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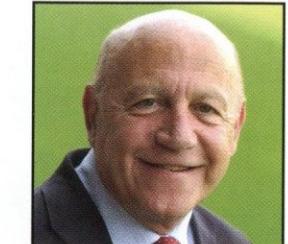
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Welcome Back

From Luton Town Chairman
Bill Tomlins



make the difference. That is why the manager and I always say 'Get behind the lads' in our programme notes, because we know that it can be positive encouragement to the team.

Michael Newell and Brian Stein will keep my feet firmly on the ground, and rightly so, as there are another 44 games to go. However we must always enjoy these moments.

In addition to our manager's programme notes I always turn to those of our captain, Kevin Nicholls, which represents his views as well as those of his teammates, indicating all the players' positive and professionals approach to our Championship matches.

Enjoy the game and **get behind the lads.**

Bill

"Without a doubt the team created the atmosphere that in the end became a tribute to our fans for their intense vocal support "

Any player, past and present, will tell you that the fans can and do

Player Feature



Markus Heikkinen has made a superb start to his Luton career after solid performances in wins over Crystal Palace and Southampton. Now the Finnish international wants to show what he is capable of in the English league after spending two-years with Scottish club Aberdeen

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THERE'S 'EVERYTHING TO PLAY FOR' THIS SEASON

Following an impressive debut from The Coca-Cola Championship, we are looking forward to developing its position as the pinnacle of The Football League.

Last season, more fans went to watch Coca-Cola Championship games than attended Serie A matches and as one of Europe's major league competitions, The Championship has a great story to tell.

We aim to tell it this season through a campaign called '*Everything To Play For*'. The focus of the campaign will be on communicating what we see as The Championship's key strengths, such as:

• ATTENDANCES: The Coca-Cola Championship is the fourth best attended league in Europe

• COMPETITIVENESS: On the final day of the 2004-05 season, 9 of the 24 teams were battling for either automatic promotion, a Play-Off place or trying to avoid relegation

• COMMUNITY: 55% of fans live within a 10 mile radius of The Championship club they support

• HOME GROWN: 40% of players in the England U21 and 41% of players in the Wales U21 squad during the 2004/05 season came from Championship clubs

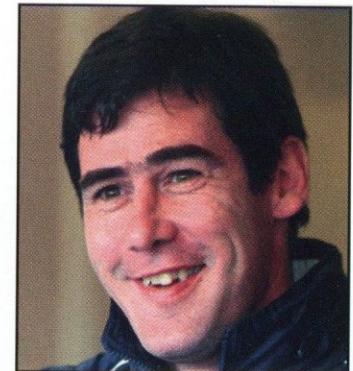
• HISTORY: The title 'Football League Championship' dates back to 1888 and The Championship name was brought back to reclaim its heritage

• VALUE: The Deloitte Annual Review of Football Finance described The Championship Play-Off Final as 'the richest game on earth'

We hope that shows why we believe there is '*Everything To Play For*' in The Coca-Cola Championship.

Enjoy the season

Stewart Regan
Director,
The Football League Championship



Mike Newell

In today's matchday programme Mike Newell reflects on Tuesday's victory over Southampton and welcomes today's visitors to Kenilworth Stadium

Hello and welcome to today's game against Leeds United. Welcome also to Kevin Blackwell, his staff, players, directors and supporters from Elland Road. Kevin is a Luton lad as far as I know so he will be no stranger to Kenilworth Road. He will also have ambitions of getting his club back into the Premiership this season and with

good as I have seen for a long time. We would not have been too disappointed with a point after trailing twice but the winner was the icing on the cake. That is two of the last years top level sides we have managed to beat in the first week. You can be sure that both of those sides will improve their squads before the end of the month and will be competing later

and the strongest will always come out on top and maintaining a level of performance and consistency is the difficult thing. We can accept people having off days or days when things don't quite go the way you want them to but it is how you respond to those days that separates the strong from the weak.

It is a great place to work at the moment but I can't remember too many times in the last couple of years when it hasn't been.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads

Mike Newell

"The English League season is and always has been a marathon even before it was extended to 46 games so nobody here is getting carried away after two. The strongest will always come out on top and maintaining a level of performance and consistency is the difficult thing"

the backing and support available you would expect to it happen, if not this year then certainly in the near future.

Although it will be difficult we will be hoping for more of the same. Tuesday's performance was as

in the season so it may have been good time to play them.

The English League season is and always has been a marathon even before it was extended to 46 games so nobody here is getting carried away after two. The best





Kevin Nicholls

Luton skipper Kevin Nicholls looks back at Saturday's victory over Crystal Palace and speaks of the importance to once again make Kenilworth Stadium a fortress this season

Our performance against Southampton on Tuesday night was another fantastic display from everyone involved and I'm sure it will go down as one of the classics at Kenilworth Road with five goals and some wonderful football – you couldn't have asked any more than that..

I have always said in past programme notes and interviews with the press that this squad has true character and that was once again evident on Tuesday night when we twice came

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was the highlight of a superb night. It was a special goal and good enough to win any game of football.

Everyone in the squad this season has a point to prove. The lads who played throughout last season want to prove they are capable of playing at this level whilst the new lads want to break through into the team.

I have to say it was great build-up play for the opening goal. Kevin Foley's neat ball into Warren Feeney teed me up nicely and I was glad to

Enoch's pass, was superb.

The result on Tuesday combined with our win over Crystal Palace, once again shows we are not in this division just to make up the numbers. Papers can write what they want and people can say what they like but this squad will stick together and with the atmosphere that was created against Southampton, the crowd can really work as a twelfth man and be a massive advantage.

It was a special night for everyone connected with Luton on Tuesday we know that it's only two results and as we turn our attentions to this afternoon's game with Leeds we understand we have a long season ahead of us.

Leeds are another big club and their reputation and achievements speak for themselves. They narrowly lost on Tuesday night so we know that they will be up for the game and with another big crowd expected, it should make for an exciting encounter.

Enjoy the game

Kevin Nicholls



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Cherry Newbery

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to everyone to our second home Championship match this week. I know it has been mentioned elsewhere in the programme, but it would be re-miss of me not to also mention the fantastic vocal support from our supporters at last Tuesdays match – with the new Kenilworth seating area support certainly adding to the atmosphere. Everyone I have spoken to or had emails from this week has said how much they enjoyed the game.

We have just heard from Cardiff City that they have had six Under 21 call ups for next week and we will therefore not be able to play our League Final Play-off match next

Tuesday as planned. The new date is Wednesday 24th here at Kenilworth Road with a 2.00 p.m. k.o. Entry is via Kenilworth Road Press Gate and is free for season ticket holders £3 for adults and £1 for concessions, do come and support the team. This new date does mean that the away reserve fixture with Stevenage Borough will need to be re-arranged and I advise you of the new date in due course.

I am delighted to advise you the team has won the F & C Performance of the week, for the 2-1 win last Saturday at Crystal Palace, congratulations to the team. The panel consisted of Dave Bassett, Sir Alex Ferguson, Barry Fry, Joe Royle

and Howard Wilkinson. Jeff Stelling of Sky Soccer Saturday will be making the presentation to our Manager Michael Newell live on Sky prior to today's match.

Enjoy the match.

Centenary Celebrations

We are delighted to announce that our home match with Wolverhampton Wanderers has been designated as the official launch of the clubs celebration of 100 years at Kenilworth Road.

As part of the celebrations we have invited previous footballing and management stars to attend and we will be celebrating this historic date with on-pitch activities, sale of memorabilia and lots of surprises. Further details will appear in our next matchday programme



STOKE CITY V LUTON TOWN SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST 2005 BRITANNIA STADIUM, KICK-OFF 3:00PM

We have been allocated 4,900 tickets in the Arthur Wait Stand for this fixture in what has been confirmed as 'HAPPY DAY' by Stoke City.

Prices are:

Adults	£10.00
Over 65's/ Under 17's	£5

The game is pay on the day for Luton supporters



LEYTON ORIENT V LUTON TOWN TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST 2005 KICK-OFF 7:45PM, CARLING CUP FIRST ROUND



The game is pay on the day for Luton supporters.

Tickets for this match are priced as follows:

Adults - £16.00, Concessions - £10.00 (Senior Citizens, Students with valid ID cards), 9-15 year-olds - £5 (Proof of age may be required) Supporters under the age of nine can gain free admission to Brisbane Road although tickets must be ordered in advance from the Leyton Orient Ticket Office, which can be contacted on 0208 926 1010



LEICESTER CITY V LUTON TOWN SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST 2005 WALKERS STADIUM, KICK-OFF 3:00PM



This is not an all ticket match for Luton supporters, however we have today received an allocation of tickets should supporters wish to pre-purchase. In order to assist supporters who wish to pre-order, for this match only, please telephone 01582 411622 and ask for extention 41.

The latest date for ordering by telephone is Tuesday 23rd August.

Prices are:

Adults - £22.00, Senior Citizens - £20.00, Young Adults - £20.00 (16-21 years), Juveniles - £17.00 (12-15 years), Under 12's - £14.00



LUTON TOWN V MILLWALL MONDAY 29TH AUGUST 2005 KICK-OFF 12:00 NOON



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LEEDS UNITED

Leeds United are desperate to regain their former status in the Premier League and as JAMES MARSH comments, the men from Elland Road have renewed optimism for the current season following the arrival of Ken Bates



LEEDS UNITED FACTFILE



LEEDS UNITED

Year Formed: 1919

Ground: Elland Road

Ground Capacity: 40,296

Most League Goals: Peter Lorimer (168)

Record transfer fee received:

Rio Ferdinand (30,000,000) from Manchester United

Record transfer fee paid:

Rio Ferdinand (18,000,000) from Manchester United

After a turbulent couple of years that has seen Leeds United relegated from the Premiership and flirt with financial liquidation, Kevin Blackwell's men will be looking to build on their decent start to the new season in today's game.

With the threat of extinction looming over the club for much of last year until the surprise intervention of former Chelsea chairman, Ken Bates, the team's mid-table finish reflected well on Blackwell and his makeshift team.

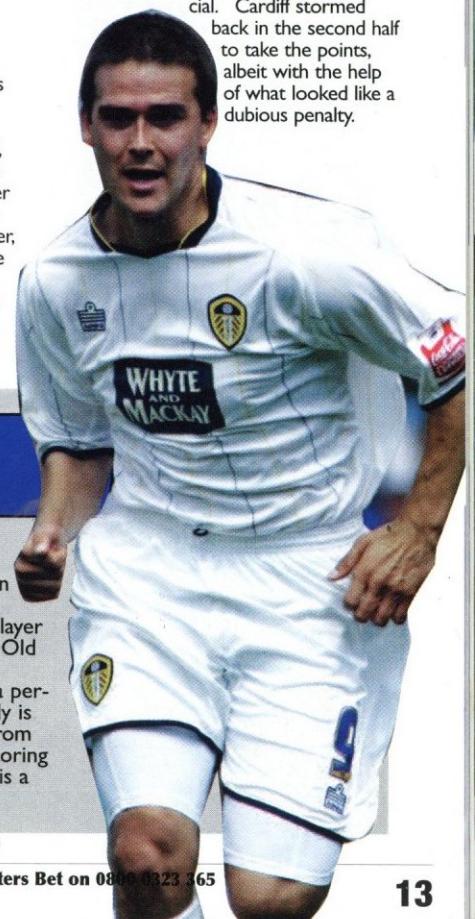
There have been promising signs that Whites fans, with their club now on a much firmer financial footing, can look forward to 2005-6 with considerably more optimism. A solid pre-season, which included an impressive draw against

Celtic and wins over Barnsley and the Norwegian side, FC Stavanger, set them up well for their opening fixture against Millwall.

No away fans were present at Elland Road following crowd trouble at last year's corresponding fixture, but the match was still typical of the fiery affairs seen between the two clubs over the years. Despite US international, Eddie Lewis, and former Birmingham forward, Robbie Blake, both making their debuts after summer moves, Leeds made rather a slow start to the game before a stunning strike from Northern Ireland striker, David Healy, put them ahead just before the half-hour mark. Healy, who will be hoping to improve on last season's tally of seven goals, converted a difficult chance with a fantastic scissors kick

after a scramble at a corner. Although Millwall equalised on the hour mark with ex-Hammer Don Hutchison powerfully finishing off a good move, Healy completed his double with a well-taken penalty after 72 minutes. The man brought down for the spot kick was Erik Bakke, veteran of David O'Leary's team that "lived the dream", and after two-and-a-half years of terrible injuries Leeds fans will surely be glad to see him back in the fold.

