

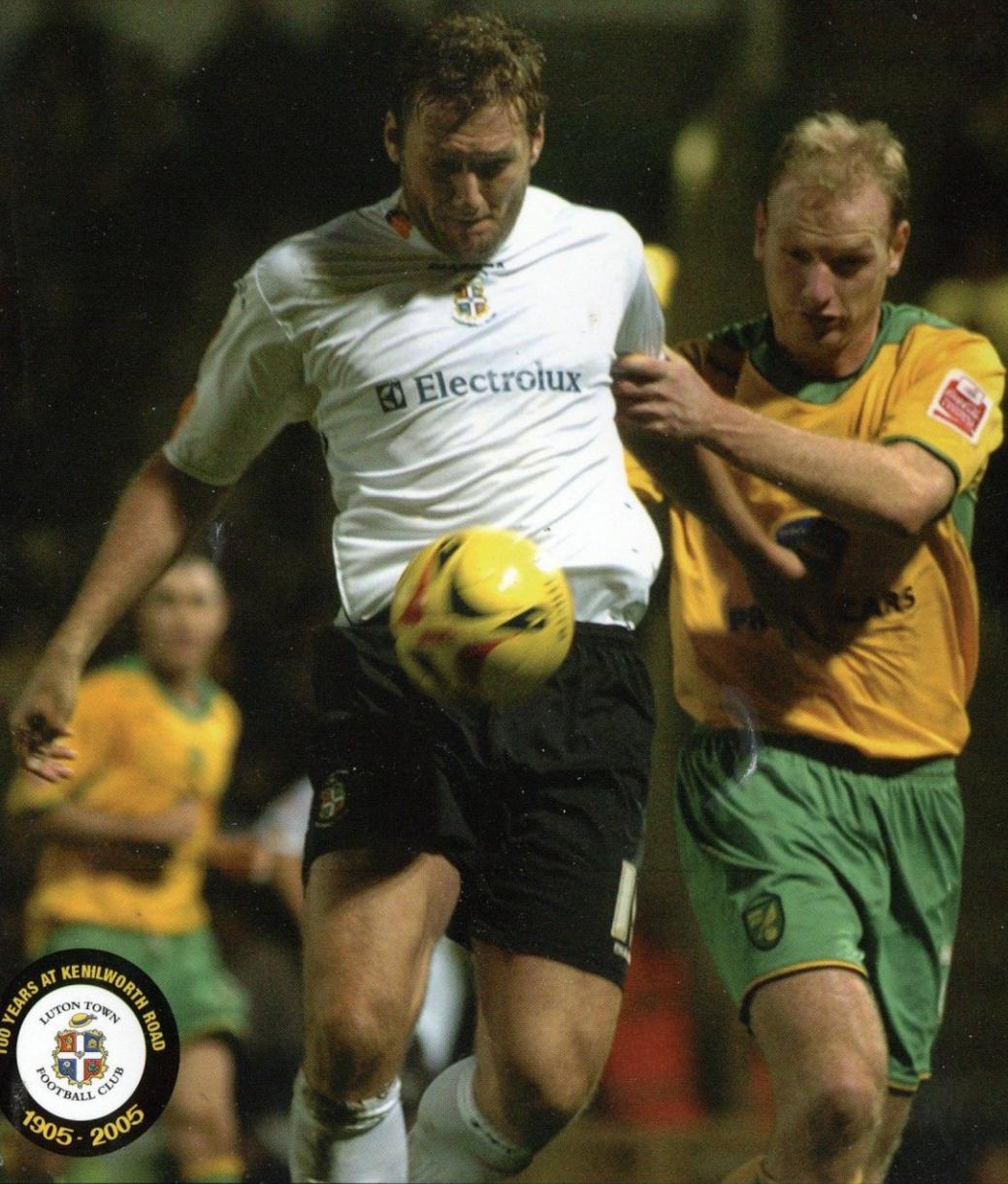
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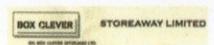
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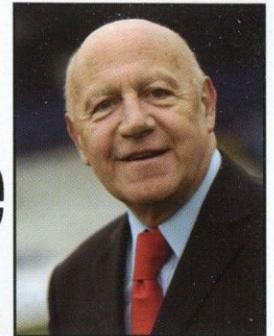
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# Warm Welcome



## From Luton Town Chairman Bill Tomlins

Welcome to our Supporters and also today's Championship visitors Crystal Palace, their Chairman, Directors, Players and Supporters.

Kenilworth Road was Crystal Palace manager Iain Dowie's first professional club and as Club Secretary I can recall signing him from Hendon Football Club and of course his subsequent sale to West Ham United. We have known each other for twenty-one years. I am so pleased to see an ex-Town player receiving the well deserved credit of being a successful player to becoming one of the games exciting young managers.

"Of course the same will be said of our Manager Michael Newell who has taken our club to where we are today, competing in the Championship in just two and a half years. Tuesdays match against Crewe was for many of us a massive game. Michael's confidence and his belief in Brian Stein and the teams ability to do well, is so refreshing and for me the result at the final whistle spoke volumes."

The club was frustrated that the Manager was restricted in not being able to have the opportunity to select Carlos Edwards last Saturday against Norwich. Carlos was held back in Trinidad for additional celebrations after their World Cup qualifying result. However like three other clubs who also lost a player because of late returns to the UK on the

Saturday, the club has written to the Football Association highlighting this breach in FIFA regulations for players international arrangements.

"Progress is continuing to be made on our new relocation site at Junction 12, Southbound of the M1 Motorway. An initial meeting with The Highways Agency has been very positive and also the meetings to establish the funding for the new stadium from the necessary enabling development. It is essential to establish these parameters before we can move to the next stage of the planning process. This will then enable the club to give more details to supporters, allay the concerns of the local Parish Councillor's and residents and also show the benefits a new stadium and its leisure and community facilities will bring to the area."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our supporters for their generosity at our fundraising 'Sportsman Dinner' at the Chiltern Hotel on Thursday evening when Tommy Docherty was our guest speaker: Peter Davis and his commercial team must be congratulated on making these sporting evenings successful for guests and the club

Enjoy the game and get behind the players, you can make the difference.

Bill

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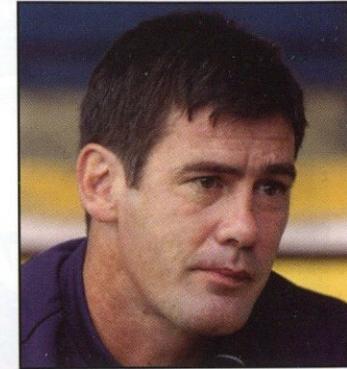
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# Mike Newell



**MIKE NEWELL** reflects back on the recent performance against Crewe and the possibilities of new faces arriving at Kenilworth Road

**H**ello and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Crystal Palace. Welcome also to Iain Dowie, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from Selhurst Park. Although they didn't have the start they would have liked after relegation, Crystal

players beginning to doubt their ability because of a few bad results. There will be ups and downs along the way and we will need patience from supporters at times. There are reasons for dips in form, whether it be individually or collectively and the most successful clubs are the ones where

policy is, and has always been the same. We aim to improve the club gradually and progressively and the way to do that is by bringing in players that are either going to play in the team immediately or players of an age or potential that we know will make us better and stronger in the long run.

**“I am constantly being asked about bringing in new players during the transfer window and my answer is always the same. We will not bring in anyone just to make up the numbers. We aim to improve the club gradually and progressively.”**

I will not be rushed into panic buying and will not waste money as the club cannot afford to. I definitely will not give in to the agents - they can be beaten and they will be.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Mike

Palace are starting to get it together and today's match will be a difficult game for us.

Tuesday's result and performance against Crewe was just what we were after. The last thing we need now, after the start we made, is

those dips last the shortest time.

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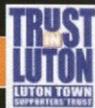


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# Kevin Nicholls



Skipper Kevin Nicholls reflects on Tuesday's win against Crewe Alexandra and looks at the importance of today's game with Crystal Palace.

It was very pleasing to get back to winning ways on Tuesday night with a solid performance against Crewe. We were under a bit of pressure to get a result having not won in our previous five matches and losing four on the spin.

I felt we started the game brightly

the season. Viney has been working hard since his pre-season injury and he was rewarded with his two goals. Enoch is another who has been itching to get into the team and the lads were pleased that he has managed to get off the mark.

The only slight disappointment about Tuesday night was that we

line-up and that always proves healthy competition. We know that we are not blessed with a big squad but players that are coming into the side are taking their chances with both hands and there don't seem many individuals putting in bad performances.

Today will obviously be a tough test as we welcome Crystal Palace to Kenilworth Road. Palace are currently one place behind us in the Championship table, with two games in-hand and will no doubt certainly be up for this game.

It will be important for us to build on our win on Tuesday night as we now look to string some winning results together. With a full house expected, your support can be vital so enjoy the game and continue to get behind the lads

Nico

It was fantastic to see Rowan Vine get off the mark in his first start of the season. Viney has been working hard since his pre-season injury and he was rewarded with his two goals against Crewe.

and had a lot of possession but Crewe probably had the best chance of the first-half. However I always felt that once we had taken the lead then the floodgates would open and that proved to be the case.

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were unable to keep a clean sheet. However I felt the lads put on a professional performance and we have now moved back into fifth position in the Championship table, a place where we want to be.

The appearance of Viney, Enoch and Leon Barnett means everyone is fighting for places in the starting



# Cherry Newbery

Cherry Newbery brings you news from around Kenilworth Road

We are pleased to welcome members of The Rotary Club of Luton who are here today collecting for one of the Mayor of Luton's chosen charities, The Pasque Hospice.

Today's match has been chosen as the main game on The Championship programme on ITV which is broadcast tomorrow at

**Today's match has been chosen as the main game on The Championship programme on ITV which is broadcast tomorrow at 9:25am.**

9.25 a.m. Whilst speaking of television games, and the changes this brings, can I advise you of forthcoming confirmed live SKY games.

Our away game at Southampton is now on Sunday 11th December with a 1.30 p.m. kick-off, whilst our first away league match of 2006 against Wolverhampton Wanderers will be played on Friday 13th January, kick-off 7.45 p.m. There was some confusion regarding our home match with Reading, which we were originally

advised would be screened on Monday 20th February. However due to a Football League commitment we were requested to change to Friday 17th February with a 7.45 pm kick-off, a change we were happy to accept.

Our reserve team fixtures have had changes also, with our home match with Northampton scheduled for

15th November being postponed due to their involvement in the FA Youth Cup. There is no new date for this fixture yet. Then came the postponement of another home match with Southend (29th November) due to our own involvement in the FA Youth Cup Third Round and the first convenient re-arranged date for both teams is Tuesday 14th March 2006. The later part of this week saw Millwall's involvement in the FA Youth Cup postpone our scheduled

home match on 6th December and at the present time we do not have a new date for this match. At this rate it could be the New Year before the reserves play in another competitive Pontins match!

The youth team will be in action in the Third Round of The F.A. Youth Cup on Wednesday 30th November when they play West Ham United at Upton Park, kick-off 7.00 p.m. Entry is £3.00 adults and £1.00 senior citizens and juniors. There are no replays in the FA Youth Competition, so if the scores are level at the end of full time then extra time and, if necessary, penalties will be taken. It would be good to have your support at the game if you able to make it.

Finally, I would just like to mention Alison Taylor, a long standing supporter of the club, who runs the Bricklayers Arms in Hightown, where many supporters regularly meet before our home matches. Alison celebrates twenty years at the Brickies on the 30th of this month so we send her our congratulations.

Enjoy the game.

Cherry



## TICKET NEWS FOR FORTHCOMING HOME GAMES

TICKETS FOR THE FOLLOWING HOME MATCHES ARE ALSO ON SALE FROM THE TICKET OFFICE

SAT 17TH DEC - STOKE CITY - 3:00PM KICK-OFF (ALL TICKET)

WED 28TH DEC - BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION - 7:45PM KICK-OFF

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

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### READING V LUTON TOWN

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SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2005

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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 AND MEMBERS: Can purchase one ticket (subject to availability) 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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MEMBERS: Will be able to purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability) from after the game today 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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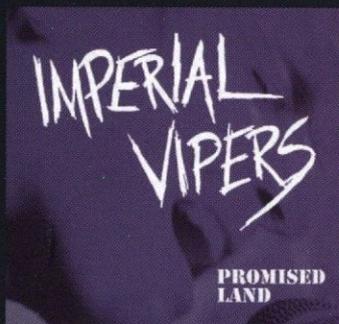


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**MEMBERS:** Will be able to purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability) from 1st December 2005 until close of business on 17th December 2005.

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**MONDAY 2ND JANUARY 2006**

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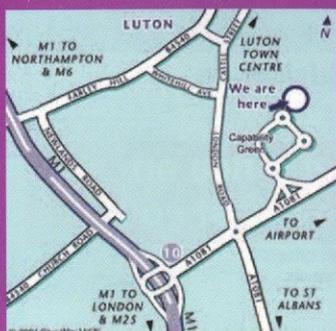


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# CRYSTAL PALACE

Crystal Palace's surge up the Championship table after a slow start to the season may not have surprised many of the neutrals. Iain Dowie has the massive task of leading The Eagles back into the top flight after relegation from the Premiership last season. GILL FRY welcomes today's visitors to Kenilworth Road.



## CRYSTAL PALACE FACTFILE



**CRYSTAL PALACE**  
**Year Formed:** 1905  
**Ground:** Selhurst Park  
**Ground Capacity:** 26,400  
**Most League Goals:** Peter Simpson (153) - 1930-36  
**Most Capped Player:** Eric Young, 19, Wales  
**Most League Appearances:** Jimmy Cannon, 571, 1973-88

No doubt, ex-Hatter, Iain Dowie will be looking for his side to secure another three points to inch towards the play-offs. Last weekend, the Eagles clinched a dramatic 3-2 away win over Brighton and Hove Albion and they continued their impressive run of results with a 2-0 victory over Coventry in midweek.

The early promotion favourites closing in on the play-off position, today's match should prove an exciting one.

