

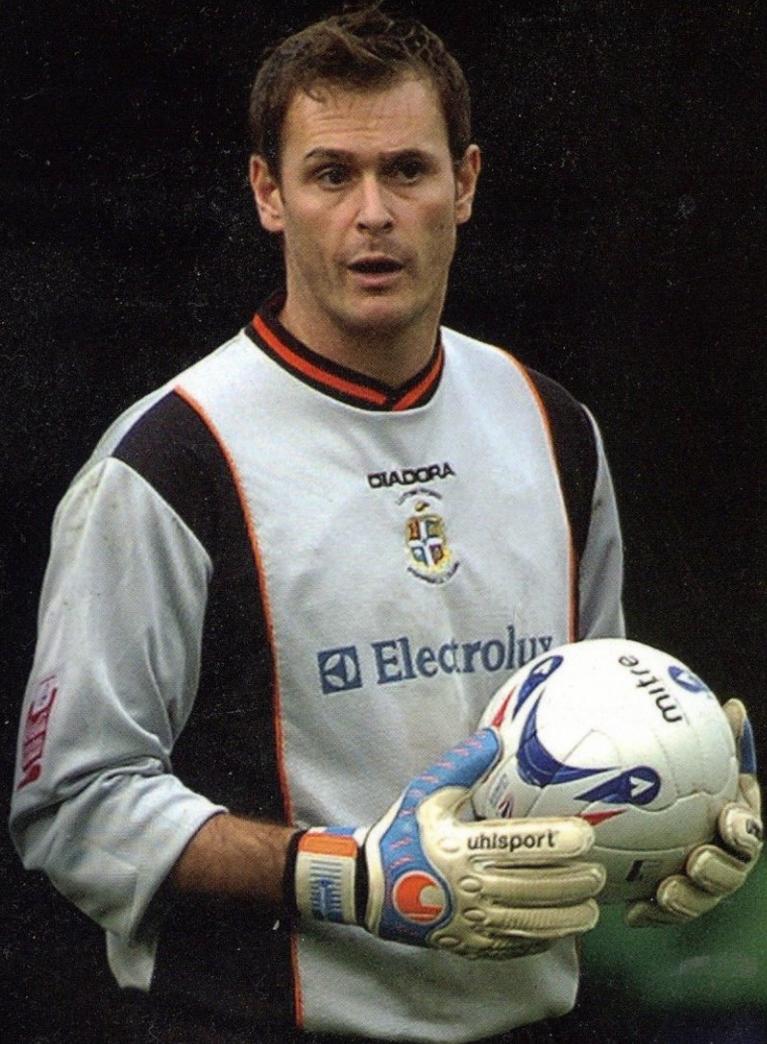
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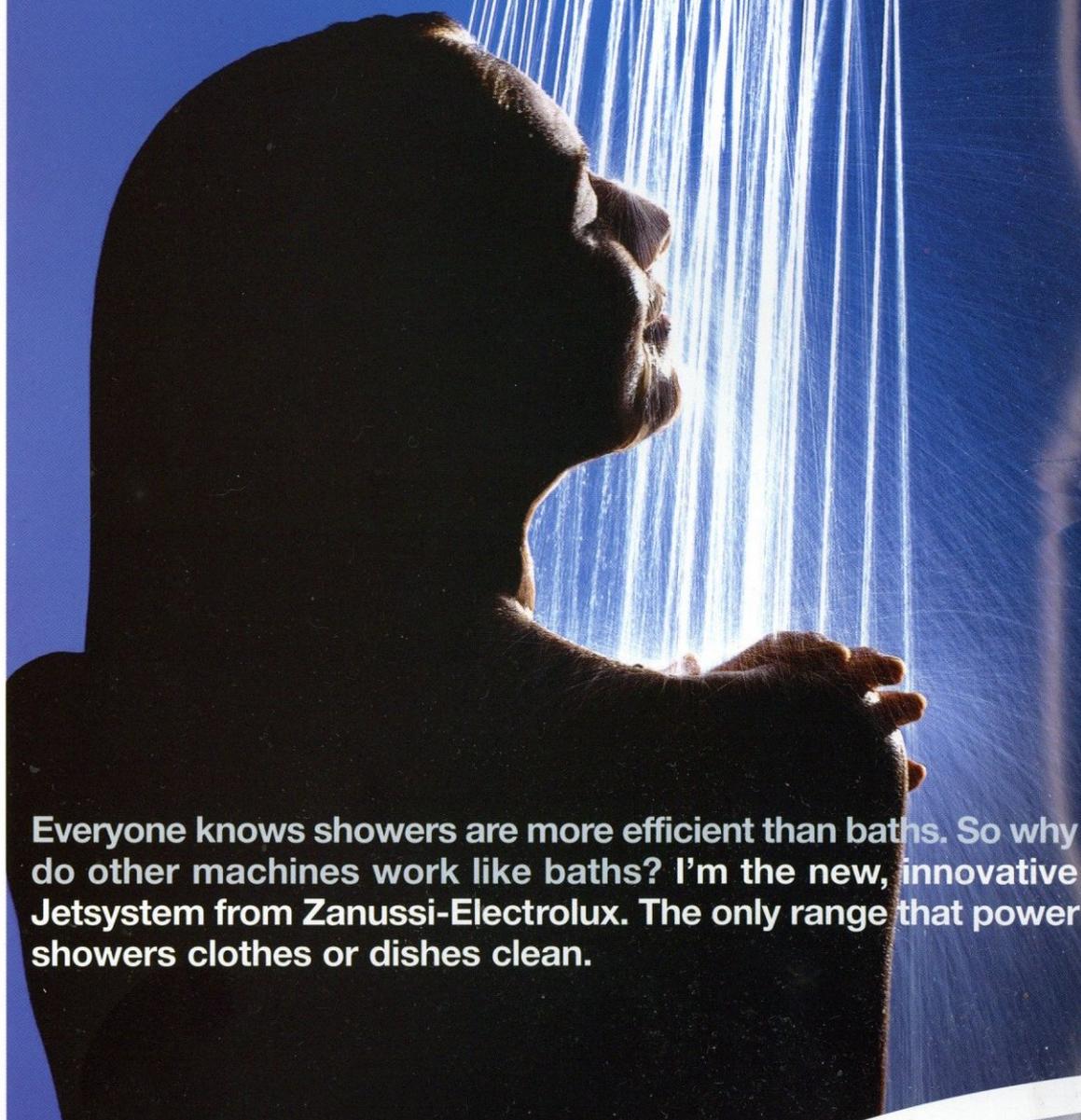
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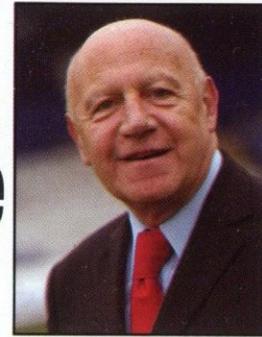
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# Warm Welcome

## From Luton Town Chairman Bill Tomlins



Good evening and a warm welcome to our supporters and our Championship visitors Brighton & Hove Albion, their directors, manager, players and supporters.

I am pleased that we have reached this far into the season with a credible league position. Everyones expectations, rightly so, have been tempered by our recent results. The Stoke City result in injury time deserved a better outcome, leaving everyone very flat after the final whistle. I know Michael, Brian and all the players deserved better. However, that's football, you play well and the result can go against you but the important thing is to continue with our belief in our ambitions for the club and move on.

**"I know within the club that the drive from the football management and the players, which has enabled us to compete in the top six this season, is unchanged."**

The Championship is definitely the platform to play in. Even though all the clubs, particularly in this league, are having to come to terms with a short season which has impacted on fixtures because of the World Cup Finals in June 2006, I feel the Championship clubs have been affected more than most with more midweek matches this season, seven in our case, which does not include TV games or Bank Holidays. The International week-

end dates have also had their effect and together it has culminated in a busier than usual Christmas fixture period, with the Town playing four games in eight days.

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Upon this festive and celebratory time, I would like to take a minute to thank you for all your support during this year. I hope together we continue to build an even better future for the club.

As always the team needs your vocal support, it does make a difference. On behalf of everyone at the Club, have a very Happy New Year.

Bill

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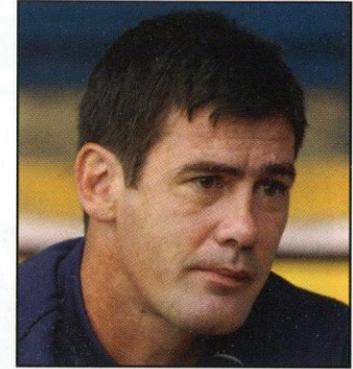
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# Mike Newell



**MIKE NEWELL** reflects back on the recent performance against Stoke and talks about the possibility of bringing some new faces to the club in the January transfer window

**H**ello and welcome to tonight's game against Brighton and Hove Albion. Welcome also to Mark McGhee, his staff, players, directors and supporters from the Withdean.

It is difficult writing programme

lot but we need to learn how to win games at times and certainly not how to lose them. That may sound strange but it is something that we learnt in the League One and now we are up a level we need to start again. Quality players need fewer opportunities to punish you and that's what we have

**“You will be glad to know that there will be some funds available in the January transfer window. We will attempt to spend it wisely as always, whether it be on wages or transfer fees and we will not bring in players for the sake of it”**

notes well ahead of games and hopefully we will have had a favourable result at Derby. The last home game against Stoke City was a major disappointment to say the least. It is difficult to criticize the players when they play all the football and are as honest as our

found on occasions.

You will be glad to know that there will be some funds made available in the January transfer window. We will attempt to spend it wisely as always, whether it be on wages or transfer fees and we

will not bring in players for the sake of it. Although things haven't gone the way we would have liked in the last month or so, we are still in an enviable position and can look forward to the second half of the season with optimism. We have proved that we are more than capable against better teams in the division and if we do it again there could be a lot to look forward to.

On behalf of the staff and players I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and wish you everything that your hoping for in 2006.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads

Mike



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Kevin Nicholls

# Kevin Nicholls



Skipper Kevin Nicholls looks back on his and Luton's achievements in 2005 whilst also reflecting back on the defeat by Stoke City

The busy Christmas schedule has quickly given us the opportunity to put our massively disappointing result to Stoke City behind us as we welcome Brighton to Kenilworth Road this evening.

We could not believe that we had once again conceded a goal in injury time for the second time this season against Stoke and it was a bitter pill

ing thick and fast as we try to get back to winning ways and hopefully start picking up points on our travels. I am writing these notes prior to our trip to Derby County on Boxing Day so hopefully we will have had a change in fortunes.

With the exception of Sol Davis, we hope to have everyone fit over the Christmas programme. The fact is that we have lost eight game away

fixtures coming up and a few good results will certainly push you right back up the table.

This year has been a wonderful time for me and winning the club's Player of the Year accolade will go down as a highlight alongside the obvious of lifting the League One trophy at Kenilworth Road.

Some people may say that it will be hard to go one better in 2006 but we still have one eye on the play-offs and if we could achieve Premiership status then it would be a personal milestone to have played in every division for Luton Town.

We have given ourselves a chance to reach them play-offs with plenty of points to play for as we enter the second half of the season.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their Christmas celebrations and on behalf of the rest of the lads, I would like to wish everyone a happy 2006.

Nico

**“ The manner of the defeat against Stoke was hard to take but it is good that the games are now coming thick and fast as we try to get back to winning ways and hopefully start picking up points on our travels. ”**

for us to swallow after we had certainly done enough to win. However we know that if we continue to concede sloppy goals at this level then we will continue to get punished

The manner of the defeat against Stoke was hard to take but it is good that the games are now com-

from home and we know that we need to improve in that statistic.

When looking back over some of them away games which we have lost, there are a number of fixtures which could have ended as a draw, such as Coventry, Crewe and QPR. However we have a number of big

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# Cherry Newbery

Cherry Newbery brings you news from around Kenilworth Road

Firstly, I hope that everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas sharing this festive time with family and friends.

Last week saw us lose another of our Pontins League reserve match when Stevenage Borough FC when they came down with illness and 'flu. We were fortunate to be advised by Derek Daughtery, the league secretary, who we are pleased to welcome as our guest here today that Brighton was looking for a friendly reserve match and the game was arranged at very short notice. It was good to welcome back Dermot Gallagher who refereed the match for us.

At the time of writing we don't have a new date for the Stevenage match, and we have now lost another reserve match as Colchester United have a first team fixture when we are due to play them on 17th January, again no new date for this match yet - I do wonder where will fit them in!

Ticket sales over the past ten days have been tremendous, and at the time of writing an average of 1,000 tickets a day was being sold, we have tended to forget that as well as our important FA Cup tie with Liverpool tickets we have also had today's match tickets on sale and the away matches at Derby and Ipswich.

A reminder that our next home Championship league match with Watford on 2nd January does have a 12 noon kick off and supporters are requested to come early, turnstiles will be open at 10.30 a.m. For the F.A. Cup Third Round match with Liverpool on 7th January with a 5.30 p.m. kick off the turnstiles will open at 3.30 pm.

