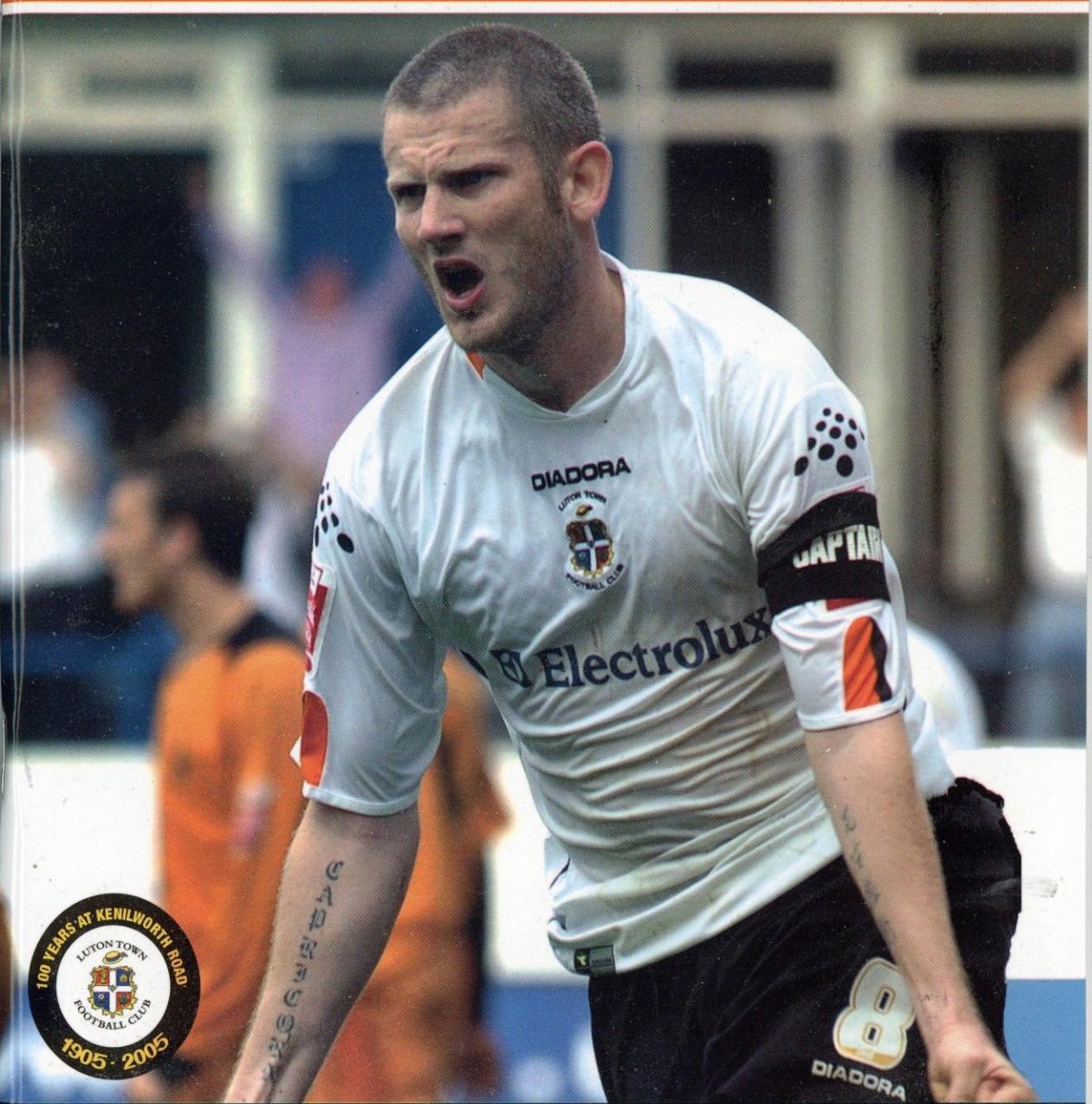


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Warm Welcome

From Luton Town Chairman
Bill Tomlins

Welcome to our supporters, and our visitors Sheffield Wednesday, their Directors Management Players and Supporters, for tonight's coverage of our first televised home game this Championship season. Welcome also to Sky TV. The excellent coverage of Sky's televised games occasionally highlights decisions that can go against you as it did in our last away game at Hull, covered by Sky, when we should have had a penalty from a handball. Similarly, in the same match Ahmet Brkovic's disallowed goal was shown to be clearly not offside.

Tuesday, Friday and Tuesday again. That is five games in two weeks, and their Championship results to date speak volumes.

On last Sunday afternoon I, my fellow Director Martin King and Club Secretary Cherry Newbery were invited to a Trust In Luton fund-raising event at Dunstable Town Football Club where an ex-Hatters team, including our Reserve and Youth Team coach Marvin Johnson, played a showbiz eleven. It was well organised by the Trust Committee, and was a well-attended and enjoyable afternoon.

"The argument will continue to run that referees should have access to video evidence in helping them to confirm their instant decisions that can be vital in determining the outcome of a match"

"Part of the funds raised went to a Local Children's Hospice, whose patron is Eric Morecambe's widow, Joan. I understand that the balance of what was raised went towards the club's Football in the Community"

I know that the general feeling in football is that the rule of swings and roundabouts over a season evens things up, though I am not sure that every club and manager would agree.

Amongst others I enjoyed meeting up again with were ex-Luton players John Dryer and Phil Gray. It was also good to see the Luton Belles playing their part in the event.

We came away with a great result at Hull. All credit must go to our players and our Manager Michael Newell and Brian Stein for their ability to adjust to the number of Championship games and Carling Cup ties; Tuesday, Saturday,

As always, enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Bill,
Chairman

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One of our projects, inspired by some of the famous writers who hail from Luton, like David Renwick who created *'One Foot in The Grave'* and *'Jonathan Creek'*; the poet John Hegley; and Arthur Hailey, author of *'Hotel'* and *'Airport'*, Luton First has recently published a compendium of ten short, fictional tales linked to the town, by writers mainly from the region. It's called *'Junction 10'*, a reference to the motorway access point, and is available now at £6-99p. Proceeds will be donated to Keech Hospice.

"The book underlines the popularly held view that Luton is a great place to live, learn, work and have fun," says Tony Edwards, Luton First's publicity consultant. "We also have a full programme of other promotional activity underway, designed to show the world what the town is all about and to inspire confidence and enthusiasm in everyone who lives and works here."

Right now, Luton First is organising the national *'Celebrity Hat Wearer of the Year'* awards to focus attention on one of the town's most famous industries. Nominations can be made at www.loveluton.com.

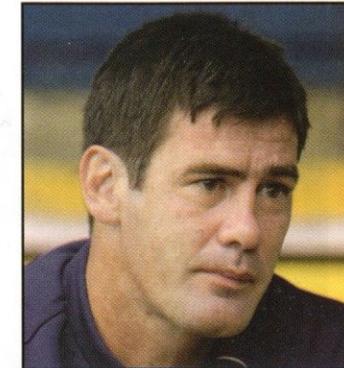
Later this year, a poll to choose the 'Greatest Words Ever Spoken' will culminate with the winning words – *All You Need is Love* – emblazoned on the wall of the arrival walkway at London Luton Airport, while a report on Luton's heritage, *'Memories of Luton'*, will be presented to the media, and the views of under-tens will be published on December 19th, National Kids' Day.

For further information on Luton first please contact Tony Edwards on 01932 336161 or Anita Nancollas on 01582 547326.

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Mike Newell



MIKE NEWELL reflects back on his side's performances on the road and reveals that he has been delighted with his players over the past few weeks.

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for tonight's game against Sheffield Wednesday. Welcome also to Paul Sturrock, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from Hillsborough. Congratulations to them for their success in the play-offs. I was at the Millennium Stadium

have only won one of these fixtures we are at least pleased with the lads performances, and the effort and commitment has continued on our travels.

It is amazing how quickly things can change on the squad front. We have gone from having 26 professionals fit and chomping at the bit only three weeks ago to

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on the day and I'm sure it will stay in the memory of all those concerned for a long time.

Since my last programme notes we have faced Wolves and had three away games against QPR, Hull and Reading. Although we

a situation at Reading the other night when everyone who was fit got changed. Fortunately all the players that have been called upon so far have done themselves justice.

Tonight we reach the ten game mark in the league and a good result would make it a very healthy start to the season. That is not to say we are happy or will settle. The players have acquitted themselves really well and must now start believing that they can go on from here.

Thank you to the supporters who travelled to Hull and Reading. We understand the expense concerned, especially when games are televised. We also know that those who did watch it on screen will have been just as pleased and committed.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Mike



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The Skipper

Kevin Nicholls



After a week's rest, skipper Kevin Nicholls looks ahead to this afternoon's game and reflects back on Luton's most recent victories over Leicester and Millwall

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road to this evening's game with Sheffield Wednesday. After three matches on the road it's nice to be back on home soil as we look to continue our good league form this season.

Our last home match against Wolves was a solid performance from the lads and after the final whistle, the reaction in the dressing room was that we were disappointed not to have won the game. Wolves will obviously be one of the favorites for promotion this season but we played some excellent football and it was good to keep our unbeaten home record in tact.

We were disappointed in our second-half performance, where we didn't play as well and to concede a sloppy goal was disappointing.

The feeling amongst the dressing room is that we should have remained unbeaten this season. We have played well against Stoke, after playing the majority of the game with ten men, and in the first-half against QPR we should have done enough to kill the game off.

However, in the five years I have been at the club, I can't remember us ever going on a losing run of consistent games and we showed we have that great habit of bouncing

rely on him. It was good to see the big man on the scoresheet and he took his goal well, which kept us fourth in the table.

We then went out of the Carling Cup in midweek to Reading, after we created a number of good chances throughout the game. It was disappointing to go out in the manner that we did but we know that we have to take our chances. That is not a criticism at the strikers because at this club we win together and lose together.

You only have to look at last years success to see that we have goals in the side and although we were disappointed by the result, I felt we were the better side against a team who are second in our division. We made a few changes to the team and everyone who came in acquitted themselves well.

Sheffield Wednesday will today provide another tough test for us this evening. We drew with them twice last season so both sides will know a lot about each other.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads

Kevin

“ In the five years I have been at the club, I can't remember us ever going on a losing run of consistent games and we showed we have the habit of bouncing back to winning ways with a hard earned victory over Hull ”

We then moved on to Loftus Road in a game where I felt in the first-half we played fantastic football. We should have been one, maybe two up at half-time but we didn't take

back to winning way with a hard earned victory over Hull.

Marlon has made two great saves during the games and we can always

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Cherry Newbery

Club Secretary Cherry Newbery brings you news from around Kenilworth Road

Good evening and welcome to everyone for this live SKY TV game and in particular some old friends from SKY TV who are back working here at Kenilworth Road tonight.

Firstly, thank you to all of you who wrote, emailed or telephoned following the Centenary Celebrations at the Wolverhampton match. It was wonderful to see so many ex-players and their families here to celebrate with us - the rain could not dampen

our spirits on the day- even if it did deflate the balloons! Our thanks also to Luton Youth Brass Band who played under difficult circumstances and who have promised to come back to a match very soon.

We are pleased to welcome here this evening members of Luton First, in particular Anita Nancollas, their Secretary has been instrumental in arranging the large "I love Luton" flag that you will see in the ground this evening. Full details regarding Luton

First can be found on page four of today's programme.

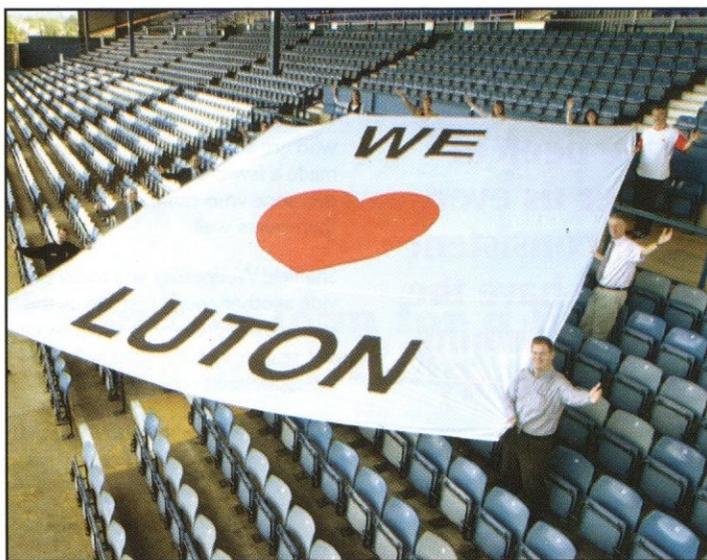
Pontins Combination change of dates for your diary are, that due to fixture congestion, for Barnet we have agreed to reverse our Combination fixtures, so we will play Barnet at home on Tuesday 4th October kick-off 2.00 p.m. and away on Tuesday 7th March kick-off 2.00 p.m. Our match with Stevenage which was postponed due to our participation in the Carling Cup has now been arranged for Tuesday 20th December k.o 2.00 p.m. at Stevenage.

Another change of date and time is our away Championship league match with Southampton which has been selected for live coverage and will now be played on Sunday 11th December, with a 1.30 p.m. kick-off.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish ardent town supporters Darren and Wendy Evans every happiness as they leave for a new life in New Zealand

Enjoy the game

Cherry



The flag is flying for Luton First at this evening's game



LUTON TOWN V PRESTON NORTH END
TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2005
KICK-OFF 7:45PM



Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal league prices.

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CARDIFF CITY V LUTON TOWN
SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2005
NINIAN PARK, KICK-OFF 3:00PM



PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN ALL TICKET MATCH FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS

We have received an allocation of 1,800 tickets

Seating:Adult	£20.00	Concessions	£14.00
Terracing:Adults	£18.00	Concessions	£8.00

Subject to availability tickets will be on sale until 5.00 p.m. on Friday 30th September.