Tuesday's game at Cardiff was another tight affair, with the home side eventually running out 2-1 winners. Leeds led going into the break, with the new strikeforce combining well as Blake got on the end of a Healy cross to slot home, but the loss through injury of their influential captain and centre-back, Paul Butler, proved crucial. Cardiff stormed back in the second half to take the points, albeit with the help of what looked like a dubious penalty.



Dangerman: David Healey

David arrived at Elland Road after weeks of speculation and wrangling with Preston North End for his signature. The Ulsterman was out of contract at the end of the season with Preston, and having turned down a new deal with the Lilywhites, meant Kevin Blackwell was able to pay considerably less than he might have expected to for an international player with proven goalscoring abilities. Healy began his career as a trainee at Old Trafford but only made three substitutes appearances for them. After impressing former Preston boss David Moyes whilst on loan, he made a permanent move to Deepdale in a deal worth £1.5m in January 2001. Healy is currently Northern Ireland's all time leading goalscorer with 15 goals from 39 appearances. His first season at Elland Road was characterised by scoring some spectacular goals and he finished top scorer with seven, but that is a figure he will be looking to more than double in 2005/06.



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About Leeds United

Manager



Kevin Blackwell

Kevin Blackwell had a long career as a player, keeping goal in the lower divisions for Barnet, Scarborough, Notts County, Torquay, Huddersfield, Plymouth, Bury, Sheffield United and Boston - for whom he saved a penalty in the FA Trophy Final.

As a coach he worked with Neil Warnock who he first encountered at Scarborough, making his reputation at Bramall Lane as an under-resourced team of apparent journeymen and young players showed their fitness and superior tactics both in the league and the cup, with two notable victories over Terry Venables' Leeds United side.

Peter Reid invited him to come to Elland Road in summer 2003, and he worked as a coach first under Reid, then under caretaker boss Eddie Gray as the club slid down the Premier League and into the drop zone with a demoralised and unfit squad inherited from Venables and which Reid failed to reshape with an influx of loan signings. When relegation was finally confirmed, Gray stepped down and Blackwell picked up the reigns for the final game of the 2003-04 season at Stamford Bridge.

He looked set to be offered the job in May, but with the club apparently on the brink of a takeover, he was humiliatingly told to wait and see when the press had been briefed and were ready to see him unveiled as the new boss. But when the takeover attempt became the latest of many to stumble at the final hurdle, Blackwell's appointment was rushed through to try to get some positive spin on the news on the day that Alan Smith was sold to Manchester United.



Goalkeeper Skipper



Neil Sullivan

Brought in by Kevin Blackwell as United's first choice keeper in the summer of the 2004/05 season, Neil offers Leeds a wealth of experience.

The Scotland international arrived at Elland Road after a frustrating last year with Chelsea, where he would have been down the pecking order if he had stayed at Stamford Bridge.

The former Wimbledon, Spurs and Scotland goalkeeper was called into the Chelsea first team action eight times but was perhaps a little rusty after a year on the White Hart Lane sidelines with previous club Spurs.

Sullivan gave Leeds fans an early example of his expertise as a goalkeeper when he pulled off a brilliant penalty save in only his third game for the club against Wolves. He went on to make three further penalty saves in his first season at the club and saved Leeds from defeat on countless other occasions.

He was deservedly voted as the Player of The Year for the 2004-05 season, and was the club's only ever-present player that season.



Paul Butler

One of Kevin Blackwell's first signings as Leeds boss, Paul brings with him to Elland Road vital experience in the art of promotion.

Twice, automatically with Sunderland and through the play-offs with Wolverhampton Wanderers, he's helped to lift his club into the Premiership and United fans will hope he can complete a unique hat-trick with them.

Blackwell admitted signing Butler was an unexpected bonus as the Manchester-born defender had been expected to stay at Wolves, but they were unable to offer him more than a year's extension to his contract and Leeds made their move with a two year deal on offer.

Solid and dependable, Wolves fans were loathe to lose the once capped Irish international after seeing him play the best football of his career at Molineux, and Leeds supporters discovered he was dependable at all times during his first season at the club.

Butler was made club captain by Kevin Blackwell and it was a role he lived up to well, taking control of situations on and off the pitch and helping to mold together a tight-knit squad.

Defenders

Gary Kelly

Gary Kelly has made more appearances for Leeds United than any other member of the current squad. Gary has since been a valuable squad member and was rewarded for his ten year stint at Elland Road with a big charity match against Glasgow Celtic at Elland Road in May 2002. His generosity in donating all proceeds from the game to cancer charities was a testament to his sister Mandy, who died of the disease in 1998. In the summer of 2004 he opened a cancer centre in his home town of Drogheda with the proceeds. Went on to play in his second World Cup for the Republic of Ireland in Japan and South Korea in June 2002

Stephen Crainey

Kevin Blackwell made Stephen his first cash signing after a summer in which the 10 players that preceded him had all been free transfers. The full-back joined Leeds on what was initially a loan deal on Friday 6th August 2004, possibly the shortest loan spell ever, before his move from Southampton was made permanent for £200,000 the following Monday. Possessing a good temperament combined with passing ability and a powerful shot make Crainey an excellent addition to the squad.

Matthew Kilgallon

Promising young central defender who has emerged through the Leeds Academy to play regularly for the reserves and is now pushing hard for a first team squad place. Born in York and educated at Tadcaster Grammar School, Matthew is widely tipped to become a regular in the United side in future. He made his United debut in the UEFA Cup against Hapoel Tel Aviv, November 2002, coming on for the injured Lucas Radebe and playing his part in a remarkable 4-1 win away from home. His Premiership debut also came as a substitute against West Ham at Elland Road in February 2003.

Sean Gregan

The former West Bromwich Albion captain arrived at Elland Road after weeks of transfer negotiations for a fee of £500,000 that could rise to £1m based on appearances and promotion bonuses. The midfielder arrived in Leeds with over 450 games under his belt and represented the type of experience Kevin Blackwell was desperately trying to add to his squad. He also brings real leadership qualities and during his time at the Hawthorns and previous clubs Preston and Darlington, an uncompromising, tough tackler.

Midfielders

Jermaine Wright

One of eight players to sign for United on July 1st 2004, becoming one of Kevin Blackwell's 'revolutionaries'. His capture was met with surprise by a few, surprised that he chose to move to Elland Road with the club having been relegated the previous season over Everton, Wayne Rooney and all. There was no wonder Blackwell was so delighted. He began his career with Millwall as a trainee, but his early career was unspectacular as a move to Wolves failed to see him spark. It was only after moving on to Crewe that his football took off under Dario Gradi, a master in reviving careers.

Eddie Lewis

Eddie Lewis joined Leeds United on a free transfer from Championship rivals Preston on July 1st 2005. He is the first American to play for the club. Born in California, Lewis first arrived in England in March 2000 by signing for Fulham from MLS side San Jose Earthquakes in a £2m deal. After just 16 Premiership appearances though he was transferred to Preston North End in November 2002 for £500,000. He made 97 league starts for Preston, scoring 15 times.

Danny Pugh

Danny became Kevin Blackwell's first signing as Leeds United manager when he arrived at Elland Road as part of the deal that saw Alan Smith move to Old Trafford. A left-sided utility player, Manchester-born Danny has stated his willingness to play wherever he is needed, all he's after is games. Seven appearances with Manchester United, three of them in the Champions League, has not been enough for Pugh, who is desperate to knuckle down and try to become a first team regular at Elland Road.

Steve Stone

Billed as the answer to United's lack of width on the right, Steve Stone arrived at Elland Road in June 2005 after being released by Portsmouth. The winger announced that his aim for the season is to help Leeds regain their top flight status and manager Kevin Blackwell brought him in to provide the bullets for the strikers. Leeds faced intense competition for Steve's services, including rivals Southampton who are managed by his former boss at Portsmouth, Harry Redknapp. His signing was hailed as a major coup.

Strikers

Rob Hulse

Rob Hulse signed a permanent deal with Leeds the day after the 2004/5 season finished after a hugely successful loan spell. Hulse began his career at his home town club of Crewe Alexandra and became a huge crowd favourite after scoring 45 times in just 97 starts for The Railway Men. Before the 2003/4 season started he moved on to West Bromwich Albion where he played a key role in the Baggies promotion campaign scoring ten times in 29 appearances. But his time at the Hawthorns turned sour when he was only selected six times in the opening few months of the 2004/5 season and that was when Kevin Blackwell stepped in and decided to use him as one of his valuable loan signings. Hulse became an instant hero when he bagged a brace on his debut against Reading and provided a much needed spark to Leeds's season.

Michael Ricketts

Signed on a free transfer from Middlesbrough, Michael is the man United boss Kevin Blackwell has turned to for goals. The striker is more than capable of getting plenty of them in the Coca Cola Championship after proving himself with Walsall and Bolton Wanderers. He began his career with the Saddlers and had barely had enough time to establish himself at the club when Sam Allardyce took a £400,000 gamble on him to take him to the Reebok Stadium. It was a gamble that paid off massively for the Trotters boss. His first season saw him find the net 24 times and that was despite being mainly used as a substitute in the Trotters promotion season. He defied the critics who doubted he would prove a success in the top flight by scoring 15 goals in the first half of the season, although he was to later lose form and fall out publicly with Allardyce.

Scored & conceded in last 15 mins

FOR	76-90	Total	%	AGAINST	76-90	Total	%
Sheff United	3	6	50.0	Leicester	4	6	66.7
Stoke	1	2	50.0	Crystal Palace	2	4	50.0
Wolves	1	2	50.0	Stoke	2	4	50.0
Leicester	2	5	40.0	Reading	1	2	50.0
Luton	2	5	40.0	Southampton	1	3	33.3
Crewe	1	3	33.3	Burnley	1	4	25.0
Plymouth	1	5	20.0	Brighton	0	3	0.0
Brighton	0	1	0.0	Cardiff	0	2	0.0
Burnley	0	2	0.0	Coventry	0	1	0.0
Cardiff	0	2	0.0	Crewe	0	2	0.0
Coventry	0	1	0.0	Derby	0	2	0.0
Derby	0	2	0.0	Hull	0	1	0.0
Hull	0	1	0.0	Ipswich	0	2	0.0
Ipswich	0	2	0.0	Leeds	0	3	0.0
Leeds	0	3	0.0	Leicester	0	1	0.0
Millwall	0	1	0.0	Plymouth	0	0	0.0
Norwich	0	2	0.0	Preston	0	0	0.0
Crystal Palace	0	2	0.0	Reading	0	0	0.0
Preston	0	3	0.0	Southampton	0	0	0.0
QPR	0	2	0.0	Stoke	0	0	0.0
Reading	0	3	0.0	Watford	0	1	0.0
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Southampton	0	2	0.0		0	0	0.0
Watford	0	4	0.0		0	0	0.0

Margins of victory & defeat

WON BY	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4+ gls	LOST BY	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4+ gls
Luton	2	0	0	0	Burnley	2	0	0	0
Sheff United	1	0	1	0	Crystal Palace	2	0	0	0
Cardiff	1	0	0	0	Brighton	0	1	0	0
Crewe	1	0	0	0	Cardiff	1	0	0	0
Ipswich	1	0	0	0	Ipswich	1	0	0	0
Leeds	1	0	0	0	Leeds	1	0	0	0
Leicester	0	1	0	0	Leicester	0	0	1	0
Plymouth	0	1	0	0	Millwall	0	0	0	0
Millwall	0	0	0	0	Reading	1	0	0	0
Southampton	0	0	0	0	Southampton	1	0	0	0
Stoke	0	0	0	0	Stoke	0	1	0	0
Watford	0	0	0	0	Watford	1	0	0	0
Wolves	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0

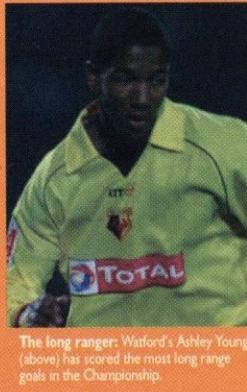
Headed goals



Most headed goals scored

Player	Club	Goals
Ashton	Norwich	1
Brkovic	Luton	1
Cort	Wolves	1
Evans	Plymouth	1
Hammond	Brighton	1
Henderson	Watford	1
Howard	Luton	1
Iffill	Sheff Utd	1
Johnson	Palace	1
Jones	Southampton	1
Kitson	Reading	1
Lita	Reading	1
Noel-Williams	Burnley	1

