

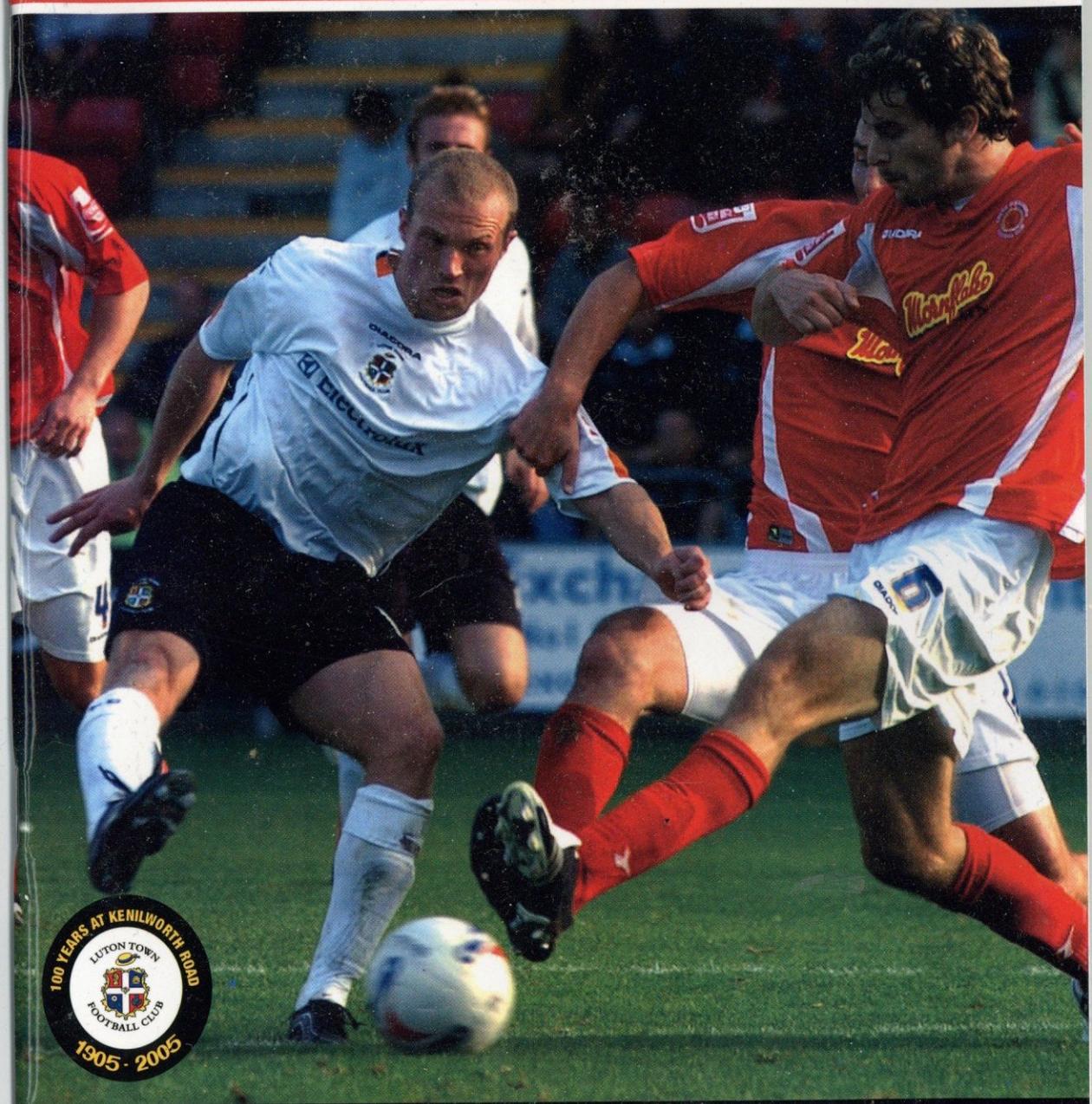
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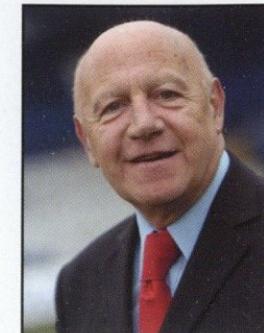
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# Good Evening

## From Luton Town Chairman Bill Tomlins



Good evening and a warm welcome to our Supporters and our Championship visitors Crewe Alexandra, their Directors, Management, Players and Supporters.

Our discussions to date regarding the proposed new relocation site continue to be very encouraging. We will shortly be meeting with a number of potential developers together with the landowner to discuss the enabling development. I will of course keep you advised of the progress. There are of course a number of concerns coming from villages near Junction 12 and that is understandable. I have spoken to various representatives of concerned groups and I am confident that when we publish the details of the new stadium relocation plans, we will be able to show that their traffic impact fears will be addressed successfully. We will also be able to demonstrate what the club will be able to offer to the wider community.

**Germany beckons for Carlos Edwards. Special congratulations to Carlos and to Trinidad and Tobago, who for the first time in their**

**history will be participating in the World Cup Finals in 2006.**

Congratulations also to Warren Feeney and Markus Heikkinen who were selected for their countries International Challenge Matches last week, Northern Ireland against Portugal and Finland against Estonia.

Our recent run of results has of course been disappointing, but it is still an incredible feat by the team to be in the position we are in the Championship. I am sure everyone connected with the club would have been pleased to take today's position last August. However, drawing from our similar experience of last season I, like the Manager, am confident that we will continue to make progress between now and April next year.

The club and the team certainly appreciated the tremendous travelling support last Saturday and your vocal support gave an atmosphere that is normally created only at evening matches.

Enjoy the game and get behind the players, your vocal support is so important to them.

Bill

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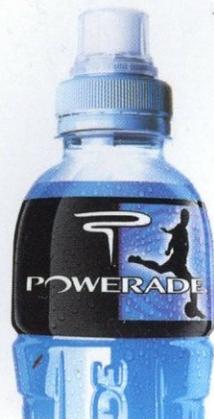
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# Mike Newell



**MIKE NEWELL** reflects back on the recent performance against Norwich and admits to taking a lot of encouragement from the second-half performance at Carrow Road

**H**ello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for tonight's game against Crewe Alexandra. Welcome also to Dario Gradi, his Staff, Players, Director and Supporters from Gresty Road. I was given my league debut by Dario just over 22 years ago a couple of months after he started there. To stay at one club in any capacity, especially as manager, for that length

Although our result at Norwich was again disappointing, the second-half performance was encouraging and makes me believe that we are not too far away from where we want to be. We have been without a number of key players in the last four games and as I have said on a number of occasions you can get by without the odd one now and then, but not without three or four at

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of time is a feat in itself but to have taken Crewe from what they were then to where they are now with a vastly improved ground and new training facility plus youth academy and to still be financially stable is nothing short of remarkable. Their record for producing young players, very often other teams' cast-offs, is phenomenal as is an example to all others.

once. The two sending offs rub salt into the wounds and it means we will be without players for one and two games.

We should congratulate Carlos on Trinidad and Tobago's qualification for next year's World Cup. It is a tremendous achievement and it is a long time since Luton Town had a player taking part in that competi-

tion. The fact that he didn't arrive back until Saturday morning and too late to be considered for the Norwich game is something that we are not happy with and something that we will be complaining about to their FA. We have to bend over backwards to accommodate international federations and what do we get in return? Our player returning from Bahrain via Trinidad because their president wants to join in and jump on the bandwagon the way only presidents and prime ministers can after their country enjoys some sporting success. All these things are working against us at the moment and contributing to the results but that is what happens in professional football. You don't have it your own way all the time otherwise it would be boring. Every club has had bad spells, even the best in the country. We will deal with it and become stronger for it.

Thanks for your support at Norwich, particularly throughout the second-half.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Mike

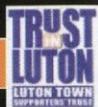


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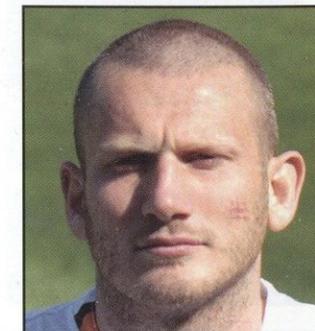


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Kevin Nicholls

# Kevin Nicholls



Skipper Kevin Nicholls looks ahead to this evening's game and despite slipping to defeat against Norwich on Saturday, the midfielder firmly believes the club can quickly bounce back to winning ways

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for tonight's encounter with Crewe Alexandra.

Having slipped to another defeat at Norwich on Saturday, everybody at the club is keen to put our recent form behind us and get back to winning ways this evening. Despite the

extra significance when you haven't been picking up results. With a busy Christmas period around the corner, we obviously need to start turning around results, which we know we are capable of doing.

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defeat at Carrow Road, the lads in the dressing room are in good spirits and their is enough quality in the squad to quickly get ourselves back up the league table.

It has been a while since we have lost four on the trot. Every game is important but matches take on

Having had their goalkeeper sent-off, we felt we didn't punish Burnley in the second-half and failed to create enough chances.

The result meant we lost our unbeaten record at Kenilworth Road this season but we now need to establish another decent run of

results at home. Full credit to Burnley however. They came with a game plan, stuck to it and with a midfielder in goal, they were rewarded.

I actually felt the turning point of the game was when Burnley got their third of the game. If we had pegged them back and got ourselves back on level terms then I felt we could have gone on to win the game. We had to come out for the second-half and go for it, which we did, but the third goal was a bit of a sucker punch.

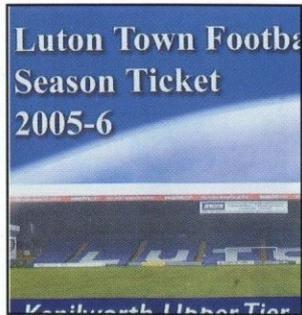
It was good to make a return against Norwich on Saturday after a few weeks with injury. It was a game we felt we should have got something out of and we were disappointed with both goals that we conceded in the game. In the second-half we turned in a better performance and could have scored ourselves.

We now need to get ourselves back on track. We have not lost four on the trot for some considerable time and your support will be vital this evening.

Enjoy the game

Nico

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## TICKET NEWS FOR FORTHCOMING HOME GAMES

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**MON 2ND JAN - WATFORD - 12:00 NOON KICK-OFF (ALL TICKET)**

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We have been allocated 3,748 Seats for the above fixture.

**SEASON TICKET HOLDERS:** Will be able to purchase one ticket, per season ticket until close of business on 5th November 2005.

**MEMBERS:** Will be able to purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability) from 7th November until close of business on 21st November 2005.

Any remaining tickets will go on general sale from 22nd November 2005 (subject to availability).

Prices are: **SEASON TICKET HOLDERS AND MEMBERS**  
(This price is only available for tickets brought in advance)

**Adults £19.00, 16-21's, 15 and under, over 65's £11.00**

**NON-SEASON TICKET HOLDERS, NON -MEMBERS AND MATCHDAY SALES**

**Adults £22.00, 16-21's, 15 and under, over 65's £14.00**



## SOUTHAMPTON V LUTON TOWN SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2005 ST MARY'S STADIUM, KICK-OFF 1:30PM, LIVE ON SKY TV

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN ALL TICKET MATCH FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS

We have been allocated 3,137 Seats for the above fixture. Tickets are now on sale from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road.

**SEASON TICKET HOLDERS:** Will be able to purchase one ticket, per season ticket until close of business on 16th November 2005

**MEMBERS:** Will be able to purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability) from 17th November 2005 until close of business on 1st December 2005.

Any remaining tickets will go on general sale from 2nd December 2005 (subject to availability).

Prices are: **Adults £22.00, Teens (13-19) and Over 65's £17.00, Juniors (12 and under) £10.00**



## DERBY COUNTY V LUTON TOWN MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2005 PRIDE PARK, KICK-OFF 3:00PM

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We have been initially allocated 2,397 Seats for the above fixture. Tickets are now on sale from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road.

**SEASON TICKET HOLDERS:** Will be able to purchase one ticket, per season ticket until kick-off on 26th November 2005

**MEMBERS:** Will be able to purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability) from after the game on 26th November 2005 until close of business on 6th December 2005.

Any remaining tickets will go on general sale from 7th December 2005 (subject to availability).

Prices are: **Adults £25.00, Over 60's £13.00, Juniors (16 and under) £13.00**

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## IPSWICH TOWN V LUTON TOWN SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2005 PORTMAN ROAD, KICK-OFF 1:00PM

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT AN ALL TICKET MATCH FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS BUT PRICES WILL INCREASE BY £2.00 FOR THOSE BUYING ON THE DAY AT PORTMAN PARK

We have been initially allocated 2,243 Seats for the above fixture. Tickets are now on sale from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road.

**SEASON TICKET HOLDERS:** Will be able to purchase one ticket, per season ticket until close of business on 30th November 2005.

**MEMBERS:** Will be able to purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability) from 1st December 2005 until close of business on 17th December 2005.

Any remaining tickets will go on general sale from 19th December 2005 (subject to availability).

Prices are: **Cobbold Stand Block V1 & V2: Adults £25.00, Over 65's £17.50, Juniors (under 16) £9.00**  
(A limited number of restricted view tickets are available in these Blocks which are discounted by £2.00 on the above prices)

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## LUTON TOWN V WATFORD MONDAY 2ND JANUARY 2006 KICK-OFF 12:00 NOON, PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF KICK-OFF TIME

THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET - NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE GAME

### Existing Members

Will be able to purchase one ticket per member; in person or by post (subject to availability) from 10th November 2005 until close of business on 24th November 2005. - Membership cards MUST be produced at the time of booking (if booking by post membership cards must be sent with your application)

### Season Ticket Holders

Will be able to purchase one guest ticket, per season ticket in person or by post (subject to availability) from 26th November 2005 until close of business on 10th December 2005. - Special match voucher A MUST be produced at the time of booking (if booking by post special match voucher A must be sent with your application)

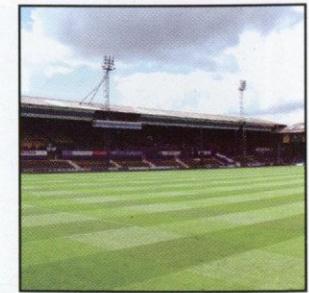
Any remaining tickets will go on general sale from 12th December 2005 in person or by post (subject to availability). Maximum 1 ticket per person.

