

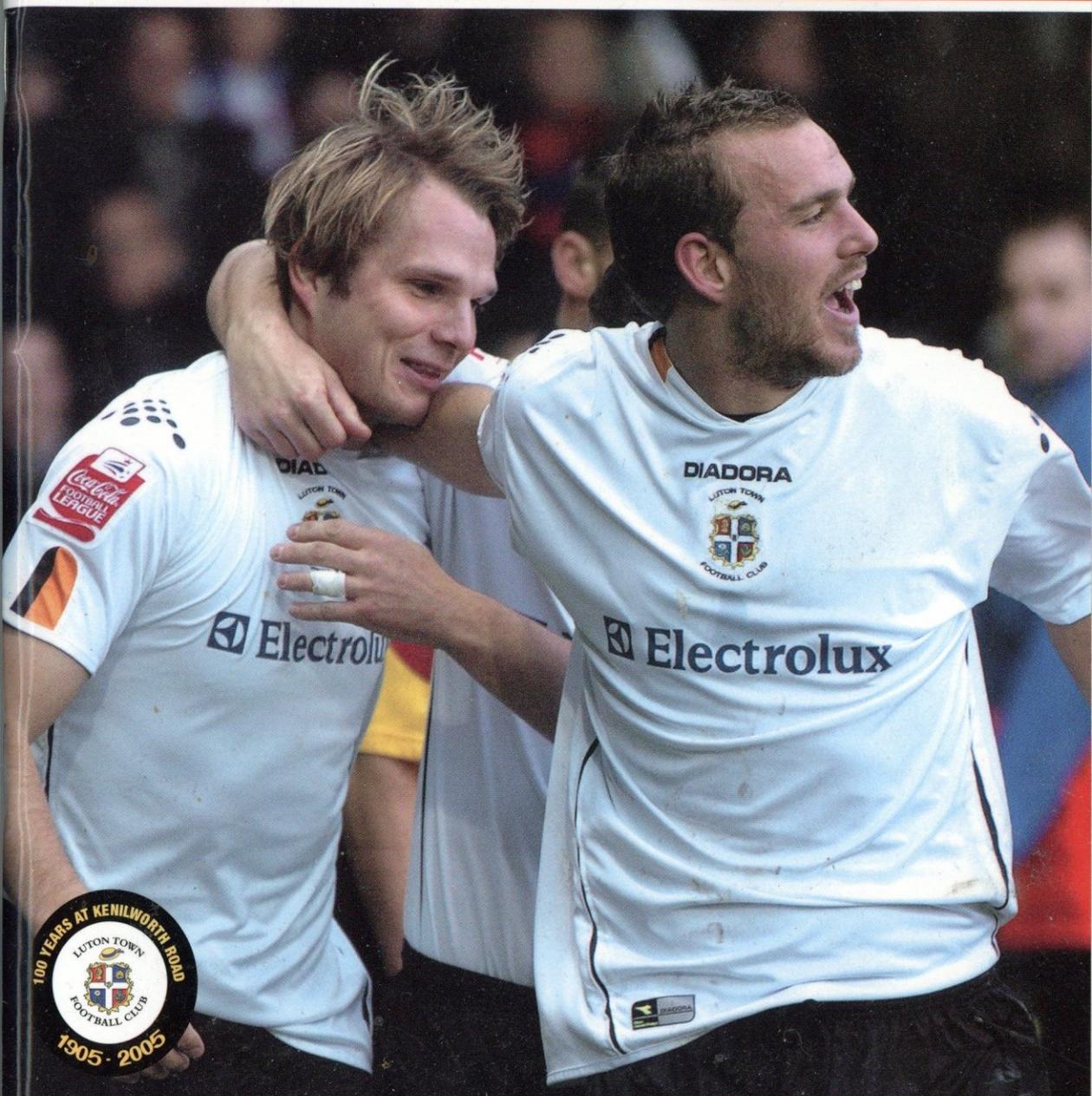
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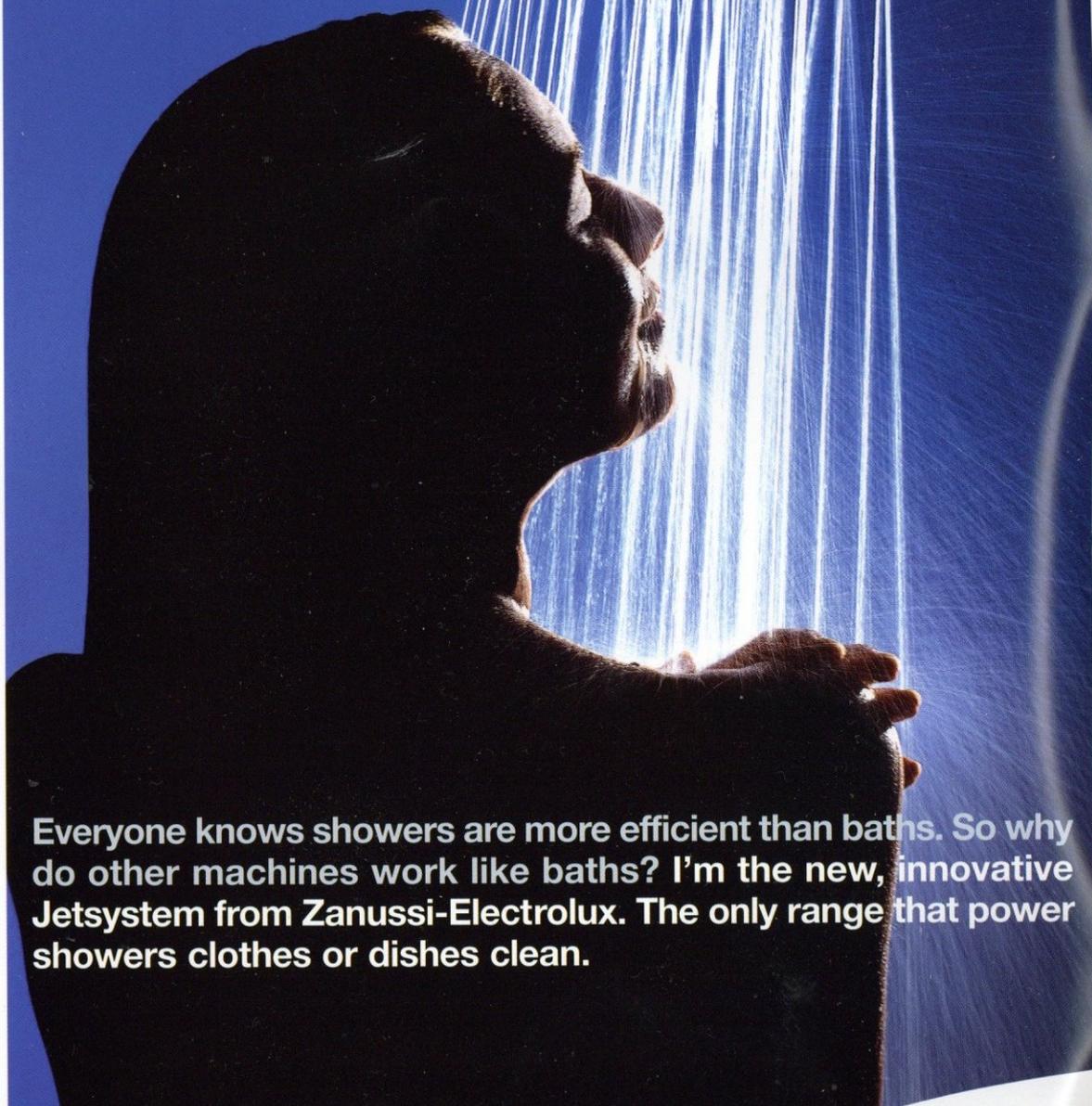
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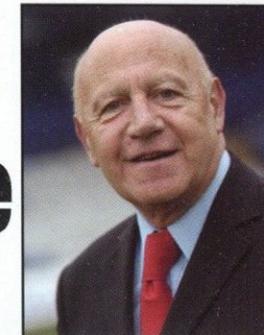
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Warm Welcome

From Luton Town Chairman Bill Tomlins



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to all our supporters for today's Championship game against our visitors Stoke City and to their Directors, Management, Players and Supporters.

Despite the defeat at Southampton, it was encouraging to hear Michael's comments on Sky after the game. He was straightforward in his view of how he was trying to turn around the club's away performances and very positive of progressing the club from its current position.

I believed at the beginning of this Championship campaign and still do, that no one with any certainty can predict where any of the clubs will have finished at the end of the season, therefore to be currently in the play-off positions at the halfway point, great credit must go to the team and our Manager Michael Newell and his Assistant Brian Stein. For the Board, that speaks volumes of what we are trying to achieve here.

"In terms of progressing the club off the field, travelling home from yet another brand new stadium in St Mary's makes us even more determined to resolve our own plans of relocating the club."

The fact is that it took Southampton 11 years to get to that position and

while I have been excited by Brighton's achievements, I am also disappointed to hear of one or two recent issues arising from their own attempts to relocate.

We have done a lot of positive work on establishing the financial funding for our proposed move to Junction 12.

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I continue always to say that when we are in a position to go public to the local villagers and our supporters I believe we can allay a lot of local residents concerns and bring a valuable community facility to South Bedfordshire. I have to say I have been incredibly pleased by the response I have had from supporters both by letter and email to my column for The Luton News. It has been extremely encouraging and clearly points out that it is a publication that the fans read regularly.

As always, get behind the players.

Enjoy the game.

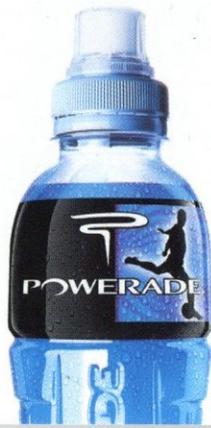
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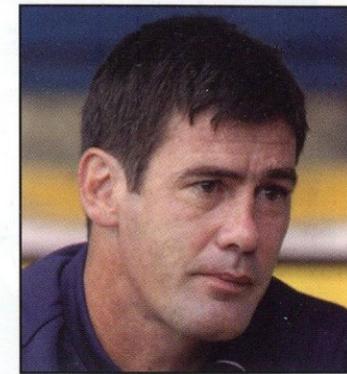
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Mike Newell



MIKE NEWELL reflects back on the recent performance against Reading and Southampton.

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Stoke City. Welcome also to Johan Boskamp, his staff, players, directors and supporters from the Britannia Stadium.

We left there earlier in the season

The last couple of weeks have been a bit up and down after one of our best performances against Crystal Palace. We made them look ordinary on the day but we weren't able to follow it up at Reading or Southampton. Although we played some good stuff at the Madejski Stadium, the cutting edge was lack-

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feeling a little hard done by and it is always an indication of how you have played when a number of opposition fans are very complimentary so we will be looking to avenge that defeat. Stoke however have been successful on the road this season and it will be difficult test for us.

ing. At St Mary's it was one of the few occasions this season, particularly in the first half, when we were off the pace.

So we have reached the half-way stage and find ourselves in the play-off places. Ask any supporter or anyone connected with the club

whether they would have settled for that in July and they would have all said yes. I am not settling for anything. Never at any stage did I set any targets and never at any stage would I have anyone tell me that success would be staying in the league or consolidation should be our aim. That is not our ambition.

There are many managers that paint a black picture at the start of the season and I have a mental note of who they are. The reason they do that is to cover themselves should things not go the way they want or alternatively so that everyone pats them on the back at the slightest sign of success. I am not one of those people. There is nobody who can't be beaten if you keep trying long enough - nobody.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads

Mike

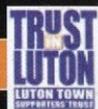


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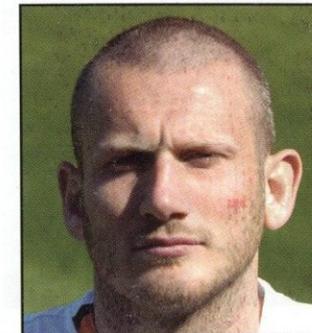
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Skipper Kevin Nicholls reflects on our recent away form and the squad's determination to turn things around on their travels

Hello and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's game with Stoke City. After two games on the road it's good to be back in familiar surroundings as we look to get back to winning ways.

I felt that we played well in our encounter with Reading and the 3-0

score line was a harsh reflection.

We then travelled to Southampton and people could say that it was a patchy performance but for the sloppy goal we conceded in the first-half, we know that we would have come away with at least a point.

We know it was not our best performance last weekend but we are

“ We know that we have slipped up on several away games this season but everyone is determined to put things right and it is up to the players to turn it around. There are still 23 games left this season and plenty of points to play for ”

score line was certainly a bitter pill to swallow. The deflected goal gave them a lift just prior to half-time and it was a massive blow for us.

We gave a good account of ourselves against a team who had gone 20 games undefeated in the league and the general feeling amongst the lads after the game was that the

determined to put our away form right as we get set for a busy Christmas period.

Since I have been at the club our away form has always been good and it has only been over the last few weeks that we have slipped up on our travels.

We all know that we have got to pick up our form away from Kenilworth Road and if that can improve and we maintain our good progress at home then we know we will maintain our push for a spot in the play-offs.

I am sure the gaffer will be pleased with our form so far this season although we do feel that we could have done slightly better. We know there are still 23 games left this season and that is plenty of points to play for.

We know that we have slipped up on several games away from home this season but everyone is determined to put things right and it is up to the players to turn it around.

On behalf of the rest of the lads, can I take this opportunity to wish all our supporters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your support throughout 2005 has been amazing and we look forward to your continued support throughout the new year.

Enjoy the game

Nico

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Cherry Newbery

Cherry Newbery brings you news from around Kenilworth Road

It really doesn't seem possible that here we are with our last home match before Christmas, where has the year gone!

We are pleased to welcome today for their traditional annual visit The Salvation Army Band who will be playing for us before the match and at half time.

The Third Round draw for the FA Cup has given us a very exciting home draw with Liverpool. This is naturally a match that everyone want to see

This week saw the players visit the children's ward at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital and take presents for those children who are unfortunately in hospital at this time and we also held our 9th Annual Carol Service on Thursday at St Marys Church and our thanks to all the children from Meads School who sang the carols so beautifully.

The collection for the Mayors Christmas Appeal, on behalf of the

Pasque Hospice at our last home match raised £500, so thank you to all supporters who gave so generously.

Apologies to those supporters who missed our Pontins Reserve cup match against Millwall last Tuesday which was arranged at short notice due to the postponement of

Millwalls scheduled reserve match. With the lack of opportunity to re-schedule our reserve matches it was an opportunity not to miss. Our next home game in the Pontins League is on Tuesday 10th January here at Kenilworth Road kick-off 2.00 p.m.

A very warm welcome today to a good friend of the club, our former programme editor Brian Swain who joins us from Falmouth.

The Third Round Draw for the FA Cup has given us a very exciting home draw with Liverpool. This is naturally a match that everyone wants to be at, so we have ensured that after season ticket holders have purchased their seats (by close of business next Tuesday 20th December) that existing members will be able to purchase the remaining seats. Any remaining tickets would then become available to season ticket holders for their guests. We do not envisage any tickets going on general sale.