Long range goals



Most goals scored outside 18yd box

Player	Club	Goals
Young	Watford	2
Jones B	Crewe	1
Koumas	Cardiff	1
Little	Reading	1
McAnuff	Palace	1
Morgan	Luton	1
Nugent	Preston	1
Varney	Crewe	1
Vaughan	Crewe	1

Goalkeeping & goalscoring

Best goalkeeping ratio

Total goals conceded
Opposition shots on target
Percentage of shots saved

Best strike ratio

Total goals scored
Shots on target
Percentage of shots scored

Worst goalkeeping ratio

Total goals conceded
Opposition shots on target
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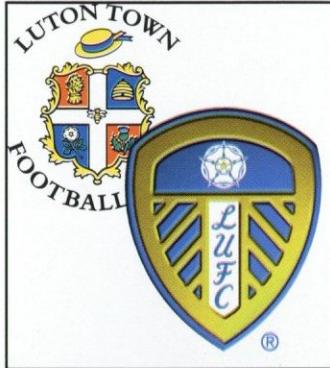


Comebacks & throwaways

WON FROM	-3	-2	-1	TOTAL	LOST FROM	+3	+2	+1	TOTAL
Cardiff	0	0	1	1	Leeds	0	0	1	1
Luton	0	0	1	1	Southampton	0	0	1	1
Preston	0	0	1	1	Watford	0	0	1	1
DRAWN FROM	-3	-2	-1	TOTAL	DRAWN FROM	+3	+2	+1	TOTAL
Derby	0	0	2	2	Plymouth	0	1	0	1
Watford	0	1	0	1	Brighton	0	0	1	1
Coventry	0	0	1	1	Crewe	0	0	1	1
Hull	0	0	1	1	Norwich	0	0	1	1
Norwich	0	0	1	1	Preston	0	0	1	1
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Classic Match

ROGER WASH takes a look at a classic encounter between the Hatters and this afternoon's opponents Leeds United



The Hatters line up at the start of the 1974/75 campaign

When the Town were promoted back to the top flight in 1974, for the first time in 14 years, the fans were looking forward to rubbing shoulders with the big boys once more, none more so than Leeds United.

Playing open, attacking and sometimes naive but ultimately exciting football the Hatters were now winning as many games as they lost and had managed to haul themselves up by the bootstraps and move off bottom place by the time of the visit of mighty Leeds on 22nd March 1975.

A crowd of 23,048, the second highest of the season, was treated to an amazing opening with the Town going two up inside the first 12 minutes. In the third minute Jimmy Husband broke on the right but the danger appeared to have passed when his cross went over

the head of Ron Fletcher. The Leeds defenders inexplicably stood rooted to the spot, ball watching, but the wily John Aston sized up the situation in a trice and fired a right foot shot past David Stewart in the Leeds goal.

Less than ten minutes later Kenilworth Road truly erupted when Aston, this time on the right, dragged defenders all over the place leaving Peter Anderson to slam the ball into the roof of the net.

The Luton players, quite understandably, retreated behind their sandbags for a period waiting for an onslaught that never actually came, with a stunned Leeds unable to recover any form of fluency.

When Leeds did pull a goal back with three minutes to go, with Joe Jordan taking advantage of some comic defending, it came as a complete shock but before the alarm bells could ring the referee blew his whistle to signal a remarkable Luton victory.

Luton Town: Barber, John Ryan, Buckley, Anderson, Faulkner, Paul Fletcher, Jim Ryan, Husband, Ron Fletcher, West, Aston.

Leeds United: Stewart, Reaney, Frank Gray, Madeley, McQueen (Cherry), Hunter, McKenzie, Yorath, Jordan, Giles, Eddie Gray.

On the Web

Read what's happening on the clubs official website

Luton Town's official website, www.lutontown.co.uk, has enjoyed some new features and services over the summer.

In the last programme, we introduced the Photo M-Mag, a fantastic colour phone mobile magazine including:

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But that is not the only new feature to look forward to on the club's official website.

Hatters World subscribers will see a brand new service full of new features including a number of exclusive interviews with the people that matter at Kenilworth Stadium.

Hatters World Two subscribers were given the opportunity to hear exclu-

sive interviews with Rowan Vine, Carlos Edwards, Markus Heikkinen and Dean Morgan just moments after they put pen to paper on a new contract.

The fantastic Match Live tool enables supporters, who are unable to travel to games, to listen to match commentary and keep right up to date with live minute-by-minute statistics and scores from around the country.

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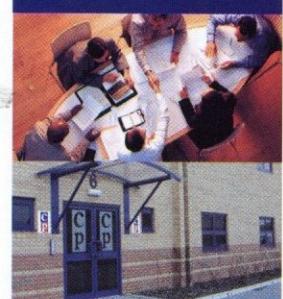
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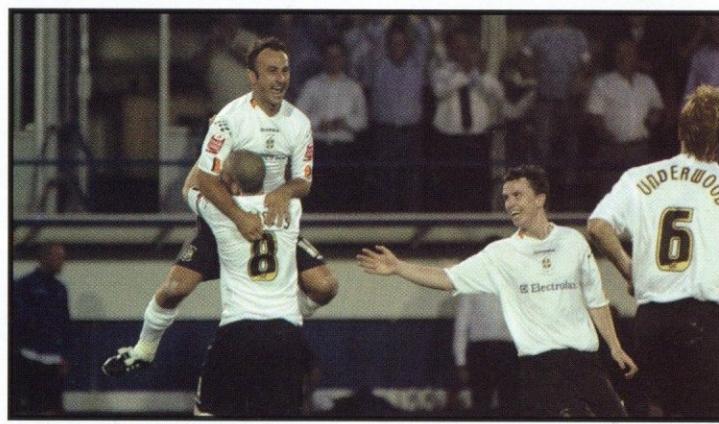
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Match Action

PHILIP FRANCIS reports on a remarkable night at Kenilworth Stadium when Luton
twice came from behind to seal all three points and maintain the club's winning
start to the season



LUTON 3 SOUTHAMPTON 2



□ Ahmet Brkovic celebrates his second goal of the season with skipper Kevin Nicholls

Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



When you get into the habit of winning games, it's a great habit to have. We are on a bit of a roll and we hope it continues but we don't keep winning because we are on a roll, it happens because we have decent players who are working very hard for one another.

Southampton boss
Harry Redknapp



Luton's quality did not surprise me because Mike Newell has done a terrific job there and they are a good side. But having led twice away from home, you would expect to go on and win the game. But we did not defend well.

A wonderful late goal from home debutant Dean Morgan was the highlight of Luton's impressive 3-2 win over Southampton in a remarkable encounter at Kenilworth Stadium.

The match started brightly and had it not been for the brilliance of Saints goalkeeper Antti Niemi, Luton could have been looking at a commanding lead.

For all their flare and slick movement Luton found themselves a goal behind on eighteenth minutes when Oakley scored a well taken goal.

Far from being despondent the Hatters came back with a vengeance. Several chances were created before the inspi-

ration Kevin Nicholls levelled the score with a sublime goal.

Unfortunately the lead only lasted four minutes before Kenwyne Jones restored the visitors advantage.

Any worries of how Luton's players would react to conceding a late goal before half-time were soon dispelled in the second period when Ahmet Brkovic enhanced his growing reputation with a well taken goal.

Not content on a point Luton went in search of a winner which duly arrived in the dying seconds as Morgan cut in from the left to let fly with an unstoppable shot that had everybody off their seats, and secured the three points.



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LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



SOUTHAMPTON'S STARTING LINE-UP

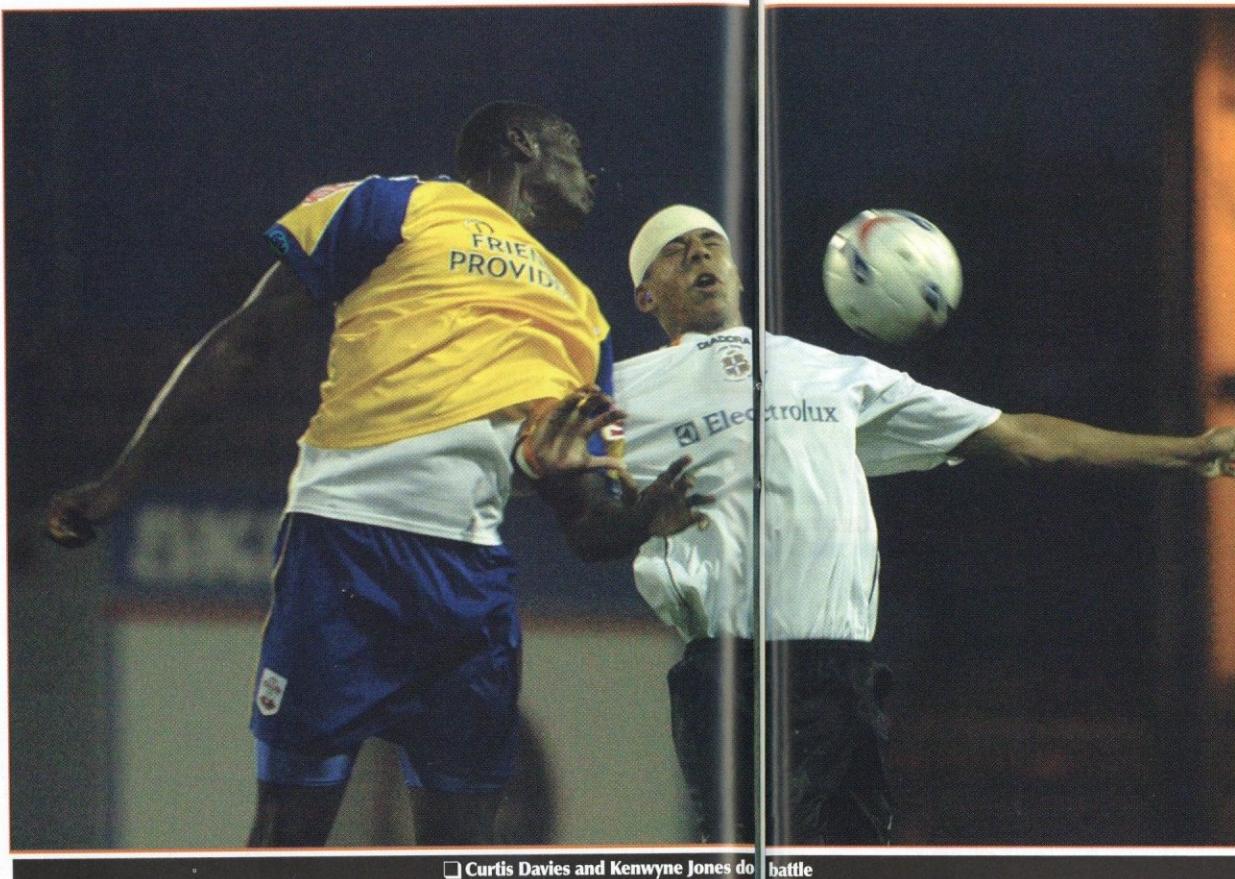


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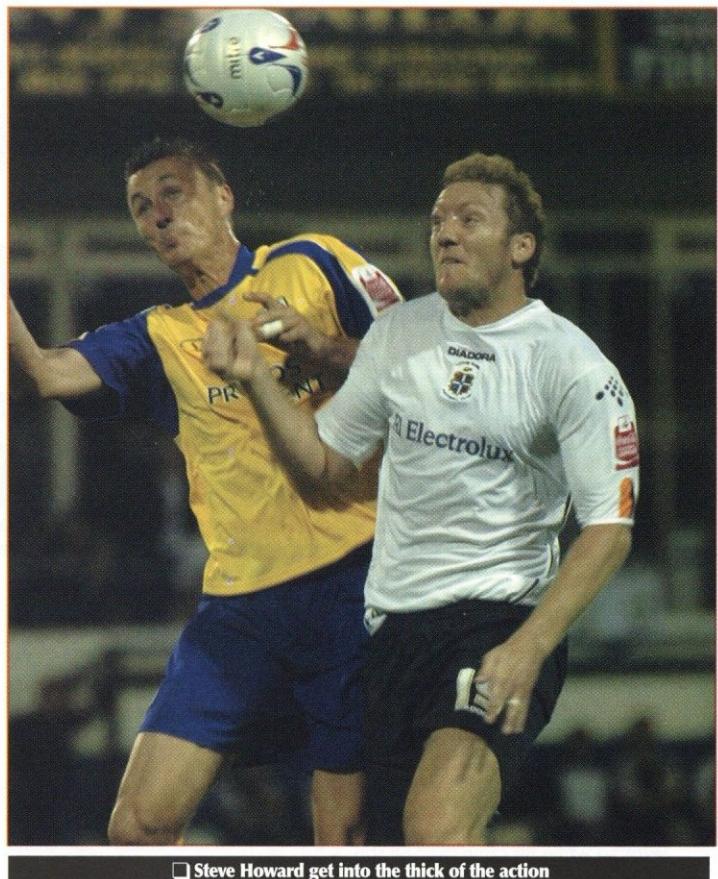
	G	Ass	S On	S Off
K.Foley	0	0 (2)	0	0
P.Underwood	0	0 (4)	0	1
K.Nicholls	1	1 (1)	1	2
W.Feene	0	1 (0)	2	0
S.Robinson	0	0 (0)	2	0
A.Brkovic	1	0 (1)	2	2
S.Howard	0	0 (3)	2	3
C.Davies	0	0 (1)	0	1
D.Morgan	1	0 (2)	1	1
M.Heikkinen	0	0 (0)	0	0
E.Showunmi	0	1 (0)	0	0