If applying by post please include the following information: Name, address, daytime and evening telephone contact numbers, seating preference and payment details.

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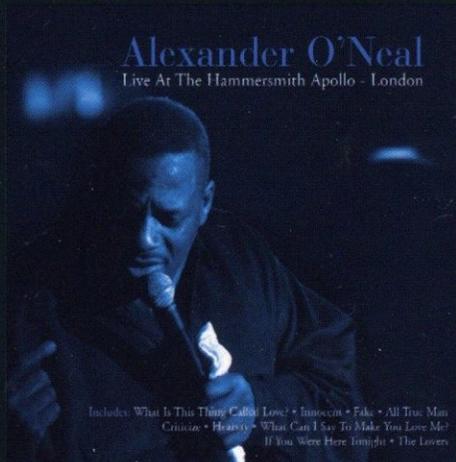
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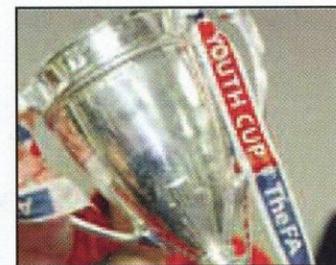


Luton Town Football Club would like to welcome today's officials to Kenilworth Stadium for this afternoon's fixture. They are Mr Phil Crossley,

Mr Martin Harris, Mr Tony Horton and Mr Mark Scholes.

Mr Crossley, who is today's match referee, started refereeing in 1990 and progressed through the local leagues before being promoted to the panel list in 1998 and finally the national list in 2000. Phil was a 4th official at the FA Youth Cup final in 1996 and was also an official at the FA Sunday cup final in 2002 and the FA Vase final in 2004.

## YOUTHS HANDED HAMMERS TIE



❑ Luton start their FA Youth Cup campaign with a trip to face former winners West Ham United

The Luton youth team have been handed a glamour tie as they face West Ham at Upton Park, in the Third Round of The FA Youth Cup.

Marvin Johnson's youth team will be eagerly awaiting the big tie against a youth squad that in the past has seen

the likes of Joe Cole, Frank Lampard, Rio Ferdinand, Glen Johnson and Michael Carrick.

Tony Carr's West Ham reached the quarter-finals of last year's competition, before losing to Southampton.

West Ham have lost in the FA Youth Cup final four times, but have won the competition three times, beating Liverpool 6-5 on aggregate in 1963, beating Tottenham 2-1 in 1981 and most recently, thumping nine past Coventry in 1999, and keeping a clean sheet, which was a new record.

The date and time of the tie are to be confirmed, although all ties are to be played on, or before, Saturday 17th December 2005.



❑ Les Parker was the winner of our Golden Gamble draw against Burnley

## GOLDEN GAMBLE WINNER

Despite seeing his side lose to Burnley, Les Parker had some reason to smile

after his number was picked out a random in our recent Golden Gamble draw.

Mr Parker's winning ticket earned him a cool £1010 and fans inside the ground this evening have a chance of scooping a similar prize today.

The Golden Gamble is our popular half-time draw where one lucky supporter inside the ground stands the chance of picking up a top prize by purchasing a £1 ticket from our sellers around the ground.

Mr Parker is pictured with Sol Davis, who picked the lucky ticket.



❑ Alan West, pictured closest to the camera, will appear on the BBC's Songs of Praise show in December

## EX-HATTER TO APPEAR ON SONGS OF PRAISE

Ex-Hatter Alan West was back at Kenilworth Road last week as he helped film some scenes for the BBC programme Songs Of Praise.

West, who had a distinguished career with the Hatters during the 1970's and early 80's, is currently working for the Luton Christian Fellowship Church and filmed a number of scenes around the club.

The programme is scheduled to broadcast in December.

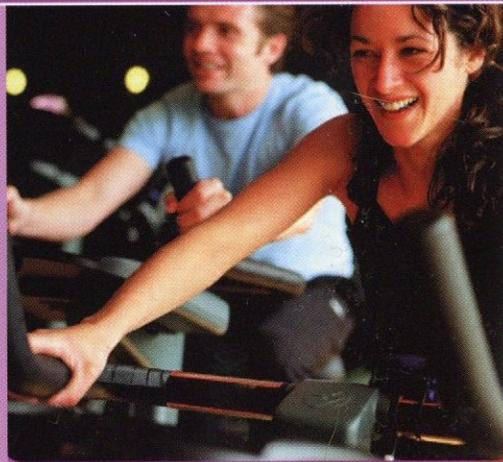


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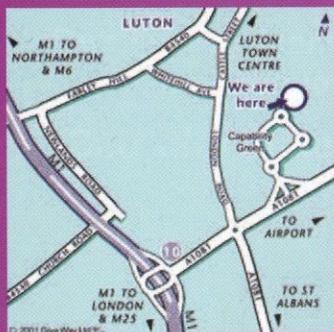
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# CREWE ALEXANDRA

Buoyant from their victory over Millwall recently, Dario Gradi will be hoping his team have turned a corner and can begin to move themselves away from danger at the foot of the Championship table. **JAMES MARSH** welcomes today's opponents to Kenilworth Road



## CREWE FC FACTFILE



**CREWE ALEXANDRA FC**  
**Year Formed:** 1877  
**Ground:** Alexandra Stadium (Gresty Road)  
**Ground Capacity:** 10,046  
**Most League Goals:** Bert Swindells, 126, (1928-37)  
**Most Capped Player:** Clayton Ince (29), Trinidad and Tobago  
**Record transfer fee paid:** £650,000 to Torquay United for Rodney Jack, Jun 98

Today's visitors are Crewe Alexandra, who arrive at Kenilworth Road on the back of some impressive recent results. The team that gave the world David Platt, Danny Murphy and Neil Lennon have been much improved in November, and Dario Gradi's men are likely to again prove tough opposition for the Hatters just a few weeks on from the

down 3-1 on that occasion, with two late strikes sealing the win for the home side after Dean Morgan had put us ahead in the first half.

That win marked the end of a poor run of form for The Railwaymen, who had gone 11 league games without a victory after an opening day 2-1 win over Burnley. Despite a recent 6-1 walloping at Cardiff, Crewe are now starting to claw their way up the table.

Gradi, who is the longest-serving manager in football, has got his team picking up points with some gritty performances that have disproved the cliché that Crewe just play "neat attacking football".

The last three games has seen them roll up their sleeves and really get stuck in, with key players coming to the fore in excellent wins over Leeds and Millwall, and a hard-fought 2-2 draw with Crystal Palace.

Up front, striker Steve Jones, who played in Northern Ireland's 1-1 draw with Portugal last week, has notched three in three games, including a brace in the 3-1 win at The New Den. In midfield, Welsh international David Vaughan and the near ever-present Kenny Lunt both have an eye for the defence-splitting through ball and their contributions have been crucial in recent matches. Also increasingly influential is young Billy Jones, who has been a revelation over the last year and possesses a thunderous shot.

At the back Stephen Foster, another graduate of Crewe's phenomenal youth academy, is the defensive lynchpin who has now made over 200 appearances for the club. Fullbacks Darren Moss and Anthony Tonkin are both also solid performers who will be looking to push forward as Crewe search for their second away win of the season.

reverse fixture at Gresty Road. Town went



## Dangerman: Steve Jones

Steve Jones became the club's first signing of the summer of 2001 after being bought from Conference outfit Leigh RMI for £75,000. Having been on the books of Blackpool and Irish League side Sligo Rovers, 'Jonah' really began to make his name in the game at Leigh by scoring 43 goals in just over 100 games. Jones made his Crewe debut in August 2001 against Manchester City, he went on to make just six appearances in his first season at the club and spent the latter part of the year on loan with Rochdale. Following the Alex's relegation to the Second Division though, Jones' career really sprang into life when he bagged his first goals for the club, a brace, against QPR in October 2002. He went on to finish with 11 goals that season as the Alex won promotion and took to First Division football easily by netting an impressive 16 times the following year to collect the 'Supporters Player of the Year' award. Possessing extreme pace, Jonah is equally at home up front or on either wing and his versatility is a useful asset to Dario Gradi's squad. His performances over the past few seasons have not only won the fans acclaim, but also that of his country and he is now a regular for Northern Ireland, having scored his first goal against Trinidad & Tobago in 2004.

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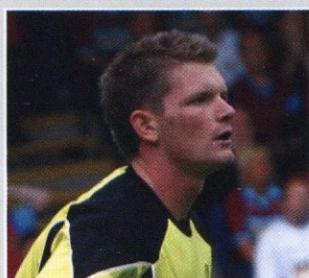
# About CREWE Manager



**Dario Gradi**

Dario Gradi was born in Milan but moved to England when he was four. As a footballer he played for Sutton United and Tooting & Mitcham before moving to Loughborough to train as a teacher of physical education between 1960 and 1963. His period at Loughborough was to prove influential in his career because it was at this time that he was coached by staff member Alan Wade, who went on to become the FA's Director of Coaching and author of the most influential football coaching book of all time. After a period of teaching, Dario became Assistant Coach at Chelsea in 1971 at the age of just 29, followed by coaching and management posts at Sutton United, Derby County, Wimbledon and Crystal Palace, and a 2-year spell as youth team coach at Leyton Orient. He even turned down the offer to manage Benfica! It was in June 1983 that Dario took up his present post as manager of Crewe Alexandra. At the time, Crewe were the perennial whipping boys of the old Fourth Division, having finished in the bottom three for four of the previous five seasons. In 1998, he was awarded the MBE for his contributions to the sport of football. Dario's greatest achievements have been in the nurturing of young football talent. The Crewe Academy, now with extensive new facilities, is a model nationally and internationally. Dario has brought players such as David Platt, the former England captain, Neil Lennon, Danny Murphy, Geoff Thomas, Rob Jones, Seth Johnson, Dean Ashton and Dele Adebola through the ranks to name just a few.

# Goalkeeper



**Ben Williams**

Ben Williams arrived at the Alex in the summer of 2004 on a free transfer from Premiership giants Manchester United following a successful loan spell at Gresty Road the previous season. The Manchester born 6ft plus keeper came through the youth ranks at Old Trafford turning professional as an 18-year-old. He made rapid progress in the Under-17 and Under-19 sides and played regularly for United's Reserve team but never managed to break into the first team. Williams enjoyed loan spells at Chesterfield and Altrincham to gain more first team experience whilst at United and came to the Alex for a similar spell at the end of the 2003/04 season following an injury to Clayton Ince. Ben made his debut in horrendous conditions at home to Cardiff City and was desperately unfortunate to be accredited with an own goal which ultimately decided the game. But his superb performances in that match, and during the other nine games he played during the run in quickly made him a fans favourite, helped the Alex avoid relegation and encouraged Dario Gradi to make the deal permanent. After being released from Old Trafford at the end of his contract, Dario moved quickly to capture the youngster on a two-year contract and he started the 2004/05 season as his number one. Lost his place at the beginning of the season due to a groin injury, but returned in March and made 26 appearances in total.



**Kenny Lunt**

Kenny Lunt turned professional in 1997 and has since gone on to be a key member of the Alex First Team. Lunt has always been a talented footballer throughout his time in the clubs Academy set up and he was one of a select group of youngsters to graduate from the FA National School at Lilleshall where he spend time playing alongside the likes of Michael Owen. He was handed his first team debut by Dario Gradi as a mere 17-year-old on the opening day of the 1997/98 season at Swindon Town and has rarely been out of the side ever since. He started a further 29 games that season and made a total of 42 appearances in all competitions. Although he played just over half that amount the following year, he has established himself in midfield for the Alex over the past seven years operating in central midfield, wide on the right or just behind the forwards. Dario Gradi describes Kenny as "having an old head on young shoulders" and he now holds the honour of being the most experienced player in the Alex squad in terms of appearances. Kenny is a player with the ability to unlock the meanest of defences and is a more than useful goalscorer having netted 28 goals for the clubs. He is also a set piece specialist. Kenny was appointed club captain last season following the departures of Dave Brammer and David Wright.

# Defenders

**Darren Moss**

Darren Moss arrived at the Alex in a £170,000 move from Shrewsbury Town in March 2005, ending Dario Gradi's search for a regular right back. The Wrexham born player had been in superb form for the Shrews, scoring six goals from his defensive position, and captaining the League Two outfit in his final matches before his switch to Gresty Road. Moss began his career at Chester City, making 75 appearances for the club after making his debut as a 16-year-old. A free transfer move to Shrewsbury followed in 2001, and he quickly made the right back spot his own. During his time at the Gay Meadow he made 155 appearances and scored 10 goals as well as breaking onto the International scene with Wales Under-21's, with whom he has been capped six times.

**Richard Walker**

Richard Walker emerged through the Academy set up and began to make his impact at first team level in the 2002/03. The Bolton born player turned professional at the club in 1999 and spent a loan spell at Conference outfit Northwich Victoria before making his first team debut against Preston North End in November 2000. The big centre back was handed his chance to impress in the Second Division in 2002 and took it with both hands. He made 44 appearances that year and was on the score sheet twice. Last term Walker made 26 appearances, scoring goals against QPR and Preston North End, as he battled for a place in the Alex back four.

**Stephen Foster**

Stephen Foster is another First Team regular to have emerged from the clubs Academy set up having turned professional in 1998. Foster is a former England Schoolboy International and made his debut at senior level the following season coming on as a substitute against Bury in a 1-0 defeat at Gigg Lane. Having established himself in central defence over the past few seasons 'Foz' has gone on to make over 200 appearances for the Alex and has become one of the clubs most consistent and impressive performers. In the 2003/04 season he missed just one game and was the lynch pin in defence alongside several different central defensive partners.