The club has appreciated the exceptional support we have received from both season ticket and match day ticket purchasers and therefore there has been no increase in the match ticket price for this match.

Finally can I wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas with lots of points!

Cherry



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

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT AN ALL TICKET MATCH FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS BUT PRICES WILL INCREASE BY £3.00 FOR ADULTS AND £1.00 FOR CONCESSIONS FOR THOSE BUYING ON THE DAY AT PRIDE PARK

We have been initially allocated 2,397 Seats for the above fixture. Tickets are now on general sale from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LAST DAY FOR PURCHASING TICKETS FOR THIS FIXTURE IS ON THE 23RD DECEMBER 2005 AT 12 NOON

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

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KICK-OFF 3:00PM**

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

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MEMBERS: Will be able to purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability) until close of business today

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
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SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY 2006
KICK-OFF 3:00PM**

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TICKET NEWS REGARDING LUTON'S FA CUP FIXTURE WITH LIVERPOOL CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 11



LUTON TOWN V LIVERPOOL
SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY 2006
FA CUP THIRD ROUND, KICK-OFF 5:30PM



The Club has appreciated the exceptional support of our season ticket holders, with sales in excess of any previous season and also that of matchday ticket purchasers. Therefore there will be no price increase for our match with Liverpool and normal league prices will apply.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

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*If applying by post please include the following information: Name, address, daytime and evening telephone contact numbers, seating preference (or current seat details for season ticket holders) and payment detail along with £1.00 postage fee per booking (all tickets will be sent recorded delivery).

Season Ticket holder's seats will be held until close of business on Tuesday 20th December 2005.

To assist season ticket holders to purchase their tickets for this game the ticket office will be open for longer hours on the following dates:

Friday 9th December - Open from 10am to 7pm
 Saturday 10th December - Open 9am to 5pm
 Friday 16th December - Open from 10am to 6pm

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Will be able to purchase one ticket per member; in person or by post (subject to availability) from Thursday 22nd December 2005 until close of business on Friday 30th December 2005. - Membership cards **MUST** be produced at the time of booking (if booking by post* membership cards must be sent with your application)

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To assist existing members to purchase their tickets for this game the ticket office will be open for longer hours on the following dates:

Thursday 22nd December - Open from 10am to 7pm
 Friday 23rd December - Open from 10am to 7pm
 Saturday 24th December - Open from 9am to 12 noon

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS GUEST TICKETS

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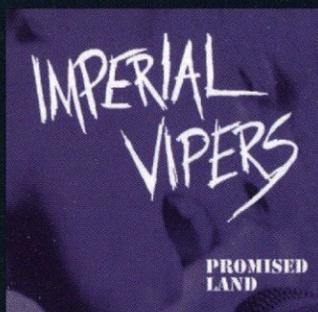
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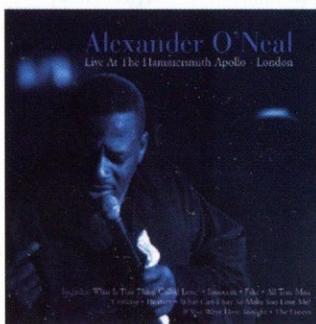
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 MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER: CLOSED
 TUESDAY 27TH DECEMBER: 10:00am - 5:00pm
 WEDNESDAY 28TH DECEMBER: 10:00am til KICK-OFF
 THURSDAY 29TH DECEMBER: 10:00am - 5:00pm
 FRIDAY 30TH DECEMBER: 10:00am - 5:00pm
 SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER: CLOSED
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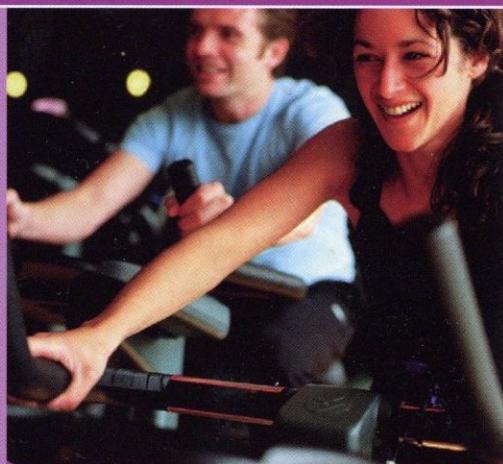
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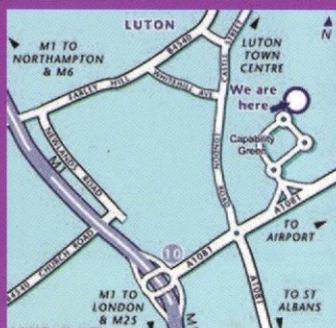


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STOKE CITY

Stoke City arrive at Kenilworth Road today hoping to leapfrog Luton in the Championship table and continue their impressive form this season. Dutchman Johan Boskamp has installed a team that certainly has the capabilities to drive the Potters forward as JAMES MARSH explains.



STOKE CITY FACTFILE



STOKE CITY FC

Year Formed: 1863

Ground: Britannia Stadium

Ground Capacity: 28,218

Most League Goals: Freddie Steele (142), 1936-37

Most Capped Player: Gordon Banks, 36 (73), England

Most League Appearances: Eric Skeels, 506, 1958-76

Stoke City arrive at Kenilworth Road after what has been a rollercoaster season so far. Dutchman Johan Boskamp's men have drawn only one game since August and, while they might not be a good pick for your pools coupon, their record of 11 wins and 11 defeats has seen them climb to seventh in the table. Boskamp took over The Potters back in June and, despite rumours of recent unrest with his backroom staff, the former Netherlands international has turned his team into an attractive, if unpredictable, side to watch.

After five wins in their last seven matches, including three on the trot against Coventry, Brighton and Crewe, Stoke warmed up for today's match with an

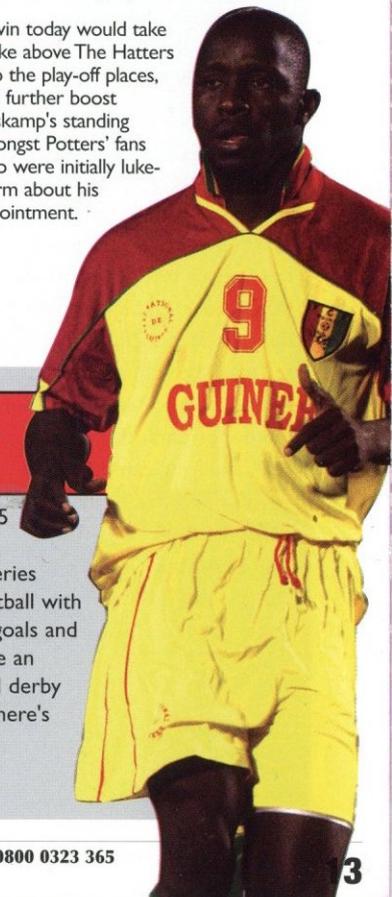
exciting 3-2 win last week against Leicester City. The winner was scored by Guinean striker Sambegou Bangoura who has notched an impressive eight goals this season and was named Championship player of the month for November. Bangoura's strike partner is target man Mamady Sidibe and, with on-loan Blackburn starlet Paul Gallacher playing in the hole behind the front two, Stoke are not lacking in firepower. Despite his relatively short time at the club, Gallacher's pace, skill and goals have already made him a firm fans' favourite.

In midfield, the ex-Manchester United star Luke Chadwick has started to put in some consistent displays down the left wing, while Darel Russell is a versatile

performer in the centre or on the right. Luton fans will also be wary of midfield mainstay Dave Brammer following the reverse fixture at Stoke's impressive Britannia Stadium back in August. On that day, the ex-Crewe man smashed home an injury time 25-yarder to condemn us to a 2-1 defeat.

At the back, Stoke can call on some considerable Premiership experience in the form of ex-Chelsea centre half Michael Duberry and former Everton keeper Steve Simonsen. Fullbacks Marlon Broomes - a muscular player who also scored against us in August - and the cultured Belgian Karl Hoefkens both contribute effectively to the defence with their contrasting styles.

A win today would take Stoke above The Hatters into the play-off places, and further boost Boskamp's standing amongst Potters' fans who were initially lukewarm about his appointment.



Dangerman: Sambegou Bangoura

A Guinean international striker who became City's record signing in August 2005 when he joined from Standard Liege for an undisclosed fee. A dangerous customer both in and around the box, the 23-year-old frontman arrives in the Potteries with a proven goalscoring pedigree. During just over four seasons in Belgian football with both Standard Liege and Lokeren, he amassed an impressive tally of over sixty goals and finished last season among the top-scorers in the Jupiler League. Sambegou made an instant impression on Potters fans after scoring on his full debut during the local derby victory over Crewe Alexandra and both he and the City faithful will be hoping there's plenty more goals to follow in the near future.

About STOKE CITY

Manager Goalkeeper Skipper



Johan Boskamp

Johan joined City in the summer of 2005 and thus became the club's City's first-ever Dutch-born manager. He has a wealth of multi-national experience following a successful playing career on the continent spanning over eighteen years and including international caps for Holland. He began his managerial and coaching career with Belgium outfit Lierse before stints with Racing Genk, where he was a Belgian Cup winner, Gent and Anderlecht. Under his guidance, Anderlecht scooped the Belgium title three years in succession in the 1990's and reached the latter stages of the European Cup before he left to coach Georgian side Dinamo Tbilisi. During his time at Tbilisi, Boskamp also took charge of the Georgian national side for part of their Euro 200 qualifying campaign and has also worked in the Middle East with Al Wasl of the United Arab Emirates and Dubai side Al Ahli as well as Kazma Sport, of Kuwait.

Steve Simonsen

A former England Youth and under-21 international, Steve signed on a free transfer from Everton in summer 2004. He started his career as a trainee at Tranmere and made his debut in a 3-1 win against the Potters in November 1996. After two years at Prenton Park he crossed the Mersey to join Premiership side Everton in a £3.3 million deal. After making just three appearances in his first two years at the club, he was a regular in the 2001/02 campaign but again only made a handful of appearances in his last two seasons. Competed with Ed De Goeij for the number one slot since his arrival at the Britannia Stadium and a solid run in the side led to Steve being named the 'Players' Player Of The Season' in the 2004/05 campaign.

Michael Duberry

Initially joined City on loan from Leeds United in October 2004 and made his Potters debut against West Ham United at Upton Park. A strong, powerful defender with plenty of Premiership experience, Michael was an England under-21 star who broke into the Chelsea first team as an 18-year-old in 1993. He went on to make nearly 100 appearances for the Blues before his switch to Leeds in 1999. Michael's first-team appearances were always limited at Elland Road, but he is aiming to make a fresh start after a career spent almost entirely in the Premiership. His loan spell lasted for three months, and he returned to Leeds in January 2005, but re-appeared at City in February and signed a two-and-a-half year deal after being released by the Yorkshire club. A huge crowd favourite, the departure of captain Clive Clarke to West Ham in the summer saw Michael take over the captain's armband under Johan Boskamp.

Defenders

Lewis Buxton

A promising young defender signed from Portsmouth in December 2004, Lewis wasted no time in making his mark at the Britannia Stadium. After signing a two-year deal, he immediately found himself in the first-team for the Boxing Day game at home to Preston and quickly held down a place. Figuring initially as a right-sided fullback, he is also a capable centre half, having built up a reputation as a steady performer at Pompey. Lewis made his senior debut at Fratton Park aged just seventeen and went on to make almost 30 appearances under Graham Rix in 2000/01. However, after the departure of Rix and the arrival of Harry Redknapp as manager, he found opportunities limited. He gained experience on loan at Exeter and Bournemouth before returning to Dean Court in 2003/04 to chalk up a further 28 appearances.

Carl Hoefkens

A cultured Belgian international defender who joined City on a two-year deal in the summer of 2005 and for an undisclosed fee from Germinal Beerschot. An adaptable player capable of figuring either at centre-back or full-back he has a very attacking outlook. When played at full-back he loves to get forward down the flanks, while his ball-playing ability is important to the team at centre-back. His arrival at the club increased an already healthy competition in defence but he forced his way into the side at the start of his first season in English football and all the signs suggest he will be a success and a crowd favourite.

Marlon Broomes

Experienced defender and former England under-21 international who joined City just before the start of the 2005/06 season in a swap deal which took midfielder Lewis Neal to Preston. Groomed by Blackburn from a trainee but made his league debut while on loan at Swindon in 1996 and went on to enjoy four seasons at Ewood Park, punctuated by a further loan spells at QPR and Grimsby before linking up with Sheffield Wednesday, and then moving on to Preston. Can play centre-back, his preferred position, or full-back and has amassed over 150 League appearances during his career. Strength is a key feature of his game.

Gerry Taggart

So far, Gerry's fifteen-year career has seen him amass over 500 league appearances for a quartet of clubs. He started his career with Manchester City in 1989, but after failing to command a regular place in the side he joined Barnsley for £75,000. He made over 200 outings in his time at Oakwell before being transferred to Bolton Wanderers for a fee of £1.5 million. He spent three-years in Lancashire, helping the Trotters into the Premiership before moving to Leicester City after Bolton were relegated in 1998. In a superb spell with The Foxes, Gerry tasted relegation and then promotion again last season. He made six outings during the current campaign before joining City in a one-month loan deal.

Midfielders

David Brammer

A vastly experienced midfielder who started off his career as a trainee at Wrexham before a deadline day transfer to Port Vale in 1999 for £350,000. After helping Vale win the LDV Vans Trophy in 2001, he was named Player of the Year and stepped up a league to join Crewe Alexandra in the First Division for £500,000. He was a prominent member of the Alex side that won promotion back to the First Division, following relegation in his first season with the Railwaymen. But injuries hampered much of his 2003/04 campaign. A permanent fixture in the Potters' side last season, his wide range of passes could prove to be the provider for a lot of City's goals this season - as well as providing some himself with his terrific shot.

Darel Russell

Darel signed professional terms with Norwich City in 1997 after coming through their youth ranks and made his debut a year later against Reading. A former England Youth international, he made great progress with the Canaries as an energetic midfielder and began to attract Premiership clubs' interest. After a total of 147 appearances for the club, scoring 9 goals, he rejected a new contract and signed instead for City in the summer of 2003. Darel's attributes include his energy and workrate, he is skilful on the ball and he is adaptable, being able to play either central or right-sided midfield roles or as a wing-back.

Peter Sweeney

Talented left-sided midfielder who came through the youth ranks at Millwall but is a Scottish under-21 international having been born in Glasgow. Made his league debut for the Lions in 2001/02, but had to wait until 2003/04 for his real breakthrough, when he held his place for 21 league games, plus a further nine as a substitute, and also added five more appearances in the club's run to the FA Cup final, including starting against Manchester United at the Millennium Stadium. Last season he made a further 24 league appearances and also gained European experience with a UEFA Cup outing against Ferencvaros. Still an emerging talent, the start of his career at the Britannia Stadium has been held back by a back injury which has sidelined him for the start of the 2005/06 campaign.