Palace gave a good account of themselves against Brighton, taking a well deserved three points, revenge for their 1-0 defeat at home in October. Dougie Freedman scored his 100th goal for the Eagles, proving that the experienced striker, and longest serving player, is a creative force to be reckoned with. He provided both equalisers, within five minutes of Brighton taking the lead. His first, a header supplied from a cross by Clinton Morrison and his second, a low shot taken from a pass by Marco Reich.

Reich was a recent signing when his contract with Derby County expired. His

play so far this season has been impressive enough for Dowie to offer him an extension to his contract. Reich scored in his debut against Coventry in the Carling Cup and, provided his recent injury doesn't see him excluded today, he should provide plenty of scoring opportunities.

Jobi McAnuff came off the substitute bench against Brighton and the Jamaican international is a gifted player, who can play on either flank or straight through the midfield. He has been plagued by recent injury, but no doubt, his enforced rest hasn't curbed his strong, quick, ball ability. It was in the dying minutes of the Brighton game that McAnuff collected a pass from Morrison to shoot from 20 yards, low into the corner of the net, to secure that historic victory.

Midfielder, Michael Hughes has passing ability and experience vital to the Eagles, whilst Clinton Morrison, has rejoined Palace from Birmingham City. As a quick, talented player with a flair for putting the ball in the back of the net, the top goal scorer is definitely a man to mark.

This has the potential to be a good game with plenty of goal scoring chances from both sides. Newell's team should beware, as the Eagles are soaring high now and have an eye on the Town's play off place.



## Dangerman: Andrew Johnson

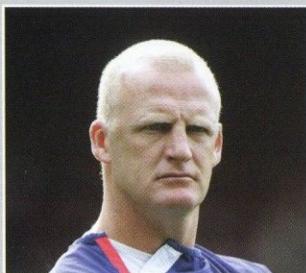
Andrew came to the club from Birmingham City as part of the deal that took Clinton Morrison to St Andrews in the summer of 2002 and he ensured himself hero-status when he fired a hat-trick against our local rivals Brighton later that year. His electric pace means that he is a real handful for any defence and his non-stop running keeps defenders on their toes for the whole 90 minutes. In the 2003/04 season Andrew scored a fantastic 32 goals in all competitions as Palace won promotion to the Premiership. His goal tally was the highest in the Football League that season and it was also the highest total in a single season from a Palace player in 69 years and it also won him the Player of the Year award. It was hard to imagine how the 2004/05 season could be any better for Andrew but he went on to score 21 Premiership goals to finish second in the list of top-flight scorers. His tally was the highest by a Palace player in the top-flight and his form also attracted the attention of England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson who made Andrew the first Palace player since Nigel Martyn in 1992 to represent England. Andrew's contribution to the club last season was recognised with a second successive Player of the Year award making him only the seventh man to win the award more than once and only the second to win it two years in a row.

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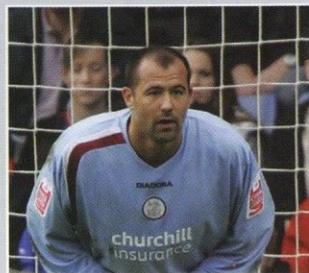


## Manager Goalkeeper Skipper



**Iain Dowie**

Crystal Palace manager, Iain Dowie was born on January 9, 1965 in Hatfield. Although born in England, his father was born in Belfast and Dowie gained 59 caps for Northern Ireland. Iain has a Masters degree in mechanical engineering, which he believes helps him to be logical and analytical in his approach to football management. Iain's days in football began at non-league Hendon in 1987. An old-fashioned centre-forward, Dowie had stints at Luton, Fulham, and West Ham United, before moving to Southampton, where he had over 100 appearances. Iain Dowie then signed to Crystal Palace. Ironically, considering his success there as a manager, Dowie's short spell as a player at Palace was not a happy one ending in relegation. Dowie moved back to West Ham before joining Queen's Park Rangers, where he ended his playing days, and became player-manager of the reserves. Dowie joined Oldham Athletic as assistant coach and then got promoted to first team manager, and against the odds, he took Oldham to the play-offs. It was then that Dowie had his extraordinary start as Palace manager. Crystal Palace were struggling near the foot of Division One, when chairman Simon Jordan brought Dowie in to replace Steve Kember. Taking over in December 2003, Dowie's task was to keep Palace up. But he did a lot better than that. Barely 5 months after his appointment, Dowie's Crystal Palace beat West Ham 1-0 in the play-off final and secured promotion to the Premiership. As well as being quick to praise the attitude of his players, Iain Dowie also gives credit to his brother Bob, chief scout and John Harbin, the Australian fitness coach Dowie met while manager of Oldham



**Gabor Kiraly**

Gabor was signed from German Bundesliga side Hertha Berlin on a free transfer in the summer of 2004. While playing in Germany he made over 200 appearances and forged a reputation as one of the best goalkeepers in the country. He is a huge presence in the area who breeds confidence in those around him with his calm head but despite his size he is incredibly agile which is why he is currently the first choice goalkeeper for Hungary with over 50 caps to his name. It took until the seventh game of the 2004/05 season for Gabor to make his Palace debut but when the opportunity came he grabbed it with both hands. His positive attitude and eccentric ways, including doing the splits on the halfway line and his famous grey jogging trousers, has meant that supporters have taken him to their hearts. He also performed superbly last season with a penalty save from Wayne Rooney at Old Trafford and a last minute stop against Liverpool at Selhurst Park among his most memorable saves.



**Fitz Hall**

At six foot four inches tall Fitz is a towering presence in the centre of the Eagles defence and last season he certainly put in some monumental performances after arriving from Southampton in a deal worth £1.5m in August 2004. The Walthamstow-born defender started his career at Barnet before moving onto non-league Chesham United where Bob Dowie was manager. Iain Dowie first noticed Fitz playing for his brother's team while boss at Oldham Athletic and bought him for £30,000 in the summer of 2002. Fitz was sold to Premiership Southampton a year later for £250,000. His Palace debut was in the centre of midfield but after a few games Fitz was moved into a central defensive role and he has hardly missed a game since. Despite his height Fitz is very comfortable with the ball at his feet and this was clearly demonstrated when he scored against Southampton at the end of last season with a fabulous turn and shot.

## Defenders

**Emmerson Boyce**

A few eyebrows were raised when Emmerson was signed on a free transfer from League One outfit Luton Town at the start of the 2004/05 season. However, Emmerson had been voted as the Hatters' Player of the Year in 2003/04 and after some energetic displays at right-back in the opening weeks of the season his signing had proved to be a masterstroke by Iain Dowie. A quick and strong defender Emmerson can play at right-back or in central defence and he would have played in many more games last year had it not been for a foot injury which ruled him out of the final eight games of the season. Emmerson's efforts in the Premiership last season were magnificent considering that he had been playing in League One a few months previously and because of this he was one of five nominees for the Player of the Year award.

**Darren Ward**

Darren became Palace's first signing of the 2005/06 season when he moved from Millwall in a deal which could be worth £1.5m. The big blond haired defender started his career at Watford, where he played a number of Premiership games, before moving to Millwall in 2001. For the past two seasons he has hardly missed a match for the Lions and last season he was named their Player of the Year. A commanding centre-back, Darren will be a great addition to the Eagles squad.

**Mark Hudson**

Central defender Mark joined the club from Fulham in the summer of 2004 after impressing while on loan during the 2003/04 promotion push. Mark played a key role in helping the Eagles get into the play-offs in 2003/04 but unfortunately he had to return to Fulham before the final at the Millennium Stadium. During his time at Fulham Mark found first team opportunities limited but impressed then Oldham boss Iain Dowie while on loan at Boundary Park in 2003. Strong in the air and comfortable with the ball at his feet Mark is a promising young defender with a great future ahead of him.

**Mikele Leigertwood**

Mikele was Iain Dowie's first permanent signing when he joined the Eagles in February 2004 from Wimbledon. Big and strong, Mikele has a great presence and is as composed on the ground as he is commanding in the air. Although naturally a centre back, Mikele is very versatile and can play as a full-back which he did to great effect against Arsenal in his first Premiership appearance for the club. Mikele's start to the 2004/05 season was delayed by injury but after impressing at full-back he was called into the team as a defensive midfielder. Even though the role was a new one for him, Mikele put in a string of impressive performances, one of which resulted in his first goal for the club against Tottenham Hotspur at Selhurst Park, and by the end of the campaign he was a regular in the starting line-up.

## Midfielders

**Gary Borrowdale**

England Under 20 international, Gary, is a product of the Crystal Palace Academy and he made his debut for the club as a 17-year-old against Rotherham United in December 2002. Despite his age at the time Gary made the transition to first-team football with incredible ease. So much so, in fact, that he has now become a regular member of the first-team squad with over 50 appearances to his name. A hard working left-sided player, Gary is comfortable playing as a fullback or in a more attacking role where his passing and movement have proved to be a real asset for the side. Last season he operated as a central defender in a number of reserve games, which has added further to his versatility.

**Ben Watson**

Ben made his debut at the age of 17, in a 1-0 defeat against Watford in April 2003 but despite the disappointment of the result, Ben's performance was a real plus point and many felt it was the best debut by a youngster for many a year. He has excellent vision and superb range with his passing, but perhaps his greatest strength is his footballing brain. He is capable of finding a killer pass and in 2003/04 he scored his first senior goal for the club against Millwall with a fabulous free-kick. Last season saw Ben continue his development and by his own admission he played many more games than he expected but he impressed many people with his hard working attitude.

**Tom Soares**

Tom is a very talented midfielder who is the most recent graduate of the Palace Academy. He can also operate as a central midfielder or on both flanks and his qualities have been noted by Iain Dowie, who called him up to the first team squad last season after a number of exciting performances in the reserve team. Last season saw Tom rub shoulders with the likes of Patrick Viera and Roy Keane and at no point did he look overawed even though he is still a teenager. Tom's all action displays in the Palace midfield impressed England Under 21 manager Peter Taylor who called him into his squad for the Toulon tournament this summer.

**Jobi McAnuff**

Jamaican international Jobi was signed from Cardiff City in June and he can play on either flank or through the middle of the park. After starting his career at Wimbledon where he played over 100 games, Jobi moved on to West Ham United but his stay at Upton Park was only a brief one. Within a few months Jobi moved to Cardiff where he started nearly every game last season, scoring twice. Strong and quick with plenty of tricks, Jobi promises to excite Palace supporters in the forthcoming season and provide plenty of ammunition for the strikers.

## Strikers

**Dougie Freedman**

Dougie is currently the club's longest serving player with eight seasons under his belt in SE25. A Scottish international striker, Dougie has the fantastic ability of spotting the pass that others cannot and he seems to be able to create something out of nothing, be it for him or a team-mate. His first spell at the club was between 1995 and 1998 after he arrived from Barnet. Dougie went on to score 20 goals in his first season at the club before scoring 14 the following term to help fire Palace to the Premiership via the play-offs. In 1998 he left the club for Wolverhampton Wanderers but in 2000, much to the delight of supporters and after a spell at Nottingham Forest he returned to the Eagles. The club was in a perilous position during the 2000/01 season as it had just emerged from administration and was hovering perilously close to relegation to the Second Division but three goals from Dougie in the final two games of the season gave the Eagles the points they needed to avoid the drop. Since then Dougie has scored regularly for the club and he is now approaching 100 goals for the club, a landmark only achieved by six other men.

**Clinton Morrison**

Clinton Morrison rejoined the club from Birmingham City in August 2005 after three seasons at St Andrews. A lively striker, Clinton marked his Palace debut in 1998 by scoring the only goal in the Premiership win against Sheffield Wednesday. Brimming with confidence in his own ability Clinton proved a regular goalscorer for Palace in the First Division. While still a teenager he scored 12 league goals in 1998/99 and established himself as a first choice striker, playing more games in the league and in total than anyone else except his friend Hayden Mullins. In 1999/00 Clinton was again the club's top scorer and in 2000/01 he once more headed the goalscoring charts though curiously he did not score at Selhurst Park after mid-January. It was his cup exploits that brought about Clinton's call-up for the Republic of Ireland and no Palace fan was surprised when he marked his international debut with a goal in August 2001. He passed his 50th Palace strike quicker than Ian Wright was able to and he bagged a total of 24 goals in 2001/02 before moving to promoted Birmingham City in the summer for a substantial fee.

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# Classic Match

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



□ Stein nods in the Town's third goal at Selhurst Park in 1982.

The Town had got off to a great start to the 1981/82 campaign and by Christmas had surged away at the top of the table showing the chasing pack a clean pair of heels.

Games were then lost through bad weather which, coupled with a succession of away draws, saw the gap at the top gradually close and by the time of the visit to Crystal Palace in March the doom merchants were out in force.

Palace had played defensively in the match at Kenilworth Road earlier in the campaign, when David Moss had netted the games solitary goal from the spot, but this time negative thoughts went out of the window straight from the kick-off with both teams attacking with a will.

The Eagles opened the scoring after eight minutes when Neil Smillie was left free at the far post to meet a long cross. The lead was short-lived, though, with Raddy Antic curling in a shot from the edge of the box four minutes later.

Kevin Mabbutt, who had made his Palace debut at Luton five months previously, gave the advantage back to the home side by scoring right from the re-start, reacting quickest to a long ball over the top.

Back came the Town and a minute later a strong run from Steve White took him into the box where he was upended by Paul Hinshelwood. Moss duly dispatched his tenth penalty of the season to level the scores.

The Town eventually took the lead for the first time shortly before the interval when, following good work from Antic and Ricky Hill, Brian Stein was left with a free header at the far post. On the run of play the Hatters just about deserved to be ahead but there was always the suspicion that this game had still to reveal more twists and turns before the close.

Palace started the second period in determined fashion and it was the Town's turn to defend in depth although the Eagles rarely looked like getting through to test Jake Findlay in the Luton goal.

An inspired substitution by Palace manager Steve Kember changed the game when he introduced winger Vince Hilaire, who was later to have a spell at Kenilworth Road, into the fray with twenty minutes remaining, and it was his trickery that set up the equaliser with Smillie hammering home his second goal of the game.

The final whistle went with the Town on the attack but the 3-3 scoreline was a fair one and both teams went off to a standing ovation in complete contrast to the reaction following the negative clash between the two sides the previous October.