**Anthony Tonkin**

Anthony Tonkin arrived at the club in August 2003 in a £150,000 transfer from Stockport County. The Cornish born player had been a long term target for manager Dario Gradi after he spotted him playing non-league football for Yeovil Town a few seasons ago. Tonks made his Alex debut in the televised game at Rotherham United in August 2003, where he came on as a late substitute, and started a match in Crewe colours for the first time against West Ham at Gresty Road three days later. Tonkin quickly began to establish himself at left back over the next few months, starting a further 19 games, although an injury and loss of form saw him out of the team by the end of the season.

# Midfielders

**Billy Jones**

Billy Jones emerged through the clubs youth set up and made a superb impact in his first season in the senior side in 2003/04. Made his debut as a 16-year-old when he came on as a substitute in the 3-0 home win over Derby County in October 2003 and quickly went on to become a regular in the First Team. Billy operated in central midfield, central defence, right back and left back in his first season and despite his tender years made a total of 28 appearances after breaking into Dario Gradi's squad, with 24 of those being starts. He also scored his first goal for the club against Wigan Athletic at Gresty Road in December 2003 with a thunderous volley from Kenny Lunt's corner kick which won the 'Goal-of-the-season' award.

**Gary Roberts**

Gary Roberts signed a professional contract with club on his 17th birthday after coming through the schoolboy and youth ranks, before forcing his way into the first team. Roberts has been regularly capped at International level alongside team mate Billy Jones with the England Under-17 and Under-18 squads and signed a three-year deal in 2004. The youngster, tipped as a star of the future by Dario Gradi, made two starts last season away at Sheffield United and West Ham United and produced displays which belied his tender years on the right side of midfield. Set to play a prominent role in the Alex's new look midfield this season.

**David Vaughan**

David Vaughan turned professional at the club in January 2001 but by then had already made his first team debut after Dario Gradi handed him a surprise start against Blackburn Rovers at the start of the 2000/01. His debut may have come a little too early, as David didn't play again until the following season, but after collecting another 16 appearances in 2001/02 and scoring his first goal in the FA Cup at Rotherham, the midfielder began to establish himself in the team after the clubs relegation to the Second Division. Vaughan produced some dazzling displays, walking away with the clubs 'Player of the Season' trophy, and he began to add goals to his game, scoring six in total, four of which came in the crucial relegation run-in.

**Michael Higdon**

Michael Higdon is a goalscoring midfielder player who more recently has converted to a strikers role because of his height and eye for a goal. Higdon signed professional terms with Crewe in January 2001 but suffered badly the following season with a back injury which saw him ruled out of the game for around 12 months. After scoring plenty of goals for the Reserves, Higdon got his first team chance when he made his debut as a substitute at Crystal Palace in December of that year. His return to the senior side coincided with a crucial home clash with Coventry City in April and, playing up front, he scored the crucial first goal in a 3-1 win. Last season Higdon operated solely as a centre forward, and whilst he only started one game, he scored some crucial goals.

# Strikers

**Luke Rodgers**

Luke Rodgers arrived in July 2005 in a move from Shrewsbury Town having spent eight seasons at the Shropshire club. Rodgers had been a long term transfer target of Dario Gradi and the Alex, who had a substantial bid turned down for him by the Shrews in 2003 following their relegation to the Nationwide Conference. The Birmingham born attacker is a product of the Gay Meadow clubs youth set up and made 204 appearances scoring 73 goals in his time with Shrewsbury. He was also selected for the England Semi Professional side in 2003/04, after Shrewsbury's relegation, and helped them win promotion back to the Football League at the first attempt. Rejected a new contract at Shrewsbury in the summer of 2005 and after spending several weeks on trial with the Alex, he made his move permanent when a compensation deal was agreed.

**Luke Varney**

Luke Varney arrived at Gresty Road in March 2003 from non-league outfit Quorn FC for a nominal fee after impressing Assistant Manager Neil Baker. The Leicester born player scored 25 goals for the non-leaguers in the Midland Alliance League before being snapped up by the Alex on transfer deadline day of that year as Dario Gradi looked to invest in the talented youngsters potential. Varney found his way into the squad for the opening game of the 2003/04 season at Wimbledon where he made his debut as a second half substitute. Luke continued to progress throughout the season and his exceptional pace and close skills kept him around Dario's team until he made his full debut against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park in December.

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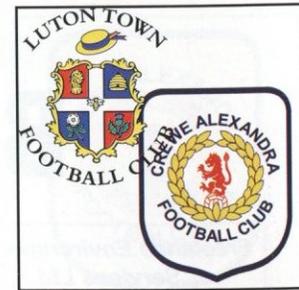
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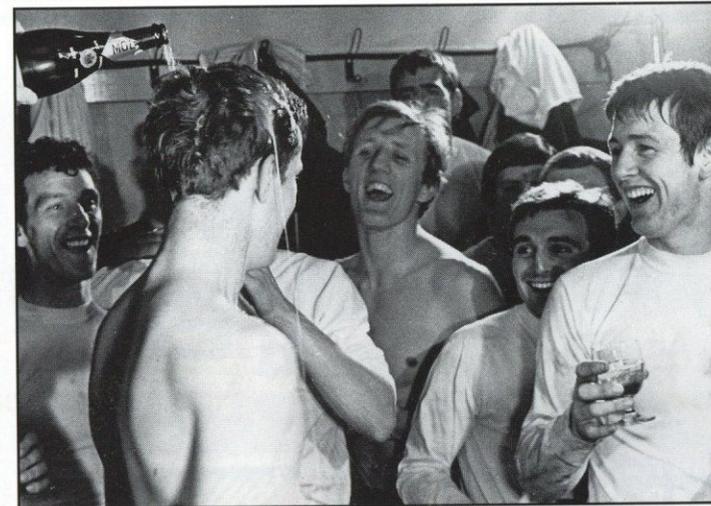
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# Classic Match

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



□ The Luton players celebrate after the demolition of Crewe.

As the tremendous 1967/68 season drew to a close, one more point was needed for the championship of Division Four with Crewe the visitors to Kenilworth Road on the Wednesday evening following the promotion clinching win at Halifax.

Crewe had enjoyed a good season and were sitting in second place, seven points behind the Town and would not be coming to Kenilworth Road to lay down and surrender. Having said that, any team visiting Luton that night was going to be in for a torrid time.

An incredible crowd of 18,904, the best for four years, turned up on a warm evening to make it a carnival atmosphere, but they were stunned into disbelief when Crewe forward Gordon Wallace

put the ball in the Luton net in the fourth minute.

Mercifully, the effort was ruled out for offside but the incident stung the Town side into life, and they then proceeded to put on a display of football that would possibly have seen off most sides in the country at the time.

A foul on Keith Allen brought about the first Luton goal, with Alan Slough tapping the resultant free-kick to Rioch who blinded the ball at Willie Mailey in the Crewe goal. The goalkeeper could not hold the stinging drive and John Moore was on hand to net with ease and lift the tension.

The Hatters were two up after 20 minutes when the short free-kick routine

ended with Rioch finding the net with another thumping shot. Eight minutes later a French effort was parried by the obviously rattled Mailey for a corner, and from the flag kick Slough netted number three after a goalmouth scramble.

The fun and games were not over yet as a minute from the interval Rioch scored the goal of the night to send the crowd into ecstasy. Racing through the middle he latched on to a perfect pass from Ian Buxton and hammered the ball into the roof of the net from near the penalty spot.

Although the Town did not score in the second period it was not through lack of effort and several times Rioch, in particular, was unlucky not to add to his tally.

Crewe, despite realising that they were not about to get anything out of the game, never resorted to spoiling tactics and continued to try to play football throughout.

This was Luton's night, however, and when the final whistle sounded the crowd was encouraged to keep behind the barriers with the players performing a promised lap of honour.

Luton Town: Read, Dougan, Jardine, Slough (McDerment), Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker.

Crewe Alexandra: Mailey, Lowry, Ratcliffe, Scott, Barnes, Gannon, McHale, Curley, Regan, Wallace, Dearden.

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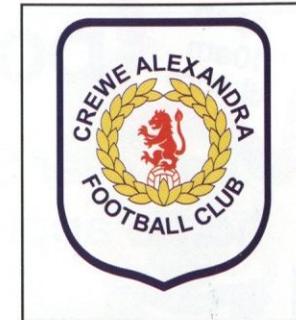
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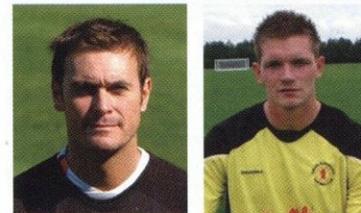
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# Match Guide

**SARAH THOMPSON** previews the big match this evening with the key match facts and figures between the two sides

## Head 2 Head



Marlon Beresford v Ben Williams

Most managers will agree that if you can get a reliable goalkeeper between the sticks then you will always have a chance of doing something in this division. Today's game sees experience up against youth in a battle of the number one jerseys.

Ben Williams was in inspirational form when the two teams met earlier in the season and the Crewe goalkeeper will be hoping to have another polished performance this evening. Williams has been consistent for Dario Gradi's team but was between the sticks for Crewe's 6-1 hammering against Cardiff. However, Gradi's team bounced back in style and Williams played his part as, prior to the weekend, Crewe went three games unbeaten following the match at Ninian Park.

Since returning from injury, Beresford has played his role in Luton's flying Championship campaign with solid performances most notably against Hull and Cardiff. Beresford has kept three clean sheets for Luton this season.



Luton's Andrew Fotiadis hits a shot towards goal in the play-off defeat against Crewe

Luton host Crewe this evening, for the first time since the 22nd March 2003, and while Crewe fans will have fond memories of that match, it was something to forget for the Hatters faithful.

Crewe were rampant that day, thumping four past Carl Emberson in the Luton goal. A young Dean Ashton struck twice before half-time, whilst David Vaughan and Rodney Jack added to the tally after the interval.

The last time the two teams met at The Alexandra Stadium, Crewe ran out 3-1 winners, with late goals from Kenny Lunt and Luke Varney sealing the win. Despite Luton taking the lead with a Dean Morgan goal, Billy Jones equalised less than ten minutes later.

The Railwaymen were responsible for resigning Luton to another year in

Division Two, when they beat them in the play-offs in 1997. Luton thrashed Crewe 6-0 earlier that season when Tony Thorpe grabbed a hat-trick. Graham Alexander, Paul Showler and David Oldfield also got their names on the scoresheet.

However, when Luton faced Crewe in the play-offs, they lost 2-1, and then drew 2-2 in the following leg, at Kenilworth Road to compound a miserable evening for the Hatters faithful, especially after dominating the top two positions in the league throughout the season.

Whenever Luton and Crewe meet, there usually tends to be goals. In the last seven matches between the two clubs, there have been 22 goals, averaging out to be just over 3.14 goals per game.



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**HEAD 2 HEAD**  
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(6 league, 2 cups)  
Crewe Wins: 8  
(7 league, 1 play-off leg)  
Draws: 3

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# Match Action



Luton had a rare off day at the impressive Ricoh Arena when a single goal from Dele Adebola helped give Coventry only their second win in 12 games.

## LUTON TOWN 2 BURNLEY 3

### Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



It is an opportunity missed and even before the lad was sent-off I felt we could get back into the game. I felt we were unfortunate because the first goal was handball. We had one shot on target of any real note after our second goal when Howie's shot was tipped around the post. We didn't take advantage of the possession we had. We actually played better in the first-half when we were up against 11 men and looked more dangerous. Everything we hit went straight into arms of the goalkeeper in the first-half but it is very difficult with ten men."



Carlos Edwards tussles for possession with Burnley's Jon Harley

Luton suffered their first league defeat at Kenilworth Road since March as Ade Akinbiyi grabbed an impressive hat-trick to help continue Burnley's impressive form. Akinbiyi started his memorable afternoon by opening the deadlock on 14 minutes when, against the run of play, a through ball was seemingly controlled by the hand of the Burnley striker, who showed tremendous pace thereafter, to race forward and drive the ball under the dive of Marlon Beresford. With Burnley rarely threatening to come forward, Edwards lost control on the halfway line and John Spicer found Akinbiyi on the right in acres of space and he hit a ferocious drive into the top corner, leaving Beresford with no chance of intervening. Luton responded positively and their best chance fell to the unmarked Feeney, who tried to curl a shot around the daunting figure of Brian Jensen, only to see the ball clip the outside of the post.

Steve Howard, with more hope than expectation, would have reached the onrushing Jensen, but inexplicably, he stepped outside his area and caught the ball, to be shown the inevitable red card. With no goalkeeper on the bench, Spicer took the gloves. Moments later, Howard headed home a Dean Morgan corner to celebrate his 200th appearance with a goal. Burnley restored their two goal cushion in the second-half as Leon Barnett got a lunging tackle all wrong to send the striker tumbling in the box. He took the resultant penalty kick and blasted it past Beresford for his hat-trick. Howard hit a long shot at Spicer on 59 minutes, which the ungainly part-time keeper managed to bundle wide, before a corner taken by Morgan was headed on by Howard, leaving Feeney with an easy chance, which he converted to complete the scoring at Kenilworth Road.