Junior

Signed on a season-long loan from Anderlecht at the start of the 2005/06 campaign. A Belgian passport holder, although born in the former Belgian Congo (Zaire), he has represented the country at both under 18 and under 21 level. A versatile player, he is comfortable in the centre or on the right side of midfield, as well as in defence. Made his first-team debut for Anderlecht aged just 18, but a broken leg set back his early progress and last season he spent a spell on loan with Mons.

Strikers

Paul Gallagher

Talented young striker signed on a season-long loan from Blackburn Rovers on the eve of the August transfer deadline. Paul worked his way through the ranks at Ewood Park before bursting into the limelight under Graeme Souness during the 2003/04 season. He netted his first Premiership goal against Birmingham City in December 2003 and became a regular in the Rovers' side before the arrival of Mark Hughes as manager at the start of last season. With first-team opportunities waning, a chance to link-up with City in the Championship for the remainder of the current campaign was an offer too good to turn down for the Scottish under-21 international. He made an immediate impression, notching decisive strikes in away victories over Hull and Preston in September. A player who possesses bags of skill and pace, not to mention a thunderous left-foot, Paul has slotted in superbly behind the strikers and is expected to play a major role for the Potters this season.

Mamady Sidibe

Tall, powerful and extremely imposing striker who linked up with City in the summer of 2005 despite being offered a new contract by Gillingham. The Mali-born striker, who speaks both French and English, is a deceptive player - despite his height and obvious aerial threat he is very tidy with the ball at his feet and makes an effective target man both in the air and on the ground. His main aim in 2005/06 is to improve on his previously rather modest goal tally although his form towards the end of 2004/05 was recognised by former Gills' boss Stan Ternent as being one of the factors which almost saved the Kent club from relegation.

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Classic Match

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



□ A happy John Hartson signals his last minute goal against the Potters in 1993.

After escaping relegation at the death in 1993, manager David Pleat and his players hoped that the new campaign would bring about a period of stability and perhaps even a return to the top flight.

Unfortunately, after a bright opening game, when local rivals Watford were seen off at Kenilworth Road, the Hatters went on a poor run and by the time of the visit of Stoke to Kenilworth Road on 27th November it was no surprise that they were hovering just above the relegation places.

Marvin Johnson, Julian James, David Greene, David Preece, Paul Telfer and John Dreyer were out through injury or

suspension while the visitors, who had eyes on the other end of the table, were able to pick from a full squad.

The supporters heads were in their hands as early as the second minute when a mistake from young Jamie Campbell, deputising for Dreyer in central defence, gifted the ball to Potters' Dave Regis who made no mistake. It got even worse a few minutes later when Des Linton headed Toddy Orlygsson's corner into his own net.

The players did not have long to feel sorry for themselves as within two minutes Kerry Dixon had reduced the deficit and suddenly the Town clicked into gear and almost everything they tried came

off. After 35 minutes Hughes hit home a 25 yarder and two minutes later the recovery was complete when Scott Oakes fired a left footed shot into the bottom corner.

The Potters changed formation for the second half in a bid to save the game and for a time caused a few anxious moments in the Luton defence. Trevor Peake, however, swept up brilliantly to hold together the makeshift Hatters back line as the game gradually swung away from Stoke once more.

Minutes after young John Hartson came on for loanee Paul Dickov, who had broken his nose, the Town made the game safe when, after a good run and pass from Oakes, a thundering right foot shot from Dixon gave the goalkeeper no chance.

The scoring was still not complete when, on 79 minutes, Dixon converted an Oakes cross with his head for his first hat-trick in Luton colours. Tony Thorpe was then introduced into the fray for his first taste of league action, and was instrumental in the four man move that set up Hartson to side foot in a last minute goal to make it a resounding 6-2 victory, the Hatters best for five years.

Luton: Sommer, Linton, Thomas, Harper, Peake, Campbell, Hughes, Oakes, Dixon, Rees (Thorpe), Dickov (Hartson).

Stoke: Marshall, Butler, Overson, Sandford, Cowan, Orlygsson, Foley, Ware, Gleghorn, Carruthers (Bannister), Regis.

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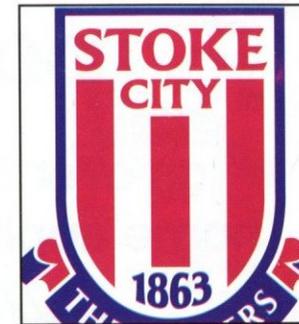
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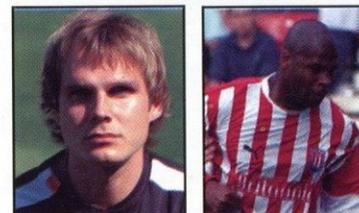
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Match Guide

SIMON GOVER previews the big match this afternoon with the key facts and figures between the two sides

Head 2 Head



Markus Heikkinen v Michael Duberry

Two players who have played at the highest level will go head-to-head this afternoon with Markus Heikkinen and Michael Duberry expected to have busy matches at the heart of their respected defences.

Markus has played at the highest level with Aberdeen and has made a solid start to life at Kenilworth Road with a number of impressive performances. His opening goal of the season against Crystal Palace is likely to alert the management staff at Stoke City with the defender quickly becoming dangerous at set-pieces. Having had plenty of experience at international level, Markus has certainly been a tremendous find by manager Mike Newell.

The name of Michael Duberry is likely to be familiar with many inside Kenilworth Road this afternoon having spent much of his career playing in the Premiership with Chelsea. Michael has been in formidable form and has played a large contribution towards Stoke's encouraging form this season. Michael has also found the net this season whilst making 20 appearances.



Ahmet Brkovic is pictured in action against Stoke City earlier this season

Luton host Stoke City this afternoon for the first time since March 2001 when a Matthew Taylor own goal combined with a strike from Graham Kavanagh helped give our visitors all three points.

The last time the two teams met was at the Britannia Stadium on the 8th August 2005, which saw a late, but spectacular effort by David Brammer inflict Luton's first defeat of the season.

This was a game Luton felt they had dominated but despite their healthy spell of possession, Dean Morgan's ninth minute strike was all the visitors had to show for their efforts.

Despite having Steve Howard sent-off after 29 minutes, Luton continued to play attractive football and managed to hold

onto their lead going into the interval. Marlon Broomes brought Stoke back on level terms midway through the second-half before Brammer smashed home an unstoppable shot past Marlon Beresford.

Encounters between the two sides have often been close affairs with five of the last six games being separated by a single goal whilst a draw is looking the least likely result this afternoon as only two of the previous 20 matches have finished in that manner.

In 1993, Luton hit Stoke for six in a match which was to prove memorable for Kerry Dixon as he notched a hat-trick.

The teams have met 37 times, bringing 10 Luton wins, 12 draws and 15 wins for today's visitors.



FORM GUIDE
Luton: L,W,W,L,L
Southampton 1 Luton 0
Reading 3 Luton 0
Luton 2 Crystal Palace 0
Luton 4 Crewe 1
Luton 2 Burnley 3

FORM GUIDE
Stoke: W, L, W, L, W
Crewe 1 Stoke 2
Stoke 1 Derby 2
Sheff Wed 0 Stoke 2
Stoke 1 QPR 2
Stoke 3 Leicester 2

HEAD 2 HEAD
Luton Wins: 10
(9 league, 1 cups)
Stoke Wins: 15
(15 league)
Draws: 12

LAST FIVE MEETINGS:
Stoke 2 Luton 1, Championship, 20/08/2005
Luton 1 Stoke 2, Division One, 07/04/2001
Stoke 1 Luton 3, Division One, 02/12/2000
Luton 2 Stoke 1, Division One, 08/02/2000
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Match Action

Despite displaying an encouraging performance, Luton slipped to another defeat on their travels as Reading maintained their lead at the top of the Championship

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Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



"I felt 2-0 would have been a little harsh to be totally honest. I felt we have had a lot of the game but the difference between the two teams was in the finishing. We didn't really show any conviction in the second half but I was pleased with the performance. The opening goal was very harsh and it came at a good time for them but we believed we could have got back into the game at half-time. Reading have got 53 points now after 22 games which is phenomenal. Reading are obviously doing something right and I don't think I can be too harsh on our lads. We are at a different level now and we will never be happy when we get beat. I felt we have shown that we are capable of playing some decent football.



Steve Howard skips past the challenge of Ivar Ingimarsson

Reading's charge up the Championship table continued following this encounter at the Madejski Stadium although the 3-0 scoreline was a harsh assessment on Luton's performance.

Steve Sidwell's deflected strike in the closing minutes of the first half gave the Royals the advantage, before substitute Dave Kitson and Kevin Doyle added headed goals after the break.

The result extended Reading's unbeaten run to 21 league matches after a game they started and finished strongly, but were outplayed for significant spells in between.

Luton were dangerous on the break throughout the first-half and Rowan Vine almost continued his bright run of form with a volley that flew straight into the arms Marcus Hahnemann.

Just when it appeared the first half would end goalless, Bobby Conway's cross was headed clear to Sidwell, whose fierce strike from 30-yards hit Paul Underwood and flew

past Marlon Beresford.

Luton began the second half with drive and purpose. Carlos Edwards crossed from the right for the unmarked Dean Morgan, whose far-post header from close range was well saved by Hahnemann.

Enoch Showunmi fired a 22-yard effort into the side-netting on the hour mark, before Edwards fired wildly over from a tight angle after Hahnemann had pushed Russell Perrett's header into his path.

That miss was to prove costly. Two minutes later, Little's free-kick from the right was poorly defended, and Kitson - on for the ineffective Leroy Lita - took advantage of the uncertainty to head past Beresford from eight yards.

The second goal left Luton demoralised and it was no surprise when the excellent Little produced another fine cross that the unmarked Doyle headed into the top-right corner, a minute from time.

LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP

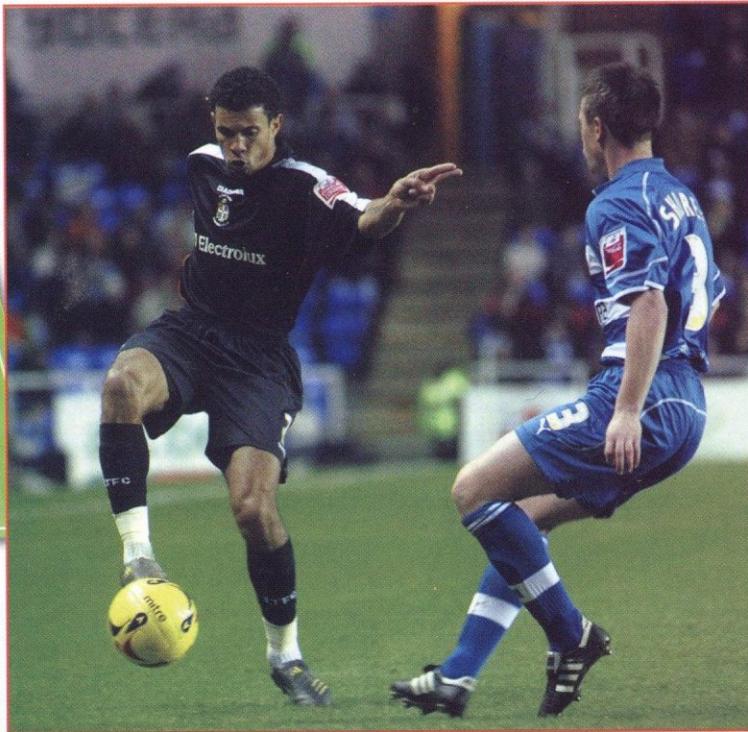


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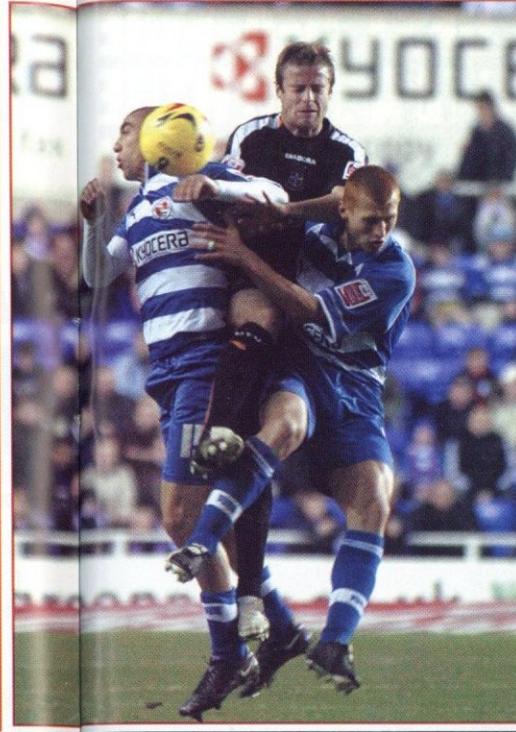


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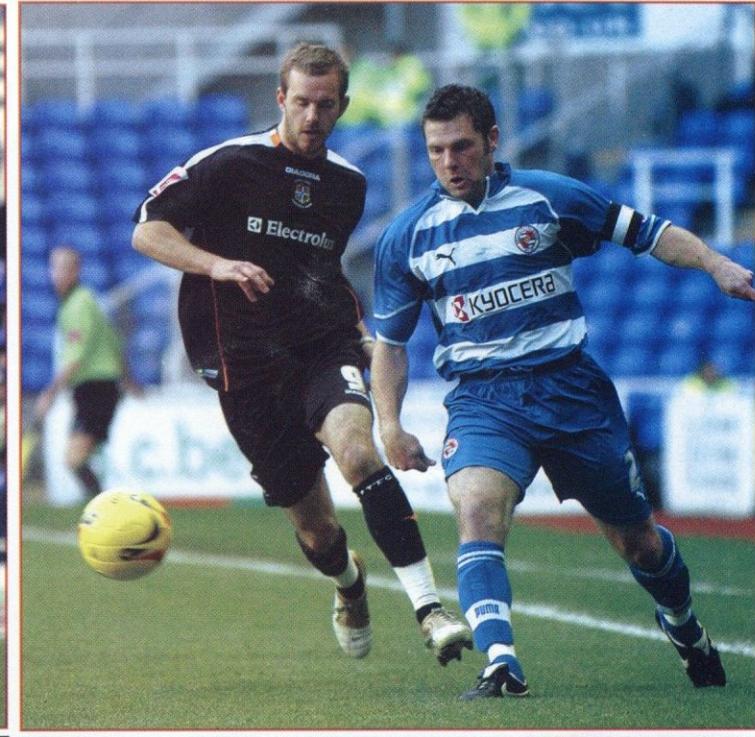
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Red Cards :	0	0
Scorers :	Sidwell 44 Kitson 76 Doyle 88	



□ Carlos Edwards skips past the challenge of Nicky Shorey



□ Reading sandwich Peter Holmes in this tussle



□ Reading's Graeme Murty clears the danger with Rowan Vine closing in



□ Dean Morgan made his second return to the Madejski Stadium since leaving The Royals to join Luton in the summer.



□ Enoch Showunmi almost finds the back of Reading's net but is thwarted by Marcus Hahnemann.



