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Programme Notes – Luton Town, Sunday 29th December 2024 – Chris Golledge writes:

Welcome back to the .com for our final Championship match of 2024 and what an eventful year it has been at the stadium. Before today's game we have witnessed 22 league matches across the year and we have been consistently inconsistent across them with 9 wins, 4 draws & 9 defeats scoring 28 goals whilst conceding 25. So, I guess solid mid-table feels about right and what that record would suggest.

However, if you come from the half-full rose-tinted glasses side of our world you might be a little more encouraged than that as only three of those losses have happened this season with two of those in very close defeats against teams in the current top four of the division. I genuinely believe Luke & the players are progressing solidly and if we can bring in a couple of additions next month to increase our first 11 options we can move permanently into the top 10 during the remainder of the season.

So, for me after that brilliant first half against QPR only three days ago, we can approach 2025 with a positive mindset & a growing belief that we can meaningfully start looking forward rather than nervously over our shoulder. With a renewed ownership group, players like Ben Cabango & Liam Cullen recently committing to new long-term contracts & steadily improving results on the pitch can we start dreaming of what might be over the season or two? It would be really good to keep building on that momentum with another win today allowing the Jack Army to travel down to Portsmouth on New Years Day with a real belief in what 2025 might bring.

Back to today's match with Luton Town FC against whom we have a very close record in recent times – since December 2019 Luton just edge it on head-to-heads with 4 wins to our 3 (2 draws too) – so maybe today we can level that up at 4 wins each! Liam Walsh joined the hatters in the summer but is currently serving a four-match suspension so will not be taking to the field back at his previous club.

Once we get through the New Year period the Trust will be getting back into our various projects in conjunction with our local stakeholders such as our Matchday Experience Working Group, Heritage work with local sports writer & author David Brayley and we will shortly be releasing our draft strategy document to our members for their feedback. As always new members and voices are always welcome so please feel free to go to our www.swanstrust.co.uk website to read more about what's going on and how to join. Or if it's easier just take a stroll over to our Trust kiosk outside the West Stand before KO on our home matchdays for a natter.

I hope you all enjoy the game & please be loud and proud for the boys. I'd also like to take this early opportunity to wish all our members and the whole Jack Army plus players, staff and everyone else associated with Swansea City a very Happy New Year from all of us on the Trust Board.

Chris