Luton Town: Findlay, Stephens, Goodyear, Donaghy, Turner, Hill, Antic, Horton, Stein, White, Moss.

Crystal Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Wicks, Gilbert, Boulter, Murphy, Giles, Smillie, Cannon, Langley (Hilaire), Mabbutt.

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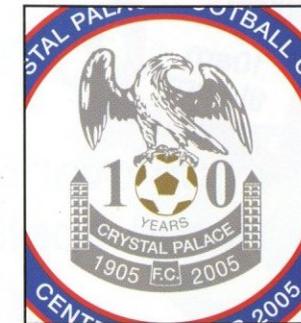
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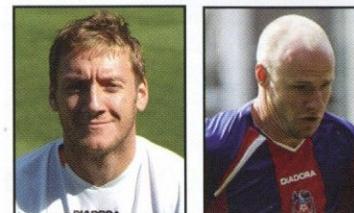
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# Match Guide



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

## Head 2 Head



Steve Howard v Andrew Johnson

Today's game sees two of last season's most prolific strikers, Steve Howard and Andy Johnson, go head to head. However, whilst Howard was plying his trade in Coca-Cola League One last season and scoring to secure promotion to the Championship, Johnson was single-handedly firing in goals from all corners of the park as he battled in vain to save Crystal Palace from relegation.

Johnson scored 32 goals in all competitions for Palace in the 2003/2004 season, and continued his good form as he scored 22 Premiership goals to finish second in the list of top-flight scorers. His form last season saw his gain international recognition with England. He scored against Luton when the two teams met earlier this season. In this season's campaign, he already has six goals to his name.

Steve Howard has scored a phenomenal 95 goals for Luton in just over 200 appearances, nearly averaging out at a goal every other game. Howard has already netted seven times this season, including one against Palace earlier this season, in our 2-1 victory.



Ahmet Brkovic celebrates the winning goal against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park

Luton host Crystal Palace this afternoon for the first time since February 3rd, 1996, when the teams drew 0-0, drawing in an attendance of 8478.

However, the last time the two teams met was at Selhurst Park on the 6th August 2005, which was Luton's first match of the current season, against a team who had just been relegated out of the top flight.

Determined not to be overawed, Luton played some truly magnificent football, and came away with a 2-1 win, alerting the Championship to their ability.

The match involved today's featured strikers, as Steve Howard opened the scoring shortly before half-time, whilst

Andy Johnson equalised after the break. The scene was set for Ahmet Brkovic who sealed the win in the 79th minute as Luton took maximum points back to Bedfordshire.

In 1929, Luton held Crystal Palace to a memorable 0-0 draw in the FA Cup, but were outclassed on the return trip to Selhurst Park, when they had seven thumped past them.

The teams have met 51 times, bringing 16 Luton wins, 16 draws and 19 wins for today's visitors. Similarly to Crewe on Tuesday, both teams generate goals whenever they meet. In all 51 matches, the two teams have generated 170 goals, averaging out to be 3.3 goals per game.



### FORM GUIDE

Luton: D,L,L,L,W  
Luton 4 Crewe 1  
Luton 2 Burnley 3  
Sheffield Utd 4 Luton 0  
Coventry 1 Luton 0  
Luton 1 Plymouth 1

### FORM GUIDE

Palace: W,D,L,W,W  
Palace 2 Coventry 0  
Brighton 2 Palace 3  
Palace 2 Sheffield Utd 3  
Crewe 2 Palace 2  
Palace 2 Liverpool 1

### HEAD 2 HEAD

Luton Wins: 16  
(15 league, 1 cups)  
Palace Wins: 19  
(16 league, 2 cups)  
Draws: 16

### LAST FIVE MEETINGS:

Palace 1 Luton 2, Championship, 06/08/2005  
Palace 2 Luton 0, Division 1, 19/03/1996  
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# Match Action

Luton slipped to their fourth defeat on the spin as the Hatters had two men sent-off on a bad afternoon for Mike Newell's team. JOHN FRANCIS reports from Carrow Road

## NORWICH CITY 2 LUTON 0

### Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



"I think if you look at the performance in the second-half it tells you that there is not a lot wrong and that the lads are still capable of playing decent football. If we had gone out in the second-half and not had any of the game then I would have been a little bit worried but every side, including the best sides in the country, have bad spells and we will bounce back



Dean Morgan lets fly with a shot at Carrow Road

The enforced break did very little to improve the recent run of poor results as the Hatters went down to their fourth consecutive defeat at Carrow Road.

With key defenders Chris Coyne and Sol Davis still missing, Luton struggled to come to terms with the quick breaking Norwich forward line and, as a result, the Luton rear-guard was stretched on several occasions. Luton will have been happy with their second-half performance and had a number of chances to get themselves back into the game as opportunities went begging.

It took the home side only two minutes to surge in front when Andy Hughes took advantage of acres of space to latch onto a crossfield ball from Dean Ashton and rifle in an unstoppable shot past Luton goalkeeper Marlon Beresford.

Darren Huckerby doubled the score midway

through the first half. Ashton, who caused so many problems amongst the Hatters defence, was the provider once again as his delightful flick released Huckerby who side-footed a shot under the body of Beresford to give the visitors a mountain to climb.

Luton improved in the second period and the introduction of Rowan Vine, who replaced Dean Morgan down the left flank and Enoch Showumni, who threatened in attack, perked Luton up a little, but Robert Green in the Norwich goal was rarely tested as the England international enjoyed a relatively comfortable afternoon.

Luton's miserable afternoon was compounded when Russell Perrett received his marching orders for a second bookable offence which received little complaint from Mike Newell after the final whistle.

Kevin Nicholls was also sent off as tempers flared after the final whistle.

**LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP**

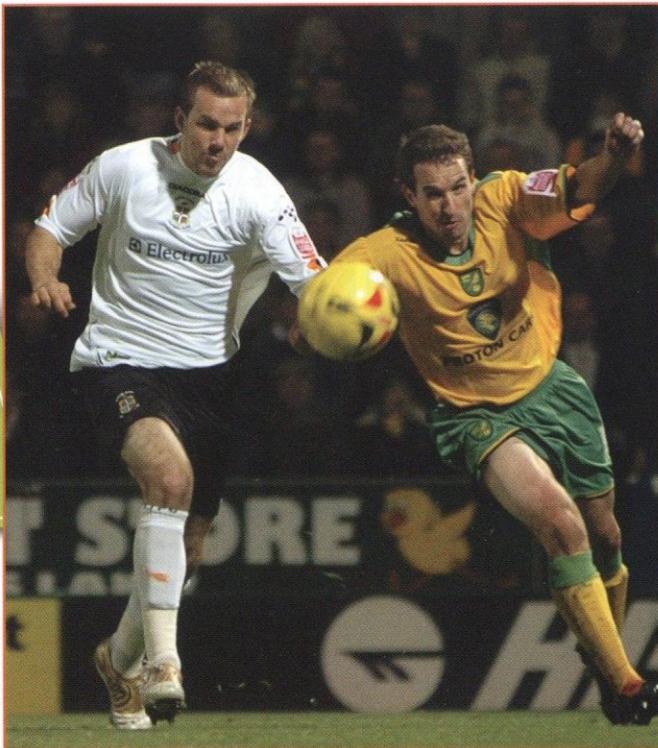


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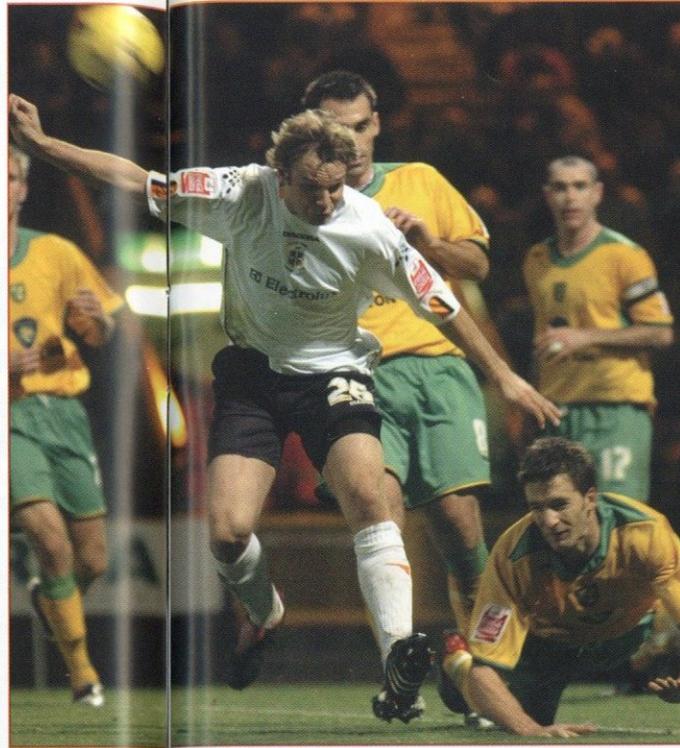


**MATCH FACTS**

	<b>norwich</b>	<b>luton</b>
Goals :	2	0
Possession :	51%	49%
On Target :	7	5
Off Target :	6	9
Corners :	4	5
Fouls :	20	12
Most Fouls :	Thorne (4)	Howard (2)
Yellow Cards :	2	1
Red Cards :	0	2
Scorers :	Hughes 2 Huckerby 2	



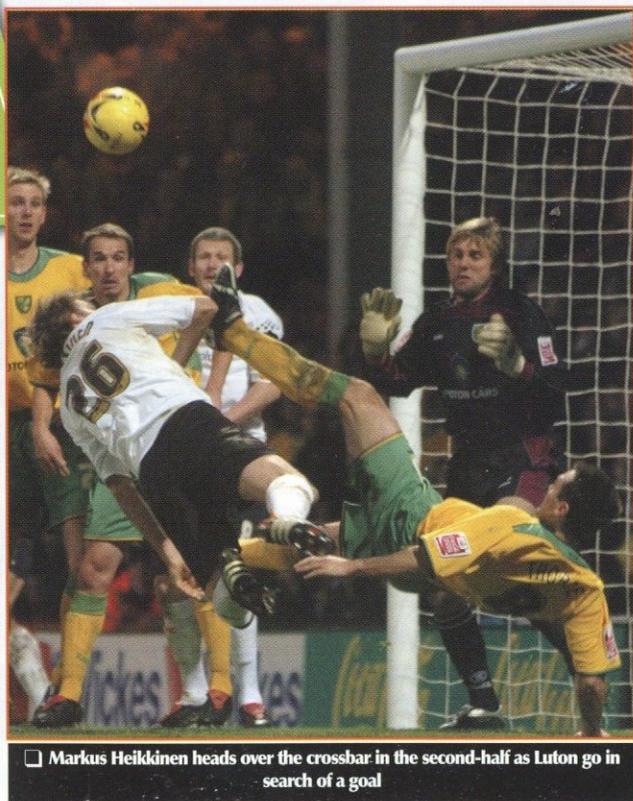
□ Rowan Vine made a second-half substitute appearance at Carrow Road



□ Markus Heikkinen clears the danger.



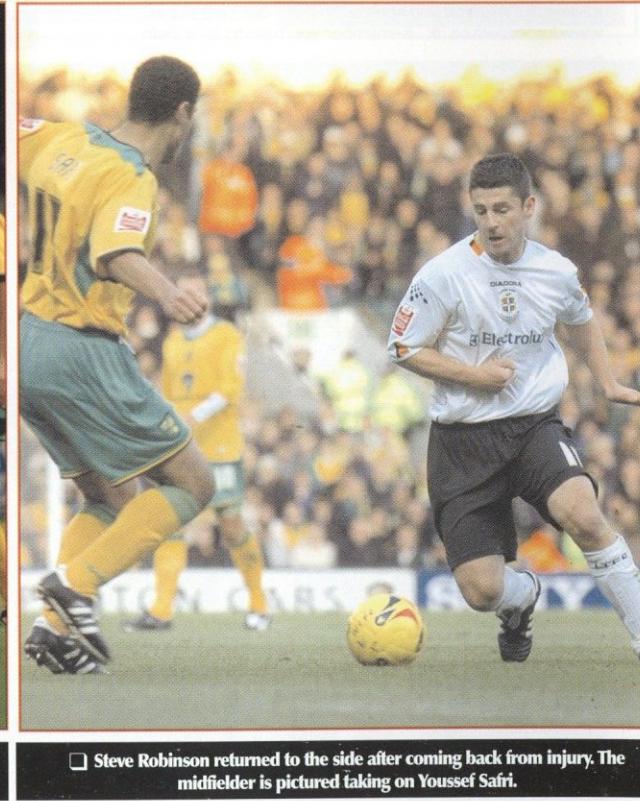
□ Enoch Showunmi is closely watched by Norwich defender Callum Davenport



□ Markus Heikkinen heads over the crossbar in the second-half as Luton go in search of a goal



□ Dean Morgan fires a shot under the legs of Yousef Safri.



□ Steve Robinson returned to the side after coming back from injury. The midfielder is pictured taking on Yousef Safri.



# Peter Davis

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

It's with a warm welcome that we say good afternoon to all of our commercial partners, executive box holders and today's match sponsors, to our eagerly awaited re-match against Crystal Palace.

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Peter



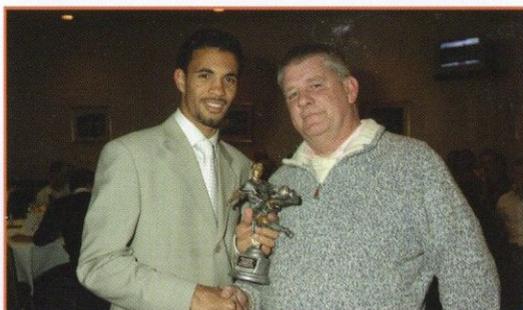
□ Dunstablians RUFC, Match Sponsors for Crewe, receiving their certificate from Luton Town players



□ Commercial Mascot Joe Gill with his brothers and squad members



□ Match Ball sponsor Wickes host Lloyd Major with Luton players



□ Graham Bourne presents the Man of the Match Award to Carlos Edwards

### COMMERCIAL MASCOT.....

We welcome to Kenilworth Road this afternoon, Sam Cook as commercial mascot. Sam, 9, who lives in Dunstable, attends Hadrian Lower School and enjoys fishing as well as his beloved football. Ahmet Brkovic is his favourite "Town" player, who Sam hopes to be able to meet this afternoon. Everyone at the club hope that Sam and his family enjoy their day with us.