On 38 minutes, a through ball, chased by

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LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



BURNLEY'S STARTING LINE-UP



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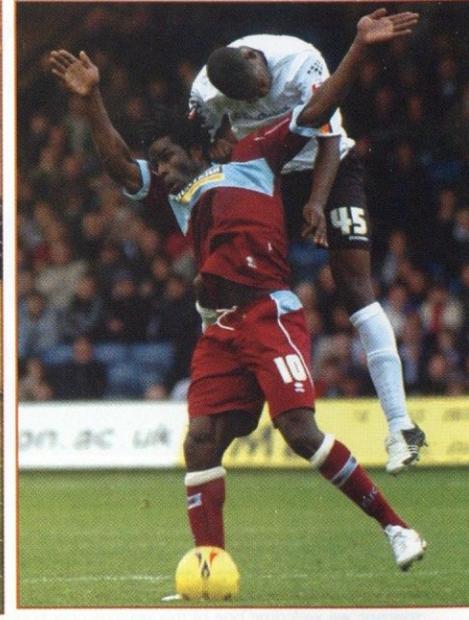
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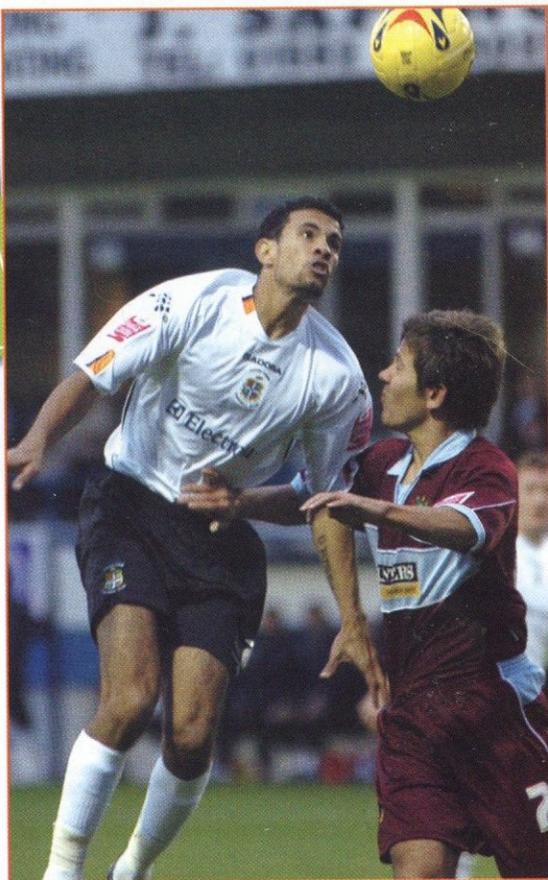
John Spicer, the stand in Burnley goalkeeper, gets ahead of Enoch Showunmi late in the second-half



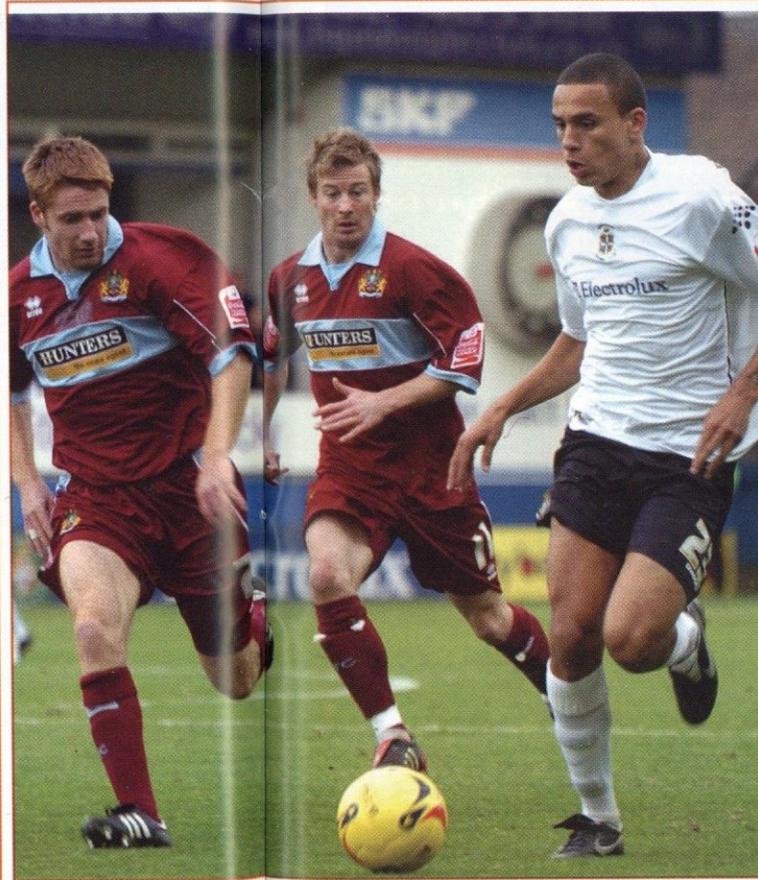
Warren Feeney, called up by Northern Ireland last week, scores his sixth goal of the season



'I'm behind you' Leon Barnett challenges Ade Akinbiyi



Carlos Edwards was voted man of the match by the sponsors. Here he is pictured winning a header from Duane Courtney



Dean Morgan set up Steve Howard's seventh goal of the season against Burnley. Here the former Reading defender is pictured setting up a Luton attack.



Peter Holmes clears the Luton lines despite the best efforts of Burnley's Micah Hyde



# Peter Davis

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

Welcome this evening to our commercial and corporate partners, with special thanks and reference to tonight's match sponsors. Tonight in particular being a unique double first, as we welcome this evening's match sponsor Dunstablians RUFC, plus as matchball sponsor we welcome one of this seasons new Football League partners, Wickes Home Improvements.

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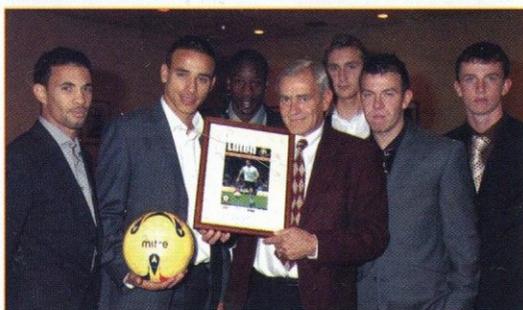
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Presentation of Man of the Match award to Carlos Edwards



Match sponsors presentation to John Eastaff (Builders Merchants) Ltd

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We welcome this evening nine year old Joe Gill as tonight's commercial mascot. Joe who lives in Silsoe near Bedford attends Ramsey Manor Lower School in Barton Le Clay, enjoys skiing and horse riding as well as football and names Steve Howard as his favourite Town player. Joe will be joined tonight by members of his family and we all wish him a great evening.



Sam Perry commercial mascot receiving his certificate from the squad

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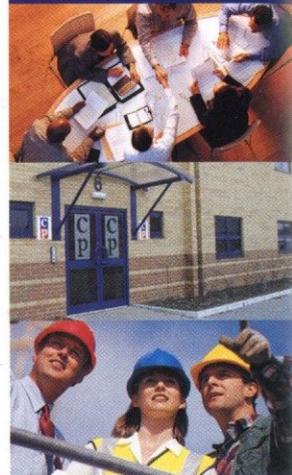
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# Community News



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**Football in the Community Officer STUART SMITH today talks about the latest soccer courses which have been arranged by the department**



**G**ood evening and welcome to tonight's game. Firstly I would like to welcome the Community Departments special guests to the game.

Firstly I would like to welcome Ann Duggan and the Management Staff of the Arndale Centre who have very generously offered a Sponsorship package to the Junior Hatters. After discussion with Ann, this money will go towards the annual Junior Hatters Christmas Party. The date of which will be shortly announced. Keep an eye on the Junior Hatters page for this information.

Also, I would like to welcome the staff and customers from Bramingham Day Centre. This is one of the venues where we deliver our Adult Disability Football programme. I would also like to thank Trust in Luton whose sponsorship had enabled us to provide the tickets for our visitors.

I would also like to use today's page to tell you about the latest batch of dates for our Bramingham Saturday Soccer School. Enrolments have reached a record level of 90 children and we are now averaging 50 children a week at the venue.

On the back of this success the following dates have been planned for next year:

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This course is for children between the ages of 5 and 11 years.

The first will run for ten weeks on the following dates in 2006:

- JANUARY:** 14TH, 21ST, 28TH
- FEBRUARY:** 4TH, 11TH, 18TH, 25TH
- MARCH:** 4TH, 11TH, 18TH
- The second will run for ten weeks on the following dates in 2006:
- APRIL:** 22ND, 29TH
- MAY:** 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, 27TH
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- SEPTEMBER:** 16TH, 23RD, 30TH
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- NOVEMBER:** 4TH, 11TH, 18TH, 25TH

The fourth will run for ten weeks on the following dates in 2007:

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**Luton make the trip to the Madejski Stadium for the second time this season following their clash in the Carling Cup.**

**BY ROAD:** If you are travelling along the M4 from the west you can see the stadium on your left. Leave the M4 at Junction 11, bear left on to the A33 relief road which leads you directly to the stadium. The Madejski Complex is well signposted from Junction 11.

**BY RAIL:** Get the train to Reading mainline station and then the No 79 'Football Special' bus. The buses leave just down from the station, commencing at 1pm for Saturday afternoon games. Once you come out of the main station entrance turn right and they are about 200 yards down the road on the opposite side - there is normally one waiting. The fare is £2.50 return for adults and £1.25 for children and normally takes about fifteen minutes to get to the ground.

**MATCHDAY PARKING:** There is a car

park at the ground and at the nearby speedway/greyhound track, both of which cost £5. They hold about 2,500 cars between them. Alternatively the Club operate a 'Park & Ride' scheme at Foster Wheeler at Shinfield Park. This costs for the return shuttle bus; Adults £2.50, Children £1.20. From Junction 11 of the M4, take the B3270 towards Earley and then follow the signs to 'Football Car Park C'. The car park opens at 1pm for Saturday afternoon games with the first bus departing at 1:30pm.

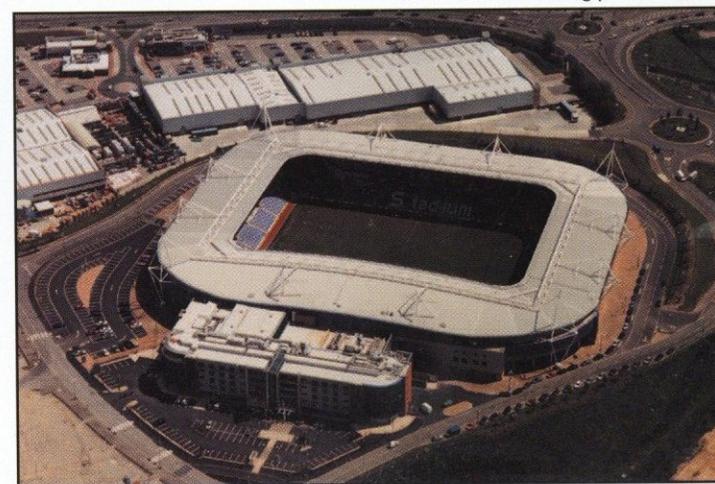
**AROUND THE GROUND:** Apart from a Harvester on the road towards Reading, there are no pubs near the ground. So either drink in the town centre or alternatively there are bars at the back of the stands, where Courage, Fosters and Guinness are on offer. Most surrounding pubs do not

allow club colours.

**WHAT'S THE GROUND LIKE:** This stadium opened in 1998, is absolutely fabulous and is light years away from the old Elm Park. It is purpose built on the very outskirts of Reading, close to the M4, and the complex even boasts a hotel attached to the back of the West Stand. The stadium is of a fair size and is totally enclosed, with all four corners being occupied. Three sides are single tiered, whilst on one side the West Stand is two tiered, including a row of executive boxes. The stadium also now has a recently installed video screen on the South East corner. The stadium, named after Reading's multi millionaire chairman, is shared with London Irish Rugby Club and was recently voted as having the best facilities for disabled supporters in the League. Away fans are located in one end of the stadium, in the Fosters Lager South Stand, where up to 4,300 can be accommodated.

**BY COACH WITH TOWN ON TOUR:** Leaving Maple Road at approximately 11:30am. The fare for LTSC members is £12, £10 for concessions and £14 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.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk).