Key: G = Goals, Ass = Assists, S On = Shots On, S Off = Shots Off

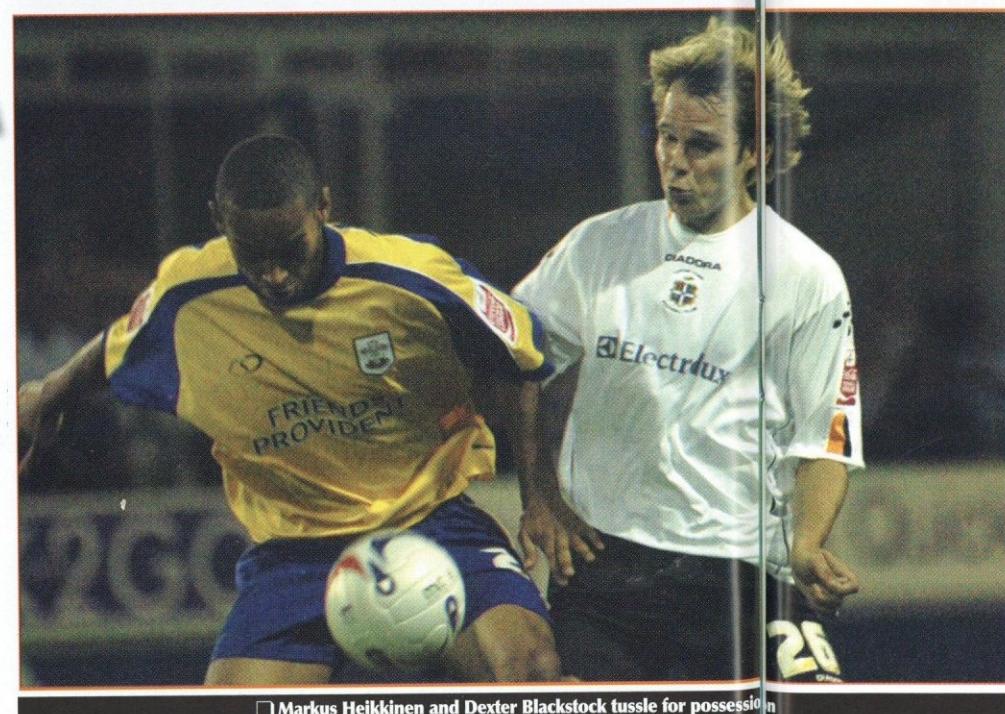
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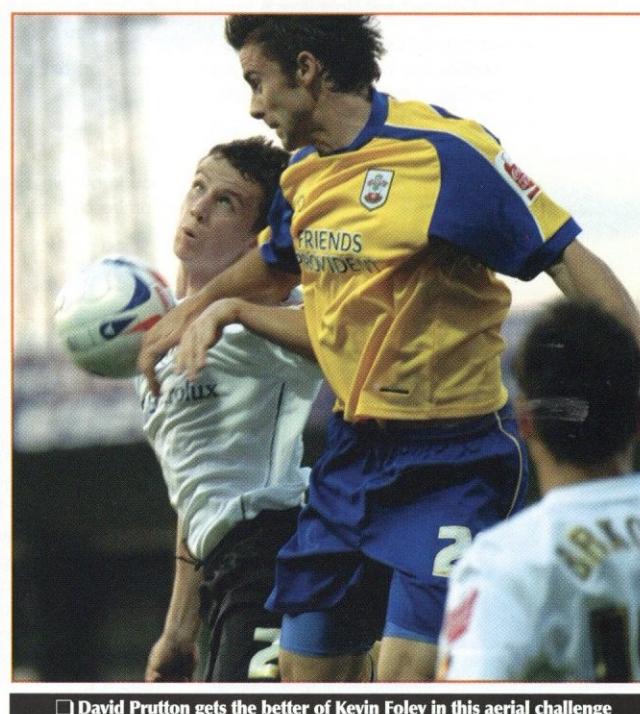
□ Curtis Davies and Kenwyne Jones do battle



□ Steve Howard gets into the thick of the action



□ Markus Heikkinen and Dexter Blackstock tussle for possession



□ David Prutton gets the better of Kevin Foley in this aerial challenge

Match Facts

LUTON TOWN

Shots On Target - 10

Shots Off Target - 10

Corners - 8

Free-Kicks - 17

Offsides - 4

Bookings - 2

SOUTHAMPTON

Shots On Target - 4

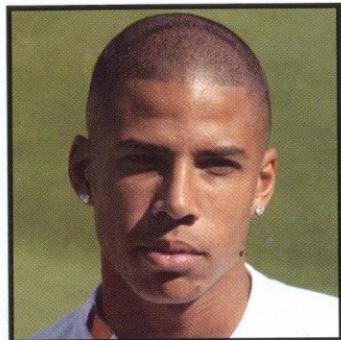
Shots Off Target - 2

Corners - 4

Free-Kicks - 15

Offsides - 3

Bookings - 2



Curtis Davies

In our new occasional feature, your matchday programme puts the questions to the players in an exclusive Q and A session. First to take part is **Curtis Davies**

Q What club did you support growing up?

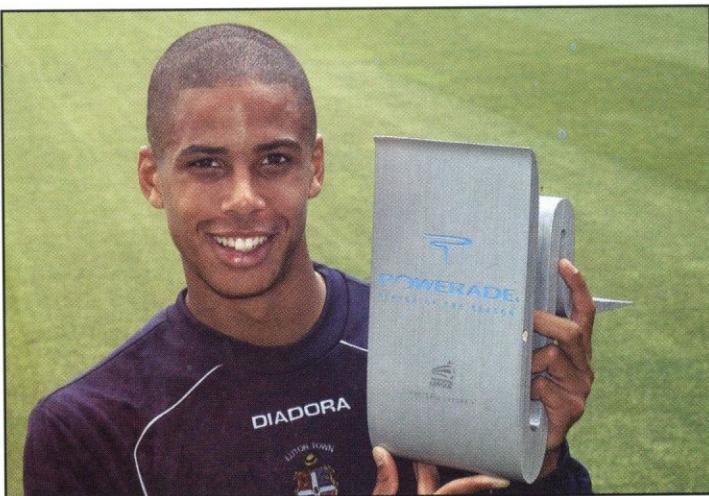
A Manchester United, you might say I'm not from Manchester but none of them are really! My Dad was born in Sierra Leone and they were the big team, so when he came over he supported Man Utd and bred me into it basically.

Q Where do you see yourself playing in 2010?

A Hopefully playing for a Premiership side and hopefully playing for England.

Q Who is the most difficult opponent you have played against?

A Competitively in a league game, I would have to say Adam Boyd from Hartlepool, but in pre-season I played against Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Paolo Di Canio. Playing against Dennis



Curtis Davies is pictured with his League One Powerade Player of the Year Award

Bergkamp was also an experience

Q Who is the most skilful player you have played with?

A Probably Brko (Ahmet Brkovic) to be honest, he's always got his little dips and little twists and turns.

Q If you could change one thing about football what would it be?

A I'd like people to play football, if you know what I mean, not people coming to just gain points.

Q What is your opinion on the youth system in this country? Does it allow youngsters to gain experience and nurture their talent?

A At our level you expect more players to come through obviously, because we don't have the money to go out and buy internationals and stuff like that, but at higher levels I guess they are still getting developed as well, because even though they might be playing reserves they are playing against good players in other team's reserves.

Q Describe what type of footballer you are in three words?

A Fast, direct and steady.

Q What would you say your best position is?

A I've played centre half ever since I was about 14, in the past at Wimbledon (whilst on schoolboy terms) they tried to play me in centre midfield and stuff like that, but I think I've found my place really. I don't think I could ever fill in any more, it's gone beyond that.

a credit, not just to what I've done, to what the clubs done, because if the club wasn't doing so well people might not be watching them to watch me basically.

Q Did you captain a school team? Do you excel at any other sports?

A Yeah I captained the school team and district team. I was quite good at basketball at school, and I used to do long jump and 400 meters, I was champion in those two.

Q Which of these options motivates you more, money or medals?

Q Are young British players able to get a fair chance to impress?

A At the bigger clubs it doesn't seem so, at Manchester United for example, since the Scholes and Beckham era not many English players have come through, a lot of teams nowadays are buying young foreigners, so if you are a 19-year-old in the Manchester United youth system then all of a sudden they buy a foreign 19-year-old who plays the same position, how do you feel? At bigger clubs they are not really getting the chance, at clubs that can't afford to buy they are alright.

For me, I'm not a person who gets big-headed by speculation. I just see it as a confidence boost that people outside the division, and sports pundits, are taking notice of me

Q What would your best piece of advice be for young footballers?

A When you think you are doing well, try harder

Q What would you say your strengths and weaknesses in football are?

A My strengths are probably pace, and I can read the game quite well, for my age especially. Weaknesses, I need to be better on the ball and improve my left foot. Also my body strength needs to be improved on.

Q Who would you say is your biggest influence in the game?

A Rio Ferdinand, he is my favorite player anyway because I like the way he plays. The fact he plays in the same position as myself helps and of course it also helps that he moved to Manchester United.

Q Does speculation bother you?

A For me, I'm not a person who gets big-headed by it, I just see it as a confidence boost that people outside the division, and sports pundits, are sitting up and taking notice of me. So it's

A Well medals, at our level especially because it's different at the top level where you are earning stupid amounts of money where you could just retire at 30 if you want to, so I guess at our level it's got to be about medals.

Q Who will the 2006 World Cup finals in Germany?

A I think Brazil because they just always turn it on in the tournaments.

Q What car do you drive?

A Audi A2

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Head 2 Head

In the second of our first round matches in our head-to-head competition, Marvin Johnson was paired with skipper Kevin Nicholls. Our Reserve and Youth Coach seems quietly confident of success but can the Luton captain stop him in his tracks - well read on.



Can Kevin put in a skippers display?

KEVIN'S ANSWERS

1. Barnsley
2. Colombian
3. West Ham
4. Newcastle
5. QPR
6. Japan
7. Czech Rep
8. 4
9. Stuart Pearce
10. Owen Hargreaves

Score 8/10

QUESTIONS

1. Which club play their home matches at Oakwell?
2. What nationality is Aston Villa striker Juan Pablo Angel?
3. David James left which London club to join Manchester City?
4. Which club did Les Ferdinand play for before joining Tottenham?
5. From which club did Arsenal sign David Seaman from?
6. In which country did Arsene Wenger manage before joining Arsenal?
7. Who won the European Championship in 1996 at Wembley?
8. How many times have Brazil won the World Cup?
9. Which former England international's autobiography was entitled Psycho?
10. Name the England international who is a regular in the Bundesliga for Bayern Munich?