Thankyou to all the supporters who sent in Christmas cards to the staff and players at the club, it was appreciated by us all.

Finally can I wish everyone a Very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Cherry



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

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

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

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

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(The maximum ratio of adults to children in this area is: 2 adults to each junior)

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**WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS V LUTON TOWN**  
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**MOLINEUX, KICK-OFF 7:45PM**



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Any remaining tickets will go on general sale from 7th January 2006 (subject to availability).

**Prices are: Jack Harris Stand - Adults £23.00, Over 65's £13.00, Juniors (under 16) £13.00, Wheelchair Bay (Disabled & Helper) £13.00**



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



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

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**SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY V LUTON TOWN**  
**TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2006**  
**HILLSBROUGH, KICK-OFF 7:45PM**



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**MEMBERS:** Will be able to purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability) from 9th January 2006 until close of business on 21st January 2006.

Any remaining tickets will go on general sale from 23rd January 2006 (subject to availability).

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Wheelchair spaces are available; please contact the Ticket Office for more information.



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**SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2006**  
**KICK-OFF 3:00PM**



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**TICKET NEWS FOR A POSSIBLE FA CUP REPLAY WITH LIVERPOOL CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 57**

## PLAYERS PROMOTE CLEANER LUTON

At Luton Borough Council we are committed to making a visible difference to the local environment by improving the cleanliness of the street scene.

Our Street Services Division is working hard to achieve this by operating a zero tolerance approach to tackling environmental crime, including abandoned & unlicensed vehicles, fly tipping, fly posting, graffiti and litter.

Already over 500 people have been issued with a £50 fixed penalty notice for dropping litter. And the council will not hesitate to take court action against anyone who fails to pay the penalty.

Hatters fan and Council Enforcement Manager Jon Maddox said: "The council has invested significantly in a cleaner Luton and my colleagues work hard to make a visible difference. I don't intend to let a small minority of anti-social litter louts take us a step backwards and will take action against anyone I hear of dropping litter."

We are proud to have Luton Town Football Club and it's players supporting our clean streets anti littering campaign that will raise awareness in the coming weeks.

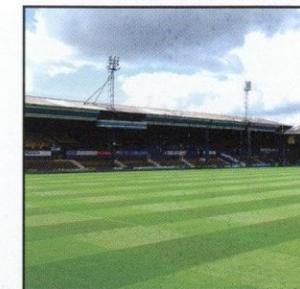
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# Around the Ground



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

### TODAY'S REFEREE



Luton Town Football Club would like to welcome today's officials to Kenilworth Stadium for this evening's fixture. They are Mr Anthony Bates,

from Staffordshire, Mr Tony Mason, Mr Nick Kinseley and Mr Steve Chittenden.

Mr Bates, who is today's match referee, was promoted to The Football League list of assistant referees in 1993 and progressed to the referees list in 1996. He was an assistant referee at the 1996 European Championship game between Germany and the Czech Republic as well as the 1995 Community Shield and the 1996 FA Cup Final between Manchester United and Liverpool.



□ Carlos Edwards picks up his award after being voted November PFA Player of the Month.

### CARLOS RECEIVES PFA AWARD

What a month it has been for Luton Town midfielder Carlos Edwards. The Trinidad and Tobago star will be relishing the prospect of facing England at the World Cup next year whilst his form for Luton has seen him pick up

the PFA Fans Player of the Month accolade.

Edwards has certainly been the man in demand with the media due to his achievements on both the domestic and international scene.

The midfielder is pictured above with representatives from the PFA receiving his golden football stud after achieving the most votes in a fans poll of the best player in the Championship.

You can vote for your top player for December by visiting the PFA's official website, [www.givemefootball.com](http://www.givemefootball.com)



□ Have your say at the 4-4-2 Football League Awards which is being held on Sunday, 5 March 2006

### 4-4-2 AWARDS - HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Football League is encouraging Luton Town fans to have their say on who they think should win the Fan of the Year and Best Away Ground categories in the inaugural 'Football League Awards incorporating FourFourTwo's Top 50 Football League Players'.

Fans wishing to nominate a Fan of the Year or vote for the club they believe deserves the Best Away Ground accolade can visit The Football League's official website at [www.football-league.co.uk](http://www.football-league.co.uk) or FourFourTwo's official

website at [www.fourfourtwo.com](http://www.fourfourtwo.com) and follow the links to The Football League Awards.

The closing date for entries is Monday, 16 January 2006 and the winners will be announced at a gala dinner at The London Hilton on Park Lane on Sunday, 5 March 2006.

The Chairman of The Football League, Lord Mawhinney said: "Fans are the lifeblood of a football club and will play an important role in The Football League Awards. We look forward to hearing from those who wish to nominate a Fan of the Year or vote for Best Away Ground!"



□ David Tomlinson is pictured with Marlon Beresford after winning over £900 in our Golden Gamble draw

### GOLDEN GAMBLE WINNER

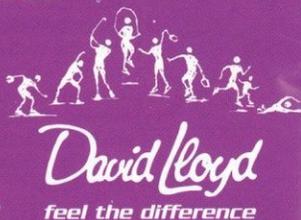
Despite seeing his side lose to Stoke, David Tomlinson had some reason to smile after his number was picked out at random in our recent Golden Gamble draw.

Mr Tomlinson's winning ticket earned him a cool £910 and fans inside the ground this evening have a chance of scooping a similar prize today.

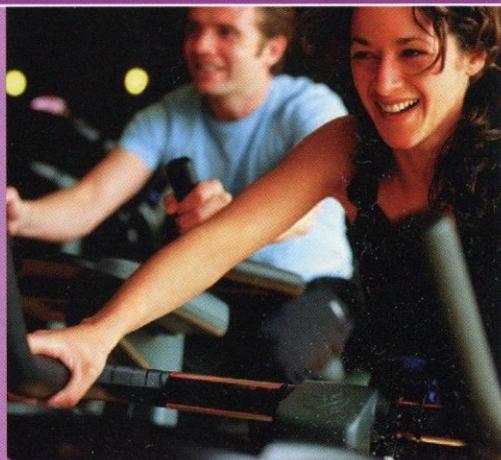


## David Lloyd and Luton Town Football Club are now at "Another Level"

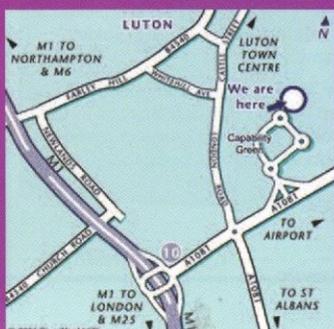
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# BRIGHTON

Brighton & Hove Albion boss Mark McGhee brings his side to Kenilworth Road fighting to keep out of the relegation zone. However as GILL FRY explains, the Seagulls certainly have a talented squad who are likely to prove tough opponents for the Hatters this evening.



## BRIGHTON FACTFILE



**BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION FC**

**Year Formed:** 1901

**Ground:** Withdean Stadium

**Ground Capacity:** 6,960

**Most League Goals:** Tommy Cook (114), 1922-29

**Most Capped Player:**  
Steve Penny, 17, Northern Ireland

**Most League Appearances:**  
'Tug' Wilson, 509, 1922-36

**B**righton boss Mark McGhee must be feeling optimistic at the prospect of playing at Kenilworth Road tonight with a turn around in club form. Recent poor performances have seen Brighton languishing in the bottom half of the table but this was put aside as the Seagulls soared from a 1-0 deficit to snatch a 2-1 win against Hull. It was a much-needed three points and just the boost

needed to keep Brighton away from the relegation zone.

It was the Frenchman, Sebastien Carole, who brought Brighton back into the match against Hull with a killer curling shot at goal. Carole, who joined the Seagulls at the beginning of the season, has settled comfortably into the club and his pace and creative capabilities has certainly turned him into a firm fans favourite at the Whitdean Stadium.

Club skipper, Charlie Oatway is a formidable midfielder whose strengths transcend both on and of the pitch whilst Alexandre Frutos is a talented young midfielder who has grown in consistency and has provided plenty of entertainment value

on the south coast.

Young Adam El-Abd, a graduate of the youth club programme, is a versatile defender who has the ability to play right back or central defence and thoroughly deserves his first professional contract to the summer of 2006.

Up-front, the young and talented 'Coca-Cola Kid' Colin Kazim-Richards should provide some entertaining football. He replaced ex-Chelsea striker Leon Knight for a place in the squad against Hull and continues to develop as a player since becoming the first professional to be signed by a club from the Coca-Cola 'Win a Player' promotion that proved so popular last season.

Kazim-Richards continues to display some promising football this season and in the 2004-05 season he was awarded with the young player of the year accolade at Bury, and it really is no wonder that this strong player, with the height for aerial attack, is a rising star.

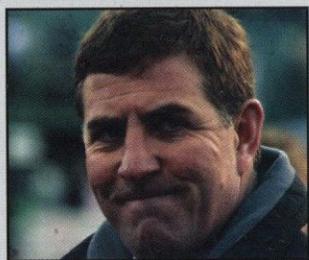
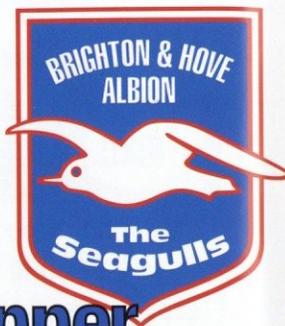
With the return of Kerry Mayo, in his testimonial year, and Gary Hart partnering Kazim-Richards in attack, it would appear that McGhee now has a winning formula that could keep the Seagulls comfortably out of the relegation spotlight.



## Dangerman: Sebastien Carole

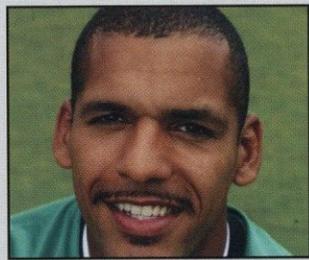
Signed from French giants Monaco at the beginning of the 2005/06 season on a two-year deal, Carole is an exciting attacking option for Brighton. The pacey French winger has a wide repertoire of tricks at his disposal, but is also not afraid to put himself about when in defensive situations. Carole has played for France's international side at every level up until the under-19s.

# About BRIGHTON Manager Goalkeeper Skipper



**Mark McGhee**

Mark McGhee won a sackful of medals with Aberdeen and Celtic, and claimed European glory against the biggest and most famous club in Europe while he played for a manager who became one of the most successful in English football. He started his league career at Bristol City, and helped Morton into the Premier Division, before he spent one season with Newcastle United. However, it was not until he joined Aberdeen in 1979 that his career really began to take off. McGhee scored six goals as Aberdeen reached the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1983, when their opponents in Gothenburg were none other than Real Madrid. The match pitched manager Alex Ferguson against Alfredo di Stefano, the legendary former Real forward who was then coaching the Spanish club, and it was the Scot who came out on top with a 2-1 victory in extra-time. Later, in the European Supercup against Hamburg, McGhee scored one of the goals, which gave Aberdeen a 2-0 victory. During six seasons at Pittodrie, McGhee also won two Scottish Premier Division titles, and three successive Scottish Cups - all in extra-time. He scored one of the goals as Aberdeen beat Rangers 4-1 in 1982. He failed to net in the 1-0 victory over Rangers a year later, but struck the winner against Celtic as the Dons completed a cup hat-trick in 1984. Along with players like Jim Leighton, Gordon Strachan and Alex McLeish, McGhee was a key figure in the side that broke the stranglehold Celtic and Rangers held on Scottish honours.



**Michel Kuipers**

Michel is a former Dutch Marine who has been with the Albion since the summer of 2000. He joined on a free transfer from Bristol Rovers, with limited senior experience, but quickly proved himself to be one of the Football League's best goalkeepers. A superb shot stopper, capable of making world-class saves, Kuipers has improved season after season. During his time with the club he has won two Championship medals (2001 and 2002) and helped Albion to promotion via the Play Offs in 2004. After recovering from a horrific shoulder injury sustained in January 2004, Kuipers joined Boston United on loan in November to regain his full match fitness.



**Charlie Oatway**

Heralding from a QPR-mad family, Charlie grew up within a stone's throw of Loftus Road. He is actually named after QPR's 1972 promotion-winning side. His own football career kicked off at non-league Yeading, from where he was picked up by Cardiff City. In 1999 he arrived at Brighton via Torquay, Brentford and Lincoln (loan) in a £15,000 transfer deal. A combative midfielder player, Charlie's presence both on the pitch and in the dressing room has been a vital element to Albion's recent successes. He's won back-to-back Championships while with Albion and helped the club to promotion to the Championship - via the Play Offs - in 2004. Mark McGhee made him club captain in December 2004, following the departure of Danny Cullip.

## Defenders

**Paul Reid**

Former Bradford City midfielder Paul Reid signed for the Albion after being spotted by Dean White and Chairman Dick Knight as they watched former striker Chris Iwelumo in a reserve team encounter between Stoke and Bradford. The Australian came through a successful trial period and has never looked back. He made his debut as a substitute against Rushden & Diamonds at Withdean and then helped Albion win promotion to the Championship via the play-offs. He originally arrived as a midfielder, but has proved himself to be equally adept at right-back - and has even filled in at left-back.

