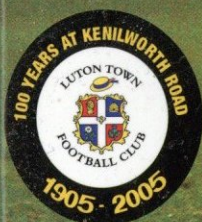


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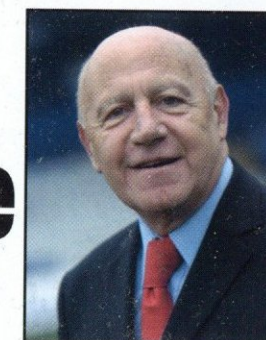


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Since our promotion to the Championship, it is obvious to all that this is the one game that both sets of supporters have been eagerly waiting for:

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A big thank you to our 1,574 supporters that were able to change their festive arrangements to travel to Pride Park to support the team on what was a very cold Boxing Day fixture. Their vocal support was fantastic and as always it was really appreciated by the players.

We are now into our busiest period with the added concerns of what part the weather will play. It is very important for the Manager and the team that we do our best to fulfil our fixtures and do everything that we can within our means to avoid postponements. The ground staff have worked very hard protecting the pitch from frost and snow to ensure the playing surface meets the standard we have set.

"In addition the club appealed to our supporters for help as an extra precaution to ensure last Wednesday evening's match against Brighton went ahead. Their help in giving up their time in removing the snow and the pitch covers was greatly appreciated."

With four Championship matches in eight days plus our FA cup draw against Liverpool this has been a very busy time for all our staff and in particular the ticket office as many of you who have queued patiently will have experienced. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all.

As always get behind the lads and enjoy the game.

Bill

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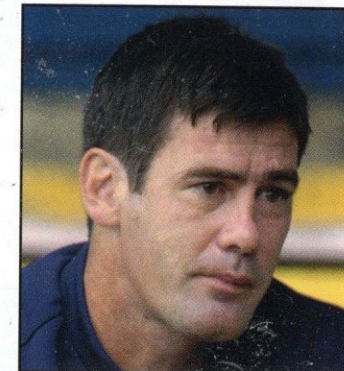
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Mike Newell

MIKE NEWELL looks ahead to the big game this afternoon whilst reflecting on our performances against Derby and Brighton

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Watford. Welcome also to Adrian Boothroyd, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from Vicarage Road.

Unfortunately there is only three points up for grabs.

We started the Christmas period well with good performances at Derby and the home win over Brighton. It still amazes me that certain people are expecting us to

this season but it will happen.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Hopefully this year will be as successful as the last. It starts with the two biggest games of the season.

Thank you for all your support and loyalty at home and away. I still don't think supporters realise how big a part they play.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Mike

“ We started the Christmas period well with good performances at Derby and the home win over Brighton. It still amazes me that certain people are expecting us to win every game home and away. ”

Derbys are the most important game of the season for fans and it is the date that they look for when the fixtures are announced. This being the first league game between the two sides for a few years adds to the hype.

win every game home and away. Although we have not had the results everybody would like of late, the form has remained steady. You can play well and not win and vice versa. Unfortunately we have not once played poorly and won



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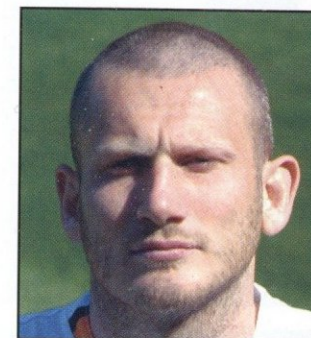
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Kevin Nicholls



Kevin Nicholls

Skipper Kevin Nicholls looks back on the last two performances against Brighton and Derby

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's eagerly anticipated game with Watford and on behalf of the rest of the squad, I would like to wish our supporters a Very Happy New Year.

I am writing these notes prior to our trip to Ipswich and hopefully we have built on our four points from the two festive holiday fixtures

It's always nice when you go a goal behind and still manage to get something from the game. Derby's goal was something special but we never let our heads drop and we felt we deserved something.

Brko was in the right place at the right time and Dean Morgan did exceptionally well to get the ball into the box. It may not go down as goal of the season but they all count.

It was a good performance from everyone against Brighton and it was especially pleasing to keep a clean sheet and notch a few goals in the process. We started the game really well and the performance carried on to the full time whistle

against Derby and Brighton.

I felt it was a good performance from the lads at Derby, particularly coming from a goal behind. It was a result that stopped the rot on our travels and our first away draw.

The result against Derby now gives us the chance to build on that result and put a mini-run together. We have had a little blip but if we can recapture our early season form then we will be hard to beat.

The result against Brighton was pleasing because we knew that they would make it hard for us.

It was a good team performance from everyone and it was especially pleasing to keep a clean sheet and notch a few goals in the process. We started the game really well and the performance carried on to the full time whistle.

Marlon kept us in the game with a couple of excellent saves but I felt that back five did extremely well and it was good to see both strikers get amongst the goals although Robbo's was the pick of the bunch with a delicate chip.

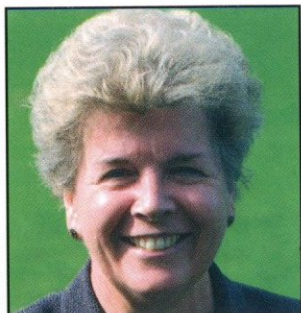
We all know how important today's game is to the supporters and a derby match always adds a special edge to the fixture.