Hargreaves
Answers: 1. Barnsley, 2. Colombian, 3. West Ham, 4. Newcastle, 5. QPR, 6. Japan, 7. Germany, 8. 5, 9. Stuart Pearce, 10. Owen Hargreaves



Marvin thinks he is on a winner

MARVIN'S ANSWERS

1. Barnsley
2. Paraguay
3. West Ham
4. Newcastle
5. QPR
6. France
7. Czech Rep
8. 5
9. Stuart Pearce
10. Owen Hargreaves

Score 7/10

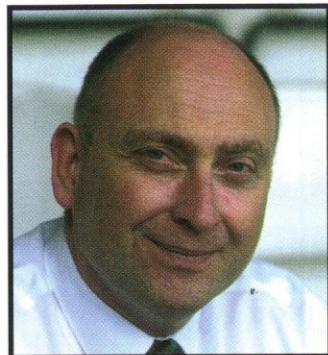
WHOSE THROUGH

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Marvin Johnson



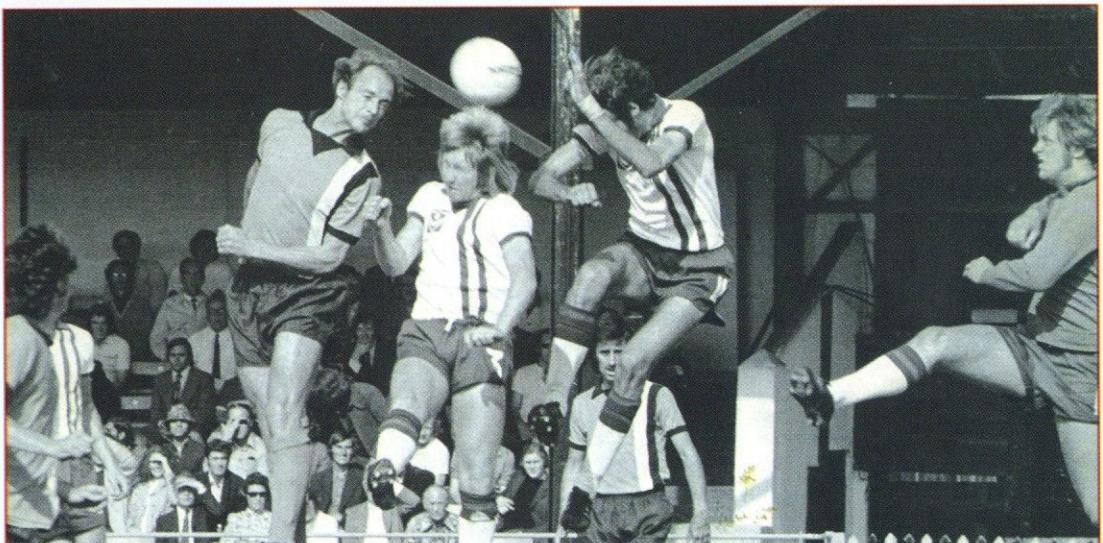
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Roger Wash

1973
1974

From the 1973-74 season, Roger Wash looks back at a year when Luton missed out on the Division Two Championship title but did make a return top flight football



John Faulkner is first to the ball against Portsmouth at Kenilworth Road during the promotion season of 1973/74

A new football season always opens with a great deal of optimism and 1973/74 was no different. If the away record of the previous campaign could be harnessed with some sound home performances then a tilt at promotion back to the top flight could be dreamt about.

The optimism evaporated immediately, however, following a 0-4 thrashing at Nottingham Forest on the opening day which meant that manager Harry Haslam had to go back to the drawing board. Out went new signing Peter Cruse and in his place came youngster Tom Finney for the next game, at

home to Carlisle.

Only 7,231, the poorest opening home crowd for several years, turned out but they were treated to an amazing display of football which saw the Hatters 6-0 up by half-time with Finney bagging two. The close season signing from Crusaders followed this up with a goal in the 3-1 win at Bristol City the next week and the equaliser in a mid-week draw at Notts County.

Although Finney's goal supply did eventually dry up the Town continued their early season form with a fine 1-0 win at the home of F.A.Cup holders

Sunderland and a devastating 3-0 home victory over Blackpool which pushed them up to a top three position.

Haslam, mindful of the fact that the Hatters had often flattered to deceive in previous years, decided to invest in the squad from a position of strength and paid out £100,000 to Burnley for Alan West who made his debut as the unbeaten record came to an end in a 0-2 defeat at Orient!

The Town then went through a wobbly spell but rode their luck and managed to pick up several valuable points courtesy of own goals (Don McAllister of

DIVISION TWO

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1) Middlesb (C)	42	27	11	4	77	30	65
2) LUTON (P)	42	19	12	11	64	51	50
3) Carlisle (P)	42	20	9	13	61	48	49
4) Orient	42	15	18	9	55	42	48
5) Blackpool	42	17	13	12	57	40	47
6) Sunderland	42	19	9	14	58	44	47
7) Nott'm Forest	42	15	15	12	57	43	45
8) West Brom	42	14	16	12	48	45	44

Manager: Harry Haslam

Top Scorer: Barry Butlin

League Position: 2nd

F.A. Cup: 5th Round

League Cup: 4th Round

Memorable

Match: Vs West Brom - D 1-1

1973-1974

Bolton) and goals from on-loan players (John Sims on loan from Derby).

Haslam stepped into the transfer market once more and secured Jim Husband from Everton for £70,000. Husband made his debut during the first home defeat of the season against a West Bromwich side that mastered the icy pitch rather better than the Hatters. No more signings please, chorused the supporters.

An objective view at the time was that Luton were no more than an average side competing in a poor division. This was evidenced by Jack Charlton's Middlesbrough who were steaming ahead at the top and who were the only side of genuine class.

Striker Barry Butlin's return to the side, following a broken jaw, signalled better fortune as three 1-0 wins in a row testified but after only one victory from the next six matches you would

have expected the Town to be pushed down the table. That they were not was down to the sheer inconsistency of the teams around them. It was as if everyone was fighting to avoid promotion.

After a home thrashing by Division One side Leicester in the F.A.Cup the Town players beat Crystal Palace the following week, a win that pushed them up to second spot where they

would stay for the rest of the season no matter how well or badly they played. Creditable wins at Swindon and Hull, and at home over fellow challengers Orient, were offset by defeats at Fulham and Bolton and at home to champions elect Middlesbrough.

Easter so often a disaster time for successive Town sides, earned only two points from three games but after a 3-0 win at home to Millwall on the next Saturday and further slip-ups by fellow challengers it was realised that one

point from the final two games would clinch the runners-up spot.

Butlin headed the Town into an early lead in the penultimate game at West Bromwich but the home side forced their way back with a controversial penalty towards the end. Concussed Luton centre-half John Faulkner held the defence firm in those last nail biting minutes before the referees whistle signalled promotion.

The last game, at home to Sunderland, was played in a carnival atmosphere and the Hatters supporters who engulfed the pitch at the end did not give a jot that their team would not have gone up in any normal season. They were just pleased to have a chance at upsetting the big boys. Leeds and Birmingham are fined £3,000 each because of a bad disciplinary record. The decision is attacked by Brian Clough, a future Leeds manager, as being far too lenient.

Elsewhere in football

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England win 5-1 in a World Cup qualifier against Germany in Munich.

Johann Cruyff moves from Ajax to Barcelona for a mammoth £900,000.

Bobby Moore leaves West Ham for Fulham.

Leeds win the League championship.

The F.A.Cup game between Newcastle and Nottingham Forest is ordered to be replayed at a neutral venue (Goodison Park) after the crowd invades the pitch.

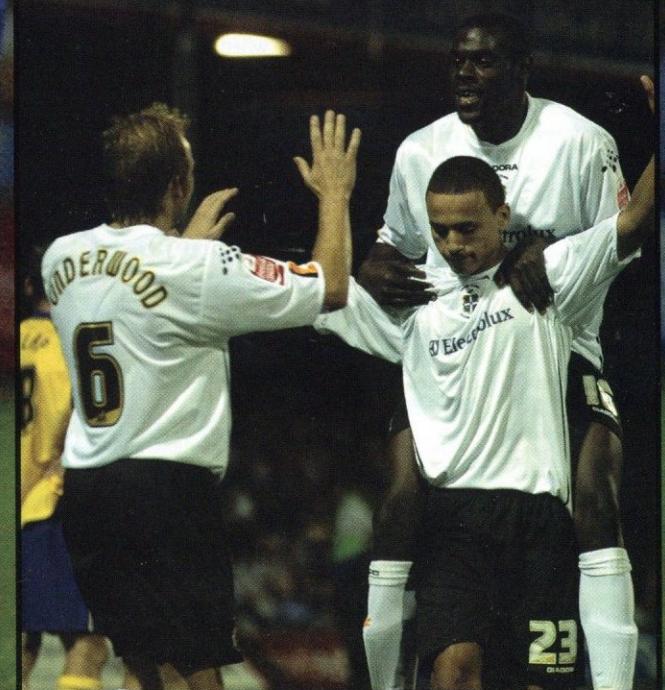
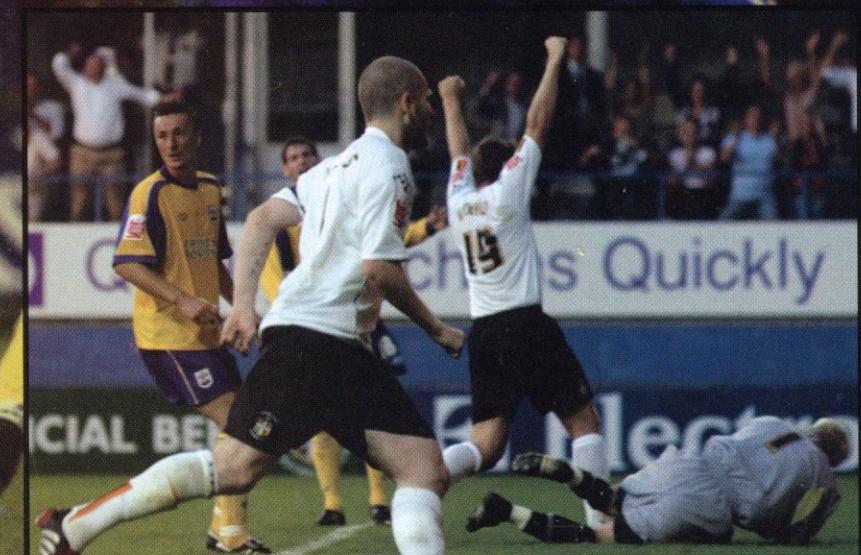
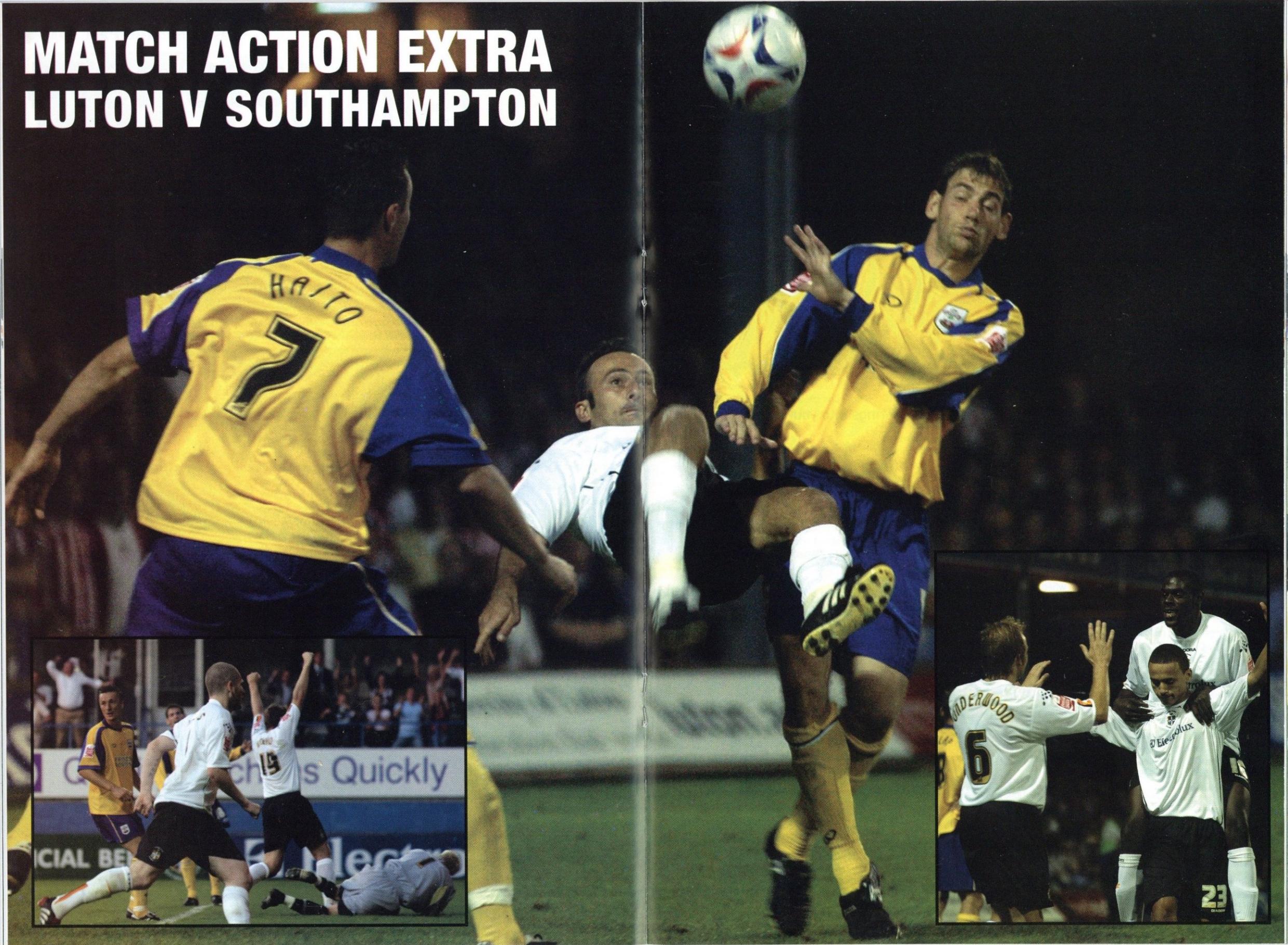
Manchester United are relegated from Division One.