**Adam El-Abd**

Adam made his first-team debut in Mark McGhee's first home match in charge - an LDV Vans Trophy match against Boston United in October 2004. Soon afterwards he signed a two-and-a-half-year professional contract that runs until the summer of 2006. The Brighton-born defender - another who has graduated through the club's youth programme - can play at right-back or central defence.

**Guy Butters**

Hillingdon-born centre-half who kicked off his professional career with Spurs in the late 1980s, playing in the same side as Paul Gascoigne. He went on to play for Southend, Oxford, Portsmouth and Gillingham before arriving at Albion in August 2002. After a difficult first season at the club, Guy was set to hang up his boots in 2004, but he went on to prove all his critics wrong by being named Player Of The Season for 2003/2004 and helping the club to promotion via a Millennium Stadium play-off final win. In January 2005 he returned to Spurs with Albion in the FA Cup, and was captain for the day.

**Kerry Mayo**

Christened the Ginger Prince by the Albion faithful, Kerry has continued to confound his critics season after season. He is the club's longest-serving player, having signed professional in the summer of 1995, and he will be rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial - due to take place in the summer 2006. He is also one of the few players who have appeared for Albion at the Goldstone, Gillingham and Withdean.

## Midfielders

**Dean Hammond**

Midfielder Dean has graduated through the club's youth set up, and made his first team debut at 17 in December 2000, helping Albion to a 2-0 victory over Cardiff in the LDV Trophy. Born in Sussex, Dean signed professional in the summer of 2002, and headed his first goal in the 3-1 League Cup defeat at Ipswich in September 2002. He has also seen service on loan at Aldershot and Leyton Orient

**Gary Hart**

Gary was famously signed by Brian Horton for a £1000 plus a set of playing kit in 1998, from Essex League Stansted. Arguably one of the best-value buys in the club's history, Harty has played over 300 games for Albion. He helped the club to two Championships and was one of the players to lead the Seagulls to victory at the Millennium Stadium in 2004

**Alexis Nicolas**

Alexis signed for the Albion just before the start of the 2004/05 season, on a three-month loan deal from Chelsea. The tenacious midfielder turned the move permanent shortly afterwards thanks to some impressive displays in the Championship. The Cypriot under-21 international completed his apprenticeship at Aston Villa before joining Chelsea as a professional, despite featuring under Claudio Ranieri, Alexis was deemed surplus to requirements at Stamford Bridge by Jose Mourinho.

**Albert Jarrett**

A former Arsenal schoolboy Albert earned a three-year contract with the Seagulls after impressing Mark McGhee during a trial in the summer of 2004. He has previously played for MK Dons and also has spent time on loan at Stevenage Borough.

## Strikers

**Colin Kazim-Richards**

Dubbed 'The Coca-Cola Kid', this exciting young striker signed from Bury after Albion were awarded £250,000 from the Coca-Cola Win a Player competition. The Seagulls shook off stiff competition from other Premiership and Championship clubs to secure the youngster's services. Colin scored three spectacular goals for Bury and won the club's award for Young Player of the Year in 2004/05.

**Leon Knight**

Pint-sized striker Knight graduated through the youth ranks at Chelsea, but spent the early part of his career on loan at QPR, Huddersfield and Sheffield Wednesday. The Hackney-born Londoner was yet another professional footballer who played youth football for the now-famous Senrab boys club, based in Barnes. He also appeared for England at under-17, under-18, under-19 and under-20 level. He signed for Albion permanently on a two-year contract from Chelsea, after impressing during a loan spell. Knight's penalty at the Millennium Stadium gave Albion the 1-0 victory that saw the Seagulls promoted to the Championship.

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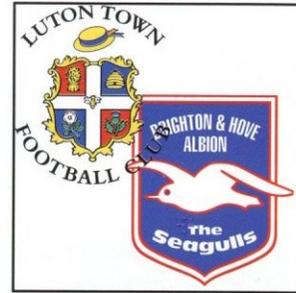
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# Classic Match

ROGER WASH takes a look at a classic encounter between the Hatters and this evening's opponents Brighton & Hove Albion



□ Brian Stein (right) in the thick of the action against Brighton in 1977.

A thriller at Crystal Palace on Boxing Day 1977, with only a rocket shot from Eagles full-back Kenny Sansom in the last minute preventing the Town taking both points, was the first of three holiday games which seemed to kick start the season.

On the day after the Palace game, Sheffield United were the visitors to Kenilworth Road and a crowd of 10,885 turned up to see Brian Stein, on his full home debut, net twice in an emphatic 4-0 win which pushed the Town up to sixth spot in a congested Division Two table.

By far the biggest test to this resurgent form would be the visit of promotion favourites Brighton to Kenilworth Road on New Year's Eve. The BBC 'Match of the Day' producers were also predicting that this would be an entertaining clash

and their cameras were present alongside a crowd of 13,200.

The Hatters were already missing the calm defensive qualities of Paul Futcher, following a road accident, and would now be without tough centre-half John Faulkner. This had left the way clear for young defenders David Carr and Graham Jones to step into the breach.

The worry that the rookie defenders would be exposed against the free scoring Brighton attack was not realised due to the excellent covering of the midfield trio of Ricky Hill, Lil Fuccillo and Alan West.

Surprisingly, it soon became apparent that Brighton had come to keep it tight in midfield and defence and hope to pinch a goal on the break but they were not

given the opportunity to attack due to the constant movement of Luton's front three.

Stein was proving a revelation as he brought a new sense of urgency and excitement to the forward line and, early on, he hit the bar with a clever lob to signal his intentions.

The breakthrough the Hatters threatened came after 32 minutes and immediately became a contender for 'Match of the Day's' goal of the month.

The move leading to the goal began in the Luton half and carried on through nine passes before reaching Stein, on the right, who clipped over a perfect cross to Phil Boersma who had sprinted 40 yards to dive full length and head a goal to remember.

Although the game was never safe at 1-0 it took a string of brilliant saves from Brighton goalkeeper Eric Steele to prevent a thrashing. Brighton golden boy Peter Ward and £200,000 signing Teddy Maybank were hardly given a sniff at the other end.

Brighton manager Alan Mullery summed it all up afterwards: "Man for man, your players did a lot more than ours. You didn't have any brilliant individualists, but the whole team played well and deserved to win."

Luton: Aleksic, Price, Buckley, Carr, Jones, West, Hill, Fuccillo, Stein, Ron Futcher, Boersma.

Brighton: Steele, Cattlin (Potts), Williams, Rollings, Lawrenson, Horton, Towner, Clark, Ward, Maybank, O'Sullivan.

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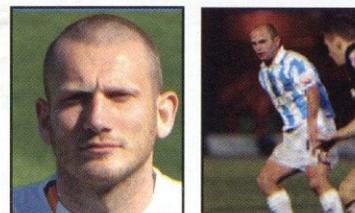
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# Match Guide

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

## Head 2 Head



Kevin Nicholls v Charlie Oatway

The battle of the skippers this evening should prove to be an intense and competitive clash with Kevin Nicholls and Charlie Oatway going head-to-head.

Nicholls has been a top performer for Luton this season with four goals and a number of impressive performances at the heart of our midfield. The Luton skipper has continued his good form from last season which saw him notch 14 goals and played a pivotal role in our excellent progress in the Championship.

Oatway has been in sublime form in recent weeks and his winning goal against Hull City recently helped earn himself some praise from his manager Mark McGhee. "Charlie deserves his winning goal, because his performances week-in, week-out have been above and beyond the call of duty," McGhee said after the win against Hull. Oatway is in his seventh season for the Seagulls and is a firm fans favourite at the Whitdean Stadium. During his time at the club, Oatway has made over 150 appearances.



Kevin Nicholls scored from the penalty spot the last time we met Brighton

After slipping to a 2-0 defeat earlier in the 2003/04 season against Brighton, Luton gained revenge a few months later when Peter Holmes and Kevin Nicholls both found the target to seal a relatively comfortable win at Kenilworth Road against the Seagulls.

Them two meetings was the first time Luton had faced their south coast opponents for 13 years with Brighton holding a one match advantage in the head-to-head competition.

The two teams haven't been shy of goals in their most recent meetings with 20 scored in the previous five encounters.

The FA Cup showdown in 1990 was to be Terry Mancini's first and only game in

charge of Luton as Brighton, languishing in the lower reaches of Division Two, pulled off a shock 4-1 win over the Hatters.

Brighton had gone three months without a home win in any competition leading up to that fixture as the Hatters were hit by four goals in last 30 minutes.

Other memorable meetings between the two sides include an encounter in 1982 when Luton hit Brighton for five, which included a memorable overhead kick from Wayne Turner and a hat-trick from Brian Stein.

The teams have met 57 times, bringing 21 Luton wins, 14 draws and 22 wins for today's visitors.



### FORM GUIDE

Luton: W,W,L,L,L  
Luton 2 Stoke 3  
Southampton 1 Luton 0  
Reading 3 Luton 0  
Luton 2 Crystal Palace 0  
Luton 4 Crewe 1

### FORM GUIDE

Brighton: D,D,D,L,W  
Brighton 2 Hull 1  
Reading 5 Brighton 1  
Watford 1 Brighton 1  
Brighton 0 Brighton 0  
Cardiff 1 Brighton 1

### HEAD 2 HEAD

Luton Wins: 21  
(20 league, 1 cups)  
Brighton Wins: 22  
(20 league, 2 cups)  
Draws: 14

### LAST FIVE MEETINGS:

Luton 2 Brighton 0, League One, 10/02/2004  
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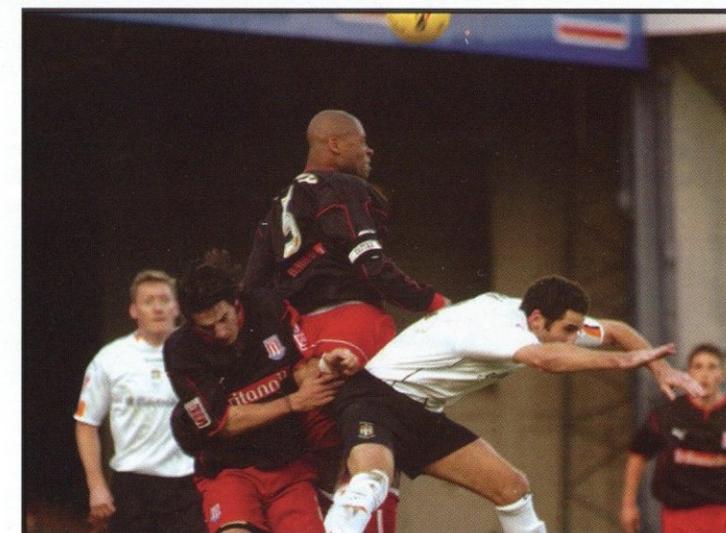
stats prior to Boxing Day fixtures



# Match Action

An own goal in the closing stages from Chris Coyne settled a frantic finish to a five goal thriller as Stoke went home with all three points at Kenilworth Road. PHILIP FRANCIS reports.

## LUTON TOWN 2 STOKE CITY 3



Chris Coyne is barged out of the way by Stoke's Michael Duberry

An own goal from Chris Coyne in the dying minutes gave Stoke City all three points at Kenilworth Road in a game Luton had dominated for long periods.

When Ahmet Brkovic fired the Hatters ahead after 20 minutes, the home side looked in complete control, but a combination of resolute defending and poor finishing kept the visitors in the game.

Just before the interval a rare Stoke attack resulted in an equaliser: Dean Brill, who kept his place in the side at the expense of the injured Marlon Beresford, failed to intercept the ball and was left stranded as a cross found Paul Gallagher who scored with ease, tapping the ball home into an empty net.

The second half became almost a carbon copy of the first with the home side attack-

ing almost at will but unable to put a finishing touch to the numerous crosses supplied from the impressive Carlos Edwards on the right flank.

To add insult to injury Stoke took an undeserved lead seven minutes from the end, with Gallagher grabbing his second of the game as the former Blackburn striker beat Brill at his near post.

Luton responded almost immediately when Kevin Nicholls scored his fourth goal of the season from the penalty spot after a foul on Steve Howard.

It looked as if the spoils would be shared but another twist to an amazing finale occurred just two minutes from the end as Stoke snatched the winner through Coyne's own goal.

### Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



I felt we had done enough to win the game and we did play some decent football. There is not a lot that I can say to the lads because they gave it everything. We played some good football in the first half and we tried to force the issue in the second half but we were done on the break. Nobody could say that we were not the better side. You are always disappointed when you concede goals and we were upset with the first goal that we conceded. It is obviously disappointing and this was the second time we have been defeated by Stoke late on but in both games I have felt we have deserved more.