CREWE ALEXANDRA V LUTON TOWN
SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2005
GRESTY ROAD, KICK-OFF 3:00PM



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We have been allocated 2252 Seats for the above Fixture
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SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

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Will be able to purchase one ticket per member subject to availability from 5th October 2005 until close of business on 11 October 2005.

Any remaining tickets would go on general sale from 12th October 2005 Subject to availability

Prices are :

Adults	£18.00,	Senior Citizens	£14.50,	Juniors	£5.50
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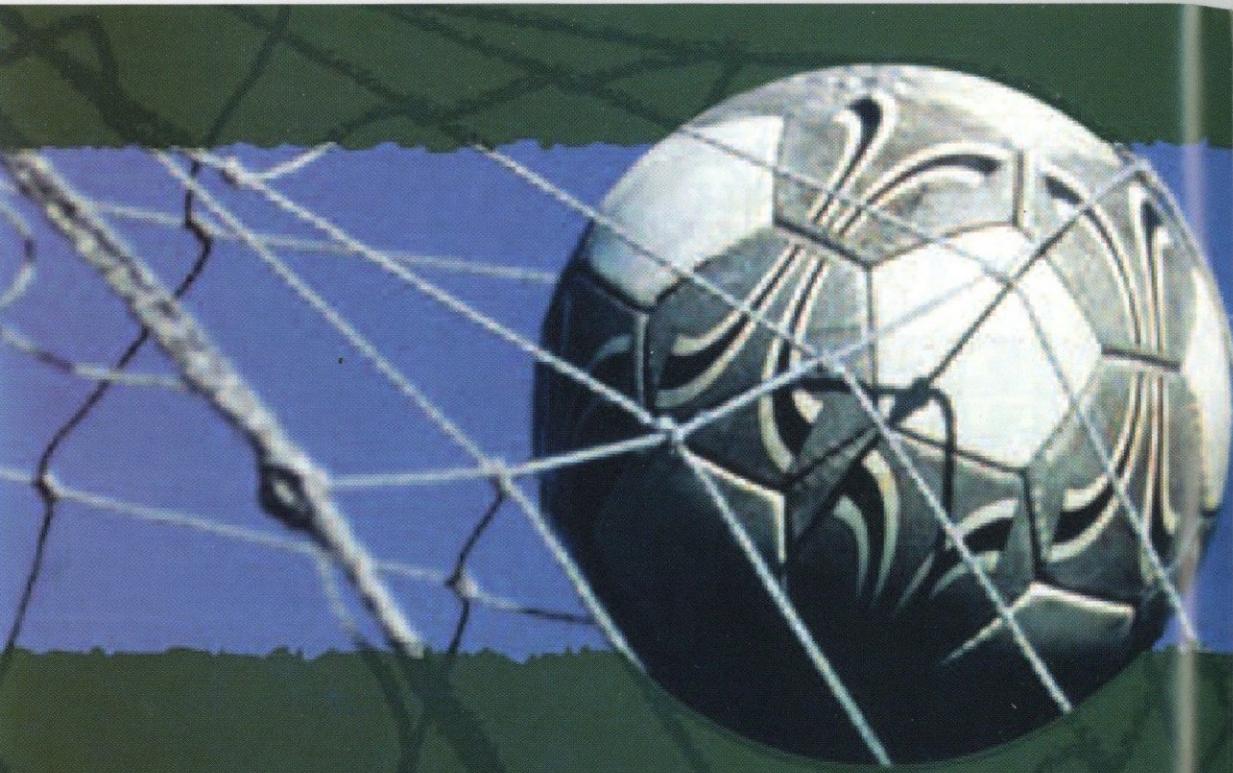


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TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2005
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Around the Club



This page contains some of the gossip from around Kenilworth Road since our last home game.

TODAY'S REFEREE



Luton Town Football Club would like to welcome today's officials to Kenilworth Stadium for this afternoon's fixture. They are Mr Richard Beeby, Mr Gary Evetts, Mr Ian Gosling and Mr Jarnail Singh.

Mr Beeby, who is today's match referee, started refereeing in Northampton and progressed through the feeder leagues before being promoted to the national list of referees in 1999. He refereed the 2004 Division Two Play-Off final between Brighton and Hove Albion and Bristol City.

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF JOHN ASHTON

The Commercial Department would like to offer it's apologies to John Ashton, Proprietor of the Yeoman

Public House for unfortunately failing to place his business advertisement in our Wolverhampton Wanderers Match Programme on the 10th September. John is an avid supporter, friend and commercial sponsor of the Club and we regret any embarrassment that this unfortunate episode may have caused him.

JUNIOR HATTERS MEMBERS TO NORWICH



Are you a Junior Hatters member? If you are then we have the possibility of a Junior Hatters trip to Norwich on Saturday 19th November.

This trip is only available to Junior Hatters members and parents.

In the first instance we would like to know if and how many of you are

interested in travelling. If we have sufficient interest we will arrange to go to the game but we do need to be able to fill a coach to make the trip viable.

The cost of the trip will not be at the usual Junior Hatters prices as we will have to pay face value for tickets. However, hopefully the bonus of another Junior Hatters trip entice you into coming.

Please call the Community Office before Friday 30th September to book your place for what promises to be a great game.

JOYCE'S SCOUTING MISSION



Markie Joyce is pictured outside the Theatre Of Dreams

Luton supporter Markie Joyce, age 6, has been out on a scouting mission for the club checking out next years potential opposition as he stands outside Old Trafford.

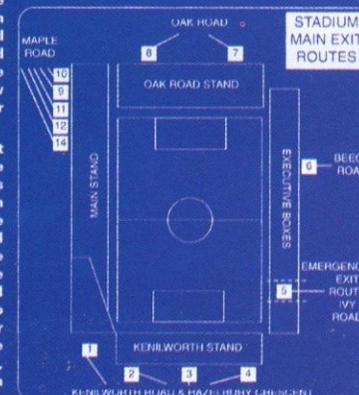
Markie, who will be watching today's match from executive box three, went to visit the ground for the first time and had an enjoyable day with his family and friends.

EVACUATION PROCEDURE

IN THE event of any emergency in the stadium, Luton Town FC and the emergency services have agreed on an evacuation procedure which is designed to ensure the safe and controlled evacuation of the crowd, and to ensure their safe dispersal from the area, to allow the emergency services to carry out their tasks.

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Geoff Lovell
Safety Officer





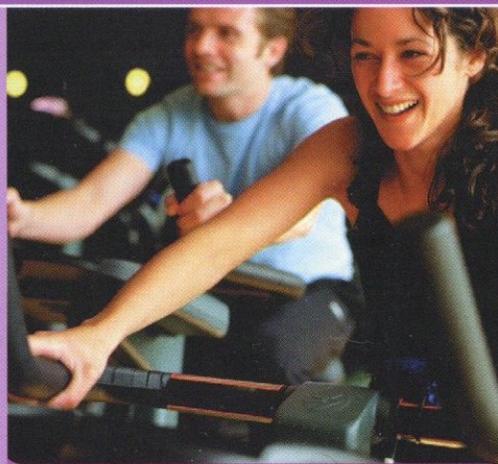
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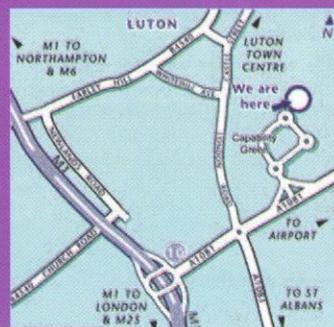


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SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

After a number of years in top flight football, Sheffield Wednesday have begun to force their way back onto the big stage of English football after winning promotion from League One last season. **GILL FRY** introduces today's visitors to Kenilworth Road



SHEFFIELD WED FACTFILE



WOLVES

Year Formed: 1867 (fifth oldest League club)

Ground: Hillsborough

Ground Capacity: 39,859

Most League Goals: Andy Wilson 199 (1900-20)

Record transfer fee received:
£2,750,000 from Blackburn for Paul Warhurst, Sept 1993

Record transfer fee paid:
£4,500,000 to Celtic for Paolo Di Canio, Aug 1997

Sheffield Wednesday's start to the season has been something of a mixed bag for Paul Sturrock, who did nothing to hide his devastation at their defeat against Millwall last Saturday. The match had a slow start and was scrappy but Wednesday still fought back hard in the opening of the second-half to gain a 65th minute equaliser. Unfortunately, eight minutes later Millwall were allowed to gain that

all-important vital goal to snatch victory and deprive Wednesday of a much-needed point.

However, the Owls' victory over sixth placed Leeds had Sturrock singing the praises of his young players. Notably, 19-year-old Man U loan signing Chris Eagles, who has also had a previous spell at Watford. The talented right-sided wide-man has ability on the ball which makes him a difficult opponent for defenders and against Leeds, Eagles played brilliantly both defensively and offensively.

No doubt the Millwall defeat will see the young players out to prove that despite their bottom

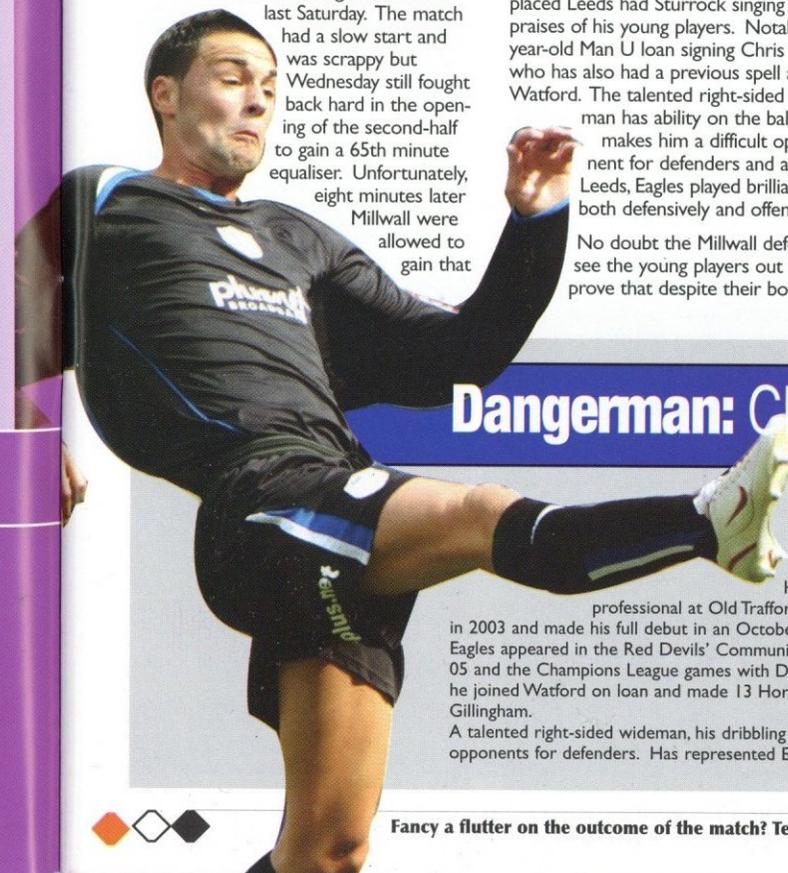
of the league position they have nothing to lose and everything to gain from an all out assault on the Hatters. Striker, Steve MacLean is superb at getting on the end of chances in and around the penalty area. He also has the versatility to link up between midfield and the forward line.

The more experienced Graham Coughlan, man of the match against Millwall, is also an extremely strong opponent. His height and superior aerial ability pose a definite threat from dead-ball situations.

Another goal scoring threat comes from Lee Peacock. He is also an experienced player with the ability to get to the heart of the action and is another aerial-attack danger man.

Burton O'Brien is a creative left footed player who is at home in midfield and could provide Kevin Nichols with a tussle or two.

Overall, the Hatters shouldn't be over confident when they meet Wednesday tonight as no doubt The Owls are out to kick start their season and move away from the foot of the table. This has the potential to be a good game for the cameras.



Dangerman: Chris Eagles

Chris joined the Owls in July 2005 on a loan deal from Manchester United that will keep him at Hillsborough until the end of December, providing Paul Sturrock with cover after Jon-Paul McGovern fell victim to injury in pre-season.

Hailing from Hemel Hempstead, the winger turned professional at Old Trafford shortly after helping United lift the FA Youth Cup in 2003 and made his full debut in an October Carling Cup win at Leeds United. Eagles appeared in the Red Devils' Community Shield meeting with Arsenal at the start of 2004-05 and the Champions League games with Dynamo Bucharest and Fenerbahce. In January 2005 he joined Watford on loan and made 13 Hornets appearances, scoring on his home debut against Gillingham.

A talented right-sided wide-man, his dribbling skills and ability on the ball make him a difficult opponent for defenders. Has represented England at youth level.

About SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Manager Goalkeeper Skipper



Paul Sturrock

Paul is a former Scotland international footballer, and is known by fans as "Luggy". He had a distinguished playing career at his favourite club, Dundee United; he played for them from 1974 to 1989 and featured heavily in European competition. In 385 appearances he scored 109 goals for the club. Sturrock was a striker and won 20 caps for his country, scoring eleven goals and playing in the World Cup finals. Since retirement in 1989, he has become a coach and latterly a first team manager. He is one of the most qualified coaches in Europe, and he assessed current Chelsea manager José Mourinho at one point. In 1993, he became the manager of a First Division team, St Johnstone. He guided them to promotion and was later appointed manager at Dundee United. Sturrock shocked fans with resigning from the club in August 2000. Perhaps more shockingly, he made a bold move to manage Plymouth Argyle, a club which was struggling in the English Third Division. The following season, he guided them to the Division Three title with a record points total of 102. In October 2003, Sturrock had successfully taken Argyle back to the top of Second Division. Sturrock was named as the successor to Gordon Strachan as manager of Southampton on 4 March 2004. On 23rd August 2004 it was announced that Sturrock was leaving the club 'by mutual consent', after a disappointing run of form and rumours of boardroom dissatisfaction with his management. He was then appointed by League One club Sheffield Wednesday on September 23, 2004, and he guided the club to the League One play-offs. After beating Brentford in the semi-final with an aggregate score of 3-1, Sturrock took Wednesday to the play-off final at the Millennium Stadium and beat Hartlepool United 4-2 after extra-time, winning promotion to the Championship.



