitors, Andoni Iraola and his staff and players.

Now I always thought that to have belief, or to keep believing, you need to win – but this season has shifted my thinking a little.

I say this because the performances and work-rate of the players have been exceptional, especially in our recent times of adversity. The lads have given me and the staff everything. They are a special group of players, and this a special club with an unbelievable set of fans. Together, this is what makes me maintain the belief that we can achieve what we set out to do at the start of the season.

It's been tough not winning but when I look back at the faces in the dressing room and the faces in the crowd, I see the belief there still. I see a group of players after a defeat that are down but not beaten. I see their belief in what we're doing, knowing it's the right way.

I also see a team that has evolved, grown and competed with the best in the teams in the world, Europe, England, home and away. Over the last couple of months we've been up against it. Numbers have been short. Yet we've got by and there have been no excuses, and we've fought and we've played the way we've wanted to play.

As we applauded you at the end of the game at Arsenal on Wednesday I felt very proud to represent this football club. To have seen the players give their all and then for you to remain in your seats and appreciate their efforts at the final whistle, it was just a really special moment for me and it really made me fill with pride.

That second half on Wednesday could have gone a lot differently. We continued to press, to try and find a route back into the game. Arsenal's message would definitely not have been 'sit back', so for us to limit them to two long shots and for us to push them back for long spells was incredibly heartening. We stayed together, didn't go under or cave in. And you, in the away end, stuck with us.

Today we all recognise the importance of this match. It's not lost on myself or the players. We all know what it means. It gives us an opportunity to give ourselves a chance in the final games of the season so we're going to need a Sunderland-level of performance this afternoon. It's like a play-off semi-final in a way.

We'll need this place rocking, bouncing. Like you were the other night. Like you have been for many special, important games at the Kenny down the years. Let's create a special atmosphere and make it a winning day.

We'll be going for it. For sure they are going to be nerve-racking moments and difficult moments. After all, we're facing an in-form Bournemouth team who are a strong unit and playing really well under Andoni. It'll be tough, but we're going to give it absolutely everything, I can assure you.

The team wearing orange this afternoon – and those on the bench or in the stands – are special. They deserve your support. So please get behind them and bring the noise.

Enjoy the game. 





TOM LOCKYER

Despite the results in our last two games I've been incredibly proud of the lads and their performances against two really top teams and coming away from Arsenal on Wednesday I was definitely not disheartened.

We have seven massive games left to save our Premier League status and if the games at Spurs and Arsenal are to go by then I believe we have what it takes to ensure we do. In both games we more than held our own and at Tottenham we led the game for long periods, only to be undone late on by a goal from one of the league's finest attackers.

Our togetherness and spirit has never wavered this season, even in the toughest times. The boys and the staff have been performing miracles for 31 games and with seven to go nobody is giving up just yet. Far from it. We're three points from safety and we have some hugely important matches coming up, starting this afternoon against Bournemouth.

We showed in the first half at their place just what we are capable of with a fantastic half of football that saw us lead 3-0. Less said about the second half, obviously, but there are many aspects of the game we can learn from.

The boys know how big today's game is, but what it is worth remembering just how good Bournemouth have been so far, so while we're not facing an Arsenal, Tottenham or Liverpool, we need to guard against any complacency. Across the last 20 games, they are fifth in the form table, so they are a team who are playing with real confidence.

One thing we are going to need this afternoon is your backing from the stands. Your support has been wonderful all season but now we need to raise the decibel level even higher, especially in our final four home games. A big thank you to those who made the short trips to Spurs and Arsenal, I can tell despite the results you are proud of what the boys are doing on the pitch given the circumstances.

Finally, I'd like to welcome five special guests with us this afternoon who, without them, I wouldn't be here writing these notes. So a big shout out to Adam, Dean, Abbey, Phil and Mufeed, who were there on that day at Bournemouth when I went down. I met up with them at the game last month and I could not be more grateful for their actions that saved my life. Thank you again.

Once again, I'd like to remind you all, if you don't know CPR, get learning! It saved my life and it might one day save yours or a loved one's, so please go and take a course and it doesn't take long.

So back to today. We need your support like never before so sing loud from your seats and get behind the boys. It's been a year since we beat Watford down here at the Kenny and the atmosphere that afternoon was full-on. More of the same today, please. 🏆





FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE
GARY SWEET

Welcome back to you all for what is a hugely important Premier League fixture against our friends from Bournemouth.

I'd also like to welcome everyone associated with the Cherries to Kenilworth Road. We have always enjoyed a warm relationship. Perhaps originating from us both receiving a 'harsher than modern times' points deduction back in 2008 but certainly more so as a result of Tom Lockyer's incident in December. This was clearly evident a month ago when we were afforded a wonderful reception at the Vitality Stadium.

Supporter relations have also strengthened, and I must thank all of those Bournemouth supporters who gave Tom a rapturous round of applause before that fixture.

Furthermore, Cherries supporters' groups also helped raised funds for the British Heart Foundation, while our own supporters' fund-raising efforts saw enough raised to pay for two life-saving defibrillators, which have been installed at either end of the ground. One positioned outside the Kenilworth Road stand and the other outside the ticket office in Oak Road. Both of which can be accessed by those living in the local area – and we know already that they have been of use.

The strength and unity both sets of supporters have shown is tremendous, and it is a reminder that for misgivings we may have about the state of our beautiful game, that plenty of goodwill exists – something not always shown by rival football fans!

Also, as invited special guests in the directors' box today are the five medics who helped save Tom's life at the Vitality Stadium. Adam Todhunter, Dean Fernee, Abbey Clark, Phil Ballett and Mufeed Niman.

Thank you again, on behalf of everyone connected with Luton Town, for your immense support of our own medical staff on the day.

I would also like to welcome and thank the Cherries midfielder Philip Billing, for his role in alerting the medical staff as the incident happened. Applauding opposition players here at Kenilworth Road is rare, but I'm sure that if Philip is involved in some way today, you will give him your appreciation.

The amiable relationship between us is left behind, however, other than for a mutual respect, when our players cross the white line. The less said about our last encounter the better, other than the fact that we learn well from our mistakes. But what we would give to re-live the kind of game we experienced the last time we hosted Bournemouth here. Like many special Luton Town moments, we celebrated a 3-2 victory courtesy of a late winner from Kal Naismith. It was a hugely memorable performance and result and the atmosphere electric. It goes without saying that we'd love the same this afternoon.

Since taking the last international break, we have paid two consecutive visits to north London, visiting both the Tottenham Hotspur and the Emirates stadia, five days apart – two of the UK's most iconic football arenas in matches where we were written off before a ball was kicked.

I'm sure our travelling support would agree that these have been interesting experiences, not least behind-the-scenes, with the vast corridors and state-of-the-art facilities leaving us with the impatient feeling of watching Luton Town play at Power Court.



But in particular, our detailed attention is now being absorbed heavily into how we transfer the atmosphere from this old girl without losing its beloved atmosphere, intimate intimidation and its quirky but beautiful idiosyncrasies.

As we excitedly gain pace in this project now, have the faith that, whilst modern-day compliance will pose challenges as to how we may accomplish this – along with the fact that we too want state-of-the-artism – we are very confident such uniqueness will be embedded within its core design that will maintain a vibrancy, even if a few have to bail out early to catch a train home.

Our new home will absolutely have supporters at the heart of its designed creation.

As Rob has alluded to many times before, please do not underestimate the power that your voice has in the stands. The noise generated inside our lovable home can intimidate the very best teams, so please get behind the players and staff this afternoon.

Whenever we have faced adversity, we have always risen to the challenge and, as we enter the business end of what has been an exhilarating season in the top-flight, we need everyone to pull **positively** in the same direction.

Good vibes only please!

Our relegation battles and famous last-day acts of escapology are part of our rich history. Man City, Derby – twice, and Blackburn spring to mind. It is clear to see more than ever that this group never give up and this will be the case right until the very, very end.

The united colossal efforts our tight-knit squad and team of coaching staff are giving is there for all to witness and, at one of the most challenging moments in our club's on-field recent history, I know this will continue to the bitter end. The endeavour and spirit in the past two performances considering an injury list that is deep into double figures, gives us all great pride, as was unmistakably apparent at the end of Wednesday night's game where a genuine mutual respect and appreciation between squad and staff and supporters was emotionally observed from our seats on the other side of the stadium.

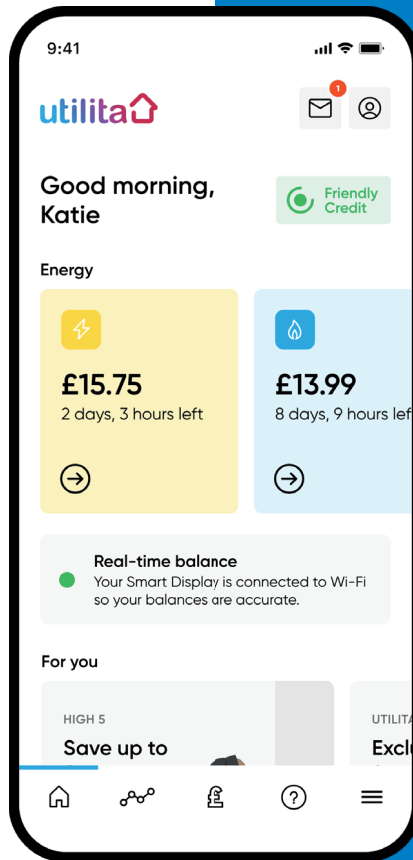
Another sense of pride is seeing several of our academy graduates gracing the substitutes' bench in the Premier League, further cementing the good work our academy is doing in nurturing through the next generation of Hatters. In particular, I'd like to congratulate 16-year-old Christian Chigozie for swapping his school blazer for a substitute's shirt for Wednesday's game at Arsenal. Such experience is huge for any young player but also gives those aspiring talents in our academy an indication that there is a pathway to the first team squad.



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So, having seen little luck but plenty of encouragement from recent performances, we go into today's game knowing just how important three points could be in ensuring we are a Premier League club next season.

Finally, we will pause before today's game for a minute's silence to honour four former Hatters who have sadly passed in the past month: Ron Baynham, Jimmy Husband, Mick Collins and Billy Kellock.

All four played significant parts in our history. Some of those were larger than others, such as England international Ron and his magical exploits in goal, which included helping us reach the FA Cup final in 1959. Jimmy, meanwhile, was a skilful, silky, goal-scoring forward who made a lasting impression on me as I started my journey as a very young Hatter in the 70s.

Every player who passes through Kenilworth Road is special to us. Some stay for longer than others. Some impress more than others. But what connects them all is that they chose to come and play for OUR club and, as our 20 named lads will do today, they will all leave us with memories our future generations will never forget.

So, let's show the respect to Ron, Jimmy, Mick and Billy before the game and then get behind the class of 2024 once that whistle goes. Go and give them reason to remember playing for us.

Enjoy the game!

Sing up!

Come on Luton!

Gary. 

AROUND TOWN

REST IN PEACE

The sad news reached us since our last home fixture with the passing of three former Hatters players.



Apart from appearing in goal 434 times for the Hatters, **Ron Baynham** was England's oldest surviving international at the time of his death at the age of 94.

For Luton supporters of a certain age, memories of Kenilworth Road in the 1950s conjure up the likes of Stanley Matthews, Nat Lofthouse and Tom Finney bearing down on the Luton goal where a tall, strong and athletic goalkeeper was there to see off their efforts.

Baynham began playing in the army on National Service and was spotted by a Wolves scout who offered him a trial at Molineux – which he turned down as he did not think he was good enough for that level of football. Instead, on leaving the army, he joined Worcester City in the Southern League.

Two years later he was offered another trial, this time at Kenilworth Road, and was now more confident in his abilities and was ready for the step-up and signed on in November 1951 in exchange for £1,000.

He never looked back, winning three England caps and appearing over 400 times the Town. After winding down his career Ron worked as a painter and decorator as well as at Luton Airport for some years before retiring to live in Silsoe.

Glasgow-born **Billy Kellock** failed to make the grade at Aston Villa and moved to Cardiff in 1972 where he made his League debut for the Bluebirds as an 18-year-old.



Short stays at Norwich and Millwall followed before he dropped out of the league to join Kettering Town where his performances saw David Pleat pay £30,000 for his services in 1982.

He helped Wolves to promotion before dropping back down the divisions, turning out for Southend, Port Vale and Halifax, and finished back at Kettering where he managed a Country Club.

Mick Collins passed away last week at the age of 86. Although born in London, Mick was brought up in Wellingborough and came to the attention of Luton after playing for the Northants youth side, signing in 1955.



After ten Hatters first team appearances he reluctantly went to Chelmsford, joining up with former Luton team mate Alan Collier and then moved to Bedford, to be followed by Collier, before both played in the Eagles' long 1965/66 FA Cup run.

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Ron, Billy and Mick all of whom will be remembered with a minute's silence prior to kick-off this afternoon.

HOW CPR HELPED SAVE A FELLOW HATTER'S LIFE

When Paul Rodell started his walk up Kenilworth Road to attend the Chelsea game at the end of December, little did he know that within moments he would be relying on a fellow Luton Town supporter to save his life.

Just two weeks after our captain, Tom Lockyer, had suffered a cardiac arrest on the pitch at Bournemouth, 80-year-old Paul collapsed due to the same issue.