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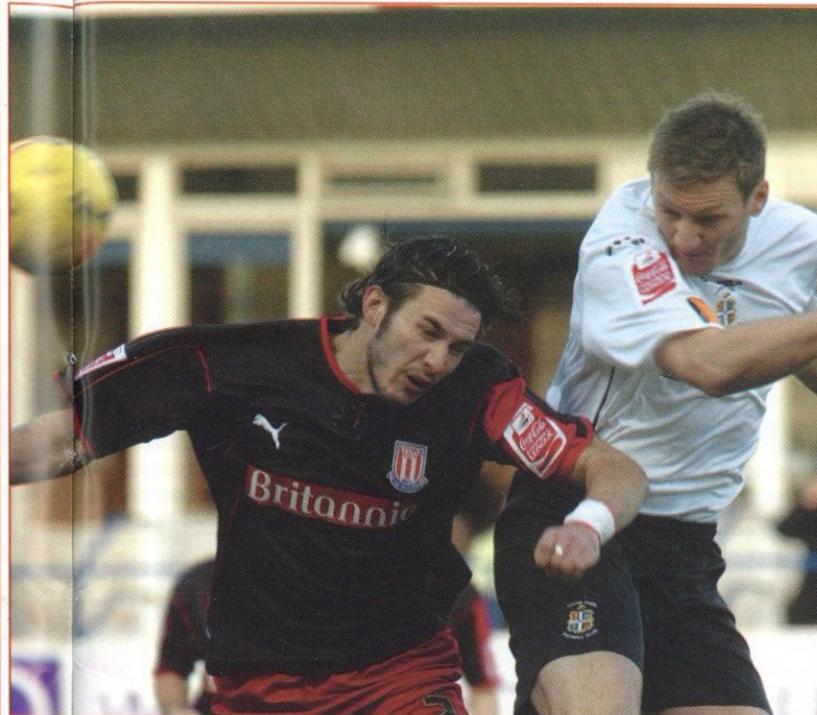


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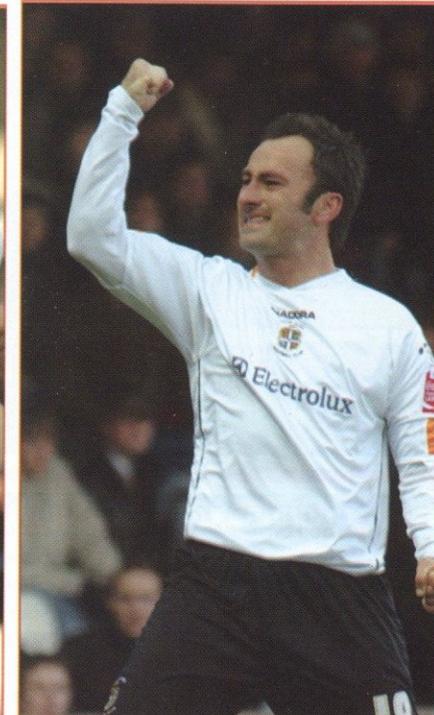
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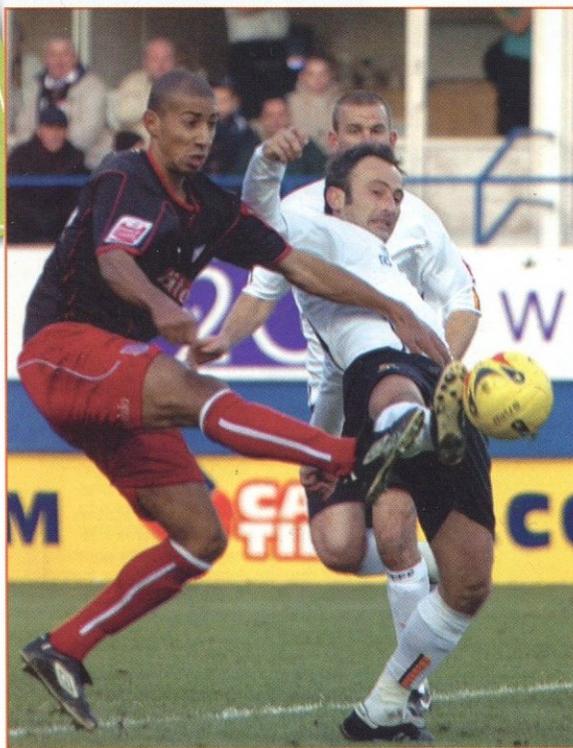
Chris Coyne tries to clear the danger



Steve Howard and Carl Hoefkens battle for possession



Ahmet Brkovic celebrates his fifth goal of the season



Ahmet Brkovic gets into the thick of the action



Luton's effort cleared off the line as Stoke's Michael Duberry clears the danger



Kevin Nicholls scored from the penalty spot against Stoke





# Peter Davis

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

**G**ood evening and welcome to all of our commercial partners, with special reference to this evening's match sponsors. We hope that you all had a great Christmas and are all looking forward to your New Year celebrations. Tonight's game represents the midpoint in our festive season programme and as I write these notes we are all looking forward to our visit to Pride Park and Derby County on Boxing Day and what we hoped was a return to winning ways.

Have a great evening and enjoy the game  
See you next year

Peter



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Match Sponsors Raymond Gill & Steven Hudson receiving their Award



Steven Hudson presenting Ahmet Brkovic with his Man of the Match Trophy



Commercial Mascot Oliver Mallord receiving his Certificate from the squad

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It's with a warm welcome that we say good evening to nine year old, Charlie Borralho, who joins us tonight as Commercial Mascot. Charlie who lives in Bushy, attends Nothwood Prep and counts swimming as well as football as his main hobbies. Carlos Edwards is Charlie's favourite Luton player, who he hopes to meet tonight. We all at the club hope that Charlie and his family have a memorable evening with us.



VIP guests of Ian Smith on the pitch pre match against Stoke



Commercial Mascot Oliver Mallord with his father Peter on the Kenilworth Road turf

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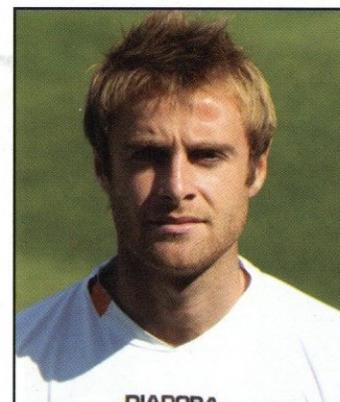
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# Head 2 Head



Our Head 2 Head competition sees the last of our first round matches this week as Peter Holmes takes on Sol Davis for a spot in the next round. 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.



Peter eyeing round two.

### QUESTIONS

1. Who defeated Chelsea in this season's Carling Cup?
2. Which two clubs were promoted alongside Luton from League One last season?
3. Where do Barcelona stage their home matches?
4. Who was Chelsea's manager before Jose Mourinho succeeded him?
5. In which ground did Manchester United win their famous European Championship in 1999?
6. Wayne Rooney burst onto the Premiership scene by scoring a 'wonder goal' for Everton against which team?
7. Who was the manager when Blackburn Rovers won the Premiership title?
8. Who is the current manager of Millwall?
9. Wigan Athletic's stadium is named after which famous sports retail store?
10. Who was the first black player ever to captain England?

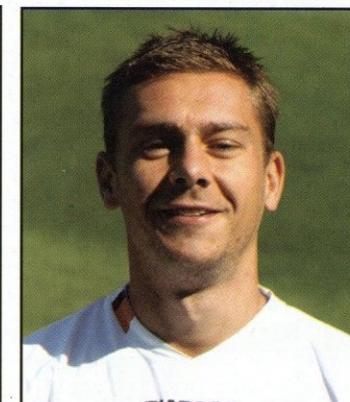
### PETER'S ANSWERS

1. Charlton ✓
2. Sheffield Wednesday & Hull ✓
3. Nou Camp ✓
4. Claudio Ranieri ✓
5. Nou Camp ✓
6. Arsenal ✓
7. Kenny Dalglish ✓
8. Colin Lee ✓
9. JJB Sports ✓
10. Viv Anderson ✗

Score **9/10**

### WHO IS THROUGH!

IN	OUT
Marlon Beresford	Paul Hughes
Kevin Nicholls	Marvin Johnson
Curtis Davies	Chris Coyne
Steve Robinson	Steve Howard
Kevin Foley	Ahmet Brkovic
Mark Ridgeway	Bob Catlin
Dean Morgan	Carlos Edwards
John Murray	Steve Sedgley
Rowan Vine	Warren Feeney
Peter Holmes	Sol Davis



Sol is not looking confident.

### SOL'S ANSWERS

1. Charlton ✓
2. Sheffield Wednesday & Hull ✓
3. Nou Camp ✓
4. Claudio Ranieri ✓
5. Nou Camp ✓
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8. Pass ✗
9. JJB Sports ✓
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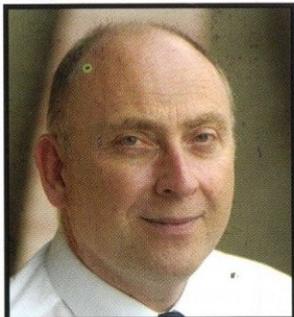
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# Roger Wash

**1988  
1989**

From the 1988-89 season, Roger Wash looks back at a year when the Town fought through to Wembley in the Littlewoods Cup for the second season running but struggled in the league.



Ricky Hill attempts to round Forest goalkeeper Steve Sutton during the 1989 Littlewoods Cup final.

After winning the Littlewoods Cup in glorious style in 1988 manager Ray Harford then had the unpalatable job of reducing the average age of the squad which meant a sad goodbye to Hatters heroes Brian Stein and Mal Donaghy.

As in the previous season the Town were slow to start, despite an influx of new faces including Roy Wegerle and Steve Williams. It was only when Harford ditched his favoured 4-4-2 system that the tide began to turn but a 4-1 win over West Ham and a 6-1 thrashing of Southampton were beacons in a sea of gloom as the Town

then went on a ten game run without a victory in the New Year that sent them plummeting down the table once more.

Despite the lacklustre form in the league the Town were finding the Littlewoods Cup more to their liking again. Fourth Division Burnley and Division Two sides Leeds and Manchester City were seen off before the Hatters were drawn at home in the quarter-finals to a Southampton side that had gone down 1-6 at Kenilworth Road in a league game only two weeks before. The Saints were determined not to let this happen

again and fought back to equalise after Ricky Hill had headed in a David Preece free-kick on 70 minutes.

In a spell binding replay which ebbed and flowed, the game moved into extra time before Mick Harford finally broke the deadlock when he headed home and the tie was made safe when Hill thundered in a 25 yard effort eight minutes later.

The semi-final draw pitted the Town against West Ham. In the televised first leg at Upton Park it was men against boys as the Hatters played their below par opponents off the pitch and won at a canter 3-0.

## LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
13) Southampton	38	10	15	13	52	66	45
14) Charlton	38	10	12	16	44	58	42
15) Sheff Wed	38	10	12	16	34	51	42
16) LUTON	38	10	11	17	42	52	41
17) Aston Villa	38	9	13	16	45	56	40
18) Middlesbro	38	9	12	17	44	61	39
19) West Ham	38	10	8	20	37	62	38
20) Newcastle	38	7	10	21	32	63	31

After the Hammers failed to score early on in the second leg at Kenilworth Road they more or less gave up the ghost leaving Harford and Wegerle to net as the Town cruised through to the final for the second year running.

Nottingham Forest were to be the Town's opponents at Wembley where league form seemed to count for little as the Hatters enjoyed a solid first half on the big day and took an interval lead through Harford. As expected, Forest were more fired up after the break but it was an error by the normally reliable Luton goalkeeper Les Sealey that allowed them back into the game. Charging out of his goal when he should have stayed put, Sealey needlessly brought down Steve Hodge for a cast iron penalty which was converted by the Forest manager's son Nigel Clough.

Forest now had their tails up, while the goal seemed to knock the stuffing out of the Town and it came as no real surprise when Neil Webb and Clough

again made the final score 1-3 and with it the Hatters first defeat in the competition since 1985.

Ray Harford now had to pick the players up and concentrate their minds in a bid to halt the disastrous league run. With only six games to play only a complete reversal of form would enable the Town to escape the drop.

On the Saturday following the Wembley defeat the Town could only manage a home draw with Coventry and after a hard fought stalemate at Newcastle, two home games in three days were seen as must win matches. Considering the Town had scored only six goals in their previous ten games it came as a major surprise when Derby were well beaten 3-0 in a game which made a nonsense of the relative league positions of the two sides.

Next up was Charlton with the Town attacking from first whistle to last and ending up 5-2 winners on a breathless evening of high drama. Although the win virtually sealed safety for another

**Manager:** Ray Harford

**Top Scorer:** Danny Wilson

**League Position:** 16th

**FA Cup:** 3rd Round

**League Cup:** Losing Finalists

**Memorable Match:**  
Vs Charlton - W 5-2

season there were still to be a couple of heart stopping moments before the final whistle was blown to signal the end of the campaign.

On the Saturday following the Charlton win the Town went down 0-1 at West Ham in another lacklustre away performance. This left one more game to play, with Norwich the visitors to Kenilworth Road on the final day.

On paper it looked as though a win was needed to be certain of staying in the top flight and it was nailbiting stuff as the Town pounded away against a disinterested Canaries side.

Danny Wilson, who had never missed a spot-kick for the Town did just that when he blasted wide after ten minutes and it looked like it was not going to be the Town's day.