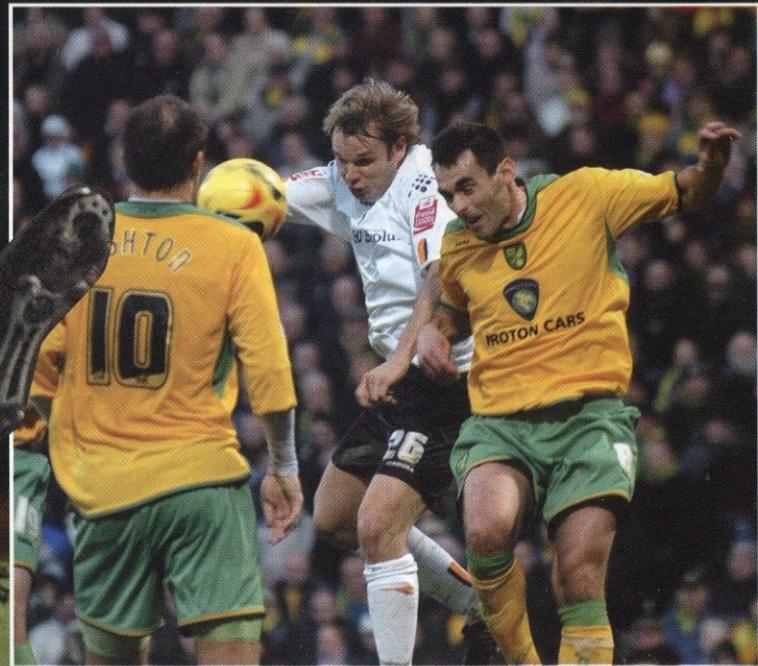
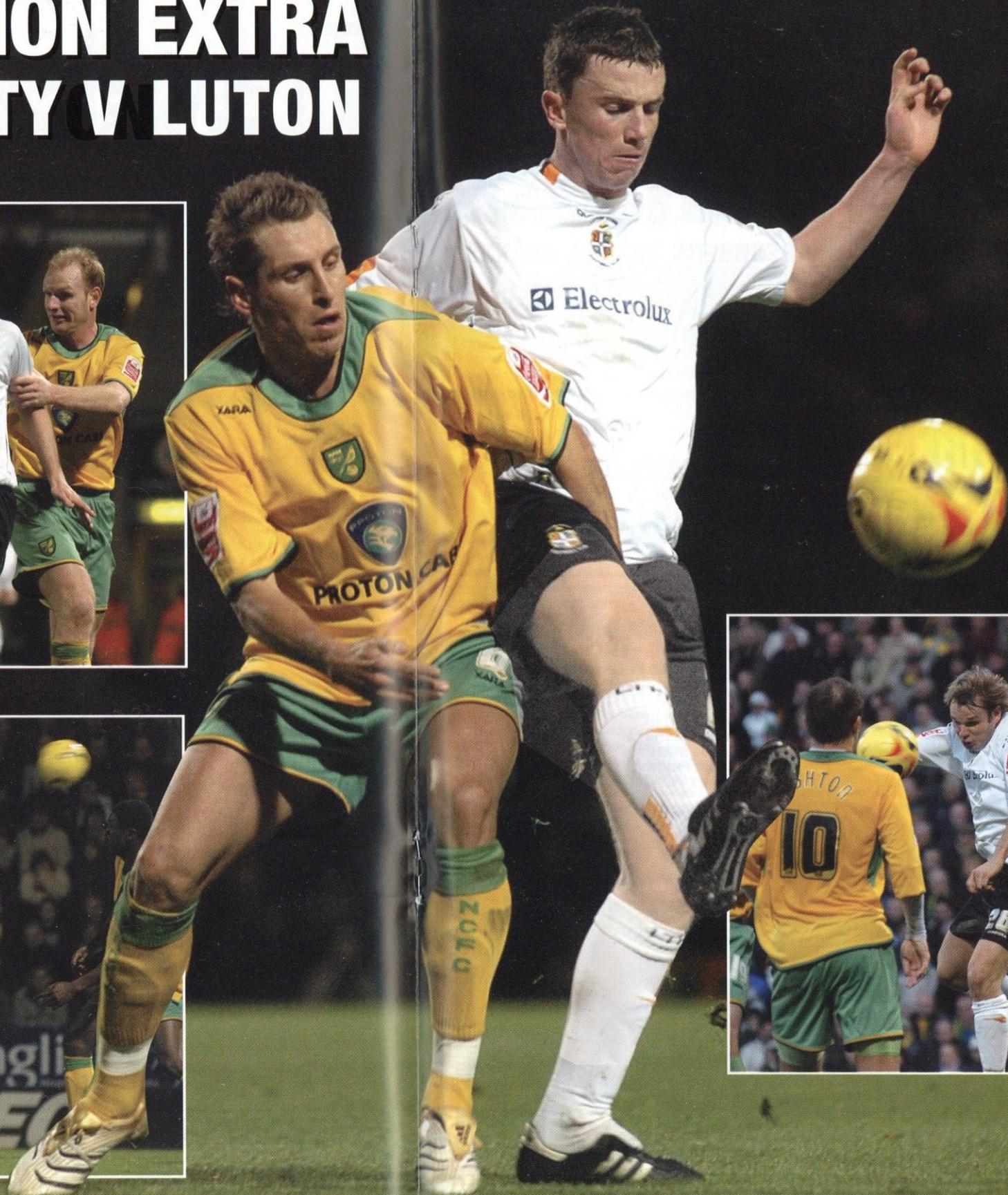
**BY COACH WITH BOBBERS TRAVEL:** Departs from Cranfield from 11:00am and Luton at 12:00pm. Costs for this trip are £11.50 for adults and £9.50 for concessions. Supporters wishing to book their places for this trip should visit the Bobbers Stand at the back of Kenilworth Road end of the ground or telephone 01234 750996 for further information.



Aerial view of the Madejski Stadium, Reading FC

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# Luton Town Belles



**DAVE BAKER rounds-up the latest news concerning the Luton Town Belles as the ladies team began their quest in the FA Womens Cup**

In recent games Belles have tasted both success and defeat in cup competition.

The County Cup quarter final brought us a home tie against cup holders Bedford Town. Bedford took the lead against the run of play but were soon pegged back when Tanya Blacksley rose high to head the ball into the top corner from Michelle Byrne's corner. Luton then got the rough end of two questionable decisions and found themselves trailing 3-1 with five minutes to go before half time. Rebecca Kane then headed in an almost identical goal to the first and then fired home an equaliser at the near post from an Emma Leete cross and it was 3-3 at the break. The away side took the lead midway through the second half but with ten minutes left Anne Folan caused an error in the Bedford defence and Kane took full advantage to equalise and complete her hat trick. There were no further goals in extra time and it was down to penalties. Alice Burbury then saved a kick with her legs but Luton also

missed one before Bedford fired their fifth penalty over the crossbar. Skipper Becky Clark then stepped up to hammer home the winning penalty with a shoot out score of 4-3.

The First Round Proper of the FA Cup saw us visit Enfield Town. Luton took a deserved lead midway through the half when Michelle Byrne's pinpoint cross found Janine Daly who looped her header over the keeper to make it 1-0. Luton then switched off and were cruelly punished as Enfield scored twice before half time. The second half was a scrappy affair when Enfield successfully broke up play and scored a third deep into injury time to progress 3-1.

Luton returned to league action last weekend entertaining Clevedon Town who finished fourth last season. Luton missed several half chances in an eventful first half and can consider themselves unlucky when it was goalless at the interval. The second half soon brought a vital

breakthrough when Janine Daly crossed to the near post and Rebecca Kane arrived to score neatly past the keeper at the near post. Clevedon threw everything at Luton but a determined and resolute Belles defence held out and the 1-0 win moves them three places up the table and closer to safety.

The Reserves now top their league after gaining a 1-1 draw away to rivals Watford. Luton dominated the game throughout without managing a breakthrough and the Hornets scored with virtually their first serious shot on 75 minutes. Luton stormed back and equalised when Emma Leete's 20 yard shot squeezed in off the far post. Their lead at the top was further extended after last weeks 2-0 win over Newham Ladies. The game was won in the first half with the visitors totally unable to keep up with the high tempo of Town's football and it was a superb goal from Nina Hale that gave them the early lead converting a cross from Becky Dimmock after six minutes. The compliment was returned after 25 minutes when Hale's shot was only parried by the keeper and Dimmock followed up to score. More goals would surely have followed were it not for a first class goal-keeping display from Newham keeper who must have made a dozen quality saves.

The thirds also march on at the top of their division by recording the league double over Hackney. After a goalless first half Fay Rolls helped herself to a hat trick with Vicky Moody scoring the other from a short corner routine.

Full updated news on the progress of our youth teams will be published in the Crystal Palace program.



Tanya Blacksley scores for Luton Belles in their County Cup game with Bedford

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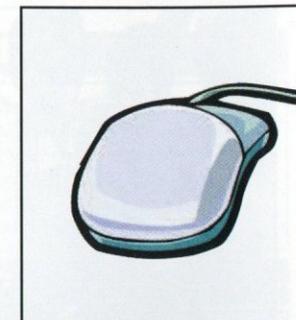
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# Website News



**STEVEN DOVE reports on the latest developments concerning the official Luton Town website, [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk)**

October's performance figures have been our most encouraging figures of the season with all of our main revenue earners on the increase.

However our new partnership with online poker site PokerStars.com has seen people flooding the site and we have seen record figures come through the Luton's website, pocketing the most cash throughout all of the PTV network.

PokerStar.com is our latest entertainment website where fans can

Figures across the board have been a big improvement with Hatters World becoming more popular with supporters as the club move into the top 20 of the 80 PTV registered clubs of most subscription. Hatters World is a great place to gain exclusive interviews, live match commentary of every league game and highlights of all Luton matches from the past three seasons.

Our SMS services is also proving to be a big success. Fans have subscribed to receive the latest news direct to their mobile phone and get

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compete with poker players all over the world in tournament play or cash play.

The popularity of this new website amongst Luton supporters has been incredible and we are in the early stages of organising an poker tournament amongst Luton fans and staff which we hope to announce within the next couple of months.

post and pre match comments from the manager Mike Newell.

Meanwhile, we have also seen a number of other increases in the site such as page views, unique visitors and monthly registrations and we can continue to make certain developments to the site.

Finally, we are almost at the stage to launch our new club shop site. We

would like to apologise for the slight delay but this will be up and running within the next few days.

#### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

As part of the website's ongoing development, we are delighted to announce the opportunity for companies to advertise on [lutontown.co.uk](http://lutontown.co.uk). Advertising opportunities exist to support monthly marketing campaigns, right through to the chance to become the official sponsor of Luton Town's website.

[lutontown.co.uk](http://lutontown.co.uk) forms part of a joint venture partnership with 78 football clubs, which as a network, ranks just outside the 'top 10' web properties in the UK (Source: Neilson/Net Ratings)

Over 57% of the audience are aged 25-35 with a 90% male bias, 39% of the audience are managers or professionals.

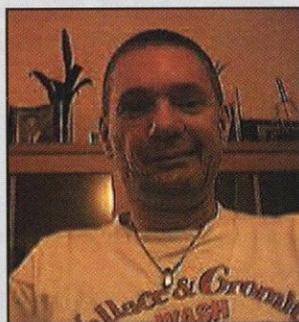
For more information on advertising opportunities for the official website, please contact the Commercial Department at the club on 01582 411622.





# The Greatest

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



**Name:** Terry Willis  
**Date of Birth:** 10/1958  
**Occupation:** Abandoned Vehicle Inspector, Luton Borough Council  
**Years following Luton:** 33  
**Currently Sit:** Kenny Upper Tier with my brother Tom and friends  
**First Match:** LTFC v Hull City, 1972  
**Memorable Match:** 1988 Littlewood

Cup Final against Arsenal at Wembley but also our game against Hull City away in 2002. This was mine and Tom's 92nd league club visited and Howie's first hat-trick. All grounds visited were with Luton.

## Goalkeeper

### 1. Les Sealey

Truly missed. Controlled his area with a booming voice that even Steve Foster could not ignore. He had safe hands and good positioning. When not marshalling his defence he was entertaining us behind his goal with his thoughts. Gave my nephew Sam a match ball at his first game. A bit special.

## Left-Back

### 2. Matthew Taylor

With a great left foot and an engine that never stopped, Matty gave his all and shone in a relegated team. First to chase back after taking a corner, he scored 11 goals in the promotion team of 02. Not bad for a defender.

## Right-Back

### 3. Kirk Stevens

Always with a smile, 'Basher' loved his footy. As with all Luton defenders, he needed no encouragement to get forward. Strong in the tackle, he had a great sense of humour. Needed it for the stick he got over his hair perms!

## Centre-Back

### 4. Steve Foster

Steve was one of the rocks our great 80's team was built on. It was a joy to watch him battle against the best strikers in the league. With his white head band and long cavalier locks, Fosse was a natural leader in a team of strong characters.

## Centre Back

### 5. Mal Donaghy

The faster of possibly the best defensive duo of their time, Mal's clearances into the Bobbers had everyone ducking. I always thought (wished) he'd break a window in the executive boxes. Never happened! Scored his fair share of goals when getting forward.

## Right Midfield

### 6. Ricky Hill

Ricky was our cream. His skills and awareness should have brought him more honours. When on song, his incisive passing and powerful runs opened up many a defence. His showboating was a thrill to watch in an age where players weren't as imaginative as today.

## Left-Midfield

### 7. Jean Louis Valois

A luxury player in Division Three, but boy was he worth it. Criticised for not defending, nevertheless he set the place alight with his runs and goals. His free kicks, corners and crosses contributed to Luton's 96 goals scored in 2001/02 season and Steve Howard's Golden Boot award.

## Centre-Midfield

### 8. David Preece

A hard working runner, charging down everything. Great at linking defence with attack down the left. Didn't get many goals but was forever trying and so it was more enjoyable when he did manage one. His energy was sorely missed when he left.

## Centre-Forward

### 9. Mick Harford

What's there to say except thanks! For entertaining us with 80 odd goals and for the own goal against Derby, which helped keep us up in 1991. Cheers.

## Centre-Midfield

### 10. Kevin Nicholls

Another natural leader. Arrived in the nick 'o' time (pun intended). Gave us the steel we needed after being relegated to Division Three to bounce back up. Leads by example and has scored some crackers. It was great to see him in the crowds at Shrewsbury celebrating with us.

## Centre-Forward

### 11. Brian Stein

Bruno was the mainstay of Luton's attack for ten years, culminating in the two goals that won the cup in 1988. Fast and skilful, he was our leading goal scorer in four of those seasons. A perfect compliment to all of his striking partners.

## Send us your team

So who is your greatest Luton XI? Why not select your greatest Luton players? Simply send us an email at [programme@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:programme@lutontown.co.uk) telling us your 11 (it must be a 4-4-2 formation) and, in no more than 50 words, your reasons behind your choice. Please also include a recent photograph of yourself and also include a daytime telephone number so we can contact you.

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In the event of evacuation from all or part of the stadium, you will receive instructions over the public address system on how you should leave. In an evacuation of the main stand you will be instructed to use the pitch. Stewards will direct you to the nearest exit. It may be that your normal exit route will not be available. On leaving the stadium, you will find some roads closed to pedestrians, to enable swift and unobstructed access for the emergency services. Please leave the area of the ground as quickly as possible, by the route directed. Your co-operation will be most appreciated.

Geoff Lovell  
Safety Officer



# HIGH SPIRITS

**Luton goalkeeper Marlon Beresford has never been one to let past results keep him down in the dumps. Despite coming off the back of three consecutive defeats, the Luton shot-stopper popped into the media office to give an exclusive interview to SARAH THOMPSON and explained why the spirit in the camp is still so high.**

As Marlon Beresford strode into the room to give an exclusive interview for tonight's matchday programme, his unperturbed demeanour shone through with his ever-present sense of humour despite our three consecutive defeats. However, having had a fortnight to reflect on recent matches, the Luton shot-stopper seems determined to prove that the team morale is still sky-high.

The 36-year-old goalkeeper has represented many clubs and when he signed permanently for Luton in July 2004, Kenilworth Road became his eleventh home of his professional career.

Despite having distinguished spells at Sheffield Wednesday, Burnley and Middlesbrough, it has been his stay in Bedfordshire that has brought so many fond memories and his selection as a member of the PFA League One Team Of The Season was fully justified after he played a major role in our League One championship success.