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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



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Tyler Oyston who is also a Luton Town Under 10 Centre of Excellence Player receiving his signed shirt from Community Officer Stuart Smith.

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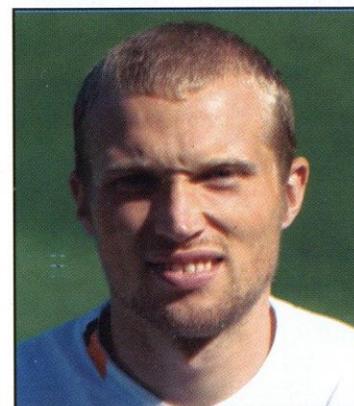
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Head 2 Head



After taking a mini break, our Head 2 Head competition makes a return this week and its the battle of the strikers as Warren Feeney takes on Rowan Vine for a place in round two. Our Head 2 Head feature is a battle to find out who is the most knowledgeable person at Luton Town Football Club and the competition is certainly hotting up.



Warren aiming for round two!

WARREN'S ANSWERS

1. Darren Fletcher ✓
2. Yeovil Town ✗
3. Pass - I have no idea ✗
4. Graham Rix ✓
5. Inter Milan ✓
6. Leicester City ✓
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8. Greece ✓
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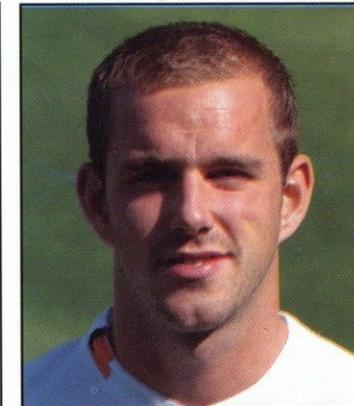
1. Who scored the only goal for Manchester United to help inflict Chelsea's first defeat in the Premiership this season?
2. Which league club's home ground is called Home Park?
3. Reading played in which ground before they moved to the Madejski Stadium?
4. Which former Arsenal player has just taken over as manager of Scottish Premiership club Hearts?
5. Which European club was recently forced to play a behind closed doors match against Glasgow Rangers during their Champions League campaign?
6. For which current Championship club did Gary Linker start his career?
7. Oldham were recently held to a draw by which amateur club in the First Round of the FA Cup?
8. Who won the Euro 2004 Championships that was held in Portugal?
9. What number does David Beckham wear on his Real Madrid shirt?
10. Apart from Newcastle, which two other clubs has Alan Shearer played for?

TIE BREAKER: (to the closest) - What was the attendance of last seasons FA Cup Final at the Millennium Stadium?

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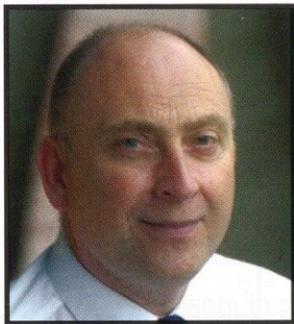
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Roger Wash

**1955
1956**

From the 1955/56 season, Roger Wash looks back at a year when top flight new boys Luton Town became the talk of Fleet Street following a string of magical performances.



□ Gordon Turner fires home at Charlton in August 1955 netting the Town's first ever goal in Division One.

Following promotion to the top flight for the first time in their history the Town decided to stick with the players that had served them so well in the previous season, as they embarked into new and uncharted territory.

The first game in Division One took the Town to Charlton, and on a bone hard pitch and under a blazing sun Gordon Turner scored the Town's first ever top flight goal but a head injury to goalkeeper Ron Baynham left him concussed and the Robins stormed into a 2-1 lead before South African Peter MacEwan stole in for a deserved

equaliser.

After losing at Preston in mid-week the long awaited first home game arrived with old friends Tottenham the visitors. Those that managed to get in saw a thriller which stood finely poised at 1-1 until the final minute when Turner broke through and hit an unstoppable shot for the winner.

The Town were acclimatising to their new home rather better and more quickly than even their most one-eyed supporter could have imagined and as autumn turned to winter many football commentators were talking of the Hatters making a strong bid for the

championship.

When he felt that the forward line was not firing on all cylinders during the promotion season, manager Dally Duncan had moved wing-half Bob Morton to centre-forward where he proved a major success. The trouble was that Morton was also needed in the half-back line and it was a constant source of discussion as to which was his best position.

Although the Town had performed rather better than he had expected on their baptism in the top flight, Duncan was slightly concerned after a couple of limp forward displays in October

1955/56

LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
8) Bolton	42	18	7	17	71	58	43
9) Sunderland	42	17	9	16	80	95	43
10) LUTON	42	17	8	17	66	64	42
11) Newcastle	42	17	7	18	85	70	41
12) Portsmouth	42	16	9	17	78	85	41
13) West Brom	42	18	5	19	58	70	41
14) Charlton Ath	42	17	6	19	75	81	40
15) Everton	42	15	10	17	55	69	40

Manager: Dally Duncan

Top Scorer: Gordon Turner

League Position: 10th

FA Cup: 3rd Round

Memorable Match:
Vs Sunderland W 8-2

1955.

His remedy was to move Morton back to the forward line to shake things up and his re-introduction coincided with the visit of Wolves to Kenilworth Road on Fireworks Day.

Amongst the record league crowd of 27,911, which has never been beaten since, were England manager Walter Winterbottom and the Moscow Dynamo team who were due to play at Molineux the following week in the latest in a line of famous floodlight friendlies that made Wolves famous the world over in the 1950's.

Bob Morton gave England centre-half Billy Wright the complete runaround that afternoon as well as netting twice as the Hatters finished 5-1 winners in an amazing match.

With the whole of the football world talking about the Hatters, the biggest test of the 'upstarts' would surely come when the Division One leaders Sunderland visited Kenilworth Road two weeks later. This time most of

Fleet Street were present to see the bubble burst but instead they were treated to another unstoppable performance with this time the Town running out 8-2 victors.

Sunderland at that time in their history had never known life outside the top division. They boasted an expensive side which included Wales captain Ray Daniel, England's Len Shackleton and mercurial winger Billy Bingham who was later to play for the Town. They had arrived in Luton after a run of six games without defeat but could not hold the rampant Town forward line with Morton again on the top of his game and bagging a hat trick.

Although the Town continued on this run of good form until Christmas and were full of confidence as the new year dawned, things began to go wrong starting with a serious injury to skipper and inspirational leader Syd Owen during the 0-4 home defeat at the hands of Leicester in the FA Cup, coupled with the advent of heavy grounds which did not suit the Town's style of

football.

Six straight defeats after the cup hammering sent the Town plummeting down the table and fears were expressed in some quarters that the Town's stay in Division One would be of short duration.

March proved to be the turning point with the grounds becoming harder again and 2-1 wins at both Sunderland and Wolverhampton arrested the slide. The victory at Wolves was particularly satisfying as the Town team was totally unrecognisable from that which won at Luton four months earlier; yet the win was just as easy with this time Tony Gregory, in only his second league game, giving Billy Wright a torrid time.

The season petered out with the Hatters in a comfortable mid-table position but considering the injury problems after Christmas with Owen, Bud Aherne, Gordon Turner and George Cummins all out for long periods, immense satisfaction was felt behind the scenes at Kenilworth Road.

Elsewhere in football

✦ Future Town boss, Sam Bartram, ended his playing career after appearing in goal for Charlton 613 times. Had Bartram not lost seven years because of the War he would have smashed the appearance record.

✦ Southern League Bedford manage to draw 2-2 with mighty Arsenal at Highbury in the FA Cup. The red-faced Gunners scrape through 2-1 in

the replay at the Eyrie.

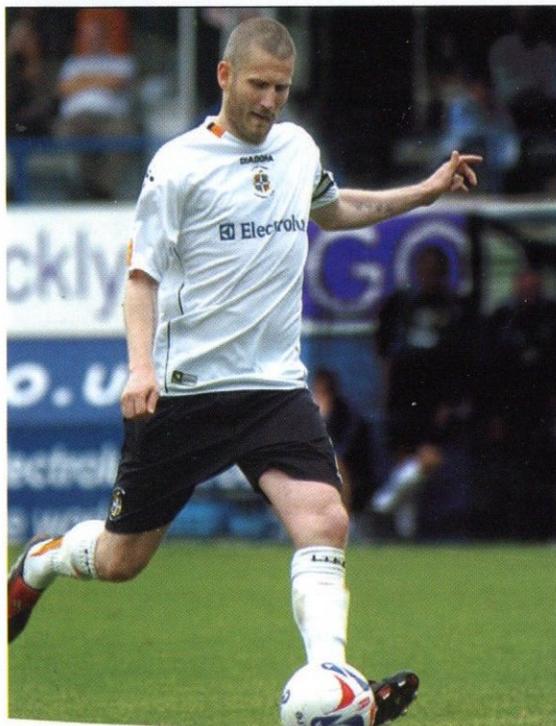
✦ In the same competition non-League Boston United win 6-1 at Derby.

✦ Manchester United walk away with the Division One title finishing 11 points better off than runners-up Blackpool.

✦ Another future Luton manager, Alec Stock, guides Leyton Orient to

the championship of Division Three (South).

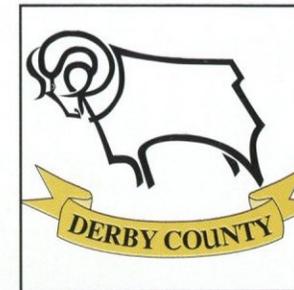
✦ The European Cup competition is started. Real Madrid are the first winners beating Reims 4-3 in the final. Chelsea were to have been the English representatives but the authorities dissuaded them from taking part!

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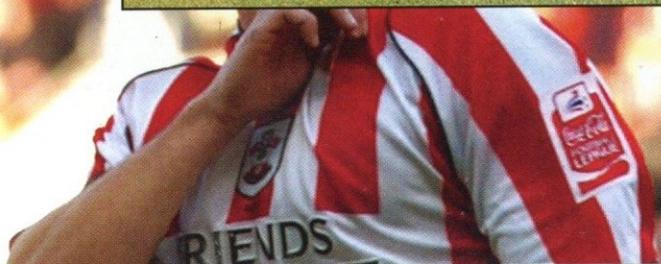
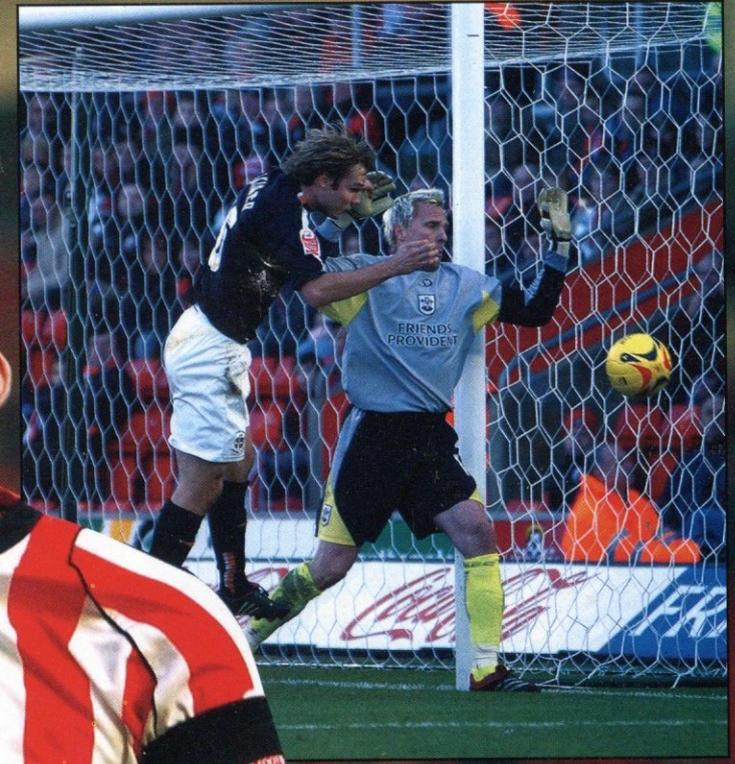
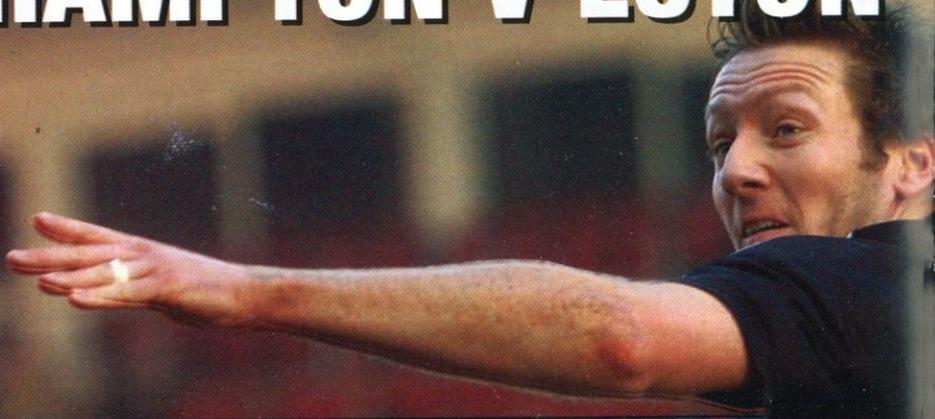
the game. Otherwise it may be an idea to park in the centre of town and then walk out to the ground.

AROUND THE GROUND: There are a couple of pubs opposite the station, such as the Merry Widows, that tend to be the favourite haunts of away supporters. However, unless you are going to arrive mob handed, then it is probably best to turn right out of the station and make your way down to The Brunswick or Alexandra Hotel. Both these pubs have a railway theme, serve a great range of real ales and offer a selection of filled rolls. Although they both have bouncers on the doors away fans are normally let in as long as there is no singing. There are bars at the back of the Stands (£2.50 a pint), however they do get quite crowded.**WHAT'S THE GROUND LIKE:** The ground is a big, handsome, change from the old Baseball Ground, which was the former home of the Club since 1895. The new stadium was opened by Her Majesty the Queen in 1997, is totally enclosed with all corners being filled. One corner is filled with executive boxes, giving the stadium a continental touch. The large Toyota West Stand which runs down one side of the pitch is two tiered, complete with a row of executive boxes. The rest of the ground is smaller in size than the West Stand, as the roof drops a tier to the other sides, making it look unbalanced. It is a pity that the West Stand could not be replicated throughout the rest of the stadium as this would have made it truly magnificent.**BY COACH WITH TOWN ON TOUR:** Leaving Maple Road at approximately 11:00am. The fare for LTSC members is £14, £12 for concessions and £16 for non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk.**BY COACH WITH BOBBERS TRAVEL:** Departs from Cranfield at 10:30am and Luton 11:30am. Costs for this trip are £13.50 for adults and £11 for concessions. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Stand at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground or telephone 01234 750996 for further information.