Fortunately, the referee awarded another penalty to the Town for a push that was only seen by the official, and the brave Wilson stepped up to bury the ball from the spot and save the Town for another season.

## Elsewhere in football

❖ Arsenal win the Division One championship at Anfield after a last minute goal from Michael Thomas secures the title on goals scored with both sides level on goal difference.

❖ Chelsea win promotion from Division Two.

❖ Tony Cottee breaks the British transfer record when he moves from West Ham to Everton for £2.2 mil-

lion. He repays some of the fee when scoring a hat-trick on his Toffees debut.

❖ Arsenal's Paul Davis is handed a nine game ban for breaking the jaw of Southampton's Glenn Cockerill in an off the ball confrontation missed by the referee. The T.V cameras witness the incident, however, and this early 'trial by television' occupies the back pages for several weeks!

❖ Bury St Edmunds referee Kelvin Morton creates a new record when awarding five penalties in the Crystal Palace v Brighton league game.

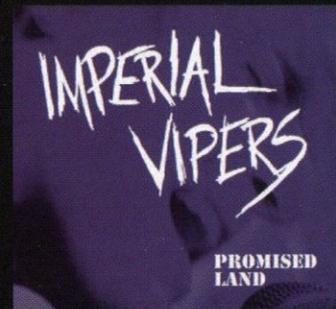
Palace are awarded four of the spot kicks but miss three of them!

❖ Britain suffers its worst sporting disaster when 96 die in the Hillsborough tragedy.

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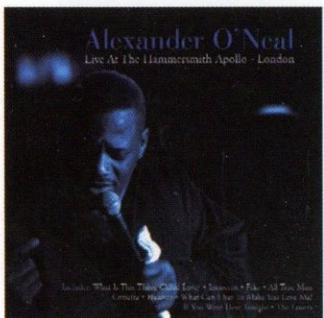
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**BY RAIL:** ONE Railways run trains to Ipswich Station. Leaving the station via the main entrance, walk directly ahead over the bridge towards the Town Centre. After Staples, turn left into Portman Road.

**MATCHDAY PARKING:** There is extremely limited on-street car parking around the ground but there are however three car parks in Portman Road with a total of about 800 spaces. Two

are pay and display and one is pay on admission. Early arrival is recommended to ensure a space close to the ground. There are several town centre car parks within 10 minutes walk all of which are well sign posted, plus there there is a multi storey car park located next to the railway station.

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# MATCH ACTION

## LUTON V STOKE CITY



# THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS



Darren Bent and Nathan Ellington are banging in goals in the Premiership. Jimmy Bullard and Teddy Sheringham are playing starring roles for their newly-promoted clubs. And Reading's Steve Sidwell is on course to be gracing the top flight next season.

What do these players have in common? They were all among the '50 Top Football League Players' in last April's edition of *FourFourTwo* magazine. And now, following the success of that survey, The Football League has announced

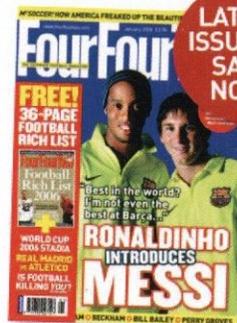
a glittering annual awards ceremony to champion the achievements of its players and clubs.

The Football League Awards will be handed out at the London Hilton on March 5 2006, when *FourFourTwo* will also announce its annual Top 50 Football League Players to coincide with our April edition – and now's your chance to get involved.

For details of how to nominate someone for the Fan of the Year Award and to vote for the Best Away Ground, visit [www.fourfourtwo.com](http://www.fourfourtwo.com) or check out your next matchday programme.

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- ★ Contribution To Football Award



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# Luton Connections



Luton's Clubcall reporter **BILL COLE** sent over this quirky piece for the matchday programme as he links a complete circle from Ray Harford to Ray Harford and Luton to Luton.

**RAY HARFORD** – Led Luton Town to their only ever cup success when they defeated Arsenal in the 1988 League Cup Final.

**BOBBY GOULD** – Also oversaw a club to their only ever cup victory, again in 1988 when Wimbledon won the FA Cup. Bobby also had connections with Arsenal, a record signing for the Gunners from Coventry City for £90,000 in 1968.

**BRIAN TALBOT** – Was another Arsenal record signing, £450,000 from Ipswich Town in 1979. Won a cup-winners medal with the Tractor Boys – his hometown team.

**DENIS SMITH** – Also won a tro-

phy with his hometown club – Stoke City (1972 League Cup). Denis was the losing Sunderland manager in the 1990 First Division play-off final, but his club actually took winners Swindon's place in the top flight, when they were subsequently demoted by the F.A.

**OSSIE ARDILES** – had the thrill of winning that play-off final with Swindon Town, only for the heart-break of demotion when financial irregularities were discovered. Whilst Manager at W B A, Ardiles appointed Keith Burkinshaw as his assistant.

**KEITH BURKINSHAW** – Signed Ardiles along with Ricky Villa for Tottenham Hotspur in 1978 from

Argentinean football with the help of former Luton Town youth team coach Danny Bergara. In 1982, led Spurs to both the FA Cup and League Cup finals.

**BRYAN ROBSON** – Also took a club to both the FA Cup and League Cup finals in the same year (Middlesbrough in 1997) and guided 'Boro to the Premiership twice.

**GARY MEGSON** – Gary also took a club into the Premiership on two separate occasions, (W.B.A.). But, earlier in his career, lasted only four months as Stoke City Manager in 1999.

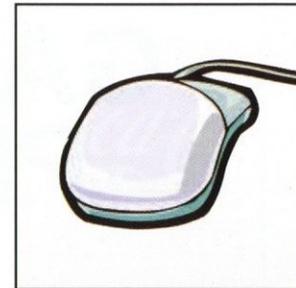
**BRIAN LITTLE** – Was Megson's managerial predecessor at Stoke and also lasted for less than four months at a league club (Wolves in 1986), but had more luck at Darlington, guiding them to two successive promotions in 1990 (Conference to Div 4 and 1991 (Div 4 to Div 3).

**ALAN BUCKLEY** – In those two same seasons, Buckley oversaw Grimsby Town to two successive promotions, From Division 4 to 3 in 1990 and from 3 to 2 in 1991. Is one of the last ten Managers of West Bromwich Albion.

**RAY HARFORD** – The former Luton Town boss is also one of the last ten Managers of W.B.A. as are the other nine above, from 1988 to date.



Ray Harford led Luton to their Littlewoods Cup triumph against Arsenal in 1988



# Website News

STEVEN DOVE looks at the latest news concerning the club's official website - [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk)

Performance figures for November concerning the key revenue earners for Luton Town's official website, [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk), have once again showed an encouraging rise.

The biggest improvement has been from our Hatters World subscribers as we recently broke the 1,400 barrier. This has been a significant rise in subscribers and pushes us into the top 20 clubs in this category who are registered under Premium TV websites.

We continue to receive a lot of positive feedback from subscribers who

use the site on a regular basis with exclusive interviews and match highlights of every Luton league game this season currently available to view.

The site has improved in popularity so much that we are considering the return of TV news and features to the site although this is still in the early stages of development.

For more information on the benefits of becoming a Hatters World subscriber then please log onto our official website, [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk)

A new revenue earner through our website is with our online poker

partner -Pokerstars, which is proving to be very popular with our supporters.

In its first month of going online, Luton Town topped the net stakes table of Premium TV clubs and although we were unable to match that achievement this month, we remained in the top five.

Luton fans are also enjoying the weekly 'Football Challenge Tournament' where Hatters supporters can take on followers of Manchester United, Liverpool or even Watford.

Registration and entry to the competition is free. There's no catch and you don't need to enter any credit card information.

More information can be found on our website and every supporter who signs up to PokerStars.com - whether they play for free or for cash - directly earns Luton Town Football Club money.

Other areas of improvement have been through our mobile graphics, SMS subscribers and betting.

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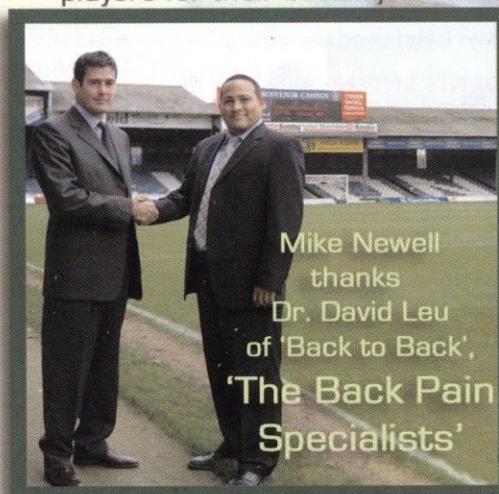
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# League Round-Up

League Round-Up



**GEOFF KNOX looks back at the latest news that has been hitting the Championship, which has included the new contract handed to Watford boss Adrian Boothroyd**

**T**he traditional image of the hard-bitten, axe-wielding football club chairman is in serious danger of crumbling as we've reached Christmas in the Championship with virtually the full set of managers that kicked off the season.

Plymouth Argyle chairman Paul Stapleton may not be a household name in the theatres during this pantomime season, but he is still infamous for being the only villain so far to sack a manager during the current campaign, when he gave Bobby Williamson the chop back in September.

Whilst avoiding reference to that particular situation at that particular club, if every chairman sacked their manager after a poor run of results then it would be impossible to judge whether they'd had the right man in for the job in the first place.

Whether it's the complexity of the modern manager's contract that makes sacking them an expensive habit, or if it's just more goodwill and patience on the chairmen's part is up for debate, but it's my belief that there does seem to be the wind of change from those that don the black cap.

As long as supporters remain realistic in their expectations – after all, it's okay to dream of Wembley and promotion but can be dangerous to your mental health to expect it – then by and large you can sit back and enjoy the trials and the tribulations that form the season as a whole.

The Championship is full of great, and in most cases, young managers, and well over half of them have yet to complete two years in their current positions.

Curiously, only Crewe's Dario Gradi (currently football's longest serving manager) and Stoke City's Johan Boskamp are from foreign soil, with some chairmen going for a wholly more informed approach to who can get the best from their playing staff.

There seems to be less of a trend to recruit foreign managers at this level, especially while some of their Premiership continental counterparts are conducting their own Christmas flân fighting in public.

Back in August, paper talk suggested that unfancied names such as Leeds' Kevin Blackwell and Watford's Adrian Boothroyd would be early season casualties.

The same papers are now rolling out these names as possible future Premiership managers. If the rate of progress they've made so far continues then they won't have to leave their clubs to do so.

Boothroyd has just been handed a four-and-a-half year contract in reward for his efforts so far, and has further pleased his employer by pledging to get them back into the Premiership.

Derby County's Phil Brown was another tip for the chop earlier this season, but his willingness to make team changes is now paying dividends.

After recruiting some bigger name players on loan from Premiership clubs, such as Johnnie Jackson and Khalilou Fadiga, he has decided to let them return to Spurs and Bolton, respectively, in order to bring hungrier, younger players into his improving side.



Watford boss Adrian Boothroyd has been handed a four-and-a-half year contract by the club.



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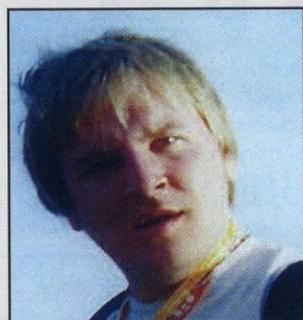


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# The Greatest

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:** Ricky Wilmott  
**Date of Birth:** July 1981  
**Occupation:** Marketing Executive  
**Years following Luton:** 12 years  
**Where do you sit:** Main Stand  
**First Match:** Luton v Chelsea, FA Cup Semi-Final in 1994.

**Memorable Match:**  
 I suppose my most memorable match would have to be the Luton v Chelsea FA Cup Semi-Final at Wembley. Although Gavin Peacock ruined the day, I still remember the atmosphere, the occasion and the football and it was that match which convinced me to continue to follow Luton.

## Goalkeeper

### 1. Ian Feuer

Tall, commanding and an excellent shot-stopper - everything you could want from a goalkeeper. Ian was truly exceptional and played a vital role in our third position in Division Two in the 1996/97 season.

## Left-Back

### 2. Matthew Taylor

Matthew excited the crowd with his forward approach to the game and his ability to shoot from distance was incredible. The highlight of Taylor's career at Luton for me was the 40-yard finish in the 1-0 win against Cambridge United.

## Right-Back

### 3. Julian James

Although I saw the end of Julian James' career at Luton, the tough tackling full-back was always energetic and gave everything to the Luton cause. Julian's presence on the field always gave Luton's defence a more solid look.

## Centre-Back

### 4. Trevor Peake

At the age of 40 years, 222 days old, Trevor Peake is the oldest player to play for Luton Town. Trevor added a wealth of experience to Luton's defence in the early 1990's, which proved to be vital as a number of young players were drafted into our first-team squad.

## Centre Back

### 5. Curtis Davis

Curtis is the best young player I have seen in a Luton shirt and he will be as good as he wants to be. Curtis was a joy to watch and never have I seen a young player develop so quickly.