Talking exclusively to today's matchday programme, Beresford said: "Sometimes I have to sit down and think to myself that I am very lucky to be playing at this level. I spent a few years scratching around, trying to find a contract and it wasn't long ago that I was signing on the dole."

"It's nice to sit down and think about where you are now and the level of football you are playing at and I have never had any regrets about signing for Luton.

**The fans have been used to winning over the last two years and our current form will be different for them but along with the lads they can play their part in helping to turn things around**

"I am loving my football at the moment, more than I ever have done and hopefully that can continue for a few more seasons.

"I think coming to Luton has given me a new lease of life. I remember coming to Luton initially and ever since that day, things have gone from strength to strength and I have enjoyed every moment of it."

Beresford, along with the rest of the squad, have had a two-week break to gather their thoughts ahead of the forthcoming Christmas schedule following recent defeats against Burnley, Sheffield United and Coventry.

Luton faced a similar scenario last season when, on their way to League One title, the Hatters were defeated three times on the spin with some believing that the wheels had come off the bandwagon.

However, Beresford is adamant that the club can repeat the form from last season and quickly turn around their Championship form that has seen ourselves make an impressive start to life in this division.

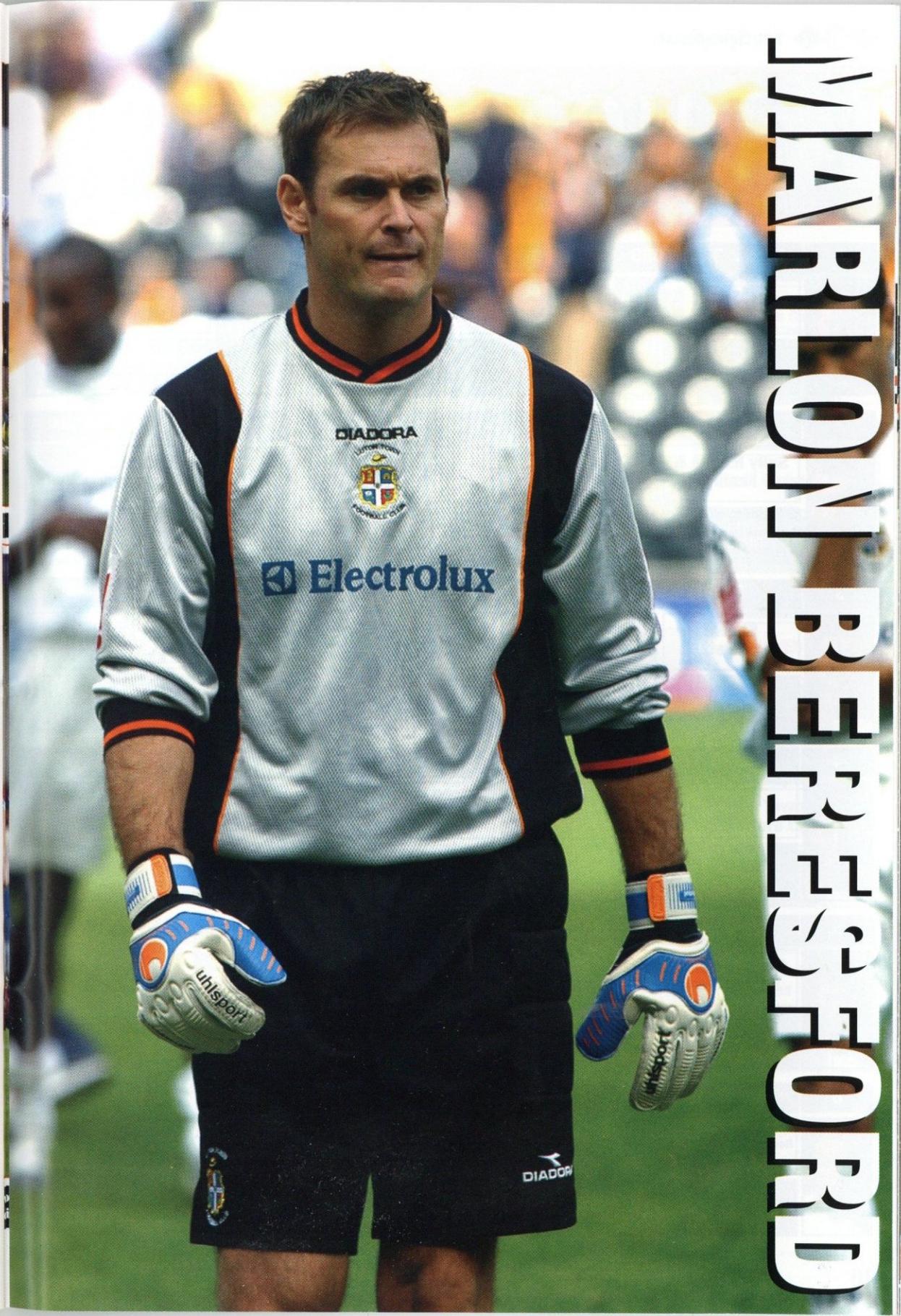
Beresford continued: "For as long as I've been at this club, it hasn't been used to losing games. We had a blip last season, when we lost three in a row as well, and we came back from it. That's what we've got to do again this time around.

"A break is always welcome but the recent break has obviously helped, particularly after losing three on the bounce.

"It has been a chance to recharge the batteries, get a few players back fit, and hopefully it will have done us a world of good.

"The three games we lost on the trot last season hasn't really been talked about. The manager has mentioned it and has spoken on how well we have responded.

"The fans have been used to winning over the last two years and our current form will be different for them but along with the lads they can play their part in helping to turn things around."



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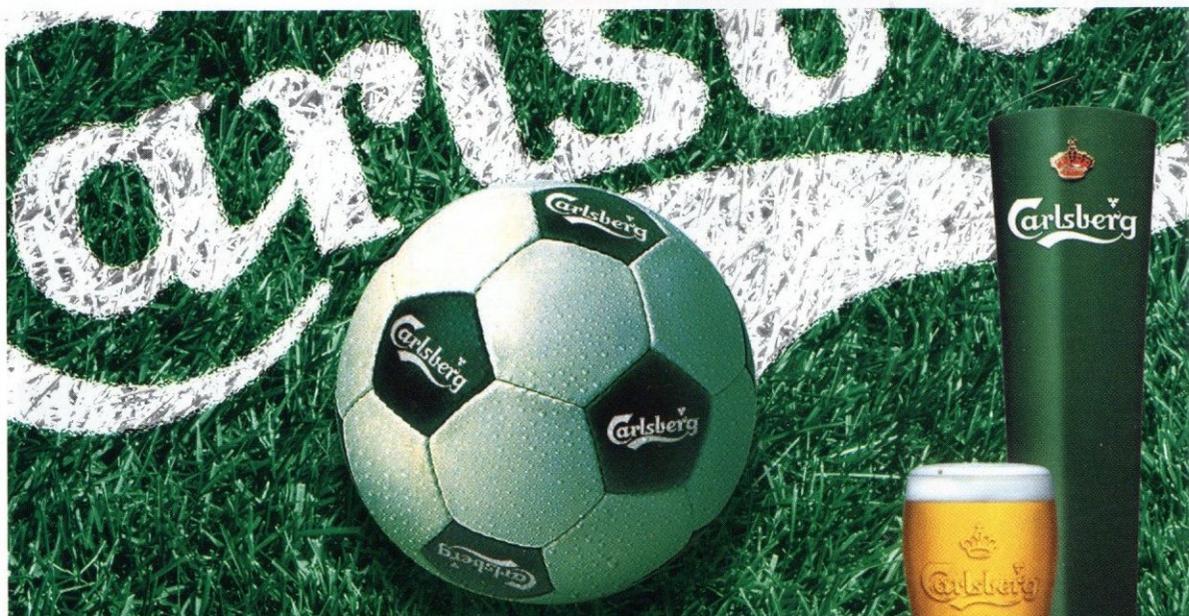
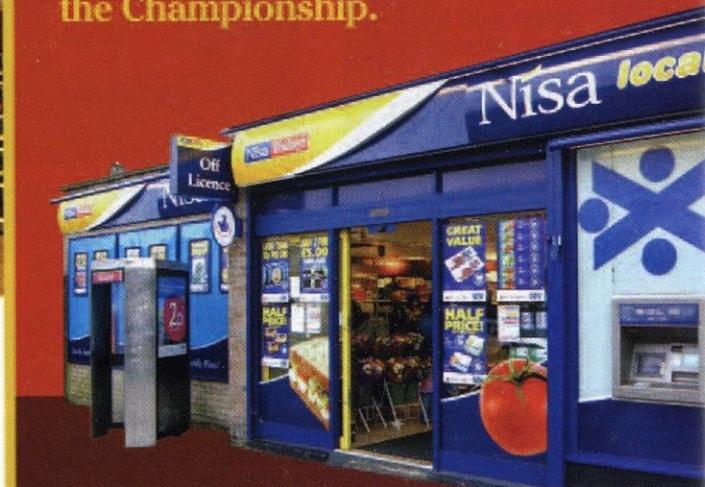
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# League Round-Up



GEOFF KNOX looks at the latest news from around the division as a number of clubs continue to strengthen their squad for the busy Christmas programme

**F**ormer Hatters target Nathan Tyson has finally ended speculation about which Championship club he is to join by signing on loan with a view to a permanent move for League One club Nottingham Forest!

Averaging a goal a game in his first thirteen starts of the season, the constant media speculation took its toll on his form as he subsequently went six games without scoring – prompting Wycombe Wanderers manager John Gorman to concede that it was time to face the inevitable.

unsuccessful spell last year, and it certainly hasn't been a picnic for Gary Megson thus far.

Still, good luck to Forest on a stunning acquisition, as the Hatters joined Cardiff City, Hull City and Wolves as unlucky losers.

Tyson also bizarrely turned down a move to Sheffield Wednesday, recently. After travelling up to Hillsborough to discuss the transfer he felt that the Yorkshire club weren't keen enough to sign him, despite the three firm bids

**Wolves manager Glenn Hoddle returned to his former club Tottenham in a bid to extend midfielder Tom Huddlestone's loan move to another month at Molineux. Huddlestone only signed for Sprus from Wolves**

Roughly translated into "as long as he does the business" the terms of the view to a permanent move when the January transfer window opens should be worth around £700,000 to Wycombe - as long as Tyson makes good progress and can handle the demands of a big club with big expectations.

Presumably, Forest will also have to match the player's ambitions.

Ex-Luton boss Joe Kinnear found the going tough at the City Ground in an

for the player spiralling to £750,000.

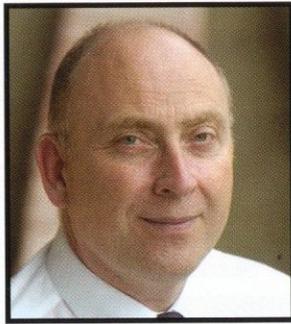
One Championship club who are happy with the proposed transaction is Dean Morgan's former employer, Reading, who will receive a six-figure sum if the deal goes through as part of a sell-on clause from when Wycombe signed Tyson from the Royals two seasons ago.

Elsewhere, Leeds United made light of their intense rivalry with Manchester United by signing quality midfielder Liam Miller on loan until January.

Dubbed the new Roy Keane when he was signed from Celtic in the summer of 2004, he was rumoured to have incurred the wrath (amongst others) of the fiery Republic of Ireland captain in the infamous MUTV interview that plastered the sports pages earlier this month.

Wolves manager Glenn Hoddle returned to his former club Spurs in a bid to extend midfielder Tom Huddlestone's loan move to another month at Molineux. Huddlestone only signed for Spurs from Wolves' Championship rivals Derby County during the summer, but has found first team opportunities very hard to come by at White Hart Lane so far this season.

Fresh from celebrating the go-ahead for the construction of their new stadium, Brighton fans have also been cheered by the news that star striker Leon Knight and manager Mark McGhee have decided to kiss and make up over a dispute which stemmed from Knight's angry reaction at being substituted in a recent Championship match against Wolves.



# Roger Wash

**1974  
1975**

From the 1974/75 season, Roger Wash reviews a year when the Hatters narrowly failed to avoid the drop from the top flight. They did, though, go down with all guns blazing.



Welcome to Division One! Liverpool hard man Tommy Smith manhandles Barry Butlin on the opening day of the season.

Following promotion from the old Division Two in 1974 the Town were now back in the top flight for the first time since 1960. Although the directors were delighted with the progress made on the pitch they were secretly nervous off it as money was still extremely tight and supporters would expect top class signings and to hell with the consequences.

All the worries and fears behind the scenes were of little consequence to the average supporter who merely wanted to be entertained. The visit of Liverpool to Kenilworth Road on the opening day together with all the

media scrum involved with a big game, brought home the fact that Luton Town were back in the big time.

The Town went down in glorious failure to the Reds but it soon became apparent that the team was out of its depth at this level and it took until game ten for a victory to be recorded, and as Christmas approached a record low points total for the division seemed on the cards.

On 7th December at an away game at Chelsea, manager Harry Haslam decided to bring in the youngsters and, as well as re-introducing Steve Buckley in place of Bobby Thomson, he blooded

18 year old Paul Futcher; his summer signing from Chester. Although the match was lost 0-2, to continue the depressing run of defeats, the Luton supporters at Stamford Bridge that day saw a star in the making, as young Paul played as he had been in fixture in the heart of the Luton defence for years.

The following week's game at Liverpool was also lost by the same scoreline, but on 21st December the first win for three months was achieved when Derby, the eventual champions, were seen off 1-0 at Kenilworth Road.