While Locks had heroes in waiting at the Vitality Stadium, with the Town, Cherries and local medics rightly hailed at the rescheduled match last Wednesday, Paul had his own saviour making her way along the same route.

Sue Collins, an off-duty Senior Resuscitation Nurse Practitioner at Bedford Hospital, was walking closely behind him and immediately set to work to perform CPR while sending her husband Andy off to find a defibrillator and daughter Rosie to call an ambulance.

Last month we brought them together at the Kenny, and Paul said: "There are no words that I can think of that can adequately explain how I feel. I'm so lucky to be sitting here with the person who saved my life."

Sue, a Hatters member who only found out she had a ticket on the Thursday night before the game, added: "I just did what was natural to me, but the one good thing to come out of this and the Tom Lockyer story is for people to learn CPR.

"The 15-minute RevivR video on the British Heart Foundation website is brilliant. That one person who learns CPR from it, that just might happen to walk behind someone who collapses, as I did with Paul, could save a life."

While Paul is thankfully back attending matches now, he gave his season ticket seat to Sue to sit alongside his son, Steve, and grandson Freddie, for a few games while he recovered.

"I feel really emotional being here," added Sue, "and when Lisa (McEvoy, LTFC fan engagement officer) first rang to tell me Paul had survived, I did cry. I feel like we are part of the same family now."

Also present at Kenilworth Road was fellow Hatter Ollie Kay, the We Are Luton Town podcast host who set up a fans' fundraising page that raised over £3,000 to pay for a Lockyer Tifo – as seen at Bournemouth last week – and two potentially life-saving defibrillators to be positioned outside the ground.

Those defibrillators are situated outside the Ticket Office at the top of Oak Road, and on the Kenilworth Apron in order that they are accessible to the local community 24/7, should the need arise.



MICK'S GOT THE KEYS TO TOWN!

The one and only Mick Harford was given the freedom of Luton by the Borough Council at a special ceremony.

"It's an unbelievable accolade, I'm so honoured and humbled," said Mick.

"When I look back, so many more people in Luton have done unbelievable work so I feel very, very honoured.

"I might not have to buy a pint in Luton anymore! But I'm so pleased, and it's an indication of where the Club is right now, and everyone associated with it should feel part of this honour as well."

Congratulations, Mick!



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BERRY HITS LATE LEVELLER TO GIVE TOWN PRECIOUS POINT

For the second Saturday running the Town found a way to earn one of their most important points of the season.

It came, with one minute left of the 90, from the sweet left boot of Luke Berry. The importance of the equaliser ensured the Hatters remain with three points of Nottingham Forest in the battle to stay in the Premier League.

The difference between a six-point gap and a three-point gap meant the Town slept easier thanks to Berry's leveller – the 17th game in succession the Hatters have scored in the top-flight.

Battered, bruised and down to the bare bones – the Hatters hauled themselves back into this game despite injuries to Alfie Doughty and Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu adding to an already packed treatment room.

An injury sustained to Mpanzu shortly before the hour was harsh on the midfielder, who had enjoyed a fine afternoon on his 397th appearance for the club.


The Town began brightly – Ross Barkley firing three warning shots inside the first 15 minutes but Forest, however, had their noses in front at the break thanks to Chris Wood.

It came after a sustained period of pressure that firstly saw Reece Burke somehow hack a certain goal off the line following Divock Origi's shot. For the goal, Morgan Gibbs-White swung over a teasing cross from the right and the striker reacted first to guide a shot beyond Thomas Kaminski.

With the Hatters having to shuffle an already weary pack, the Town had Teden Mengi to thank seven minutes after the restart to clear Anthony Elanga's goalbound shot.

As time ticked down, the Hatters continued to huff and puff yet for all their possession they struggled to call Matz Sels, the Forest keeper, into any meaningful action.

Berry was called from the substitutes' bench with four minutes left on the clock and within three minutes the former Cambridge man had the Town level. Burke nodded down Ross Barkley's corner and Berry spun to drive a left-foot finish beyond Sels.

The Town sensed an extraordinary win with seven added minutes shown but it was Forest who came closest to snatching all three points with Callum Hudson-Odoi and Ryan Yates flashing shots wide. 

Kenilworth Road – 16th March 2024

Town: Kaminski; Kaboré, Ogenbe, Doughty (sub Woodrow 46), Burke, Mengi, Mpanzu (sub Townsend 60), Barkley, Clark (sub Berry 85), Chong, Morris.

Subs not used: Shea, Krul, Hashioka, Nelson, Piesold, Martins.

Forest: Sels, Williams, Boly, Santos, Toffolo, Yates, Sangare, Origi (sub Hudson-Odoi 75), Gibbs-White (sub Dominguez 82), Elanga, Wood (sub Felipe).

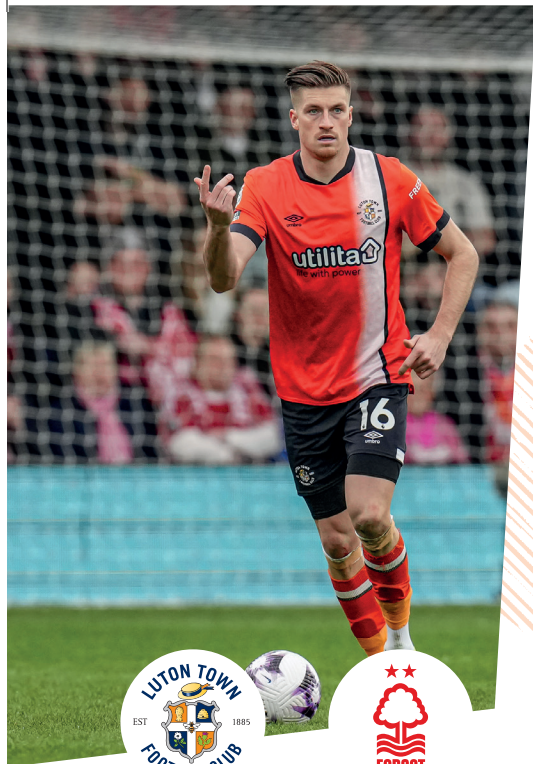
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GOALS

Town – Berry 89

Forest – Wood 34

Attendance: 11,630, including 1,260 in the away end.



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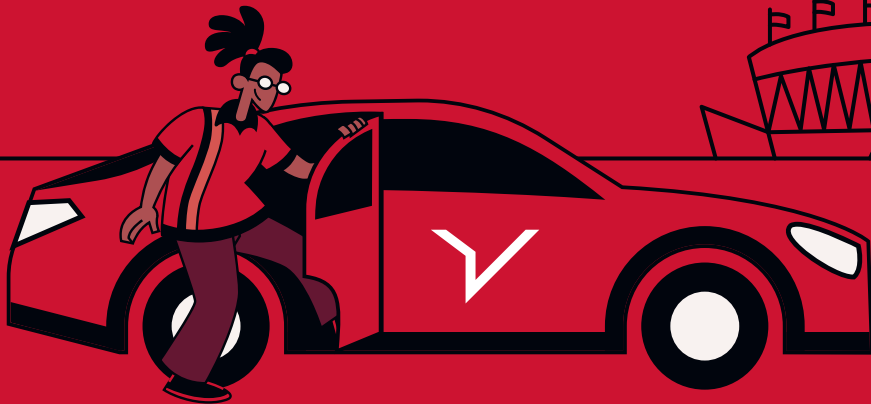
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RECORD BREAKER BERRY OFF THE MARK IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE

Luke Berry wrote himself into Luton Town history with the last-minute equaliser against Nottingham Forest at Kenilworth Road, then described it in typical down-to-earth style as: "Just one of those things!"

The 31-year-old midfielder became the first man to score in all four of English football's top divisions in a Hatters shirt with his maiden Premier League strike in the 1-1 draw.

Asked what his feelings were when he swivelled and volleyed home Reece Burke's knock-down from a Ross Barkley corner, Berry replied: "Just, 'Yeah, it's brilliant, come on!'

"I don't know, I just want to score and help the team really, that's the main thing. I'm not too fussed really about scoring in the Premier League. It's just one of those things."


Berry's goal on his 150th league appearance for the Town was his 25th in a Town shirt, from a total of 176 appearances in all competitions over six-and-a-half years.

He is one of two players in the Town squad, along with skipper Tom Lockyer, to have netted in all five of the top divisions having also found the target in the Conference on many occasions for Cambridge United.

The midfielder can also include goals at Step 5 of the Non-League Pyramid on

his CV, having played for Cambridge's development side, Cambridge Regional College, in the Eastern Counties League Premier Division.

"The main thing was just getting the point and making sure we stayed in touch with them," said Berry of the result that keeps Town within a victory of Forest. "If we'd lost today it would have been six points and now we can go into the international break, regroup and kick on."

He added: "Everyone knows you can't be losing, it's a six-pointer really, and thankfully although we didn't get the win, at least we didn't lose." 





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TOWN FALL TO LATE SON STRIKE AT TOTTENHAM

Bruised and down to the bare bones like never before, the Hatters came within four minutes of securing a vital, battling point at Tottenham – only to be beaten by Heung-Min Son's deflected late strike.

It was tough to take after an exhausting 90 minutes of Premier League action that ultimately left the Town finish the day inside the division relegation's zone.

The afternoon started so positively when Rob Edwards's side took the lead in the third minute when former Spurs winger Andros Townsend teed up Ross Barkley inside the box. The midfielder's cute pass into the path of Tahith Chong was perfect and the former Birmingham man drove a wonderful left-foot effort into the corner of the net.

The early goal sparked Spurs into action. Timo Werner flashed a shot wide and on 20 minutes the Hatters somehow survived when Son's shot came off both posts before two follow-up shots were blocked by Issa Kaboré and Teden Mengi.

As the hosts continued to attack the Hatters defence stood tall but there was a half-a-chance for a 2-0 half-time lead when Alfie Doughty's volley was blocked behind for a corner and Luke Berry headed wide from the resultant flag-kick.

Leading at the break the Town were rocked by yet another injury as Reece Burke needed to be withdrawn and Daiki Hashioka was introduced.

However six minutes after the restart the home side were level when half-time substitute Brennan Johnson's low right-wing cross was put through his own net by Kaboré.

Spurs laid siege on the Town goal but shortly after the hour Jordan Clark came mighty close to restoring the lead when his low shot from the edge of the box was tipped away by home stopper Guglielmo Vicario.

Tottenham upped the ante as time ticked down and with 12 minutes left the Hatters somehow survived another goalmouth melee. Johnson's shot from close range was stopped by Kaminski and Doughty hacked clear with the ball all but over the line.

But the Town were not so lucky with four minutes left on the clock when Spurs countered following a Hatters corner with Son striding clear. Werner's pass from the left found Johnson whose layoff was hit home by Son, via the aid of the unfortunate Hashioka.



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**Tottenham Hotspur Stadium
30th March 2024**

Town: Kaminski; Townsend, Doughty (sub Woodrow 83), Mengi, Burke (sub Hashioka 46), Kaboré; Mpanzu, Barkley, Berry; Chong (sub Onyedima 73), Morris.

Subs not used: Shea, Krul, Clark, Johnson, Nelson, Piesold.

Tottenham: Vicario, Dragusin, Son (sub Hojbjerg 88), Bissouma (sub Richarlison 85), Maddison (sub Bentancur 68), Werner, Romero, Kulusevski (sub Johnson 46), Porro, Sarr (sub Lo Celso 68), Udogie.

Subs: Austin, Royal, Davies, van de Ven.

SCORERS

Town – Chong 3

Spurs – Kaboré (og) 51, Son 86

Attendance: 61,534, including 3,038 proud Hatters in the away end.





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TOWNSEND REFLECTS ON TOTTENHAM DEFEAT

Town winger Andros Townsend was hopeful that the Hatters could hold on before the late defeat at Tottenham Hotspur.

"It was a tough one to take," said Townsend playing against his former club. "We've been in this situation on the flip side where we've nicked a point late on so it's always devastating to concede late in a game.

"It's even harder to take when we've defended so well for most of the game, we've scored early, and it was just about holding on so we could then hit them on the counterattack.

"Unfortunately, after half-time we switched off to let them equalise and then it's an uphill battle from there.


"The crowd got behind them and it was wave after wave. We almost held out and almost equalised at the end, so

everyone's devastated. We have more massive games to come this week, so we'll dust ourselves down and go again.

"Spurs like to bring their full-backs inside, so any turnovers we make leave gaps in wide areas. I was able to utilise that space on a few occasions and thankfully, we were clinical.

"Getting ourselves ahead within three minutes, I was hopeful we could hold it out and pick them off where we could, but it wasn't to be in the end.

"The fans are incredible. They are true supporters who sing whether we play well or not and that's how supporters should be.

"We are grateful for our fans, and we are so desperate to give them something to cheer about at the end of the season, we're still fighting and battling because if there's a fanbase that deserve to be cheering at the end of the season, it's ours." 

