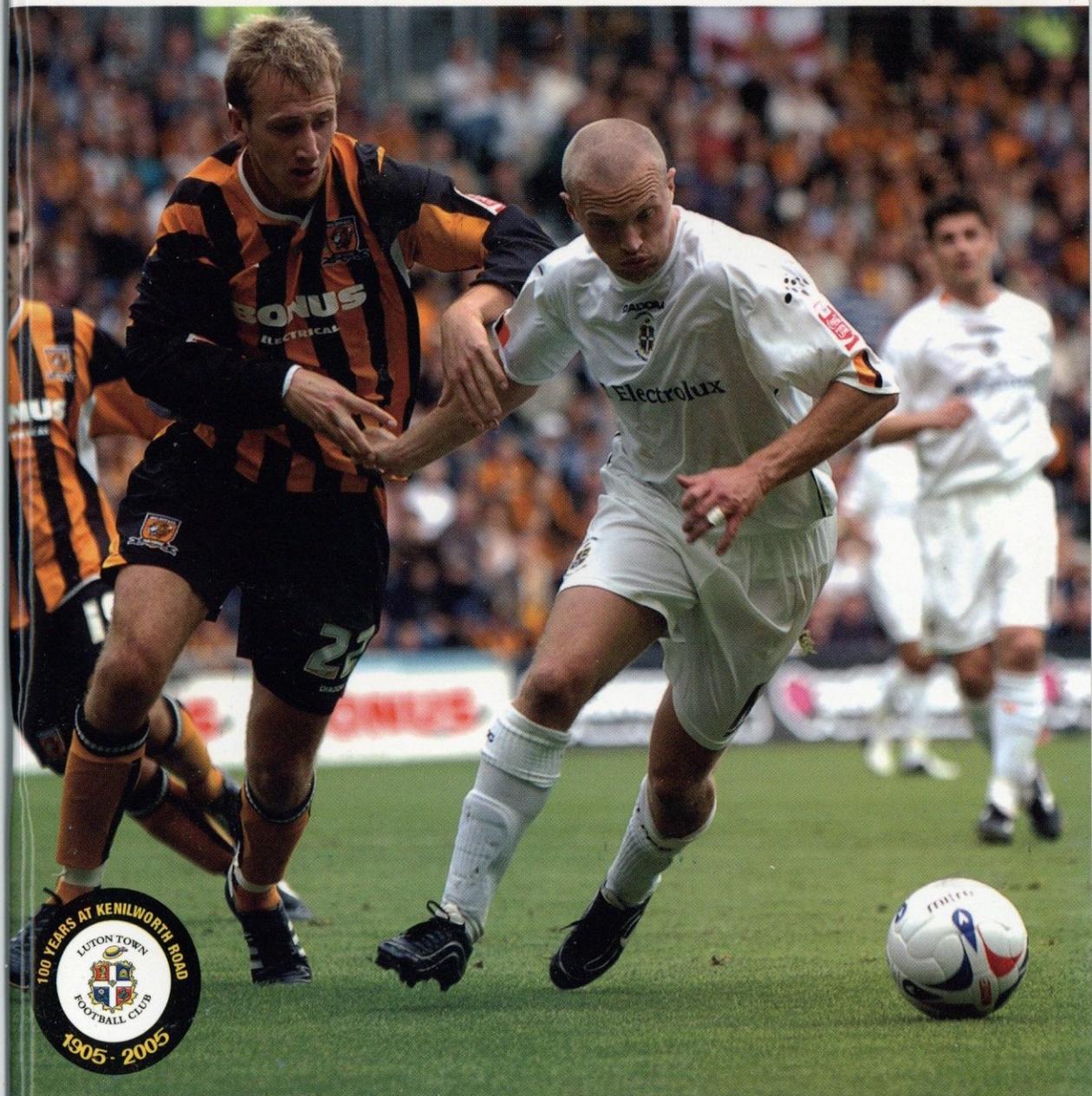


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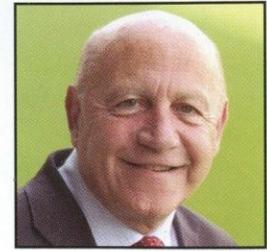


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Good Evening

From Luton Town Chairman
Bill Tomlins



Good evening and a warm welcome to our Supporters and our Championship visitors Preston North End, their Directors, Manager and Supporters. At the start of this campaign it was clear in my mind that no one could say with any certainty where the league position of any of the twenty-four Championship clubs will be at the end of the season so I am pleased for the team and our Manager, Michael Newell and his Assistant, Brian Stein, that after ten games, they are deservedly fourth in the table.

Friday's exciting home game draw against Sheffield Wednesday highlighted how tight and competitive this league actually is. The game was remarkable for the fact that it was extremely entertaining and great for Sky viewers, with the added benefit for both clubs that the referee, Mr Beeby, had no cause to produce any caution card.

"Whilst lower gates concern the media and Premiership clubs, the Championship continues to enjoy increasing attendances, with gates this season being up by two percent"

Congratulations to Markus Heikkinen for being selected for the Finland squad and to Steve Robinson and Warren Feeney selected for the Northern Ireland squad in their forthcoming World Cup qualifiers in October. Meanwhile, congratulations to Kevin Foley for being selected in the Republic of Ireland Under 21 squad for their UEFA Championship qualifiers also in October.

The regularity of two hard-fought games a week sometimes takes its toll on players, resulting in niggling injuries, therefore it has not gone unnoticed that our medical room has been quite busy of late. Our medical team, overseen by our Senior Physiotherapist John Bowden, together with his Assistant Physiotherapist John Murray and Doctor Billy Berry, have been working tirelessly and successfully to bring our injured players back to full fitness.

The atmosphere that you, our supporters, created on Friday night was electrifying. So, as always, get behind the team, it does make a difference.

Bill Tomlins



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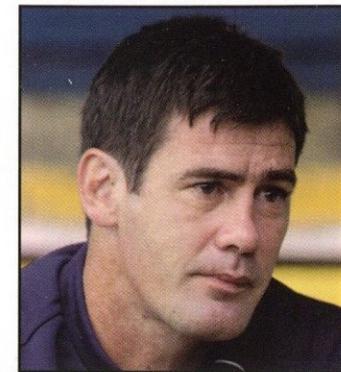
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Mike Newell

MIKE NEWELL reflects back on Friday's performance against Sheffield Wednesday and looks at the debate on falling Premiership attendances

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for tonight's game against Preston North End. Welcome also to Billy Davies, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from Deepdale. They had a tremendous campaign last season culminating in a visit to the Millennium Stadium for the

for many reasons not least the effort and commitment. Sometimes you can be very critical of your own players and their performances but the number of people I spoke to over the weekend not connected with the club were very complimentary about the football we tried to play. It is a measure of

on the dwindling attendances in the Premiership. As far as I can see there are two reasons for that and the main one is the expense. It is impossible to expect people to keep digging deep two or three times a week, especially those with families. The second reason is that football became fashionable a few years ago and people who have no real interest or association with clubs felt it was the place to be seen and the trendy thing to do.

These people will come and go and will still be none the wiser to what is happening when the whistle goes but the hardcore supporters will always remain. That is why most football clubs are one hundred years old.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads

Mike Newell

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play-off final and although not victorious, I'm sure they will remember it for years. It will be another test for us as Preston are getting some good results away from home.

Friday night's game was pleasing

how certain peoples expectations have changed in only six weeks when they are now looking for the results of the teams above us.

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Kevin Nicholls



Skipper Kevin Nicholls looks ahead to this evening's visit of Preston North End as well as looking back over Friday night's performance against Sheffield Wednesday

Friday's performance against Sheffield Wednesday was an entertaining game but one where we looked back and saw it as two points lost and disappointed not to have gone on and won the game.

I have to say that it was an enjoyable

Kenilworth Road.

Now we have to build on this run we have achieved this season. Many of the lads said that if we got 20 points from the opening ten games then it would be a good return so to be only two short of that target,

again for tonight's visit of Preston.

We know how much of a tough test this evening will be. They have a good manager and reached the play-off final last season. They also have a decent away record this season so will have to be at our best if we want to maintain our unbeaten home record.

International week is just around the corner and once again a number of the lads have been called for international duty, which is fantastic for the club.

I would like to wish all the lads who have been selected the best of luck when they go away on to represent their country.

Your support against Sheffield Wednesday was excellent and we now need you to be behind us again so continue to be vocal and get behind the lads.

Enjoy the game.

Kevin Nicholls

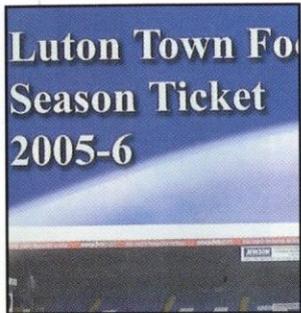
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game to play in and full credit must go to Sheffield Wednesday who played their part in a lively match for the television cameras.

It was a game where there was plenty of chances in the first-half and we were happy with the way we played. It was good once again to see the big man get two goals, his first home strikes of the season and to maintain that unbeaten run at

be fourth in the league, level on points with third, is a good start as far as we are concerned and we can be happy of how everything has gone so far.

I also have to mention the fans on Friday night who were phenomenal. The atmosphere generated inside the ground was fantastic and was the best since last season. We now need you to get right behind us



Ticket & Travel

The latest ticket and travel information to forthcoming Luton fixtures can be found right here



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



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We have received an allocation of 1,800 tickets

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SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2005
GRESTY ROAD, KICK-OFF 3:00PM



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LUTON TOWN V NORWICH CITY
TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2005
KICK-OFF 7:45PM



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BY RAIL: The nearest train station is Ninian Park Halt, which is only a couple of minutes walk from the ground. This station is on a local line which is served by trains from Cardiff Central.

MATCHDAY PARKING: Much of the parking on matchdays is by residential permit parking only. The Main Car Park is situated in the Athletics Stadium on Leckwith Road and the entrance is accessed 0.4 miles after leaving the A4232 (see above directions) on the right hand side of the road.

AROUND THE GROUND: Plenty of eating and drinking establishments can be found in the City centre which is located about a mile away from the ground most pubs don't allow club colours.

WHAT'S THE GROUND LIKE: The ground at long last is having some money spent on it after the arrival of the present Chairman, Sam Hammam. The John Smiths Grange End is a large former open terrace that now has a roof installed. This end is shared between home and away supporters. Opposite is the



Cardiff City's Ninian Park

Spar Family Stand. This small, covered, all seated stand, has a number of supporting pillars running across the front. The overall appearance of this stand has changed recently, with the roof repainted with a large advert for the Clubs sponsors Redrow. On one side of the ground is the Popular Bank Stand. This has a raised seating area to its rear and terracing at its front. There are a couple of supporting pillars in the seated area, whilst the roof does not cover the front terrace. Painted onto the roof is a huge advert for a local bread maker. On the other side of the ground is the Grandstand. This two tiered stand is covered and all seated and again has some supporting pillars. The ground also benefits from having some striking floodlight pylons at each corner of the ground.

BY COACH WITH TOWN ON TOUR: Leaving Maple Road at approximately 8.00am. The fare for LTSC members is £19, £17 for concessions and £21 for non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can also book online by visiting the fans section of www.luton-town.co.uk.

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Travel information for the trip to Crewe can be found on the club's website prior to our visit

You can e-mail Cherry Newbery on clubsec@lutontown.co.uk

Peter Davis



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

Welcome to all of our Commercial partners and with special reference to this evening's sponsors Old Palace Lodge who join us for the second time this season. As part of the legacy of playing in the Coca-Cola Championship our evening matches are now coming fast and furious, therefore our further extended thanks goes to you all, for your commercial support and sponsorship, as we know that attending these early evening events with your work and travel commitments is not always easy, particularly if you are part of the pre-match hospitality.

Enjoy the game

Peter



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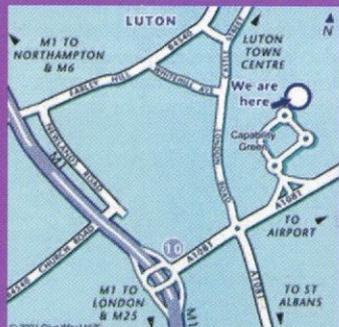
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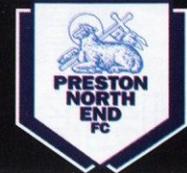
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PRESTON NORTH END

Having missed out on a place in the Premiership last season following a play-off final defeat against West Ham United, Preston will be hoping to go one better this time around as **JAMES MARSH** reports.