Goalscoring was still a problem and in

## LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
15) Newcastle	42	15	9	18	59	72	39
16) Arsenal	42	13	11	18	47	49	37
17) Birmingham	42	14	9	19	54	61	37
18) Leicester	42	11	12	18	46	60	36
19) Tottenham	42	13	8	21	52	65	34
20) LUTON	42	11	11	20	47	65	33
21) Chelsea	42	9	15	18	42	72	33
22) Carlisle	42	12	5	25	43	59	29

a desperate bid to increase the strike tally, Haslam introduced Paul's twin brother Ron to the fray for the match at league leaders Ipswich on Boxing Day. Ron, signed as a makeweight to keep his brother from feeling homesick, was drafted in to replace Adrian Alston after surprising the manager by scoring 22 reserve goals.

With only 30 seconds left, Luton winger John Aston, in a rare foray over the half-way line, crossed the ball with his left foot from the right wing and Ron Futcher rose to glance in a delicate header for an undeserved win.

For the home game with Wolves two days later, the twins retained their places and in a rip-roaring encounter Ron carved his name in Luton folklore with a hat-trick in a 3-2 victory.

The Hatters still had a lot of catching up to do, however, but by March they had forced themselves off the bottom of the table and were attempting to claw their way out of the relegation positions.

A run of three straight wins at this time certainly helped the cause and provided Luton supporters with some of the most exciting and atmospheric games at Kenilworth Road for years.

After Carlisle were seen off at Brunton Park, home games against current champions Leeds and near neighbours Arsenal provided marvellous entertainment.

In front of capacity crowds the Hatters were roared on to victory as they attacked in droves in almost cavalier fashion which the opposition could not live with.

The Easter games pitched the Town against Derby and Wolves, both away, but in a massive collapse the Hatters were thrashed on both occasions. Worse was to come when, on the following Saturday, the Hatters lost to fellow strugglers Tottenham at White Hart Lane, with the winner coming from Alfie Conn who was blatantly off-side.

# 1974/75

**Manager:** Harry Haslam

**Top Scorer:** Jim Ryan and Adrian Alston

**League Position:** 20th

**FA Cup:** 3rd Round

**League Cup:** 3rd Round

**Memorable Match:** Vs Leeds United W 2-1

The Town were now back to square one but such was the determination running through the side that, amazingly, three wins followed to set up a grandstand finish to the campaign.

Everton, Leicester and Birmingham were swept aside on more waves of all-out attack to set hopes soaring once more, and after a home draw with Manchester City on the final day the Town had finally forced their way out of the relegation positions at the expense of Tottenham.

Tottenham had one game left to play though, at home to Leeds, and it was generally felt that they would be hard pushed to secure a result against the reigning League Champions and European Cup finalists.

A great many Luton supporters travelled to White Hart Lane to witness a hoped for Leeds win, but were shocked to see a poor Spurs side suddenly play like world beaters and win 4-2. Conspiracy theories abound to this day!

## Elsewhere in football

\* Don Revie is appointed the new manager of England in succession to Sir Alf Ramsey.

\* Bill Shankly retires from the hot seat at Liverpool to be replaced by Bob Paisley.

\* George Best signs to play in two pre-season friendlies for Southern League Dunstable, one of which is against the Hatters.

\* Denis Law retires from the game. Brian Clough is sacked after only 44 days in charge at Leeds.

\* Peter Shilton moves from Leicester to Stoke for £325,000, a world record for a goalkeeper.

\* Johan Cruyff is voted European Footballer of the Year for an unprecedented third time.

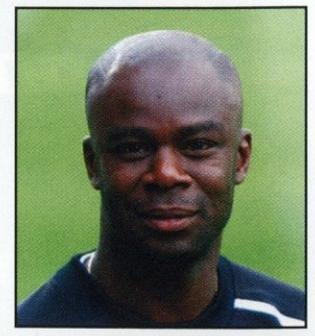
\* Ex-Hatters boss Allan Brown is sacked by Nottingham Forest.

\* Ex-Luton favourite, Malcolm Macdonald, nets five goals at Wembley as England put Cyprus to the sword.

\* Aston Villa beat Norwich in the League Cup final while West Ham win the FA Cup after easing past Fulham at Wembley.

\* Leeds United lose to Bayern Munich in the European Cup final in Paris.

# Luton's Youth



**Luton's youth side recorded back-to-back victories for the first time since the start of the season following a 2-1 victory over Swansea. MARVIN JOHNSON looks back at the match**

## Luton Town 2 Swansea City 1

(Preston, R Sinclair)

Tuesday 9th November 2005  
Youth Alliance Cup

Luton's youth side recorded back-to-back victories for the first time since the start of the season following a 2-1 victory over Swansea in the Youth Alliance Cup.

Although the Hatters had only a slim chance of qualifying for the next stages of the competition, Marvin Johnson's youngsters put in a commendable performance.

Goals from Rob Sinclair and Russell Preston helped give Luton victory in this fixture.

Speaking to tonight's matchday programme, Johnson said: "We hadn't been involved in action for a couple of weeks going into this match and it is sometimes very difficult to maintain that fluency of how you have been playing.

"This was a game that the lads were looking forward to after not playing for a few weeks and at times we did look a bit rusty and I know, along with the lads, that they can play a lot better.

"Swansea fielded a very young side and I opted to go for a very similar

line-up, with a number of players under the age of 18 so we were evenly matched in that area.

"Although we won the game, I was looking at the performance. Nobody in the youth department will get any pats on the back if we win something this year but we don't have players progressing through the system and challenging for a place in the first-team.

"It always helps team morale if we can win games but our job is to produce football players to play at the top level for this football club.

"I feel that we have underachieved in terms of results and the league table doesn't lie. We are currently in the bottom half of the table and I have told the boys that we need to improve on our position.

"Hopefully our performances by Christmas time will improve. We know our lads are capable of stepping up a level and hopefully our performance will help earn us some positive results.

### YOUTH NEWS

The draw for the FA Youth Cup Third Round was made last week with Luton handed an away tie against West Ham United.

Date and time for this fixture is yet to be advised.

### 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)	D 2-2
Sat 08	Colchester United	L 0-4
Sat 15	Brighton	L 0-1
Sat 22	Brighton (Yth Cup)	W 2-1
November		
Sat 05	Newport (Yth Cup)	P-P
Sat 11	Swansea City	W 2-1
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
Brighton	6	4	2	0	14	7	15
QPR	6	4	1	1	13	8	13
Northampton	7	3	2	2	15	11	11
Wycombe	6	3	2	1	10	7	11
Brentford	7	3	1	3	19	12	10
Leyton Orient	7	3	1	3	12	10	10
Rushden & D	6	2	2	2	10	8	8
Gillingham	7	2	2	3	13	12	8
Colchester Utd	6	2	2	2	8	7	8
Portsmouth	6	2	1	3	6	11	7
<b>LUTON</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>
Cambridge Utd	7	2	0	5	9	19	6
Southend Utd	7	1	1	5	6	16	4

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Luton's Reserves

# Luton's Reserves

**PONTIN'S**  
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**Luton's reserve side made it four wins from four games in emphatic style as the Hatters came from behind to defeat Leyton Orient. MARVIN JOHNSON gives us his view on the game**

## Leyton Orient 1 Luton Town 4

(Vine x 2, Heller, Showunmi)

Tuesday 9th November 2005  
Pontin's Reserve League

Luton's reserve side made it maximum points from four games as Marvin Johnson witnessed his side come from behind to claim a deserved victory.

Enoch Showunmi continued his phenomenal scoring record at reserve team level with his seventh in four appearances but the day was to belong to Rowan Vine who netted a brace on his comeback from injury. Richard Heller, a trialist from Tottenham, was also on the score sheet for the Hatters.

Speaking to tonight's matchday programme, Johnson said: "We had, on paper, an inexperienced team out for this fixture compared to Leyton Orient so I was pleased with our performance, especially in the second-half

"We went a goal down but we could have easily been two goals up before they scored their goal. I wasn't overall disappointed when we went a goal behind because we were playing some good football.

"Rowan Vine and Enoch Showunmi

are probably players who could go into the first team and do a job at the moment so we always know that if they get chances at this level, they are more than likely going to take them.

"We were pleased with Danny Stevens in this game as he continues to make good progress at this level. He came into the game in the second-half, especially when we dominated the game.

"Dean Morgan was also involved to try and give him more match fitness and he did well in producing a couple of the goals.

"All in all, I would assume that the senior management would have been pleased with this performance. It is important that we continue to use these games to get players back and improve their match fitness.

"However, it is great to see us keep winning. We still have six or seven players playing in the reserves who played in the youth team week-in week-out and it is good to see so many of that group coming through and not get affected by the results.

"It will now be a challenge for the players to maintain this consistency throughout the season."

## LTFC RESERVES

Date	Opponent	KO/Result
August		
Wed 24	Cardiff (Play-Off Final)	L 1-4
September		
Wed 07	Oxford United	W 1-0
October		
Tues 04	Barnet	W 8-2
Wed 12	Brighton (PHC)	D 0-0
Tues 25	Milton Keynes Dons	W 3-2
November		
Wed 09	Leyton Orient	W 4-1
Tues 15	Northampton Town	P-P
Tues 29	Southend United	2:00 pm
December		
Sat 06	Millwall (PHC)	2:00 pm
Tues 20	Stevenage Borough	2:00 pm
January		
Tues 10	Oxford United	2:00 pm
Tues 17	Colchester Utd (PHC)	2:00 pm
Wed 25	Colchester Utd	2:00 pm
February		
Tues 07	Southend United	2:00 pm
Tues 28	Stevenage Borough	2:00 pm
March		
Tues 07	Barnet	2:00 pm
Wed 22	Reading (PHC)	2:00 pm
Tues 28	Milton Keynes Dons	2:00 pm
April		
Tues 04	Leyton Orient	2:00 pm
Tues 11	Colchester United	2:00 pm
Tues 18	Northampton Town	2:00 pm

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MK Dons	7	5	1	1	17	9	16
<b>LUTON</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>
Northampton	5	3	1	1	16	6	10
Southend	5	3	1	1	7	2	10
Colchester	5	2	0	3	8	11	6
Stevenage	5	2	0	3	3	6	6
Barnet	6	2	0	4	10	19	6
Leyton Orient	6	1	0	5	6	15	3
Oxford Utd	5	0	1	4	0	10	1

Player appearances (substitute appearance in bracket): Brill 5, Stevens 5, Perrett 4, Sinclair 4, Deeny 4, Mountford 4, Showunmi 4, O'Leary 3, Hanley 3(1), Andrew 2, Barnett 2, Holmes 2, Keane 2, Asafu-Adjaye 1, Howard 1, Foley 1, Keneford 1(1), Richardson 1(1), Snodin 1, Vine 2, Green 1(1), R Sinclair 1(1), Heller 1, Morgan 1, Beckwith 1(1).

Goals: Showunmi 7, Vine 3, Andrew 1, Foley 1, Heuer 1, O'Leary 1, Perrett 1, Stevens 1, OG 1

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**Name:** Jack Cowlard  
**Age:** 12  
**School:** Verulam School, St Albans  
**Favourite Hatter:** Carlos Edwards  
**Hobbies:** Football and Rugby  
**Who accompanies you to matches:** Dad + Uncle  
**Where to you normally sit:** Family Stand



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

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**“The record books dont lie. To be a part of this Trinidad squad that has reached the World Cup Finals is a dream come true for me. We will go to the World Cup in 2006 and give it everything we have got”**



# Germany Beckoning

**Y**ou would think that after a week to reflect on their success the people of Trinidad and Tobago would be winding down the celebrations after recently booking their spot in the World Cup Finals in Germany 2006.

However, the people of the Caribbean island have been waiting a long time to reach such an achievement and the party is no doubt continuing as the Trinidad football team get set for their first ever appearance in the prestigious competition following their play-off success against Bahrain last week.

Following on from a 1-1 draw in the Port of Spain, Edwards and the Trinidad team showed the kind of unique team spirit that Luton fans have witnessed at Kenilworth Road in recent seasons with a workman like performance in Asia to defeat Bahrain thanks to a Dennis Lawrence strike early in the second-half.

Speaking to this evening's matchday programme, Carlos Edwards still admits that his achievements on the international scene is taking a while to sink in. 'I can't believe we are there', were the first words of the former

Wrexham midfielder, who confessed in a previous interview that it was always his dream of playing in the competition from a young age.

Edwards looks set to become the first Luton player since Mal Donaghy in 1986 to reach the finals of the tournament but the midfielder understands that the hard work is not over and will be looking to maintain his high standards of performance domestically to warrant his place in the 2006 World Cup squad.

Talking exclusively to tonight's matchday programme, Edwards said: "We gave it our all in the game. We knew after the first leg that we had a big job on our

hands to get a result in Bahrain and although it was a scrappy match, we gave it everything and did what we had to do.

"I have to admit that it still hasn't sunk in yet and it may take a while. To be a part of the team that has taken Trinidad to their first World Cup finals is an amazing feeling and will always go in the record books.

"The game was watched by almost 1.5 million people back in Trinidad, some of whom had already booked their ticket to the finals of the competition so they were very confident that we would come through the game."

Trinidad must now await the group draw for the opening rounds of the competition and Edwards, who played 82 minutes of the second-leg match, is not concerning himself with who his country draw in the competition.

"We won't be going there just to make up the numbers," admitted Edwards. "I am not saying that we believe that we can win it but we will go to Germany and try to compete. We have a good squad of players at the moment and we have this feeling that we can go out and win most matches.

"We are not concerning ourselves with who we draw in the group matches. The talk of playing Brazil will no doubt send shivers down the spines of most people. We are going to Germany, with our head held high and will always look to get a positive result.

"Trinidad are now at the World Cup, that is done but the hard work does not stop there. I have a job to do for Luton and there is no guarantee that I will be in the World Cup squad. I know I must continue to work hard to make sure of my place in Germany.