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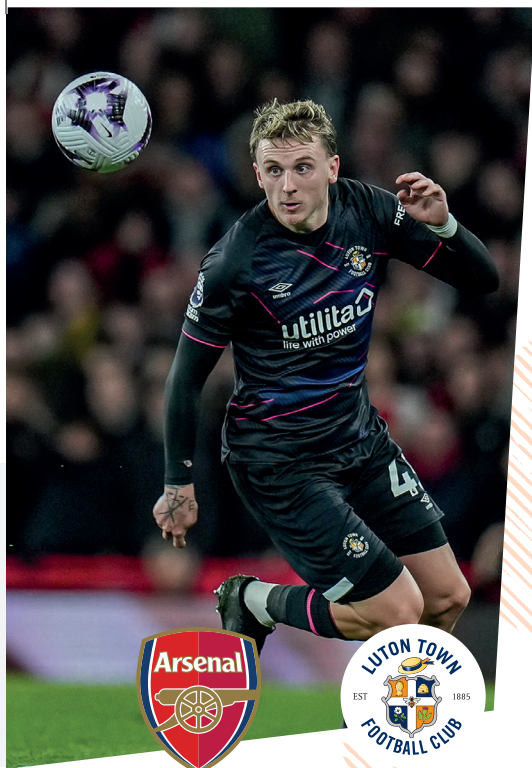


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2-0

Emirates Stadium – 3rd April 2024

Gunners: Raya, Saliba, White, Partey (sub Rice 67), Gabriel, Odegaard, Smith Rowe (sub Jorginho 85), Trossard, Nelson (sub Martinelli 75), Havertz (sub Nketiah 67), Zinchenko (sub Tomiyasu 74).

Subs not used: Ramsdale, Jesus, Martinelli, Nketiah, Kiwior, Tomiyasu, Jorginho, Vieira, Rice

Hatters: Kaminski, Kaboré, Hashioka, Mengi, Doughty, Onyedima (sub Woodrow 75), Barkley, Mpanzu (sub Chong 53), Clark, Townsend (sub Berry 81), Morris.

Subs not used: Shea, Krul, Berry, Johnson, Chigozie, Nelson, Piesold.

Attendance: 60,262

SCORERS:

Arsenal – Odegaard 24, Hashioka (og) 44

INJURY-HIT HATTERS GO DOWN TO NARROW DEFEAT

Defeated but not deflated.

With a mounting injury crisis well into double figures the Hatters arrived at the Emirates to face a title-chasing Arsenal aiming to pull off one of the biggest results in the club's history but left with their heads still high in a performance full of pride despite a narrow defeat.

Arsenal's slick attacking play was rewarded in the 24th minute when Martin Odegaard exchanged passes with Kai Havertz before steering a fine finish beyond Thomas Kaminski.

The Gunners almost made it 2-0 when Kaminski saved from Emile Smith Rowe on ten minutes before the break. The injury worries looked set to continue shortly after that chance with both Daiki Hashioka and Teden Mengi needing treatment.

The duo recovered but shortly after Arsenal went close again, the home side did double their lead. Smith Rowe was found smartly in space down the left and he patiently waited for a teammate to arrive in the six-yard box. Reiss Nelson was first to it but the ball inadvertently clipped the boot of the unfortunate Hashioka and the scoreboard read 2-0.

Barkley had the Town's first shot on target with a free-kick from range seconds before the break and after the interval the Hatters continued to hold the hosts at bay.

In fact for much of the second half the Hatters were pushing for a route back into the game and threatened the Arsenal back-line with substitute Tahith Chong giving extra zest to the Town attack.

But Arsenal were a shadow of their first half selves, lacking the verve that cut the Town open for long spells and, as the Town's 3,000 supporters sung their hearts out, their side continued to have their fair share of the ball.

It wasn't until two minutes from the end that the Gunners called Kaminski into action when the Belgian turned substitute Eddie Nketiah's low shot around the post.

Half-chances for Hashioka and substitute Luke Berry failed to add a consolation that would have extended their 18-match scoring streak but come the final whistle the Hatters could be proud of their performance against one of the country's best sides.





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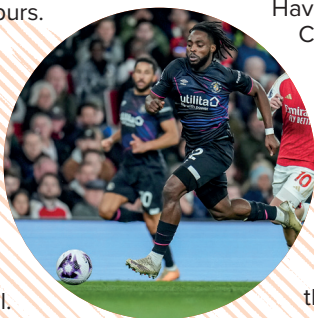
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GUESS WHO'S BACK, FRED IS BACK!

Fred Onyedinda described his return to the Hatters first team – and a surprise Premier League debut – as “crazy” after the “headloss” of his season-long loan at Championship strugglers Rotherham being cut short in January through injury.

With Town having a berth in their 25-man squad left free for either Tom Lockyer or Onyedinda to fill once ready to return to action, the latter found out last Thursday he would be included for the weekend's visit to Spurs.

The wideman managed to keep a cool head when thrown on as left-back in the latter stages of the narrow defeat at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, before playing 75 minutes at right wing-back as a starter in Wednesday's trip to Arsenal.



“It was bitter-sweet as it was good to make my debut, but it's not the greatest (result),” said the 27-year-old of the 2-0 midweek loss at the Emirates Stadium. “I still appreciated and enjoyed every moment of it.

“I think football's crazy. I've been playing for a while now and you just have to keep your head down and just play. You never know what happens. Literally, the next two months you could be here, you could be there. I'm grateful I had this opportunity.”

With the Town's injury list mounting, Onyedinda's return to fitness was perfectly timed.

“When I came back injured, that was disappointment for me, so you can imagine how headloss I was,” said Onyedinda. “But it's just football. You just have to try and be in and around it and then, who knows? Unfortunately, people got injured, but you have to fill in and have to be ready.”

Having played in the Championship play-off final win over Coventry, Onyedinda is no stranger to the big stage.

But he added: “I can't think about myself. I just have to work hard and do my bit for the team and hopefully we can stay up.

“The boys will always have confidence. Even when we were in the Championship, no-one would have thought we'd get promoted.

“Then we beat the odds going step by step, so the togetherness of the squad is always good, regardless of any team the manager puts out there. You know we're going to give it our all to the end.” 🏆



WELCOME AFC BOURNEMOUTH

The Cherries are in town for yet another huge game in the Premier League here at Kenilworth Road. Bournemouth are in excellent form at the moment and sit comfortably in mid-table in the Premier League.

Bournemouth started the season with a 1-1 draw against West Ham which was followed up with losses to Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur.

Andoni Iraola's side almost won away at Brentford after this but Bryan Mbeumo equalised in the 93rd minute. Bournemouth's next game saw a 0-0 draw with Chelsea and then a 3-1 loss to Brighton & Hove Albion.

There were defeats to Arsenal, Everton and Wolves and things were looking bleak. The Cherries took until 28th October to get their first win of the season as they beat Burnley 2-1 at home.

Bournemouth were soon humbled at the Etihad Stadium as Manchester City destroyed them 6-1. This seemed to really kick start their season as this was followed by wins against Newcastle United and Sheffield United.

Iraola's side started December with a 2-2 draw with Aston Villa before picking up two impressive away wins against Crystal Palace and Manchester United. The Cherries destroyed Manchester United 3-0 at Old Trafford and went on to beat Nottingham Forest 3-2 at the City Ground after a last minute winner.

A 3-0 home win against Fulham and a 3-1 loss to Spurs ended the year for Bournemouth. Liverpool also beat Bournemouth 4-0 in January before the Cherries drew 1-1 with West Ham.

This was the start of another poor run for Bournemouth as they went six games without a win. This was ended with a 2-0 win away at Burnley before drawing 2-2 with Sheffield United.

Last time the two sides today faced, Bournemouth beat Luton 4-3 in a remarkable game at the Vitality Stadium. The Hatters were 3-0 up at half time but a second half comeback from Bournemouth saw them win 4-3.

More recently, Bournemouth beat Everton and Crystal Palace and have won three games in a row. A warm welcome to all those associated with AFC Bournemouth today.

MEET THE CHERRIES

THE BOSS



ANDONI IRAOLA. Spaniard arrived on the South Coast last summer having previously spent three years with Rayo Vallecano in Spain. A right-back as a player he made over 400 appearances for Athletic Bilbao.

GOALKEEPER



NETO. Captain between the sticks, the Brazilian stopper joined the Cherries in August 2022. After leaving his homeland for Fiorentina in 2011 he has also enjoyed spells at Juventus, Valencia and Barcelona.

DEFENDERS



MAX AARONS. Former Hatters academy full-back who made over 200 appearances for Norwich. Capped at youth level for England, he moved to Bournemouth in August 2023 for a reported £7m.



LLOYD KELLY. Another England under-21 international, defender Lloyd is comfortable at left-back or centre-half. Started his career at Bristol City before moving to the south coast in 2019.



MILOS KERKEZ. Left-sided defender or wing-back who arrived last summer from Dutch club AZ. A Hungary international he also spent one season in the academy at AC Milan.



DANGO OUATTARA. Versatile Burkina Faso international who can operate at full-back or further forward who signed for the Cherries in 2023 from French club Lorient.



MARCOS SENESI. Argentinian centre-half Marcos signed for the Cherries in August

2022 having impressed during time with Feyenoord in the Netherlands. Moved to Europe from San Lorenzo in 2019.



ADAM SMITH. Experienced full-back and vice-captain Adam has made over 350 appearances

for the club having joined in 2014 from Tottenham.



ILLIA ZABARNYI. Highly-rated centre-half who arrived at Dean Court from Dynamo Kyiv in

January 2023. Despite being just 21 years old, he has already been capped 32 times by Ukraine.

MIDFIELDERS



PHILIP BILLING. Danish international midfielder Philip joined the Cherries from Huddersfield for £15m in 2019. The midfielder was first on the scene when Tom Lockyer suffered a cardiac arrest in December. We'll never forget. Thank you, Philip.



LEWIS COOK. Defensive midfielder Lewis has been a regular in the side since signing for an undisclosed sum from Leeds in 2016. After a number of fine performances, made his England debut in 2018.



JUSTIN KLUIVERT. The son of Dutch striker Patrick, Justin has forged a fine career for himself, impressing for Ajax, Roma and Valencia. The attacking midfielder has won two caps for the Netherlands.



MARCUS TAVERNIER. Exciting, fleet-footed midfielder or winger who signed for the Cherries in 2022 after an impressive five years with Middlesbrough.



ALEX SCOTT. Guernsey-born midfielder was a summer arrival from Bristol City for a reported £25m. An England youth international he was named EFL Young Player of the Season 12 months ago.

ATTACKERS



RYAN CHRISTIE. Scottish international winger shot to prominence with Inverness Caledonian Thistle, earning a move to Celtic in 2015. Joined the Cherries in August 2021.



ANTOINE SEMENYO. London-born, Ghana international forward capable of playing in a variety of positions. Another Bristol City academy graduate, he signed for the Cherries for £10m in 2022.



LUIS SINISTERRA. Skilful Colombia international winger who signed permanently this year following a successful loan spell from Leeds. Moved to Feyenoord from Once Caldas in 2018.



DOMINIC SOLANKE. The Cherries' main man and top goalscorer, Dominic arrived on the South Coast from Liverpool in 2019 for a reported £19m. Started his career as a youngster at Chelsea.



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A HATTER AND A CHERRY

Plenty of players have sported the colours of both sides, especially in recent history. Jack Stacey, Cameron Carter-Vickers and Marc Pugh, for example.

However, one player in particular was on-song in his time at Kenilworth Road and on the south coast.

Northern Ireland schoolboy international **Steve Robinson** signed on for Tottenham as a youth trainee but failed to make the breakthrough at White Hart Lane, making only two Premier League appearances.

A busy midfielder, Steve joined Bournemouth on a free transfer in October 1994 and went on to become virtually ever present in the Cherries team for six seasons, picking up full international caps for his country along the way.

A £375,000 move to Preston in 2000 did not work out and, after a loan spell at Bristol City, Steve found a permanent transfer to Joe Kinnear's Luton in 2002 much more to his liking.

Able to play anywhere in midfield, Steve remained a regular in the Hatters side and made over 200 first team appearances in his six years at Kenilworth Road, helping the Town to the League One title in 2004/05.

After retiring, Steve worked for the Irish FA before moving into management. After spells at Oldham, Motherwell and Morecambe he is now the boss at St Mirren.



GREAT GAMES

**BOURNEMOUTH 0-1 TOWN
9TH APRIL 2005**

On a fine sunny day, and cheered on by 1,600 fans, the Town push themselves to the brink of promotion, but only after an early setback when Russ Perrett is sent off for a trip on James Hayter.

The Hatters' ten men show their promotion credentials however and take the points with six minutes remaining when Enoch Showunmi slams the ball home from close range. The away end explodes with joy and manager Mike Newell is a happy man.

Town: Beresford, Foley, David, Perrett, Davies, Holmes, Nicholls, Brkovic, Underwood, Howard, Vine. Subs: Coyne, Feeney, Showunmi.



CLASSIC KIT

Red and black stripes. A decent match. Just ask any AC Milan fan. Our pick has to be the Cherries' 1996/97 effort from manufacturers Patrick. The red and black is accompanied by some white stripes between the main stripes and topped off with an iconic Bournemouth sponsor, Frizzell. Nice!



CULT HERO

**FEATURING:
STEVE FLETCHER**

CULT HERO: STEVE FLETCHER

A Cherry through and through there's no looking past **Steve Fletcher** here. Signing from Hartlepool in 1992, he scored 121 goals in 728 appearances over the course of the next 15 years.

After spells at Chesterfield and Crawley Town, the forward returned to the Cherries from 2009-2013, scoring 15 goals after making 135 more appearances.