Sir Alf Ramsey is sacked as England manager.



MATCH ACTION EXTRA

LUTON V SOUTHAMPTON





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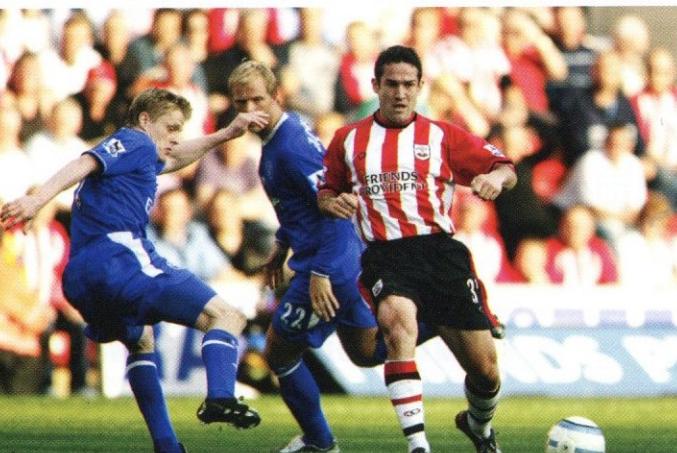
It's now seven days since the start of the Championship season and the battle off the pitch, to keep and sign players, is proving just as fierce a battle as the action on the field.

During the summer there has been a number of players moving around and few have had more transfer dealings in the summer than today's opponents Leeds. Whilst are first two opponents, Crystal Palace and Southampton, seem to have been trying to concentrate on what players they can keep, Leeds have been busy in the summer, with manager Kevin Blackwell releasing Seth Johnson, Julian Joachim and selling Aaron Lennon to Tottenham. However, Leeds are no longer just the selling

club and they have made some notable signings like Dan Harding from Championship rivals Brighton for £850,000 and Steve Stone.

Unfortunately, Stone is unlikely to be involved in action this afternoon after picking an injury in a pre-season friendly. Robbie Blake came in from Premiership side Birmingham for £800,000 whilst another recruit from the Premiership is Rob Hulse from West Brom, who is likely to provide more competition for place in the Leeds United squad.

In the rest of the Championship, Norwich have tried to strengthen their side by bringing in Dean Marney on-loan from Tottenham, whilst East



Paul Telfer is one of several former Luton players who have moved clubs this season. The midfielder has moved north of the border to join Celtic

Anglian rivals Ipswich have changed their strike force by selling England U21 international Marcus Bent and Finnish international Shefti Kuqi to Premiership teams. As replacements they brought in Sam Parkin from Swindon, Nicky Forster from Reading, two strikers who will bring a wealth of experience.

Some of the most interesting dealings have occurred in West London where QPR released five players including former Hatter Tony Thorpe to Swindon. They then have signed several replacements from all over Europe including the tall Marc Nygaard from Serie A side Brescia. Meanwhile it has been a very tough pre-season just down the road at Watford, who go into the season without prolific goalscorers from last season - Neil Webber, Heidur Helguson and club captain Neil Cox.

Another former Hatter on the move is Paul Telfer. The Southampton midfielder left St Mary's to rejoin Gordon Strachan at Celtic and along with Kevin Phillips' move to Aston Villa and Peter Crouch's move to Liverpool, Saints boss Harry Redknapp has a new look team for the forthcoming season.

Of course with the new transfer window in place for Championship sides this season, there could still well be a number of important signings this month for many Championship sides.

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Community News



Football in the Community Officer Stuart Smith brings you the prices of our popular Matchday Soccer Club.



In my last programme notes I confirmed that the Community Department is continuing to run its Matchday Soccer Club. These popular events are open to children of all ages, Schools and Football Clubs and will run prior to first-team fixtures at Kenilworth Road.

These days are great fun and great value and consist of the following activities.

10:00 am till 12:00 noon – Professional Soccer Coaching on the state of the art Pro Zone at Vauxhall Recreation Club.

12:30pm till 1:30pm – Buffet Lunch in the Trophy Room at Vauxhall Recreation Club. During this time we will also run a mini quiz or similar activity for the children. The winner will receive a Luton Town Football Club prize.

1:30pm – Depart for Kenilworth Road

2:00pm – Arrive at Kenilworth Road to watch the first team game.

The coaching part will be limited to 16 children due to the size of the facility.

The costs of the various packages available are as follows.

Up to a maximum of 16 place using either of the following two options

Coaching, buffet and match (Child Only) £25

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Up to a maximum of 4 additional places using the following options

Buffet and match for Party Organisers £15

The Midweek Soccer Clubs will consist of the following activities:

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6:30pm – Depart for Kenilworth Road

7:00pm – Arrive at Kenilworth Road to watch the first team game.

Included in the package is a voucher to purchase either a Burger, a Hot Dog or a Pie from the Snack Bars inside Kenilworth Stadium

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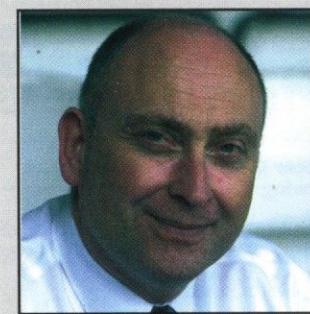
Enjoy the Game

Stuart Smith



The Greatest

Who is your greatest Luton team of all time. This brand new feature in the matchday programme gives you the chance to tell us your all time Fantasy XI of Luton players.



Name: Roger Wash

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Currently Sit: Main Stand

Goalkeeper

1. Les Sealey

Goalkeeper in our most successful era. Eccentric, and undisputed boss in the area, Les formed a good understanding with Steve Foster and Mal Donagh in front of him. I did see Ron Baynham play but he was approaching the end of his career.

Left-Back

2. Steve Buckley

Another overlapping full-back who also had a hammer of a left foot in his armoury and scored some memorable goals in his spell at Kenilworth Road. It was a sad day when he was sold to Derby where he became one of the most successful Rams of all-time.

Right-Back

3. Kirk Stephens

In line with the attacking nature of this side, 'Basher' was not afraid to cross the half-way line with surging runs down the wing a trademark of his play. He could also defend a bit and always played with a smile on his face even when he was scything down opposition wingers!

Centre-Back

4. Steve Foster

The only Luton captain to pick up a major trophy for the club. Excellent leader of the side and no mean footballer as well. I thought he was a bit of an elephant when he first came to Kenilworth Road which proves that I know nothing about football!

Centre Back

5. Mal Donagh

The other half of the most successful central-defensive partnership in the Town's history. At the time when he and Foster were together they were arguably the best pair in the country. 58 caps for Northern Ireland whilst at Kenilworth Road is also a club record.

Right Midfield

6. David Moss

Mercurial winger who could play on either flank. Excellent dead ball kicker and maker and taker of goals. Moss was one of those rare players who could perform the unexpected and get you a goal out of nothing. When he was playing, the opposition defenders could not rest for a second.

Left-Midfield

7. David Preece

A constant bundle of energy with a sweet left foot that could unpick the meanest of defences. Seemed to get better as he got older and in my opinion has never been adequately replaced since leaving Kenilworth Road ten years ago.

Centre-Midfield

8. Brian Stein

Stein's best position was sitting in the 'hole' behind the front two. The most clinical finisher I have seen at the club as proved by the number of goals scored while at Kenilworth Road, many of them from half-chances. Another player who could perform the unexpected.

Centre-Forward

9. Mick Harford

The fact that no centre-half relished playing against him speaks volumes. Played the best football of his career whilst at Kenilworth Road and was unfortunate not to have enjoyed a longer England career. Good in the air and on the ground. The perfect striker.

Centre-Midfield

10. Peter Nicholas

Essential part of the spine of the side. An excellent defensive midfielder who sat in front of Foster and Donagh. Not a fancy footballer but extremely effective in his position which allowed the more cavalier members of the side to move forward.

Centre-Forward

11. Malcolm McDonald

'Never afraid to miss' was his motto. Frightened the life out of defences with his speed, strength and shooting ability and would relish playing in my side with the number of chances presented to him!

Send us your team

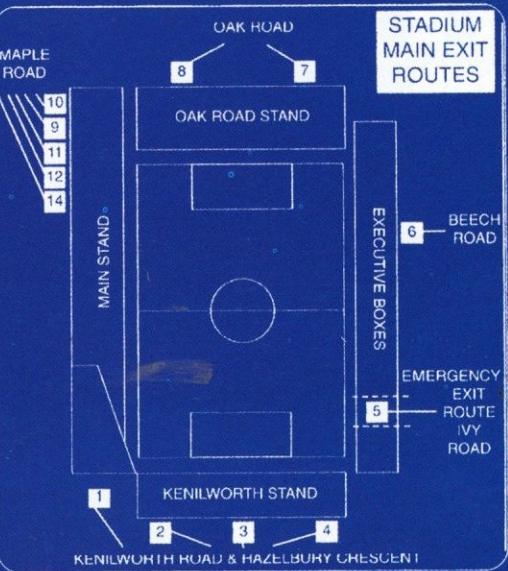
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ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

Markus Heikkinen has made an impressive start to his Luton career with commanding displays in the club's victories over Crystal Palace and Southampton. The central defender turned down the opportunity to play for a number of clubs to move back to England after a short stay with Portsmouth

A return to English football was just too hard to turn down for Luton's new central defender Markus Heikkinen after spending two-and-a-half years with Scottish club Aberdeen. The 26-year-old has certainly made an impressive start to his stay at Kenilworth Stadium with solid performances at Crystal Palace and more recently at home against Southampton.

After being called upon as a late replacement for Chris Coyne at Selhurst Park last week, Heikkinen grabbed his unexpected opportunity with both hands and looks to have formed the basis of a solid partnership with fellow centre-half Curtis Davies.

But how did the Finnish international end up at Kenilworth Road? After a short spell with Portsmouth, the chance to have another opportunity to ply his trade in England was just what Heikkinen wanted after his stay in Scotland and despite interest from clubs around Europe, or the opportunity to return to Finland, the defender penned a new contract with the Hatters.

Speaking exclusively to this afternoon's matchday programme, Heikkinen said: "I came to visit England after my spell in Scotland and spoke to a number of clubs but when Luton offered me the chance to play here I decided to sign. I had some options to sign for some clubs in Europe and Scandinavia but I

wanted to come back to England because I wanted a second crack at English football.

"I never really had many opportunities at Portsmouth to show people what I am capable of doing so this was another chance for me to try my luck in England.

Heikkinen, who despite being a Finnish international was actually born in Sweden, has spent most of his career in Finland and has enjoyed spells with TPS, MyPa and HJK Helsinki. The centre-half then made the move to Portsmouth where he struggled to win a regular starting role at Fratton Park.

It wasn't until his move to Aberdeen where Heikkinen's career, since moving from Scandinavia, really took off and throughout his stay at Pittodrie he became a regular in the Aberdeen side, making well over 60 appearances.