David Lucas

David made a permanent switch to Hillsborough from Preston North End in May 2004 having impressed during two loan spells with Wednesday in 2003-04. David clocked up 41 appearances as the Owls were promoted in 2004-05, twice recovering from injury to take up his place between the sticks. The stopper started the first 16 games before sustaining a knee injury at Peterborough United in October but sat out just three matches before returning for the win at Stockport County in early November. From that point he remained the Owls' last line of defence until March, when another knee problem sidelined him for the last nine games of the league season. He returned for the first leg of the play-off semi-final with Brentford and helped Wednesday get past the Bees and beat Hartlepool United in Cardiff. Over the term Lucas kept 15 clean sheets while his total SWFC appearances tally rose to 59. Lucas made exactly 150 appearances for Preston - his hometown club - and also had loan stints at Darlington and Scunthorpe United early in his career. A former England youth international, the 27-year-old is an accomplished shot-shopper who excels in one-on-one situations. He marshals his area in confident fashion, handles cross expertly and his 6'2" frame makes him an imposing figure between the sticks.



Lee Bullen

Lee joined the Owls on a free transfer from Dunfermline Athletic in July 2004 and was an ever-present during the 2004-05 league campaign, which finished with him captaining Wednesday to promotion. The Scot missed only one match all season - the FA Cup defeat at Swindon Town - and quickly got off the mark after joining SWFC by netting at Blackpool in his second game. His versatility shone through from the off as he operated both at right back and centre half, while his eye for goal with goals in three consecutive October games against Peterborough United, Bradford City and Swindon. Bullen also took the captain's armband when Chris Marsden was injured, becoming full-time skipper when Marsden retired. He scored in successive games against Brentford and Doncaster Rovers and also lashed in a spectacular strike against Torquay United to take his tally to seven for a season which ended with him lifting the play-off winners trophy at the Millennium Stadium. Bullen started his professional career at Meadowbank Thistle before going on to ply his trade in the Australian, Hong Kong and Greek leagues. He was a popular figure in his time at Dunfermline, scoring 24 goals in 151 Pars' games and also figuring in their 2003-04 Scottish Cup final meeting with Celtic.

Defenders



Paul Heckingbottom

Paul was recruited on a free transfer from Bradford City in May 2004 and racked up 42 appearances as the Owls gained promotion. He opened his Wednesday account on only his second appearance at Torquay United but was sidelined through much of September and October with a hip problem. He regained his place on recovering and went on to miss only three more games over the rest of the season.



Graham Coughlan

Graham was reunited with Paul Sturrock in July 2005, moving north from Plymouth Argyle for an undisclosed fee. Coughlan started out with Bray Wanderers before spending four years with Blackburn Rovers. After loan spells with Swindon Town and Livingston, he joined the Scottish outfit on a permanent basis in 1999 and made 61 appearances.



Graeme Lee

Graeme joined the Owls on a free transfer in July 2003 after helping his previous club Hartlepool United to promotion from Division Three. He quickly settled into the Wednesday side in his first Hillsborough campaign, impressing supporters with his commanding performances at the heart of defence and also weighing in with five goals. He again suffered frustration with injuries during 2004-05 but proved an influential member of the team when fit.



Richard Wood

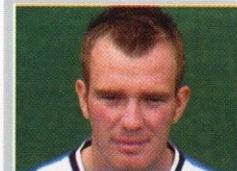
Richard strongly staked his claim as a regular during 2004-05 after forcing his way into the side and holding down a starting spot over the last half of the season. He had two short spells in the team during the early months of the term but was forced to wait patiently for his chance to come. When it did, the teenager took it with both hands, forming an impressive centre half combination with Graeme Lee before his colleague succumbed to injury.

Midfielders



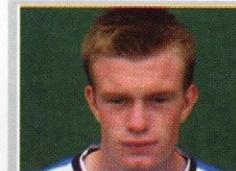
Jon-Paul McGovern

Wednesday recruited Jon-Paul in May 2004 on a free transfer from Scottish outfit Livingston and he enjoyed a fine first season at Hillsborough. He was the only ever-present in the Owls squad that achieved promotion, starting every one of Wednesday's 53 matches over the campaign. The Scot wasted little time in securing himself the right flank spot with his trickery reminiscent of an old-fashioned wideman, although his ability to switch to the left when needed was to prove useful over the season.



Glenn Whelan

Glenn crossed the Pennines to Hillsborough from Manchester City on a free transfer in July 2004. He clocked up 42 appearances in his first season of senior football after his move, although his early contribution was limited by suspensions. The Republic of Ireland under-21 captain netted his first goal at Walsall in September and established himself in the midfield with a run of 27 consecutive appearances between October and March, missing just three games of the last 38 games of the season.



Chris Brunt

Chris joined Wednesday from Middlesbrough in March 2004 and got his Owls career off to a stunning start, netting with a superb 25-yard free-kick just seven minutes into his full debut against Brighton and Hove Albion. The Northern Ireland international was the man most employed in the left wing role during 2004-05 and, although he had to endure occasional spells out of the side, he took his tally to seven Owls goals in 58 appearances.



Steve Adams

Steve linked up with Paul Sturrock once more when the former Plymouth Argyle boss returned to Home Park to capture Adams' services in March 2005. The 24-year-old signed a deal which will keep him at Hillsborough until 2007 after moving to Hillsborough for an undisclosed fee. He made his debut as a substitute at Colchester United before starting for the first time against Torquay United on Easter Saturday.

Strikers



Steven MacLean

Wednesday beat off competition from a number of clubs to secure Steven's services when he joined from Glasgow Rangers for an undisclosed fee in July 2004. He had a superb first term in which he was voted the EAD Solicitors' Player of the Year after becoming the first Owl to score 20 goals in a season for 11 years. The Edinburgh product is a frontman who is adept at getting on the end of chances in and around the penalty area and can also link up play between midfield and the forward line. He got off the mark at Torquay United in August from the penalty spot, the first of seven successful conversions.



Lee Peacock

Lee put pen to paper on a two-year contract at Hillsborough in July 2004, joining on a free transfer from Bristol City. His first term at Hillsborough was disrupted by injury as an ankle problem restricted his appearances, though he showed what he was capable of when fit. The frontman was heavily involved in the first ten games of the season, scoring at Torquay United and in the Carling Cup tie with Walsall during August, but suffered time on the sidelines before returning in December. He enjoyed a run in the starting line-up through February and March, scoring at Chesterfield and netting a brace at Brentford the following weekend.



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Classic Match



Classic Match

ROGER WASH takes a look at a classic encounter between the Hatters and this evening's opponents Sheffield Wednesday

After four years of unremitting success, the 1971/72 season was always going to be an anti-climax. Failure to win promotion back to the top flight the previous campaign, which would have capped an unbelievable rise from Division Four, was a major disappointment. Added to this, the sale of iconic centre-forward Malcolm Macdonald to Newcastle for £160,000 and the failure of Chairman Tony Hunt's Vehicle and General Insurance Company meant that goals were going to be hard to come by and the purse strings were about to be tightened.

Manager Alec Stock put on a brave public face but the supporters knew that, although the defence would not concede too many goals, the days of cavalier attacking play were now over.

Stock had been allowed to spend £35,000 on striker Vic Halom from Fulham. Halom was a journeyman centre-forward who was never fully accepted at Kenilworth Road, probably because

he was not Macdonald, but he did manage to hit the net seven times over the course of the season including an amazing goal-fest against Sheffield Wednesday.

The campaign, which had been almost devoid of thrills, was mercifully coming to an end and a bored crowd of 9,121 turned up at Kenilworth Road on April Fool's Day 1972 to see the Town, who had won only once since early January, come up against an Owls side that had only picked up win bonuses twice since before Christmas.

The game got off to the worst possible start when Wednesday's Brian Joicey, taking advantage of a slip by Luton full-back John Ryan, fired the away side into the lead after only 11 minutes.

Wednesday, mindful of the Town's poor goalscoring record, decided to shut up shop and pull everyone back into defence. They were also mindful that they had a 19 year old goalkeeper, Trevor Pearson making only his second league appearance, to protect.

The game turned when midfielder Alan Slough limped off to be replaced by Don Givens who was pushed forward to make an extra attacker. Gradually the Town gained the upper hand and the breakthrough came after 76 minutes when Peter Anderson's drive was not held by Pearson, leaving Halom to gleefully smash home the rebound.

The Town could now sense victory but left it very late as there were only five minutes left when Halom headed in a David Court corner. The goalscoring was not over though as, two minutes later, Halom latched on to a superb Viv Busby through ball to smash a shot past Pearson to end a game that was totally out of character with all that had gone on before.

Luton Town: Barber, John Ryan, Shanks, Moore, Garner, Slough (Givens), Halom, Court, Anderson, Keen, Busby.

Sheffield Wednesday: Pearson, Rodrigues, Thompson, Todd, Clements, Pugh, Craig, Sissons, Sinclair, Joicey, Sunley.



□ Vic Halom (second right) creates problems for the Sheffield Wednesday defence.

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Community News



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Football in the Community Officer **STUART SMITH** today talks about the progress of the Club's Adult Disability project



Good evening: I would like to use today's page to update you on the progress of the Community Department's Adult Disability project which is funded by Trust in Luton and is part of the continued link between the two of us.

We are delivering now in excess of 40 evening Soccer Schools for any Adults with learning or behavioural problems under the guidance of Community Coach Neil Hart.

We will shortly be looking to put these players into games in the newly formed Beds Adult Disability League. The team will be made up from our players and also from various day centres around the county and also from players attending a similar soccer school set up by Beds FA in Bedford. The team will play around a dozen fixtures per year.

We have recently added a new area of delivery to our Adult Disability project. The department will be providing 12 sessions to the Bramingham Adult Disability Centre in Luton.

The press and the TV cameras were at the centre last Friday 16/9/05 to wit-



Luton Town now deliver in excess of 40 evening Soccer Schools for any Adults with learning or behavioural problems

ness the first session (you may have seen us on Anglia TV that night). These sessions are again funded by Trust in Luton and we were delighted to welcome Kelvin and Carrie Dunne to the session to witness the work that is being done. I would like to thank Caz Allan and Nagwa Bennett for their cooperation in making the press day possible.

As you can see from the pictures, participants clearly enjoyed the session that Neil delivered; the benefits to the participants are many fold; not only

does it improve their football but it helps to improve their coordination, motor skills and communication abilities.

The next step on from this is that our coaches will support the players in their organised games and tournaments against other centres; one of which the Bramingham Centre host themselves.

Stuart Smith

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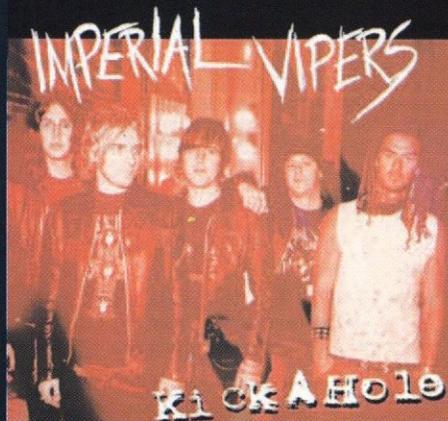
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Match Action



As Luton celebrated 100 years at Kenilworth Road (see page 35 for a special feature), MALCOLM SCOTT reports on a tight encounter with Glenn Hoddle's Wolves.

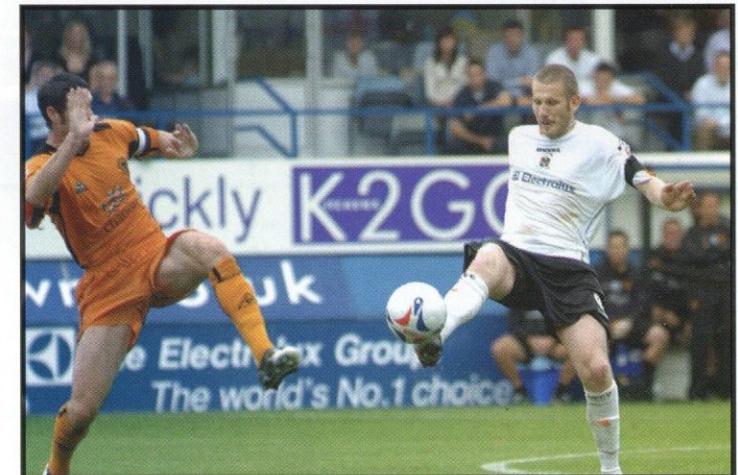
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Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



We are very pleased with a point. If you come back from a goal down then it is always a decent result to get a point. We had the better of the game but we are delighted with this result because Wolves are a lot of people's tip to go out of this division. We are capable of playing some superb football and we do try to pass it about. Wolves had chances in the first-half but you have to ride your luck at times which we did. Wolves are a decent side and they must be doing something right because they went on a long unbeaten run before they got beaten by Leeds earlier in the season. We gave them a good test today and we looked stronger and fitter than them at times.



Kevin Nicholls scored the all-important equaliser in Luton's draw with Wolves

Kevin Nicholls' third goal of the season, deep into the second-half helped Luton celebrate their 100 years at Kenilworth with a share of the spoils in an entertaining encounter with Wolves.

Luton created a plethora of chances in the first-half but were unable to convert them due to a man-of-the-match performance by Joleon Lescott. It was against the run of play when Wolves took the lead when Carl Cort slid home to convert his fourth goal in two matches. Despite four changes in line-up from the previous game, Luton took the match to their counterparts and were unlucky to go in behind at the break. Three good penalty claims, all involving the lively Warren Feeney, were waved away by referee Lee Probert as the Hatters continued to threaten the Wolves goal.