## Right Midfield

### 6. Ahmet Brkovic

I have picked the 'Croatian Sensation' due to the number of spectacular goals he has scored throughout his career at Kenilworth Road. The bicycle kicks and the thunderous volleys have all been seen by Luton supporters but none where so memorable than the last ditch winner against Hull that almost brought the roof down.

## Left-Midfield

### 7. Jean Louis Valois

Jean was a genius with the ball at his feet and he could make something out of nothing. The wonder goal against Torquay will always be remembered by Luton fans and it was a shame we never saw more from this French midfielder.

## Centre-Midfield

### 8. Kevin Nicholls

During my time watching Luton Town, Kevin Nicholls has undoubtedly been the most successful skipper having won two promotions. Kevin was the first name to go into my team and his qualities as a footballer are second-to-none.

## Centre-Forward

### 9. Steve Howard

Any player who has scored almost a goal every other game will have certainly warranted a place in any team. Steve improved as a striker when Mick Harford was at the club and he has gone on to be a fantastic bargain since joining from Northampton Town.

## Centre-Midfield

### 10. David Preece

David's energetic performances for Luton made him a firm favorite with the supporters. David was a loyal servant to Luton and scored some great goals during his career at Kenilworth Road.

## Centre-Forward

### 11. John Hartson

When John Hartson burst onto the scene at Luton, I was convinced that the striker would only go on to bigger and better things in his career. It was a shame we never saw more of what John could do during his time at Kenilworth Road but his career at the highest level speaks for itself.

## Send us your team

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

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Geoff Lovell  
Safety Officer



# ON THE RISE

*Peter Holmes has been through it all with Luton Town. The highs and lows of his career at Kenilworth Road can easily be summed up when looking at Luton's league progress over the past five years. Having spent time in the basement division, you would think that the midfielder would be satisfied at playing Championship football, but as he explains in this exclusive interview, his ambition and desire is still thriving.*

It may surprise some but Peter Holmes is currently enjoying his sixth season at Kenilworth Road and what a roller coaster ride it has been for Luton's current longest serving player.

Signed by Ricky Hill in August 2000, Holmes has enjoyed two promotions whilst also suffering the misery of relegation in his first season with the club.

Thankfully that roller coaster ride is continuing its rise and Holmes sees no reason why there should be a downward journey with Luton in a healthy top-half position in the Championship table.

Holmes has seen players come and go at Kenilworth Road but his performance during our League One title success last season saw boss Mike Newell extend his stay in Bedfordshire when he was awarded a new contract in the summer.

In an exclusive interview for tonight's matchday programme, the former Sheffield Wednesday trainee revealed he was delighted to have extended his stay at the club and is still looking at achieving more honours.

Holmes said: "I have been at Luton for a long time now and I have had a few ups and downs with two promotions and one relegation but I am thoroughly enjoying my time here.

"I believe this is the best team we have had since I have been at the club and

**“ We are all pushing for them play-off places because we believe we are good enough to get in them positions. ”**

everyone is capable of playing at a higher level.

"It is nice to have been here for five years and I have settled in the area but I still want to push on to better things and that is what everyone in the squad has to focus on."

Some may think that our recent dip in form has taken its toll on the Luton squad but Holmes remains optimistic that the club can turn around its fortunes.

Our recent home defeat against Stoke City was a massive disappointment but Holmes, who has scored 12 goals for Luton during his time at the club, believes the squad have the qualities to turn around their form and go in search of further success this season.

"We have a brilliant record at Kenilworth Road and that made the defeat against Stoke so difficult to take. The lads firmly believe that we are capable of beating any team in this division and when the top two clubs in the division come to us, we believe we can give them a good game.

"The Stoke game was obviously disappointing but we just have to bounce

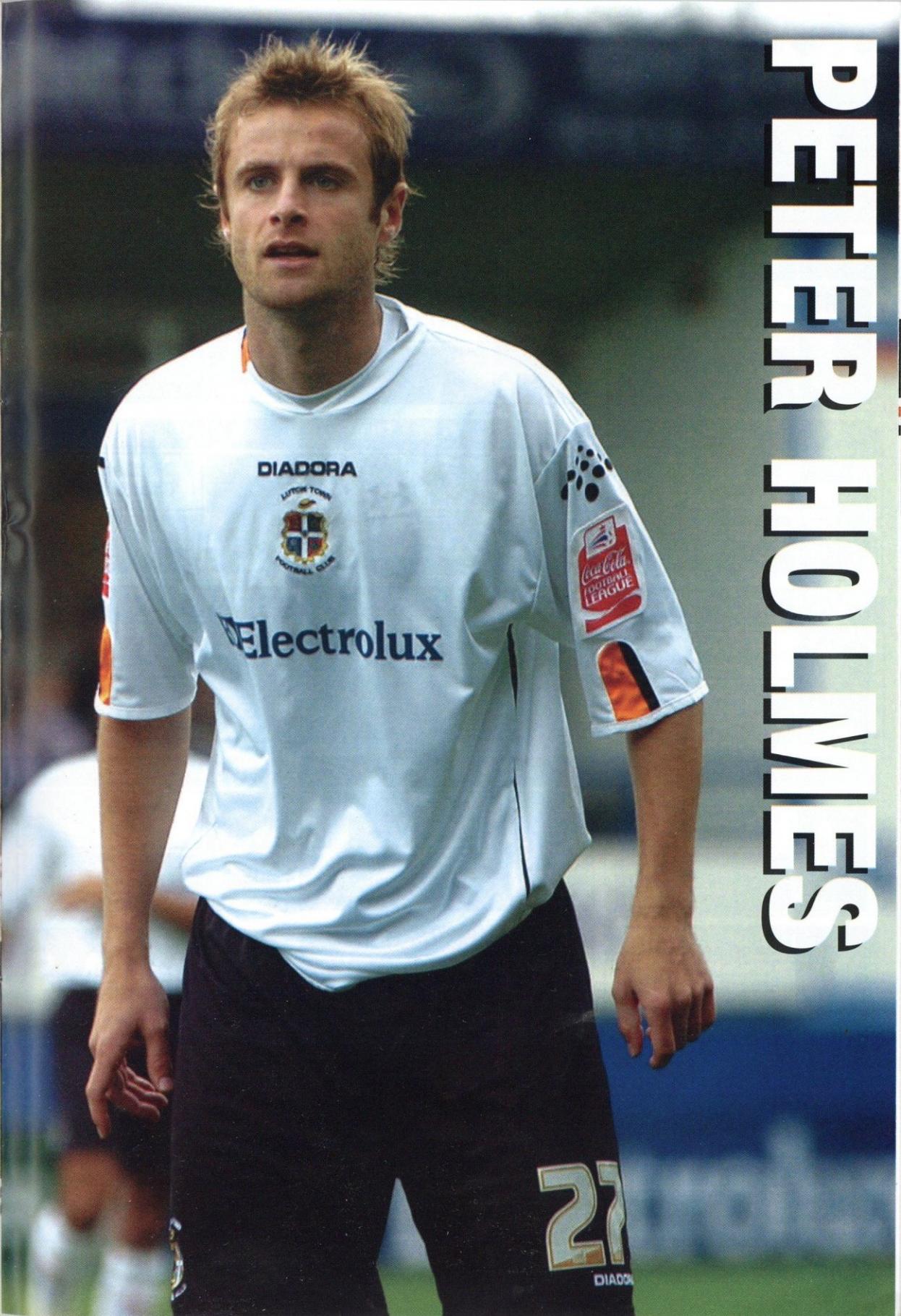
back. In recent years, the club have been good at bouncing back from bad results and we now have a quick run of games to do just that.

"If you look at our home record over the past few seasons then it is as good as anyone in any of the four divisions. Hopefully tonight's game will be a stepping-stone to kick on.

"There is not one team in this division that I think we should fear. I know people will look at our results against Sheffield United or Reading, but them two teams are so far ahead of everybody else and maybe them scorelines didn't reflect on our performance,

"It's not the best attitude to have when you talk about consolidating in the division. We are pushing for them play-off places because we believe that we are good enough to get in them positions.

"We could be sitting here next season playing in the Premiership. That is what we have to believe we can do and everyone has to be focused that we can go above and beyond the Championship."



PETER HOLMES





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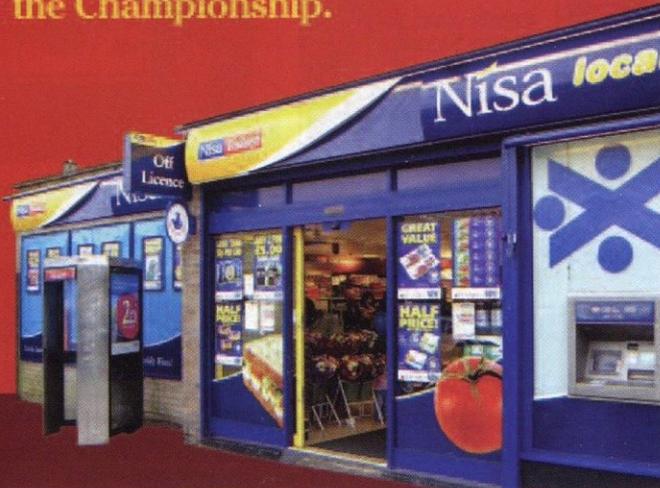
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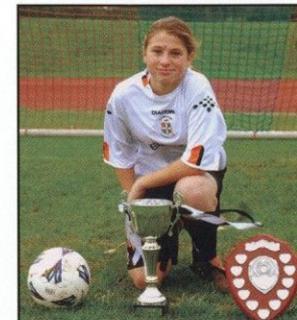
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# Luton Town Belles



DAVE BAKER rounds-up the latest news from the Luton Town Belles squad which included an excellent win for the Under 13 team who defeated St Albans City

This week we bring the progress of our youth teams right up to date. The Under 15s were involved in an amazing second half come back in their league cup tie at Chesham United. At half-time they trailed 3-1, but in the second half they scored five times to eventually run out winners 6-4. Laura Day kept up her rich vein of form by scoring a hat-trick whilst Aimee Presland (2) and Brittany Murtagh added the other goals. The Under 15s then found themselves meeting St Albans City in consecutive weeks and the Belles won the league match 2-0, with Nicky Shepherd scoring twice. That result sees the Under

15s in a mid table position as the season reaches the half way mark. Last week the Under 15s met City again, this time in the league cup. Again The Belles came out on top winning 4-0 with Day scoring twice and the other goals coming from Shepherd and Amanda Scott.

The Under 14s travelled to East London to face Barking in their latest game. In what was a top versus bottom encounter and there was no surprise outcome as The Belles won 7-1. Leading 2-1 at half-time, The Belles stepped up a gear in the second half which saw Lauren Bruton score a hat-trick, Livi Robinson (2), Jasmine Hall and Jade McEntaggart adding the other goals. Following their win at Barking, the Under 14s are nine points clear at the top of the table.

The Under 13s came up against their bogey team St Albans City. Having lost their last three matches against City, they finally lifted that jinx with an emphatic 4-1 victory which helped lift The Belles into a mid table position. Leanne Lizaitis, Emer Wood, Clare Howe and Candice Davies scored for The Belles. The Under 13s then followed that up with a 6-1 win over Northwood in the league cup with Davies scoring twice, and the other goals came from Howe, Wood, Serena Lawrence and Lauren Bard.

The rampant scoring machine that is The Belles Under 12s hit double figures for the third consecutive game when they won 11-0 at Bushey Rangers. Chelsea Forde in scoring four times completed a hat-trick for

the third consecutive game, the other goals were scored by Sophie Watson (2), Maisie Wyatt, Laura Pethybridge, Lilly Knowles, Katie Davis and Jodie Brown. Their latest opponents, Northwood, showed somewhat more resistance, but The Belles still came out with a 4-1 victory with both Lilly Knowles and Katie Davis scoring twice, to leave the Under 12s nine points clear at the top of the table.

The Under 11s latest league matches saw away wins at Hoddesdon Owls and Bedwell Rangers. Hoddesdon were beaten 1-0 with Chloe Watson scoring the only goal, then Rangers were beaten 3-1, Hayley Watson scoring twice, and Rachel Kosky marking her debut by scoring the other goal. Those two wins see the Under 11s move into the top half of the league.

The Under 10s are currently second in the league following their latest matches which saw a 2-0 win at Hitchin Town and a 2-1 defeat at the hands of league leaders Tottenham Hotspur. The Under 13 (Saturday) team have reached their league cup semi final following a 4-1 win win over Shefford Saints. The Under 14 (Saturday) team currently have an eight point lead at the top of the table after they won 3-1 at closest rivals Stevenage Borough. Robyn Britten, Lynsi Hemmings and Lauren Bilston scoring for The Belles although last week they were held to a 1-1 draw by Kempston. In our next feature we shall be bringing you right up to date with the fortunes of our three senior teams



Candice Davies scored for the Under 13s in their win over St Albans City

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**G**ood evening and I hope you have had a brilliant Christmas and have fully recovered from any excesses that you may have indulged.