PRESTON FACTFILE



PRESTON

Year Formed: 1881

Ground: Deepdale

Ground Capacity: 22,226

Most League Goals: Tom Finney 187, 1946-60

Most Capped Player: Tom Finney, 76, England

Most League Appearances: Alan Kelly 447, 1961-75

Tonight's visitors are last season's beaten play-off finalists, Preston North End, who arrive at Kenilworth Road hoping to kick start what has so far been a slightly patchy campaign. The Lilywhites are yet to win at home this season, but their performances on the road

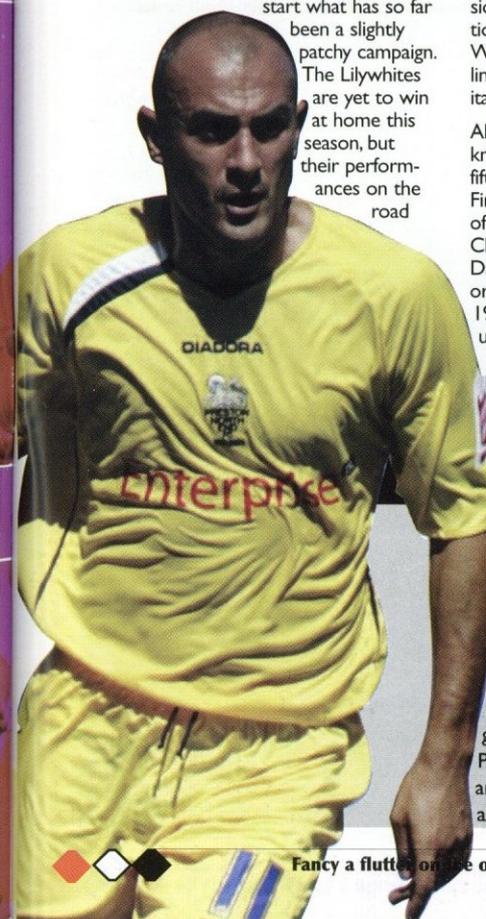
have kept them in a healthy mid-table position. In fact, Billy Davies' men have one of the best away records in the division, including a spectacular 4-0 annihilation of Ipswich and impressive wins at Watford and Millwall, both by 2-1 scorelines. On Saturday they gained a creditable 1-1 draw at Crystal Palace.

Although Preston are undoubtedly best known for their stunning team of the late fifties that included the great Sir Tom Finney, they have consistently been one of the most solid performers in the Championship over the last few years. David Moyes turned them into a well-organised, yet attacking, unit in the late 1990s and, after a slightly difficult period under the management of ex-Scotland

boss Craig Brown, the Lilywhites can again hold realistic hopes of promotion under the stewardship of Davies. Having taken over in 2004, the ex-Motherwell boss confounded the critics by steering Preston to fifth place last season, and then to a play-off final where they were unfortunate to go down 1-0 to West Ham.

Despite recently having their powerful striker Richard Cresswell snapped up by Leeds, the men from Deepdale still have plenty of attacking power in evidence, not least in the form of the much sought after David Nugent. The young forward is a fantastic finisher (ask Ipswich fans!), and his composed play compliments the more direct, speedy approach of strike partner, Patrick Agyemang. Ex-Leicester winger Callum Davidson, the Premiership-linked Dickson Etuhu and Chris Sedgwick make up a midfield that is ever-combative but will possibly be looking to chip in with a few more goals as the season progresses.

Other players to look out for are the tough-tackling defender and skipper Chris Lucketti, and, of course, ex-Hatter Graham Alexander, who has served Preston with distinction for over 300 games. Graham played for the Hatters for four years from 1995.



Dangerman: Danny Dichio

Danny Dichio is a player who has been there and done it all before. After signing from Millwall for £160,000 he immediately went about outlining his ambitions for the season - promotion. After helping West Brom and Sunderland to the Premiership he's hoping to complete the hat trick with Preston. The 30-year-old started his career with QPR after coming through the ranks but four years and 87 appearances later he took advantage of the newly introduced Bosman ruling and signed for Sampdoria on a free transfer. Sunderland opted to bring the big man back to England and he scored 11 goals in 21 league starts helping the Black Cats win promotion to the Premier League before having the same impact at West Brom. Spells at Derby and Millwall followed before Dichio opted to make another move up North and he's hoping it's his last.

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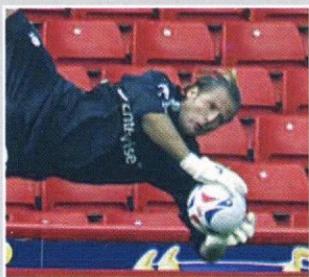
Billy Davies

Billy Davies has pretty much carried on the success from former PNE boss David Moyes after narrowly missing out on promotion to the Premiership last season following a play-off final defeat to West Ham United.

Davies arrived at Deepdale in the summer of 2002 where he was appointed First Team Coach by Craig Brown. After the departure of Brown in August 2004, Davies was named Caretaker Manager, where he enjoyed a successful spell and was later appointed Preston's new manager.

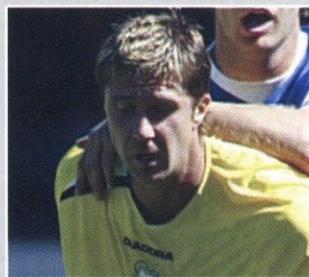
Before his time at Deepdale, Davies was manager at Scottish Premier League side Motherwell where he was one of the youngest to manage at top flight Scottish football, and took his side to the brink of European football. During his time at Motherwell, he won the Manager of the Month award three times, and was responsible for developing the talents of players such as Celtic's Stephen Pearson and one time Preston target James McFadden.

Before starting his managerial career Davies enjoyed a playing career spanning 20 years in which he made over 300 appearances, scoring 26 goals in not only Scottish football but in English and European football where he played for Swedish side IF Elfsborg.



Carlo Nash

Carlo Nash's rise to fame is a true rags to riches story. Playing for Clitheroe while working full time, he was spotted by Crystal Palace playing in the FA Vase Final. The Eagles offered £35,000 for the Bolton born stopper, he went down and spoke to Dave Bassett and the rest as they say is history. Nash went onto make 25 appearances at Selhurst Park, helping them up to the Premiership with a 1-0 win over Sheffield United in the Play Off Final. A free transfer back to the North West in 1998 saw him sign for Stockport where he made 98 appearances in what was then the First Division. Three years of impressing the crowds at Edgeley Park caught the eye of Man City boss Joe Royle who forked out £100,000 for the keeper, in January 2001, to provide competition for youngster Nicky Weaver. The following season saw Nash and Weaver share the goalkeeping duties with the former making 25 appearances in a side that included PNE team mates Tyrone Mears and Dickson Etuhu. The arrival of Peter Schmeichel saw chances few and far between for Nash and soon enough the Riverside beckoned and Carlo was signed for a nominal fee an August 2003. Bought as back up to the impressive Mark Schwarzer, Nash was under no illusion of how difficult the task would be to dislodge the Aussie as number one. But despite making just starts he admits that he wouldn't have changed it for anything. Nash arrived at Deepdale a day before transfer deadline day, knowing that North End was going places and he came within a whisker of a return to the Premiership at the first attempt. His disappointment on the day was there for all to see but so is his belief that Preston can go all the way next season.



Chris Lucketti

Chris is North End's very own 'Captain Fantastic', he leads by example and is perfect ambassador for the club both on and off the field. Added to that he is one of the most highly rated centre-halves in the Championship.

Lucketti moved to Deepdale in a £750,000 deal from Huddersfield at the start of the 2001/02 season and he has since been a figure of consistency at the heart of the North End defence, playing over 130 times for the club.

He swept the board at the 2002/03 awards ceremonies but injuries disrupted the second half of last season for Chris and his absence from the side was immediately apparent as North End's results suffered.

Last season was probably one of Lucketti's best as he formed formidable partnerships with both Claude Davis and Youl Mawene, helping guide his players to the Play Off final at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.

Defenders

Graham Alexander

Graham Alexander is the type of player that managers love simply for their sheer effort and dedication. So it was no surprise when former PNE boss Craig Brown awarded the full-back with a new two-year deal midway through the 2003/04 season. Alexander is also Mr Consistency and last season he joined Paul McKenna in making his 300th appearances for the club after signing from Luton back in 1997. He is widely regarded as one of the deadliest spot-kick takers in the Coca-Cola League and is also quite handy from a dead-ball situation and he was voted in the PFA's Championship Team of the Season last season. The 33-year-old was recognised by National boss Walter Smith and he was recalled for the World Cup qualifying double header in May.

Matt Hill

After coming through the ranks at Bristol City, Hill went on to make over 200 appearances, since making his debut back in November 1998, a match to forget as far as City were concerned as they were thumped 6-1 at home by Wolves. Double play off heart-break will always be a lasting memory of his time at Ashton Gate, but the 24-year-old felt the time was right to move on, not in the least because he was keeping his younger cousin Scott Golbourne out of the side. Hill went straight into the side for the match with Leicester and went on to make 17 appearances, producing consistently good performances at left back or on occasion left midfield.

Brian O'Neil

A former Scotland international, Brian O'Neil spent six seasons at Celtic before moving to the Continent for spell with German side Wolfsburg. Upon his return to British soil he endured an unhappy spell at Derby County before being snapped in January 2003. Brian can operate in both defence and midfield but has been most effective in the midfield holding role where he revels in breaking things up. He formed an excellent partnership with Paul McKenna in the middle of the park last season featuring in 49 matches in total and scoring three goals. His form earned him a recall to the Scotland squad after a five year absence but after being an unused sub in the match with Italy, injury forced him out of the World Cup Qualifying double header with Moldova and Belarus in May.

Callum Davidson

Callum's move to Deepdale was one of the worst kept secrets in Preston North End history after Leicester City decided not to renew his contract at the Walkers Stadium. Davidson could still be regarded as a current international full-back after being capped twice under Bertie Vogts for the Scottish national side. The majority of his caps however came under his former PNE boss, Craig Brown. Last season was a somewhat frustrating one for the former Blackburn man, struggling for full fitness after missing pre season through injury. But when fit he showed just what he's capable of and provided stiff competition for that left back berth. In the end he made 21 appearances.

Midfielders

Paul McKenna

Paul McKenna is about to start his testimonial year for North End and after making his debut back in 1997 his tally of appearances has now passed the 300 game mark. At 26-years-old Paul McKenna is already Preston North End's longest serving current player and last season he finally received the recognition he deserves. Last season his performances earned him the fans PFA Player of the Month award and then the Player of the season award, as voted by the fans and readers of the PFA's official website. With over 300 appearances for the club already under his belt, this diminutive midfielder is already well on the way to being among the elite of players who have played the most times in the famous Lilywhite shirts of PNE but he's set his target on breaking all the records.

Michael Brown

Local lad Michael Brown almost gave up his career in professional football to become a teacher. Thankfully he was persuaded to sign on at Deepdale and after showing some impressive early signs will be looking to take it on a level in the first team ranks. A versatile midfielder who can get forward and score the goals as well as putting in the hard graft in the middle of the park. Hopefully it won't be long before we see Brown making an impact in the Championship. He spent five months on loan at Chester City last season, where he gained vital first team experience, making 19 appearances and he'll be hoping that experience will stand him in good stead as far as his North End career goes.

Dickson Etuhu

Dickson bears the mantle of being the last of David Moyes' signings for club and the legacy the Everton manager left at Deepdale is a bright one indeed, so much so that it is often rumoured that the former Deepdale boss still covets this midfield Dynamo. Etuhu is an energetic midfielder with a good engine for getting up and down the pitch. He also weighs in with his fair share of goals and is particularly dangerous with his head from corners. Etuhu graduated from the same Manchester City Academy that produced the likes of Shaun Wright-Phillips, Joey Barton and North End's very own Tyrone Mears. He qualifies for both England and Nigeria at international level, and almost received a shock call-up to the Super Eagles 2002 World Cup camp after impressing in a training camp.

Chris Sedgwick

Chris arrived at the club from Rotherham in late November of 2004 for a deal in the region of £350,000. Sedgwick had been at Millmoor since the age of 14 and had made more than 250 appearances for the club in a seven year spell. During that time he had earned a reputation as an honest hard-working right-midfielder with good distribution skills. He earned high praise indeed from one of his new team-mates when Graham Alexander said that it was like playing alongside a younger version of club legend Lee Cartwright. If the 24-year-old plays as many games for the club as Carts then North End boss Billy Davies has picked up a bargain.