Enjoy the match

Nico

Read more from Nico about today's game with Watford inside today's matchday programme

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Cherry Newbery

Cherry Newbery brings you news from around Kenilworth Road

Firstly A Very Happy New Year to everyone and I hope that your wishes for 2006 are fulfilled – I expect one of them is very similar to mine!

With so many matches postponed last Wednesday due to the bad weather, full credit is due to Richard Bird and Mark Panter our grounds men who worked so very hard to ensure that the pitch was protected

Luton Rotary North Club have asked me to pass on their thanks to all who gave to their bucket collection at the last match, the money collected will go towards providing holidays at Dell Farm in the Summer.

and the game went ahead. As always our supporters were brilliant in coming to assist us when I put the call out, via the web and local radio for volunteers to clear the snow from the pitch covers, a big thank-you to each one of you.

I am sorry that some supporters found themselves travelling to the

match, only to hear on Radio Five that the match had been called off. I immediately contacted the producer of Radio 5 who have sent their sincere apologies to all supporters for putting out a totally wrong message, particularly without checking with the club first.

I understand supporters who heard the radio message turned round to go home, only to turn round again

once they heard the corrected message, they must be pleased they did so, with the excellent match that took place.

With our Pontins reserve match against Colchester postponed on 17th January, we have been able to put in our match with Northampton on that date here at

2.00 p.m. providing neither of us is involved in an F.A. Cup match replay. Oxford United have had to postpone our reserve match scheduled for Tuesday 10th January due to the re-arrangement of their postponed first team match with Peterborough. We will now play here at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 17th February kick-off 2.00 p.m.

Luton Rotary North Club have asked me to pass on their thanks to all who gave to their bucket collection at the last match. The money collected will go towards providing holidays at Dell Farm in the Summer, Keech Cottage Hospice and the Rotary Youth Trust for Luton.

Finally a reminder that next Saturday the turnstiles will be open at 3.30 p.m. for our F.A. Cup match with Liverpool, so please do come early.

Cherry.

Ticket News



Ticket News for forthcoming Luton Town fixtures



WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS V LUTON TOWN
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PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE AND KICK-OFF TIME FOR THIS MATCH AS THE GAME WILL BE SCREENED LIVE ON SKY TV. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN ALL TICKET MATCH FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS

We have been initially allocated 1,415 Seats for the above fixture. Tickets are now on sale from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road.

MEMBERS: Can purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability) from today until close of business on 6th January 2006

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

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SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY V LUTON TOWN
TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2006
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PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT AN ALL TICKET MATCH FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS, ALTHOUGH THE ADULT PRICE WILL INCREASE BY £1.00 IF PURCHASED ON THE MATCHDAY

We have been initially allocated 1,505 Seats for the above fixture. Tickets are now on sale from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS: Will be able to purchase one ticket, per season ticket until close of business on 7th January 2006.

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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TICKET NEWS FOR FUTURE GAMES CAN BE FOUND ON THE CLUB'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE - WWW.LUTONTOWN.CO.UK TICKET NEWS FOR A POSSIBLE FA CUP REPLAY WITH LIVERPOOL CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 57



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Good afternoon and may I take this opportunity to wish everybody a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Firstly today, a reminder to all Year Eight girls and their teachers; there is still time to enter the BT Under 13 Girls Cup. This takes place at Vauxhall Recreation Club Main Arena on January 20th 2006 between 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

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

This tournament will consist of Local Competitions followed by an Area then a Regional Final and culminating in a National Final at the Millennium Stadium. We will accept entries up to Friday 13/1/06.

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Also today I would like to update you on another project the Department is involved with. Last year we were involved

in the delivering of coaching at the South Bedfordshire Girls Development Centres. This is a project funded by Active Sport; managed by Beds FA women's Development Officer Katie Milton and coached by Luton Town FITC.

For the second year of the project it has been decided to establish an Elite Development Centre for the County based in Luton. Because of the profile of such a Centre it has been decided that the project will be staffed by only Level Three (UEFA B) coaches assisted by female Level Two coaches; who will have

opportunities to develop their own coaching skills and also provide positive role models for the girls. To this end Community Coach Noel Blackwell and I have accepted the offer to be Head Coaches on behalf of the F.A. for this project.

Trials have been completed and 16 players have been selected for each age group; in the first week of the New Year the Centre will provide an induction evening where Codes of Conducts will be established in partnership with the players. This will be followed by 13 nights of coaching and finally a feed back night.

Sandwiched in between all this will be a series of matches.

There are groups at Under 10, 12, 14 and 16 years allowing development opportunities for all talented players playing in Youth Football.

The coaching syllabus takes in everything from basic passing and skills functional practices through to transitions and defending / attacking phases in Small Sided Games; the level of the practice delivered will of course depend on the age of the player.

Hopefully after all this has been completed in Year Two the third year of this project will take us towards the final target of a Girls Centre of Excellence in this County which can only lead to a long term stronger structure for the women's game.