First of all I would like to thank the Children and Staff of The Meads Primary School in Luton for their participation in our Club's Carol Service last week. The school's choir came along and sang 2 songs on the night; for those of you were there I am sure you would agree that they provided us with a superb performance.

As this is the last programme of 2005 I feel that it is only right to thank the people who make the Community Departments work possible.

Firstly to our Sponsors; GIS Windows, Specsavers, GLO Hire, and Trust in Luton, thank you; without you our work would be so much more difficult.

Secondly to my band of part time coaches whose commitment and reliability is so vital. I have never spoken about these people and it's perhaps long overdue that I did.

It seems to be a popular misapprehension that all it takes to be a Community Coach is to become a Level 1 Coach. Realistically it is much more than that. We are prepared to nurture and develop young Level 1 coaches helping them to progress towards the Level 2 award. However from my point of view to maintain the quality of work we do, I want to employ coaches with a minimum of a Level 2. The reasons are, that a Level 2 unlike a Level 1 is permitted to work alone whereas a Level 1 is not; also the depth of knowledge gained at Level 2 far outweighs that at Level 1 and in my opinion leads to sessions of far greater quality.

However that is not enough to work for Luton Town FITC; the coaches must have an Emergency Aid, and Child Protection qualification; must be in possession of an enhanced CRB cheque and be prepared to participate in coaching development. This development will be in the form of courses that enhance their knowledge of the National Curriculum, After Hours School Learning, and Disability Coaching to mention just a few. All these

qualifications need to be matched with the right temperament and ability to educate and manage children and adults of all ages.

In the environment we work, particularly within schools, we are educators, who use football as the tool to enhance learning, not just football coaching and consequently the best Community coaches in my opinion must understand how to teach and be able to reach satisfactory conclusions, not just put on a football session.

With this I am very lucky that my core staff understand the requirements and are open minded to the learning cycle they have to go through. So to all of them Thank You.

If you feel that you have the necessary qualities, commitment and qualifications why not give me a call.



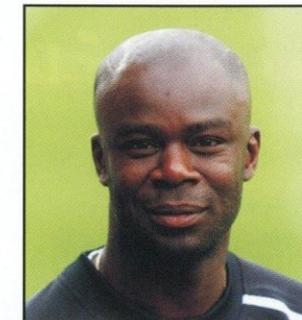
**Community Coach Steve Patterson working with children at one of our soccer schools**

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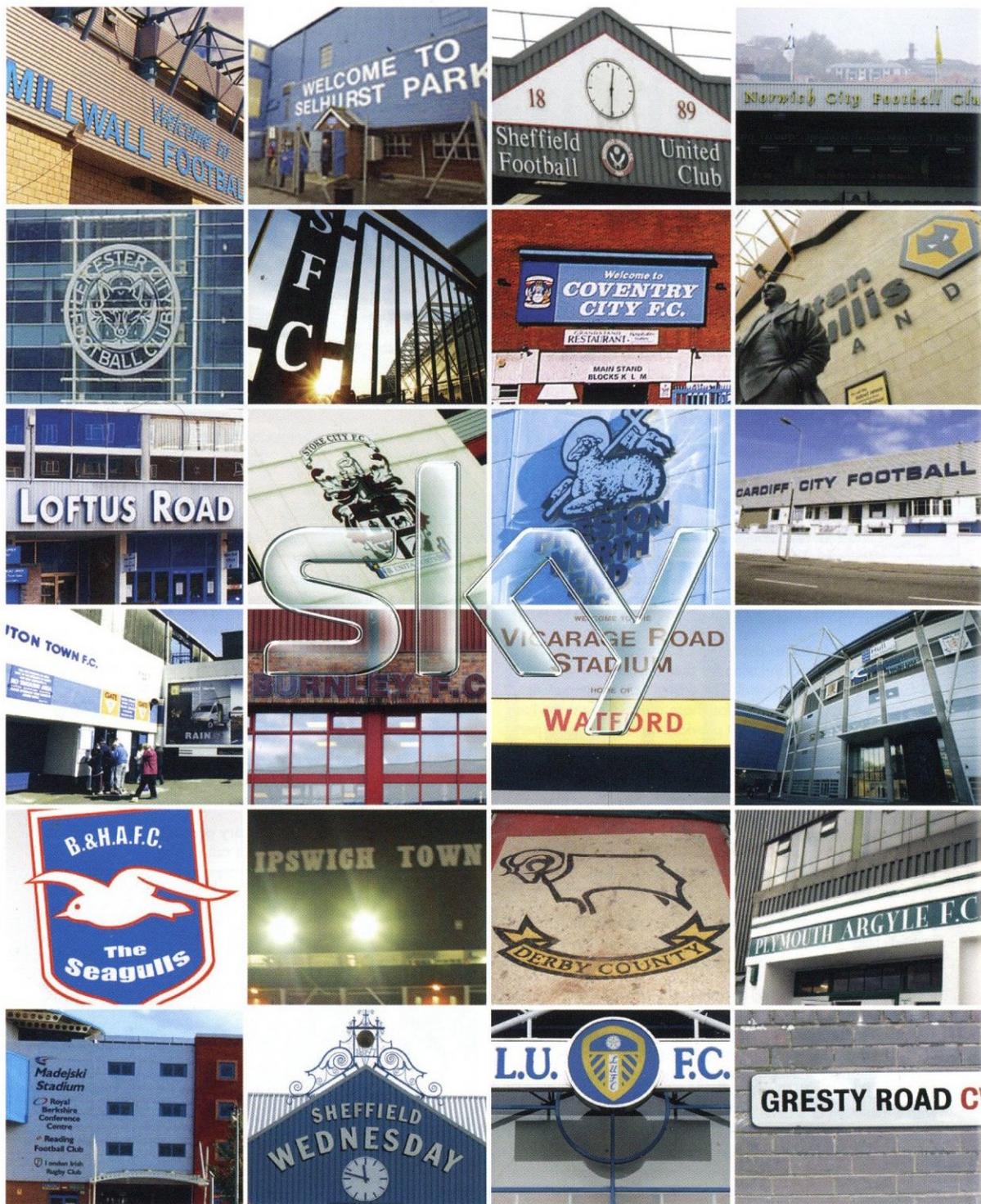
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Stuart Smith

# Luton's Youth



**Luton's youth side bounced back to winning ways with a comprehensive victory over Portsmouth. Marvin Johnson looks back at the game**



## Luton Town 3 (Farthing x2, Deeney) Portsmouth 1

Saturday 17th December  
Youth Alliance South East Division

Luton's youngster returned to winning ways with a comfortable 3-1 victory over Portsmouth prior to the Christmas break.

Mark Farthing, an Under 15 school-boy, grabbed a brace whilst David Deeney also found himself amongst the scorers as Luton's youth team recorded their first victory in the league since mid-November.

Luton had gone a goal behind early in the first half but a more professional performance from the one that was defeated by Northampton in their most recent fixture saw Marvin Johnson's team bounce back in style.

Commenting on his sides performance, Johnson said: "This was a pleasing performance from the boys.

"We played a Portsmouth side that were made up of players from different ages and they were not as good as last years side but that is not taking anything away from how well our boys played.

"Although Portsmouth took the lead, I was encouraged by the way the lads tried to play good football and we created a number of good opportunities ourselves.

"We managed to equalise through Mark Farthing's shot from the edge of the area and we had a couple of other chances which could have seen us extend our lead earlier than we eventually did.

"Results are obviously important for team morale but even if we had been 1-0 down at half-time, I would have been pleased with our players because there was big improvements from our previous fixture against Northampton.

"I told the lads at half-time to go and do the same as what they did in the first half and we managed to get a third goal although we could have added more to our tally."

## YOUTH NEWS

Luton's next league game is on Saturday 7th January when our youngsters travel to Gillingham.

The next game at Newlands Road is on Saturday 14th January against Colchester United, kick-off 11:00am with entry free to all supporters wishing to attend.

## 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	W 3-1
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

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Brighton	11	9	2	0	30	9	29
QPR	11	6	1	4	21	21	19
Rushden	9	5	2	2	18	12	17
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Leyton Orient	11	5	1	5	21	17	16
Colchester	10	4	3	3	16	11	15
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Luton Town players helped spread some festive cheer and joy at the Children's Ward at Luton and Dunstable Hospital recently.

The players took time out from their busy Christmas schedule as members of the management and playing squad popped in to the hospital to hand out presents and gifts.

As well as bringing a selection of Christmas gifts, the players signed autographs and spent time chatting to the children.

Manager Mike Newell, skipper Kevin Nicholls and First Team Coach Brian Stein were all present to the delight of their young fans.

Every year Luton players make a

Christmas visit to the hospital and it continues to be a popular event amongst the children and the players.

Talking to the matchday programme, Nicholls said: "The visit to the hospital puts so many things into perspective. We all enjoyed going around the hospital giving out presents and we met some fantastic kids.

"The work which goes on in the childrens ward is amazing and we are always happy to try and bring some joy to these special people.

"All the lads understood the importance of the visit and we hope that we have played a small part in making these children enjoy a special Christmas."



Luton staff and players meet the children at the L & D Hospital



Young Coren Vaccarella is pictured with Mike Newell and Luton Town players

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Mr E J Kelly won first prize in our In2win lottery

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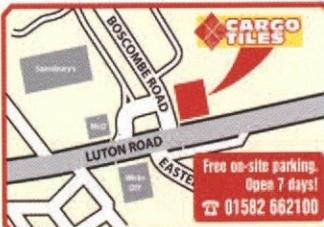
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Over 65's/Under 16's £15.00

Family ticket (1 adult & 1 junior under 16) £25.00

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

Saturday 7th January - 7.15pm to 8.30pm  
Sunday 8th January - 10.00am to 4.00pm  
Monday 9th January - 10.00am to 6.00pm  
Tuesday 10th January - 10.00am to 6.00pm  
Wednesday 11th January - 10.00am to 5.00pm  
Thursday 12th January - 10.00am to 5.00pm  
Friday 13th January - 10.00am to 6.00pm  
Saturday 14th January - 9.00am to 5.00pm  
Sunday 15th January - 10.00am to 4.00pm  
Monday 16th January - 10.00am to 6.00pm

**WE REGRET WE ARE UNABLE TO TAKE TELEPHONE BOOKINGS FOR THIS GAME**

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR TICKETS SAFE AS TICKETS AS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ISSUE ANY REPLACEMENT/DUPLICATE TICKETS FOR THIS GAME.**

**IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WILL BE ANY TICKETS FOR THIS FIXTURE ON GENERAL SALE.**

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

## OTHER TICKETS CURRENTLY ON SALE



### LUTON TOWN V CARDIFF CITY TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2006 KICK-OFF 7:45PM

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

**IN VIEW OF DEMAND SUPPORTERS ARE ADVISED TO PURCHASE TICKETS BEFORE THE DAY OF THE MATCH**



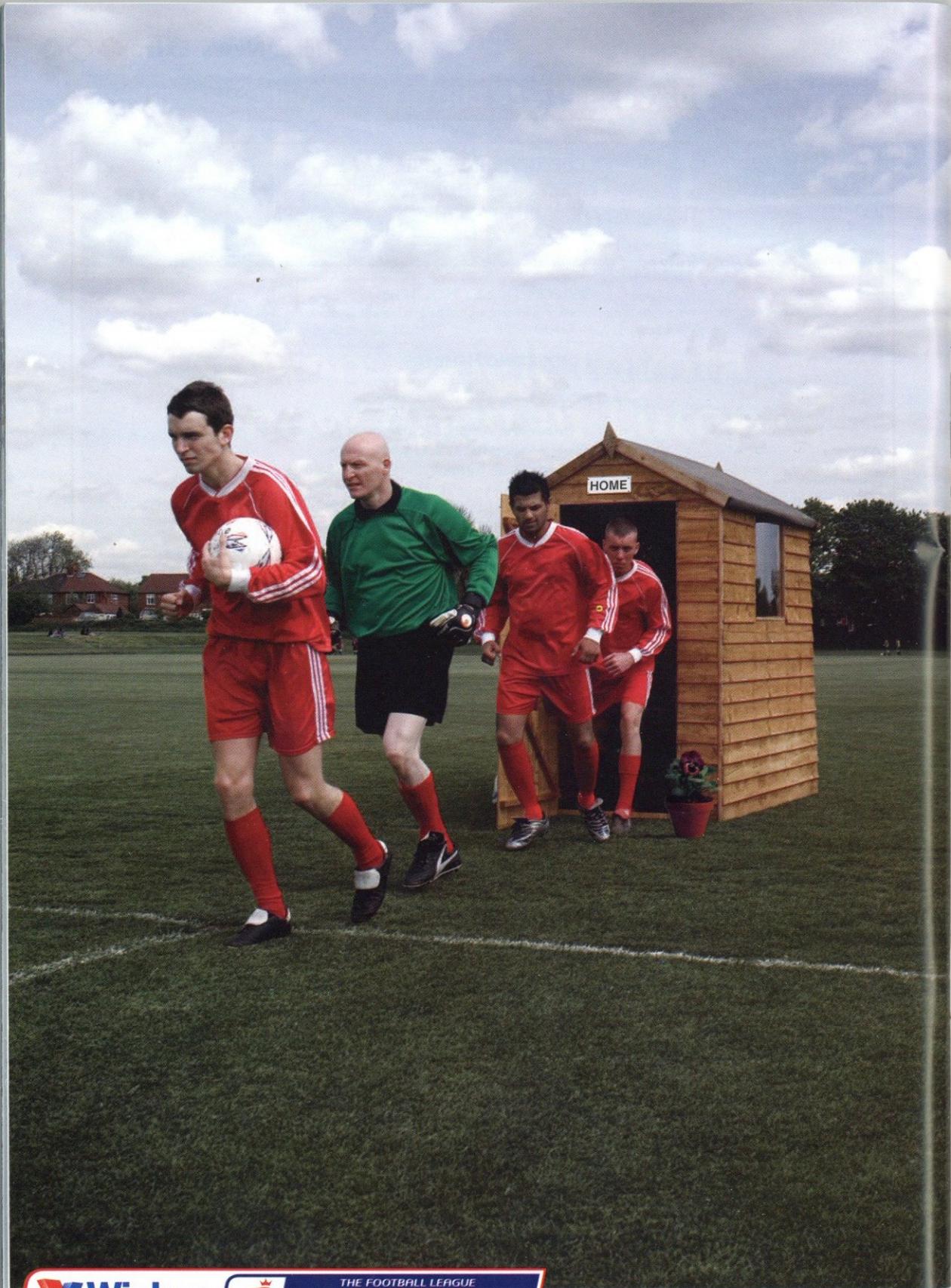
### LUTON TOWN V READING FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2006 KICK-OFF 7:45PM