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MATCH ACTION EXTRA SOUTHAMPTON V LUTON





FA Youth Cup Action

Luton's youngsters gave a spirited performance at Upton Park in their recent FA Youth Cup tie against West Ham but narrowly went out of the competition. STEVEN DOVE reports from Upton Park

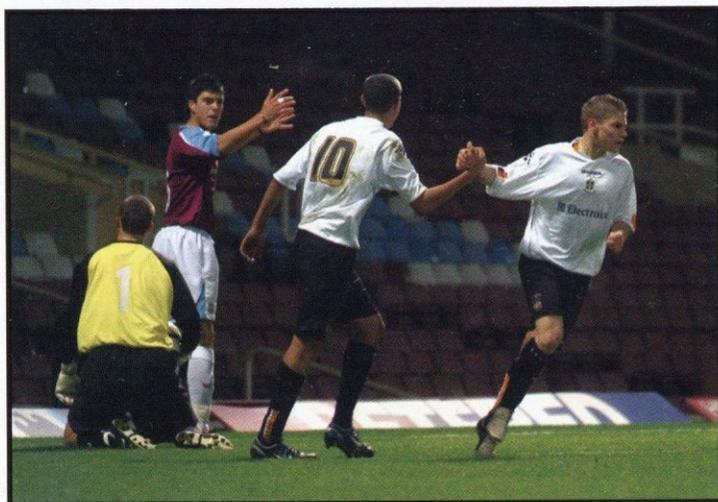
Press Conference

Youth boss Marvin Johnson



"We had a young team out there and to play four schoolboys is difficult in a normal under 18 game never mind in the Youth Cup. We didn't start believing in ourselves until the last 20 minutes when we were already 2-0 down. But it's a great experience for these boys to come to a Premiership club and play at Upton Park. They came out of it not too badly and hopefully they will have learned from this experience."

WEST HAM 2 LUTON 1



Goalscorer Richard Heller celebrates with Ryan Charles as Luton reduce West Ham's lead

Luton's youngsters turned in a spirited performance against West Ham United but were narrowly knocked out of the FA Youth Cup at Upton Park.

Hatters boss Marvin Johnson was forced to play four schoolboys in the starting line-up as David Deeny and Nick Mountford were both ruled out due to the competition's under-18 rule.

West Ham, beaten only once in their league campaign and three times winners of the competition, controlled the first-half despite flashes from the visitors that they may break the deadlock.

James Tomkins headed West Ham into the lead on 32 minutes through a well-worked move as Luton bravely defended in numbers to prevent a first-half breakthrough.

Luton struggled to create many worthwhile

chance and it was of little surprise when the home-side added a second through substitute Jack Jeffery on 68 minutes.

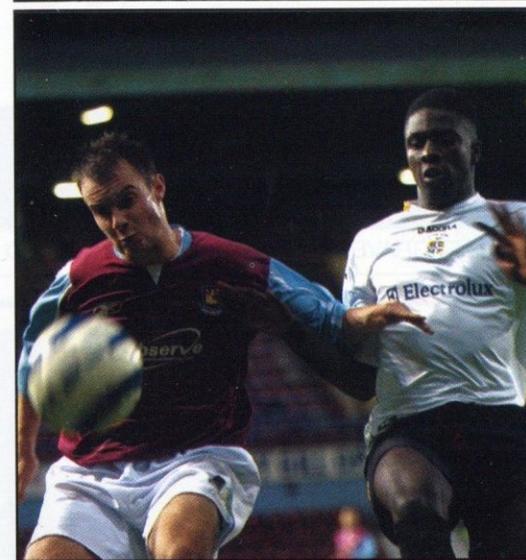
The arrival of Saleem Danish as a second-half substitute gave Luton more attacking options and the striker almost made an immediate impact with a header that sailed inches over the crossbar.

Luton did get themselves back in the game with 11 minutes remaining as Richard Heller reduced the deficit with a well-taken goal. The ex-Spurs man shone throughout the match and fully deserved his goal.

The Hatters bombarded the West Ham goal in the closing stages and almost grabbed a late equaliser which would have taken the game into extra-time but couldn't find that killer instant in front of goal.



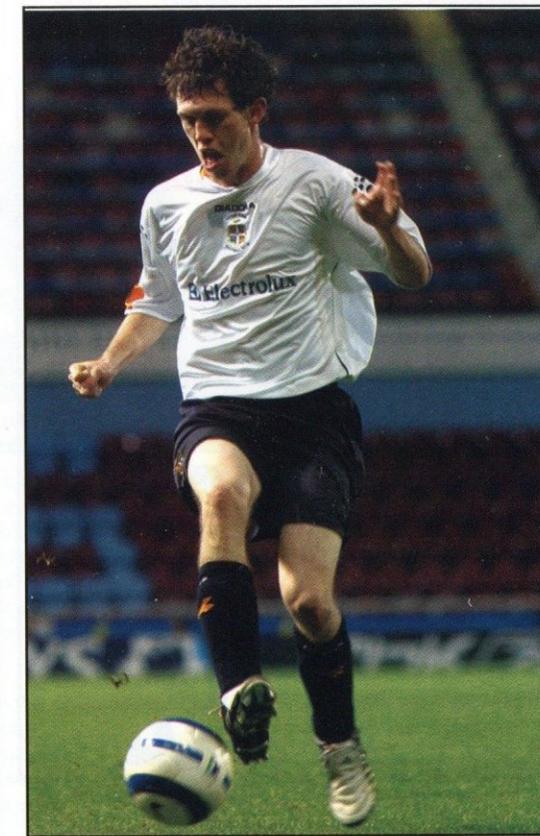
Ed Asafu-Adjaye whips in a cross from Luton



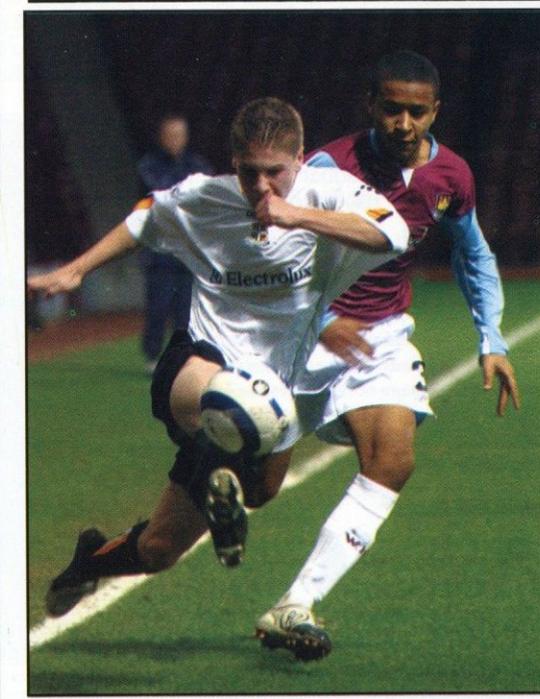
Saleem Danish is in the thick of the action



Marvin Johnson and Steve Sedgley enjoy a chat and a giggle



Ross Hanley is pictured at Upton Park



Richard Heller mounts another attack for Luton



League Round-Up

GEOFF KNOX looks at the stories which have been hitting the headlines in the Championship over the past few weeks

With just a little over a week to go before the hectic Christmas fixture list commences, I still can't recall an unexciting period of the campaign so far.

With exactly half of the season played, The Hatters sit proudly in the Championship Play-Off position that fortunes the brave - super sixth!

We've had it all so far. Great away form, bad away form, big wins, crushing defeats, key suspensions and crippling injury lists - to name but a few of the ingredients in the increasingly spicy cake mix we call the Championship.

And if you're tempted to ask Santa for icing and then a cherry on top there's still Watford and Liverpool to come!

The January transfer window will also have men, women and children alike trawling the pages of teletext and scouring sport websites in the hope of discovering that fresh new blood has been added to their ailing squads, giving a welcome boost for the second half of the season.

Just as the cream in this division looks set to rise to the top, someone picks up the bottle and gives it a good shake, leaving it very hard to predict who will be where come the end of April.

Now that their south coast shenanigans have been sorted (to a degree), don't be surprised to see Southampton pull together and move up the league. Harry Redknapp's talisman, Nigel

Quashie, could be on his way out, however, as the lure of returning to the Premiership with Pompey should prove irresistible.

With just three points separating eight teams in the top half of the Championship, it's also worth keeping an eye on the teams with the bigger spending power as they seek the vital parts of the jigsaw to push them up the table.

Wolves have seemingly prepared their shopping list, and have already had two bids for Milton Keynes Don's star striker Izale McLeod turned down.

Leeds United have asked their forward Rob Hulse, who is having weekly injections for a hip problem, to play through the pain barrier as they await the return to full fitness of £1.15m signing Richard Cresswell, who has been out with a knee injury since September.

Kevin Blackwell may also be tempted to move for a winger as forgotten man Steve Stone, who has had three broken legs in his career, completed another unwanted hat-trick last week as he underwent a third operation on his troublesome ankle injury. Stone has still yet to kick a ball in anger for Leeds after being released from Portsmouth during the summer, and is unlikely to figure at all this season.

On-loan Jason Koumas's sparkling form for Cardiff City is also attracting a lot of attention. With eight goals already in the bag this season, he'll be hoping the Bluebirds can come up with the substantial transfer fee required to prise him away from his unhappy spell at West Brom.



Harry Redknapp has made the controversial move to Portsmouth



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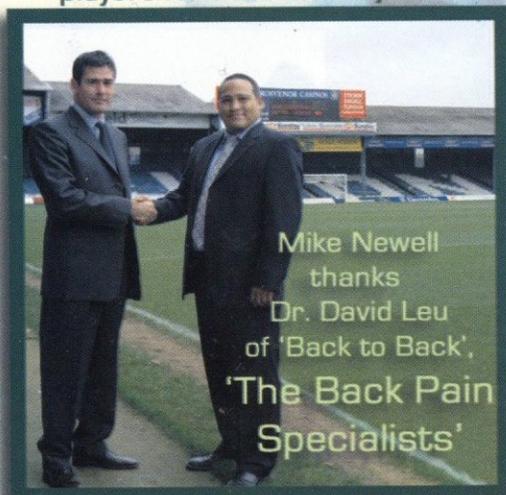
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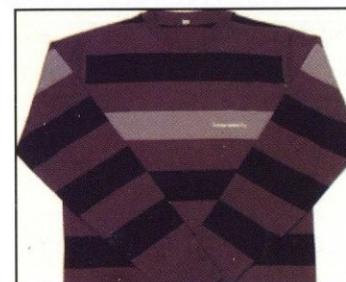
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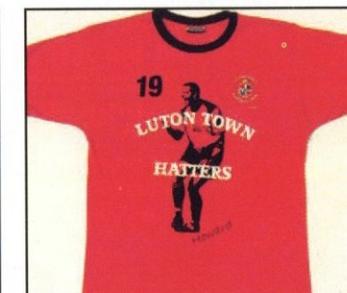
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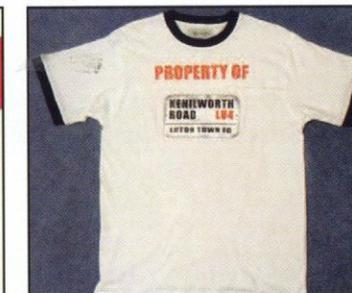
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The Greatest

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: Clive Williams

Date of Birth: 02/05/60

Occupation: Proprietor of small Office Refurbishment Company

Years following Luton: Since 1968

First Match: September 18th 1968, 4 - 2 win v Mansfield, the only thing I remember is "the goal" by Graham French.

Memorable Match:

Apart from the obvious at Wembley it would have to be the FA Cup Replay 1970/71 when we lost at home 4 - 3 to Nottingham Forest. Although I was young, I still remember it was a fantastic game of football.

Goalkeeper

1. Les Sealey

Les Sealey was a great character and a fine goalkeeper. He could handle the big occasion and always gave his all, a bit eccentric but a Luton Legend. Les would just pip Kelvin Davis who has also developed into a very good keeper.

Left-Back

2. Steve Buckley

The phrase 'swashbuckling left-back' was made for Steve Buckley, good athlete, strong in the tackle and would just pip Matty Taylor in my team. Like every player I have chosen, Steve would be a top pro in any era.

Right-Back

3. Tim Breaker

Another storming full back but also a good defender. Tim always gave 100% effort and that is all that supporters can ask for. It is a great asset to any side if the full backs can overlap and have the energy to get back quickly.

Centre-Back

4. Mal Donaghy

A classy, solid, good all-round defender. He always played well at any level. Mal always looked in control but was also very good at the basics, if in doubt the ball was put into Row Z.

Centre Back

5. Curtis Davis

Curtis is the best young player I have seen in a Luton shirt (there's been a few) and he will be as good as he wants to be. I just hope the early success and money doesn't affect his focus and ambition - Top Class!

Right Midfield

6. Ricky Hill

Simply the best all-round player that Luton have ever had. Ricky Hill would have been a regular England player if he had been at one of the more fashionable clubs. Ricky was just brilliant on his day and a real loyal servant to the Club - True Legend!

Left-Midfield

7. Graham French

Graham French was my first Luton hero, the crowd loved him and the buzz he created, few players can match. I realise now what a flawed character he was but even on his return to the Club his goal against Millwall was pure theatre.

Centre-Midfield

8. Bruce Rioch

Free scoring powerful midfield player who had one of the hardest shots in football. Bruce was very hard in the tackle and always seemed to play to a very high level.

Centre-Forward

9. Mick Harford

I've gone for Mick (just over Brian Stein) purely for the thought of 'Big Mick' partnering 'Super Mac' upfront would be worth the admission money on its own. Mick always gave 100% and usually came up with the goals (even when wearing a Derby shirt). A true Luton Legend.

Centre-Midfield

10. Kevin Nicholls

Kevin is probably my favourite player in the present era, he has become "Mr Luton Town". He would be my Captain and although seen as a hard player he is also a very talented footballer who has been transformed under Mike Newell.

Centre-Forward

11. Malcolm Macdonald

Pace and strength to spare, a great sight going forward. His last game against Cardiff was a farewell hat-trick, he was truly awesome on his day.

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 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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INSTANT IMPACT

Having put the disappointment of his back injury to one side, striker Rowan Vine made an instant impact on his return to first-team duties with three goals in two games. In an exclusive interview with today's matchday programme, Vine speaks about his return to action and his hopes that his back troubles are now firmly behind him.

Rowan Vine could not have asked for a better response to his time on the sidelines. Following a frustrating period on the sidelines with a back injury, the former Portsmouth striker made an immediate impact by scoring three goals in two games.

After signing a permanent deal in the summer, following a successful season loan at Kenilworth Road, Vine was relishing the chance to show what he was capable of doing in the Championship after proving to be a firm favourite with the Luton faithful.

However an ongoing back problem failed to heal over the summer period meaning that Vine, who scored nine goals during our League One championship season, had to wait his chance after consistent treatment on his back finally healed the problem.

In an exclusive interview for today's matchday magazine, Vine admits that he was pleased to be back in action and now hopes that the problems of his injury are totally behind him.

Vine said: "The first thing for me was to be in action. Being back as part of the team and being on the pitch has been brilliant and the goals and the wins were just added bonuses.