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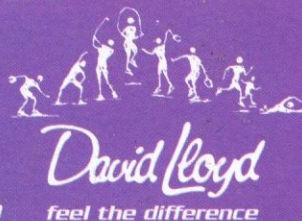
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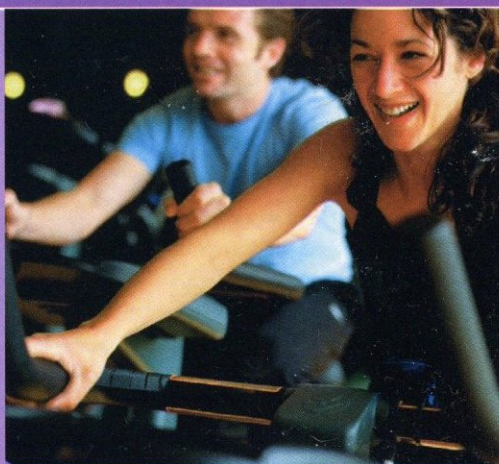


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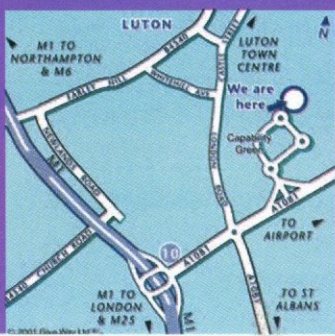
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WATFORD

What a turn around to 2005 it has been for Watford. Having started the year fighting against relegation, the Hornets now find themselves challenging for promotion to the Premiership. JAMES MARSH introduces today's visitors to Kenilworth Road.



WATFORD FACTFILE



WATFORD FC

Year Formed: 1881

Ground: Vicarage Road

Ground Capacity: 20,800

Most League Goals: Luther Blissett (148)

Most Capped Player:

John Barnes 31 (79), England and Kenny Jackett 31 Wales

Most League Appearances:

Luther Blissett (415)

For the first time in nine years our near neighbours Watford are back at Kenilworth Road for what promises to be a hard-fought clash. Adrian Boothroyd, the league's youngest manager, has The Hornets flying high in the Coca-Cola Championship and his team are decent value for their current position. Despite a slight dip in form before the festive period, including a 4-1 capitulation at Burnley, the men from Vicarage Road got back on track with a 3-0 win over Southampton on Boxing Day.

Boothroyd has been astute in his transfer dealing, not least in the shape of defender Clarke Carlisle, who he snapped up from Leeds for £100,000. Carlisle has been vital to The Hornets at both ends of the pitch, and has performed well whether

paired at centre-back with the American Jay DeMerit or ex-Norwich man Malky Mackay.

One Watford midfielder who is certainly guaranteed a warm reception this afternoon is ex-Hatter Matthew Spring. Spring became something of a fans favourite during his time at Kenilworth Road - not least for the 30-yard thunderbolt he scored against his present club in the teams' last meeting - and has rediscovered the form that made him such an exciting young prospect. Along with a decent goal-scoring record this season, he has also formed a combative partnership with stand-in captain Gavin Mahon in the centre of the park. Veteran Paul Devlin also compliments the midfield with his tenacious brand of attacking play.

Up front Marlon King, who recently sealed a permanent move south after an impressive spell on loan from Nottingham Forest, offers a dangerous mix of pace, power and trickery. King's likely strike partner will be Darius Henderson, who can hold the ball up at the top of the pitch as well as being a good finisher. Although Hornets fans will be pleased to see Henderson back in the fold after a succession of injuries, Watford academy-graduate Ashley Young has deputised more than competently when called into the attack, weighing in with important goals throughout the campaign.

If Town secure a win today it will be satisfying not just because of M1 bragging rights, but also for the fact that the opposition are a well-organised side proving difficult to beat this season.

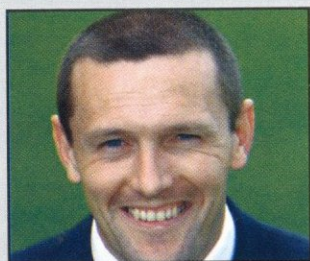


Dangerman: Marlon King

For one who seems to have been around for a long time, it is surprising to learn that Marlon King is still only 25 years old. The London-born forward started out with Barnet before Gillingham moved in and King headed to the Priestfield Stadium in 2000/01. 47 goals in 93 starts was enough to convince Nottingham Forest to shell out £950k to bring King north to replace West Ham-bound Marlon Harewood. Marlon was to endure two difficult seasons at Forest and went on loan to Leeds United last season. Following Forest's relegation to League One, manager Adrian Boothroyd swooped to sign the striker on a season-long loan.

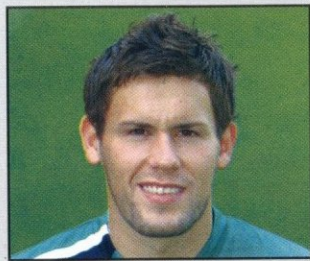
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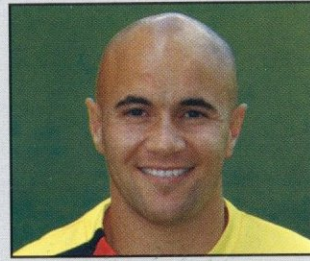
Adrian Boothroyd

Appointed as Watford's Football Manager in March 2005, 34-year-old Adrian Boothroyd enjoyed a playing career which took in Huddersfield Town, Bristol Rovers, Heart of Midlothian, Mansfield Town and Peterborough United before having to retire through injury when aged just 26. He was then appointed Under-17, Under-19 and Reserve Team Coach at Peterborough before joining Norwich City as their Youth Team Coach under Nigel Worthington in 2001. In November 2003, he moved to West Bromwich Albion to assume the position of Youth Development Officer and Technical Director. He was appointed First Team Coach at Leeds United in the summer of 2004 before coming to Vicarage Road.