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND KICK-OFF TIME - THIS GAME IS LIVE ON SKY TV

Tickets are now on sale at normal league prices

**THIS MATCH IS AN ALL TICKET MATCH - NO TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE ON THE DAY OF THE GAME.**





## 2005/2006 Appearances

	This Season				International App				Luton Town Career				
	League App	League Gls	Cup App	Cup Gls	Total App	Total Gls	Disciplinary Yel	Disciplinary Red	Nation	Caps	Gls	App	Gls
1 Marlon BERESFORD	19	0	1	0	20	0	0	0				78	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	15(3)	0	0	0	15(3)	0	2	0	Rep Ire U21	1	0	101	5
3 Sol DAVIS	9(3)	0	2	0	11(3)	0	2	0				147	2
4 Chris COYNE	14(2)	0	2	1	16(2)	1	3	0				190	13
5 Russell PERRETT	6(2)	0	0(1)	0	6(3)	0	0	1				93	8
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	16(1)	0	0	0	16(1)	0	1	0				58	5
7 Carlos EDWARDS	17(4)	1	2	0	17(4)	1	1	0	Trin & Tob	6	0	23	1
8 Kevin NICHOLLS	18	4	2	0	20	4	5	1				172	30
9 Rowan VINE	4(5)	3	0	0	4(5)	3	0	0				59	12
10 Warren FEENEY	20(3)	5	2	1	22(3)	6	1	0	North Ire	1(4)	2	30	6
11 Steve ROBINSON	18	0	0	0	18	0	2	0	North Ire	(1)	0	126	8
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0				31	3
15 Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0				27	2
16 Enoch SHOWUNMI	6(17)	1	1	0	6(17)	1	0	0				95	16
17 Paul HUGHES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				88	7
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	20(1)	5	1	0	21(1)	5	2	0				172	32
19 Steve HOWARD	19(2)	7	1	0	20(2)	7	3	1				205	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	21(1)	1	0	0	21(1)	1	4	0	Finland	5	0	22	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	5	0	1	0	6	0	0	0				13	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: **25** HEADERS: **9**  
 PENALTIES: **3** OWN GOALS: **1**  
 FREE-KICKS: **0** TOTAL: **36**

## A GAME OF TWO HALVES

### FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED **26** - W **8** - D **11** - L **7** - F **20** - A **15** PTS **35**

### SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED **26** - W **7** - D **10** - L **9** - F **18** - A **22** PTS **31**

## OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: **14**  
 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: **3**  
 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: **7**  
 Luton goals at the Oak Road End: **17**  
 Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: **6**  
 Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: **9**

# 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	GOALS	DEFENDING	MIDFIELD	STRIKERS	SUBSTITUTIONS												
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 (CCI) *	3-1	2,383	577	-	Beresford	Keane	Coyne	Davies	Davis	Edwards	Nicholls	Leary	Morgan	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Brkovic	Perrett	Holmes	O'Leary
Sat 27	Leicester City	2-0	22,048	2,161	3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	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	Coventry City	0-1	22,228	3,928	3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	Edwards	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Keane	S'wunmi	Vine
Tues 1	Sheffield United	0-4	22,554	1,125	4	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Coyne	U'wood	Edwards	Heikkinen	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Keane	Morgan	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 5	Burnley	2-3	8,518	823	4	Beresford	Foley	Perrett	Barnett	U'wood	Edwards	Heikkinen	Holmes	Morgan	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Brkovic	Keane	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 19	Norwich	0-2	25,383	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	tb	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	2-3	8,296	754	10	Brill	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robinson	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Beckwith	Barnett	Feeney	Holmes	S'wunmi
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																			
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Sat 1	Ipswich Town	15:00																			
Sun 9	Watford	12:00																			
Sat 15	Coventry City	15:00																			
Mon 17	Plymouth Argyle	15:00																			
Sat 22	Sheffield United	15:00																			
Sun 30	Burnley	15:00																			

## COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					Pts		
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		GD	
Reading	24	10	1	1	30	9	8	4	0	18	3	36	59
Sheff United	24	10	2	0	25	6	6	3	3	21	15	25	53
Watford	24	5	4	3	19	14	5	5	2	20	17	8	39
Leeds	23	6	3	2	17	11	5	3	4	11	10	7	39
Stoke	24	5	1	6	16	18	7	0	5	16	16	-2	37
Wolves	24	5	5	2	12	7	3	6	3	17	13	9	35
Cardiff	24	5	2	19	13	4	3	5	14	13	7	35	
Burnley	24	7	3	2	26	12	3	2	7	9	18	5	35
Preston	24	2	8	2	9	9	5	5	2	18	12	6	34
LUTON	24	6	4	2	26	16	4	0	8	9	19	0	34
Crystal Palace	22	6	3	3	17	9	3	2	5	16	17	7	32
Southampton	23	4	6	1	12	7	2	7	3	14	15	4	31
Norwich	24	5	4	3	14	9	3	1	8	12	22	-5	29
QPR	24	4	3	5	13	14	3	5	4	14	20	-7	29
Ipswich	24	4	4	4	15	19	3	4	5	12	17	-9	29
Coventry	24	5	4	3	18	15	1	6	5	11	19	-5	28
Derby	24	3	6	3	17	18	2	6	4	13	15	-3	27
Hull	24	4	5	3	12	9	2	3	7	10	18	-5	26
Leicester	23	4	5	3	16	13	1	5	5	10	16	-3	25
Plymouth	23	4	4	3	13	12	1	5	6	7	17	-9	24
Brighton	24	2	5	5	14	18	1	8	3	10	18	-12	22
Sheff Wed	24	3	4	5	11	15	1	4	7	6	15	-13	20
Crewe	24	3	4	5	14	20	1	4	7	11	26	-21	20
Millwall	24	1	3	8	5	18	2	5	5	12	19	-20	17

## TODAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

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

# Coming Next

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**JOHN BRADSHAW** looks forward to our next opponents at Kenilworth Rd – Watford. It's the first local derby between the two sides at Kenilworth Road since 1997 and with tickets sold out in a matter of days everyone knows how important this match is likely to be.

**W**hat better way to start the New Year for all Hatters fans than with a home win against Watford? Yes, 2006 starts with a bang with the old enemy at home. The most eagerly anticipated home game so far has been sold out for weeks. Who wouldn't swap their favourite Christmas present for three points?

January 2nd sees the Hornets return for the first time in the league since a 4-0 win in October 1997, their first win against us in twelve years. A similar home result would be gen-

uine revenge! We have always enjoyed a great record against our neighbours, with the 2-1 Worthington Cup result at Vicarage Road in 2002 still fresh in the minds of all Luton supporters and probably the majority of the current squad. The draw is also a popular result in the fixture, with eight of the last twelve games between us finishing all square.

The game is important for both teams in the push for the play offs and beyond. Watford have improved this term after a serious brush with

relegation last season. Two players have been influential in this improvement. Striker Marlon King, on loan from Nottingham Forest and set to sign in January, has already reached double figures. Stevenage born mid-field prospect Ashley Young is currently sidelined with a knee problem but he has weighed in with nine goals. Both players state the influence of new manager Adrian Boothroyd in their development. Boothroyd has coached at Peterborough, Norwich, West Bromwich Albion and Leeds in the last eight years since retiring through injury at only 26. He succeeded Ray Lewington as manager at the end of last season. It was seen as a bold move by Watford, but like ourselves, they now have a young, talented manager who has mixed young players with experienced pros.

One of those experienced pros of course is Matthew Spring, who joined our opponents from Leeds United for 150,000 in August. Matthew played 277 games for us, scoring 30 times. We wish him a quiet game against us, with no shooting from distance!



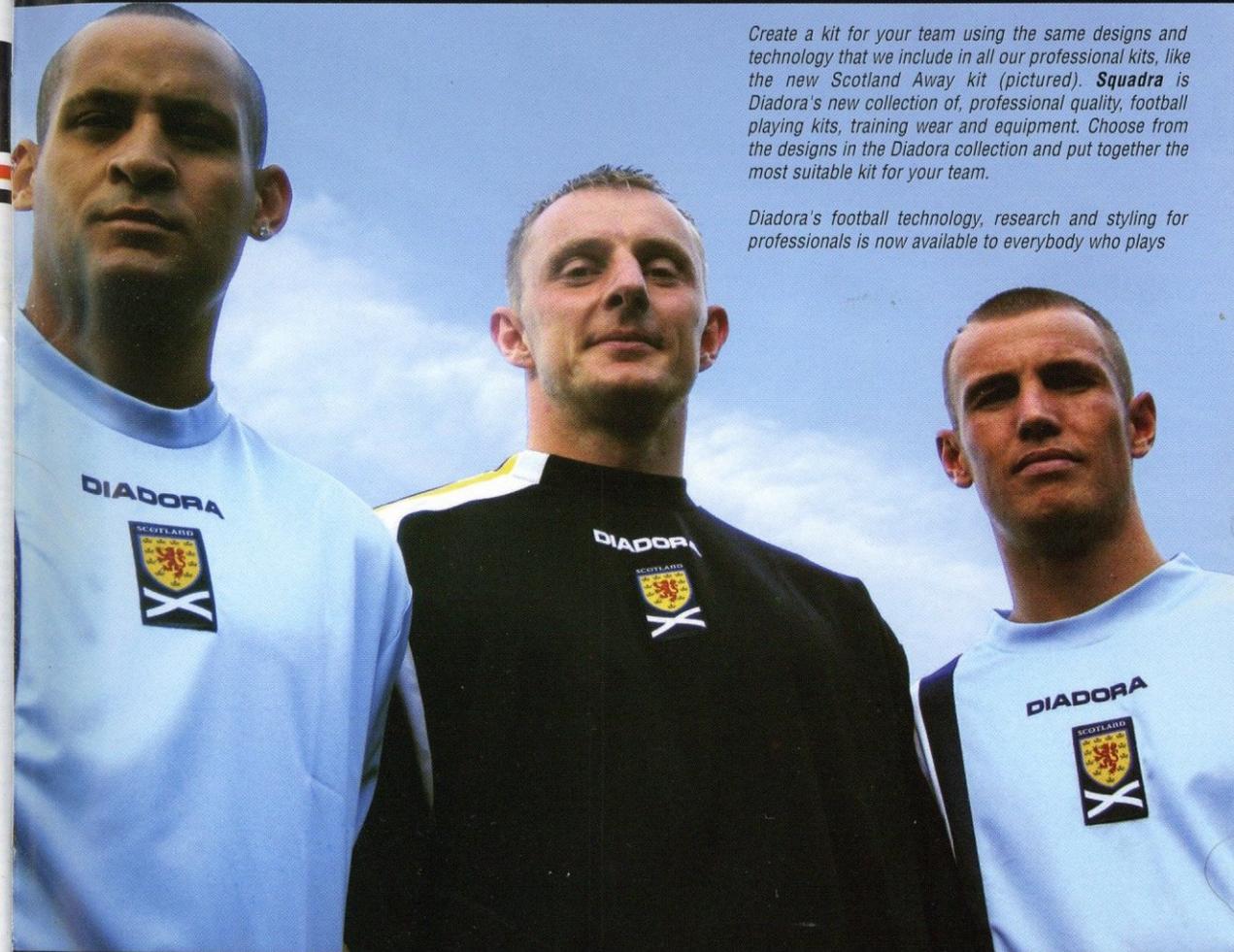
□ Matthew Spring has been in inspirational form for Watford this season

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