Following retirement, 'Fletch' initially took up a role as scout for the club and then advanced to become assistant coach and represent AFC Bournemouth as an ambassador at various club associated events.



CLASSIC CLASH

**LUTON TOWN 1-0 AFC BOURNEMOUTH
30TH AUGUST 2004**

KEVIN NICHOLLS LEADS BY EXAMPLE



CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH LOOKS BACK ON THE TIME THE TOWN BEAT THE CHERRIES TO CONTINUE A PERFECT START TO THE SEASON

The Hatters finished the 2003/04 season in tenth spot in Division Two (now League One) which was a minor miracle when it was considered that the club was in administrative receivership for most of the campaign.

Building on the squad inherited from previous manager Joe Kinnear, new boss Mike Newell saw his players scale the heights one week only to suffer a disappointing defeat the next. All that was needed was a little consistency which Newell aimed to address as the 2004/05 campaign started.

Although there were two major departures, Emmerson Boyce to Crystal Palace and Matthew Spring to Leeds, Newell felt that his squad was strong enough given the promise of youngsters Kevin Foley, Keith Keane and Curtis Davies.

The opening day, of what was to be a momentous season, saw the Town struggle to beat a tough Oldham side at Kenilworth

Road, with the winning goal coming from Paul Underwood on his home debut.

Next up were two difficult away trips to Swindon and Barnsley with both games providing end to end excitement. Swindon were seen off 3-2 in a thriller while at Oakwell the Town were 4-1 up only to allow the Tykes back in the game with two late goals.

Again the Town made hard work of it in their next home game, with stubborn Torquay limiting the Hatters to a solitary Steve Howard strike after 36 minutes. The win lifted the Town to top spot and with it a record – never before had a Luton team won its first four matches of a season.

Anxious to see the winning run maintained, many Luton supporters made the long trip to Blackpool the following Saturday only to see their heroes go a goal down after only four minutes. Fortunately, a strong second half comeback saw the Town end convincing

winners after goals from Howard and Ahmet Brkovic with two. Such was enthusiasm that greeted the Hatters' second goal that the floor of the temporary stand housing the Luton supporters gave way! Mercifully there were no serious injuries.

Joining London pair Chelsea and Arsenal as the only sides with 100 per cent records, the Hatters prepared to take on mid-table Bournemouth on August Bank Holiday Monday afternoon.

Due to the amazing start to the season the crowd was up to 7,404, the best of the campaign at that stage, and included 1950s winger Jimmy Adam, back in this country on a whistle-stop visit from Australia with his Luton-born wife Enid.

The only change in the side from the 3-1 victory at Blackpool was Kevin Foley replacing Keith Keane at right back but with Bourne-

mouth setting out their stall with an ultra-defensive formation from the start the Luton back four did not have a great deal to do.

The Cherries strung five across the middle and even had front two James Hayter and Alan Connell regularly dropping deep to stifle the play.

The game soon developed into a frustrating midfield battle and the only chance of note in the opening half-hour came when Kevin Nicholls fired in a stinging shot from outside the area which was well saved by Bournemouth goalkeeper Neil Moss.

Both Curtis Davies and Chris Coyne hit the woodwork with headers but then needed to be alert at the other end when Connell hit a shot over the bar after a Marlon Beresford mis-hit goal kick.

Howard, who was chasing Jermaine Defoe's record of ten League goals in consecutive games, saw a 20-yard shot tipped wide on the hour mark and Rowan Vine then ran clean through a couple of minutes later, but the busy Moss saved with his feet.

When Howard saw a flicked header cleared off the line, Luton supporters began to think it was going to be one of those days but, with the game heading towards a stalemate, Nicholls collected Steve Robinson's square pass and surprised everyone, including the out of position Moss, by curling home a beautiful strike from distance.

Although there were still nine minutes left the Luton defence was not troubled and comfortably held out to make it six straight wins and go six points clear at the top.

Town: Beresford, Foley, Davis, Davies, Coyne, Robinson, Brkovic, Howard, Vine (sub Showunmi), Nicholls, Underwood.

Bournemouth: N Moss, Howe, Broadhurst, Young (sub Holmes), Cummings, Maher, Connell (sub R Moss), O'Connor, Stock, C Fletcher, Hayter.



STEVE HOWARD CHALLENGES 



VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD

LIKE THE HATTERS, OUR VISITORS HAVE ENDURED A ROLLERCOASTER EXISTENCE AND CHERRIES FAN LIVVY WILLIAMS HAS SEEN IT ALL. HERE SHE EXPLAINS JUST EXACTLY WHAT IT MEANS TO BE BOURNEMOUTH.

What does it mean to be a Bournemouth supporter?

Being a Bournemouth supporter means far more than just following a brand or a group of celebrities. Cut me open, I bleed Cherryade!

I have been watching AFCB play on and off since my Dad first took me to Dean Court when I was a child in the 1980s. I admit that at first it may have been more about the pasties and chocolate bars, but it was also that special Saturday afternoon date with my Dad and over those early years I got hooked on the atmosphere. I'll never tire of that magic feeling on a Tuesday night under the floodlights, rain or shine.

How important is watching Bournemouth to you and why?

It's part of our collective history. It dominated my formative years. That feeling of excitement off to the match with Dad, which we've now infected my husband, brother and stepdaughter with. I also love to support local, and even at school when the others were mocking my support of second / third division Bournemouth, while they followed the likes of Manchester United and Liverpool from afar, at least I got to watch my team play live on a regular basis.

There's also no better way to switch off and dial out all the internal noise. Absorbing yourself in a live football match that you really care about is great for your general wellbeing, although possibly not for the blood pressure!

Like Luton, the Cherries have experienced a rollercoaster existence – describe how the ups and downs of following the club have impacted your life.

You get addicted to the rollercoaster though don't you, winning all the time would be boring, right?! Having started watching from the terraces with 'Harry, Harry, Harry, Harry Redknapp on the bench' and developing fanatical support 'walking in a Machin Wonderland', witnessing the club fall into receivership was a huge low and we were amongst 1000s at the Winter Gardens in Bournemouth shaking buckets to collect money. But it's experiences like these that make success all the sweeter. The Great Escape, and subsequent trajectory the club has taken, is unbelievable and thoroughly deserved. Eddie Howe was obviously a huge part of this story, and his leaving, and return to Dean Court for the first time last season, were very emotional times for me and I'm sure all AFCB fans.

Of all the players that have worn the red and black, who stands out for you and why?

Luther Blissett is one of the first players I remember watching and of course was a legendary goalscorer of that era. I absolutely loved midfielder Ian Bishop and was amazed to discover recently that he only actually played for Bournemouth for one season in 1988/89! In more recent years Jefferson Lerma, Callum Wilson stand out along with the likes of Dom Solanke... and just too many others to choose from in our current squad!

What matches against Luton do you remember?

I have a terrible memory! So whilst I will have been at several over the years, the recent 4-3 win at The Vitality, having gone 3-0 down, is my main memory (sorry lovely Luton fans!) Poignant too given the return of Tom Lockyer. I hadn't been at the original fixture in December, so to be there for the rematch was extra special.

Can you put into words the feeling of being a Bournemouth fan right now – is it fair to say this is the best period in the club's entire history? How do your gauge your level of expectations?

I feel like there's something inherent in us that likes to be the underdog, make a comeback, surprise everyone, struggle against adversity, and I'm not sure I'll ever remain calm and confident for a full 90 minutes, but safety in the Premier League in early April is bliss! Ever the optimist, definitely looking up...

How has life supporting Bournemouth changed during your lifetime following the club?

Having lived a few different places over the last 20 years, I've not always been able to follow the club as closely as I did as a child and do now, but Dean Court will always feel like home, and every time I'm there, this is my overwhelming emotion. The hope and expectations have changed, sometimes this breaks your heart (Arsenal 3-2 Bournemouth, 4th March 2023, 90+7) but mostly it's just a pleasure to have them in my life.

Finally, what's your favourite ever Bournemouth game and why?

Tottenham Hotspur 2-3 AFCB, 15th April 2023. 95th minute winner. We were all there (husband Paul, Dad Chris, brother John, stepdaughter Alyssa and niece Astria). That feeling after Spurs had got it back to 2-2 in the 88th minute, nothing else like it!



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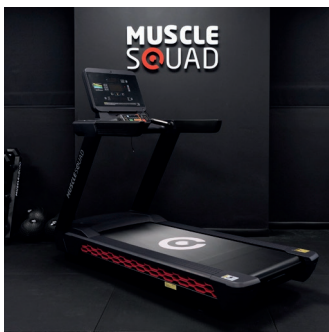
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TWO TO FORGET

There are two defeats among the 23 games on this date that stick out in recent memory.

In 2004 the Town made the long midweek trip to Hartlepool, knowing only a victory would keep their slim play-off hopes alive. In a topsy-turvy encounter, the Town led twice and trailed 3-2 before Ahmet Brkovic equalised. However Adam Boyd (remember him?) converted a last-minute penalty to secure a dramatic win for the hosts.

Finally, it was on this day in 2013 that the Hatters reached their lowest point, going down 5-1 away against Gateshead in the Conference. The game, played at Carlisle's Brunton Park, was watched by just 382 – our lowest ever attendance – with 126 of those backing the Hatters.

THE RECORD

Hatters teams from the past have enjoyed playing on this day down the years, winning 10 and losing just five of the 23 matches played on 6th April. Eight games have ended all square.

It's the first time in five years that we feature on this day when on our way to the League One title Mick Harford's side were held to a 2-2 draw at home to Blackpool. Goals from James Collins and Jason Cummings earning a hard-fought point.

Since a 5-0 win over Torquay in 1928 Town teams have lost just twice on this day – more of those later.

UNBEATEN HERE

One good omen for the Hatters going into this afternoon – if you believe in that kind of thing – is that the Town are unbeaten in their six matches played at Kenilworth Road on 6th April.

The 2-2 draw with Blackpool actually ended a 100 per cent record, with previous Hatters teams winning in all five of the previous games on this day.

The first here came in Division Three (South) in 1928 when a hat-trick from Andy Rennie helped the Hatters see off Torquay United 5-0.

Three years later Rennie was again on target as the Town were victorious on this day when Northampton Town were defeated 4-0 in Division Three (South).

It wasn't for another 22 years that a Hatters team played on this day at Kenilworth Road but normal service resumed as the Town beat Bury 4-1 in Division Two (now Championship) in 1953.

A further 21 years passed before the Town would play a home fixture on 6th April but Preston were beaten 4-2 when 1974 rolled around thanks to a hat-trick from Barry Butlin.

Once again there was big gap between the next home fixture on this day when in 1999 the Hatters beat York City in Division Two (now League One) with Matthew Spring and Stuart Douglas on target.





THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

John Collins scores the Town's equaliser against Bournemouth at Dean Court in the FA Cup in November 1969. The game finished 1-1 but the Hatters won the replay 3-1.

Roger Wash

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KITS FROM THE PAST

TOWN FAN AND KIT COLLECTOR DAVID FOXEN REVIEWS THE TOWN SHIRTS FROM YESTERYEAR

2005/2007 HOME SHIRT

If I say the players Markus Heikkinen, Carlos Edwards, Paul Underwood and Warren Feeney, I bet you picture them wearing this exact shirt. This shirt was worn by some fantastic players, during two seasons in the mid-2000s.

But, unfortunately, this shirt has a “tale of two seasons”.

I am of course talking about the 2005 – 2007 home shirt. Made by Diadora, a relationship that only lasted two seasons, this shirt is certainly one that sticks out in my memory. The white home shirt features hints of orange, with a splash on the neckline and sleeves (depending on the short or long-sleeve version!).

It features, what we were told at the time, “heat reacting” patches on the shoulder. These bluey/purple dots were meant to change colour based on temperature. We never saw that happen though, so they just ended up being random dots on the shoulder. Electrolux was our sponsor for this shirt, and the light blue of their logo and font style compliments the shirt nicely.

Whilst this is a lovely shirt, it was a template that Diadora provided a lot of their other clubs, including Preston North End, Leeds United, Swansea City and those down the M1...

On the pitch, we had a fantastic first season in this shirt. New signings Edwards and Heikkinen were the standouts from this season, a season that also saw the emergence of Leon Barnett, a superb loan



season for Rowan Vine, and a wonderful season for our Croatian Sensation, Ahmet Brkovic.

Magical games at the Kenny adorned us this season, including THAT 3-2 home win against Southampton, a 4-2 home win against Norwich City and that famous 3-5 FA Cup tie against Liverpool.

The 2006/07 season was the start of our downfall, which included selling our prized assets, relegation from the Championship, and the investigation into irregularities over payments... Less said about that the better!

ON THIS DAY



Twenty-two years ago today the Hatters soared to the top of Division Three (now League Two) after a thumping 4-0 away win at Hull City.

Joe Kinnear's side were in irrepressible form at Boothferry Park, winning for the 12th game in succession to overtake leaders Plymouth.

On a sunny afternoon the 2,000 boisterous Hatters fans witnessed a fine display with Steve Howard the star of the show with a hat-trick.

He wasn't the only hero at Hull with Dean Crowe putting the Hatters in front and Matthew Taylor causing havoc down the left-flank all afternoon.

Plymouth would eventually overtake the Town to take the title but Kinnear's side earned promotion in style, scoring 96 goals and securing 97 points as runners-up.





...ing army of Hatters supporters celebrate the club's 14th away league win of the season at Hull City.