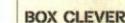


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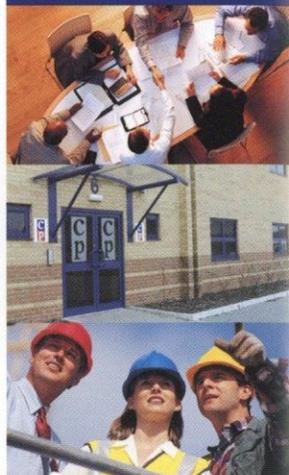
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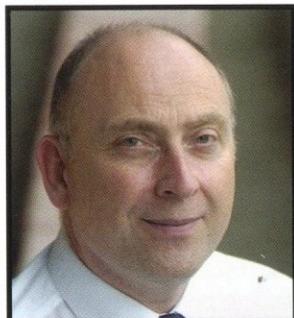
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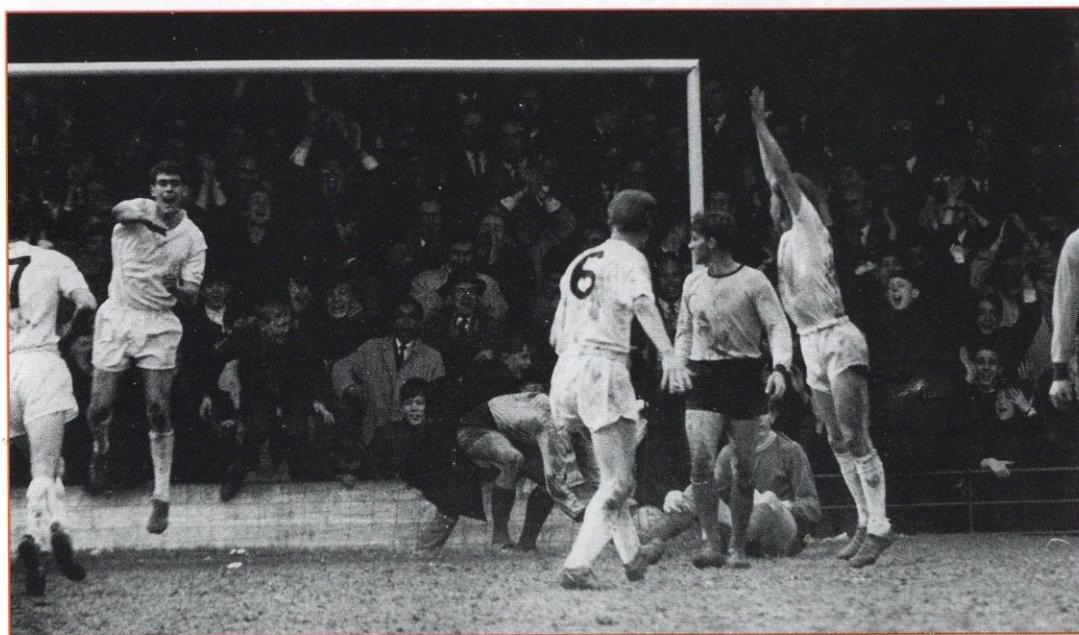
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# Roger Wash

1963  
1964

From the 1963-64 season, Roger Wash looks back at a year when the Hatters escaped relegation at the death to temporarily halt the slide from the top to the bottom.



John O'Rourke celebrates after scoring the late winner against Watford at Kenilworth Road in 1964

The Town were in freefall. Following relegation to the old Division Three in 1963, for the first time in almost thirty years, the team was continuing to drop like a stone and by Christmas relegation to the football basement looked likely, thus completing a disastrous plunge through the divisions.

Just before Christmas, the Town had introduced their new free transfer signing from Chelsea, 19 year old John O'Rourke. The new boy starred in the 2-1 home win over Reading and was unlucky not to score a hat-trick. It soon became evident that the forward line with O'Rourke assisting veteran

Gordon Turner was now functioning but goals conceded were now a problem with three being let in during four consecutive games after the Reading win.

Slowly things began to turn in the Town's favour culminating in an incredible 6-2 win at Brentford with O'Rourke scoring four. This was the first Luton away win in 27 attempts in a sorry record going back 16 months. Sadly, three defeats in the next six games sent the Town plummeting to the foot of the table once more and with only nine games to go the situation looked hopeless.

The start of an amazing revival began at Meadow Lane, Nottingham on 26th March where a crowd of 4,406 witnessed a fighting 1-1 draw with Tom McKechnie scoring the Town's goal. Two days later with promotion chasing Bristol Rovers the visitors to Kenilworth Road the Hatters got off to a flying start with O'Rourke scoring twice in the first four minutes and then going on to bag a hat-trick in a 4-2 victory.

The crowds were now returning to Kenilworth Road and 8,387 saw O'Rourke on target again with both goals in the 2-0 return win over Notts County and 7,094 in the 3-1 home vic-

tory over Wrexham the following week – O'Rourke scoring the second goal.

Three successive away games now followed and it was anticipated that the bubble would surely burst having regard to the Town's previous poor form on their travels, but the pessimists were made to eat their words with five points being picked up from the six on offer.

O'Rourke was on the mark again scoring both in the 2-0 win at Bristol Rovers and followed this up with the Town's goal in the 1-1 draw at Colchester where the Hatters were making their first ever visit.

At Oldham, in the next away game, O'Rourke, for once, failed to score but Mark Lownds netted the all-important goal thus setting up the season for a nailbiting climax with two points being needed from the final two games to ensure survival.

The visitors to Kenilworth Road for the last home game were local rivals Watford, who needed to win to cling

on to the hope of promotion to Division Two.

The best home crowd since the visit of Norwich in September 1960 – 19,799 – gathered to see if relegation could be avoided and were heartened by an all-action first half display by the Town with O'Rourke and Turner going close and Watford's Ken Nicholas surviving a penalty appeal when he brought down O'Rourke who had beaten him for speed.

Disaster struck ten minutes after the interval, however, when Watford left winger George Harris put the Hornets into the lead and with the minutes ticking away, and the Town desperately pounding a packed defence, relegation loomed large.

With nine minutes left the Hatters finally got the breakthrough their play deserved when O'Rourke latched on to a loose ball in the area to slip the ball past Pat Jennings in the Watford goal.

The excitement now reached fever pitch and with barely two minutes left

on the clock O'Rourke capped a marvellous display to beat Jennings at the second attempt to send the crowd delirious.

At the end of the game, Chairman Tom Hodgson cracked open the champagne to toast the amazing run of 14 points out of 16 and the goalscoring prowess of O'Rourke who had notched 21 goals in only 22 appearances.

Churlish Watford boss Ron McGarry meanwhile refused to accept the champagne sent to the visitor's changing room!

O'Rourke had not yet finished, as he scored the Town's equaliser in the final game of the campaign at Q.P.R. which was drawn 1-1. Some 500 Town supporters made the trip for what was a meaningless fixture to prove the upsurge of support and the hope of better things.

The celebrations had not finished either as the Luton party was treated to a 'slap-up' meal at Stanmore on its way back from Loftus Road.

# 1963/64

**Manager:** Billy Harvey

**Top Scorer:** John O'Rourke

**League Position:** 18th

**FA Cup:** 3rd Round

**League Cup:** 2nd Round

**Memorable Match:** Vs Watford W 2-1

## LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
17) Colchester	46	12	19	15	70	68	43
18) LUTON	46	16	10	20	67	80	42
19) Walsall	46	13	14	19	59	76	40
20) Barnsley	46	12	15	19	68	94	39
21) Millwall	46	14	10	22	53	67	38
22) Crewe	46	11	12	23	50	77	34
23) Wrexham	46	13	6	27	75	107	32
24) Notts County	46	9	9	28	45	92	27

## Elsewhere in football

\* Liverpool were the league champions while West Ham won the F.A.Cup beating Preston in the final.

\* Arsenal sign Ian Ure from Dundee for £62,500, a British record fee for a half-back. The record is then broken again later in the campaign when Alan Mullery moves from Fulham to Tottenham for £72,500.

\* Portsmouth, losing 0-3 at Leyton Orient, then score five goals in twelve minutes and eventually go on to win 6-3.

\* On Boxing Day 1963, 66 goals are scored in ten Division One games. Pick of the scores is Fulham 10 Ipswich 1.

\* Newcastle lose at home to Southern League Bedford in the

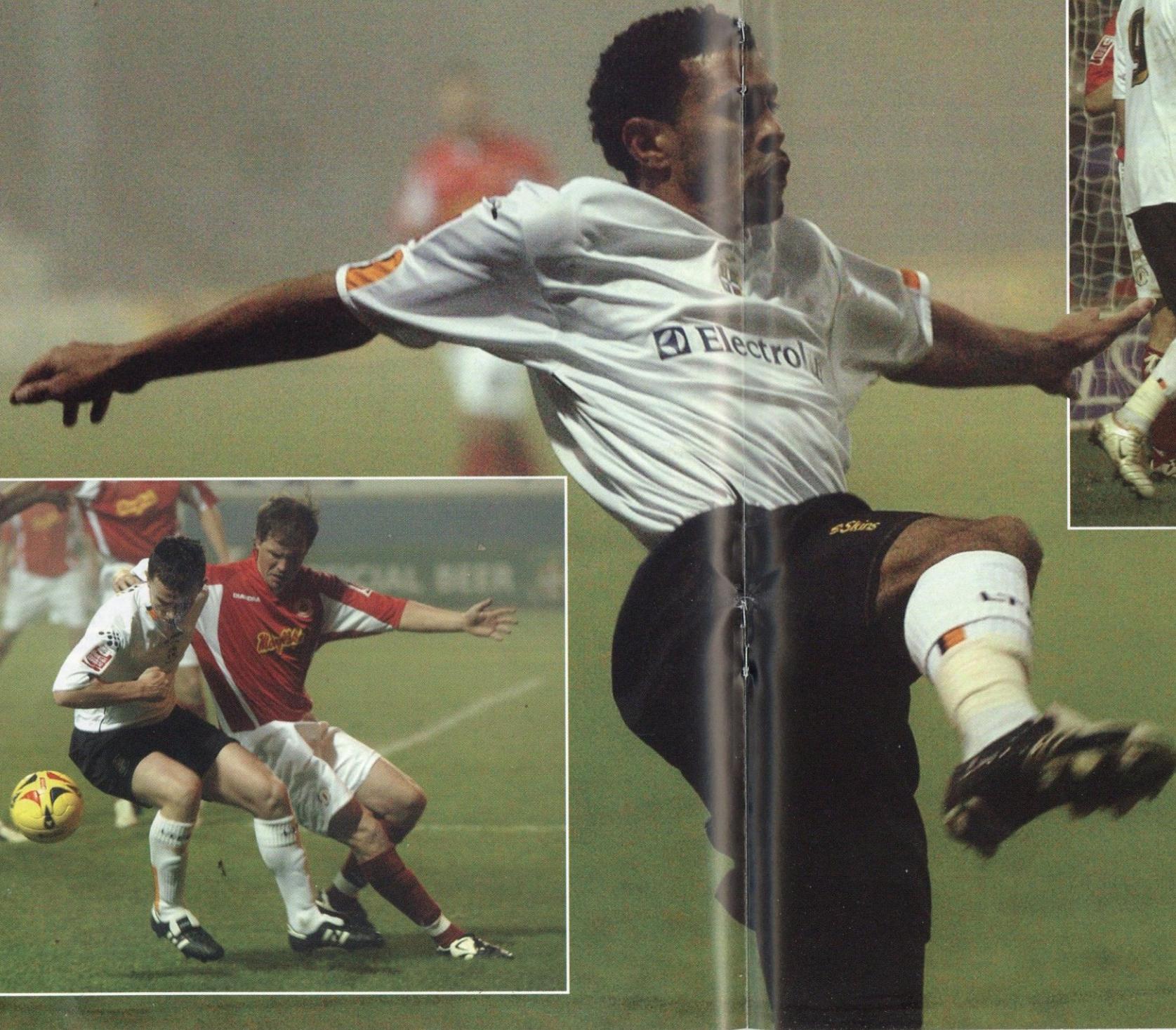
F.A.Cup.

\* Oxford United become the first club from Division Four to win through to the F.A.Cup quarter-finals.

\* Another British transfer fee record is broken with centre-forward Fred Pickering moving from Blackburn to Everton for £80,000. He scores a hat-trick on his debut for the Toffees.

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# League Round-Up

**GEOFF KNOX looks at the all the players from the Championship who are likely to be on World Cup duty in the summer.**

There have been plenty of Championship players involved in the final rounds of Germany 2006 World Cup qualifiers, as well as in the international friendlies played recently, but how many have actually made the final cut and will be on that plane to Germany next summer?

Well, there is one player that immediately springs to mind, and, just in case you haven't heard – **CARLOS EDWARDS IS GOING TO THE WORLD CUP!**

Apart from the enjoying the company of the sort of players that need £90,000 a week to get out of bed in the morning, Carlos will be re-acquainting himself with some of his team mates as well as meeting potential international rivals over the remainder of the

Championship season.

Today's opponents, Crystal Palace, had a similarly anxious wait to see if they were to gain only their second ever World Cup player when Tony Popovic was involved in the thrilling second leg play-off qualifier against Uruguay. The Socceroos went through 4-2 on penalties in front of 82,000 wild Aussie supporters after the two-legged tie ended 1-1 on aggregate.

The Eagles will also be very hopeful that England striker Andy Johnson will return to full fitness and reproduce the kind of sparkling form that will put him back in contention for a place in the England squad.

The bigger clubs in this division are seldom out of the media spotlight,

although Southampton will be grateful that at least some of the headlines emanating from St Mary's Stadium are of a positive nature, as they could well send a quartet of their playing staff to Germany.

Sir Clive Woodward's coaching influence was on show last weekend in the thrilling 3-4 home defeat by Leeds United, when Danny Higginbottom handled well inside the box to give their opponents a crucial penalty for the second time this season.