Strikers

David Nugent

David Nugent has to go down as the bargain of the season, when North End spent just £100,000 on the Bury striker back in January. Several clubs had been watching the youngster but it was Billy Davies who was willing to take the gamble and so far it's proved to be a great decision. With 12 goals in 29 appearances for Bury last season the 20-year-old continued his goalscoring form when he made the move up two divisions to the Championship. The pacy striker, instantly recognisable by his short, quick steps forged an impressive partnership with Richard Cresswell, the duo netting 14 goals between them in the 16 games they both started. Nugent's first goal came at QPR when he came on as a second half sub and the goal and performance earned him his first start in the following match and he didn't disappoint, scoring in the televised clash with Ipswich. He went on to net a further 7 goals including four goals in as many games in April.

Patrick Agyemang

Patrick ended a long wait for Preston North End fans when he finally signed for the club in November 2004. An exciting striker he will be keen to prove that he is a more than capable candidate to fill the striking roles vacated by David Healy and Ricardo Fuller earlier in the campaign. Agyemang joined North End in a deal in the region of £300,000 from Gillingham after spending less than a year at Priestfield. The pacy and powerful forward made his name at Wimbledon, where he came through the ranks and went on to make 116 appearances and score 22 goals. He finished the season behind Cresswell and Nugent in the pecking order but the slates are wiped clean when the players return for pre season and he'll be hoping he can stake his claim once more.



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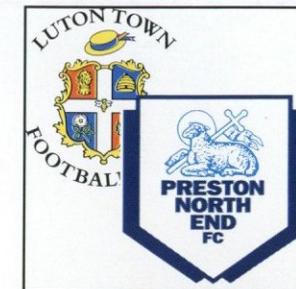
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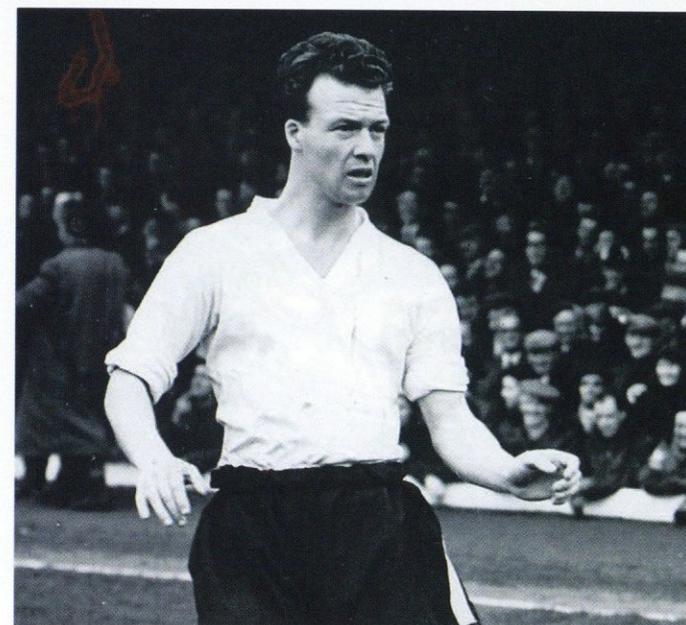
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Classic Match



Classic Match

ROGER WASH takes a look at a classic encounter between the Hatters and this evening's opponents Preston North End



□ Inspirational signing, Billy Bingham.

A Kenilworth Road crowd of 24,425 turned out to see new signing Billy Bingham make his debut against West Brom on the opening day of the 1958/59 season, and he did not disappoint, putting in a masterful performance in a 1-1 draw. Another 1-1 draw followed, at Leeds, before the Town secured their first ever win at Birmingham, courtesy of a John Groves strike three minutes from the end.

Leeds came to Kenilworth Road for the return fixture and went back to Yorkshire with a point following a 1-1 draw, before early season leaders West Ham paid a visit to Luton.

The Hammers were, like the Town, unbeaten at that stage in the campaign

and such was the interest in the game 25,715 forced their way in to see the Hatters tear into the opposition with goals from Allan Brown, Dave Pacey and Gordon Turner with two, earned a resounding 4-1 victory. The football world was beginning to sit up and take notice.

Another 1-1 draw followed, this time at Manchester City, with another point dropped when Bolton secured a 0-0 draw in a sterile game at Kenilworth Road with both defences dominating. Shaking off the disappointment of two successive draws the Town came back with a bang in seeing off Manchester City 5-1 at Kenilworth Road, to preserve the unbeaten record and put the team briefly

top of the table.

The Hatters then returned from Burnley with a point from a 2-2 draw setting up the next clash (47 years ago today) which saw new leaders Preston visit Kenilworth Road with the supporters knowing that a victory would put the Town in pole position again. Interest was again high and 23,056 packed Kenilworth Road together with the BBC television cameras who were recording for their 'Sports Special' programme.

It was the Town that opened the scoring, through George Cummins, but Dennis Hatsell equalised before the break for the visitors after Gordon Turner suffered his first ever penalty miss, seeing his spot kick well saved by Fred Else.

During the second period the Town finally came to life, and this after Turner had suffered an ankle injury which reduced his mobility and had him hobbling up and down the centre.

It was left to the wingers to show the way to goal, and Bingham, repaying a large chunk of his transfer fee, scored a brilliant goal soon after the restart with his first for the club, with left winger Jim Adam hitting home two in the last quarter.

Preston were pushed aside as the Town swept to victory, maintained their ten match unbeaten start and were seen sitting proudly at the top of the table.

Luton: Baynham, Dunne, Hawkes, Morton, Owen, Pacey, Bingham, Turner, Brown, Cummins, Adam.

Preston North End: Else, Cunningham, Walton, Wylie, Dunn, O'Farrell, Mayers, Thompson, Hatsell, Lambert, Finney.

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In the Media

In the Media



Former Website and Programme Editor Chris Rivett looks at the national press coverage Luton have been receiving this season

The Hatters solid start in the first month of the season has certainly been earning its fair share of national media coverage in the weeks since the campaign kicked-off. It has been interesting to follow this now that the Club is in the Championship because I think we have already seen more journalists down at Kenilworth Road this season, that we did for the whole of last year when the Town ran away with the title.

Much of this early coverage has reflected on the excellent start the players have made, and possibly because of the high profile nature of the sides that the Town have already

taken points off. Clearly the initial national interest stemmed from the run of taking seven points from former Premiership sides, Crystal Palace, Southampton and Leeds in the opening three games but for those of us fortunate enough to be closer to the action, it comes as no real surprise at all.

Aside from odd goal defeats at Stoke City and QPR the record this season is exemplary and you have to go back to Barnsley's victory over Luton in Easter to find out the last time the Hatters didn't take at least a point from a League match at home.

I was very fortunate enough to work alongside the players and management staff in the two years I was at the Club as programme and website editor and that is why I haven't been particularly shocked by Luton's start, in fact I expected it.

Having got to know a bit about the characters of the players during that time, there is a real determination to succeed amongst them and naturally, having tasted success last season, they're even hungrier this time around because they know what it is about and they want more of it. The nucleus of the side has been together for four or five years and that is a long time in football.

If you look back over the last few seasons, the promoted sides have traditionally begun well because they have that winning mentality. The Hatters current points tally is on a par with the start that fellow champions from previous seasons, Plymouth, Wigan and Brighton all made to life in this division however it is because of the spirit of the players in the dressing room that I expect the lads to keep the run going longer than the three mentioned managed and establish themselves as a side that not many teams at this level will look forward to playing... if they haven't already!

Having left full-time employment at Kenilworth Road in January, Chris set up his own website consultancy business, Uptonaway Media and continues to assist the Club. If you would like to find out how he could help your business, please visit www.uptonaway.co.uk.

NEWELL PUTS LUTON ON FAST-FORWARD

BILL EDGAR on the young manager who is pressing the right buttons

IT IS NOT QUITE A PHOTOGRAPHIC memory, more a cinematographic one. "When I watch a game, I can replay it afterwards in my mind," Mike Newell, the Luton Town manager, said. "Players will say to you sometimes, 'watch in video', when they are arguing with you and say, 'I don't need to watch the video'. And then you all them down and put the video on, he says. 'Oh, you were right'."

"When you enjoy something, it's easier to understand and easier to remember. At an early age, I used to see match reports in the Pink Echo at Liverpool on a Saturday when I'd been at the game and I'd think 'he didn't cross the ball in' or 'but didn't come from a corner'."

Running Luton matches through his mind is pleasure for Newell, who took over a laughing stock of a club and now sees their fans smiling in disbelief at what has been achieved. Facing the financial constraints and the suspicions of supporters over his selection as manager via a phone vote arranged by a disliked former managing director, he steadied the ship in his first year before his team destroyed the field in the Coca-Cola League One last season.

problems," Newell said. "Picking the side is the hardest thing you have to do. Some coaches just cannot do that. Also, if I was to do the coaching every day, what are they [the coaches] here for? I have to let them do what they are good at, I do that because I trust them."

Newell's relationships were different during his six-month spell at Hartlepool United. He only previous managerial job, when he achieved promotion for a team that had been well of course to go up when he took charge. "The staff weren't my choice, apart from one, so you are working with people you've been told to work with, and because it's your first job you don't argue. Once you get into a position where you trust them and you are confident in them, this you delegate."

"I've learnt in my short time that there are ambitious people who are not 100 per cent behind you who are trying to further their ambitions and if things don't go right they'll be behind you with a knife. I've seen that at first hand from when I was coaching at Tranmere and when I was managing at Hartlepool. Fortunately, I haven't seen it here. If I had done, I am in a strong-enough position to have dealt with it."

Newell was preparing for management before he was rejected at 18 by Liverpool after six years at his home-town club. "What inspired

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MIKE NEWELL HAS BEEN on the books of 14 clubs, starting as a junior at Liverpool and finishing his career with Blackpool in 2001. He scored at the rate of one goal every

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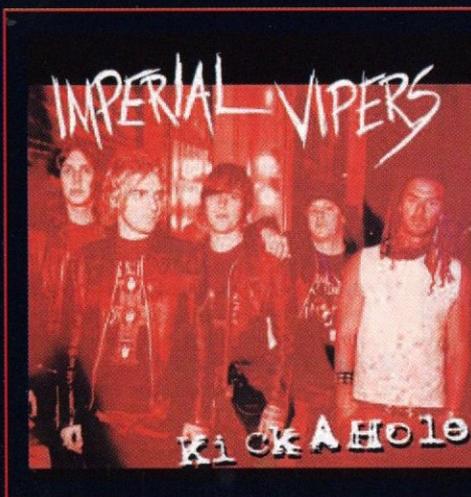
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Match Action



STEVEN DOVE reports from the KC Stadium after Luton striker Steve Howard hit his second goal of the season to seal another memorable away win over Hull

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Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



I think we controlled the game in the second-half and we played the better football but Hull were always a threat from the knockdowns and they have players who can hurt you. I am pleased with the way the lads played regardless of the fact that we won the game.

Luton striker Steve Howard



I thought it was going to be one of them days when we were going to do everything but score. However, the ball fell to me nicely to stick it in the back of the net and score at the perfect time. I have said it time and time again that the atmosphere inside the dressing room is unbelievable.



Ahmet Brkovic fires in a shot but narrowly misses the target on this occasion

Steve Howard picked the perfect moment to notch his second goal of the season after firing home five minutes from time to clinch a hard earned victory over Hull at the KC Stadium.

The former Northampton Town striker latched onto Ahmet Brkovic's cross to eventually find a way past Hull goalkeeper Boaz Myhill, who had made a number of key saves throughout the game.

It looked as if Luton would have to settle for a share of the spoils after the Hull shot-stopper prevented Kevin Nicholls, Sol Davis, Chris Coyne and a stunning effort from defender Carlos Edwards.

Hull had also carved open a number of good chances in which Marlon Beresford was called upon to make important stops. Beresford made a vital one-handed save from Stuart Green after the Hull midfield-

er tried his luck from distance and then moments later, the Luton goalkeeper showed great athleticism to prevent Chris Brown from breaking the deadlock.

Both sides had goals disallowed in the first-half but Luton controlled large periods of the second-half and thoughtfully warranted all three points when Howard hit the winner for the visitors.

Luton held on to victory despite Hull's best efforts to steal an equaliser in stoppage time but Marc Joseph fired over the crossbar.

Hull: Shot On 4, Shots Off 5, Corners 3, Offsides 5, Free Kicks Awarded 15 Yellow Cards 1.

Luton: Shot On 12, Shots Off 3, Corners 9, Offsides 10, Free Kicks Awarded 15 Yellow Cards 0.

LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



HULL'S STARTING LINE-UP



Player Facts

	G	Ass	S On	S Off
C.Edwards	0	0 (0)	2	0
C.Coyne	0	0 (0)	2	0
S.Davis	0	0 (0)	1	0
K.Nicholls	0	0 (3)	1	0
A.Brkovic	0	1 (1)	0	0
S.Robinson	0	0 (1)	0	0
D.Morgan	0	0 (3)	3	0
S.Howard	1	0 (0)	2	2
W.Feeney	0	0 (5)	0	1

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

Assists in brackets are the assists for shots on or shots off target that didn't culminate in a goal. Assists not in brackets are for assists that eventually led to a goal.



□ Dean Morgan, returning to the side in place of the injured Paul Underwood, gets into the thick of action with Hull's Marc Joseph



□ Steve Howard's aerial ability caused Hull problems all afternoon. The former Northampton striker is pictured here winning the ball against Leon Cort and Damien Delaney



□ Ahmet Brkovic is sent tumbling to the floor after a challenge from Andy Dawson. The Luton midfielder had a goal ruled out for offside during the game.



□ Sol Davis and Carlos Edwards congratulate Steve Howard after the striker scored his second goal of the season at the KC Stadium



League News

GEOFF KNOX looks back at last weeks Carling Cup action involving some of the Championship sides

If ever proof were needed that a football season requires an effort from every member of a squad then look no further than our line-up for the recent Championship away win at Hull City.

Not one of the back four or the goal-keeper who played that day started in our first game of the season at Crystal Palace. This was not down to a Premiership-style squad rotation policy, as all but one of the changes were due to early season injuries to the team

(the exception, of course, was Curtis Davies' £3m transfer deadline day move to West Bromwich Albion).

Since then, even some of the replacement players have been injured. If that wasn't enough of a headache for the management, the Carling Cup tie at Reading last week threw another spanner in the works when a stand-in of a replacement player, Leon Barnett, was taken off with an injured ankle early in the second half.

However, the squad is still just about coping and there's absolutely no truth in the rumour that the club tried to sign Humpty Dumpty on loan as another emergency back-up had he not failed a medical.

The fact that the Hatters won both very difficult away matches and yet still played quality football is testament to the hard work that Mike Newell and his coaching staff have produced at this club. The line of supporters queuing up to pat the manager on the back for what he's done here so far would grace a Harrods sale. And hats off to the scouting team for helping to bring in new players who look as they've played here all their lives. Long may it continue.

All Championship managers would like squads as big as their Premiership counterparts, as the frenetic, intense style of play in this division at times creates its own naturally enforced rotation system.

Last week, the Carling Cup threw up some interesting games, as cross-divisional ties gave some managers the temptation to rest players who were either carrying knocks or were just plain knackered, thus giving some of the remaining squad members the chances to impress.



Harry Redknapp saw his side go out of the Carling Cup at the hands of Mansfield



Former Hatter Matthew Spring set up the winner for Watford in their Carling Cup victory over Wolves

Unusually, the second round draw threw us just one Championship vs Premiership clash, where Sheffield Wednesday were beaten 4-2 at Hillsborough by a weakened West Ham United side.

The form book suggested that the Owls were in for a difficult night, with Wednesday still settling into life in the Championship after an extended promotion campaign as well as adjusting to a few changes in their playing staff. Conversely, West Ham were on a roll.

The Hammers had raced into a 3-0 lead before a spirited second-half fight back from Wednesday almost caused an upset, reducing the arrears to 3-2, with goals from Graham Coughlan and David Graham with fifteen minutes to go and then even hitting the bar before substitute David Bellion (currently on loan from Manchester United) silenced the home crowd with a late goal.

Premiership teams often seem a little more dangerous when they use fringe players in these type of games, and this was highlighted by the fact that full strength Spurs, Manchester City and

Portsmouth sides were eliminated by Grimsby, Doncaster and Gillingham, respectively.

Blackburn Rovers were the exception to this rule, beating Huddersfield Town 3-1 at Wood Park, although it's arguably not a good time to be taking risks when you've gone 391 minutes without scoring a goal.

Lighter versions of WBA, Birmingham City, Charlton Athletic, Wigan, Sunderland and Fulham all prevailed over lower league opposition.

Millwall faced a potentially hazardous tie away to Yeovil Town, although it would seem that the Lions have awoken from their early season slumber as they notched up their third straight away win since their Bank Holiday Monday defeat here at Kenilworth Road. Goalless at half-time, it all went pear-shaped for the boys from the cider country as they were two goals and down to ten men by the hour mark.

Championship leaders Sheffield United are through to the next round after surviving a trip to Shrewsbury Town.

The Blades cut it fine by squeezing through 4-3 on penalties after a 120 minutes of open play failed to produce a goal.

Southampton's winless streak stretched to five games, as they were dumped out of the cup by managerless Mansfield Town – losing by a solitary goal.

Harry Redknapp hasn't quite had the rub of the green in a what's turning out to be a very difficult job, but you'd have to give him a little sympathy after the Saints had played a tough league match at Derby County on Sunday afternoon before another long trip back up north on Tuesday night.

League Two side Barnet claimed the scalp of Plymouth Argyle, who also went into battle without a manager at the helm. Less than 2,000 fans turned up for the 2-1 home win, although manager Paul Fairclough will be hoping for a plum draw in the next round.

Apart from the Hatters' game at Reading, there were two other all-Championship clashes.

Crystal Palace beat a Coventry City side, which included ex-Luton rent-a-goal striker Gary McSheffrey, 1-0. However, the Sheff's only contribution for the Sky Blues on the night was a booking. The Eagles temporarily put aside their concerns of a possible long-term injury lay-off for England star Andy Johnson with a goal from on-loan German forward Marco Reich.

Watford continue to delight their fans (and frustrate ours) with another decent result, this time against Wolves. Matthew Spring was the hero-turned-hornet as he set up the extra-time winner for Clarke Carlisle in a 2-1 win.

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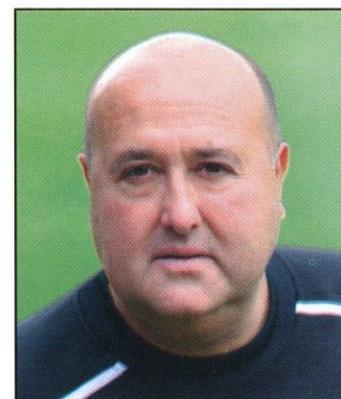
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Head 2 Head



Two members of the backroom staff are this evening put into the head-to-head competition as Mark Rideway, Luton's Youth Development Officer, goes up against Kit-Man Bob Catlin. 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



Mark is ready for the challenge

MARK'S ANSWERS

- 1. Chelsea ✓
- 2. Preston North End ✓
- 3. Roker Park ✓
- 4. Carlisle ✓
- 5. Stevenage ✓
- 6. Nene Park ✓
- 7. I think it's Brazil ✓
- 8. Phil Thompson ✓
- 9. Denmark ✓
- 10. Exeter ✓

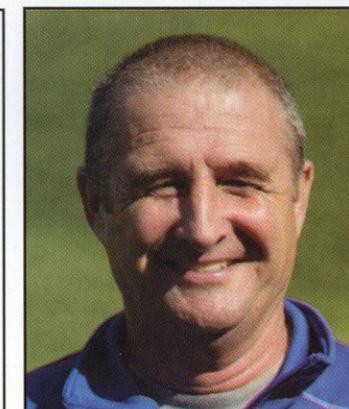
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QUESTIONS

1. Which London club won last seasons Carling Cup?
2. In 1995, who did Manchester United loan David Beckham out to?
3. In which stadium did Sunderland play in before they moved to the Stadium of Light?
4. Which club were saved from relegation to the Conference when their on-loan goalkeeper scored a last minute goal to keep them up?
5. Who did Carlisle United beat to win promotion via the Conference play-off final?
6. Can you name the ground where Rushden & Diamonds play their home fixture?
7. Who won the 1994 World Cup played at the Pasadena Rosebowl in America?
8. Who left the Liverpool backroom staff following the appointment of a new manager in 2004?
9. Aston Villa goalkeeper Thomas Sorensen plays international football for which nation?
10. Which non-league club play their home games at St James Park

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| Mark Ridgeway | Bob Catlin |



Bob seemed a little nervous

BOB'S ANSWERS

- 1. Chelsea ✓
- 2. Preston North End ✓
- 3. Roker Park ✓
- 4. No idea ✗
- 5. Stevenage ✓
- 6. Pass ✗
- 7. Brazil ✓
- 8. Phil Thompson ✓
- 9. Is it Finland? ✗
- 10. Exter ✓

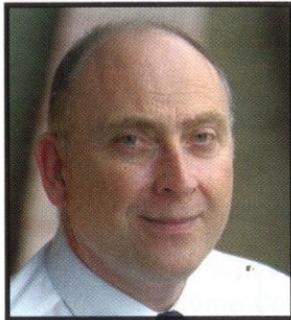
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Roger Wash

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From the 1979-80 season, Roger Wash looks back at a year when the Hatters, with a settled side under David Pleat, narrowly missed out on promotion back to the top flight



Mal Donaghy after netting against Chelsea on New Year's Day 1980.

Luton manager David Pleat breathed a sigh of relief after the injury-hit 1978/79 campaign, his first in charge, which had seen the Town come perilously close to relegation, but he was confident that free from injury worries the team could power forward.

On the field Pleat spent £200,000 on giant Mansfield centre-half Mike Saxby and in one of the first transfer tribunals was ordered to pay Orient £150,000 for Republic of Ireland midfielder Tony Grealish. The O's had originally wanted £350,000 but Pleat had quickly learnt how to play the tribunal system as he would time and again over the years.

With the squad suitably strengthened and players, notably David Moss, back to full fitness it was a major disappointment that the opening day saw a boring 1-1 home draw with Cambridge but by the fifth game, a 5-0 thumping of Swansea at Kenilworth Road, the Town had moved up to top spot for the first time since 1970/71.

A pair of 0-0 draws followed, but it was soon back to winning ways with a 3-1 win at Fulham which bore all the hallmarks of the cavalier approach which was to become a feature of David Pleat's teams at Luton over the years. Typical of this approach were back to back home wins over Bristol Rovers and Sunderland with the Town

3-0 up at the interval against Rovers after producing a scintillating first-half performance and then beating the Wearsiders 2-0 before the television cameras in a game where David Moss could do no wrong.

Back to the top of the league was the Town's reward for a fine 2-1 win at West Ham the following week, with the position being maintained for a month despite a spate of home draws including a 1-1 result against QPR which produced the highest crowd of the season at that stage - 19,619.

As Christmas approached, the Town went off the boil a little and the home record went when Birmingham won 3-2 at Kenilworth Road. This defeat was

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1) Leicester City	42	21	13	8	58	38	55
2) Sunderland	42	21	12	9	69	42	54
3) Birmingham	42	21	11	10	58	38	53
4) Chelsea	42	23	7	12	66	52	49
5) QPR	42	18	13	11	75	53	49
6) LUTON	42	16	17	9	66	54	47
7) West Ham	42	20	7	15	54	43	44
8) Cambridge	42	14	16	12	61	53	44

followed by a 1-3 reversal at Wrexham and a 1-1 draw at home to Newcastle which pushed the Hatters down to third place.

After bouncing back yet again, the Town saw off Charlton at home and with only seconds remaining in the Boxing Day derby game at Vicarage Road, full-back Kirk Stephens stole in on the far post to convert Bob Hatton's long cross for probably the sweetest victory of the season - it was also Bashers' first goal for the club. This win over the old enemy was followed up with an amazing 3-3 draw with Chelsea on an icy Kenilworth Road on the first day of the new decade but it was still looked on as a point lost by David Pleat.

The home draws continued through February and March but by now the away wins that had compensated earlier in the season had dried up leaving

the Town in a supporting role amongst the promotion contenders.

If one particular game can be pinpointed as the reason for failure to win promotion that season then the home defeat by Cardiff on 14th March 1980 was it. A miserable evening, poor refereeing, clogging opposition, which produced the only major injury crisis of the season, plus missed chances made it a game to forget.

A ray of light shone through in the next away game when the Town recovered from a 0-2 half-time deficit at Q.P.R. to snatch a point but this was followed by yet another home draw, this time with struggling Burnley.

Easter saw a forceful 4-1 win at doomed Charlton followed by, what was to become, the ritual 1-0 win over Watford and then with the last seconds ticking away at Stamford Bridge, with the Town leading through an early

1979/80

Manager: David Pleat

Top Scorer: David Moss

League Position: 6th

FA Cup: 3rd Round

League Cup: 1st Round

Memorable

Match: Vs Chelsea - D 3-3

Grealish goal, Chelsea equalised after a scramble which saw the ball hit just about every player on the pitch and the woodwork before entering the net.

The next away game proved to be the decider with the Town visiting promotion favourites Birmingham for a four pointer. In a remarkable game of missed penalties and missed chances the Blues stole the points with a 1-0 win.