The visitors showed their quality on the

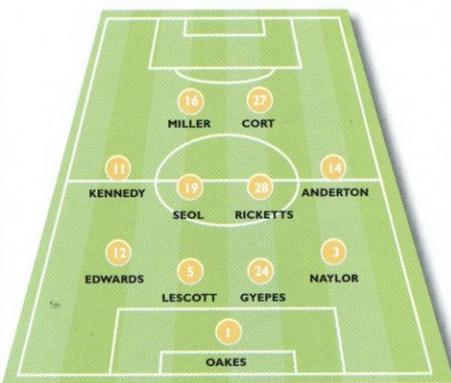
break and might have caught Luton napping on two occasions, while Luton had a header by Ahmet Brkovic well saved by Michael Oakes, and a Chris Coyne header cleared off the line by Rohan Ricketts. Just before the break, Steve Robinson hit the bar and there was still time for Cort to make the miss of the match; with only Marlon Beresford to beat, he managed to shoot wide.

In the second half, it became clear that Wolves fancied their chances of defending the one goal lead, inviting Luton to make wave after wave of attacks. Despite this barrage, the Wolves defence, and in particular Lescott, remained unbreached, until Carlos Edwards produced a run reminiscent of his Wrexham performance against Luton. He broke at pace down the right, cut inside a defender and laid the ball backwards into the path of Nicholls, who hit the ball firmly into the net.

LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



WOLVES' STARTING LINE-UP



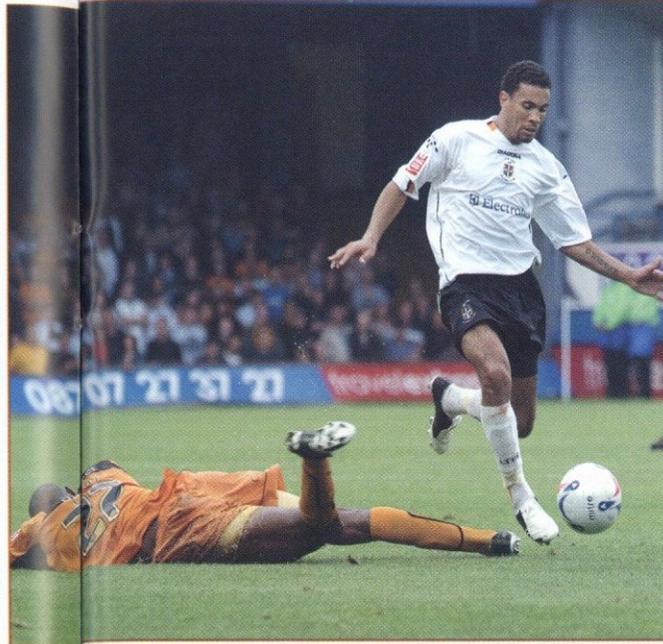
Player Facts

	G	Ass	S On	S Off
C. Edwards	0	1 (2)	0	0
P. Underwood	0	0 (2)	0	1
K. Nicholls	1	0 (2)	1	0
S. Howard	0	0 (0)	2	1
W. Feeney	0	0 (2)	1	1
S. Robinson	0	0 (0)	0	0
A. Brkovic	0	0 (1)	1	2
C. Coyne	0	0 (1)	0	0
M. Heikkinen	0	0 (0)	0	0
E. Showunmi	0	0 (0)	0	0

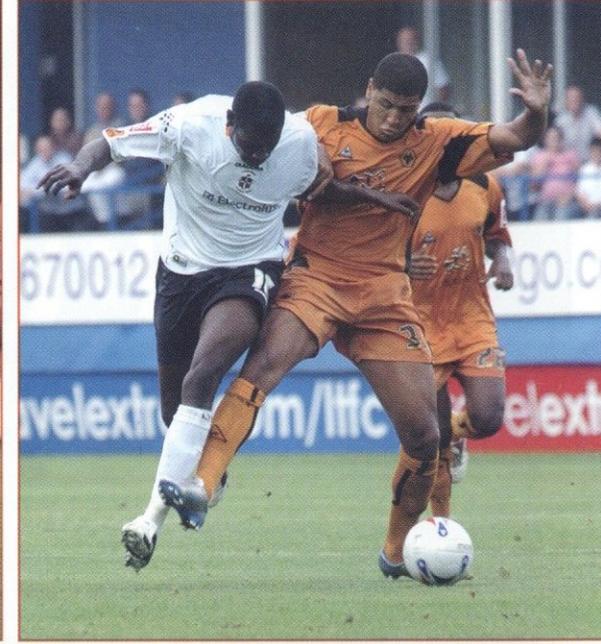
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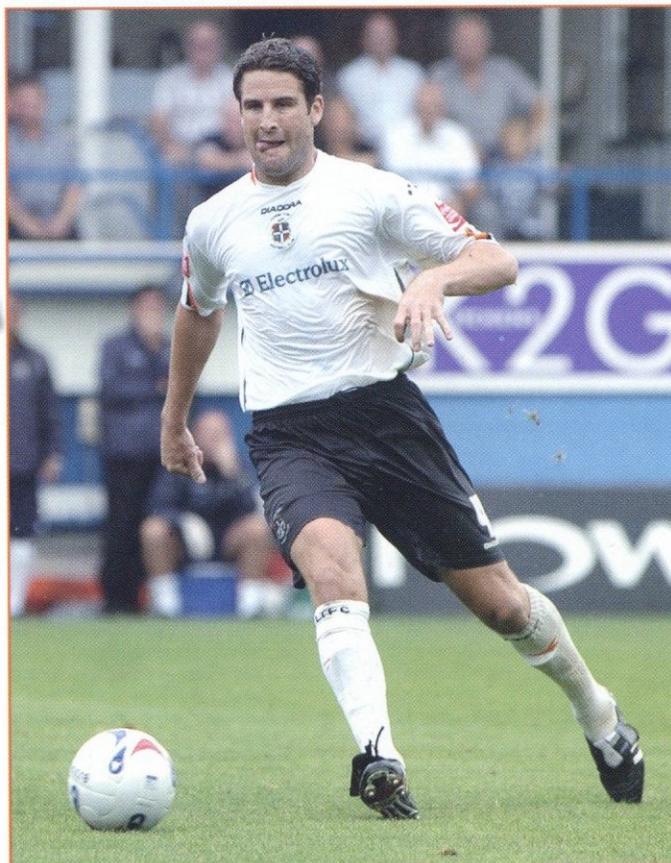
□ Luton's players warm-up in the replica colours worn by the team 100 years ago



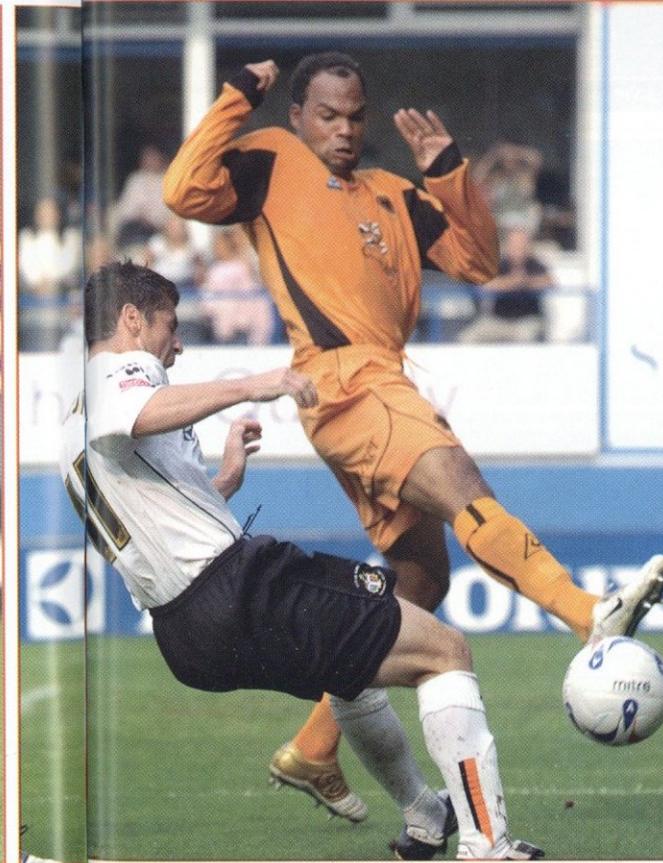
□ Carl Edwards leaves Wolves' Carl Cort on the floor as the defender sets off on another attack



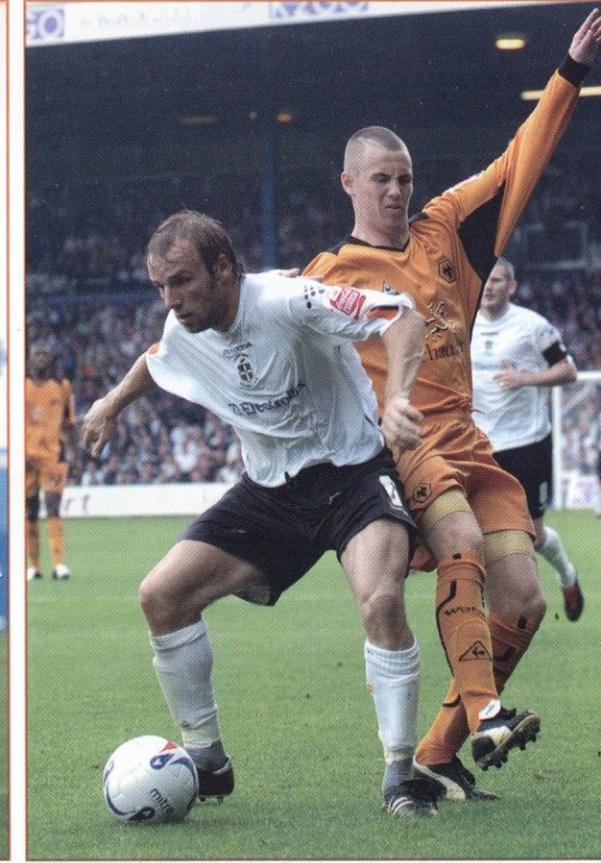
□ Leon Clarke and Enoch Showunmi tussle for possession



□ Chris Coyne made his first home start of the season against Wolves alongside Markus Heikkinen in the heart of Luton's defence



□ Steve Robinson, whose form this season has seen him called into the Northern Ireland squad, fires a shot towards goal



□ Paul Underwood starts an attack for Luton down the left flank as Kevin Nicholls looks on



Peter Davis

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

Welcome to all of our commercial partners together with this evenings match sponsors to this Sky Sports "Live TV" broadcast from Kenilworth Road. At the time of writing these notes, the "Town's" tremendous start to life in the Championship continues, as we all adapt to the challenges, both on and off the pitch and once again, on behalf of us all within the Commercial Department, I would like to thank you all for your continuing support.

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□ Derek Farr, Managing Director of Matchball Sponsors Critical



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□ VIP guests of Critical on the pitch with Luton's Steve Howard



□ Steve Ayres Associate Match Sponsor collecting his award from squad members

COMMERCIAL MASCOT.....

We also welcome this evening nine year old Jonathan James as Commercial Mascot. Attending Bedford School. Jonathan numbers amongst his many hobbies cricket, rugby and horse riding, as well as playing football. Jonathan regularly attends Kenilworth Road with his father, as well as his mother, when they let her attend. Chris Coyne is his favourite Town player, who he hopes to meet this evening. We all at the club hope that Jonathan and his family have a tremendous time with us tonight.



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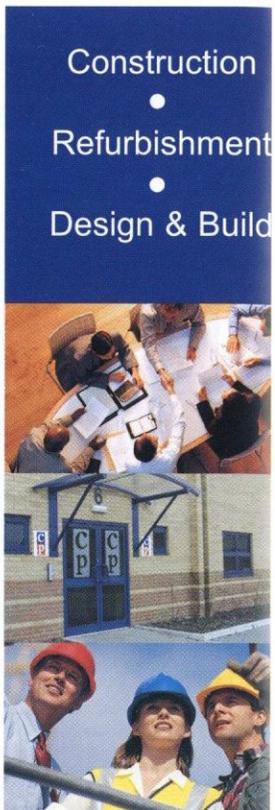
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Head 2 Head



The next round of our Head 2 Head competition sees Croatia v Ireland with Ahmet Brkovic and Kevin Foley competing for a place in round two. We put two members of Luton's staff up against one another and fire ten football related questions to them in a bid to find the club's most knowledgeable person at Kenilworth Stadium



Robbo's looking to book his place

AHMET'S ANSWERS

1. Birmingham ✓
2. The Hand of God ✓
3. 1991 ✗
4. Peter Schmeichel ✓
5. Dagenham & Redbridge ✓
6. I have no idea ✗
7. Charlton ✓
8. Aberdeen ✓
9. Wrexham ✗
10. Warren Feeny ✓

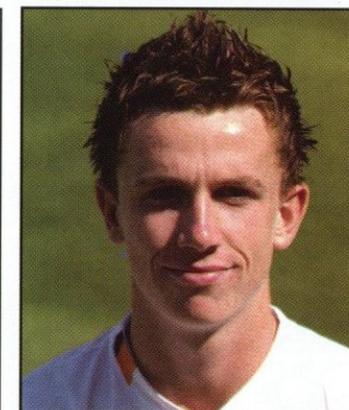
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QUESTIONS

1. Emile Heskey joined which Premiership team in May 2004?
2. What title did Diego Maradona give to his controversial goal against England in the 1986 World Cup?
3. In what year did the Premiership begin?
4. Which goalkeeper scored a Premiership goal for Aston Villa at Everton in October 2001?
5. 'The Daggers' is the nickname of which Conference club?
6. Which famous England cricketer played football for Scunthorpe United?
7. Which Premiership club are nicknamed the 'Addicks'?
8. Name the last Scottish team, outside Celtic and Rangers, to win the League title?
9. Who play their home game at Edgely Park?
10. Which Luton player was in the Northern Ireland squad which faced England in a World Cup qualifier in March 2005?