Happily though, striker Kenwyne Jones is a candidate for the Trinidad and Tobago party and ice cool defender Michael Svensson should fly out with Sweden unless his unfortunate run of injuries continue to blight his career.

Two other Saints who will not be Poles apart next summer are midfielder Kamil Kosowski (who started both World Cup qualifiers against England) and defender Tomas Hajto, who already has over sixty caps for Poland in the bag.

Reading should also be well represented by former Hatters' trialist Marcus Hahnemann and rising star Bobby Convey.

Convey left his homeland with a host of accolades under his belt, including being the youngest ever player to sign for a Major League Soccer team, ditto to score in the MLS, and was voted US Young Male Athlete of the Year in 2002 – which I'd have to assume was by a sports magazine.

They'll be joined by highly rated compatriot Eddie Lewis, who is currently playing his trade at promotion rivals Leeds United, and is currently one of the in-form midfielders in the Championship.



□ Tony Popovic helped Australia book their place in the World Cup finals in Germany

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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 afternoon and welcome to today's game against Crystal Palace. As you may be aware at this time of year the department runs the local heats of two National Football in the Community tournaments.

This year the sponsorship of the tournaments has changed although the format remains very much the same.

The Football League have now launched the BT Community Cup for Under 11's and the BT Girls' Cup for Under 13 Girls. BT will be the title sponsor of both competitions and further support has also been secured from Sportsmatch for the Under 11's tournament; the Football in the Community schemes throughout the country have agreed to deliver these tournaments on behalf of the Football League.

The Under 11's tournament is played on a Divisional basis as a 6 – a – side competitions open to school teams whose players are under the appropriate age on the 1st September 2005. Therefore

there will be 24 local competitions run by the clubs Football in the Community Schemes; from this the respective winners progress to either a Northern or Southern Regional Finals day.

The winner then from each of these groups will then compete in a National Final prior to their relevant Divisional Play-Off final at the end of the season.

The Girls Tournament is also played on a Divisional basis as a 6 – a – side competitions open to school teams whose players are under the appropriate age on the 1st September 2005.

This will consist of Local Competitions followed by an Area then a Regional Final and culminating in a National Final at the Millennium Stadium.

The dates for our local tournaments are shown below; more detailed information will be forwarded to schools in the next couple of weeks.

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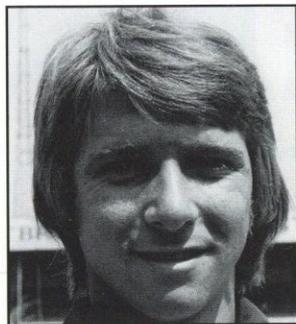
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# Past Players

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West arrived at Luton from Burnley in 1973 and spent seven years at Kenilworth Road making 285 league, 14 FA Cup and 15 League Cup appearances, scoring 17 goals before moving on to Millwall.

During his time in Bedfordshire, West won promotion and suffered relegation



Alan West made over 300 appearances for the Hatters during his time at Kenilworth Road

in his first two seasons and was regarded by many Luton supporters as a hard-working player who gave everything to the Luton cause.

West was back at Kenilworth Road last week filming some scenes around the stadium for the BBC programme Songs of Praise through his work for his parish, The Luton Christian Fellowship Church.

Here is the interview with the former Luton great:

**Q: Is it good to be back?**

A: It's great to be back. I was back recently, celebrating the centenary.

Some things have changed, but some things are pretty similar to how I remember them.

**Q: It must be nice to come back when the team are doing so well. No doubt you still keep an eye on what is happening at the football club on and off the field?**

A: It's great to see them doing so well, especially after a few hard years. They seemed to have turned a corner, and they're doing really well this year. I keep an eye on them from a distance. I don't watch that many games but I think they're doing brilliantly and I wish them every success.

**Q: When you were playing, what sort of Championship success did you have?**

In the 1973/1974 season we gained promotion to Division One, or what is now the Premiership. It was a great time for the club at that time. Unfortunately, the year after that we were relegated, but that was an exciting season. We just missed staying up, and it came down to the last day of the season. We were pretty much in the top two flights when I was here, and of course they're doing very well now. I guess if they add a little strength to their squad, they'll be in

the running for promotion. It's exciting times for them.

**Q: We've had so many difficult years recently with administration and relegation. You still live in the area and as a former player it must be great to see the buzz back in the town?**

A: Yeah, it's wonderful. Everywhere I go there are people talking about that. Luton needs a lift and the football club has always been something that lifts people. It's great to see them doing so well. If they can continue that, and keep that anticipation and excitement going throughout the whole season, that'll be great.

**Q: You're very busy yourself. You're here to do some filming for the Songs of Praise programme for the work that you do yourself and for your church?**

A: I'm always busy in Church life because you're dealing with people and situations all the time, and now there's the filming for Songs of Praise which is going out at Christmas time from Luton, which will help put the town on the map. I'm doing my little bit today, and I'm reasonably busy in my work. I live in Luton, in the same house that I bought when I got here, and I work in the town centre in the church. This means I'm very involved in local community and I enjoy that, it's great.

**Q: Many people are probably surprised that you've moved into that area.**

A: I think, after finishing professional football and thinking about what you want to do with the rest of your life can sometimes be hard. Football careers are short. By your mid-thirties, you'll have finished football and be wondering what to do with the rest of your life. For me, being a Christian, I wanted to be involved



Alan West chats to Jimmy Husbands at our recent centenary celebrations

with people. I found myself leaning towards helping people, but once I had left professional football, after a few years doing some football managing and coaching, I decided I didn't really want to stay in football, and I wanted to be involved with people. We're fortunate that we have a thriving church and a large congregation with lots of young people. We have youth activities and sports along with lots of other children's work. I've taken that sport element and brought it into the church which is a great thing for youngsters particularly. I'm very involved with all sorts of things with people. We do have a thriving youth department.

**Q: It's quite surprising that you've decided to move away from football altogether because when a player hangs up their boots a lot of them are always hungry to stay within the sport**

A: It's a very difficult thing to do. You know your career is going to come to an end, and you always think you've got another year or two. It's quite a shock when you're in your early thirties and suddenly, the thing you've loved to do, you've lived for, you've dreamt about since you were a kid, is over. You have to readjust. You

have to rethink what you want to do for the next thirty odd years. In my day, you didn't earn so much money that you could retire. The thing today, Premiership boys earn a lot of money, and if they're wise with it, they can retire. So you have to think what you really want to do. I pondered the whole idea of continuing coaching and managing. That was one option. But I decided it wasn't for me. It is for some and I think that's great but that's not what I wanted to do and so I chose to go in another direction and become a church minister. That wasn't an easy decision. After three or four years out of professional football, that's where I decided to aim for the next thirty or so years.

**Q: It must be a very busy period with Christmas coming up and the New Year celebrations?**

A: It is. Christmas for us is the busiest time of the year, starting now, right up until the New Year. But it's an exciting time too. A lot of people who don't normally come and attend Church come for Christmas so that's really good for us. It's an opportunity to mix with a broader spectrum of the community. I love playing football and I love what I do now, so I believe that I'm a very fortunate person.

# INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

*It was a massive week for Luton players on international duty recently. Although most of the attention was on Carlos Edwards and his World Cup triumph, Warren Feeney was also finding success when he was handed a rare start in the Northern Ireland squad for their friendly against Portugal. The striker took the most of his opportunity by scoring at Windsor Park and is now setting his sights on a regular starting role.*

He may have had to wait a long time but Warren Feeney took his chance with both hands after recently being given a rare start in Northern Ireland's international friendly with Portugal at Windsor Park.

After waiting nearly three years for a starting role and playing second-fiddle to international team-mate David Healy, Feeney made the most of his appearance against the Portuguese by scoring in the 53rd minute to help Northern Ireland record an impressive draw, who now seem to be on a role following their recent success over England.

It's little surprise that Feeney is now hoping his recent performance on the international scene will have given Lawrie Sanchez, Northern Ireland's manager, some selection problems as the country will soon begin preparations for their European Championship qualification.

The Luton marksman said: "It was my first start in over three years for my country and to get a goal against Portugal is fantastic."

"I wanted to put things in Lawrie's head. Somebody's got to step up. It was a good chance for me and hopefully I've done enough to start games in the future. Obviously David will be starting games but someone's got to partner him.

"It was one of those games where you have four or five people missing, and a lot of people probably thought we

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were going to get turned over. At the end of the day we thought, what have we got to lose? We were missing our main players and I don't think anyone let themselves down.

"Technically, Portugal have world class players, if not the best in the world. You could see that they kept the ball well so we knew that we had to match them physically and their manager made a few comments. However at the end of the day, it's the way we play and if they don't like it then we can't do nothing about that."

After Sanchez took over the managerial reins of Northern Ireland in January 2004, it took some time for the former Wimbledon player and Wycombe Wanderers manager to settle in. However, in the wake of recent results, Feeney believes his international manager is slowly turning around the fortunes for Northern Ireland on the international scene.

"After the start, when we couldn't get a goal for so long, there was a lot of publicity made about that," Feeney added. "I think things are turning now.

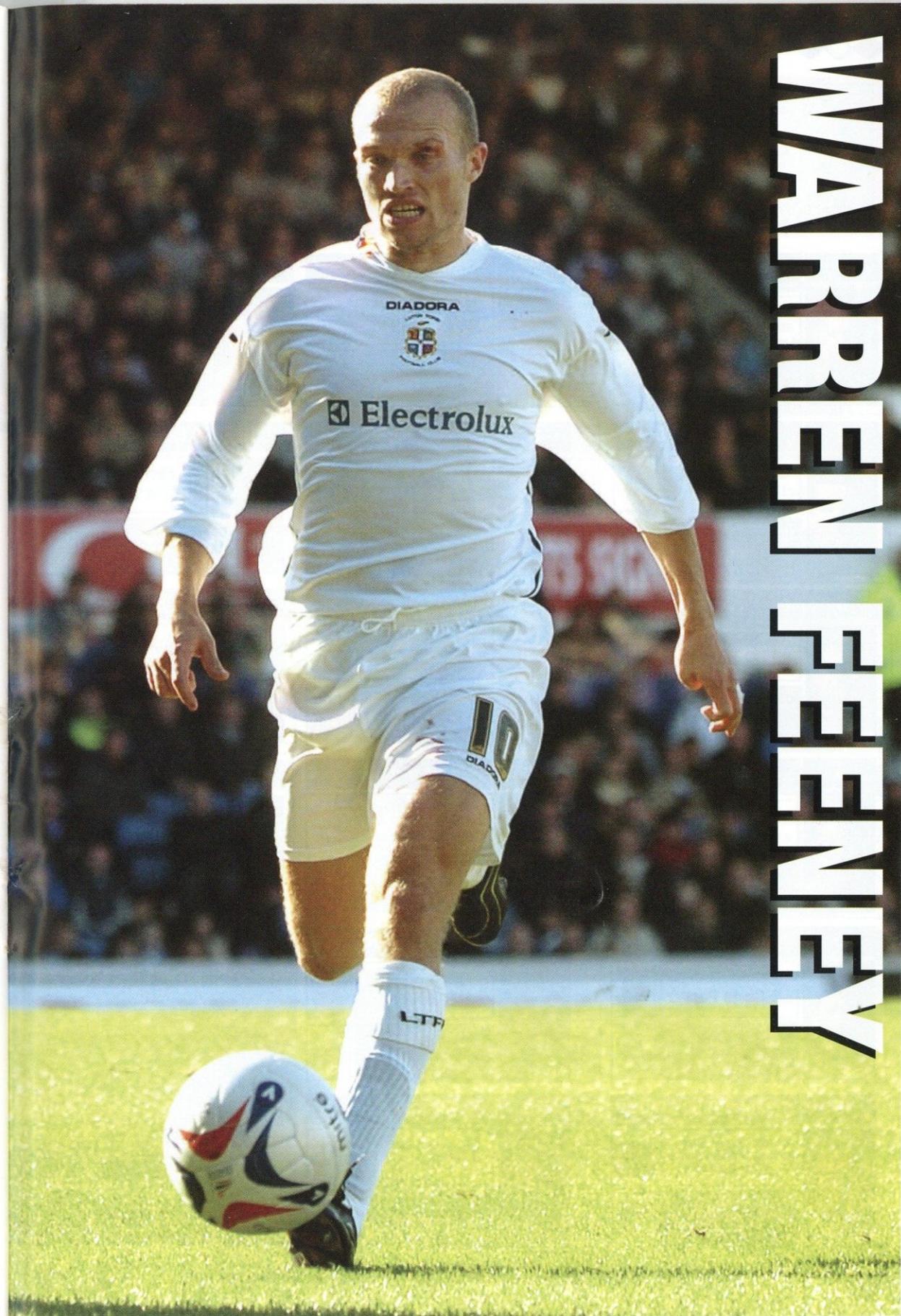
Everything's looking good for the future and we've got a good youth base.

"We were disappointed not to pick anything up against Austria and Wales (recent World Cup qualifiers) but we bounced back with the results against England and Portugal so it's looking bright for us."

On the subject of Luton's recent form, Feeney was positive and knows that the club have the right frame of mind to quickly turn their form around.

The former Stockport and Bournemouth striker added: "Every team loses games but if we'd have known at the start of the season that we would be in the top half coming up to Christmas, we'd have grabbed it with both hands.

"The only way to pick it up is to win games and we have a squad that is capable of doing that. None of us have lost sleep over it."