After the injury problems during David Pleat's first season in charge it is remarkable to note that no fewer than 11 players made 39 or more league appearances in 1979/80. Injuries may not have been a problem, but Pleat's next task was to turn some of the ten home draws into wins. Four more points would have clinched promotion.

Elsewhere in football

* Liverpool won the Division One championship finishing two points ahead of Manchester United.

* West Ham, from Division Two, beat highly fancied Arsenal in the FA Cup final at Wembley while an Andy Gray goal was enough to earn Wolves a 1-0 victory over Nottingham Forest in the League Cup final.

* Ray Wilkins moves to Manchester

United from Chelsea for £825,000 but this fee is eclipsed by Manchester City who pay £1,437,500 to Wolves for Steve Daley. Wolves, in turn, then spend £1,469,000 on the aforementioned Andy Gray from Aston Villa.

* Graham Kelly becomes the new Football League Secretary.

* Derby pay a club record £350,000 to Cambridge for ex-Luton youngster Alan Biley.

* Sir Stanley Matthews celebrates his 65th birthday by turning out for his local Maltese post-office football team.

* George Best admits to having a drink problem.

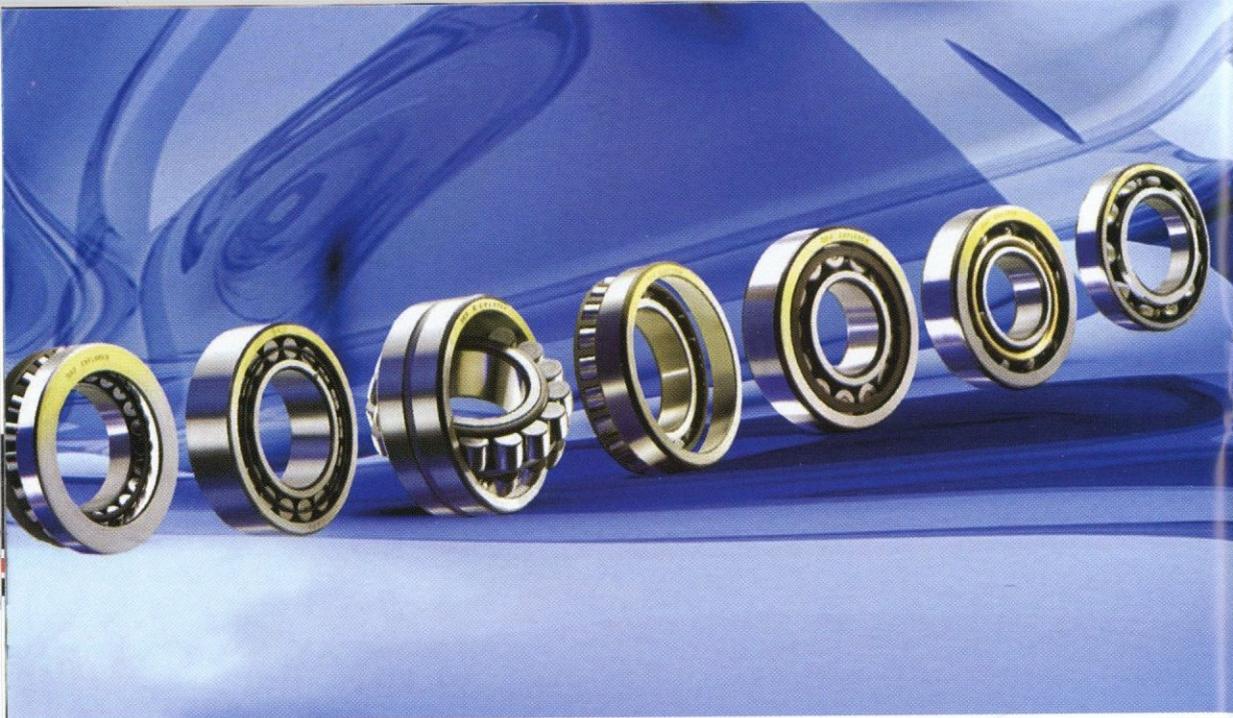
* Forest's Tony Woodcock moves to Cologne for £650,000.

* Geoff Hurst is appointed manager at Chelsea.

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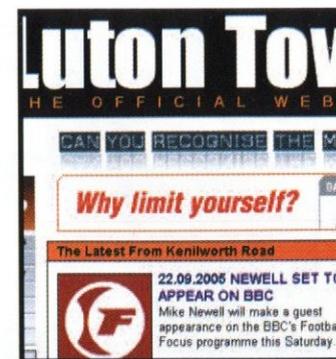
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Website Latest



STEVEN DOVE brings supporters up to date with the latest developments on the club's official website

Regular readers to the club's official website, www.lutontown.co.uk, may have noticed some slight changes over the past couple of days as we look to change some of the features on the site.

The website is in the process of getting a bit of a makeover to reflect the changes made to the playing kit and the award winning matchday magazine.

The work is being carried out over the next few weeks in two stages, firstly the main graphics will be updated and then alterations to the site structure. During this time the site should continue to operate as normal, although you may notice a few changes as new

interacts with old.

Despite these changes, our normal services still remain and over the last couple of months we have seen a huge majority of our readers sign up to our excellent SMS facility.

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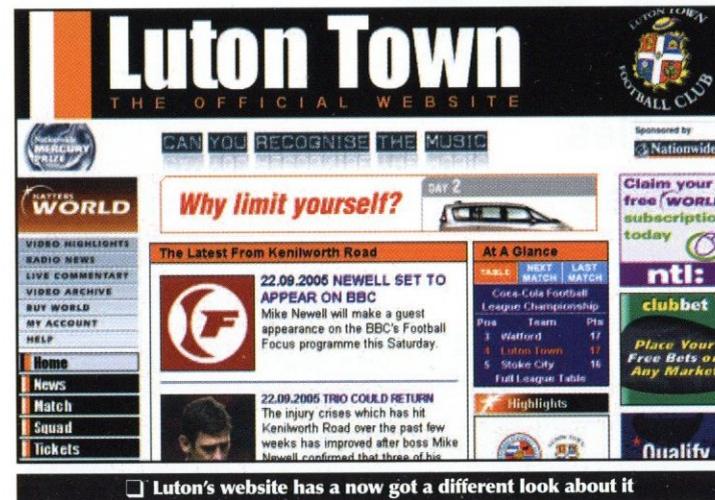
Meanwhile, Luton Town have teamed up with a new interactive fantasy football game which gives you the power to select your all time fantasy team and play on your mobile phone.

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Luton's website has a now got a different look about it



Luton Feature



Luton fan Liam Roberts was handed a welcome surprise recently as an unaddressed postcard rekindled a friendship between two children

Here at media desk, we receive many letters and photos from supporters which we try to include in this matchday programme.

Inside our award winning publication we often include articles from supporters but this story was worthy of a page of its own.

The story revolves around an 11-year-old Luton fan living in Guernsey who received a postcard without a name or proper address from an English friend he met in a Middlesex hospital in July.

Liam Roberts is a mad Luton fan, along with dad David Bayliss, and is a face which may be familiar to some of our supporters and even the Luton players.

Liam suffers from a spinal condition called scoliosis but has been Commercial Mascot for the football

club on three occasions and his personality touched the heart of former boss Joe Kinnear who invited him to be a special guest at a club's training session.

The postcard at the centre of this story simply read: 'A Luton Town Supporter, A Newsagent, Somewhere in St Peter Port, Guernsey' as that was all the information his friend could remember.

However, thanks to conscientious postmen and a diligent newsagent, the mystery was solved, rekindling the special friendship between the two children.

Liam met the sender of the postcard, a 10-year-old girl, at the Royal National Orthopedic Hospital while Liam was recovering from an operation.

And Liam admitted he was delighted

to get the card because their friendship had helped him through the uncomfortable operation and the recovery process.

"Having her around made having the operation much easier," said Liam. "Although it normally takes a couple of days to walk comfortably, I just wanted to get out of bed and see her."

"I was shocked and stunned when I received the postcard."

The card was posted in August and thanks to the detective work and good local knowledge of one of the island's main newspaper distributors.

Guernsey Post forwarded the card to H.Le Gallez hoping staff there might be able to shed some light on the recipient.

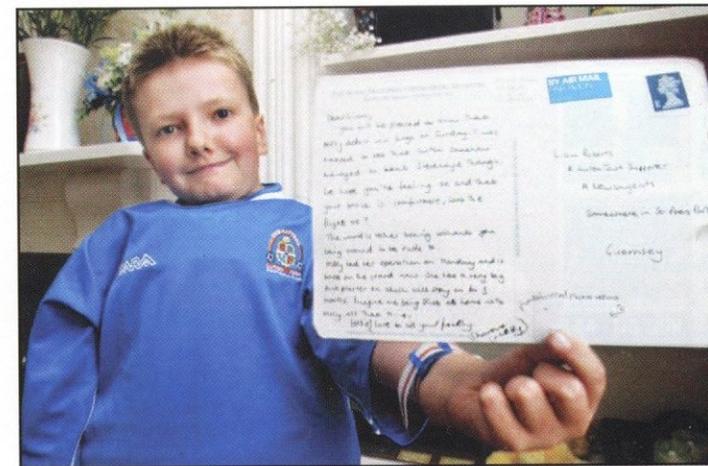
They put two and two together and passed the details to Liam's dad, who owns a newsagency on the island.

Mr Bayliss said: "It is the foresight of the postman who was sensible and thought to take it to the appropriate people."

"It is heart warming that the post office made the effort to deliver it and that things like this happen in Guernsey."

Liam's connection with Luton Town goes back a long way and everybody at the football club are delighted to hear that he and his family are well.

"Luton have done a lot for Liam - they have been very good over the years", added Mr Bayliss



 Luton fan Liam Roberts and his postcard

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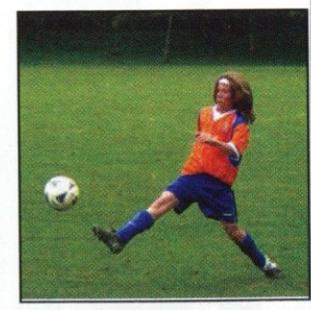
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Luton Town Belles



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

FL Championship stats 2005/06 season

Scored & conceded in last 15 mins				Margins of victory & defeat			
For	76-90	Total	%	AGAINST	76-90	Total	%
Luton	6	12	50.0	Leicester	5	12	41.7
Sheff Utd	8	20	40.0	Palace	3	9	33.3
Crewe	3	10	30.0	Southampton	3	9	33.3
Stoke	3	10	30.0	Reading	2	6	33.3
Wolves	3	10	30.0	Brighton	4	13	30.8
Sheff Wed	1	4	25.0	Hull	2	7	28.6
Burnley	3	13	23.1	Derby	3	11	27.3
Derby	3	13	23.1	Stoke	3	11	27.3
Brighton	2	10	20.0	Millwall	4	16	25.0
Leicester	2	10	20.0	Coventry	3	12	25.0
Palace	2	10	20.0	Ipswich	3	13	23.1
Preston	2	10	20.0	Preston	2	9	22.2
Hull	1	5	20.0	Wolves	2	9	22.2
Cardiff	2	11	18.2	Burnley	3	15	20.0
Reading	3	18	16.7	QPR	2	10	20.0
Plymouth	1	7	14.3	Cardiff	2	12	16.7
QPR	1	7	14.3	Watford	2	12	16.7
Ipswich	1	8	12.5	Crewe	2	14	14.3
Millwall	1	8	12.5	Leeds	1	7	14.3
Watford	2	19	10.5	Luton	1	8	12.5
Coventry	1	10	10.0	Sheff Utd	1	9	11.1
Leeds	1	10	10.0	Norwich	0	10	0.0
Southampton	1	12	8.3	Plymouth	0	13	0.0
Norwich	0	8	0.0	Sheff Wed	0	8	0.0

Headers & Volleys Penalties

Most headed goals scored			Most goals scored from the spot		
Player	Club	Goals	Player	Club	Goals
Henderson	Watford	3	Idiakez	Derby	3
Cort	Wolves	2	Purse	Cardiff	2
Jorgensen	Coventry	2	Gray	Sheff Utd	1
Naylor	Ipswich	2	Gudjonsson	Leicester	1
Noel-Williams	Burnley	2	Healy	Leeds	1
Rasiak	Derby	2	Kabba	Sheff Utd	1
Rivers	Crewe	2	King	Watford	1

Heads & Volleys: Watford's Darius Henderson (above) and Coventry's Dele Adebola (below).

Penalty king: Derby's Inigo Idiakez (above) has slotted 3 spot kicks this season.