WHO IS THROUGH!

IN	OUT
Marlon Beresford	Paul Hughes
Kevin Nicholls	Marvin Johnson
Curtis Davies	Chris Coyne
Steve Robinson	Steve Howard
Kevin Foley	Ahmet Brkovic



Can Steve stop him in his tracks?

KEVIN'S ANSWERS

1. Birmingham ✓
2. The Hand of God ✓
3. 1993 ✗
4. Peter Schmeichel ✓
5. Dagenham & Redbridge ✓
6. Ian Botham ✓
7. Charlton ✓
8. Dundee United ✗
9. Stockport County ✓
10. Warren Feeny ✓

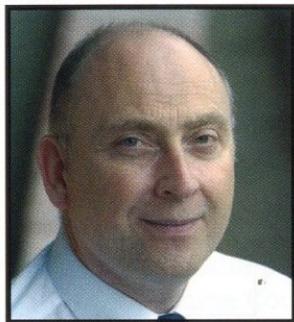
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Roger Wash

**1985
1986**

From the 1985/86 season, Roger Wash looks back at a season when Luton produced a stunning run in the FA Cup to reach the Quarter-Final stages and reach the highest league position since 1958



□ Mick Harford in F.A.Cup action against Arsenal at Kenilworth Road.

Although 1985 marked a low point in English football, conversely the outlook was buoyant at Kenilworth Road. Manager David Pleat had spent wisely, strengthening the spine of the team and adding to it older home grown talent together with the best of coach John Moore's 1983 FA Youth Cup squad.

The summer of 1985 brought feverish activity to Kenilworth Road, and for once it had nothing to do with the transfer market. The activity was

caused by the Town's decision to install an artificial surface.

The first game on the new surface was on the opening day of the new campaign with Nottingham Forest the visitors. Everyone present seemed impressed with the surface and watched as Brian Stein gained the honour of becoming the first goalscorer on the Town's new turf in the eventual 1-1 draw.

The campaign got off to a gentle start without the players actually pulling up

any trees but it turned with, of all things, a home draw. Manchester United came to Kenilworth Road in early October on the back of ten straight victories and were hoping to equal the winning start to a season.

In a tremendous game, the Town were more than a match for United and but for a glaring miss by Paul Elliott, all three points would have been won.

This was followed up with a remarkable 7-0 win over Southampton and the Town never looked back and although never threatening to overtake the top three of Liverpool, Everton and West Ham they seemed to be firmly established as a top ten side.

If the Town were not going to win the league then perhaps they could go one further than the previous season in the FA Cup.

The road to the 'twin towers' started with a trip to Crystal Palace which was won 2-1 and this was followed up with a comfortable 4-0 home victory over injury-hit Bristol Rovers

The Hatters were then drawn at home to Arsenal in a game that certainly caught the public's imagination. The clash lived up to its billing with four goals, two to each side, all scored in the first half.

The much hyped replay was postponed due to the failure of the Highbury under soil heating and when the game was eventually played, the conditions

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5) Sheffield Wed	42	21	10	11	63	44	73
6) Chelsea	42	20	11	11	57	56	71
7) Arsenal	42	20	9	13	49	47	69
8) Nott'm Forest	42	19	11	12	69	53	68
9) LUTON	42	18	12	12	61	44	66
10) Tottenham	42	19	8	15	74	52	65
11) Newcastle	42	17	12	13	67	72	63
12) Watford	42	16	11	13	67	62	59

were still a lottery and a brilliant advert for an artificial surface.

The players slipped and slid through another 120 minutes of football with no goals being scored and with no penalty shoot-outs in those days a toss of the coin brought the second replay back to Kenilworth Road only two days later.

In one of the best Town performances seen over the years the Hatters completely steamrollered their illustrious neighbours fully deserving their eventual 3-0 win. All eleven players hit their peak for the ninety minutes and would have beaten anyone that evening.

After all the euphoria came the reality that the Town had to take on Everton at Kenilworth Road in the quarter-finals three days later. Everton, the reigning league champions, were neck and neck with Liverpool at the top of the table but most importantly would

be fresh while the Hatters would be playing their fourth game in seven days.

The Town obviously had a score to settle with Everton following the heartbreak of the previous season's semi-final defeat and a crowd of 15,529 gathered to see Mick Harford give the Town the lead, and when Mark Stein skipped through a square defence to double the advantage the Luton fans truly felt that Wembley was their destiny.

Unfortunately, Everton were not regarded as the best team in the country at the time for nothing and, following a clever substitution, they seemed to step up a gear and replied almost instantly through Graeme Sharp with Adrian Heath netting the inevitable equaliser as the Town tired.

The replay, four days later, was meant to be a walkover as far as the crowd of 44,264 was concerned and with

1985/86

Manager: David Pleat

Top Scorer: Mick Harford

League Position: 9th

FA Cup: Quarter-Final

League Cup: 3rd Round

Memorable

Match: Vs Arsenal (FAC) W3-0

Gary Lineker skinning both Steve Foster and Mal Donaghy before scoring an early goal it seemed they could have been right.

A saved penalty seemed to galvanise the Town into greater effort and a shot from Ray Daniel shook the woodwork leaving the Everton supporters to howl for the final whistle. They managed to hold out, however, and Luton supporters leaving Goodison Park were left cursing Everton for the second season running.

The Town exacted revenge ten days later, though, beating the Toffees 2-1 in a league game, a defeat that effectively cost them the title!

The season drifted out to gentle close with the finishing position of a highly satisfactory ninth, the best since 1958.

Elsewhere in football

* Reading create a new record in Division Three when winning their first 13 games of the campaign.

* Swindon beat the previous Football League points total when amassing 102 in Division Four.

* Oxford beat Q.P.R. 3-0 in the Milk Cup final while Everton were seen off 3-1 by Liverpool in the FA Cup final.

* Gary Lineker moves from Leicester to Everton for £800,000 while Tottenham pay £585,000 to Newcastle for Chris Waddle.

* Scotland manager Jock Stein collapses and dies after watching his side draw a World Cup qualifier against Wales.

* Charlton quit the Valley.

* Birmingham are beaten at home by non-League Altrincham in the FA Cup.

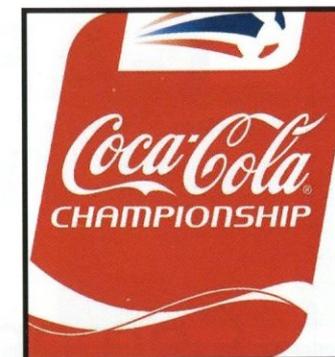
* It is reported that over 40 Football League players are paid more than £50,000 a year.

* Bobby Moore resigns as manager of Southend United.

MATCH ACTION EXTRA

LUTON V WOLVES





League News

GEOFF KNOK talks about loan signings in his latest round-up from The Championship

If you thought that the Summer transfer window closing means an end to player trafficking, then think again.

Although Premiership and Football League clubs cannot now sign players until January 1st 2006, Football League clubs are still allowed loan deals – and there's been plenty of them involving Championship clubs since our last home game.

Loan signings have always offered lifeblood to cash-strapped Football League clubs, as well as being mutually beneficial to the player and lender, even

more so since the ITV Digital television funding collapsed a few years ago.

This was perfectly illustrated here at Kenilworth Road last season when Rowan Vine enjoyed a hugely successful spell on loan from Portsmouth – helping the Hatters win promotion and the League One title – earning a contract for himself and Pompey a few quid along the way.

Last Saturday's win at Hull City was fought against a side that had two players on loan from Premiership clubs, Liverpool midfielder John Welsh and a striker from Sunderland, Chris Brown.

California-born shot-stopper Boaz Myhill, who was a close second to Marlon Beresford in being the best goalkeeper on the pitch, is an ex-Aston Villa trainee who went on loan to five different league clubs before finally getting a deal at the KC Stadium.

Norwich City have also bolstered their squad with Kevin Lisbie, who scored a hat-trick against Liverpool two years ago, arriving from Charlton. Tottenham Defender Calum Davenport has also headed east, joining incumbent teammate Dean Marney for some Canaries action and, if they're lucky, some of Delia's home cooking.

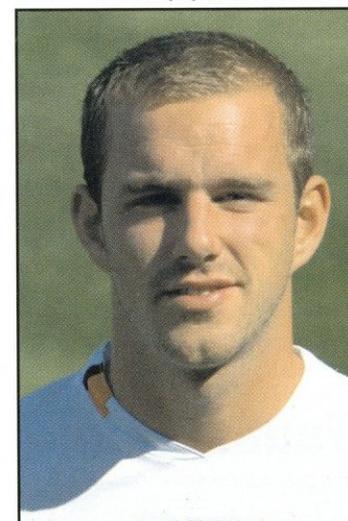
Millwall have also moved swiftly to reverse their poor start to the season, borrowing defenders Adrian Williams and Philip Iffil from Coventry City and Spurs respectively. Grabbing Jermaine

Wright from Championship rivals Leeds has also been a major coup, and the Lions have won two tricky away matches at Wolves and Sheffield Wednesday since the new boys arrived.

Not content to be one place above us in the table with what they've already got, Watford have strengthened their squad by taking Wales international midfielder Carl Fletcher and journeyman forward Les Ferdinand – who has obviously decided retirement is not for him. 38-year-old Ferdinand must be running ex-Hatter (well, ex-everyone) Steve Claridge close in the most-clubs-played-for category, but is still a frightening prospect for any defender not on top of their game.

By far the most prolific club in the loan market has been Derby County. After selling Polish international Gzegorz Rasiak to Tottenham for an undisclosed fee on transfer deadline day, the Rams board have let at least some of the money filter through into manager Phil Brown's hands.

Mounir El Hamdaoui and Johnnie Jackson joined for three months as part of the Rasiak deal, although quality midfielders Peter Whittingham (Aston Villa), Khalilou Fadiga (Bolton) and forward Stern John (Coventry) have given Derby's squad a very solid look about it.



Rowan Vine enjoyed a successful season long loan spell at Kenilworth Road last season

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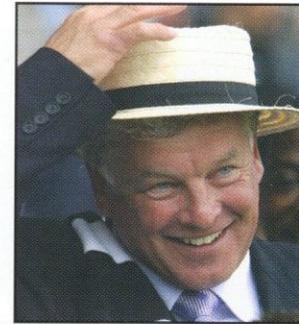
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Luton Greats



STEVEN DOVE looks back on a memorable afternoon as some of Luton's greatest players returned to the Club as we celebrated 100 years of football at Kenilworth Road

It was a day when memories were shared and stories were told as some of Luton's greatest players came back to Kenilworth Road to join in the Club's celebrations of 100 years of football at our humble home.

For some it was a chance to catch up with old friends, for others it was an opportunity to revisit the stadium for the first time since their professional career finished in Bedfordshire.

For the 10,000 plus supporters packed inside Kenilworth Road ahead of our encounter with Wolverhampton Wanderers, it was a chance for many to pay tribute and say thank-you to some of Luton's greatest servants over the

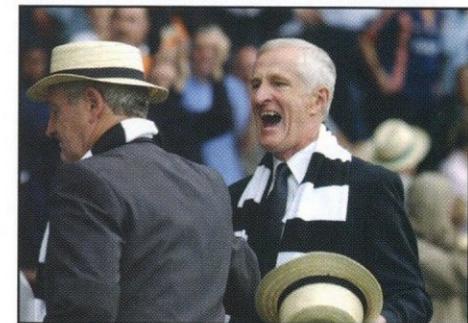
decades.

For Luton's special guests, the day saw them enjoy a meal and drinks before braving the downpour to to be introduced to the supporters on the pitch.

The Luton heroes received a standing ovation from the Kenilworth Road crowd as an enjoyable day was had by all.

Some of Luton's special guests included 1959 FA Cup goalscorer Dave Pacey, former Northern Ireland international Billy Bingham as well as Billy Waugh, who was, at 84, the oldest of the returning heroes.

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John Moore enjoys and chat and a giggle



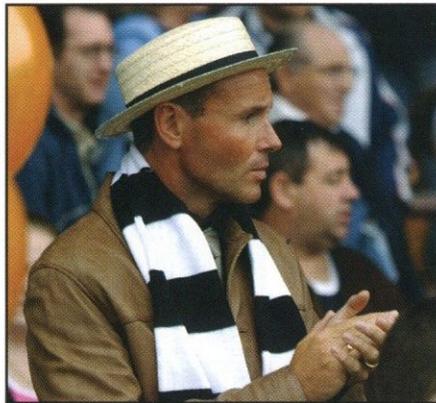
Kirk Stephens shows off his skills to the crowd



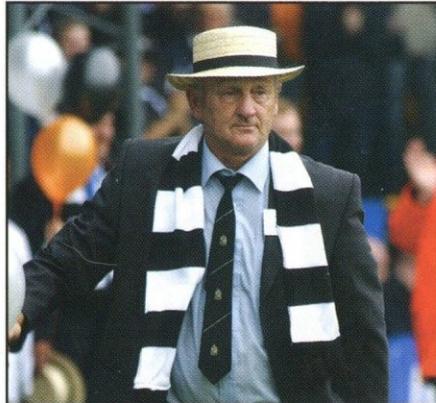
'Happy Birthday Kenilworth Road' as the celebrations begin.