WARREN FEENEY



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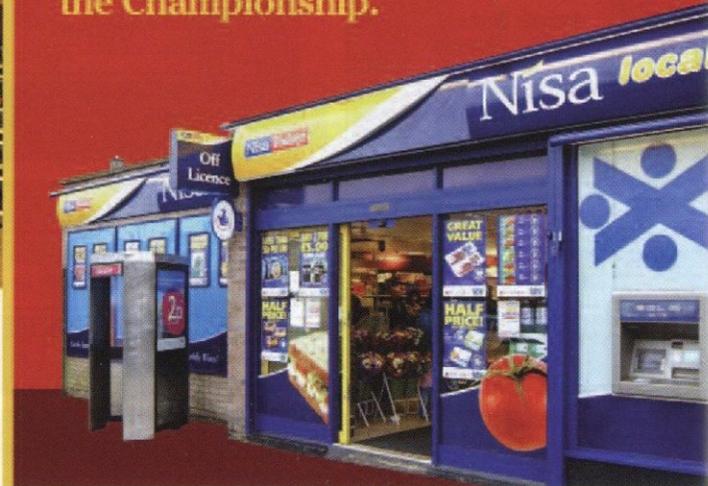
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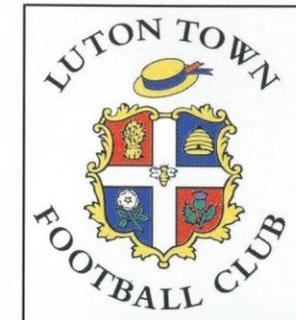


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# Luton First

Luton Town Football Club are today pleased to welcome lutonfirst back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's game

Following the fantastic response to the giant 'We Love Luton' flag which was unveiled at the Luton v Sheffield Wednesday game in September, lutonfirst has once again teamed up with Luton Town Football Club to bring it back to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Crystal Palace.

Fans in the Kenilworth Road lower tier will get the chance to play their part in flying the flag for Luton. We hope you enjoy seeing it again and that it sets the atmosphere for what

is set to be an exciting game!

Other lutonfirst initiatives have also been taking place on a national level.

Luton has been making contact with people from other parts of the country who once lived here – to take part in a research project aimed at painting a picture of the town's past and highlighting some of the events, people, places and perceptions of yesteryear.

Lutonfirst has already heard from old 'Lutonians' in Australia who left

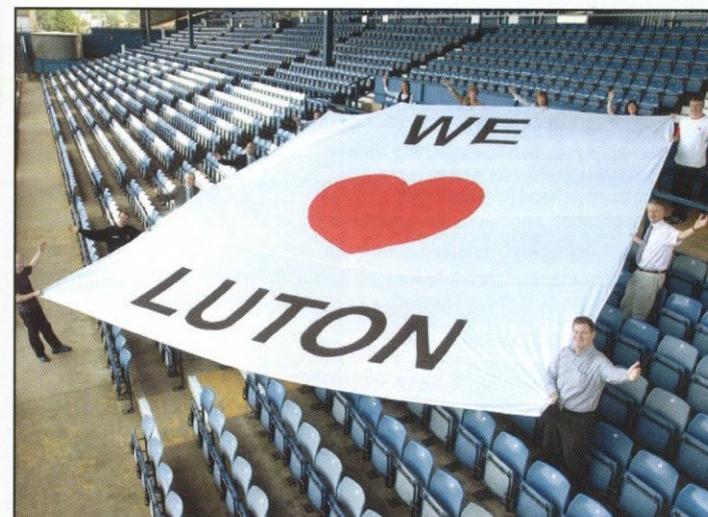
the UK in the 1970s but retain vivid memories of the events of the period. There have also been reminiscences from the USA and Spain.

"We shall be publishing the first 'Memories of Luton' report next week (November 30th) which will highlight what people now think about the town in retrospect," says Tony Edwards of lutonfirst.

The 'Memories of Luton' report is expected to attract considerable media interest, turning a positive national press spotlight on the town.

And early in January, Luton will present the 'Greatest Words Ever Spoken' in the form of a mural, to be unveiled on the wall of the arrivals walkway at London Luton Airport. The design is by a University of Luton student and follows a nationwide poll to discover what are considered to be the 'Greatest Words'. For the record they are 'ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE'.

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



The 'We Love Luton' flag will make a reappearance at Kenilworth Road today

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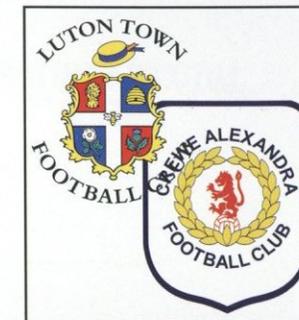
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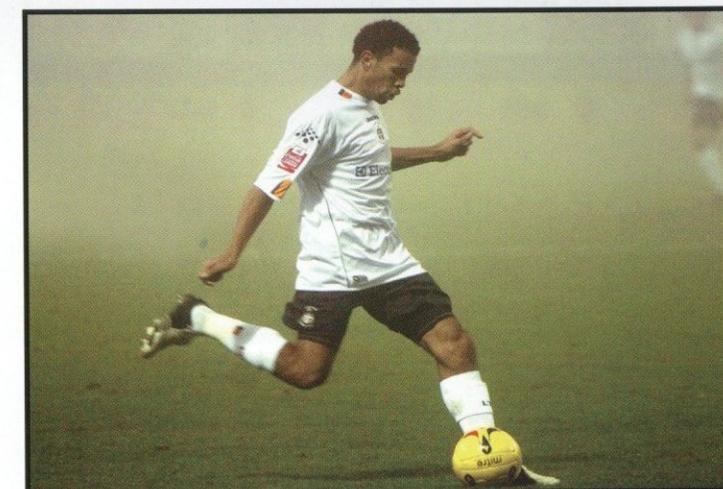
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# Match Action

JOHN FRANCIS reports from Kenilworth Road as Luton returned to winning ways over Crewe Alexandra

## LUTON TOWN 4 CREWE 1



Carlos Edwards returned to the Luton side after his World Cup triumph with Trinidad

A victory on Tuesday night against strugglers Crewe Alexandra ended a dismal run of four consecutive defeats, but not before over an hour of frustration.

The visitors arrived at Kenilworth Road with little more than survival in mind and pulled ten and sometimes eleven men behind the ball in an attempt to stifle Luton at every opportunity. Credit must be given to the Luton players who pushed forward in great numbers in an attempt to break the deadlock.

Enoch Showunmi, starting a game for the first time since the victory over Millwall, caused the visitors headaches with numerous attacking runs and became the instigator of the opening goal in the 69th minute. Breaking from the right, Showunmi left defenders in his wake as he fed Vine who beat the Crewe goal-

keeper with considerable ease.

With the crowd barely settled in their seats, Vine beat the Crewe defence again only to be upended by Foster in the penalty area. Vine duly converted the spot kick, but not before the Crewe defender had received his marching orders.

Dean Morgan added a third goal after good work from the impressive Vine before Crewe scored a consolation after hesitancy in the Town defence.

Not to be outdone Enoch Showunmi capped a fine night by adding a fourth goal just before the end.

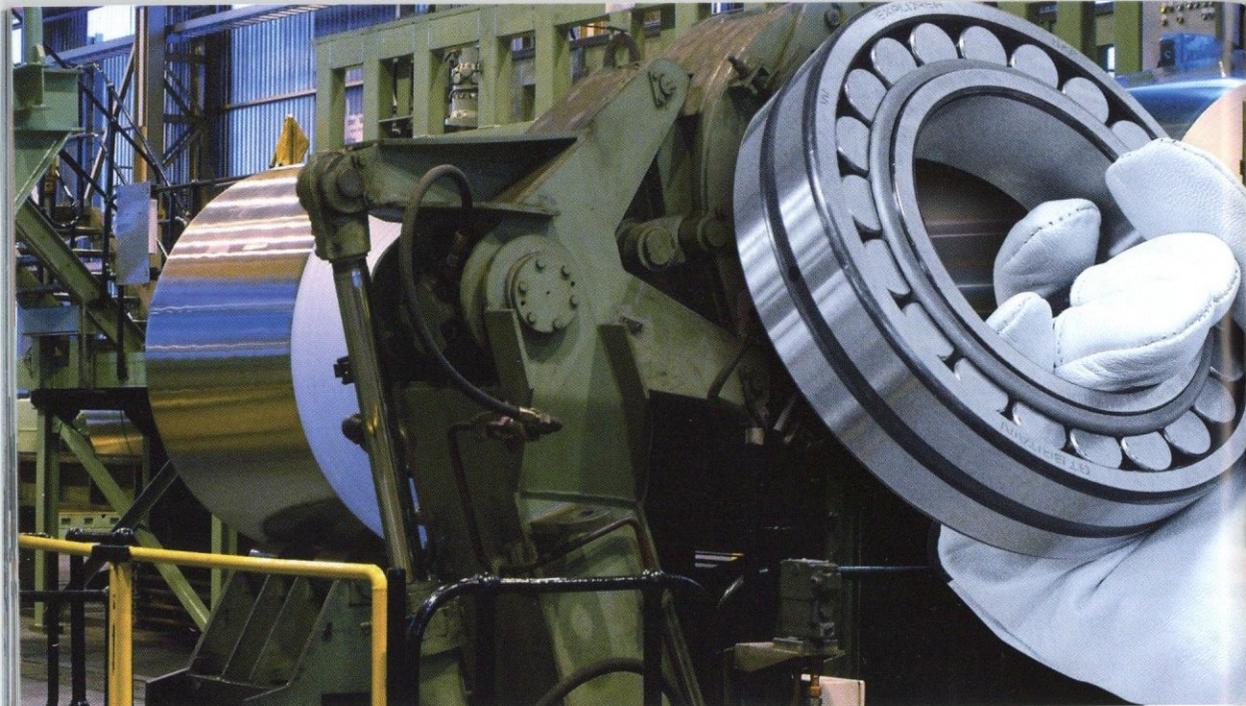
A night that had started frustratingly finished with Town fans going home with smiles on their faces.

### Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



We are just pleased to get the win really. We played some decent football and although it could have gone the other way when it was 0-0, everything went for us. I don't think it was a struggle. We had plenty of possession and I think people get frustrated because of what we have done so far this season and we would like them to show a bit more patience now and again. Crewe are no mugs. They have proved over the last few seasons and they have proved again this season that they are a good side. They were at the bottom of the table when we played them earlier in the campaign but they have pulled themselves away from the area because they can get results. We are playing against good sides every week now."



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### LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP

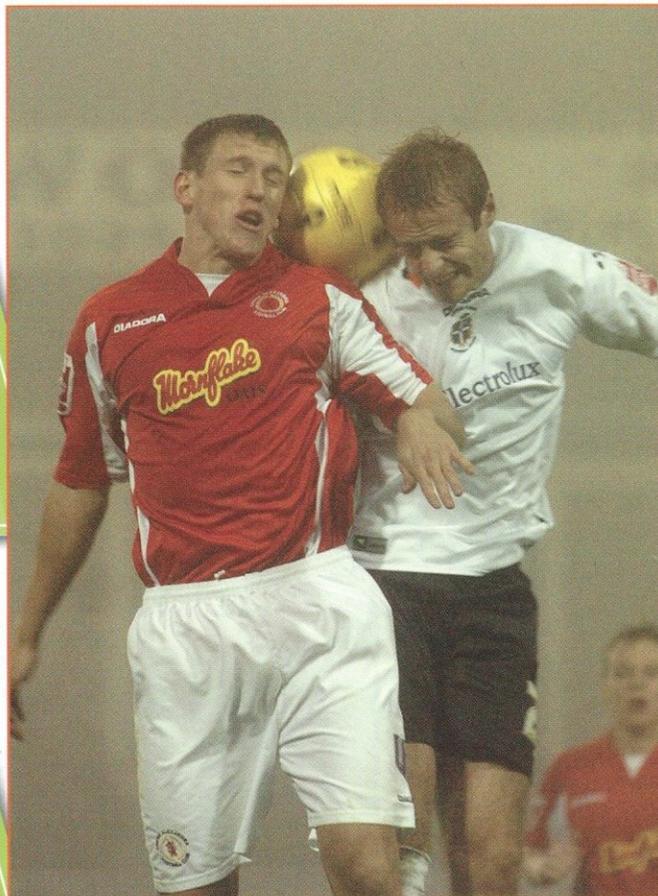


### CREWE'S STARTING LINE-UP

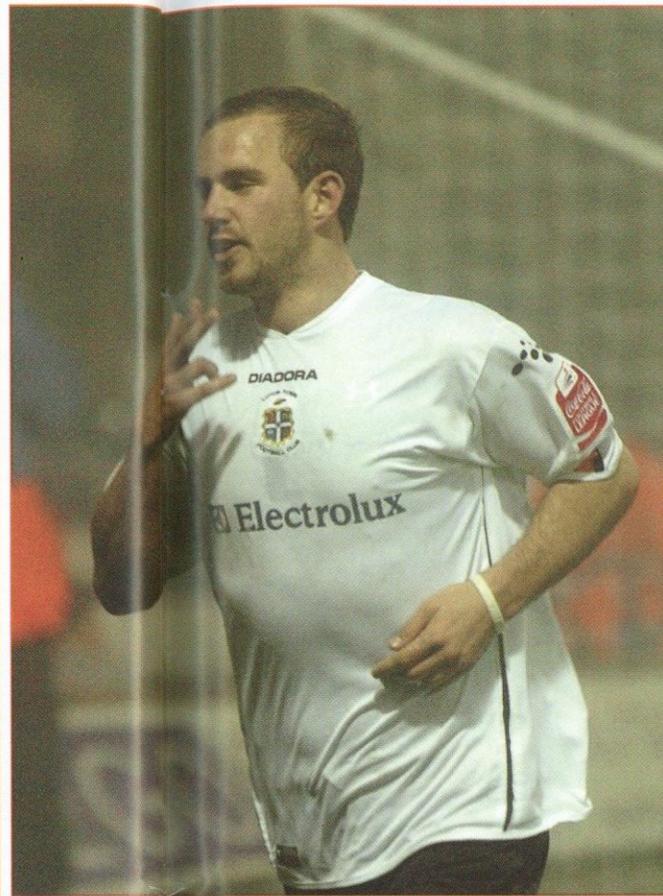


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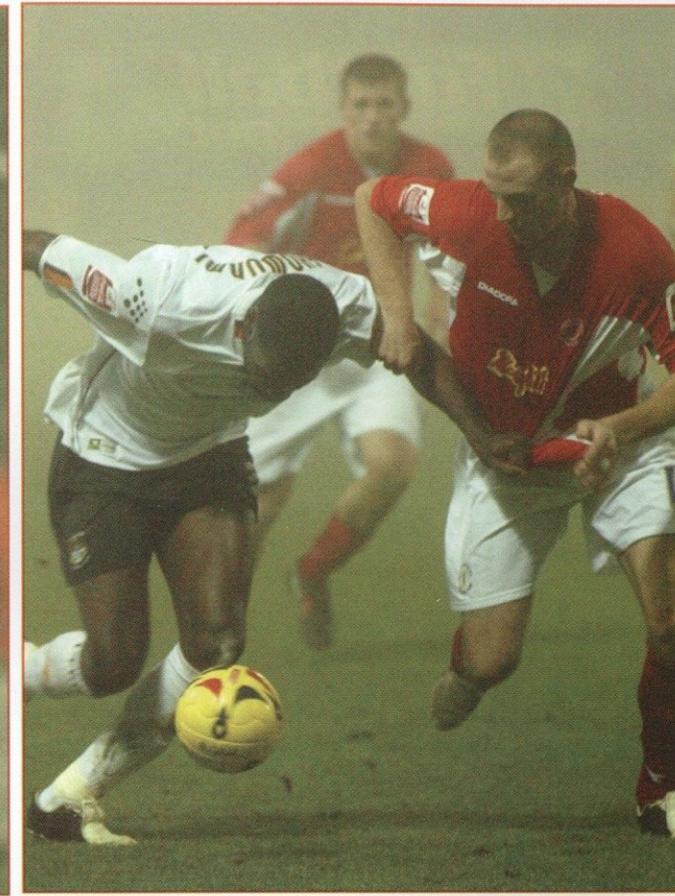
	luton	crewe
Goals :	4	1
Possession :	47%	53%
On Target :	7	4
Off Target :	13	2
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Most Fouls :	Showunmi (4)	Walker (1)
Yellow Cards :	0	0
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Scorers :	Vine 69, 71 Morgan 81 Showunmi 89	Higdon 83