Goalkeeping & goalscoring Comebacks & throwaways

Best goalkeeping ratio		Reading		WON FROM		-3 -2 -1 TOTAL		LOST FROM		+3 +2 +1 TOTAL			
Total goals conceded	6			Sheff Utd	0	1	2	3	Watford	0	1	1	2
Opposition shots on target	56			Cardiff	0	0	1	1	Coventry	0	0	1	1
Percentage of shots saved	89.3			Luton	0	0	1	1	Palace	0	0	1	1
Best strike ratio		Cardiff		Millwall	0	0	1	1	Derby	0	0	1	1
Total goals scored	11			Preston	0	0	1	1	Leeds	0	0	1	1
Shots on target	34			Reading	0	0	1	1	Luton	0	0	1	1
Percentage of shots scored	32.4			Stoke	0	0	1	1	Preston	0	0	1	1
Worst goalkeeping ratio		Burnley		Watford	0	0	1	1	Southampton	0	0	1	1
Total goals conceded	15			Derby	0	0	5	5	Wolves	0	0	1	1
Opposition shots on target	43			Southampton	0	0	4	4	Crewe	0	1	4	5
Percentage of shots saved	65.1			Coventry	0	0	3	3	Brighton	0	1	2	3
Worst strike ratio		Hull		Leicester	0	1	1	2	Cardiff	0	1	1	2
Total goals scored	5			Brighton	0	0	2	2	Burnley	0	0	2	2
Shots on target	47			Burnley	0	0	2	2	Coventry	0	0	2	2
Percentage of shots scored	10.6			Norwich	0	0	2	2	Norwich	0	0	2	2

The first full weekend which saw all eight of our teams in action produced a very satisfactory six wins one draw and one defeat.

On Saturday The Under 10s started their season with a 9-0 win over Bedwell Rangers. Kerry Keyte scored four, Ceylon Hickman on her debut scored a hat-trick, and skipper Amy Runciman added the other two goals. The Under 11s raced into a 2-0 lead with goals by Georgia Hardy and Beth Cusack in their match against Stevenage Borough. However, Boro staged a great comeback to win 3-2.

The Under 13's Saturday team were 4-1 winners at Potton, that after going a goal down early in the game. Leanne Lizaitis scored a hat-trick, and the other goal was an own goal.

The Under 14 Saturday team made it a double over Potton by winning 6-0. Another hat-trick in this game for Alice O'Shea. Robyn Wilfort with two and Robyn Britten scored the other goals. On Sunday the Under 12s started their season in fine fettle with an 8-0 win at Northwood.

Charisma Adrien marked her Belles debut by scoring a hat-trick, that goal known as machine Katie Davis weighed in with two. The other goals included a debut goal for Jodie Brown and further strikes by Lily Knowles and Desiree Yearwood.

The Under 13s starting life in Division 1 following their Division 2 championship last season came from behind to claim all three points in their match at Hitchin Town. Skipper Leanne Lizaitis started the recovery with a great solo effort. Clare Howe then scored twice to give The Under 13s a winning start. This was a creditable performance for a team fielding no fewer than five debutants.

It was business as usual for The Under 14s as they started their defence of the championship with a 6-2 win at Bedwell Rangers. Lauren Bruton scored four, other goals were added by Livi Robinson and Jasmine Hall. The Under 15s started with a 1-1 draw at Garston Ladies, Brittany Murtagh levelling the score after Garston had taken an early lead.

These notes were written before the first teams home match against



□ Kerry Keyte scored four for the Under 10s

Plymouth Argyle on Sunday.

Hopefully they would have got their season back on track. Check our website, www.lutontownbelles.com for details of that match and all the latest news from The Belles. The first teams next home match at Stockwood Athletics Stadium is on Sunday October 16th when Bedford Town are the visitors for a County Cup match. Kick Off is at 2pm and spectators are very welcome, admission is free.

AWAY DOMINATION

Striker Steve Howard hit his third and fourth goal of the season in Friday's draw with Sheffield Wednesday to move to within eight strikes of the magic century mark of Luton career goals. In an exclusive interview, the former Northampton striker looks at Luton's dominance away from home this season

Steve Howard could not have picked a better time to hit his second goal of the season during our narrow victory over Hull at the KC Stadium recently.

The Luton striker struck his first goal since the opening game of the season against Crystal Palace when he fired home five minutes from time to seal a pleasing victory.

Howard's strike in the win over Hull took his Luton tally to 90 goals since his move from Northampton Town in March 2001, and added a further two in the draw with Sheffield Wednesday meaning he needs three more to put him as the third highest post war goalscorer for the Hatters.

Howard's winning goal at the KC Stadium meant Luton took their away wins to four this season and the striker admits that the club are dominating games away from home.

Speaking after his winning goal at Hull, Howard said: "That's the way we are playing at the minute. It must be great to watch for the neutrals. We are all pulling for one another and I think that is why we are doing so well.

"I think the performance against Hull speaks for itself really, we battled away and Marlon has made some terrific

“ I have said it time and time again that the atmosphere inside the dressing room is unbelievable. The lads will fight for each other and that is why we are being successful. ”

saves to keep us in the game. The Hull goalkeeper also made some great stops so we were equal on that front but I thought we deserved it in the end.

"I thought it was going to be one of them days when we were going to do everything but score. However, the ball fell to me nicely for me to stick it in the back of the net and score at the perfect time.

"I have said it time and time again that the atmosphere inside the dressing room is unbelievable. The lads will fight for each other and that is why we are being successful.

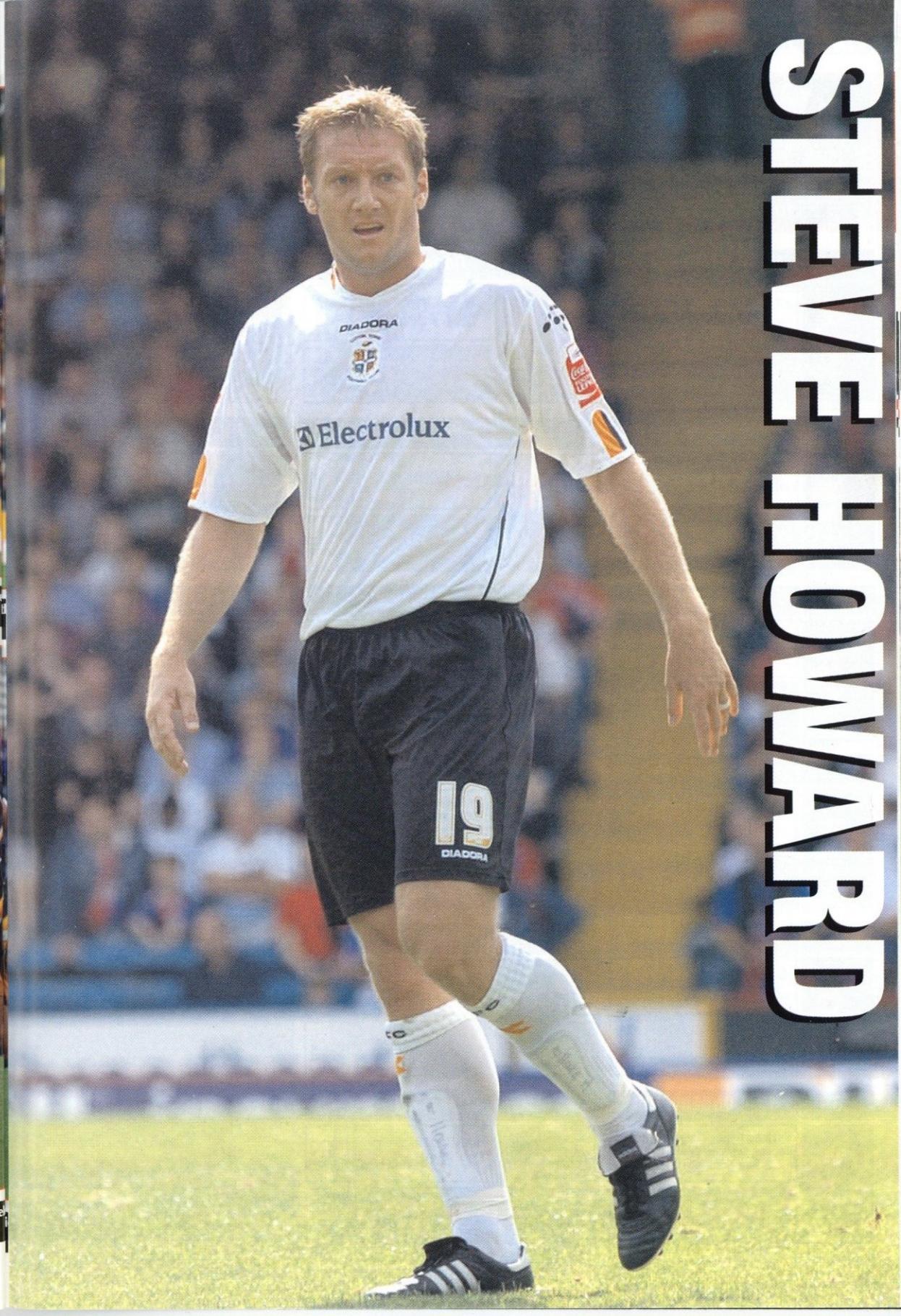
"We have also had people come in and not looked out of place. When we have picked up an injury, people have come in and done a job. I was out for three games and the lads went on to win all three and I think that speaks for itself."

"There is some good lads at this club and all they needed was the experience and the players that have come in have acquitted themselves really well. Every club needs a big squad and the young lads are proving that there is competition for place this season."

Like the rest of the squad, Howard has quickly had to adapt to the Championship level of football and does admit that the game has become slightly quicker.

Howard added: "The game is quicker, but also it's about taking your chances. At QPR we didn't take our chances and we punished and that's the big difference at this level.

"The lads have taken the momentum from last season into this season and we could not have asked for a better start to the season but we know that there is a long way to go."



STEVE HOWARD



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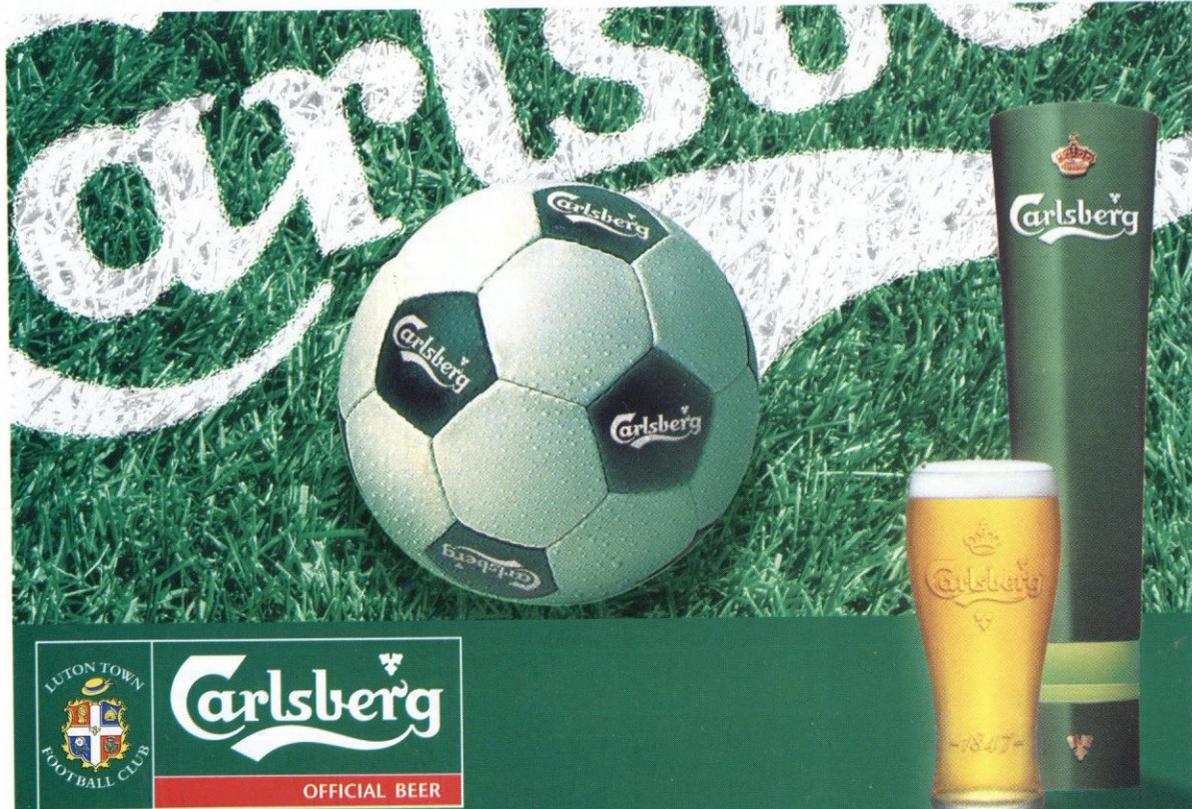
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Football in the Community Officer **STUART SMITH** today talks about a generous sponsorship deal for the department with GIS Windows and Robert Branagan



I am delighted to welcome to today's game Community Department Sponsors: Tony and Peter Calvano from GIS Windows and Robert Branagan and Neon Lane from GLO Hire. I am delighted to say that both of these companies have renewed their very generous Sponsorships of the Department. For this I thank them; without their help Football in the Community as a non profit making entity would find it very difficult and most certainly would not be able to offer the level of activity we provide to schools and children throughout the county. The GIS Sponsorship will be used to again provide the department with a vehicle for the next 3 years; in addition we will be able to provide free girls football activities in schools throughout the town. This gives an opportunity to the girls that currently feel intimidated playing football with boys and subsequently are not involved.