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Robbie Willmott scores against Telford at Kenilworth Road in November 2011



Andy Parry smacks home the Town's second goal during the 4-3 win at Tamworth in October 2013

A-Z THE NON-LEAGUE YEARS

HATTERS HISTORIAN ROGER WASH REMEMBERS OUR OPPONENTS DURING OUR CONFERENCE DAYS

Part Sixteen. T is for Tamworth and Telford.

Tamworth were one of five sides we met every season during our stay in non-League and our record against them was pretty good with only one defeat in ten games.

The annual pilgrimage to a rather pleasant town to the north-east of Birmingham was one to look forward to – I now regret not visiting the 'Snowdome' which loomed over the ground.

Our five home games saw the visitors net only once but at the Lamb Ground the standout game came in our promotion season.

In front of a crowd of 2,066, with well over half from Luton, the home side took an early lead before the Town hit four goals without reply with two of them superb strikes from Jonathan Smith and Andy Parry.

Just to make the fans sweat a bit, Tamworth netted twice in the final 14 minutes but the Hatters held out to record a vital victory on their slow climb to the summit.

We were due to visit newly promoted **Telford** for the first time on the opening day of the 2011/12 season. A rally scheduled for the day of the game in Telford meant that the police proposed that all Luton supporters were to meet at Shifnal services on the M54 to exchange a voucher picked up at Luton for a match ticket and then bussed to the game.

As it turned out the game was postponed but when they eventually met a month later the Town were comfortable 2-0 winners with Amari Morgan-Smith scoring both.

The following season, which turned out to be the low-point in our history, the Town went down 1-0 to Telford in a brutal game at Kenilworth Road. With the Hatters pushing for an equaliser Luton's Ronnie Henry and Telford's Daniel Preston were sent off for an altercation before Telford substitute Jake Reid, who had only been on the pitch for 69 seconds, was dismissed for fouling Lathaniel Rowe-Turner.

The subsequent 0-0 bore draw at Telford the following January, in front of 1,606 brave souls, adequately summed up the season. 🧢

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LUTON TOWN DISABLED SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION



As we celebrate World Autism Acceptance week on 2nd to 8th April, Luton Town Disabled Supporters Association (LTDSA) will be working in partnership with Autism Bedfordshire to help improve supporters match day experiences.

Working together, we will be looking at sensory needs and are looking to create visual guides incorporating photos of the ground and creating a social story for autistic supporters. There will also be a video guide link capturing match day events.

Look out in future posts as we start work to develop this project and work in close partnership with Autism Bedfordshire. If you would like to find out more about the LTDSA please email info@ltdsa.co.uk, or follow us on X, Instagram or Facebook.

The LTDSA committee caught up with Hatters supporter, Ryan Macbeth, who has Autism and ADHD, to find out more about him, his experiences and all things LTFC.



Where do you sit at the Kenny? I sit in Block E in the Main Stand.

What makes you so passionate about Luton? The thing that makes me passionate about Luton is that the club is run right. We stick by the team when they lose and just the way we play football.

Who's your favourite Luton player? Pelly Rudock Mpanzu is my favourite Luton player.

Your best memory since going to watch the Hatters? My best memory since going to watch the Hatters is Wembley because it was so special and fun, especially when the penalty was missed, which meant we went up.

What were your feelings seeing Luton in the Premier League? I was excited because we got to play the so-called big teams with big budgets and the better games.

Are there any challenges you have faced going to football matches as someone who has Autism and ADHD?

Discrimination due to not being able to stand for 90 minutes due to my hyper-mobility syndrome, I have been told by other fans that I shouldn't go to away games. I have been sworn at when asked to swap rows so I could sit.

I have had to overcome large crowds as I struggled and became highly anxious. My family used the Check-a-Trade trophy games to overcome this. I now arrive at the stadium as the turnstiles open, I can then watch the stadium fill up and this helps me cope.

A lack of understanding from match day staff (more at away games). My parents have had to intervene between myself and stewards as I have struggled when being searched. Once a steward said 'the dog will have him' and this made me panic as I thought the dog was going to attack me, but after they explained that they meant the dog would check me, I calmed down.

Not being able to have a lid on a drink during games was also very stressful. I have OCD and a fear of contamination from somebody opening the bottle caused me a lot of anxiety. I am happier that lids are now kept on bottles in the ground.

Is there anything that could make it easier? More awareness of hidden disabilities with staff and stewards.



PREMIER LEAGUE TROPHY SCHOOL VISITS

Last week we visited the Linden Academy in Luton as part of a very exciting day for the school. The Linden Academy is one of the schools in which we deliver Premier League Primary Stars, using football as a tool to engage with pupils through literacy, numeracy and PSHE lessons, alongside PE.

Joining us, were our colleagues from the Premier League and Premier League Charitable Fund. It was a special day for the school as we had arranged for the Premier League trophy to make an appearance in their school assembly! This was an incredible moment for all of the pupils but we hope that next time we do this, the trophy will have orange and white ribbons on it! Rachel Hopkins, MP for Luton South, was also there to support the day and spoke to the children about her experience in politics. As if that wasn't enough, the Premier League kindly donated a brand new kit

to the school for their year 5 and year 6 girls' teams. The day was rounded off with an opportunity for the girls to play a match in their brand new kit.

LUTON TOWN FC COMMUNITY TRUST NOW RECRUITING!

Luton Town FC Community Trust is seeking to recruit a Programmes Manager who will lead the education, employability and learning strand of work and be accountable for the named programmes within it. Working collaboratively with key partners, they will devise and implement forward-thinking focused programmes to support positive outcomes in-line with the needs of our community and LTFCCT objectives.

For more information and to apply please head to www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk or email community@lutontown.co.uk.



MINI HATTERS & TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS

We are now taking bookings for the next cohort of our Mini Hatters sessions, starting after the Easter break. Taking place on Saturday mornings, our Mini Hatters sessions offer 3-5 year olds the opportunity to experience their first taste of playing football. As well as learning the basic skills they need to get started in the game, these sessions are all about making sure our youngsters enjoy themselves and have the opportunity to build new friendships.

The sessions take place at Queen Elizabeth School in Luton in the sports hall. Our new indoor base means we are now able to run these sessions all year round. Each session is tailored specifically to the relevant age group, with individual sessions for 3, 4 and 5 year olds delivered by Luton Town FC Community Trust staff.

Community Trust Business Development Manager, Adam Woulds, commented: "These sessions offer a great way for youngsters to start their

football journey. We make sure these sessions are fun, light hearted and that everyone goes home with a smile on their face, including the adults, who we encourage to get involved."

There is also the opportunity for our youngsters to win the 'Hatter of the Week' award, rewarding those that display a positive attitude. While these sessions are very much focused on enjoyment for the youngsters, they do also offer a good foundation to playing the game.

Many of our Mini Hatters move on to our Talent Identification Programme (TIPs) once they reach an age where they are too old for our Mini Hatters programme. This is our entry level weekly training and development sessions for young people in Year 1 to Year 7. These sessions take place in a variety of locations locally and are also now bookable for our next intake, also starting after the school holidays.

To see a full list of our venues and to book either Mini Hatters or TIPS please visit www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk For further information please contact us community@lutontown.co.uk or call 01582 561622.

ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH UNDER-12-14 LEAD PHASE COACH JACK CARTWRIGHT



OVERVIEW

This is my sixth season at Luton Town and my third season as the Youth Development Phase Lead Under-12-14 within the academy. I am extremely lucky to work at such an amazing football club with brilliant support from all the staff and working with such talented and hardworking academy players every day.

Some of my main responsibilities are putting together the training and games programme for the players, making sure we look to carry on their development with a holistic approach so they can develop all the players not only technically but also physically, tactically, socially, psychologically and emotionally. As well as developing young footballers we also look to progress them as polite, mature, respectful young men encouraging them to have a hardworking can-do attitude which this club as a whole embodies.

UNDER-12S

This is the current Under-12s' first year within the Youth Development Phase. They have made the transition from the Foundation Phase to the Youth

Development Phase extremely well playing against some of the biggest academies in England. They have recently featured in the Premier League Cup where they topped their group which included the likes of Tottenham, Crystal Palace and Bournemouth, then narrowly losing out to Arsenal on penalties after a 3-3 draw in the quarter-finals. They continue to develop and progress excellently with every challenge thrown at them taken on with maturity and positivity.

UNDER-13s

The Under 13s have faced a different challenge this season with this being their first season playing primarily an 11 versus 11 format. Having to deal with this test can come with some hardship but the group have taken it on fantastically well. They have played against some big-name academies winning against the likes of Manchester City and Liverpool so far this season and have also taken part in tours



ACADEMY WHO'S WHO

Academy Manager: **Paul Benson**
 Head of Academy Development: **Wayne Turner**
 U9-16 Head of Coaching: **Dan Walder**
 U21 Lead Coach: **Adrian Forbes**
 U18 Lead Coach: **Alex Lawless**
 Academy Operations Manager: **Dale Brunton**
 Academy Administrator: **Emily Howes**
 Youth Development Phase Lead Coach (15-16): **Craig Alcock**
 Youth Development Phase Lead Coach (12-14): **Jack Cartwright**
 Foundation Phase Lead Coach: **Billy Carter**
 Head of Academy Recruitment: **Lee Cowley**
 Academy Scout: **Kevin Thoburn**
 Head of Education: **Kobie Dee**
 Academy Safeguarding Manager: **Stuart Cornish**
 Player Care Officer: **Wayne Polson**
 Lead Academy Analyst: **Michael Malone**
 Academy Head of Goalkeeping: **Albert Bell**
 Academy Goalkeeping Coach: **Frank Atwell**
 Senior Academy Physiotherapist (18-21): **Oliver Sharples**
 Senior Academy Physiotherapist (12-16): **Connor Wright**
 Lead Academy Sports Therapist: **Paige Simms**
 Lead Academy Sports Scientist: **Daniel Taylor**

in Poland and Germany with more to come this season. The group continues to flourish and adapt with all the tests that have come their way so far and I enjoy watching them grow both as individuals and as a group.

UNDER-14s

The Under 14s are now into their third season within the Youth Development Phase and are looking to progress into the Under-15/16 age groups next season. Within their programme they have come up against some tough challenges, playing against teams such

as Aston Villa, Leicester City and Brighton and Hove Albion with some top performances and results throughout the season. Some individuals have also been part of the Under-15 squad that took part in the Floodlit cup competition. This age group have shown a great attitude to learn and develop which has aided with development and preparing them for the next step in their journey.

Keep up all your amazing support that you have shown so far this season and I hope you all enjoy today's game! COYH

YOUTH U18 FIXTURES AND RESULTS



OPPONENT	DATE	SCORE	STARTING XI							
MILTON KEYNES	SAT 5/8/23	A W 6-0	HOCKEY	CHIGOZIE	HARVEY	MARTINS	BENAGR	ROUTH	EMERY	
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	SAT 12/8/23	A W 4-1	THOMAS	GIWA	CHIGOZIE	EMERY	SCOTT	BENAGR	WARREN	
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	SAT 26/8/23	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 W 2-1	HOCKEY	GIWA	BENAGR	KAYIBANDAD	EMERY	CHIGOZIE	WARREN	
BRENTFORD	SAT 28/10/23	A D 0-0	HOCKEY	CHIGOZIE	BENAGR	GREGORY	EMERY	ROUTH	HARVEY	
LEYTON ORIENT	SAT 4/11/23	H W 1-0	PIPA	GIWA	BENAGR	STITT	EMERY	ROUTH	HARVEY	
MILTON KEYNES	SAT 11/11/23	A W 3-1	HOCKEY	GIWA	HARVEY	MARTINS	KAYIBANDA	ROUTH	LORENTZEN-JONES	
AFC WIMBLEDON	SAT 18/11/23	H W 4-0	HOCKEY	GIWA	HARVEY	MARTINS	CHIGOZIE	KAYIBANDA	LORENTZEN-JONES	
STEVENAGE	SAT 9/12/23	A W 2-1	HOCKEY	HARVEY	BENAGR	STITT	CHIGOZIE	BATESON	LORENTZEN-JONES	
SWINDON TOWN FAYC3	FRI 15/12/23	H L 0-2	HOCKEY	GIWA	JOHNSON	BENAGR	CHIGOZIE	KAYIBANDA	LORENTZEN-JONES	
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	SAT 6/1/24	H W 2-1	HOCKEY	HARVEY	SCOTT	MARTINS	EMERY	KAYIBANDA	TRUSTRAM	
GILLINGHAM	FRI 12/1/24	A W 3-2	HOCKEY	HARVEY	SCOTT	STITT	EMERY	KAYIBANDA	WARREN	
BRENTFORD	SAT 20/1/24	H W 5-0	HOCKEY	HARVEY	SCOTT	MARTINS	EMERY	KAYIBANDA	STITT	
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	SAT 16/12/23	A L 2-3	HOCKEY	HARVEY	ROUTH	MARTINS	EMERY	KAYIBANDA	STITT	
LEYTON ORIENT	SAT 3/2/24	A L 0-1	THOMAS	IOANNIDES	BENAGR	MARTINS	EMERY	KAYIBANDA	LORENTZEN-JONES	
SUTTON UNITED	SAT 10/2/24	H W 4-2	BLACKLEDGE	HARVEY	BENAGR	MARTINS	EMERY	KAYIBANDA	LORENTZEN-JONES	
STEVENAGE	SAT 23/2/24	H W 2-1	BLACKLEDGE	HARVEY	BENAGR	STITT	EMERY	TRIALIST A	WARREN	
SWINDON TOWN	SAT 9/3/24	H W 4-1	BLACKLEDGE	ODEGAH	HARVEY	MARTINS	EMERY	TRIALIST A	STITT	
OXFORD UNITED	SAT 16/3/24	A L 2-4	BLACKLEDGE	HARVEY	BENAGR	STITT	EMERY	CHIGOZIE	TRUSTRAM	
CHELTENHAM TOWN	SAT 23/3/24	H P-P								
LEYTON ORIENT	FRI 29/3/24	A L 0-5	HOCKEY	GIWA	HARVEY	ROUTH	EMERY	TRIALIST	TRUSTRAM	
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	TUE 2/4/24	H L 1-3	BOOTH	ROBERTS-EDEMA	HARVEY	MARTINS	EMERY	ROUTH	IOANNIDES	
AFC WIMBLEDON	SAT 13/4/24	H								
SUTTON UNITED	SAT 20/4/24	A								
PORTSMOUTH	SAT 27/4/24	A								