Ben Foster

Having been snapped up from Stoke City by Manchester United during the summer for a fee which could rise to as much as £3m, Ben knew he'd be going out on loan and became the fourth player to join the Hornets on a temporary basis from Old Trafford in recent seasons, signing a year-long loan at Vicarage Road. Highly-rated at the Britannia Stadium, Ben came to prominence in Southend's run to the LDV Vans Final last season, prompting Alex Ferguson to splash the cash and bring him to Manchester.



Gavin Mahon

A solid and reliable midfield general, Gavin Mahon leads by example in the middle of the park having turned Watford supporters' initial opinions of him right round when he won the 'Player of the Season' award in 2003/04. Since signing from Brentford near the end of the ill-fated Luca Vialli 2001/02 campaign, he's fought back from two knee injuries to make the central midfield berth his own, skippering the Hornets to safety this season with club captain Sean Dyche sidelined through injury. Fifty-one appearances this season - as part of 115 in just over three years - is an impressive tally, the highlight of which in a year when he hasn't managed to find the net was his outstanding performance at Anfield in the Carling Cup semi-final first leg.

Defenders

Lloyd Doyley

Lloyd Doyley continued to make his name this season as a reliable and determined defender. Brought up as a centre-half and still deployed there at times, it's at right-back that the Hornets' Academy product has made most of his 90 Watford appearances, nearly 30 of those coming during 2004/05. Another player to have debuted under Luca Vialli when still a teenager in the youth set-up, the pacy long-throw merchant who specialises in man-marking jobs will be targeting a regular first-team place under new manager Adrian Boothroyd who had no hesitation in utilising the Whitechapel-born 22-year-old during Watford's ultimately successful battle against relegation.

Clark Carlisle

Imposing defender Clarke completed his transfer to the Hornets the day before the season started, signing a three-year contract after a fee of £100,000 was agreed with Leeds United. Pitched straight into the defensive line, the Preston-born defender acquitted himself well and looks to be forming a good partnership with Jay DeMerit at the back. Having started out at Blackpool, Carlisle was snapped up by QPR for £250,000 and after three seasons moved to Elland Road to be part of Kevin Blackwell's new-look Leeds squad. At 6'3" he's a danger at set-pieces as proved with 20 goals to his name so far.

Malky Mackay

Promoted from the Championship twice in the last two years, Malky Mackay certainly knows what it takes to get out of this division. Norwich City went up in 2003-04 whilst the Scot was on loan from West Ham, and then the Hammers swapped places with Norwich last season in the top flight. Having found his path to the first team blocked by several summer arrivals, Malky moved on a free transfer to Vicarage Road and his looks to be part of a formidable central defensive duo, whether he is paired with Clarke Carlisle or Jay DeMerit.

James Chambers

The fact James Chambers made 47 appearances for the Hornets this season shows just how fortunes have changed for him on a personal level. Before his August move from The Hawthorns, he'd played just 78 times in well over five seasons as a professional with West Bromwich Albion. Blessed with a good turn of foot, his versatility - he's played at right-back, left-back, right midfield and left midfield for Watford this term - has been a key factor in his new club overcoming the limitations presented by a small squad. James - who bagged his first two senior goals in the magnificent Carling Cup demolition of Southampton in November 2004 - joined for a fee which could rise to £250,000.

Midfielders

Paul Devlin

At the end of what he describes himself as his worst ever for being injured, attacking midfielder Paul Devlin built on last season's chart-topping 42 starts with only 17 more first-team appearances and that one goal - on the first day of the campaign at Preston North End. Involved at the start of the season, he pulled up with a hamstring strain during the away win at Cardiff but returned to feature across Christmas and New Year, turning in a fine display at Anfield in the Carling Cup semi-final first leg. Out since early February with a toe complaint, the former Sheffield United, Birmingham City and Notts County Brummie will be hoping to put his stop-start season behind him in the last year of his current contract next term.

Matthew Spring

Knowing he was facing a season with limited first team opportunities at Elland Road, Adrian Boothroyd snapped up the services of Matthew Spring for a fee of £150,000. The 25-year old repaid the gaffer's faith instantly with a goal on his debut against Burnley at Vicarage Road, and followed it up with an all-action display in the Carling Cup First Round victory over Notts County. Spring is already well-known to Watford fans for scoring a thunderous 35-yard goal as an employee of rivals Luton Town when the two sides met in the League Cup back in 2002, but will form a strong, complementary midfield partnership with Gavin Mahon in the centre of the field.