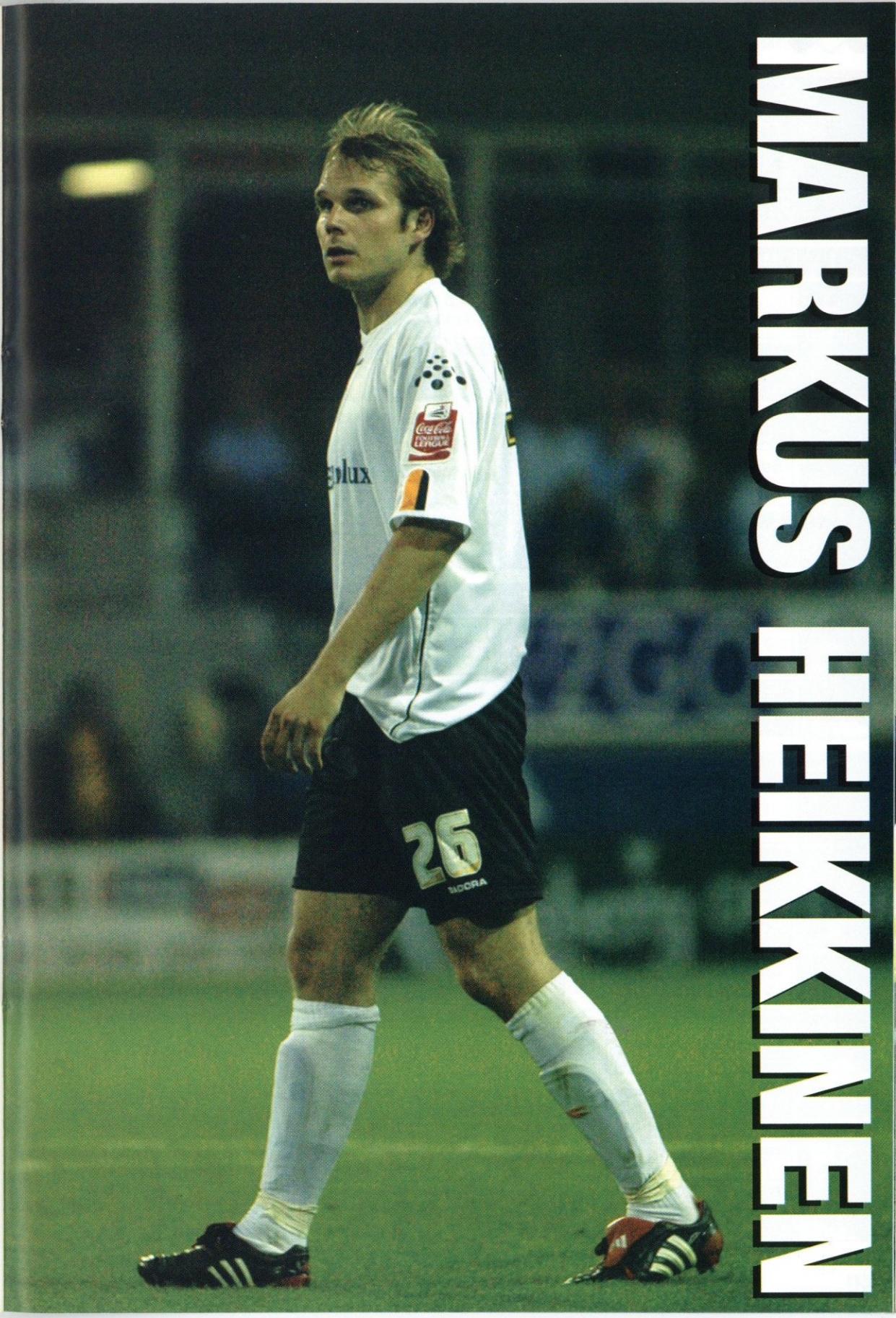
But now Heikkinen is looking forward to the fresh challenge a move south of the border brings to him. He hopes to

gain another opportunity of testing himself against the English style of football, which he knows will bring about a stronger test in itself compared to his stay in Scotland.

The defender continued: "It's hard to know what to expect in England compared to the football in Scotland but I reckon that the Championship will be slightly faster and the quality of football will probably be better.

"I have been playing as a central defender and central midfield whilst at Aberdeen so I can play in either position. I believe I am fairly good in the passing game and I am confident in my own ability so I believe I can do a good job with Luton.

"I think I have fitted into the squad well. When I arrived at Luton, the rest of the squad seemed to be on a high so that made things really easy for me and there seems to be a lot of working together with one another in training."



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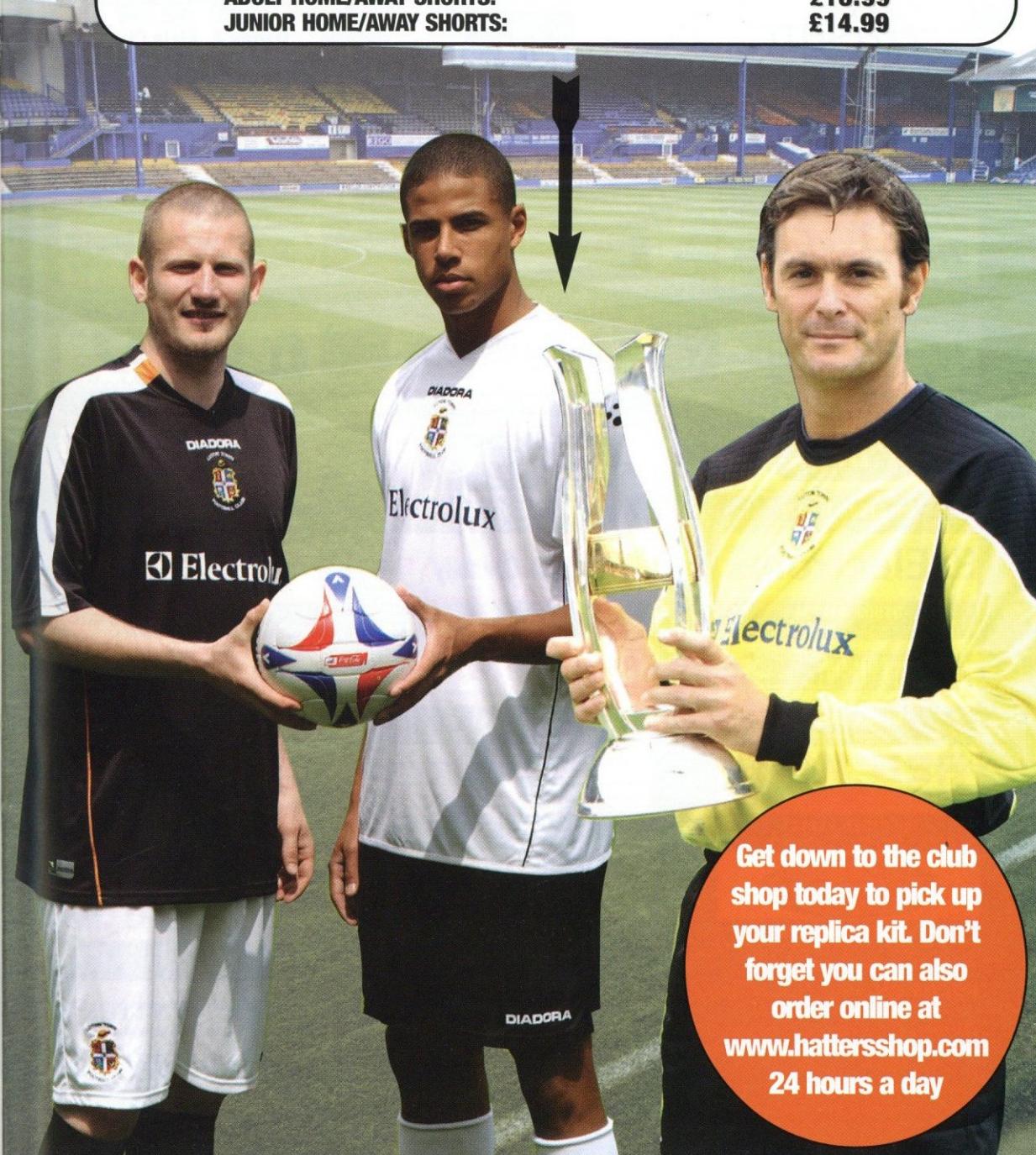
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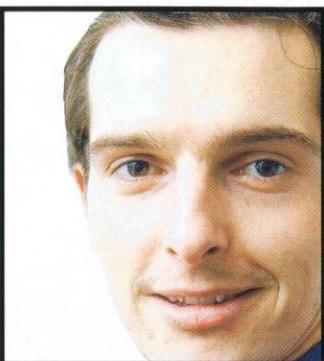
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In the Media

ANDREW MacKENZIE, The Luton News' Football Correspondent, brings us right up to date with the latest news within the local media

MIKE Newell may be sensibly playing down Luton's firing start to the new season, but not everyone is managing to keep as calm as the Town boss.

"Nobody's getting too excited", said Newell in the press conference after the pulsating win over Southampton on Tuesday night - just as Town fans were dancing in the street, joyously swigging back pints in nearby pubs

"The club has always had a reputation of being a friendly family outfit and that has been reflected by the players, management and officials who have been more than helpful whenever I have been hounding them for interviews and team news"

or fondly playing back Dean Morgan's sublime winner in their mind's eye.

The canny Hatters manager was referring, obviously, to the reactions of his players who are quite rightly keeping their feet on the ground.

But even in the press box the drama had an effect on a few journo's who ignored the old rule of remaining neutral as they leapt off their seats to celebrate Morgan's winner before gingerly returning to their derrières.

Expectations may currently be high among Town followers after the promising opening week. But whatever does eventually pan out for Hatters this season I've got to say

ers, management and officials who have been more than helpful whenever I have been hounding them for stories, updates, team news etc. etc.

Of course, us local hacks never get carried away by two wins at the start of a season - but Hatters, I wouldn't turn down testing out the press facilities at Stamford Bridge, Anfield, Old Trafford et al if you could keep it going for another 44 games!

As everyone knows, there's a long ride left to go and as always Luton fans can keep up to date with all the latest Town happenings by buying The Luton News or The Dunstable Gazette every Wednesday for just 34p, reading The Herald&Post or logging on to www.lutontoday.co.uk

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what a privilege it has been to witness at such close quarters the progress made at Luton Town in the past couple of years.

The club has always had a reputation of being a friendly 'family' outfit and that has been reflected by the play-



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Peter Davis

Commercial Manager Peter Davis introduces today's sponsors to Kenilworth Stadium

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Peter Davis



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□ Martin King, Director of Eminence Leisure, receiving his Match Sponsors Certificate from squad members



□ Eminence Managing Director Martin King presenting the Man of the Match Award to Club Captain Kevin Nicholls



□ Kishor Patel, Managing Director of Nisa Today, receiving his Associate Sponsors Certificate from squad members



□ Matchball sponsors Old Palace Lodge being presented with the 'Matchball' and their certificate by squad members

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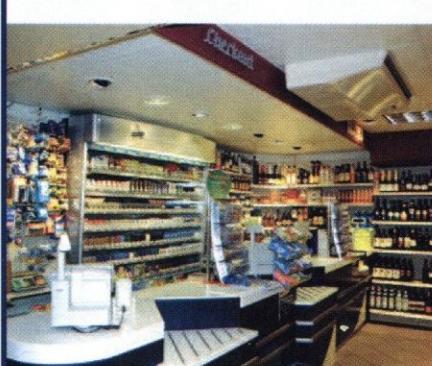
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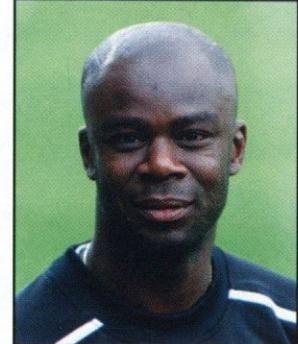
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Marvin Johnson

With the Youth team kicking off their new season this morning, Marvin Johnson looks ahead to the start of a new campaign



We will have begun our league campaign with a trip to Leyton Orient this morning and we have a number of players missing the start of the new season.

Josh Green has been suffering from a slight concussion following the game against Hemel Hempstead whilst Michael Eade has joined Dunstable Town on a loan deal. Michael's move represents an excellent opportunity for him to experience men's football. The deal is only a short loan as Dunstable are without a goalkeeper, who is currently out through suspension.

A number of the youth lads were able to play some part in the reserves win over Dunstable on Wednesday night with Nick Mountford starting at Creasey Park. We were pleased with the lads second-half performance in that game as we ran out comfortable 3-0 winners.

The lads have enjoyed a good pre-season but we are all looking forward to the challenge the new league campaign will bring this season. The lads have been training hard in pre-season but we hope that hard work will be worthwhile in our first fixture against Leyton Orient.