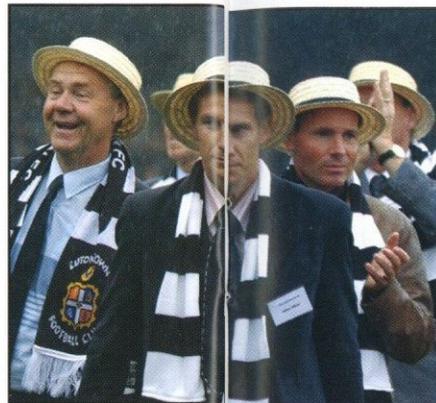
Brian Stein and Billy Waugh enjoy a pre-match chat



□ Kingsley Black applauds some of the other Luton heroes



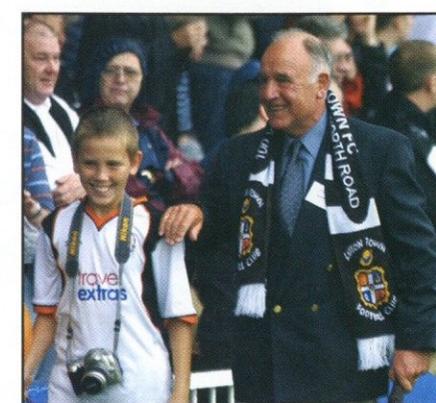
□ Terry Branston walks onto the Kenilworth Road pitch



□ A damp Julian James joins the celebrations



□ Bernard Moore, Mike Cullen and Alan Daniel take a breather in the dressing room



□ Ken Hawkes is introduced to the Kenilworth Road crowd

The majority of Luton supporters who came to watch the Hatters during the 60's and 70's will have remembered many of the faces on the pitch but there were some familiar faces for the younger generation including full-back Julian James, who played for the club during the late eighties and nineties.

Speaking exclusively for this evening's matchday programme, James revealed he was honoured to be asked by the supporters to be a part of the celebrations and thoroughly enjoyed his return back to Kenilworth Road.



"After finishing with Luton when I broke my leg I haven't had the opportunity to

return," said the former Hatters full-back. "It has been great to come back and see faces that I recognise and people that have been good to me through thick and thin.

"Not only has it been good to see the players but some of the staff that people often forget like Lita Nunn on reception and Cherry Newbery who has done a great job for the club.

"I think it was a fantastic day and it went off very well. I think Cherry was sweating a bit but apart from the rain,

it was a marvellous occasion to be involved in and we all enjoyed going out onto the pitch to meet the fans.

"The reception we got from the supporters was tremendous, even from the Wolves fans which was a nice touch.

"There are so many things that stick out in my mind as my greatest moment at Kenilworth Road and the cup run when we got to the semi-finals after beating West Ham United and Newcastle was always special.

"Previous to that I was involved in the latter end of the clubs stay in the top league and they were some exciting times for me."

Another familiar face amongst the Luton heroes that the younger generation may have recognised was striker Kingsley Black, who made over 130 appearances for the club and was part of our Littlewoods Cup triumph over Arsenal.

Black said: "It was a wonderful day really and I don't get the chance to come back that often so for me, its great to come back and see so many of the people that I know who still work here.

"The best moment for me has to be getting the chance to

walk back out onto the pitch. The fans have been wonderful to me over the years and we got a great ovation from the fans which was special.

"Not much has changed around the ground since I last came back but sometimes that can be a positive thing. This is a warm, friendly club and that has not changed at all."

Black, who moved to Nottingham Forest from Kenilworth Road, was also delighted to see the club making big strides towards a return to the top flight of English football and was highly impressed by the Club's draw with Wolves.

The former Luton striker added: "The club is certainly on the way up and that was showed in the performance against Wolves. It is good to see the club moving in the right direction and I hope that continues

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KINGSLEY BLACK, FORMER LUTON TOWN STRIKER

because everyone at Luton Town deserves the success they achieve."

Terry Branston was also part of the celebrations and revealed it was his first visit back to Kenilworth Road for some considerable time. Branston, a former Luton skipper, played at Kenilworth Road during the late sixties and early seventies and was part of the squad that won the Division Four Championship in 1968.

And the former centre-half admitted he was also impressed with the performance against Wolves and was delighted to see the club moving back in the right direction.

Branston told this evening's programme: "What I have most liked about today has been watching Kevin Nicholls doing a bit of what I used to do for the team although I don't think I could have got forward like he did.

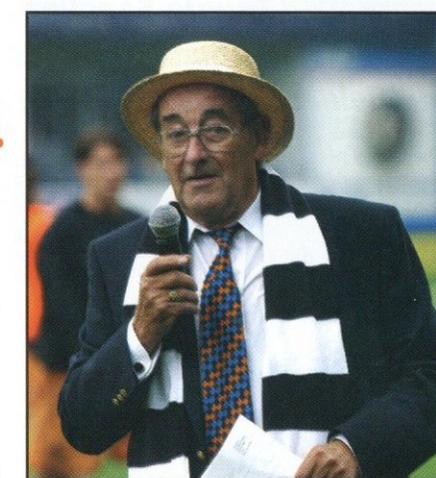
"Kevin drove the side on and he took the goal superbly. I thought the whole side played well and on the left of midfield, I though

Paul Underwood was very impressive. I saw him play with Rushden & Diamonds a few years ago and was delighted when he signed for Luton because I knew he was a good player.

"The club has got some good players. Steve Howard does an excellent job and Ahmet Brkovic gives the midfield some extra balance.

"The players nowadays are a lot fitter than we were and it is played at a faster pace. "I loved everything about this occasion. The fans at this club are absolutely great and when I was playing, we used to get 16 to 18 thousand people turn up to watch us, so to see so many back is fantastic news for the club."

This was a day which probably captured the memories of so many people, young and old, and everybody involved with the celebration would like to thank all the supporters, including those of Wolves, for the fantastic reception given to Luton's Heroes.



□ Brian Swain introduces the Luton heroes



□ Terry Branston and fellow 1968 Championship winner Max Dougan

IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

Millions of viewers watched England's poor showing at Northern Ireland recently but there could not have been many who would have begrudged Lawrie Sanchez's team victory. Steve Robinson was a part of the celebrations in Belfast and in today's matchday programme, the midfielder talks about what it meant to the people of Northern Ireland.

There may not have been much to celebrate amongst Northern Ireland football fans for some considerable time after 15 months and ten international fixtures without a win but their historic victory over England recently has given the Irish something to cherish.

Although qualification for the World Cup in 2006 is no longer a possibility, football in Northern Ireland has seen an upturn in interest since the win over England in Belfast and the chance of finishing third in the Group Six is still a distinct possibility.

And for Luton's Steve Robinson, his first international cap could not have come at a better time. Although the Lisburn born midfielder never featured in the side, Robinson admitted it was a dream come true to be involved in the game and had never experienced an atmosphere like it as over 10,000 Irish supporters celebrated long into the night following the win.

Robinson said: "The atmosphere inside the ground was absolutely frightening. The whole stadium was shaking and I thought it was going to fall down at one stage. The people of Northern Ireland haven't had a lot of success, but when they get some they certainly know how to celebrate."

"You are talking about beating some of the best players in the world. Most of the players who play for Northern Ireland are playing in the Championship so to beat England was

“ The atmosphere inside Windsor Park was absolutely frightening. The whole stadium was shaking and I thought it was going to fall down at one stage. The people of Northern Ireland certainly know how to celebrate ”

an incredible achievement and an amazing night for everyone in Northern Ireland."

The victory over England has certainly got the Northern Ireland fans feeling that football in their country is moving in the right direction under former Wycombe boss Lawrie Sanchez and that the country could compete for qualification towards the 2008 European Championships in Austria and Switzerland.

However, Robinson remains optimistic that although the Irish still have a long way to go to match that ambition on the limited resources they have, he does believe that Sanchez is moving the country in the right direction.

Robinson added: "Lawrie Sanchez has done so well and any manager who can pull off a result against England with the limited resources we have deserves a lot of credit.

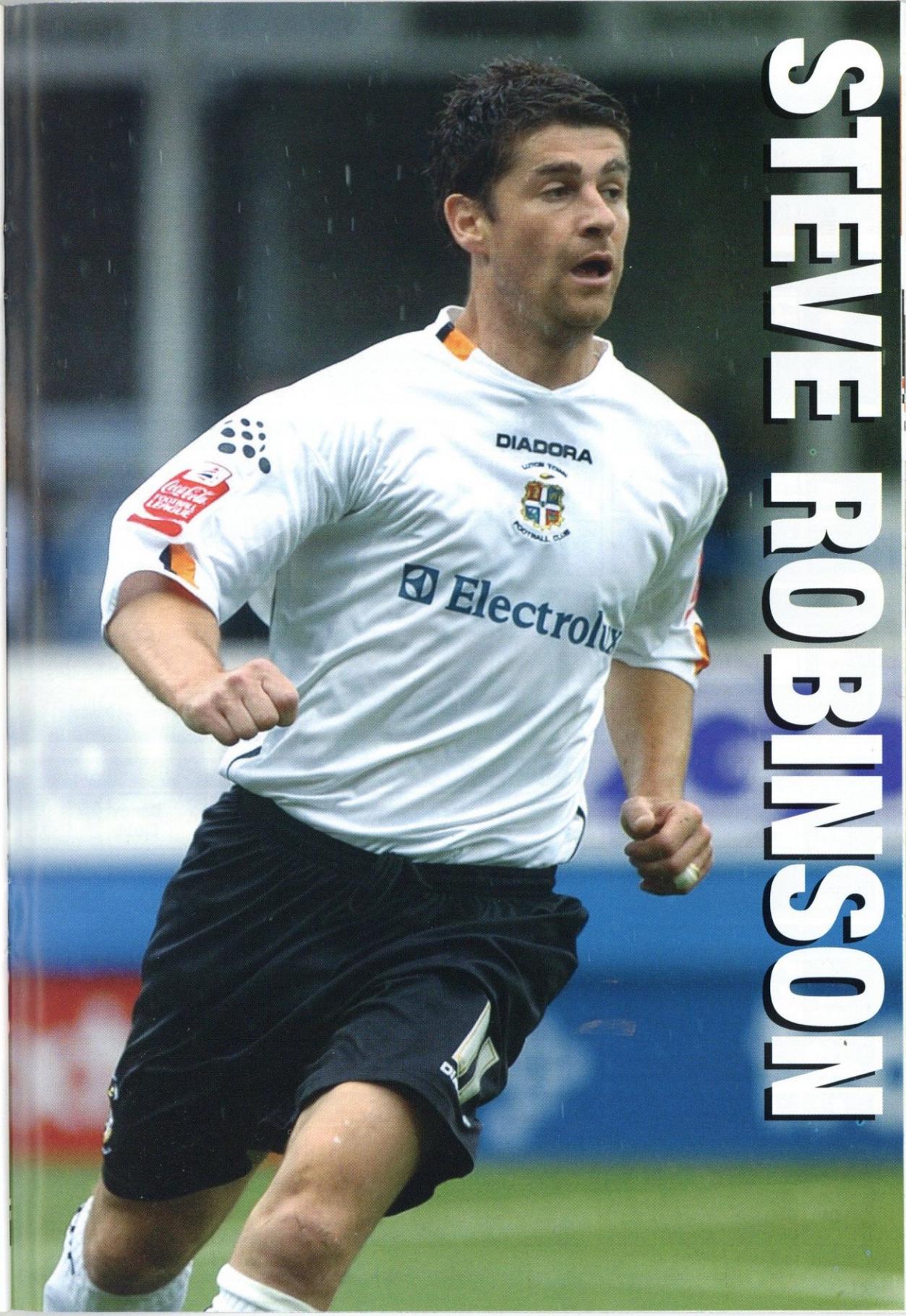
"At the minute I think we could take on anyone with the way the squad is

feeling at the moment but being realistic we are not a big country and we will have to see how it goes.

"Who knows what we can achieve. If you can get the 'feel good' factor around the squad then teams coming to Windsor Park will always find it difficult because it is an intimidating place to play."

However, for the time being, Robinson is fully concentrating on his domestic football and is keen to carry on his good form at club level and the club's encouraging early season form.

Robinson added: "We have started brightly and maybe surprised a few people along the way. As a team we have no superstars and we work hard together. On a personal note, I would love to be scoring a few more goals but at the moment it is just a case of continuing where we left off last season."





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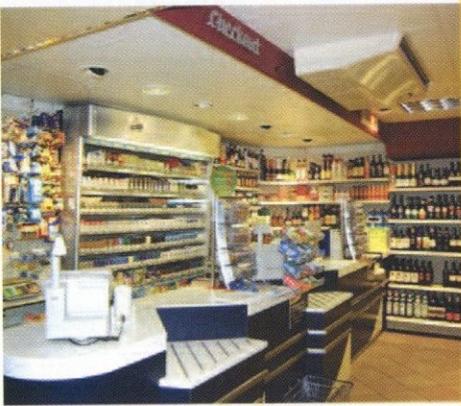
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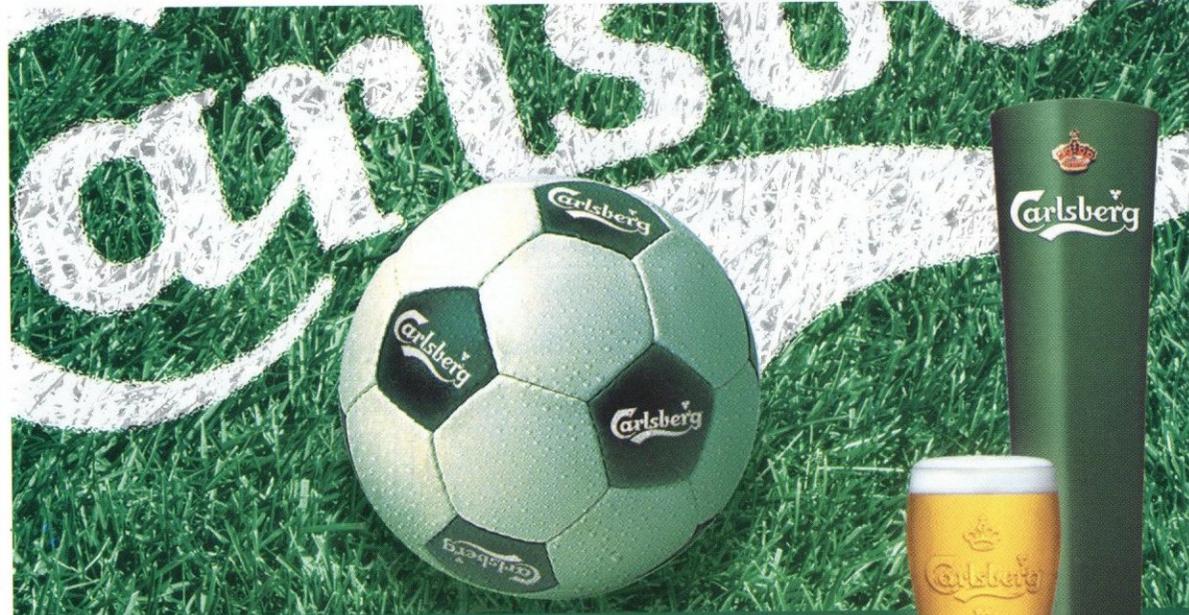
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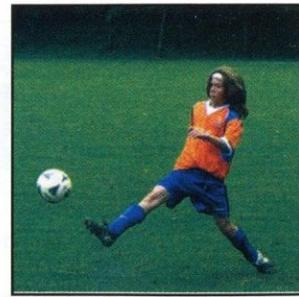
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DAVID BAKER writes exclusively for this afternoon's matchday programme to bring supporters right up to date with the latest news from the Luton Belles

Belles First Team were again out of luck during last weeks 2-1 home defeat by Swindon Town as the away side showed the benefit of taking their goal chances. Having missed a couple of gilt edged chances Luton were hit on the break

and Natalie Forbes gave Town a 3-0 half time lead with a 20 yard strike. The second half brought more fine passing football and a third goal from Kelly Lockey. Nina Hale also fired a second half hat trick and there were

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and some poor defending allowed the Swindon striker to nip in and score from close range. A second goal followed soon after and Town struggled to get back in the game until a strike from Fay Howell 5 minutes from time gave them hope of rescuing a point that did not materialise.