Anthony McNamee

Anthony McNamee had to wait until the final game of the season - West Ham at home - to make his first start of 2004/05. He entered the fray from the bench another 15 times this term, taking his Watford career statistics to four starts and 45 appearances as a substitute. Used almost exclusively as a replacement by Ray Lewington after he burst onto the first-team scene near the end of the Luca Vialli 2001/02 season, the Academy product, 21 in July, has done enough this time round to earn a contract offer from new manager Adrian Boothroyd - and that must be seen as credit in itself to the all-round improvement in Anthony's game since the other four of his out-of-contract colleagues were released in early May.

Alhassan Bangura

Alhassan Bangura, known to all as 'Al', made the step up from the Academy Under-18 team to the Hornets' first-team without the time to put more than a handful of Reserve team appearances under his belt. Clearly highly thought of by new manager Adrian Boothroyd, the west African native was hurriedly thrust into his senior debut after Gavin Mahon's injury half an hour into the crucial victory at Stoke City. He then built on on assured showing in Staffordshire with a 'Sponsor's Man of the Match' display at home to West Ham a week later. Earlier in the season, he formed a dynamic midfield partnership with Toumani Diagouraga as the Academy side got to the FA Youth Cup quarter-finals.

Strikers

Darius Henderson

Striker Darius Henderson joined the Hornets for £450,000 in August 2005 following Gillingham's relegation to League One. Big, strong, fast and physical, the 23-year old was one of Adrian Boothroyd's prime targets during the summer and scored on his debut against Preston, despite having only trained with his teammates for one day following his switch from Kent. Able to hold up the ball, score with both feet and use his pace when necessary, the big striker is a handful up front and should prove a good foil for the electric pace of strike partner Marlon King.

Joel Grant

With Danny Webber on loan and Bruce Dyer injured for the final game of the season, prolific Academy striker Joel Grant was named as a substitute by manager Adrian Boothroyd for the West Ham United season finale. Fourteen goals in 25 FA Premier Academy League starts, added to 18 Reserve League appearances, makes impressive reading for the Hammersmith-born forward who offers good hold-up skills when deployed - as he so often was in Watford's FA Youth Cup run - as a lone front-runner. Still learning his trade at only 17 years of age, Joel would have been delighted with his first-team involvement having been told back in February of this year that he would need to prove himself worthy of a professional deal, handed a third year of his Academy scholarship in order to do so. Made his first-team debut three days before his 18th birthday against Notts County in August 2005.

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Classic Match

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



□ Action in the Watford goalmouth during the clash at Kenilworth Road in 1981

After two near misses manager David Pleat hoped it would be third time lucky and was confident that the 1981/82 season would see promotion to the top flight.

The Hatters opened the new campaign with a comfortable 3-0 home win over newly promoted Charlton and followed it up with a victory at QPR in the first game to be played on plastic.

All three points were won at Bolton to set up the perfect start, but the Town were then brought back to earth with a bang when Sheffield Wednesday came to Kenilworth Road and thrashed the home side 3-0 in front of the TV cameras.

The 100% away record was maintained with a 2-1 win at Leicester but the good work was undone once more when

lowly Cardiff, playing above themselves as it eventually turned out, escaped from Kenilworth Road with a 3-2 victory.

The next game was at home to the Hornets, and with the Town's inconsistent record at Kenilworth Road never had there been a better time for Watford to end the Luton jinx.

Watford had enjoyed a good start to the season, and came to Luton on the back of three consecutive victories, but it was the Hatters who came out of the traps the stronger and attacked with a will from the start.

The Town had dispensed with a sweeper system and recalled Lil Fuccillo in place of Raddy Antic, while Watford decided to employ teenage wingers Nigel Callaghan and John Barnes in an attacking formation

designed to take the game to the Town.

The two youngsters were soon bypassed and were left to look on as bystanders as the Town immediately won the midfield.

After good saves from Steve Sherwood in the Watford goal, the breakthrough came after 33 minutes when Hornet's forward Gerry Armstrong, back helping his overrun defence, brought down David Moss who was cutting in from the by-line. Moss duly converted the resultant penalty.

The score was doubled four minutes later when Ian Bolton fouled Brian Stein in the area with Moss picking his spot again to send the Luton fans delirious.

The fun was not yet over with Stein making it three just before the break after taking a delightful through ball from Ricky Hill in his stride.

The second half was always going to be an anti-climax, especially after Stein scored number four on 52 minutes, heading home a Moss centre after a sweeping move... Although Watford reduced the deficit with a deflected Bolton free-kick, the eventual result was emphatic and pushed the town up to second spot in the table.

Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Aizlewood, Horton, Saxby, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, White Fuccillo Moss.

Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Jackett, Taylor, Sims, Bolton, Callaghan, Jenkins (Poskett), Armstrong, Blissett, Barnes.

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Match Guide

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

Head 2 Head



Steve Robinson v Paul Devlin

Two influential midfielders and highly experienced players go head-to-head this afternoon with Luton's Steve Robinson going up against Watford's Paul Devlin.

Although still awaiting his first goal of the season, Robinson has made the step up from League One to Championship football with relative ease, with his progress on the domestic scene earning him a call-up to the Northern Ireland international squad earlier this season. His partnership with Kevin Nicholls played a major role in our championship success last season and the pair have continued to shine.