"Since I returned from injury, I have been hovering around the first-team, coming on as a substitute and trying to get my fitness levels back. I got the call from the gaffer and I was delighted to

Now the worst of the injury is over. The doctors have put their finger on what the problem is and I continue to be treated but I don't see why the injury is going to get any worse.

be back playing. As a striker you need to be scoring goals to keep yourself in the team and I was delighted that I did just that.

"The injury was there from last season but I carried on playing with it. I actually thought that the summer break would help clear the problem up but that was to end up being frustrating for me because it clearly didn't.

"I didn't receive much treatment through the summer because I was told to rest it. When I actually came back for pre-season it felt worse and it was a case of going straight back to the drawing board.

"Now the worst of it is over. The doctors have put their finger on what the problem is and I continue to be treated but I don't see why it is going to get any worse.

"All I want to do now is fully focus myself on keeping my place in the team and help maintain our progress this season. I am not feeling any effects from the back injury so I just want to kick on and keep progressing."

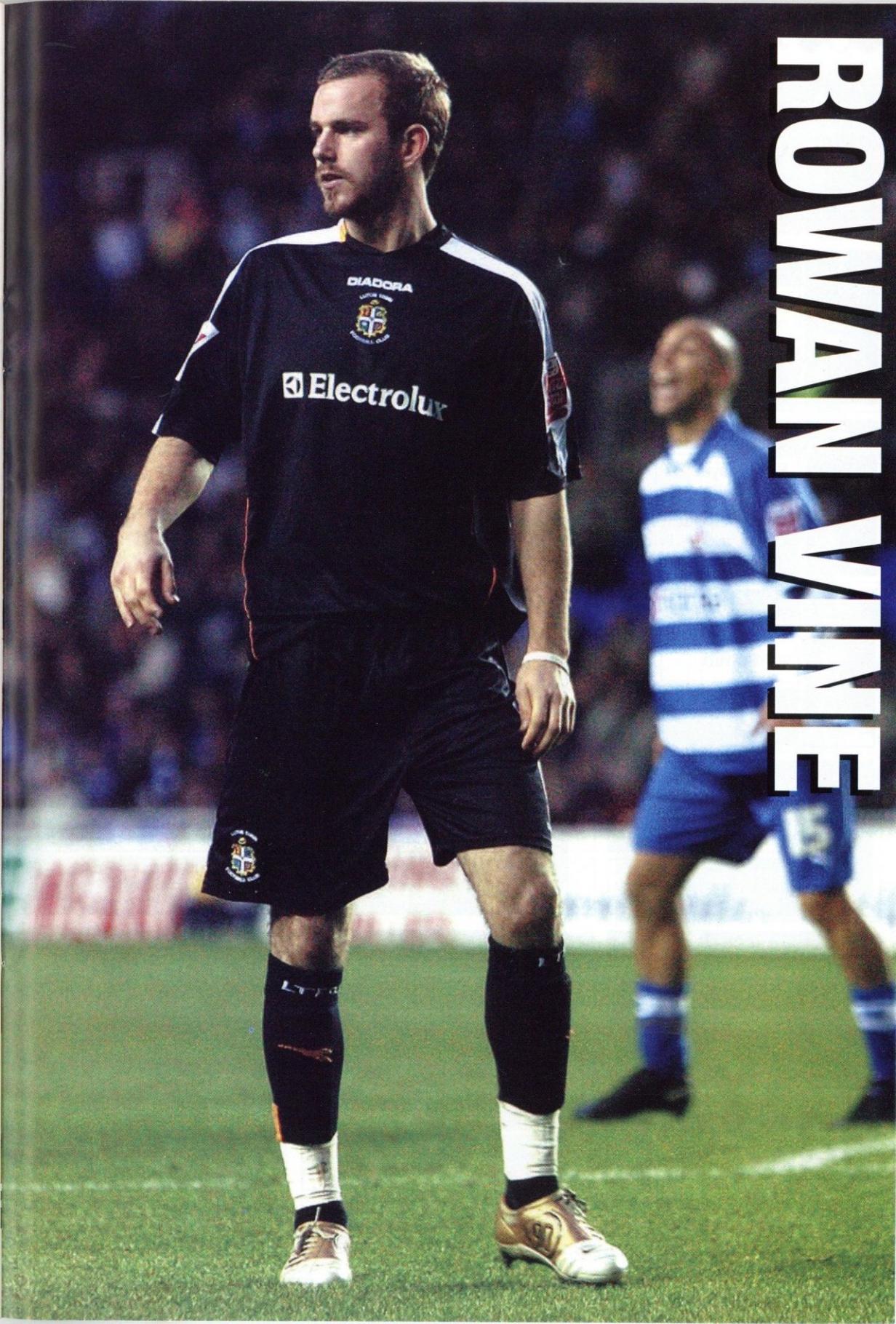
Vine will now be hoping he can continue to play his part in Luton's good progress this season as the Hatters get set for a busy holiday period with four games in eight days following today's encounter.

"I think we have done well so far," concluded Vine. "We have played really well and some of the games we have lost, we have been a bit unfortunate. I don't think we have come up against anybody who has made us look a level below them.

"When I came back into the team I slotted in on the left but everyone is putting the pressure on to start matches. I don't mind who I play alongside as long as I can keep myself in the side and that will be my immediate aim.

"Playing over the Christmas period can be hard but it's even harder when you are bottom of the league. All the boys enjoy being together.

"Christmas is an enjoyable time being with your family but for all of us we know we have a job to do and we have to concentrate on our football.



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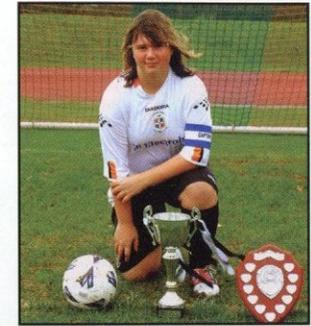


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Luton Town Belles



DAVE BAKER rounds-up the latest news from the Luton Town Belles squad ahead of the Christmas period

This week we are focusing on the progress of our youth section which contains eight teams.

The senior youth side are our Under 15's who last week reached the final of the County Cup sweeping aside St Martins with a 9-0 win. Luton dominated from the start but were initially denied by some stalwart defending from determined opponents but once Brittany Murtagh slotted the ball into the net following a through ball the floodgates opened and a procession of first half goals quickly followed with Murtagh scoring again and Laura Day producing a hat-trick of fine finishes. Further strikes from Kaya James and Nicky Shepherd made it 7-0 at the break. The second half only brought a further two goals when James rounded the goalkeeper in some style before finishing from a tight angle but it was left to skipper Sarah Hawkins to score the goal of the match picking up the ball inside her own half and powering

past the whole defence before shooting home to complete the scoring.

The Under 14's were also in cup action at Princes Park and went one better than their seniors with a 10-0 win. Lauren Bruton scored four and there were also goals for Jade McEntaggart, Kirsty McIntosh, Robyn Britten, Jasmine Hall, Chloe Barnes and Livi Robinson. They now look set to progress from their group when they followed up with a 4-3 win over QPR. Some uncharacteristic loose defending gave Rangers the lead three times but Belles were made of tough stuff and bounced back on each occasion to equalise and then grab a late winner. Yasmin Hickling scored twice, Hall was again on target and Alice O'Shea fired the all important goal.

There has been little action of late for the Under 13's but they did earn a point against Watford in a game that they probably should have won. Clare

Howe was the Town scorer.

Unfortunately for Hatfield Town they were placed up against the rampant scoring machine that is our Under 12's two weeks in succession. The league fixture ended with an emphatic 14-0 win for Luton with hat-tricks for Charisma Adrien, Chelsea Fords and Katie Davis and there were also goals from Sophie Watson (2), Maisie Wyatt, Beth Smith and Laura Wright. Things got worse for Hatfield in the cup tie when Town went two better this time winning 16-0. Forde again helped herself to a treble and was joined by Laura Pethybridge and Jodie Brown. There were also braces for Amy Garrett, Watson and Wyatt and Katie Davis notched the other one.

The Under 11's mustered a great performance against last seasons runners-up running out 3-1 winners at home to Hemel Aces. Beth Cusack scored twice and Georgia Hardy scored the other goal. They then suffered a similar reverse at Stevenage Borough with Hayley Watson on target for the Town.

Our youngest squad ran up their seventh win in a row by beating Tottenham Hotspur 4-1. Ceylon Hickman fired a treble and Kerry Keyte finished the job. Garston then found themselves on the end of a 7-1 rout as Hickman and Keyte both scored hat-tricks and they were joined on the scoresheet by Darcey Silcock.

Town supporters are requested to help support the Belles funding and progress by purchasing a calendar which the senior team have produced in conjunction with the ever patient club photographer Gareth Owen. The players had a lot of fun posing for the calendar which will be on sale soon with details to follow in the next programme.



☐ Luton Town Under-14's.
Back Row: Yasmin Hickling, Robyn Britten, Danielle Carly, Lauren Bruton, Jasmine Hall, Sian Hall, Jade McEntaggart, Chloe Barnes, Jade Mansfield, Danielle Bailey, Robyn Wilfort
Front Row: Alice O'Shea, Kerry Stratton, Kelly Moss, Livi Robinson, Rachel Carter

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Match Action

Theo Walcott scored the only goal of the game as Southampton closed the gap on Luton in the Championship table to three points

SOUTHAMPTON 1 LUTON 0



Kevin Nicholls is quickest to react as the skipper charges down this Southampton free-kick

One moment of brilliance lit up an otherwise dull encounter as Luton slipped to their sixth away defeat on the spin against Southampton at St Mary's Stadium

Theo Walcott's stunning strike midway through the first half was enough to seal all three points for the Saints, who must have been relieved to have finished the week on a high after the events behind the scenes involving former boss Harry Redknapp.

It was not great viewing and after a shaky first half from the Hatters, Luton did step-up the tempo in the second and made Southampton work for their victory.

Luton started the game with two big strikers in attack, Enoch Showunmi and Steve Howard and their powerful approach to the game was matched by

Southampton with Walcott's quality finish enough to separate the two sides.

Still only 16, Walcott showed technique and composure well beyond his years to score a majestic match-winner on 32 minutes.

It seemed there was nothing on as he chased a hopeful ball down the left. Even when his pace got him in behind Kevin Foley, there was no hint of what was to come.

But with remarkable awareness, he not only spotted Dean Brill off his line but had the ambition and the ability to lob him - left-footed - from an acute angle.

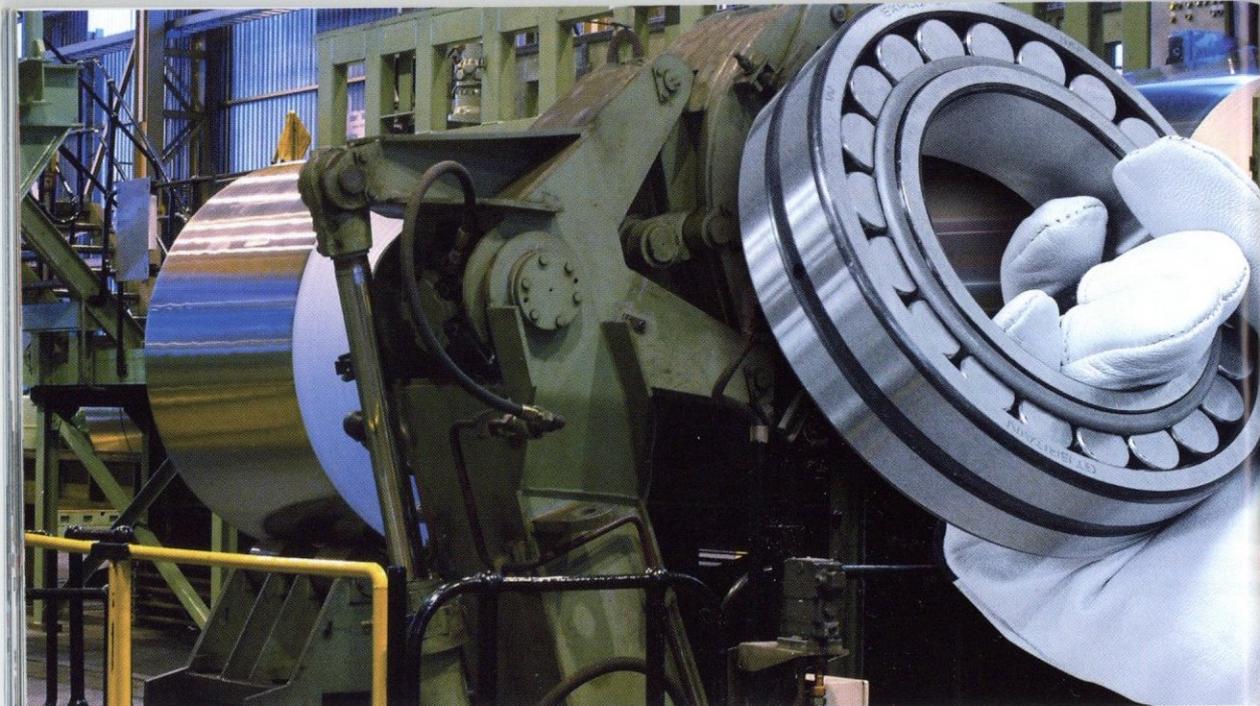
Southampton had Rory Delap sent-off in the closing stages for a second bookable offence.

Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



I was disappointed with our performance in the first-half. I felt Southampton were quicker and stronger at times. If players didn't make mistakes then it would be 0-0 every week and every player is capable of making mistakes and apart from that Dean has done very well. I was disappointed with everybody in the first-half. In saying that, Southampton were one of the better sides we have faced this season at Kenilworth Road so I was expecting a tough game. We haven't drawn any of our away games which is a bit strange. We did eventually get the ball down and play after 70 minutes. We tried to force the issue but there was no cutting edge."