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 L 1-4	HORLICK	PINNINGTON	PHILLIPS	JOHNSON	CHIGOZIE	KAYIBANDA	PIESOLD	
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	TUE 17/10/23	H L 2-3	HORLICK	PINNINGTON	GIWA	PIESOLD	CHIGOZIE	KAYIBANDA	LUKER	
KEMPSTON ROVERS (BSC)	TUE 31/10/23	H W 8-0	TRIALIST	CHIGOZIE	LUKER	PIESOLD	PINNINGTON	KAYIBANDA	PHILLIPS	
COLCHESTER UNITED	MON 13/11/23	A L 0-2	SHEA	PINNINGTON	KAYIBANDA	CHIGOZIE	PHILLIPS	PIESOLD	BURGER	
BEDFORD TOWN (BSC)	TUE 28/11/23	H W 2-0	HORLICK	PINNINGTON	BENAGR	PIESOLD	TOMPKINS	FRANCIS-CLARK	HERON	
CHELSEA	TUE 12/12/23	H L 1-2	KRUL	PINNINGTON	JOHNSON	TOMPKINS	FRANCIS-CLARKE	ANDERSEN	PIESOLD	
COLCHESTER UNITED	FRI 2/2/24	H L 0-2	CAMIS	PINNINGTON	JOHNSON	PIESOLD	FRANCIS-CLARKE	BATESON	HERON	
LEEDS UNITED	MON 12/2/24	H L 0-2	CAMIS	PINNINGTON	JOHNSON	PIESOLD	FRANCIS-CLARKE	BATESON	HERON	
BIGGLESWADE (BSC SF)	WED 13/3/24	A L 0-3	CAMIS	HARVEY	BENAGR	STITT	EMERY	CHIGOZIE	LORENTZEN-JONES	



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IOANNIDES	LORENTZEN-JONES	TRUSTRAM	XAVIER-JONES ❄	PIPA, ODEGAH, HOUGHTON, HARVEY, WARREN,
TRUSTRAM	LORENTZEN-JONES ❄	XAVIER-JONES ❄	HOUGHTON	WARREN, IOANNIDES, AKINYA, SHEPHERD, PIPA
IOANNIDES	XAVIER-JONES	LORENTZEN-JONES	TRUSTRAM	BOOTH, ANDERSON, SHEPHERD ❄, STITT, ROBERTS-EDEMA
STITT	ANDERSON	IOANNIDES	TRUSTRAM	PIPA, TAKAWIRA, MARTINS, BENAGR, SHEPHERD
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LORENTZEN-JONES ❄❄	ANDERSON	TRUSTRAM	XAVIER-JONES	ODEJAH, PIPA, STITT, HOUGHTON, HARVEY
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GETTING TO KNOW... JAMIE ODEGAH

DOB: 13/12/2006

Place of birth: North Middlesex Hospital

Position: Striker



Year joined the academy: As an under-14.

What boots do you wear? Nike.

My aims are to be the best player in the academy and to make my debut for the first team.

The proudest moment of career so far is playing in the FA Youth Cup as a 15-year-old.

In the playground I used to be a young Samuel Eto'o or Didier Drogba as we have the same attributes – pace, strength and power.

At school my favourite subject was engineering. I wanted to be an F1 driver before I started playing football. I still have a love for cars and the way they are built.

A career outside of football? I'd be a mechanical engineer. I'd like to fix different vehicles and wouldn't have to pay someone to fix my car!

The one teammate who I'd say is the most talented is Jack Lorentzen-Jones. The way he manipulates the ball with exceptional technique is amazing.

Of the first team squad, the player I look-up to most is Elijah Adebayo as we both have a similar playing style, are tall and quick.

The best thing about Luton Town is the fans – they're able to make the atmosphere ten times better.

If I was to describe myself... I am a player who loves to run in behind and beat opposing defenders with pace. I also have a lot of strength so I am able to hold the ball up and retain it for my team. I can also be aggressive when pressing so we can win the ball back higher up the pitch so we can get goals faster.



THE LAWLESS REPORT

"Jamie has been with the club since he was an under-14 and has shown determination and quality to progress to the under-18s.

"He's a very quick and strong striker who possesses lightning speed and strength at the top end of the pitch.

"As a striker, he obviously also has a great eye for goal – and this is helped by his pace and power which are hugely beneficial to us when we're attacking."






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ACADEMY STAR JOE SIGNS NEW PRO DEAL

Hatters academy graduate Joe Johnson's continued impressive development was rewarded with a long-term contract extension last week.

The 18-year-old, who has made five senior appearances under Rob Edwards – including his full debut this season, has been a regular in the Town's matchday squad in the Premier League this term.

A delighted Johnson told lutontown.co.uk: "I'm buzzing, this is such a great club, with great people, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for me.

"The aim is to be not only a Premier League footballer, but hopefully one day a Champions League player. One day I'd like to start my a Premier League match and then who knows where I'll go.

"The manager has also been so supportive. I've never met a manager who's so nice and he very good at controlling the squad. I think we've got a group of players who are all willing to die for the manager because of how much they care about the club and they care about what we're doing because we all believe and we're all chipping in."

Edwards added: "We feel this is the right place for him. We're really, really pleased with the progress he has made over the past couple of years.

"Joe has a really balanced view of life, he's got the right attitude and a steely focus, belief and confidence – all of these attributes you need to succeed at the top level.

"He's made a few appearances and been a regular in the matchday squad and we know he's desperate to make his Premier League debut but it's only a matter of time.

"We have high hopes for him – and we don't want to put unnecessary pressure on him – but Joe has a big future, and big future at Luton Town.



"He knows he needs to work hard and knuckle down but we're pleased to get him tied down because he deserves it."

Born in Barnet, the left-sided defender began his career at Arsenal academy when he was six years old. After being released by the Gunners four years later, he joined grass-roots club Focus Football before joining the Hatters in 2020.

Having scored in the win against Birmingham City at St Andrews in the FA Youth Cup Third Round in December 2022, the then first-year scholar was named on the bench for the first-team in the FA Cup fourth round replay at Grimsby Town in February 2023.

After signing his first professional contract in March 2023, Johnson made his senior debut as a substitute in the Championship win over Middlesbrough the following month, aged 17 years and 62 days.

His first start came in the Carabao Cup at Exeter City on 26th September, and was swiftly followed by a call-up to the England Under-18 squad in early October, making his debut playing 64 minutes of a 1-1 draw with Belgium in a friendly ahead of the Under-18 World Cup in Indonesia, where he played in the victory over Iran.



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LUTON TOWN LADIES

LUTON LADIES CRUISE TO VICTORY

By Owen Williams

Luton Town Ladies travelled up to Wroxham looking to return to winning ways following the penalty shootout defeat the previous weekend and the defeat to Real Bedford.

The Ladies were without captain, Jess McKay and Andie Dickens who both left the pitch through injury during last weekends match against Dunstable.

Five minutes were on the clock when Luton struck first through an own goal. Leyah Maddix played a fantastic ball over the top of the defence, picking out Gabriella Spillman, who played the ball across the face of the goal and a Wroxham defender turned it into her own net.

After 25 minutes the Hatters had their best chance since the goal. Tsaianne Leander picked up the ball just inside the box and fired her effort goalwards, but the Wroxham keeper did well to make the save.



Five minutes later came one of the strangest moments of the season. A member of the Wroxham coaching staff walked onto the pitch in outrage of a decision made by the referee, he escaped a caution and sat back down. But no sooner was he sat, he stood back up again in protest of the same decision.

Leander almost doubled Luton's lead 10 minutes before half-time when the Wroxham keeper carelessly kicked the ball

straight to Leander, who took on a shot which looked certain to be going in only for the keeper made a great recovery save to keep the score 1-0.

Just after the restart, Spillman won a free kick on the edge of the box but

Amber Pearson fired her effort over the bar. Two minutes later Spillman was involved again, taking the ball around the keeper, but she was unable to pick out a pass in the box. The Town then won the ball back straight away, with Elly Wade but her cross from the right was just out of reach from the stretching Spillman.

But on the hour the lead was doubled from the penalty spot when Wade was fouled and Maddix converted the penalty into the bottom corner.

Similarly to the first half, after the Luton goal both teams cancelled each other out and there was no real further chances and the Town held out to record a comfortable victory.



LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST

COLUMN BY KEVIN HARPER

Hello and welcome to another huge Premier League game. What a period it has been for our club. In the last six weeks or so we have been to Anfield, hosted the world champions Manchester City and been to both of the North London giants, with a trip to City to come next week.

Results haven't been completely as we would have wanted, or even deserved, not helped by an injury list which is getting longer, but if you take just a minute to think back to where we were ten years ago, none of this last few weeks seemed possible when we were still working to come out of the National League.

When you put that perspective into the mix, to still be in with every chance of remaining in the Premier League as we head into the home straight is a wonderful achievement in itself.

There will be people reading this who are seeing us in the top-flight for the first time this season, however as a slightly longer in the tooth Town fan I've seen these fights for survival in the old Division One plenty of times. It is what I grew up on. Even now, Derby away in 1990 is one of my highlights as a Hatter.

If we can have similar scenes here at our famous ground when the full-time whistle has blown against Fulham it would be fantastic. We're still well in this battle and if we all stick together we can cheer the boys on to achieve what many outside of this place thought was impossible eight months ago.



Date for your diary

We are delighted to announce that we will be running the end-of-season Presentation Evening once again. This year the event will be held on Tuesday 7th May at Venue 360.

Full details of the evening including how to book your ticket and how to vote for each award will be revealed in the coming days once we have finalised everything. Keep an eye on our social media channels and website for updates.

If you would like to secure the opportunity for a priority ticket booking period and discounted prices you need to be a member of the Trust. You can still join ahead of the event by putting this link into your browser - <https://www.lutontownsupporterstrust.com/membership-donate/>

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Enjoy the game – be as loud as you can as the boys need all of us today!

MEET THE FANS

WITH TOWN SUPPORTER ROSS SCOTT

How long have you supported Luton for?

57 years, since the mid 1960s. My first game was in the 1966/67 season. Southport at home. Score 0-0. I didn't realise it at the time but I think goalkeeper Tony Read played up front and also, David Pleat played!

Where do you sit at home matches?

Main Enclosure. Block F.

Who is your all-time favourite player and why?

Alan Slough is my all-time favourite Luton player. A local lad who could play anywhere in midfield or defence.

What does it mean to you to be a Luton fan?

It means everything. Winning or losing can make or break a week end for me.

What are your favourite memories of being a Luton fan?

Travelling on the supporters train to away matches in the early 70s. Graham French's goal against Mansfield. My first ever Watford derby in 1968/69 season, it was a League Cup game and we won 3-0.

Winning promotion to the old First Division in 1973/74 season and obviously the Wembley final wins. Taking over fourth official duties at half time at Torquay v Luton in 2004/05 season and the Luton fans chanted 'You don't know what you are doing' when I held up the added on time board showing seven minutes (I think) due to the damage Steve Howard had caused to the goal net when scoring. That was a good laugh and we won 4-1.

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

I moved to Devon in 1977 so followed Luton from afar. Most of my friends and work colleagues thought I was mad travelling to watch Luton on my own especially as we dropped through the trap door into the Conference.

Has it changed now that we are in the Premier League compared to say the Conference?

Success breeds success and I get it that fans want to support a successful team but I do find it frustrating not being able to get tickets for away games. Life was much simpler in the Conference where tickets for away games were always available and I have fond memories of watching Luton at places like Salisbury, Aldershot and Braintree to name a few.

What were your feelings when you saw Luton walk out in the Premier League for the first time?

One of immense pride that my club has made it back to the top league again. I thought to myself, Wow! We will be on Match of the Day again after all these years. Thank you to the 2020 board for making this possible and long may it continue.

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

Hopefully, staying up as it will show to other clubs and the watching football world that you don't have to throw money at it in order to survive. Whatever happens, as Vinnie Jones would say: It's been emotional! 🥳





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WHO'S YOUR PREMIER LEAGUE TEAM?

As the Hatters welcome AFC Bournemouth to Kenilworth Road today, let's look back at a game that was just over two years ago now. This was when an injury-hit Luton side hosted Millwall in a big game in the run-in for the Championship play-offs.