□ Peter Holmes and Billy Jones both challenge for possession



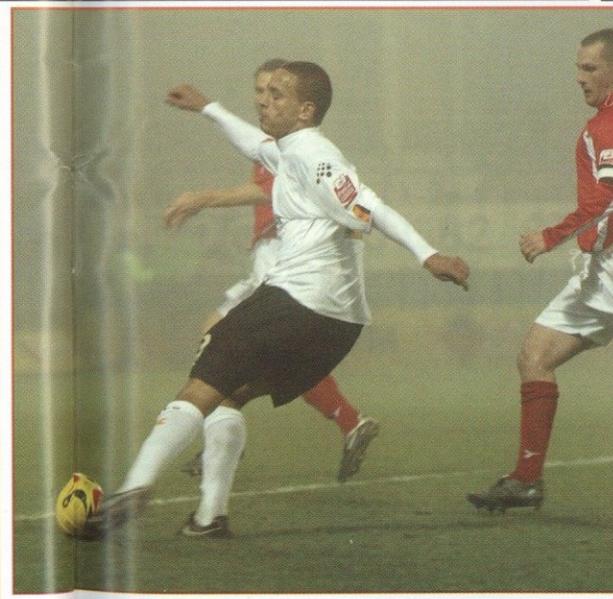
□ Rowan Vine hit a brace on his first start of the season



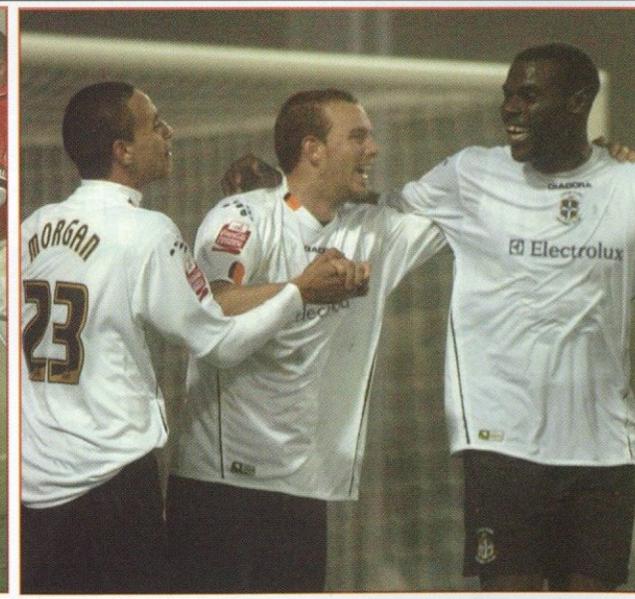
□ Enoch Showunmi tries to keep his balance as he sets his sights on goal



□ Steve Robinson mounts an attack for Luton



□ Dean Morgan fires a shot in the second-half as Luton look to extend their lead



□ Rowan Vine is congratulated by Enoch Showunmi and Dean Morgan after doubling Luton's lead from the penalty spot

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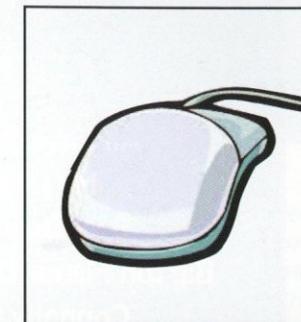
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Website News



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### TODAY'S MASCOT



**Name:** Matthew Hodges  
**Age:** 12  
**School:** Stopsley High School  
**Favourite Hatter:** Steve Howard  
**Hobbies:** Football and Rugby  
**Who accompanies you to matches:** Dad  
**Where to you normally sit:** Main Enclosure, Block B



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

A limited amount of tickets are available for Junior Hatters members for the forthcoming match with Watford.  
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### VISITING MASCOT



**Name:** Oliver Royston  
**Age:** 9  
**Lives:** Brighton  
**Favourite Player:** Jobi McAnuff

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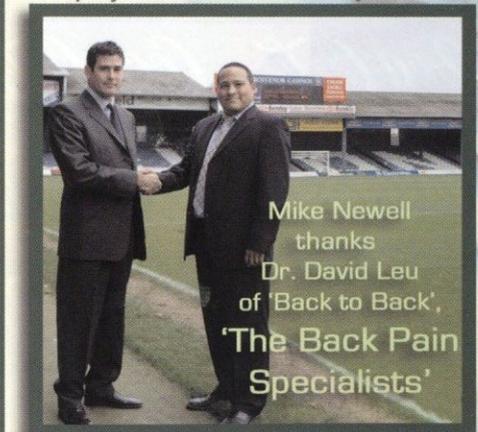
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# Around the Ground



**Skipper Kevin Nicholls reflects on Tuesday's win against Crewe Alexandra and looks at the importance of today's game with Crystal Palace.**

## TODAY'S REFEREE

Luton Town Football Club would like to welcome today's officials to Kenilworth Stadium for this afternoon's fixture. They are Mr Matt Messias, Mr Peter Kirkup, Mr Christopher Sarginson and Mr Mick Thorpe.

Mr Messias, who is today's match referee, started refereeing in 1982 and progressed through the lower leagues to The Football League assistant referees list in 1991. He moved onto the Premier League list in 1992 before becoming a FIFA assistant referee in 1994. He made the referees list in 1996, the Premier League list in 2001 and finally was appointed a FIFA referee in 2003. Matt refereed in the 2004 UEFA U21 Championships in Germany and took charge of the Sweden v Serbia Montenegro semi-final.

## MOUNTFORD WINS PLAYER OF THE MONTH



**Nick Mountford is pictured with Century Club members John Chatterley and Vic Hardy**

Nick Mountford became the first Luton youth player to pick up the Century Club's Youth Player of the Month award for October recently.

Mountford has helped the youth team pick up three wins on the spin in recent weeks following victories over

QPR, Swansea City and Brighton & Hove Albion.

## DRUM FOR SALE

Can you help Luton supporter Darrell Milton, who is looking to sell his maroon double bass drum to a fellow Hatters follower.

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## SEREMET JOINS ROVERS

Just before this programme went to press, Luton confirmed that Dino Seremet has joined League One side Doncaster Rovers on a one-month loan deal.

The Luton shot-stopper could be involved in Doncaster's biggest game of the season with Dave Penny's side set to face Aston Villa in the last 16 of the Carling Cup.

Stephen O'Leary has returned from his loan spell with Tranmere Rovers.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL SUPPORTERS

In view of the possibility of limited tickets for some forthcoming away matches in the new year and to ensure that regular away supporters are catered for supporters are asked to retain their ticket stubbs from all future away matches as these may be required for ticketing priorities.

## GOLDEN GAMBLE WINNER



Angela Smith was the winner of our recent Golden Gamble draw on Tuesday night. Angela, pictured with family friend Jason Doyle, won £795 in our half-time draw at our game with Crewe Alexandra. Golden Gamble tickets will be available to purchase around the ground this afternoon, priced at £1

## 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 Yellow	Disciplinary Red	Nation	Caps	Gls	App	Gls
1 Marlon BERESFORD	16	0	1	0	17	0	0	0				75	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	11(3)	0	0	0	11(3)	0	2	0	Rep Ire U21	1	0	97	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	12(1)	0	0	0	12(1)	0	1	0				54	5
7 Carlos EDWARDS	13(4)	1	2	0	13(4)	1	1	0	Trin & Tob	6	0	19	1
8 Kevin NICHOLLS	16	3	2	0	18	2	4	1				170	30
9 Rowan VINE	1(4)	2	0	0	1(4)	2	0	0				55	11
10 Warren FEENEY	20	5	2	1	22	6	1	0	North Ire	1(4)	2	27	6
11 Steve ROBINSON	14	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	North Ire	(1)	0	122	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	3(16)	1	1	0	3(16)	1	0	0				91	16
17 Paul HUGHES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				88	7
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	18(1)	4	1	0	19(1)	4	2	0				170	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(2)	5	2	0	18(2)	5	1	0				20	5
25 Dino SEREMET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				9	0
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	17(1)	0	0	0	17(1)	0	3	0	Finland	5	0	18	0
27 Peter HOLMES	8(3)	2	1(1)	0	9(4)	2	1	0				108	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	3(2)	0	1	0	4(2)	0	1	0				11	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: **23** HEADERS: **8**  
 PENALTIES: **2** OWN GOALS: **1**  
 FREE-KICKS: **0** TOTAL: **34**

## A GAME OF TWO HALVES

### FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED **22** - W **7** - D **10** - L **5** - F **17** - A **12** PTS **31**

### SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED **22** - W **7** - D **8** - L **7** - F **17** - A **18** PTS **29**

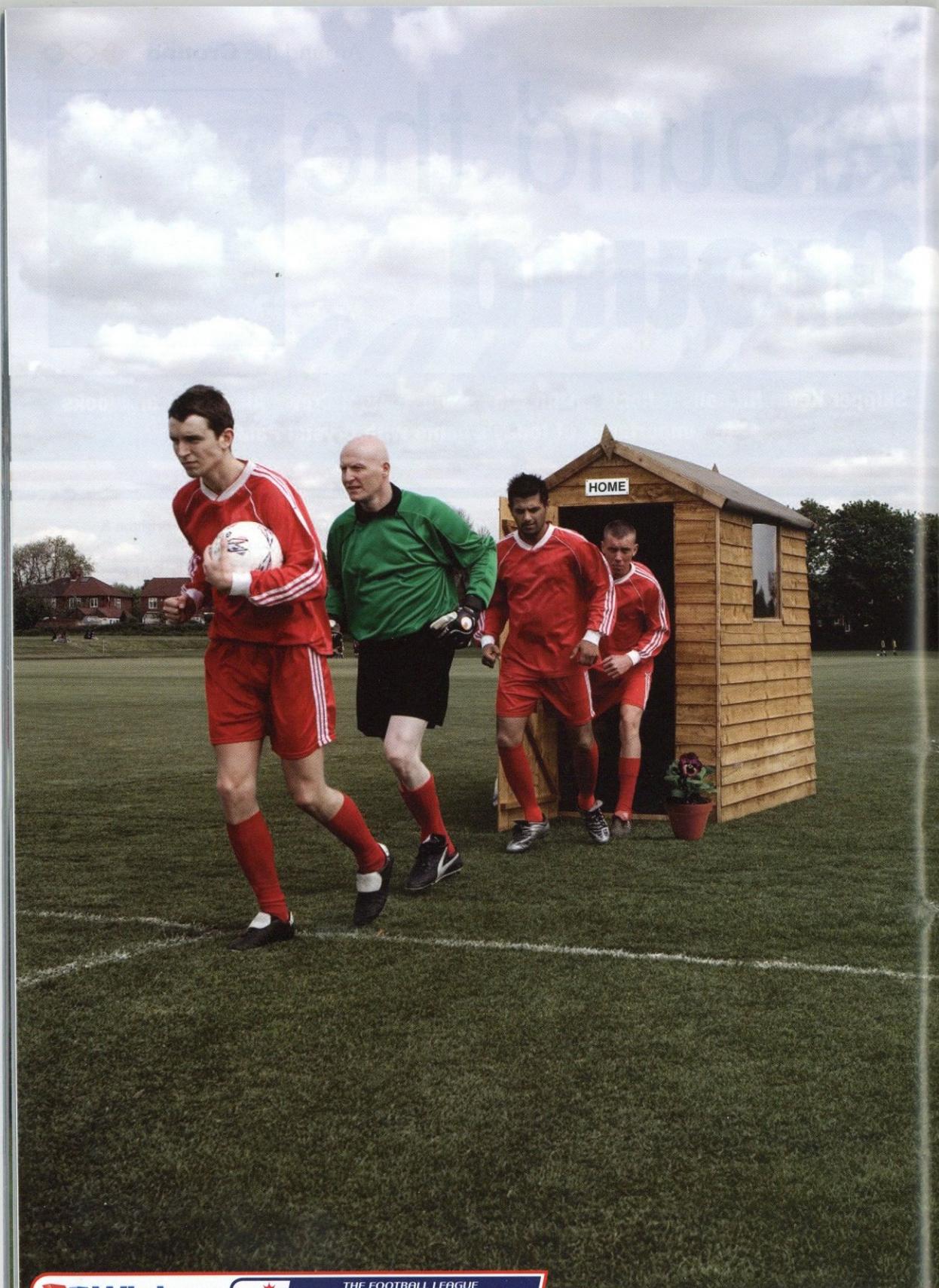
## OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: **12**  
 Opponents score first goal: **9**  
 No goals scored: **1**