Paul Devlin has bounced back from injury in some style to be a regular in Watford's midfield. After making an impressive 42 appearances in the 2003/04 season, Devlin was hampered by injury the following year, making only 20 starting appearances. The former Notts County and Birmingham City player has put them injury problems behind him and has currently made 20 appearances, scoring two goals. Devlin is an experienced campaigner with over 500 starting appearances to his name.



Matthew Spring has been in inspirational form for Watford this season

It has been a long time coming but the wait is now over with Kenilworth Road staging this eagerly anticipated fixture for the first time since 1997.

Nobody in the home ends of the ground this afternoon will be hoping that the outcome of that fixture is matched today as the Hornets secured their first win over the Town for ten years in emphatic style.

A depleted Luton side conceded four first half goals without reply as the Hornets, who were league-leaders at the time, finished off a memorable season by capturing the league title.

However Luton's record over their near neighbours speaks for itself and during the 1980's the Hatters enjoyed much success against the Hornets.

Brian Stein will fondly remember the 1981 encounter when his two goals set-up a 4-1 win at Kenilworth Road in a season which Luton went on to lift the Division Two championship.

Other remembered encounters against Watford include our 1985 FA Cup Fifth round success in which Wayne Turner celebrated his 24th birthday with a goal after the two sides had failed to be separated in the previous two cup games.

Supporters will also remember Mick Harford's hat-trick in the 1986 season which saw Luton finish ninth in the top flight whilst the most recent memory of this fixture saw Matthew Spring fire home a magical effort in a Carling Cup encounter in 2002.

stats prior to Wednesday 28th December and New Year's Eve fixtures

FORM GUIDE
Luton: W, L, L, L, D
Derby County 1 Luton 1
Luton 2 Stoke 3
Southampton 1 Luton 0
Reading 3 Luton 0
Luton 2 Crystal Palace 0

FORM GUIDE
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Burnley 4 Watford 1
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HEAD 2 HEAD
Luton Wins: 35
(32 league, 3 cups)
Watford Wins: 26
(24 league, 2 cups)
Draws: 21

LAST FIVE MEETINGS:
Watford 1 Luton 2, League Cup, 10/09/2002
Watford 1 Luton 1, League Two, 14/02/1998
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Luton 0 Watford 0, League Two, 27/01/1997
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Looking Back



Match Action

A battling display helped Luton pick up their first points on their travels since early October as Ahmet Brkovic's sixth goal of the season was enough for the Hatters to take a share of the spoils.
STEVEN DOVE reports.

Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



"I always felt we had a chance. It was a top class free-kick that has given Derby the lead but that is the kind of quality that lad (Inigo Idiakez) has got and the quality that we are competing against. I think it would have been thoroughly undeserved if that strike had won Derby the game to be honest because I felt we were the better side again. I think the lads gave us everything and I believe that they are playing with the ability and the honesty that we know they have got. We have come away from home and I feel we were the better side."

DERBY COUNTY 1 LUTON 1



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

Goalscoring midfielders Inigo Idiakez and Ahmet Brkovic bagged second-half goals as Derby and Luton produced a 1-1 draw at Pride Park.

Brkovic's goal helped stopped Luton's worrying form away from home which had seen them lose six on the spin. The Croatian pounced with ten minutes remaining to prod home a scrappy goal which was Luton's first strike on their travels in 592 minutes of football.

It looked as if Idiakez's wonderful free-kick was going to condemn Luton to another away defeat but Brkovic popped up to score from close range and seal a vital point.

Things were not going Luton's way in the early stages of the game when Peter Holmes was forced to go off with a twist-

ed knee injury as he was replaced by Dean Morgan.

As Luton were reshuffling their pack, Derby almost took advantage when Idiakez produced a glorious pass to set Danny Graham clear in the box, only for Marlon Beresford to save at the frontman's feet.

It took until the 72nd minute for Derby to break the deadlock when, in emphatic style, Idiakez curled home a beautiful free-kick which cannoned off the inside of Beresford's post.

But, by the 80th minute, Town were back on level terms as Brkovic pounced from close range to force home a Morgan cross from the left.

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LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



DERBY'S STARTING LINE-UP



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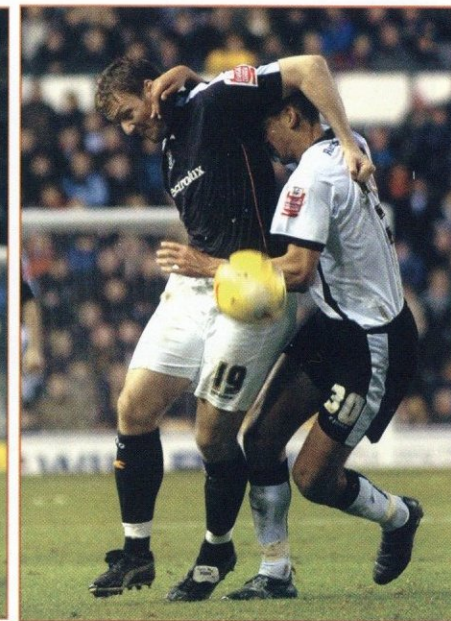
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Goals :	1	1
Possession :	53%	47%
On Target :	6	4
Off Target :	4	4
Corners :	4	9
Fouls :	12	18
Most Fouls :	Johnson (2)	Edwards (4)
Yellow Cards :	2	1
Red Cards :	0	0
Scorers :	Idiakez (72)	Brkovic (80)