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LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



SOUTHAMPTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



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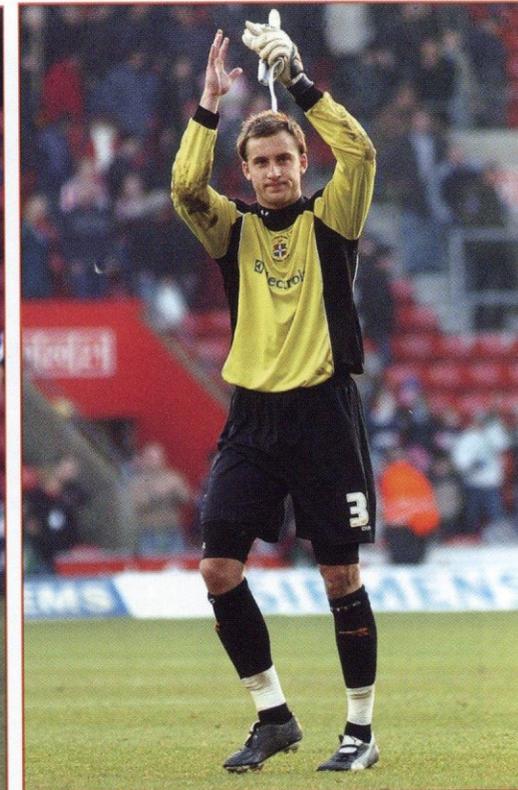
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Scorers :	Walcott 23	



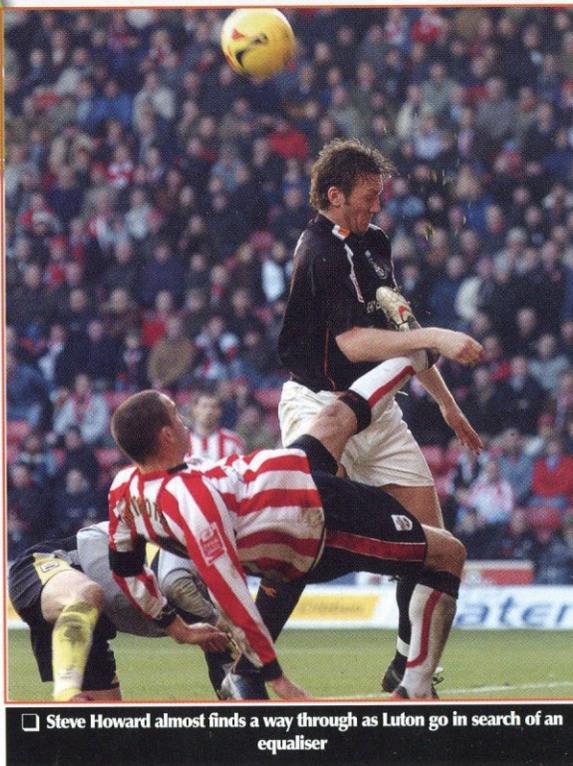
Enoch Showunmi wins the ball in this challenge with Rory Delap



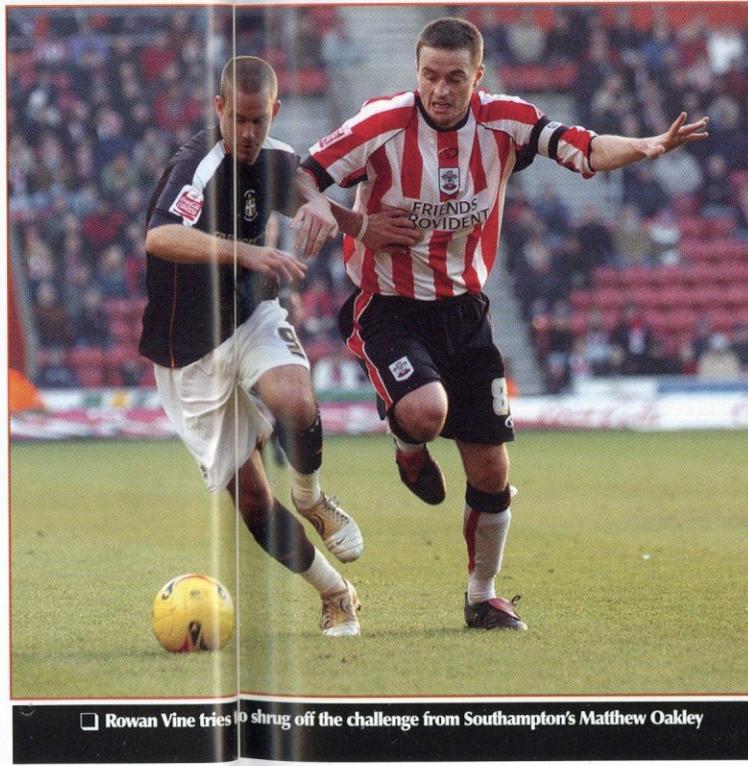
This overhead kick from Chris Coyne rattles the woodwork at the end of the first half



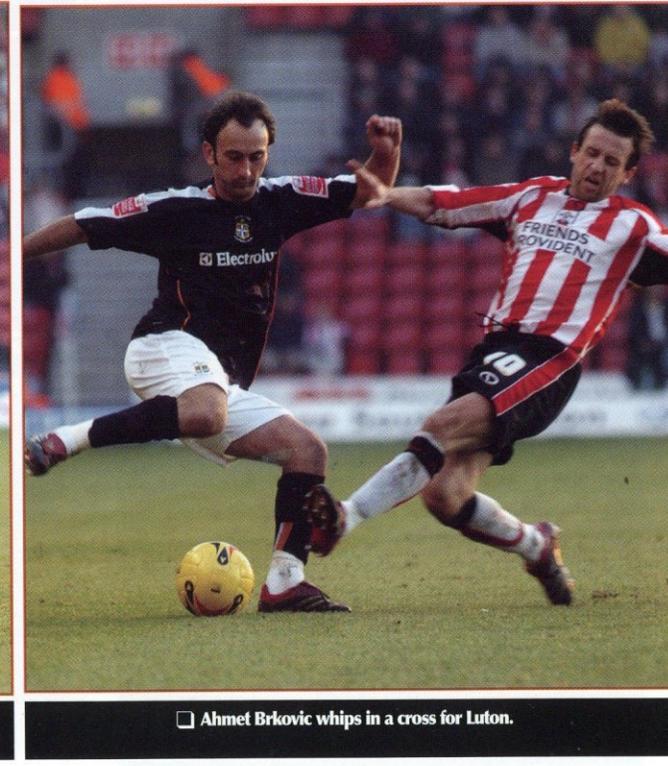
Dean Brill applauds the crowd at the final whistle



Steve Howard almost finds a way through as Luton go in search of an equaliser



Rowan Vine tries to shrug off the challenge from Southampton's Matthew Oakley



Ahmet Brkovic whips in a cross for Luton.

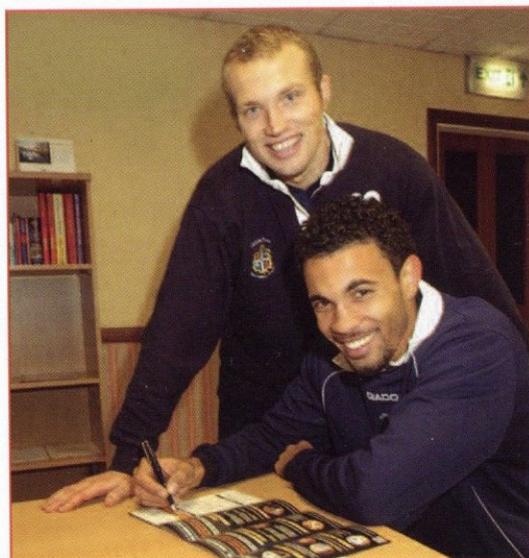


Peter Davis

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

Good afternoon and welcome to all of our commercial partners and today's match sponsors to Kenilworth Road and our game against Stoke City. With Luton edging Stoke for sixth position on goal difference, this really is the proverbial "six pointer" and with a tough Christmas and New Year programme in front of us, a win is vital, to ensure that we remain in the current play-off zone. Today sees the first draw of our In2Win Lottery taking place on the pitch at half time. Amongst the tremendous prizes on offer for this first draw, we will be awarding a fabulous weekend for two in London complete with £100.00 spending money. Many thanks from the club to everybody who has signed up so far and remember, you have to be In2Win. This will be the last time before Christmas that we will have the opportunity of speaking to you all, therefore on behalf of Amelia, John, Steven, Tracy and myself, we hope that you have a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you all back on the 28th.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the game.
Peter



Warren Feeny and Carlos Edwards giving their support to our In2Win Lottery



Mike Wood of GMAC receiving his Match Sponsors award from squad members



Gibbs & Dandy Match Ball Sponsors for Crystal Palace receiving their awards

COMMERCIAL MASCOT.....

We welcome this afternoon, almost seven years of age, born 23rd December 1998, Oliver Mallord, son of the Club's IT Consultant Peter Mallord, as today's Commercial Mascot. Attending Stanbridge Lower School, Oliver's hobbies include Golf, Basketball, Cricket, as well Football and his favourite "Town" players are Steve Howard and Kevin Nicholls. We would all like to wish Oliver a very happy birthday for the 23rd and hope that he and his family have a great afternoon with us.



Match Sponsor - S.J.H Plant Sales Ltd with Raymond Gill & Steve Hudson

Joining us for the first time at Kenilworth Road, we would like to welcome Raymond Gill and Steven Hudson, together with the guests of S J H Plant Sales Ltd as today's main sponsor. Although in for the first time as sponsors, Steven and Raymond are no strangers to the club, as they regularly attend our Kenilworth executive club. Bedford based S J H Plant Sales are the UK's No 1 and have been established in excess of 10 years. Always willing to help and support local organisations, they can be contacted on 01234 870021, or visit their website at www.sjhplantsales.co.uk.



Luton on Sunday, sponsors of our Sporting Dinner, seen here with Tommy Docherty and other celebrity guests

Matchball Sponsor - Ian Smith

We would also like to welcome Ian Smith and his family as this afternoon's Match Ball Sponsor. Ian watched his first Luton Town game in 1969 and has now visited all 92 League grounds, most with his beloved Hatters. Ian is also currently sponsoring Marvin Johnson's away kit and amongst his guests today are family members, fellow Luton fans and friends from Ampthill Town & Bedfordshire CCC. As a testimony to the fact that there are winners, Ian tells us that today's sponsorship was paid for via a win with Hatters Bet, after he invested part of a redundancy settlement last season !! We all wish Ian and his guests a great time with us this afternoon.



Commercial Mascot Sam Cook meeting his idols and collecting his certificate after the Crystal Palace match

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TODAY'S MASCOT



Name: Oliver Poulton
Age: 9
School: Hardwick Primary School
Favourite Hatter: Carlos Edwards
Hobbies: Playstation 2 & Football
Where to you normally sit: Main Stand

VISITING MASCOT



Name: Liam Flaherty
Age: 10
Favourite Player: Simonsen

JUNIOR HATTERS celebrating their birthdays in December are: Michael Clinton, Robert Martin, Lewis Baxter, Callum Radford, Harry Ashby, Declan Fry, Ryan Levien, Jamie Graves, Adam McKenna, Bradley Currington, Hegan James, Rory White, Kayleigh, Chandler, Stevie Rourke, David Baverstock, Jack Griffin, Chloe Taylor, Joe Smith and Sinead Duffy

TODAY'S MASCOT



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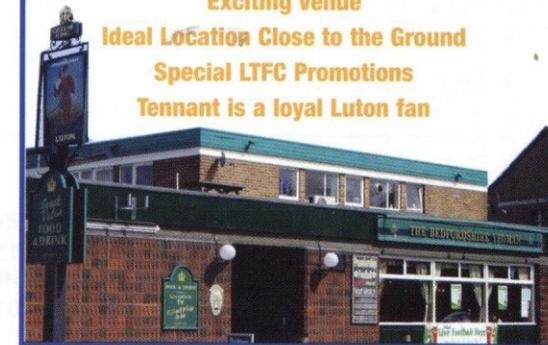
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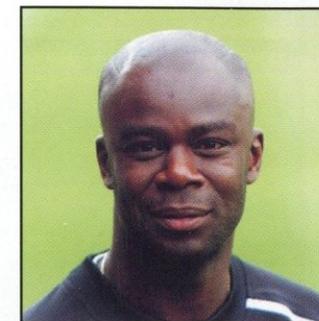
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Luton's Youth



MARVIN JOHNSON reflects on Luton's latest youth game as our youngsters slipped to a disappointing defeat against Northampton Town

Northampton Town 2 Luton Town 0

Saturday 3rd December
Youth Alliance South East Division

Luton's youth side slipped to a disappointing defeat to Northampton Town in their latest league fixture.

The result saw Northampton leapfrog Luton in the Youth Alliance South East Division table.

Speaking to this afternoon's match-day programme, Marvin Johnson said: "It was a poor performance from the lads and a game where we really struggled to string two passes together.

"Northampton played a younger team than ourselves and on the day they thoroughly deserved their victory.

"It is not often after a match that I find myself unable to take any positives from the game but this was one such occasion.

"We have obviously now got to go back to the basics and start playing as a team again because this was below their normal standards, which was bitterly disappointing.

"We may begin to look at playing

more of the younger lads in future league games as we try and bring more players through the system.

"This might mean that results will improve but at the end of the day it is the youth departments job to progress the players and bring them through to our first-team set-up and the younger lads will certainly gain more experience from playing in these games.

"We were without a game last week due to a number of our lads away through illness but we will obviously be looking for improvements when we get back to action this afternoon with Portsmouth our visitors.

"Our only injury concern at the moment amongst the squad is Rob Sinclair who has a stomach strain and is likely to be out of action for the next two to three weeks."

YOUTH NEWS

Luton's postponed game with Southend United, which was scheduled to be played last week, has yet to be rearranged.

As soon as a new date is known, details will be posted on the club's official website, www.lutontown.co.uk.

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 (Yth Cup)	W 2-1
Sat 19	QPR	W 3-1
Sat 26	Brentford	L 0-1
Wed 30	West Ham (FA Yth Cup)	L 1-2
December		
Sat 03	Northampton	L 0-2
Sat 10	Southend United	P-P
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	10	8	2	0	27	9	26
Rushden	9	5	2	2	18	12	17
Brentford	10	5	1	4	23	16	16
Leyton Orient	10	5	1	4	21	15	16
QPR	10	5	1	4	19	20	16
Colchester	10	4	3	3	16	11	15
Northampton	10	4	2	4	20	16	14
Wycombe	8	4	2	2	14	11	14
LUTON	9	3	1	5	8	14	10
Gillingham	7	2	2	3	13	12	8
Portsmouth	10	2	2	6	8	21	8
Southend Utd	10	1	3	6	7	20	6
Southend Utd	9	2	0	7	10	27	6

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	18	0	1	0	19	0	0	0				77	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	14(3)	0	0	0	14(3)	0	2	0	Rep Ire U21	1	0	100	5
3 Sol DAVIS	9(3)	0	2	0	11(3)	0	2	0				147	2
4 Chris COYNE	13(2)	0	2	1	15(2)	1	2	0				189	13
5 Russell PERRETT	6(2)	0	0(1)	0	6(3)	0	0	1				93	8
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	15(1)	0	0	0	15(1)	0	1	0				57	5
7 Carlos EDWARDS	16(4)	1	2	0	16(4)	1	1	0	Trin & Tob	6	0	22	1
8 Kevin NICHOLLS	17	3	2	0	19	2	5	1				171	30
9 Rowan VINE	3(5)	3	0	0	3(5)	3	0	0				58	12
10 Warren FEENEY	20(2)	5	2	1	22(2)	6	1	0	North Ire	1(4)	2	29	6
11 Steve ROBINSON	17	0	0	0	17	0	1	0	North Ire	(1)	0	125	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
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17 Paul HUGHES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				88	7
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	19(1)	4	1	0	20(1)	4	2	0				171	31
19 Steve HOWARD	18(2)	7	1	0	19(2)	7	3	1				204	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	17(2)	5	2	0	19(2)	5	1	0				21	5
25 Dino SEREMET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				9	0
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	20(1)	1	0	0	20(1)	1	4	0	Finland	5	0	21	1
27 Peter HOLMES	10(4)	2	1(1)	0	11(5)	2	2	0				111	12
29 Calvin ANDREW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				10	0
33 Dean BRILL	4	0	1	0	5	0	0	0				12	0
45 Leon BARNETT	3(3)	0	1	0	4(3)	0	1	0				12	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: **24** HEADERS: **9**
 PENALTIES: **2** OWN GOALS: **1**
 FREE-KICKS: **0** TOTAL: **34**