The Hatters had a big injury list at the time – not near as big as the one currently – and still had a lot of players out. This didn't stop Nathan Jones from picking a strong side, however.

James Shea started in goal as Nathan Jones named four changes in the team to the previous game which saw an excellent 3-1 win against Hull City.

The game got off to a bad start for Luton as Millwall took the lead. Some good work from Jed Wallace meant the ball fell to Tom Bradshaw to strike in from the edge of the box.

Luton responded eight minutes later with an excellent equaliser. A brilliant one-two move between Amari'i Bell and Elijah Adebayo meant the ball fell to Adebayo in a tough position who managed to curl his effort first time in off the post to equalise.

In the second half, Luton nearly went ahead after the ball fell kindly to Harry Cornick who had a free shot on goal, which was well saved by Bartosz Bialkowski.

With just under ten minutes to go, Millwall took the lead. This came after a quick break down the right side and a ball across the box which was very well finished by Benik Afobe.

There didn't seem to be much of a way back into the game for Luton but somehow the Hatters found a way after 87 minutes. A free-kick was brilliantly whipped in by Robert Snodgrass and the ball came off Jake Cooper to find the back of the net.

It was a very hard earned point for the Hatters which turned out to be a crucial result. With another big result needed today, let's be loud and proud. 🙌

COYH

Words by Zac Neal





LUTON TOWN BUSINESS PARTNERS



JUNIOR HATTERS TODAY'S MASCOTS



Luca Burgess

Age: 11

Hobbies: Gaming, Baking,
Cooking

Favourite Player: Elijah Adebayo



Alexander Podciborski

Age: 7

Hobbies: Football & Gaming

Favourite Player: Ross Barkley
& Carlton Morris



Rafferty Burgess

Age: 9

Hobbies: Football, Gaming

Favourite Player: Alfie Doughty



Dylan Odedra

Age: 12

Hobbies: Football & Playing Fifa

Favourite Player: Ross Barkley



Luke McMehen

Age: 7

Hobbies: Football, Golf,
Swimming, Mountain Biking

Favourite Player: Alfie Doughty

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Those away season ticket holders who requested a ticket will have payment taken and ticket dispatched on Friday 5th April.

Please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk if you do not require your ticket.

Diamond Season Card Holders

Tickets for this fixture are now on sale to Diamond and Executive Season Card Holders at one ticket per person. They will be available online, in person or via phone during normal opening hours using your Client Reference numbers.

Season Card Holders (6 away games attended 22/23 last season)

On Friday 5th April at 10am Season Card Holders who attended six away games or more during the 2022/23 season will be able to purchase one ticket per person. They will be available online, in person or via phone using your Client Reference numbers.

All Season Card Holders

On Monday 8th April at 10am all Season Card Holders will be able to purchase one ticket per person. They will be available online or via phone only using your Client Reference numbers.

2 Year Members

Subject to availability, any two-year member can book one ticket per person on Tuesday 9th April at 10am online, in person or by calling the ticket office.

Members with previous purchase history

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Additional notice

Due to feedback received last season regarding allocated seats, we are trying to assist those supporters who cannot stand. If supporters are going to stand, please book tickets in the 'safe standing' sections to allow those that need / prefer to sit the opportunity to select the seated areas. Supporters must also sit in their allocated seats as indicated on their tickets.





MEMBERS



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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. The Hatters have played six times at Kenilworth Road on this day in history - how many times have they lost?
2. Who scored the Town's second goal in the 3-2 win over Bournemouth on the Cherries' last visit here in January 2022.
3. Against which nation did Teden Mengi make his England under-21 debut against last week?
4. Which player had the most touches of the ball (with 74) in our draw against Nottingham Forest?
5. Which National League club won promotion back to the Football League two weeks ago?
6. When the Hatters won 1-0 at Bournemouth in 2005, who scored the winner?
7. Which club play their home games at the Memorial Ground?
8. Which country hosted the first World Cup in 1930?
9. Which national team is nicknamed the Socceroos?
10. How many caps did assistant manager Paul Trollope win for Wales?

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 PITT. Like a half-decent loan signing, not bad.

0-3 THE PITS. Either you're an AFC Bournemouth fan or you're new to this.



Premier League

ROUND-UP

The Town go into this afternoon's game three points from safety in the Premier League following the latest round of games in the top-flight and will be aiming to cut that gap this afternoon against Bournemouth.

Nottingham Forest, who had briefly sunk beneath the Hatters following a four-point deduction, now sit three points above Rob Edwards' side after taking four points from their last two home fixtures, drawing against Crystal Palace before beating Fulham 3-1 on Tuesday evening.

Everton lost to our visitors today last weekend and then needed a late Dominic Calvert-Lewin penalty to earn a 1-1 draw at St James' Park against Newcastle. The Toffees now lie in 16th place, four points above the dropzone.

Brentford have drawn their past two games since the international break, scoring late to earn a point against Manchester United before holding Brighton to a goalless draw on Wednesday evening.

The two sides below the Town in the table have also improved in recent weeks. Sheffield United still sit bottom of the table, blowing a 3-1 lead at home to Fulham to draw 3-3. Burnley are now just three points behind the Hatters in the table – and six points from safety – after drawing their last two games. Vincent Kompany's side earned a fantastic point at Chelsea with ten men before being held by Wolves on Tuesday night.

At the other end of the table, the title race looks set to go to the wire. Arsenal's win over the Town on Wednesday followed up their goalless draw at fellow title chasers Manchester City last weekend. Liverpool hosted Sheffield United on Thursday night as this programme went to press, knowing a win would see them return to the summit.



Man City, where we go next weekend, beat Aston Villa 4-1 thanks to a Phil Foden hat-trick on Wednesday evening. The defeat for Villa meant their hold on fourth place is now just two points after Tottenham earned a point in a 1-1 draw at West Ham on Tuesday.

Today's fixtures

Crystal Palace v Man City
Villa v Brentford
Everton v Burnley
Fulham v Newcastle
Wolves v West Ham
Brighton v Arsenal

Premier League

#	Team	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Arsenal	30	21	5	4	72	24	+48	68
2	Liverpool	29	20	7	2	67	27	+40	67
3	Manchester City	30	20	7	3	67	29	+38	67
4	Aston Villa	31	18	5	8	63	46	+17	59
5	Tottenham Hotspur	30	17	6	7	62	44	+18	57
6	Manchester United	29	15	3	11	40	40	0	48
7	West Ham United	31	12	9	10	50	55	-5	45
8	Newcastle United	30	13	5	12	64	52	+12	44
9	Brighton and Hove Albion	30	11	19	9	51	46	+5	43
10	Wolverhampton Wanderers	30	12	6	12	43	47	-4	42
11	Bournemouth	30	11	8	11	44	53	-9	41
12	Chelsea	28	11	7	10	49	47	+2	40
13	Fulham	31	11	6	14	47	50	-3	39
14	Crystal Palace	30	7	9	14	34	50	-16	30
15	Brentford	31	7	7	17	42	55	-13	28
16	Everton*	30	8	8	14	31	42	-11	26
17	Nottingham Forest**	31	7	8	16	39	53	-14	25
18	Luton Town	31	5	7	19	43	64	-21	22
19	Burnley	31	4	7	20	32	66	-34	19
20	Sheffield United	29	3	6	20	27	77	-50	15

* Everton deducted 6 points following a breach of the Premier League's Profitability and Sustainability rules.

** Nottingham Forest deducted four points following a breach of the Premier League's Profitability and Sustainability Rules. That decision is currently under appeal (4pts).

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

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	2023/24 SEASON											CAREER	
	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL		CARDS			TOTAL	
	APPS		G	APPS		G	APPS	G				APPS	G
Elijah Adebayo	13	(10)	9	3	(2)	0	16	(12)	9	1	0	137	41
Mads Andersen	4	(4)	1	2	(0)	0	6	(4)	1	1	0	10	1
Ross Barkley	24	(2)	4	4	(1)	0	28	(3)	4	5	0	31	4
Amari'i Bell	21	(0)	0	4	(2)	0	25	(2)	0	0	0	124	2
Luke Berry	1	(10)	1	2	(1)	0	3	(11)	1	2	0	178	25
Jacob Brown	12	(7)	2	1	(2)	1	13	(9)	3	5	0	22	3
Reece Burke	14	(2)	0	3	(1)	0	17	(3)	0	5	0	77	4
Tahith Chong	13	(13)	4	4	(1)	1	17	(14)	5	4	0	31	5
Jordan Clark	9	(8)	0	2	(1)	2	11	(9)	2	5	0	131	11
Alfie Doughty	27	(3)	1	6	(0)	1	33	(3)	2	4	0	71	4
Ryan Giles	5	(6)	0	2	(1)	0	7	(7)	0	0	0	14	0
Daiki Hashioka	2	(3)	0	0	(1)	0	2	(4)	0	0	0	6	0
Joe Johnson	0	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	1	(2)	0	0	0	5	0
Issa Kabore	19	(3)	0	0	(2)	0	19	(5)	0	7	0	24	0
Thomas Kaminski	31	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	31	(0)	0	3	0	31	0
Tim Krul	0	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Tom Lockyer	14	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	15	(0)	1	4	0	117	7
Sambi Lokonga	11	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	13	(1)	0	2	0	14	0
Teden Mengi	22	(2)	1	5	(0)	0	27	(2)	1	4	0	29	1
Carlton Morris	25	(6)	8	4	(1)	0	29	(7)	8	2	0	87	28
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	11	(13)	0	3	(2)	0	14	(15)	0	1	0	399	23
Marvelous Nakamba	13	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	13	(1)	0	5	0	34	0
Zack Nelson	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	5	0	1	0
Chiedozie Ogbene	19	(9)	4	5	(1)	1	24	(10)	5	1	0	34	5
Fred Onyedinma	1	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	0	54	3
Gabriel Osho	16	(0)	2	2	(0)	0	18	(0)	2	2	0	80	5
Dan Potts	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	216	12
James Shea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	107	0
Andros Townsend	12	(10)	1	1	(3)	0	13	(13)	1	1	0	26	1
Cauley Woodrow	2	(16)	1	3	(2)	2	5	(18)	3	2	0	58	6

2023/24 FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	OPPOSITION	KO	POS	SCORE	STARTING XI					
SAT AUG 12	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	3PM	A 18	L1-4	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	GILES	ANDERSEN	LOCKYER	BELL
FRI AUG 25	CHELSEA	8PM	A 19	L0-3	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	GILES	BURKE	LOCKYER	BELL
TUE AUG 29	GILLINGHAM (CC)	7.45PM	H -	W3-2	KRUL	DOUGHTY	GILES	ANDERSEN	LOCKYER	BELL
FRI SEP 1	WEST HAM UNITED	8PM	H 19	L1-2	KAMINSKI	DOUGHTY	GILES	BURKE	ANDERSEN	BELL
SAT SEP 16	FULHAM	3PM	A 20	L0-1	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	BELL	BURKE	LOCKYER	ANDERSEN
SAT SEP 23	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	3PM	H 18	D1-1	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	DOUGHTY	BURKE	LOCKYER	BELL
TUE SEP 26	EXETER CITY (CC)	7.45PM	A -	L0-1	KRUL	DOUGHTY	GILES	MENGI	ANDERSEN	JOHNSON
SAT SEP 30	EVERTON	3PM	A 17	W2-1	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	DOUGHTY	BURKE	LOCKYER	BELL
SAT OCT 3	BURNLEY	7.30PM	H 17	L1-2	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	DOUGHTY	MENGI	LOCKYER	BELL
SAT OCT 7	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	12.30PM	H 17	L0-1	KAMINSKI	BURKE	DOUGHTY	ANDERSEN	LOCKYER	OGBENE
SAT OCT 21	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	3PM	A 17	D2-2	KAMINSKI	BURKE	DOUGHTY	MENGI	LOCKYER	OGBENE
SUN OCT 29	ASTON VILLA	2PM	A 18	L1-3	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	DOUGHTY	MENGI	LOCKYER	OSHO
SUN NOV 5	LIVERPOOL	4.30PM	H 17	D1-1	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	DOUGHTY	MENGI	LOCKYER	OSHO
SAT NOV 11	MANCHESTER UNITED	3PM	A 18	L0-1	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	DOUGHTY	MENGI	LOCKYER	OSHO
SAT NOV 25	CRYSTAL PALACE	3PM	H 17	W2-1	KAMINSKI	DOUGHTY	BELL	MENGI	LOCKYER	OSHO
SAT DEC 2	BRENTFORD	3PM	A 17	L1-3	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	BELL	MENGI	LOCKYER	OSHO
TUE DEC 5	ARSENAL	8.15PM	H 17	L3-4	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	DOUGHTY	MENGI	BELL	OSHO
SUN DEC 10	MANCHESTER CITY	2PM	H 18	L1-2	KAMINSKI	DOUGHTY	GILES	MENGI	LOCKYER	BELL
SAT DEC 23	NEWCASTLE UNITED	3PM	H 18	W1-0	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	DOUGHTY	MENGI	OSHO	BELL
TUE DEC 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	3PM	A 18	W3-2	KAMINSKI	DOUGHTY	GILES	MENGI	OSHO	BELL
SAT DEC 30	CHELSEA	12.30PM	H 18	L2-3	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	DOUGHTY	MENGI	OSHO	BELL
SUN JAN 7	BOLTON WANDERERS (FAC3)	2PM	H -	D0-0	KRUL	OGBENE	DOUGHTY	MENGI	OSHO	BELL
FRI JAN 12	BURNLEY	7.45PM	A 18	D1-1	KAMINSKI	OGBENE	DOUGHTY	MENGI	OSHO	BELL
TUE JAN 16	BOLTON WANDERERS (FAC3R)	7.45PM	A -	W2-1	KRUL	OGBENE	DOUGHTY	MENGI	OSHO	BURKE
SAT JAN 27	EVERTON (FAC4)	3PM	A -	W2-1	KRUL	OGBENE	DOUGHTY	BURKE	MENGI	BELL
TUE JAN 30	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	7.45PM	H 17	W4-0	KAMINSKI	OGBENE	DOUGHTY	BURKE	MENGI	BELL
SAT FEB 3	NEWCASTLE UNITED	3PM	A 17	D4-4	KAMINSKI	OGBENE	DOUGHTY	OSHO	MENGI	BELL
SAT FEB 10	SHEFFIELD UNITED	3PM	H 17	L1-3	KAMINSKI	OGBENE	DOUGHTY	BURKE	OSHO	BELL
SUN FEB 18	MANCHESTER UNITED	4.30PM	H 18	L1-2	KAMINSKI	OGBENE	DOUGHTY	OSHO	MENGI	BELL
WED FEB 21	LIVERPOOL	7.30PM	A 18	L1-4	KAMINSKI	OGBENE	DOUGHTY	OSHO	MENGI	BELL
TUE FEB 27	MANCHESTER CITY (FAC5)	8.00PM	H -	L2-6	KRUL	OGBENE	DOUGHTY	BURKE	MENGI	BELL
SAT MAR 2	ASTON VILLA	5.30PM	H 18	L2-3	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	DOUGHTY	BURKE	MENGI	BELL
SAT MAR 9	CRYSTAL PALACE	3PM	A 18	D1-1	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	DOUGHTY	BURKE	MENGI	OSHO
WED MAR 13	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	7.30PM	A 18	L3-4	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	DOUGHTY	BURKE	MENGI	HASHIOKA
SAT MAR 16	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	3PM	H 18	D1-1	KAMINSKI	OGBENE	DOUGHTY	BURKE	MENGI	KABORÉ
SAT MAR 30	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	3PM	A 18	L1-2	KAMINSKI	KABORÉ	DOUGHTY	BURKE	MENGI	MPANZU
WED APR 3	ARSENAL	7.30PM	A 18	L0-2	KAMINSKI	OHYEDINMA	DOUGHTY	KABORÉ	MENGI	HASHIOKA
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							