In the meantime our London league sides went goal crazy as a revamped second string hammered Leyton Orient 12-0. Kelly Lockey scored twice in the first half on her debut

two long range efforts from Rebecca Dimmock to crown her senior debut. Charis Wakefield also scored twice with Emma Leete completing the scoring with a far post volley.

The London reserves began their season in style and also rattled up double figures against Wandsworth based Panthers. Vicky Moody, Fay Rolls and Bethany Hedges all fired hat tricks and a first Town goal from Kirstyn Mackie powering in a header from corner made it 10-0

The failure of our County Cup opponent St Martins to fulfil our cup tie opened up another opportunity as it allowed us to support Trust in Luton's fundraising charity match at Creasey Park, Dunstable. Lifelong Hatters fans Rhiannon Morgan and Otilie Quince were privileged to line up alongside the same heroes that they had watched from the terraces as children whilst the remainder of the squad entertained the crowd at half time during a seven a side match.

Dave Baker



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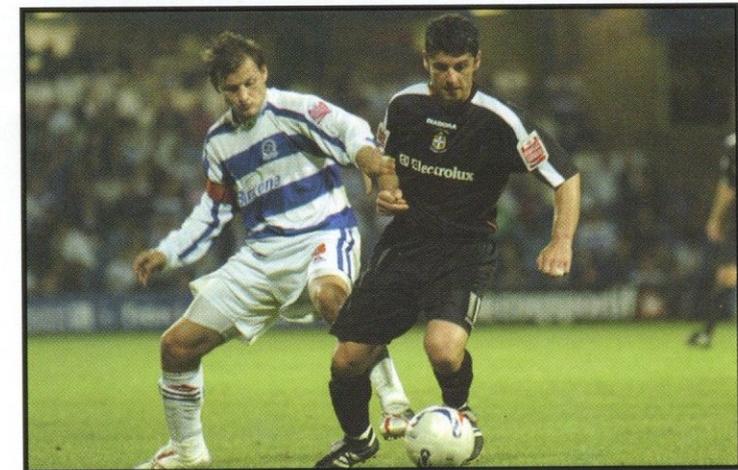
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Match Action

TERRY FOUNTAIN reports from Loftus Road as Luton slipped to their second away defeat of the season at QPR despite the home-side going down to ten men

QPR 1 LUTON TOWN 0



Steve Robinson and Marc Bircham in action at Loftus Road

Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



"We were happy with the first-half performance but we weren't happy that we didn't capitalise on our possession. It is always a worry when we created three or four good chances away from home and you haven't scored. The second-half was the first time we have been out-competed. For all the ball they had and the game that they had, they didn't really create many chances for the home side. "We didn't pass the ball well or get it on the floor like we did in the first-half and then the later the game went we resulted in throwing the long ball into the box, which really isn't our game."

Luton Town slumped to their second defeat of the season after Lee Cook's free-kick proved to be the winning goal at Loftus Road. Even though Luton had many of the chances, especially in the first-half, it was the home side that took all three points despite going down to ten men late on. QPR keeper Simon Royce was forced to make some outstanding saves in the first half, most notably through Warren Feeney and Steve Howard but Ian Hollaway's team kept their cool in the second half and Cook's strike sealed the win.

Luton were given some hope of claiming a share of the spoils when midfielder Tommy Doherty was given a straight

red card in the 81st minute for an off the ball incident with skipper Kevin Nicholls.

Luton controlled the first-half and could have taken the lead inside the first minute through Warren Feeney but the Northern Ireland international, who broke through the QPR defence, struck straight at Royce.

Luton had a number of good efforts as Ahmet Brkovic twice found a sight of goal but Cook's goal, his first of the season, proved to be the winner and despite some late bombardment from the visitors, QPR held on for all three points to maintain their unbeaten home record.

LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



QPR'S STARTING LINE-UP



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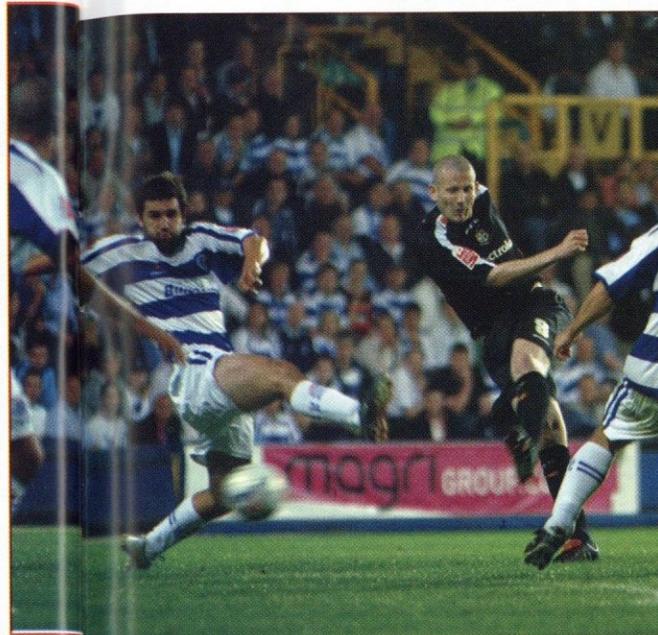
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K.Nicholls	0	0 (4)	1	3
S.Robinson	0	0 (1)	0	0
A.Brkvic	0	0 (1)	0	2
S.Howard	0	0 (2)	0	2
W.Feeney	0	0 (0)	3	1

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

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Former team-mates Marcus Bignot and Paul Underwood in action at Loftus Road



Kevin Nicholls fires in a shot for the Hatters



Peter Holmes came on as a late substitute for the Hatters



Steve Howard is dispossessed by a Rangers defender as the Luton striker tries to create an opening for the Hatters



Warren Feeney had Luton's best chance at Loftus Road to open the scoring. Here is pictured trying to worm his way past two Rangers defenders



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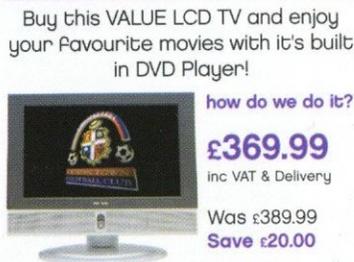
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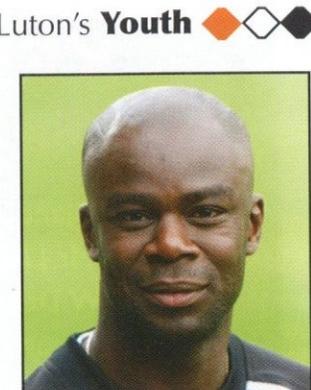
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Luton's Youth



MARVIN JOHNSON talks to this evening's programme and looks back at his youth side's disappointing defeat to Cambridge recently, the youngsters first loss of the season

Cambridge United 3 Luton Town 1 (Kenneford)

Saturday 17th September
Youth Alliance League

Luton's youngsters had a morning to forget after slipping to their first league defeat of the season at the hands of Cambridge.

Matthew Kenneford scored his first goal of the season but it wasn't enough as the non-league side ran out comfortable 3-1 winners.

It was not the preparations Youth Coach Marvin Johnson would have hoped for as Luton's youngsters get set for the forthcoming Youth Cup campaign, which gets underway tomorrow away at Plymouth Argyle.

Talking to this evening's matchday programme, Marvin said: "This was a poor performance and there is no hiding from this result in a match where a lot of our lads just didn't perform on the day.

"The three goals we conceded were harsh on our goalkeeper Zach Barrett, who I feel has been our most consistent performer up till now.

"I could have few complaints about the result. We had one shot on target all game and we will obviously be looking for improvements in our next

game.

"Without being disrespectful to Cambridge, as a club, their boys will be looking to play in league football whilst my lads, should they make the grade, are on the verge of playing at a much higher level than them.

"I'm not saying that we should win every game but if we perform to the standard of what they have set for themselves in the past then we should be able to get results.

"I can except when we play well in games and don't win matches but when I analyse this match and see that we have had only one shot on target, there is no way anyone can win any game at any level be it boys, reserves or first-team level.

YOUTH NEWS

Luton's Youth Cup campaign gets underway tomorrow when Marvin Johnson's side make the long trip to Plymouth. It's the first of two trips to Devon as the youngsters tackle Exeter the following week.

A home game against Brighton follows two lengthy trips whilst the group stages will be completed when Luton make the journey to Newport.

Reaction by Marvin from tomorrow's trip to Plymouth is expected to be published in Tuesday's matchday programme.

LTFC YOUTHS

Date	Opponent	KO/Result
August		
Sat 13	Leyton Orient	W 2-1
Sat 20	Rushden	W 1-0
September		
Sat 03	Wycombe	D 1-1
Sat 17	Cambridge United	L 1-3
Sat 24	Plymouth Argyle (Yth Cup)	11:00 am
October		
Sat 01	Exeter City (Yth Cup)	12:00 pm
Sat 08	Colchester United	11:00 am
Sat 15	Brighton	11:00 am
Sat 22	Brighton (Yth Cup)	11:00 am
November		
Sat 05	Newport (Yth Cup)	11:00 am
Sat 19	QPR	10:45 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

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	5	3	2	0	9	5	11
Gillingham	5	2	2	1	13	9	8
Brighton	4	2	2	0	8	6	8
Leyton Orient	5	2	1	2	9	6	7
QPR	4	2	1	1	9	8	7
LUTON	4	2	1	1	5	5	7
Portsmouth	4	2	1	1	5	5	7
Cambridge	5	2	0	3	7	11	6
Rushden & D	5	1	2	2	7	7	5
Northampton	5	1	2	2	8	10	5
Brentford	5	1	2	2	8	10	5
Southend	5	1	1	3	12	11	4
Colchester	4	0	2	2	3	7	2

Player appearances (substitute appearance in bracket): Asafu-Adjaye 2(1), Barrett 4, Charles 3(1), Deeney 4, Green 1, Hanley 4, Harrison (1), Kenneford 4, Maitland 4, Mountford 3, Pearson (2), Richardson 4, R. Sinclair 4, Selby (1) S. Sinclair 4, Stevens 3, Ward (1).

Goals: Deeney 2, Kenneford 1, Richardson 1, R. Sinclair 1.

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TODAY'S MASCOT



Name: Oliver Marsiglio
Age: 8
School: St Martin De Porres Primary School
Favourite Hatter: Kevin Nicholls
Who accompanies you to matches: Dad and brother Paul
Where to you normally sit: Kenilworth Stand



Match mascots are pictured with both team captains and officials prior to the Wolves game.



VISITOR'S MASCOT
Name: George Gainster
Age: 8
School: Rugby
Favourite Owl: Glen Whelan

TODAY'S MASCOT



Name: Matthew Jones
Age: 10
School: St Joseph Junior Catholic School
Favourite Hatter: Markus Heikkinen
Who accompanies you to matches: Dad
Where to you normally sit: Kenilworth Stand



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The Football Association and its President The Duke of York, today appeal to players, referees, fans and officials throughout the country to help raise and promote the spirit of fair play on FIFA World Play Day.

FIFA is holding the ninth World Fair Play Day over the weekend of 19 to 25 September. These dates have been chosen to link this year's events to another special celebration: the United Nations International Day of Peace (21 September), an invitation to all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities around the world.



The FIFA Fair Play Day logo

The football family therefore wishes to commemorate the International Day of Peace by using the wonderful game and - most notably - its annual Fair Play celebration. This initiative has the personal support of FIFA President Joseph S Blatter.

"Fair Play is essential to our sport and to everyone involved in it," declared The Duke of York. "We need to cherish and nurture the values of sporting spirit and work tirelessly to keep up the momentum. We are appealing to all football fans in England to help us celebrate FIFA Fair Play Day and the International Day of Peace successfully."