The GLO Hire Sponsorship will also be used in 2 ways; firstly they will continue to be Junior Hatters Official Sponsor and their money will fund activities like the Christmas Party and also allow us to pay the Junior Hatters matchday staff a small payment in return for their hard work.

Secondly they have asked that the money be used to provide after school football in the areas of the town

where the children's choice of leisure activities is very limited.



Again we have secured Sportsmatch funding for these awards under this scheme we have the possibility of receiving a pound for pound donation from Sportsmatch, this is administered by the Institute of Sports Sponsorships on behalf of the government and Sport England to boost grass roots sport. These are the 5th and 6th successive applications that have been approved, which is great news for us. The Sportsmatch provision doubles the amount of money the department will receive and consequently enables us to provide twice as much activity.

Today on the pitch prior to the game GIS AND GLO Hire will present the 2 Sportsmatch cheques to the department that their funding made possible.

I would like to leave you today with a letter we received from Shillington Under 10's FC; I think it speaks for itself and is a great advert for our Saturday Matchday Clubs.

These are all now sold for the current season but we still have availability for the Evening Games; please call on

01582 391927 if you or your team are interested in participating.



18 September 2005
Dear Stuart & Steve

Thank you so much for enabling the boys to have such a fabulous experience day with you through Luton Town's Football in the Community opportunity on 10 September. They all enjoyed themselves tremendously and playing at half time before a 10,000 crowd was simply splendid.

Best wishes

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Match Action

SIMON GOVER reports from Kenilworth Road as two goals from striker Steve Howard was not enough to secure a win in an entertaining game with Sheffield Wednesday

LUTON 2 SHEFFIELD WED 2

Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



"You are always disappointed when you don't win but it is another point on the board and after being behind in the second-half, I was pleased we got back into the game and equalised. You can't be winning every game but if you look at it, we have got 18 points from ten games and we are very pleased with the start that we have made to the season"

Wednesday boss Paul Sturrock



"Luton have brought an effective style of football to this level of football and they have caught out a lot of teams this season. Luton is a hard place to come, they are a very settled team and they know how to hurt sides. We are pleased with a draw.



Carlos Edwards mounts an attack for Luton

Two goals from Steve Howard was not enough to secure Luton their third home win of the season as Sheffield Wednesday played their part in an entertaining game at Kenilworth Road.

Luton made the perfect start to the game when Howard guided a header into the back of the Wednesday net after the striker lost his marker to connect with Kevin Nicholls' free-kick.

Wednesday had rarely threatened before they were back on level terms when Lee Peacock's corner was deflected by Nicholls straight into the path of Graeme Lee who sent a header into the corner of the net.

Luton bombarded the Wednesday goal

with Howard, Steve Robinson and Warren Feeney all seeing their efforts saved by in-form Wednesday goalkeeper David Lucas.

Luton had to settle for going in at the interval on level terms despite registering eight chances on target and were made to pay for them missed opportunities when David Graham put the visitors in front early in the second-half when the striker neatly powered home a lot shot past Hatters goalkeeper Marlon Beresford.

Wednesday's lead lasted just two minutes as Howard grabbed his second of the game with a diving header as Nicholls turned provider once again.

LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



WEDNESDAY'S STARTING LINE-UP



Player Facts

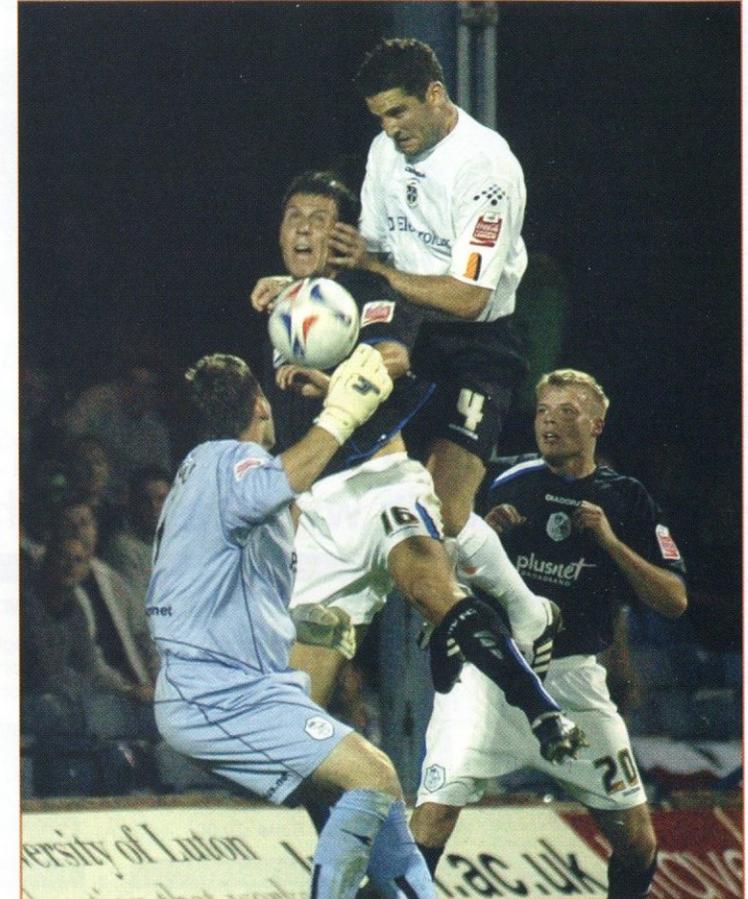
	G	Ass	S On	S Off
C.Edwards	0	0 (1)	0	1
C.Coyne	0	0 (0)	0	1
S.Davis	0	0 (0)	1	0
A.Brkovic	0	0 (1)	0	0
K.Nicholls	0	2 (2)	1	2
S.Robinson	0	0 (3)	2	1
D.Morgan	0	0 (2)	0	1
S.Howard	2	0 (2)	2	0
W.Feeney	0	0 (1)	3	1

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

Assists in brackets are the assists for shots on or shots off target that didn't culminate in a goal. Assists not in brackets are for assists that eventually led to a goal.



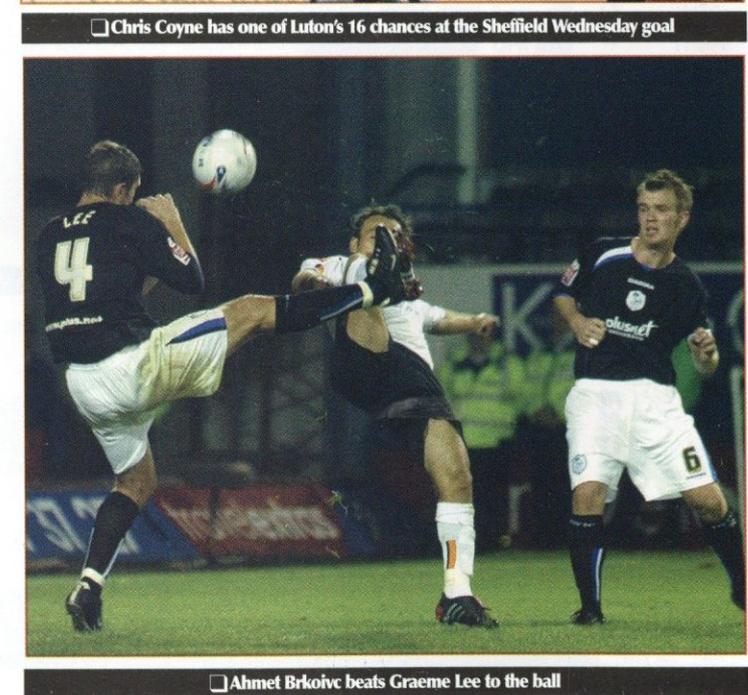
Steve Howard heads home Luton's second goal of the game and fourth of the season.



Chris Coyne has one of Luton's 16 chances at the Sheffield Wednesday goal



Russell Perrett comes up from defence to send a header inches over the Sheffield Wednesday crossbar



Ahmet Brkovic beats Graeme Lee to the ball

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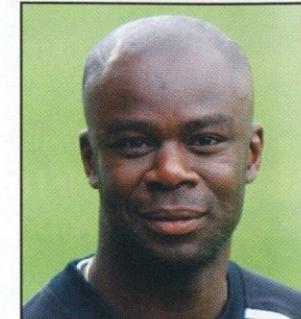
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Luton's Youth

Luton's Youth



MARVIN JOHNSON talks to this evening's programme and looks back at his youth side's disappointing defeat to Plymouth recently.

Plymouth Argyle 2 Luton Town 1 (Deeney)

Saturday 24th September
Youth Alliance Cup

Luton's youngsters got their Youth Alliance Cup campaign off to a disappointing start after the Hatters conceded two goals in the opening 15 minutes of their game with Plymouth Argyle. Despite a spirited second-half fightback from Marvin Johnson's team, which included a goal from David Deeney who converted a penalty, Luton were unable to force a draw.

Speaking after the game, Marvin said: "I wasn't pleased with our first-half performance and it was a repeat of our display against Cambridge the previous week where we were guilty of making some sloppy mistakes, misplaced passes and we were not working well together.

"We conceded two goals inside 15 minutes so we changed our formation quickly from a 4-4-2 system to 4-5-1 and we began to pass the ball better. In actual fact we improved as a team in the second-half but if you give any team a two goal start then you are always going to find it difficult to get back into the game.

"We scored a penalty to get ourselves back in the game and actually had a good chance to get ourselves back on level terms when Matthew

Keeneford was in, one-on-one with the goalkeeper; but our player probably took a little too long on the ball as their keeper guessed the right way.

"This was not the first time we have tried the 4-5-1 formation, we had used it in an FA Youth Cup game against Yeovil last season. Maybe because we had that extra man in midfield meant we were able to pass the ball a bit better and maybe we might experiment with that system in away matches this season.

"I don't believe Plymouth are the strongest team in our cup group so we are obviously disappointed not to have made a good start. Sometimes the boys may think I am too hard on them but I know they can perform and they know what they are capable of doing. We have four more matches in the group stages of this competition and we remain optimistic.

YOUTH NEWS

Luton face another long trip to Devon as their Youth Alliance Cup campaign continues with an encounter against non-league Exeter, kick-off 12:00pm.

The next game at Newlands Road, where the youth team play their home fixtures this season, is against Brighton on the 15th October, kick-off 11:00am

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)	L 1-2
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), Keneford 4, Maitland 4, Mountford 3, Pearson (2), Richardson 4, R Sinclair 4, Selby (1) S Sinclair 4, Stevens 3, Ward (1).

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

Statistics don't include Luton's game with Plymouth

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TODAY'S MASCOT



Name: Jack Smith
Age: 13
School: Gilbert Inglefield, Leighton Buzzard
Favourite Hatter: Steve Howard
Who accompanies you to matches: Dad
Where to you normally sit: Kenilworth Stand



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



We are still searching for Junior Hatters members who would like to join us for our forthcoming trip to Norwich. For more information call the Community Office

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Name: Alexander Machin-Paley
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Luton Feature

GEOFF KNOX looks at some of the players that have recently been selected for The Football League's Team Of The Week.

Any thoughts you may have had on whether or not the Premiership is boring (a subject that I won't dwell on, as it's a debate that's become boring in itself), can be put to bed again tonight as Luton and Preston fans alike gather around at Kenilworth Road for another ride on the white knuckle roller coaster known as the Championship.

Friday night's end-to-end extravaganza against Sheffield Wednesday was screened live on Sky Sports for all to see, while Preston were involved in a very passionate and lively encounter at Crystal Palace.