The new league set-up will benefit the lads this season. We no longer play in a Merit Division and we will now be involved in one division, playing in a home and away format. I'm sure this will make the division more competitive and we will enjoy participating against some tough teams.

On a personal note, I am looking forward to the new season. This will be my second season by myself since the departure of John Moore. The boys are starting to slowly play the way I would like them to play. Everyone has their own training methods and style of play and that is now being displayed by the lads.

Our main job this season will be to help develop the boys throughout the season and at the same time not forgetting that we are trying to bring them through to be first-team players in the near future.

Hopefully our regular supporters will continue to come and watch us this season and I hope they might be able to attract some new faces when Rushden & Diamonds provide the first opponents for our home match.

YOUTHS FIXTURES

Date	Opponent	KO/Result
August		
Sat 13	Leyton Orient	11:00 am
Sat 20	Rushden	11:00 am
September		
Sat 03	Wycombe	11:00 am
Sat 17	Cambridge United	11:00 am
Sat 24	FA Youth Cup Rd 1	TBC
October		
Sat 08	Colchester United	11:00 am
Sat 15	Brighton	11:00 am
November		
Sat 19	QPR	11:00 am
Sat 26	Brentford	11:00 am
December		
Sat 03	Northampton	11:00 am
Sat 10	Southend United	11:00 am
Sat 17	Portsmouth	11:00 am
January		
Sat 07	Gillingham	11:00 am
Sat 14	Colchester United	11:00 am
Sat 21	Brighton	11:00 am
February		
Sat 04	QPR	11:00 am
Sat 11	Brentford	11:00 am
Sat 18	Northampton	11:00 am
Sat 25	Southend United	11:00 am
March		
Sat 04	Portsmouth	11:00 am
Sat 11	Gillingham	11:00 am
Sat 18	Leyton Orient	11:00 am
Sat 25	Rushden & Diamonds	11:00 am
April		
Sat 01	Wycombe	11:00 am
Sat 15	Cambridge United	11:00 am



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TODAY'S MASCOT

Name: Kayleigh Eaton

Age: 9

School: Arnold Middle School

Favourite Hatter: Marlon Beresford & Steve Howard

Hobbies: Football, Drama & Dancing

Who accompanies you to matches:
Mum & Uncle Daymo

Where do you normally sit: Main Stand

To contact the Junior
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VISITORS MASCOT

Name: James Paul Downer

Age: 7

School: Colchester, Essex

Favourite Player: Rob Hulse

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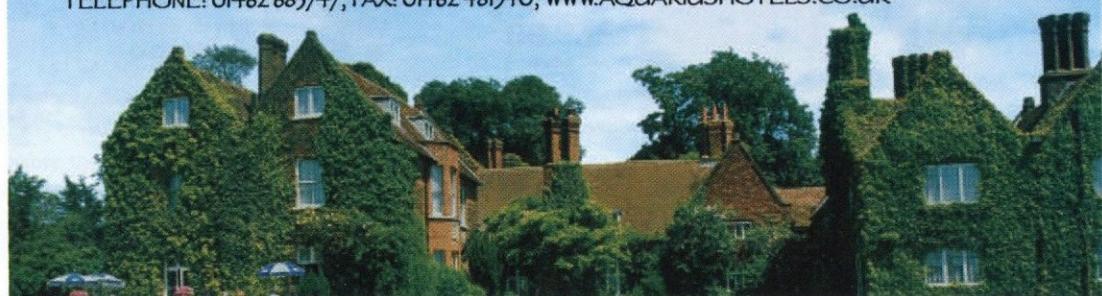


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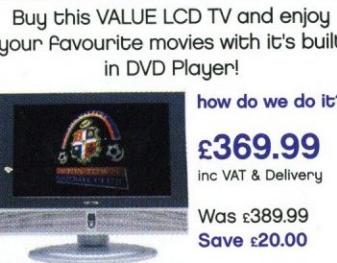
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England have two crucial home World Cup qualifiers around the corner against Austria and Poland. If you want the chance to watch Sven Goran Eriksson's team in action, you need to become a member of englandfans, the official supporters club of the FA. Read the article below to find out more information

ENGLAND will be hoping to clinch World Cup 2006 qualification in consecutive home matches against Austria and Poland in October – and if you want to be there, you should join englandfans before August 16.

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And to be in time for the priority booking period for the October

internationals, you must join englandfans before Tuesday August 16. It's no guarantee of a ticket, but it puts you at the front of the queue.

Both the October matches are at Old Trafford – with Austria the visitors on Saturday 8 for a 4.00pm

newsletter, members' magazine – and lots of general information to enhance your support of the national team.

To join, simply go online at www.TheFA.com/englandfans and complete the form, or call 0845 458 1966 for a form to be sent to you.

There are various types of membership, starting at £45 for adults and £25 for children.

Unfortunately, the membership category for access to tickets to England's away games and – fingers crossed – the World Cup, is now full, but if you want to watch England on home soil, make sure you join englandfans now.

kick-off and Poland the following Wednesday 10, for a 7.45 pm kick-off.

Membership of englandfans offers much more than priority access to these two matches. It delivers priority access to all home internationals prior to the World Cup, and members receive an exclusive welcome pack, containing merchandise you cannot buy in the shops. There's also regular communication on ticket-booking periods, a monthly e-

Contact the Ticket Office on 0870 017 0656

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THE KEY: Scorer in **Bold** ■ Cautioned; ■ Dismissed; *Denotes own goal in Luton's favour * Match to be shown on Sky Sports → First Substitution → Second Substitution → Third Substitution

	DATE	Fixture	RES	ATT	AWAY POS
Sat 6		Crystal Palace	2-1	21,116	2,474 4
Tues 9		Southampton	3-2	9,447	tbc 2
Sat 13		Leeds United	15:00		
Sat 20		Stoke City	15:00		
Tues 23		Leyton Orient (CCI)	19:45		
Sat 27		Leicester City	15:00		
Mon 29		Millwall	12:00		
Sat 10		Wolves	15:00		
Tues 13		QPR	19:45		
Sat 17		Hull City *	12:45		
Fri 23		Sheffield Wednesday *	19:45		
Tues 27		Preston	19:45		
Sat 1		Cardiff City	15:00		
Sat 15		Crewe Alexandra	15:00		
Tues 18		Norwich City	19:45		
Sat 22		Plymouth	15:00		
Sat 29		Coventry City	15:00		
Tues 1		Sheffield United	19:45		
Sat 5		Burnley	15:00		
Sat 19		Norwich	15:00		
Tues 22		Crewe Alexandra	19:45		
Sat 26		Crystal Palace	15:00		
Sat 3		Reading	15:00		
Sat 10		Southampton	15:00		
Sat 17		Stoke City	15:00		
Mon 26		Derby County	19:45		
Wed 28		Brighton	19:45		
Sat 31		Ipswich Town	15:00		
Mon 2		Watford	12:00		
Sat 14		Wolves	15:00		
Sat 21		QPR	15:00		
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Sat 22		Sheffield United	15:00		
Sun 30		Burnley	15:00		

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CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME				AWAY				GD	Pts
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Sheff Utd	2	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	2
Luton	2	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	2
Plymouth	2	0	1	0	3	3	1	0	0	2
Crewe	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	4
Preston	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4
QPR	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	4
Wolves	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	4
Reading	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	3
Leeds Utd	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	3
Cardiff	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	3
Ipswich	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
Leicester	2	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	1	3
Derby	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2
Norwich	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
Coventry	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1
Hull City	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Sheff Wed	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
Watford	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	3
Southampton	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Millwall	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Stoke City	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Brighton	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2
Burnley	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	2
Crystal Palace	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	2

TODAY'S
CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

- Brighton v Crewe
- Burnley v Coventry
- Leicester City v Ipswich
- Millwall v Stoke
- Norwich v Crystal Palace
- Plymouth v Derby County
- Preston v Reading
- QPR v Sheffield United
- Sheffield Wednesday v Southampton
- Wolves v Hull City

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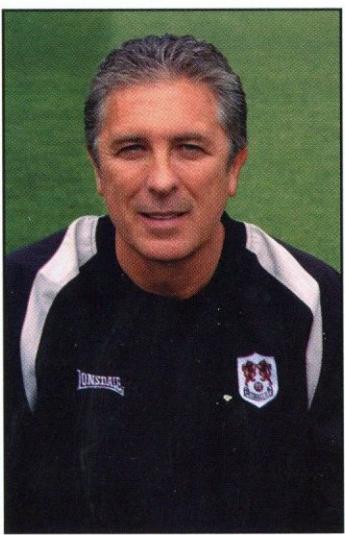
Coming Next



DES DONNELL looks ahead to the visit of Millwall as our next opponents to Kenilworth Road.

Millwall will probably be looking forward to having a day away from the Den, after a summer of turmoil with players and managers coming and going with uncomfortable frequency and Cold Blow Lane living up to its name.

Ex Luton man, Steve Claridge only managed to survive 36 days as manager, before being replaced at the helm by the former Wolves boss



Colin Lee replaced former Hatter Steve Claridge at the New Den

Colin Lee. Lions director Theo Paphitis decided that Claridge was the wrong man for the job and brought in Lee to join assistant manager Ray Wilkins in steadying the ship. The move, seemingly made with little consultation with his other directors caused a near mutiny on the board and waves of protest from the fans, who feel that Lee is not a big enough name to take the controls.

The Lions will be the visitors to Kenilworth Rd on the Bank Holiday weekend of the 29th August with a 12.00 noon kick-off. This will be after Luton Town's odyssey of three away games on the trot during August and will be Millwall's first visit to the town since October 2001 when the Lions won 1-0.

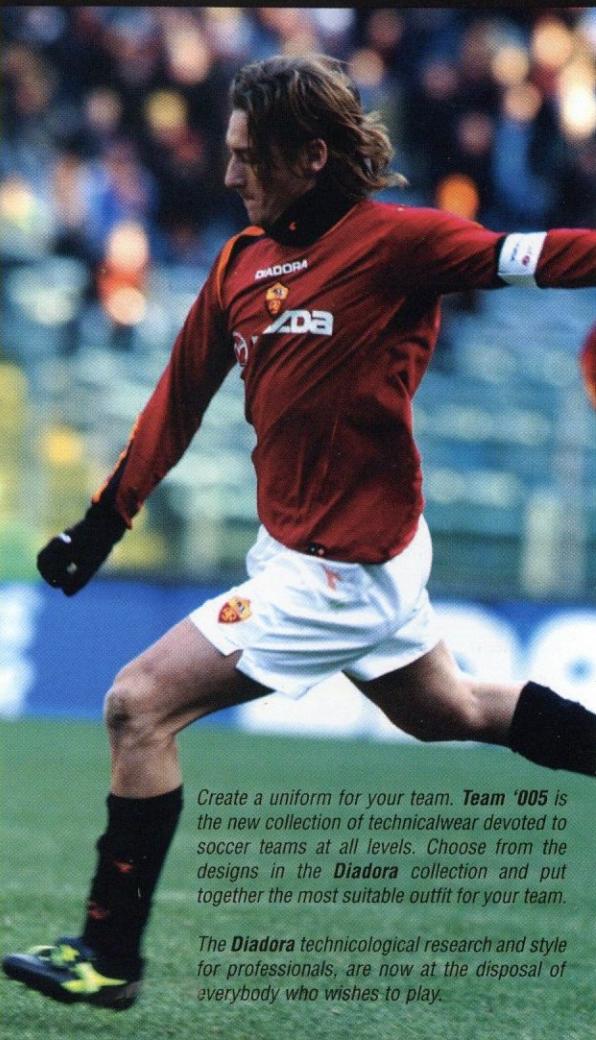
Millwall will be hoping to sustain their recent record against Luton Town doing the double over the Town in the 1999/2000 & 2000/2001 seasons, going on to win the title in 2001. You need to go back to the last game of the 1998/1999 season to record the last time the Hatters managed to tame the Lions with a 1-0 victory.

Sammy Igoe, who played for Luton in the 2002/2003 season has recently joined Millwall to strengthen their midfield and support their main danger-man Barry Hayles, who moved to the Den in August 2004 scoring 12 goals last season after an impressive spell with Fulham, netting 50 goals in total. Other key players are Matthew Lawrence in defence and Marvin Elliot in the midfield.

Millwall had a poor start to the season with a narrow 2-1 defeat away to Leeds, looking disjointed in the first half, but showing their teeth in the second. They will be looking to put their woes behind them when they come to Kenilworth Rd and will be eager to devour the three points. Luton will be looking to overturn the results of our last few meetings and send the big cats back without their dinner.

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