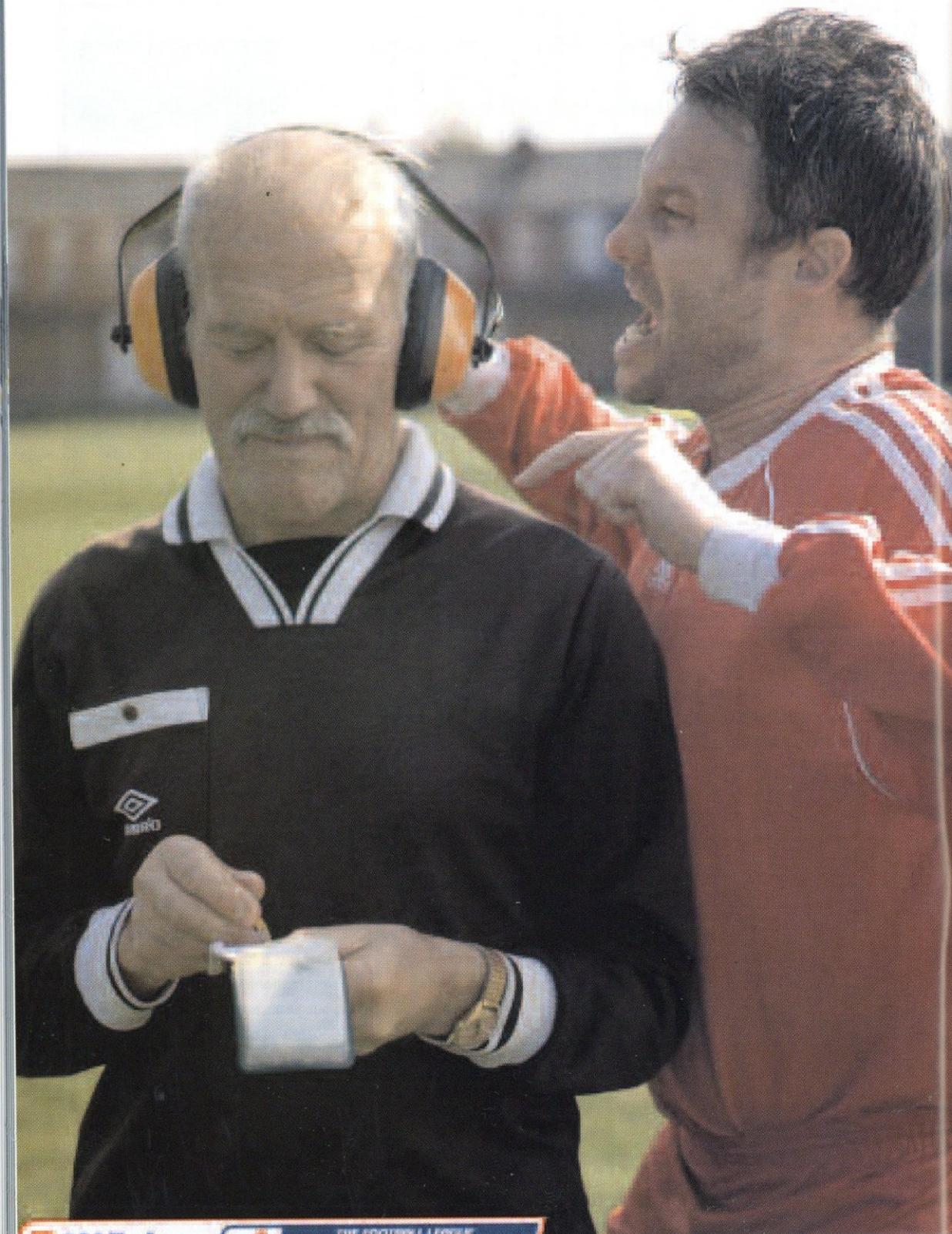
President Blatter recognises the fundamental role of Fair Play in sport and the need to apply it to all sporting activities, including children's activities.

"Children need strong values to grow up with, and football, being a team sport, makes them realise how essential discipline, respect, team spirit and fair play are for the game and for life," Blatter commented. "FIFA's Fair Play campaign involves much more than simply promoting

Fair Play on the pitch during a competition. FIFA is committed to encouraging Fair Play in society too, beginning with our future - with children."

Blatter added: "The most common way of commemorating the International Day of Peace is by observing a moment of silence or holding a special ceremony. FIFA would like to encourage its member associations to do this by gathering around a football pitch, highlighting the values of Fair Play, and reminding the football family of the meaning of peace and the need for commitment to its realisation."

This is the ninth FIFA Fair Play Day to be celebrated since its introduction in 1997 and the second time that it will be linked to the International Day of Peace. In previous years, activities have been held in dozens of countries around the world, from grass roots to top flight football and in many community-based projects.



2005/2006 Appearances

	This Season				International App		Luton Town Career						
	League App	League Gls	Cup App	Cup Gls	Total App	Total Gls	Disciplinary Yel	Disciplinary Red	Nation	Caps	Gls	App	Gls
1 Marlon BERESFORD	6	0	1	0	7	0	0	0				65	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	6	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	Rep Ire U21	1	0	89	5
3 Sol DAVIS	3(3)	0	2	0	5(3)	0	2	0				141	2
4 Chris COYNE	3(2)	0	2	1	5(2)	1	0	0				179	13
5 Russell PERRETT	2(1)	0	0(1)	0	2(2)	0	0	0				88	8
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	8	0	0	0	8	0	1	0				49	5
7 Carlos EDWARDS	3(4)	0	2	0	5(4)	0	1	0	Trin & Tob	1	0	9	0
8 Kevin NICHOLLS	9	3	2	0	11	2	3	0				163	30
9 Rowan VINE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				50	9
10 Warren FEENEY	9	1	2	1	11	2	1	0	North Ire	(3)	1	16	2
11 Steve ROBINSON	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	North Ire	(1)	0	117	8
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0				31	3
15 Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0				27	2
16 Enoch SHOWUNMI	2(6)	0	1	0	2(6)	0	0	0				80	15
17 Paul HUGHES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				88	7
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	9	3	1	0	10	3	0	0				160	30
19 Steve HOWARD	7	2	1	0	8	2	2	1				191	90
20 Curtis DAVIES	6	1	1	0	7	1	2	0				61	2
21 Keith KEANE	0	0	1(1)	0	1(1)	0	0	0				37	1
23 Dean MORGAN	7(1)	2	2	0	9(1)	2	0	0				10	2
25 Dino SEREMET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				9	0
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	7	0	0	0	7	0	3	0	Finland	2	0	7	0
27 Peter HOLMES	0(2)	0	1(1)	0	1(3)	0	0	0				99	10
29 Calvin ANDREW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				10	0
33 Dean BRILL	3	0	1	0	4	0	0	0				11	0
45 Leon BARNETT	0(1)	0	1	0	1(1)	0	0	0				7	0
47 Rob BECKWITH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				19	0

(SUBSTITUTE APPEARANCES IN BRACKETS) (THIS SEASON AND INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS INCLUDE ALL COMPETITIVE FIXTURES FROM 1ST JULY)

ALL THE GOALS

HOW THEY WENT IN:

SHOTS: 12 HEADERS: 1
 PENALTIES: 1 OWN GOALS: 1
 FREE-KICKS: 0 TOTAL: 15

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 11 - W 5 - D 4 - L 2 - F 6 - A 4 PTS 19

SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 11 - W 5 - D 3 - L 3 - F 9 - A 6 PTS 18

OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 6
 Opponents score first goal: 4
 No goals scored: 1

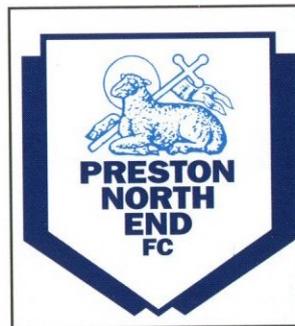
Luton Town score first and win: 5
 Luton Town score first and draw: 0
 Luton Town score first and lose: 1
 Luton Town fail to score: 3

Opponents score first and win: 2
 Opponents score first and draw: 1
 Opponents score first and lose: 1
 Opponents fail to score: 3

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 3
 Luton goals at the Oak Road End:
 Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 1
 Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 2

Coming Next

Coming Next



JOHN BRADSHAW previews Luton's next opponents to Kenilworth Road - Preston North End. Billy Davies' side will be hoping to go one better this campaign after narrowly missing out on a place in the Premiership last season

Preston arrive at Kenilworth Road next Tuesday night with a good away record so far this season, having already picked up three points at Watford, Ipswich and Millwall. The 4-0 win at Portman Road stands out, their biggest away win since 1999, with two excellent goals from England U-21 striker David Nugent. The Liverpoolian is a considerable talent, and has adapted to the Championship with ease, scoring nine goals in 16 games for Preston last season after joining from Bury for £100,000 in January 2005.

Graham Alexander should be in the Preston team next Tuesday. Terry Westley signed Graham from Scunthorpe in June 1995 for £100,000. He went on to play 172 games for us, scoring 17 goals, mainly from penalties. He is still deadly from the spot and has gone on to win 19 caps for Scotland.

Midfielder David Jones has impressed for Preston this season. The 19-year-old is on a season long loan from Manchester United, where he was the reserve team captain, and doesn't lack ambition, describing himself as "a cross

between Paul Scholes and Roy Keane".

Manager Billy Davies is also highly rated, matching his predecessor David Moyes' 2001 achievement of leading Preston to the play off final. They narrowly lost in Cardiff last season to West Ham.

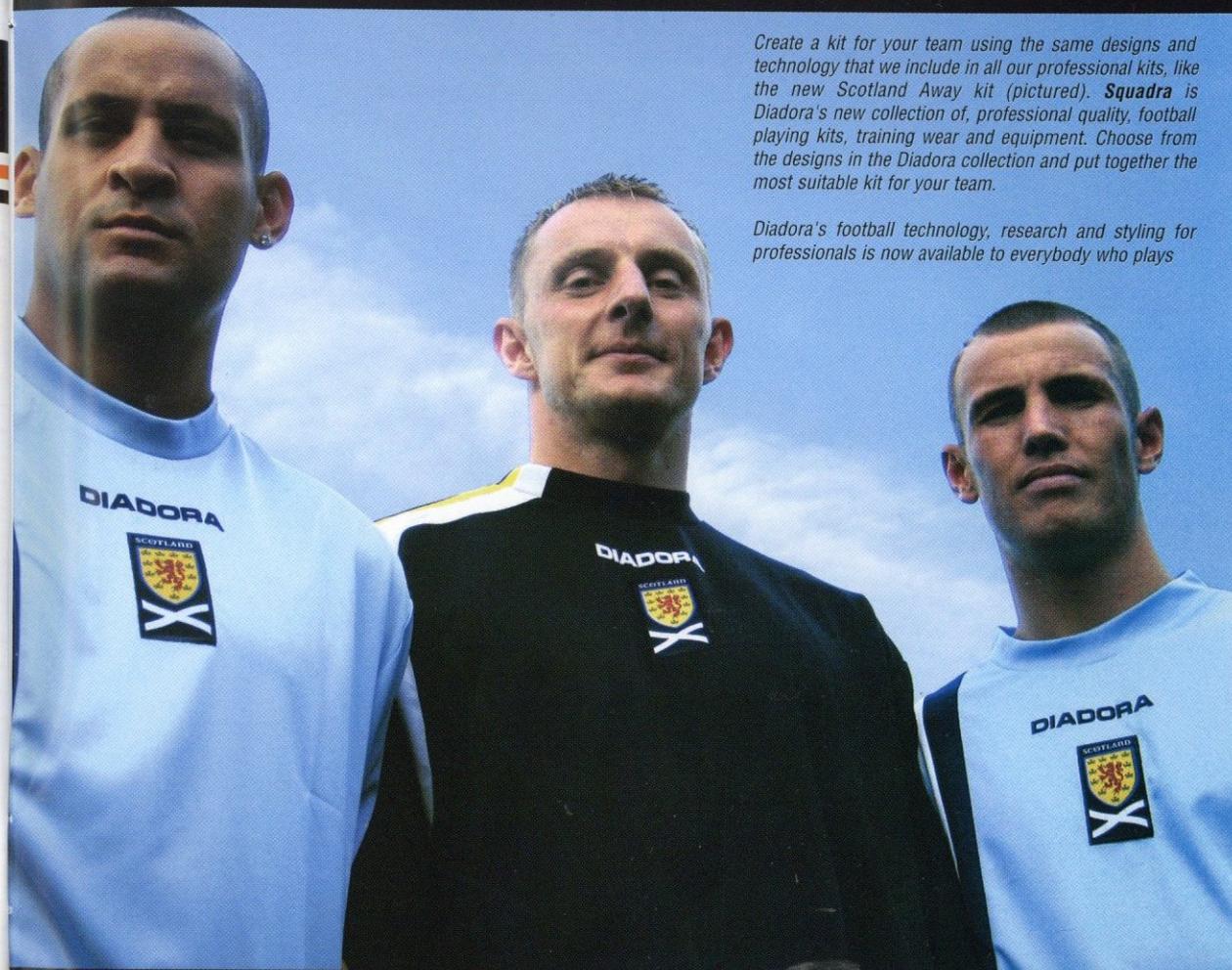
Preston are celebrating their 125th year as a football club this year, and they certainly have a fantastic history to look back upon. They hold the FA Cup scoring record, squeaking past Hyde United 26-0 in 1887! The following year, Preston were founding members of the Football League, winning the double that season and the league the year after. A great quiz question exists involving Preston: In 1922, Goalkeeper JF Mitchell was the first and last player to wear glasses in a FA Cup Final!

Their most celebrated player is Sir Tom Finney; who spent his entire career with the club. He also won 76 England caps, scoring 30 goals, and is regarded by many as the finest English footballer. His final league game, in the 1959/60 season, was at Deepdale against the Hatters. Preston were relegated from the First Division the following season and have never returned.

We have only beaten Preston once in the last 10 years, but it was a cracker: David Oldfield scoring a hat-trick in a 5-1 home win in February 1997. More of the same next Tuesday please....



□ Billy Davies guided Preston North End to the play-off final last season



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