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED **25** - W **8** - D **10** - L **7** - F **19** - A **14** PTS **34**

SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED **25** - W **7** - D **10** - L **8** - F **17** - A **20** PTS **31**

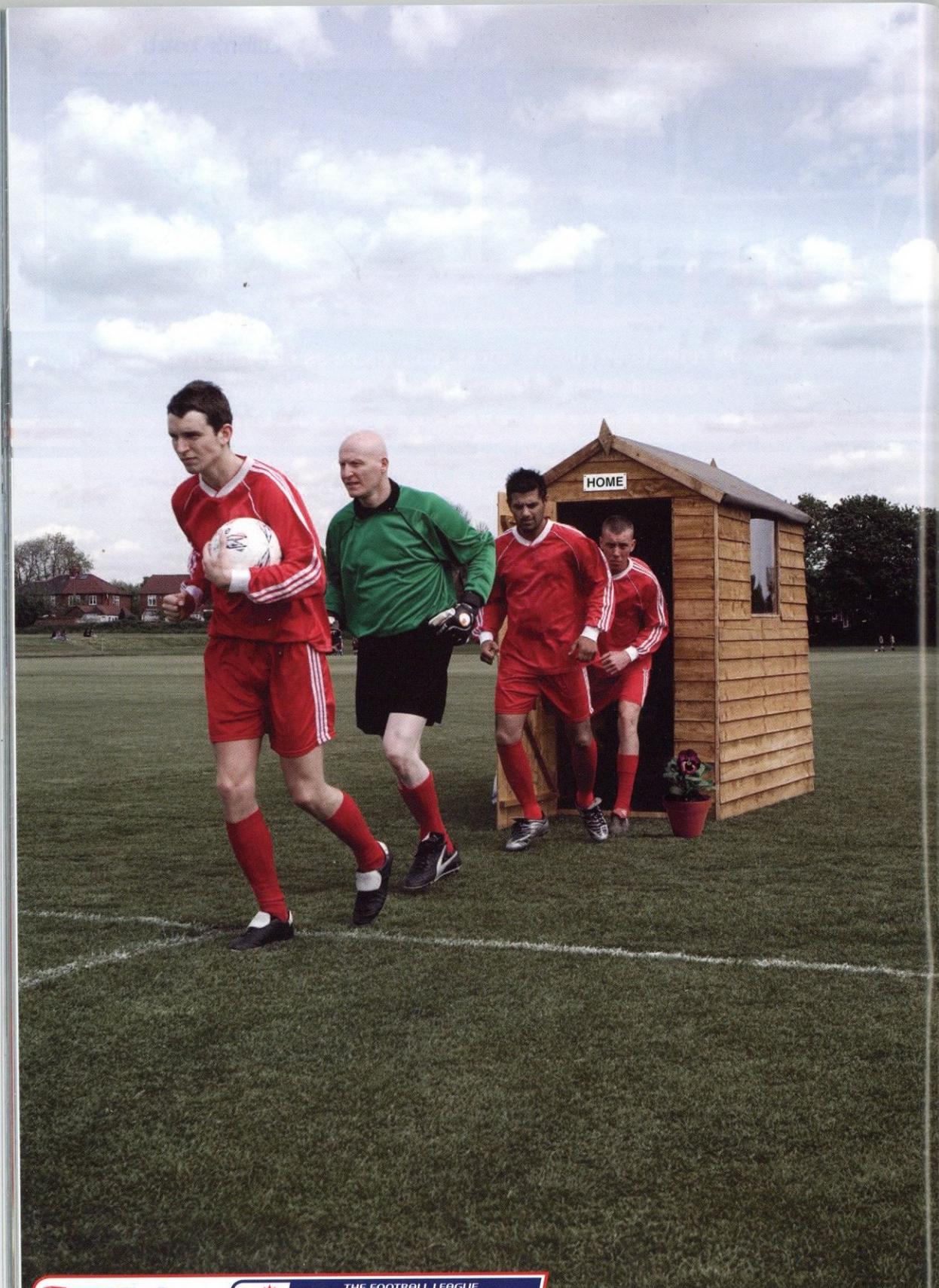
OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: **13**
 Opponents score first goal: **11**
 No goals scored: **1**

Luton Town score first and win: **9**
 Luton Town score first and draw: **2**
 Luton Town score first and lose: **2**
 Luton Town fail to score: **8**

Opponents score first and win: **8**
 Opponents score first and draw: **1**
 Opponents score first and lose: **2**
 Opponents fail to score: **5**

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: **6**
 Luton goals at the Oak Road End: **16**
 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, ◆ Match to be shown live on BBC → First Substitution → Second Substitution → Third Substitution

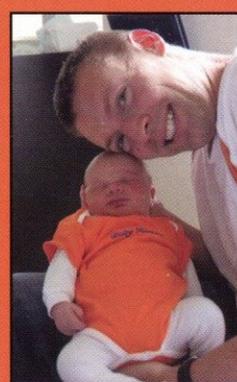
DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	AWAY POS	LINE-UPS																
					Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	Vine	Showunmi	Perrett	Holmes	Nicholls	Robinson	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Foley	Heikkinen		
Sat 6	Crystal Palace	2-1	21,116	2,474	4	Brill	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	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	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	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Robinson
Sat 29	Plymouth 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	2,300	7	Beresford	Foley	Perrett	Heikkinen	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	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	Robinson	Edwards	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Andrew	Brkovic	Keane	Morgan
Sat 26	Crystal Palace	2-0	10,248	1,800	5	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Morgan	Holmes	Robinson	Edwards	Vine	S'wunmi	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Perrett	Howard
Sat 3	Reading	0-3	19,478	tbc	5	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Perrett	U'wood	Morgan	Holmes	Robinson	Edwards	Vine	S'wunmi	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Howard	Nicholls
Sun 11	Southampton *	0-1	19,086	976	6	Brill	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Edwards	Nicholls	Robinson	Edwards	Howard	S'wunmi	Beckwith	Barnett	Feeney	Holmes	Vine
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																			
Sat 7	Liverpool (FA3) ◆	17:30																			
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

Team	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A			
Reading	23	10	1	1	30	9	7	4	0	16	3	34	56
Sheff United	23	10	2	0	25	6	6	2	3	21	15	25	52
Watford	23	5	4	3	19	14	5	5	1	19	13	11	39
Leeds	22	6	3	2	17	11	5	3	3	11	9	8	39
Cardiff	23	5	4	2	19	13	4	3	5	14	13	7	34
Luton	23	6	4	1	24	13	4	0	8	9	19	1	34
Stoke	23	5	1	6	16	18	6	0	5	13	14	-3	34
Preston	23	2	7	2	9	9	5	5	2	18	12	6	33
Crystal Palace	21	6	3	3	17	9	3	2	4	16	15	9	32
Wolves	23	4	5	2	11	7	3	6	3	17	13	8	32
Burnley	23	6	3	2	22	11	3	2	7	9	18	2	32
Southampton	22	4	6	1	12	7	2	7	2	13	12	6	31
QPR	22	4	3	4	13	13	3	5	4	14	20	-6	29
Derby	23	3	6	3	17	18	2	5	4	13	15	-3	26
Hull	23	4	5	3	12	9	2	3	6	9	16	-4	26
Norwich	23	4	4	3	11	8	3	1	8	12	22	-7	26
Ipswich	23	4	4	4	15	19	2	4	5	11	17	-10	26
Coventry	23	5	4	3	18	15	0	6	5	10	19	-6	25
Leicester	22	4	4	3	15	12	1	5	5	10	16	-3	24
Plymouth	22	3	4	3	11	12	1	5	6	7	17	-11	21
Sheff Wed	23	3	4	4	11	14	1	4	7	6	15	-12	20
Brighton	23	1	5	5	12	17	1	8	3	10	18	-13	19
Crewe	23	3	4	5	14	20	1	3	7	10	25	-21	19
Millwall	23	1	3	7	5	16	2	5	5	12	19	-18	17

TODAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

- Burnley v Watford
- Cardiff v Derby
- Leicester v Crewe
- Millwall v Reading
- Norwich v Southampton
- Plymouth v C Palace
- Sheff Wed v Ipswich
- Wolves v Leeds

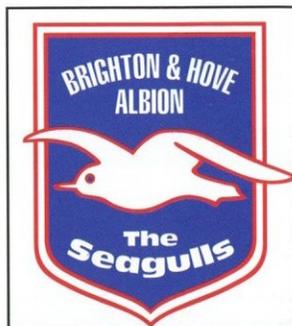


Luton Town have a new fan after mad Hatters fan Mark Ledson became a proud father to his son Max. Mark, along with wife Louise, are huge Luton supporters but are currently living in Switzerland. Both are making a return to Kenilworth Road this afternoon and we hope they both enjoy their visit with us today and congratulate them on their recent arrival

Luton Town would like to wish one of our longest standing supporters a Happy 80th Birthday. Brian Garrett attended his first match at Kenilworth Road during the 1930's and he has followed the club ever since without a break. Brian was there when Joe Payne scored 10 goals in one match, at the Cup Final in 1959 and has followed the club, barely missing a match over the years, in good times and bad. Brian has been a season ticket holder for many years. Brian celebrates his big day on Monday.

Coming Next

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DES O'DONNELL looks forward to our next opponents at Kenilworth Rd – Brighton & Hove Albion. Surviving relegation last season by one point, The Seagulls again find themselves at the wrong end of the table.

Mark McGhee brings his team up from the south coast for a post Christmas evening match hoping to gather some desperately needed points. For the second year running Brighton are languishing in the bottom three, although news on their new stadium has brought a little respite.

Similar to Luton, The Seagulls have been spent years trying to secure a new site for a stadium. The difference being that Brighton lost their home, The Goldstone Ground, back in 1997. After a two years ground

sharing scheme with Gillingham they managed to find temporary accommodation at their current home at the Withdean Stadium, a ground more suitable to training than Championship football. They recently were granted permission to build a new home at Falmer near Brighton University, however Lewes Council are still fighting the decision. Hopefully the Seagulls can start building their new home soon.

The last visit of Brighton was in February 2004 when the Hatters picked up all three points with a

convincing 2 – 0 victory. Goals from Peter Holmes and a Kevin Nicholls penalty sealed the win, although the dismissal of Brighton's Leon Knight caused Mark McGhee to have a few words with the referee at the full-time whistle.

The Gulls have a lot of experience in defence with Kerry Mayo playing in his tenth season for them and Jason Dodd, after 16 years at Southampton, adding a mature head at the back. Leon Knight is still one to look out for in attack. At 5' 5" he can turn quickly and move with speed and is one man currently in form having scored five goals already this season.

Brighton's form away from home has been a worry for McGhee with only one victory away from the Withdean this season. However, that victory will live long in the memory of all Brighton fans after Paul McShane scored the only goal to seal a famous victory over the arch-rivals.

I'm sure the Luton faithful will look forward to an evening's entertainment after the Festivities and hopefully the Town will supply a similar performance to our last meeting.



□ Brighton's Leon Knight

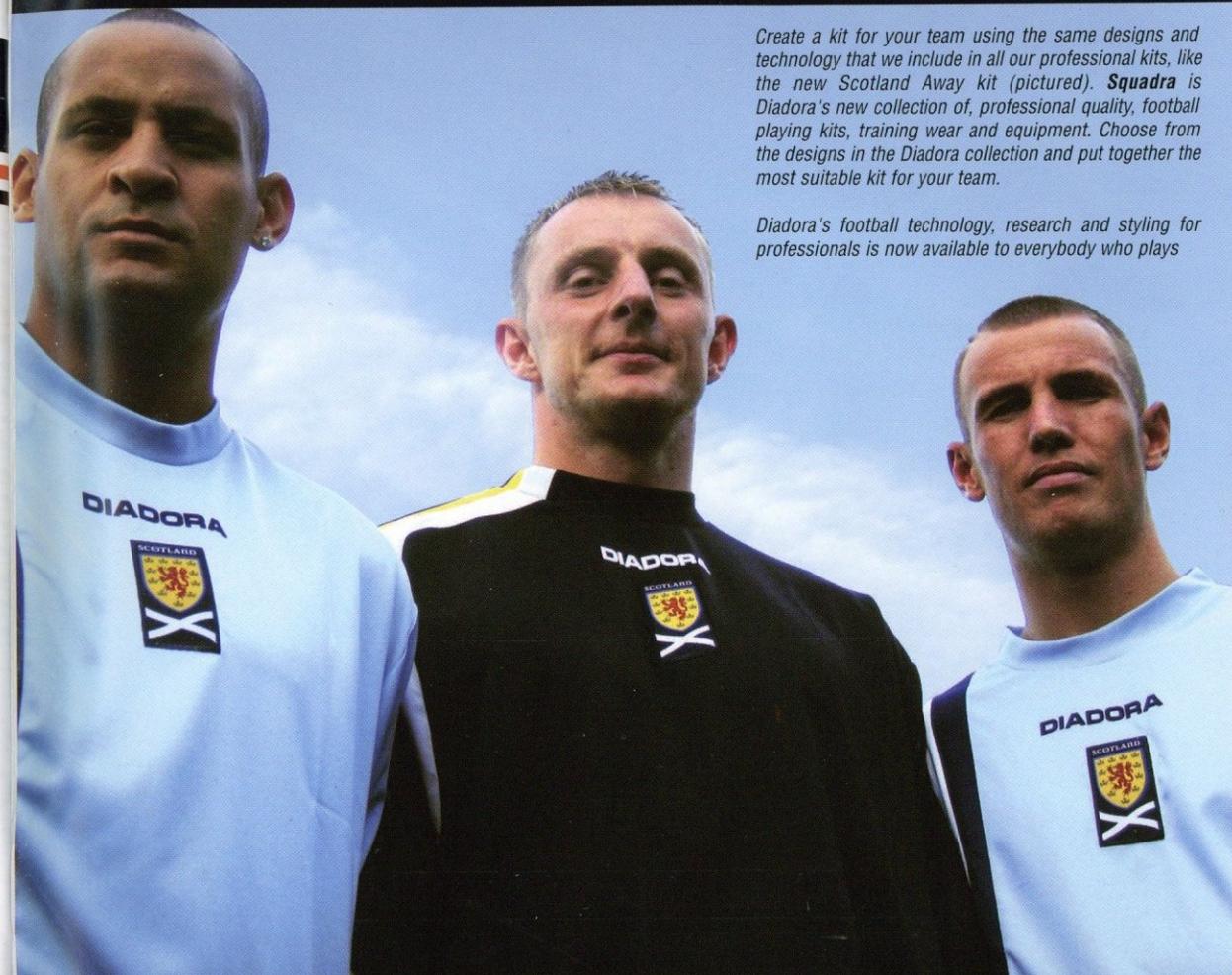
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