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SUBSTITUTES						ATT	AWAY
NAKAMBA	CHONG	MPANZU	MORRIS ❖	ADEBAYO	SHEA, FRANCIS-CLARKE, BERRY, CAMPBELL, DOUGHTY, BROWN, MCATEE, OGBENE, WOODROW	31,872	3,001
NAKAMBA	CHONG	BARKLEY	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	DOUGHTY, ANDERSEN, RUDDOCK, MPANZU, OGBENE, BROWN, KRUI, BERRY, WOODROW, JOHNSON	39,893	3,054
MPANZU	BERRY	WOODROW ❖	OGBENE	BROWN ❖	SHEA, BURKE, JOHNSON, KABORE, BARKLEY, CHONG, NAKAMBA, ADEBAYO, MORRIS	9,468	1,058
NAKAMBA	CHONG	BARKLEY	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	KRUI, BERRY, BROWN, FRANCIS-CLARKE, JOHNSON, KABORE, MPANZU, OGBENE, WOODROW	10,802	1,151
NAKAMBA	CHONG	LOKONGA	MORRIS	BROWN	KRUI, ADEBAYO, BERRY, DOUGHTY, GILES, MENGI, MPANZU, OGBENE, WOODROW	24,467	2,701
NAKAMBA	LOKONGA	OGBENE	MORRIS ❖	BROWN	KRUI, ADEBAYO, ANDERSEN, BERRY, CHONG, GILES, MENGI, MPANZU, WOODROW	10,893	1,091
MPANZU	CHONG	BERRY	WOODROW	ADEBAYO	SHEA, OGBENE, MORRIS, KABORE, BURKE, BROWN, BELL, BURGER, LUKER	7,360	708
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	OGBENE	MORRIS ❖	BROWN	KRUI, ANDERSEN, BERRY, WOODROW, ADEBAYO, CHONG, MENGI, GILES, JOHNSON	39,289	2,976
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	OGBENE	MORRIS	BROWN	KRUI, ANDERSEN, BERRY, BURKE, WOODROW, ADEBAYO ❖, CHONG, GILES, JOHNSON	10,918	1,126
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	ADEBAYO	MORRIS	BROWN	KRUI, BARKLEY, BERRY, WOODROW, KABORE, CHONG, MENGI, GILES, JOHNSON	10,929	1,151
NAKAMBA	MPANZU	CHONG	MORRIS	BROWN	KRUI, OSHO, BARKLEY, WOODROW, ADEBAYO ❖, KABORE, GILES, TOWNSEND, LUKER	29,361	2,893
NAKAMBA	BARKLEY	OGBENE	MORRIS	BROWN	KRUI, WOODROW, ADEBAYO, CHONG, MPANZU, GILES, TOWNSEND, JOHNSON, LUKER	41,785	3,005
NAKAMBA	BARKLEY	OGBENE	MORRIS	TOWNSEND	KRUI, ADEBAYO, CHONG ❖, MPANZU, CLARK, BROWN, GILES, NELSON, LUKER	11,049	1,151
NAKAMBA	BARKLEY	OGBENE	MORRIS	TOWNSEND	KRUI, ADEBAYO, BERRY, CHONG, MPANZU, CLARK, BROWN, GILES, NELSON	73,599	3,008
MPANZU	BARKLEY	OGBENE	MORRIS	TOWNSEND	KRUI, BERRY, ADEBAYO, CHONG, CLARK, BROWN ❖, GILES, NELSON, LUKER	11,029	1,149
MPANZU	BARKLEY	OGBENE	MORRIS	CHONG	KRUI, ADEBAYO, CLARK, BROWN ❖, GILES, TOWNSEND, JOHNSON, NELSON	17,075	1,725
MPANZU	BARKLEY ❖	BROWN	ADEBAYO	TOWNSEND	KRUI, OGBENE, BERRY, MORRIS, CHONG, CLARK, GILES, JOHNSON, NELSON	11,112	1,151
NAKAMBA	BARKLEY	BROWN	ADEBAYO ❖	TOWNSEND	KRUI, ANDERSEN, BERRY, MORRIS, CHONG, MPANZU, CLARK, LOKONGA, JOHNSON	11,047	1,151
LOKONGA	BARKLEY	BROWN	ADEBAYO	TOWNSEND ❖	KRUI, ANDERSEN, OGBENE, MORRIS, WOODROW, CHONG, MPANZU, CLARK, GILES	11,042	1,145
LOKONGA	BARKLEY	BROWN	ADEBAYO	TOWNSEND	KRUI, SHEA, ANDERSEN, OGBENE, BERRY, MORRIS, WOODROW, CHONG, MPANZU	31,041	2,362
LOKONGA	BARKLEY ❖	BROWN	ADEBAYO ❖	TOWNSEND	KRUI, ANDERSEN, OGBENE, MORRIS, WOODROW, CHONG, MPANZU, CLARK, GILES	11,041	1,151
LOKONGA	BARKLEY	CHONG	ADEBAYO	MORRIS	KAMINSKI, ANDERSEN, BERRY, WOODROW, KABORE, MPANZU, CLARK, GILES, TOWNSEND	10,739	1,609
LOKONGA	BARKLEY	CLARK	ADEBAYO	TOWNSEND	KRUI, POTTS, BERRY, MORRIS ❖, WOODROW, CHONG, BURKE, MPANZU, GILES	20,155	1,432
BARKLEY	MPANZU	CLARK	MORRIS	CHONG ❖	KAMINSKI, POTTS, BERRY, WOODROW, ADEBAYO, BROWN, GILES, BELL, TOWNSEND	10,878	751
LOKONGA	BARKLEY	TOWNSEND	ADEBAYO	MORRIS	KAMINSKI, SHEA, POTTS, BERRY, WOODROW, CHONG, MPANZU, JOHNSON, NELSON	37,713	1,699
LOKONGA	BARKLEY	CLARK	ADEBAYO	MORRIS	KRUI, POTTS, BERRY, WOODROW, CHONG, MPANZU, TOWNSEND, JOHNSON, NELSON	10,994	1,044
LOKONGA	BARKLEY ❖	CLARK	ADEBAYO ❖	MORRIS ❖	KRUI, BERRY, WOODROW, KABORE, CHONG, BURKE, MPANZU, BROWN, TOWNSEND	52,211	3,145
LOKONGA	BARKLEY	CLARK	ADEBAYO	MORRIS ❖	KRUI, BERRY, WOODROW, KABORE, CHONG, MENGI, MPANZU, BROWN, TOWNSEND	11,138	1,350
LOKONGA	BARKLEY	CHONG	WOODROW	MORRIS	KRUI, POTTS, BERRY, KABORE, BURKE, MPANZU, CLARK, TOWNSEND, NELSON	11,438	1,389
LOKONGA	BARKLEY	CHONG	WOODROW	MORRIS	KRUI, POTTS, BERRY, KABORE, MPANZU, BURKE, CLARK, TOWNSEND, NELSON	59,896	2,505
CLARK ❖	BARKLEY	CHONG	WOODROW	MORRIS	SHEA, OSHO, MPANZU, HASHOKA, TOWNSEND, JOHNSON, NELSON, PIESOLD	11,163	1,866
CLARK	BARKLEY	CHONG ❖	TOWNSEND	MORRIS ❖	KRUI, SHEA, OGBENE, BERRY, WOODROW, MPANZU, HASHOKA, NELSON, PIESOLD	11,594	1,358
CLARK	BARKLEY	CHONG	OGBENE	MORRIS	KRUI, SHEA, BERRY, WOODROW ❖, MPANZU, HASHOKA, TOWNSEND, NELSON, LUKER, PIESOLD	25,103	2,687
CLARK	BARKLEY ❖	CHONG ❖	OGBENE ❖	MORRIS	KRUI, SHEA, BERRY, WOODROW, MPANZU, TOWNSEND, NELSON, LUKER, PIESOLD, MARTINS	11,198	1,313
MPANZU	BARKLEY	CHONG	CLARK	MORRIS	KRUI, SHEA, BERRY ❖, WOODROW, HASHOKA, TOWNSEND, NELSON, PIESOLD, MARTINS	11,630	1,260
BERRY	BARKLEY	CHONG ❖	TOWNSEND	MORRIS	SHEA, KRUI, WOODROW, CLARK, HASHOKA, ONYEDOMKA, JOHNSON, NELSON, PIESOLD	61,534	3,038
MPANZU	BARKLEY	CLARK	TOWNSEND	MORRIS	KRUI, SHEA, BERRY, WOODROW, CHONG, JOHNSON, CHIGOZIE, NELSON, PIESOLD	60,262	3,003

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TOWN TEASERS ANSWERS:
1. None, 2. Allan Campbell, 3. Luxembourg, 4. Ross Barkley, 5. Chesterfield, 6. Enoch Shownwumi, 7. Bristol Rovers, 8. Uruguay, 9. Australia, 10. Nine.



HOLD THE BACK PAGE

With Geoff Doyle, sports editor BBC Three Counties Radio

What a crazy season! On and off the pitch.

Luton have seven games left to try to stay in the Premier League. If you look at the past 10 years, 35 points has nearly always been enough - and this season that's likely to be the case again when you consider points deductions and the struggles Sheffield United and Burnley have had plus the recent form of Nottingham Forest and Everton.

So that is four wins the Hatters are likely to need which means home form is absolutely crucial with four to go here at the Kenny. Today it's the visit of Bournemouth who have become a club Luton have become very fond of this season and will be forever thankful of following events at the Vitality Stadium. You'll get a good welcome today.

Luton have hit a sticky patch of form at the wrong time but every neutral fan I've spoken to this season has been wholesome in their praise of the Hatters' performances. Rob Edwards' side have won the hearts of plenty of football enthusiasts who enjoy the attitude and spirit of this team.

Considering it is their debut Premier League season, the cost of the squad and the unbelievable injuries, this goes down as a fine campaign for Luton whatever happens in terms of survival or relegation.

The players, manager, coaches and staff deserve huge praise. It has already been a season of overachievement and in these last six weeks we will see whether they can cap it all off by staying up.

Off the pitch it's been dramatic too and the asterisks might not have stopped just yet. Everton's second charge of breaching financial rules is now being heard. Forest have appealed their charge. And if Everton are deducted more points they are likely to appeal. So there could be plenty of yo-yoing between now and the end of the season involving three clubs and that final relegation position, even when games aren't going on. What a mess.

Luton know all too well about points deductions and the extreme punishment they took in 2008 nearly saw them go out of existence. The club were very close to folding. But they fought back, and that scrapping mentality is within the club and witnessed on the pitch. It is a big reason why Luton are performing as they are and doing their level best to stay up, regardless of deductions, appeals and additions. And they're going to need that attitude again today. It should be some atmosphere!

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