Both games ended in draws, but the message from this division is loud

and clear – Premiership boring? That's their problem!

Some of the clubs tipped by many for promotion have had unexpectedly slow starts, while the less fancied teams have created a few surprises in the first part of the season – bamboozling the pundits along the way.

The Football League are always keen to keep a close eye on developments and, with the help of the Press Association, every week announce a Football League Team of the Week for each division, based on individual performances of players.

Last week's team contains the one and only Sol Davis, whose outstanding performances at QPR and Hull

City easily merited inclusion. Sol becomes the third Hatters player to gain Football League recognition this season, joining Kevin Foley and super skipper Kevin Nicholls with gold stars next to their names.

Players from teams at the top and the bottom of the Championship have been selected, and there are a few familiar faces there, too.

Pantomime villain Dennis Wise is still one of those great players that many love to hate, but his recent tireless performances, particularly in an away match against Ipswich where he scored an equaliser in a 2-2 draw, have been appreciated.

Darren Huckerby is the type of player you don't mind paying to watch, and his goal scoring return from injury to Norwich's side clinched the points in the recent East Anglia derby.

On-loan Michael Ricketts scored two vital goals in successive 1-0 home wins for Cardiff City - which is a delight to see after a career that has been dogged by injuries and inconsistency - securing his place in the weekly parade.

Team Of The Week (12/09/2005)

Rob Edwards Wolverhampton	Philip Iffil Millwall	Richard Naylor Ipswich	Sol Davis Luton
Darren Currie Ipswich	Sean Gregan Leeds	Dennis Wise Southampton	Bojan Djordjic Plymouth
Michael Ricketts Cardiff	Darren Huckerby Norwich	Patrick Kenny Sheff Utd	

Sol Davis was named in the Coca-Cola team of the week after our game with Wolves

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DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	AWAY POS	GOALKEEPER	DEFENDERS	MIDFIELDERS	STRIKERS	SUBSTITUTES
Sat 6	Crystal Palace	2-1	21,116	2,474	4	Brill	Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan → Nicholls Robins	on Brkovic → Howard Feeney Seremet Vine Showunmi → Perrett Holmes →	
Tues 9	Southampton	3-2	9,447	1,799	2	Brill	Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan Nichols Robins	on Brkovic → Howard Feeney → Seremet Vine Showunmi → Perrett Holmes	
Sat 13	Leeds United	0-0	10,102	1,800	1	Brill	Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan Nichols Robins	on Brkovic → Howard Feeney → Seremet Holmes Edwards → Showunmi Perrett	
Sat 20	Stoke City	1-2	18,653	2,224	6	Beresford	Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan Nichols Robins	on Brkovic → Howard Feeney → Brill Perrett Edwards → Showunmi Davis →	
Tues 23	Leyton Orient (CC1) *	3-1	2,383	577	-	Beresford	Keane Coyne → Davies Davis Edwards Nicholls → Lear	on Morgan → S'wunmi Feeney Brill Brkovic Perrett → Holmes → O'Leary →	
Sat 27	Leicester City	2-0	22,048	2,161	3	Beresford	Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan Nichols Robins	on Brkovic → S'wunmi Feeney Brill Coyne → Davis → Edwards → Holmes	
Mon 29	Millwall	2-1	8,220	777	3	Beresford	Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan Nichols Robins	on Brkovic → S'wunmi Feeney Brill Coyne → Davis → Edwards → Holmes	
Sat 10	Wolves	1-1	10,248	1,800	4	Beresford	Edwards Heikkinen → Coyne Davis U'wood Nichols Robins	on Brkovic → Howard Feeney → Brill Morgan Holmes Perrett → S'wunmi →	
Tues 13	QPR	0-1	13,492	2,037	4	Beresford	Edwards Coyne Perrett Davis U'wood Nichols Robins	on Brkovic → Howard Feeney → Brill Morgan → Holmes → Barnett S'wunmi →	
Sat 17	Hull City *	1-0	19,184	404	4	Beresford	Edwards Perrett → Coyne Davis Morgan Nichols Robins	on Brkovic → Howard Feeney Brill Andrew Holmes Keane Barnett →	
Tues 20	Reading (CC2)	0-1	6,941	829	-	Brill	Edwards Barnett → Coyne Davis Morgan Nichols Holmes	on Brkovic → Howard Feeney Seremet O'Leary Stevens Keane → Andrew	
Fri 23	Sheffield Wednesday *	2-2	8,267	750	3	Beresford	Edwards Perrett Coyne Davis → Morgan Nichols Robins	on Brkovic → Howard x2 Feeney Brill Heikkinen → Keane Holmes S'wunmi →	
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							
Sun 11	Southampton *	13:30							
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							
Tues 31	Sheffield Wednesday	19:45							
Sat 4	Hull City	15:00							
Sat 11	Preston	15:00							
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Sat 15	Coventry City	15:00							
Mon 17	Plymouth Argyle	19:45							
Sat 22	Sheffield United	15:00							
Sun 30	Burnley	15:00							

COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A				
Sheff Utd	10	5	0	0	12	4	4	0	1	10	6	+12	27
Reading	10	4	0	1	12	5	3	2	0	7	1	+13	23
Watford	10	2	1	2	8	7	3	2	0	11	5	+7	18
Luton	10	2	3	0	8	6	3	0	2	6	4	+4	18
Wolves	10	3	1	1	7	4	1	3	1	6	6	+3	16
Stoke	10	2	1	2	6	8	3	0	2	5	6	-3	16
Southampton	10	2	3	0	4	1	1	3	1	8	8	+3	15
QPR	10	3	1	1	5	3	1	2	2	4	8	-2	15
Leeds	9	2	1	1	7	6	2	1	2	3	3	+1	14
Ipswich	10	2	1	2	5	8	2	1	2	5	5	-3	14
Preston	10	0	3	2	1	5	3	1	1	10	5	+1	13
Derby	10	1	3	0	7	7	1	3	1	7	6	+1	12
Hull	10	1	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	4	4	0	12
Cardiff	9	3	1	1	7	6	0	2	2	4	6	-1	12
Crystal Palace	9	3	1	1	7	3	0	1	3	4	7	+1	11
Leicester	10	2	1	2	7	6	0	3	2	4	8	-3	10
Brighton	10	1	2	2	6	7	0	4	1	5	7	-3	9
Norwich	10	1	3	2	5	5	1	0	3	3	6	-3	9
Coventry	10	1	2	1	5	4	0	4	2	5	10	-4	9
Crewe	10	1	3	1	6	7	0	3	2	4	7	-4	9
Plymouth	10	1	2	2	5	7	1	1	3	2	6	-6	9
Millwall	10	0	2	3	2	5	2	0	3	6	11	-8	8
Burnley	10	1	3	1	11	8	0	1	4	3	8	-2	7
Sheff Wed	9	1	1	2	3	4	0	3	2	3	6	-4	7

TONIGHT'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

- Burnley v Ipswich
- Crystal Palace v Sheffield Wednesday
- Crewe v Wolves
- Leicester v Brighton
- Millwall v QPR
- Norwich v Hull City
- Sheffield United v Plymouth
- Stoke v Cardiff

Coming Next

Coming Next



DES O'DONNELL previews Luton's next opponents to Kenilworth Road - Norwich City. Nigel Worthington's team were many's tip to make an instant return to the Premiership but have so far found life more difficult this time around in the Championship

You will need a good memory to recall the last time the Canaries flew into town. Cast your mind back to the first home game of the 1995/96 season. On that occasion Norwich collected all three points with Luton repaying the gesture on the return fixture at Carrow Road with a 1-0 victory. Unfortunately for the Town it was also the year we tumbled out of the old division one rooted to the bottom...how times have

changed!

Nigel Worthington, the Norwich City manager, will be bringing his aviary to Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 18th October (7.45pm KO) although they don't appear to be on song, after a lack luster start to the season with only two league wins (out of nine) over Plymouth and local derby rivals Ipswich. They will be sick as parrots to be languishing in the bottom half of

the table after the heady heights of the Premiership last year.

The Canaries main hit men are Dean Ashton, who joined from Crewe in January this year for a club record fee of £3 million and is currently their top striker along with journeyman player Darren Huckerby, who has had spells at Newcastle, Millwall, Man City, Leeds and Coventry. Also amongst their number is ex-Luton man and Republic of Ireland international Gary Doherty, a big centre back who started his career at Luton, but after a big money move to Spurs was unable to cement a place in the side and decided to further his career at Norwich.

Worthington has certainly assembled a team they can challenge for promotion in the Championship after an exciting season in the Premiership that nearly saw them survive until a heavy defeat against Fulham on the last day of the season put pay to that.

Norwich City is known for some of the best cuisine in the League, having Delia Smith as one of their directors.

Norwich will undoubtedly provide a tough test for Mike Newell's team with a strike force that has scored goals at the top level of English football.



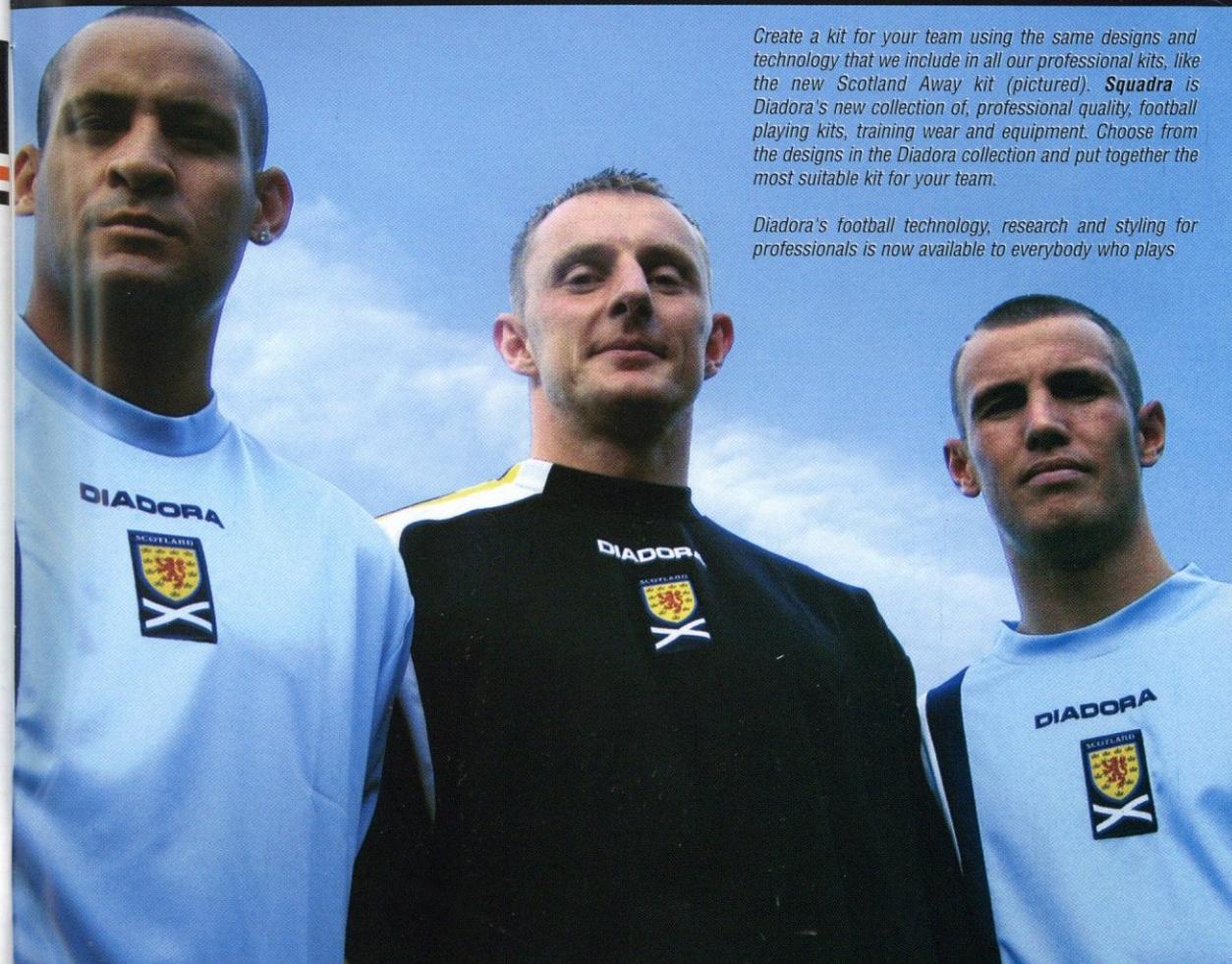
□ Darren Huckerby's goals are likely to be important if Norwich are to challenge for promotion this season

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