Luton Town score first and win: **8**  
 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: **14**  
 Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: **5**  
 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	GOALKEEPERS	DEFENDERS	MIDFIELDERS	STRIKERS	SUBSTITUTES
Sat 6	Crystal Palace	2-1	21,116	2,474	4	Brill	Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan → Nichols Robins	Brkovic Howard Feeney Seremet Vine Showunmi → Perrett Holmes →	
Tues 9	Southampton	3-2	9,447	1,799	2	Brill	Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan Nichols Robins	Brkovic Howard Feeney → Seremet Vine Showunmi → Perrett Holmes	
Sat 13	Leeds United	0-0	10,102	1,800	1	Brill	Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan → Nichols Robins	Brkovic Howard Feeney → Seremet Holmes Edwards → Showunmi Perrett	
Sat 20	Stoke City	1-2	18,653	2,224	6	Beresford	Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan → Nichols Robins	Brkovic Howard Feeney → Brill Perrett Edwards → Showunmi Davis →	
Tues 23	Leyton Orient (CCI) *	3-1	2,383	577	-	Beresford	Keane Coyne → Davies Davis Edwards Nicholls → Leary	Morgan → S'wunmi Feeney Brill Brkovic Perrett → Holmes → O'Leary →	
Sat 27	Leicester City	2-0	22,048	2,161	3	Beresford	Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan → Nichols Robins	Brkovic S'wunmi Feeney Brill Coyne → Davis → Edwards → Holmes	
Mon 29	Millwall	2-1	8,220	777	3	Beresford	Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan → Nichols Robins	Brkovic S'wunmi Feeney Brill Coyne → Davis → Edwards → Holmes	
Sat 10	Wolves	1-1	10,248	1,800	4	Beresford	Edwards Heikkinen → Coyne Davis U'wood Nichols Robins	Brkovic Howard Feeney → Brill Morgan Holmes Perrett → S'wunmi →	
Tues 13	QPR	0-1	13,492	2,037	4	Beresford	Edwards Coyne Perrett Davis U'wood → Nichols Robins	Brkovic Howard Feeney → Brill Morgan → Holmes → Barnett S'wunmi →	
Sat 17	Hull City *	1-0	19,184	404	4	Beresford	Edwards Perrett → Coyne Davis Morgan Nichols Robins	Brkovic Howard Feeney Brill Andrew Holmes Keane Barnett →	
Tues 20	Reading (CC2)	0-1	6,941	829	-	Brill	Edwards Barnett → Coyne Davis Morgan Nichols Holmes	Brkovic Howard Feeney Seremet O'Leary Stevens Keane → Andrew	
Fri 23	Sheffield Wednesday *	2-2	8,267	750	3	Beresford	Edwards Perrett Coyne Davis → Morgan → Nichols Robins	Brkovic Howard Feeney Brill Heikkinen → Keane Holmes S'wunmi →	
Tues 27	Preston	3-0	7,815	391	3	Beresford	Edwards Heikkinen Coyne Davis Morgan → Nichols Robins	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 → Nichols Robins	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 → Nichols Robins	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 → Robinson → 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 → Nichols Robins	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 → Nichols Robins	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 → Nichols Robins	Brkovic Howard Feeney → Brill Barnett Holmes S'wunmi → Vine →	
Tues 22	Crewe Alexandra	4-1	7,474	204	5	Beresford	Foley Heikkinen Barnett U'wood Vine → Holmes Robins	Edwards S'wunmi Feeney → Brill Andrew Brkovic → Keane Morgan →	
Sat 26	Crystal Palace	15:00							
Sat 3	Reading	15:00							
Sun 11	Southampton *	13:30							
Sat 17	Stoke City	15:00							
Mon 26	Derby County	15:00							
Wed 28	Brighton	19:45							
Sat 31	Ipswich Town	13:00							
Mon 2	Watford	12:00							
Fri 13	Wolves *	19:45							
Sat 21	QPR	15:00							
Tues 31	Sheffield Wednesday	19:45							
Sat 4	Hull City	15:00							
Sat 11	Preston	15:00							
Tues 14	Cardiff City	19:45							
Fri 17	Reading *	19:45							
Sat 25	Leeds United	15:00							
Sat 4	Millwall	15:00							
Sat 11	Leicester City	15:00							
Sat 18	Derby County	15:00							
Sat 25	Brighton	15:00							
Sat 1	Ipswich Town	15:00							
Sun 9	Watford	12:00							
Sat 15	Coventry City	15:00							
Mon 17	Plymouth Argyle	15:00							
Sat 22	Sheffield United	15:00							
Sun 30	Burnley	15:00							

## COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

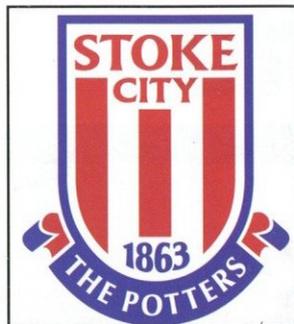
	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A			
Reading	20	8	1	1	22	8	6	4	0	14	3	+25	47
Sheff Utd	20	8	2	0	21	6	6	2	2	19	11	+23	46
Watford	20	5	2	3	17	12	5	4	1	18	12	+11	36
Leeds	19	5	3	1	15	9	4	3	3	10	9	+7	33
Luton	20	5	4	1	22	13	4	0	6	9	15	+3	31
Crystal Palace	18	6	1	3	15	7	3	2	3	16	13	+11	30
Wolves	20	4	4	2	11	7	3	4	3	15	11	+8	29
Cardiff	20	4	4	2	17	12	3	3	4	13	11	+7	28
Preston	20	2	6	2	8	8	4	4	2	15	11	+4	28
Burnley	20	5	3	2	19	11	3	1	6	8	14	+2	28
Stoke	20	4	1	5	12	14	5	0	5	11	14	-5	28
Southampton	19	3	5	1	10	6	2	6	2	13	12	+5	26
QPR	20	4	2	4	11	11	2	4	4	10	17	-7	24
Ipswich	20	4	2	4	12	16	2	4	4	10	15	-9	24
Norwich	20	4	4	3	11	8	2	0	7	8	17	-6	22
Leicester	19	3	4	3	11	10	1	5	3	7	11	-3	21
Derby	20	2	5	3	14	17	2	4	4	13	15	-5	21
Plymouth	19	3	4	2	11	10	1	4	5	5	13	-7	20
Sheff Wed	20	3	4	3	11	12	1	4	5	6	13	-8	20
Hull	20	2	5	3	9	9	2	2	6	7	14	-7	19
Crewe	20	3	4	3	13	16	1	3	6	10	22	-15	19
Coventry	20	3	3	3	12	12	0	6	5	10	19	-9	18
Brighton	20	1	4	5	12	17	1	7	2	8	12	-9	17
Millwall	20	1	3	6	5	15	2	4	4	11	17	-16	16

## TODAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

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

# Coming Next

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Luton's next opponents to Kenilworth Road are Stoke City. The Potters are currently experiencing a healthy run of results but not all is rosy behind the scenes as the club as JOHN FRANCIS explains

Luton will be hoping for an early Christmas present in the form of three points when Stoke City are the visitors for our last home game before the festive celebrations.

At time of writing they are undefeated in November with three wins over Coventry, Brighton and Crewe. This achievement is a testament to the players as matters are far from stable behind the scenes. Manager Johan Boskamp has publicly threatened to walk out unless Director Of Football John Rudge and Jan de Koning, Stoke's Assistant Manager, are sacked. Boskamp was appointed in June 2005

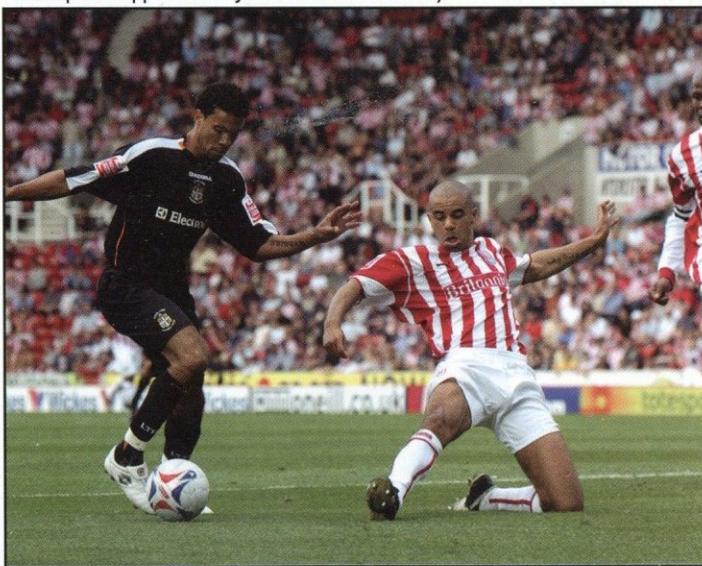
and will want to finish the job having brought some promising players to the club. Carl Hoefkens is a Belgian international who can play at full back or centre half, and is an ever present for the Potters this season. A new face since our defeat at the Britannia Stadium in August will be Guinea international Sambegou Bangoura. He broke the club's transfer record in August, signing from Standard Liege for £900,000. He already has five goals in his first seven games for the club.

Boskamp has inherited an experienced squad, with players such as Michael Duberry, Steve Simonsen and Marlon

Broomes with Premiership experience. Former Leicester defender Gerry Taggart, now 35, is also part of the squad and has just been offered a role as player/coach.

Matches between the two sides are often been close affairs and 2-1 is a popular score line with over half of our games in the last ten seasons ending that way. There have also been two high scoring encounters over the last decade. Luton came back from 2-0 down to win 6-2 in a memorable game in November 1993, with a hat-trick from Kerry Dixon plus goals from Ceri Hughes, Scott Oakes and John Hartson helping the Hatters to secure all three points. They got their revenge two seasons later, thumping us 5-0 at home and 2-1 at Kenilworth Road as we were relegated from Division One.

Former Hatters favourite Mark Stein was a bit of a legend in two spells at Stoke City. After appearing as a substitute on our big day in 1988, he went on to score regularly for the Potters before a £1.5 million move to Chelsea where he held a Premiership scoring record, scoring in seven consecutive games in the 1993/94 season. This stood until Ruud Van Nistelrooy netted in eight consecutive games in the 2001/2002 season.



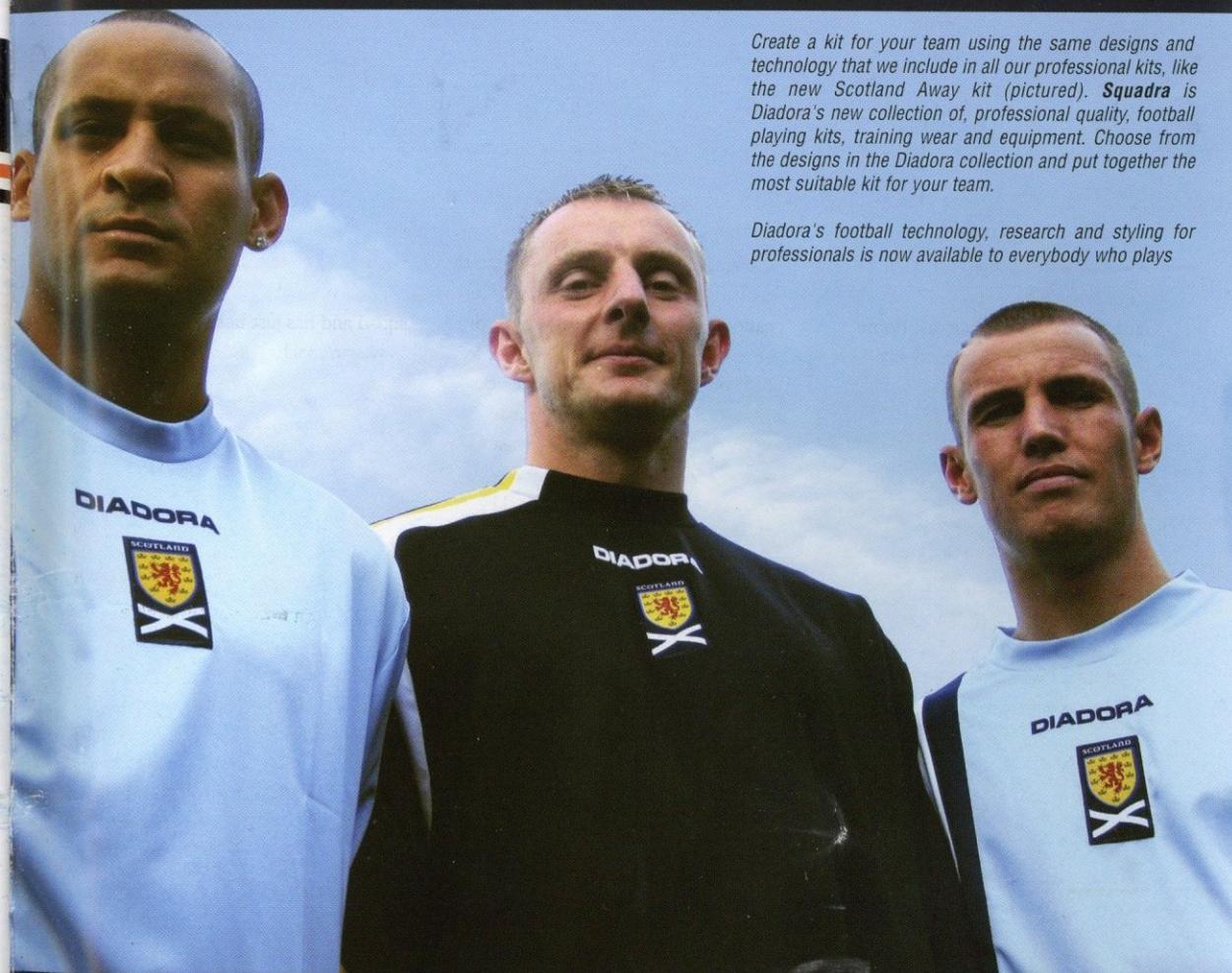
Carlos Edwards pictured in action against Stoke City

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