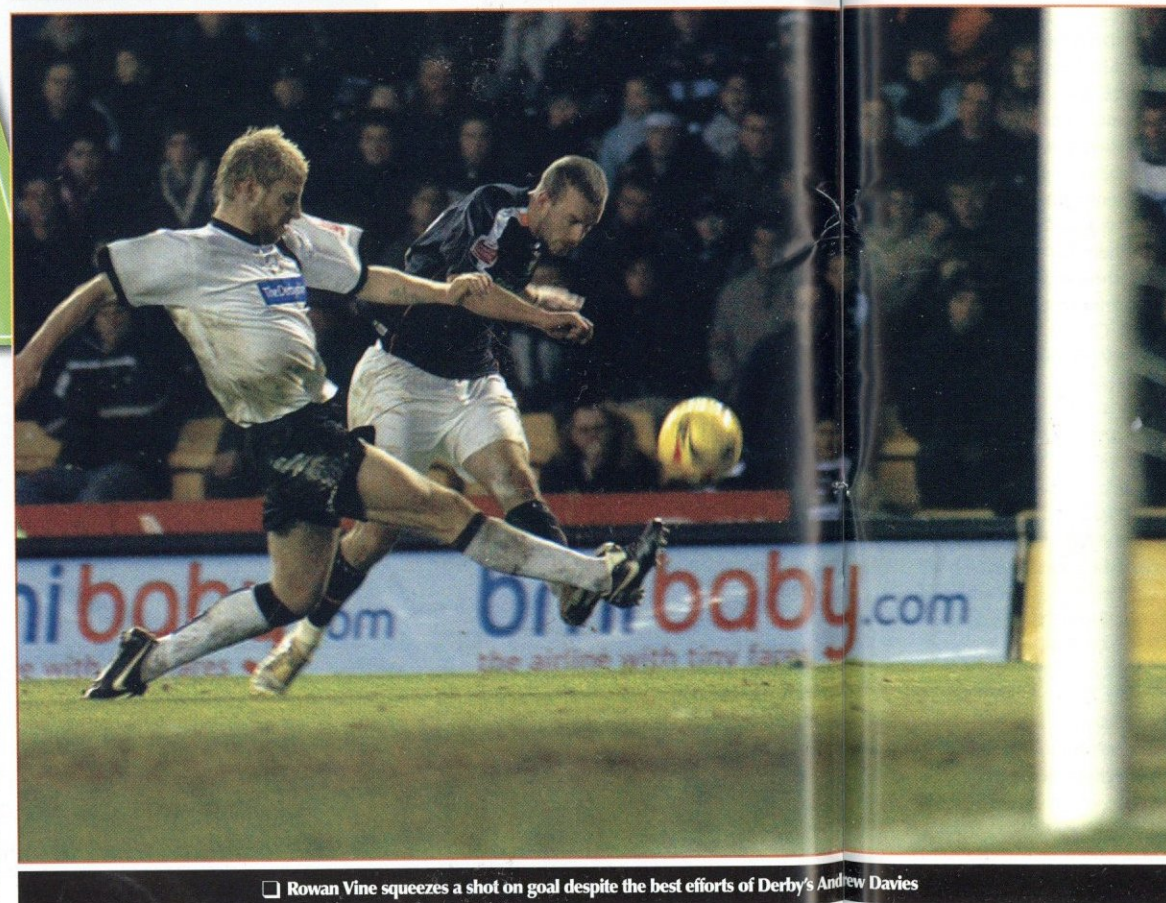
□ Dean Morgan mounts an attack for Luton



□ Kevin Foley played 80 minutes in the heart of Luton's midfield



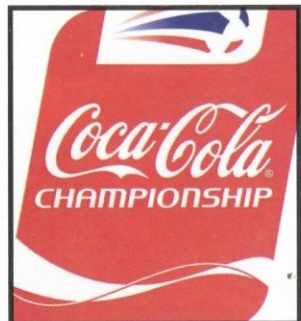
□ Steve Howard tries to get the better of Lewin Nyatanga



□ Rowan Vine squeezes a shot on goal despite the best efforts of Derby's Andrew Davies



□ Chris Coyne is sent flying by Derby's Andrew Davies



League Review

GERARD BUTLER looks at ten key games which have helped to shape the Championship so far

Getting the near 300 games played so far down to ten has proven difficult, but what is notable is not only the teams involved, but those omitted; none of the relegated trio from the Premiership feature as they are all outside the top ten at the time of writing. These encounters have helped to mould the table as it stands now, and whilst almost everyone seems to expect the top two to be gracing the Premiership next season, it would take a brave person to predict the play-off winners.



□ Carl Cort scored two of Wolves' three goals in their impressive away win against Stoke

13/08/05
Preston 0-3 Reading:
Deepdale

Amazing at it seems now, the opening day loss for Reading at home to Plymouth had caused some anxiety, but even at this early stage, a commanding win at the beaten play-off finalists was the perfect tonic. Leroy Lita was proving to be an instant success following a £1 million switch from Bristol City, as his brace in this game meant three goals in his first trio of games for the Royals. Glen Little got the other, whilst North End's promotion challenge would

take a while to ignite; they were 15th, with the visitors fourth.