## 2005/2006 Appearances

	This Season				International App			Luton Town Career					
	League App	League Gls	Cup Competitions App	Cup Competitions Gls	Total App	Total Gls	Disciplinary Yel	Disciplinary Red	Nation	Caps	Gls	App	Gls
1 Marlon BERESFORD	15	0	1	0	16	0	0	0				74	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	10(3)	0	0	0	10(3)	0	2	0	Rep Ire U21	1	0	96	5
3 Sol DAVIS	9(3)	0	2	0	11(3)	0	2	0				147	2
4 Chris COYNE	11(2)	0	2	1	13(2)	1	2	0				187	13
5 Russell PERRETT	5(1)	0	0(1)	0	5(2)	0	0	1				91	8
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	11(1)	0	0	0	11(1)	0	1	0				53	5
7 Carlos EDWARDS	12(4)	1	2	0	14(4)	1	1	0	Trin & Tob	6	0	18	1
8 Kevin NICHOLLS	16	3	2	0	18	2	4	1				170	30
9 Rowan VINE	0(4)	0	0	0	0(4)	0	0	0				54	9
10 Warren FEENEY	19	5	2	1	21	6	1	0	North Ire	1(4)	2	26	6
11 Steve ROBINSON	13	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	North Ire	(1)	0	121	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(16)	0	1	0	2(16)	0	0	0				90	15
17 Paul HUGHES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				88	7
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	18	4	1	0	19	4	2	0				169	31
19 Steve HOWARD	17	7	1	0	18	7	2	1				201	95
20 Curtis DAVIES	6	1	1	0	7	1	2	0				61	2
21 Keith KEANE	0(4)	0	1(1)	0	1(5)	0	0	0	Rep Ire U21	1	0	41	1
23 Dean MORGAN	16(1)	4	2	0	18(1)	4	1	0				19	4
25 Dino SEREMET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				9	0
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	16(1)	0	0	0	16(1)	0	3	0	Finland	4	0	17	0
27 Peter HOLMES	7(3)	2	1(1)	0	8(4)	2	1	0				107	12
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	2(2)	0	1	0	3(2)	0	1	0				10	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: 21

HEADERS: 7

PENALTIES: 1

OWN GOALS: 1

FREE-KICKS: 0

TOTAL: 30

## A GAME OF TWO HALVES

## FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 21 - W 7 - D 9 - L 5 - F 17 - A 12 PTS 30

## SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 21 - W 6 - D 8 - L 7 - F 13 - A 17 PTS 26

## OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 11

Opponents score first goal: 9

No goals scored: 1

Luton Town score first and win: 7

Luton Town score first and draw: 2

Luton Town score first and lose: 2

Luton Town fail to score: 6

Opponents score first and win: 6

Opponents score first and draw: 1

Opponents score first and lose: 2

Opponents fail to score: 4

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 6

Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 10

Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 4

Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 7

# HATTERS 2005-06 STATS

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

DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	AWAY POS	LUTON PLAYERS																
					GOALKEEPER	DEFENDERS	MIDFIELDERS	STRIKERS	SUBSTITUTES												
Sat 6	Crystal Palace	2-1	21,116	2,474	4	Brill	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	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	Nicholls	Robinson	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	Nicholls	Robinson	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	Nicholls	Robinson	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	Robinson	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	Nicholls	Robinson	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	Nicholls	Robinson	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	Nicholls	Robinson	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	Nicholls	Robinson	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	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Andrew	Holmes	Keane	Barnett
Tues 20	Reading (CC2)	0-1	6,941	829	-	Brill	Edwards	Barnett	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	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	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Heikkinen	Keane	Holmes	S'wunmi
Tues 27	Preston	3-0	7,815	391	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Holmes	S'wunmi	Keane
Sat 1	Cardiff City	2-1	14,657	565	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	U'wood	S'wunmi	Keane
Sat 15	Crewe Alexandra	1-3	6,604	1,438	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Vine
Tues 18	Norwich City	4-2	10,248	1,800	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 22	Plymouth	1-1	8,714	806	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Robinson
Sat 29	Coventry City	0-1	22,228	3,928	3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	Edwards	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Keane	S'wunmi	Vine
Tues 1	Sheffield United	0-4	22,554	1,125	4	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Coyne	U'wood	Edwards	Heikkinen	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Keane	Morgan	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 5	Burnley	2-3	8,518	823	4	Beresford	Foley	Perrett	Barnett	U'wood	Edwards	Heikkinen	Holmes	Morgan	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Brkovic	Keane	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 19	Norwich	0-2	25,383	tbc	7	Beresford	Foley	Perrett	Heikkinen	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Holmes	S'wunmi	Vine

## COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

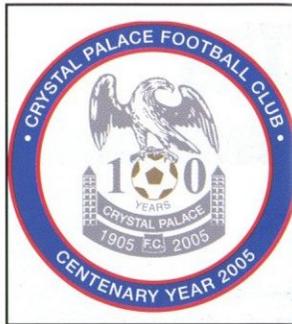
Team	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
Sheff Utd	19	8	2	0	21	6	6	1	2	19	11	+23	45
Reading	19	8	1	1	22	8	5	4	0	11	3	+22	44
Watford	19	5	2	3	17	12	5	3	1	16	10	+11	35
Leeds	18	4	3	1	13	9	4	3	3	10	9	+5	30
Wolves	19	4	3	2	11	7	3	4	3	15	11	+8	28
Burnley	19	5	3	2	19	11	3	1	5	8	12	+4	28
Luton	19	4	4	1	18	12	4	0	6	9	15	0	28
Stoke	19	4	1	4	11	12	5	0	5	11	4	-4	28
Crystal Palace	17	5	1	3	13	7	3	2	3	16	13	+9	27
Cardiff	19	4	3	2	16	11	3	4	3	16	11	+7	27
Southampton	18	3	5	1	10	6	2	5	2	12	11	+5	25
Preston	19	2	6	2	8	8	3	4	2	13	11	+2	25
QPR	19	4	2	3	11	9	2	4	4	10	17	-5	24
Ipswich	19	4	2	3	12	13	2	4	4	10	15	-6	24
Norwich	19	4	3	1	11	8	2	0	6	8	16	-5	22
Leicester	18	3	3	3	9	8	1	5	3	7	11	-3	20
Plymouth	18	3	4	2	11	10	1	3	5	5	13	-7	19
Sheff Wed	19	3	3	3	11	12	1	4	5	6	13	-8	19
Crewe	19	3	4	3	13	16	1	3	5	9	18	-12	19
Derby	19	2	5	3	14	17	1	4	4	11	14	-6	18
Coventry	19	3	3	3	12	12	0	6	4	10	17	-7	18
Hull	19	2	4	3	8	8	2	2	6	7	14	-7	18
Brighton	19	1	4	5	12	17	1	6	2	7	11	-9	16
Millwall	19	0	3	6	4	15	2	4	4	11	17	-17	13

## TONIGHT'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

- Crystal Palace v Coventry
- Cardiff v Brighton
- Hull v Southampton
- Ipswich v Reading
- Leeds United v Burnley
- Leicester v Watford
- Millwall v Norwich City
- QPR v Preston
- Sheffield Wed v Plymouth Argyle
- Stoke City v Derby County
- Wolves v Sheffield United

# Coming Next

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**DES O'DONNELL previews Luton's next opponents to Kenilworth Road - Crystal Palace. Tipped as one of the teams to make a speedy return to the Premiership, The Eagles are finding the fight harder than expected**

Former Luton striker and current Crystal Palace boss Iain Dowie will be looking for revenge after his team's opening game of the season, when The Hatters raided the nest at Selhurst Park to take all three points in a Championship opening day fixture. In a hard fought match, goals from striker Steve Howard and midfielder Ahmet Brkovic sealed the 2 - 1 victory, informing the Championship the Hatters were not to be taken lightly.

Since that defeat, Palace found life difficult on their return to the Championship following their immediate relegation from top flight football last season. Dowie's team had only

take one point from their opening three games but have bounced back and are slowly mounting that promotion push that so many supporters and pundits had predicted since the first ball was kicked

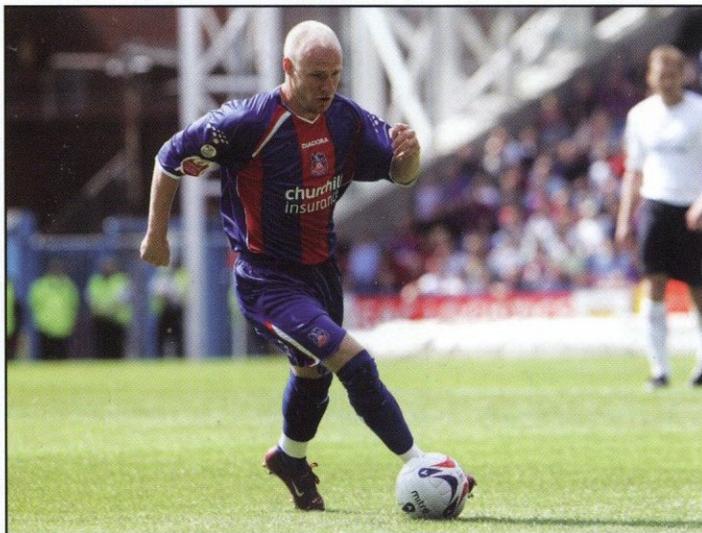
The Eagles will not be too familiar with the route to Kenilworth Road as it has been nearly a decade since they last flew into town. The spoils were shared on that occasion, in March 1996, with a goalless draw.

Luton's record over Palace is nothing short of disappointing and if Mike Newell's team can win this weekend, it would be the first double the Hatters

have recorded over the London-based side since the 1973/74 season. Luton victory at Selhurst Park this season was their first win against Crystal Palace since 1990, with no victory in eight attempts following that game.

Crystal Palace have a strong attacking duo in former Birmingham players Andy Johnson and Clinton Morrison. Johnson has been on target six times so far this season, after an impressive tally of 21 goals last year in the Premiership. The Eagles defence will be more familiar to the Luton fans with the Hatters' 2003/04 "Player of the Year" Emmerson Boyce, shoring up the right-back position, after moving to Selhurst Park last year. Emmerson settled into the Premiership with ease, earning a nomination for Player of the Year. In midfield, Palace have quality from left-to-right with Fitz Hall and Michael Hughes in inspirational form this season.

Following that poor start to the season the Eagles are gaining momentum with a strong performance in October, winning four in six, notably two impressive victories against QPR (3 - 1) and Coventry (4 - 1). Placed just outside the play-off positions, Palace will be looking to consolidate their promotion chances with a win at Kenilworth Road as they try to maintain their impressive run of form.



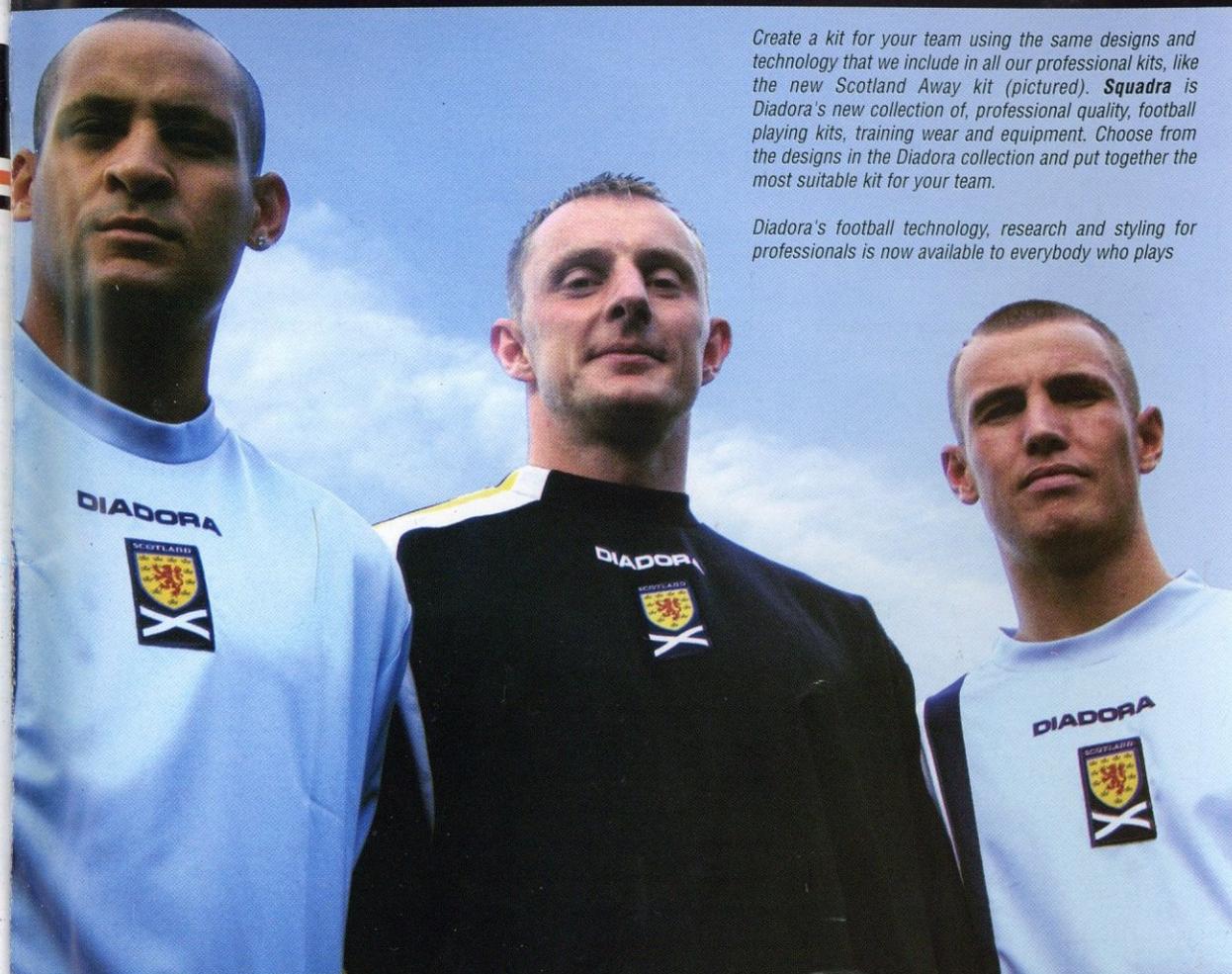
□ Andrew Johnson is hoping to claim a place in England's World Cup squad

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