17/09/05
Watford 2-3 Sheffield Utd:
Vicarage Road

The Hornets' blistering start under Adie Boothroyd had caused surprise everywhere but Darius Henderson's double, which put the third placed side 2-0 up against the league leaders, proved it was no fluke. However, the Blades resilience was clear as 13 minutes later, Phil Jagielka and Paul Ifill had pulled them level, and moments later, the home side were reduced to ten men with Malky Mackay sent off. Clarke Carlisle's 81st minute own goal proved the winner, as United's lead at the top was four points, with a further three points between Watford and themselves.

24/09/05
Stoke City 1-3 Wolves:
Britannia Stadium

A result which put Wolves at the heart of play-off contention, it also underlined City's achilles heel of poor home form. Goals from Carl Cort, Kenny Miller and Lee Naylor put the Wanderers well in command, in one of their best away performances so far, whilst Lewis Buxton's stoppage time consolation was the only bright spot for the Potters. The result saw the sides on the same number of points in sixth and fifth respectively.

1/10/05
Reading 2-1 Sheffield Utd:
Madejski Stadium

A mouthwatering encounter paired the runaway top two at a near-full Madejski Stadium. Brynjar Gunnarsson proved the early and late hero as he struck in two minutes from the start and end, after Steve Kabba's first half equaliser had looked enough for a share of the points. It cut the gap between the Blades and Royals to three points, but it would be late November before they swapped places at the top of the table.

22/10/05
Stoke City 0-1 Reading:
Britannia Stadium

A result which underlined perfectly City's modest home form, and the root of the Royals success; a well-drilled team with an outstanding defensive record. Although City had stayed in outside contention because of away results, this win, earned by Dave Kitson's 74th minute penalty meant that Reading had a six point cushion on the play-off chasers. The Potters had meanwhile drifted out to eleventh spot.

29/10/05
Sheffield Utd 0-0 Cardiff:
Bramall Lane

A perhaps incongruous sight in the selection, this result was nevertheless significant as the Bluebirds became the first team to take a point away from Bramall Lane, and it was a key result in their climb up the table in the early winter. At this stage, they were still ninth, whilst the Blades lead stayed at three points as Reading had been held to a draw on their own patch by Leeds United, another growing threat in the shake-up.

5/11/05
Luton Town 2-3 Burnley:
Kenilworth Road

This saw the end of the Hatters unbeaten home record which had been the rockbed of their promotion push, as away form had suffered a downturn. Ade Akinbiyi had con-



□ Ade Akinbiyi notched up a memorable hat-trick in Burnley's win over Luton

firmed he was back to his best with a first half double by the half-hour, but eight minutes later Brian Jensen, the Clarets keeper, was sent off. Steve Howard pulled a goal back before the break, but Akinbiyi completed his hat trick, and the visitors held on even after Warren Feeney made it 3-2 just before the hour. An upwardly mobile Burnley side were eighth, whilst Town stood fourth.

10/12/05
Leeds Utd 0-1 Cardiff City:
Elland Road

A grudge match for some of the home support as it saw the return of former chairman Peter Ridsdale, now with Cardiff City, to the club. However, it was on the pitch that City proved party poopers as a significant 31st minute winner by on-loan Jason Koumas enhanced the Welsh side chances of fulfilling their Premiership dream. Koumas had been instrumental in the run which took them to fifth spot, one place behind Leeds, and a permanent switch from West Brom seems likely.

17/12/05
Burnley 4-1 Watford:
Turf Moor

Burnley brought the curtain down on the Hornets' ten match unbeaten run in some style. Generally, the Clarets success has been down to

their firm defence, but in this case, it was their attacking play, with Graham Branch, Jon Harley (2) and James O'Connor all finding the net, after Marlon King, one of the Championship signings of the season, had threatened a Watford revival. It meant the Clarets were only outside the play-off zone on goal difference, whilst the visitors stayed third, but some 14 points behind Sheffield United and another six behind Reading.

17/12/05
Wolves 1-0 Leeds United:
Molineux

Tipped to do well by many, Glenn Hoddle's Wolves have been held back slightly by too many draws. So it was doubly satisfying when they won this tight and crucial encounter 1-0 with a goal from Vio Ganea, as they moved back into the play-off places. For Leeds, it was a costly loss, especially immediately after the Cardiff reverse, and they had Simon Walton dismissed eight minutes from the end. They remained fourth in the table, though.

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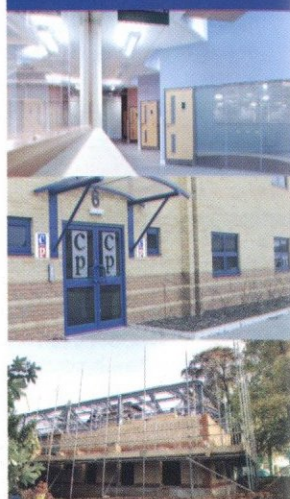
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1972
1973

From the 1972-73 season, Roger Wash looks back at a frustrating year in the league but with an unexpected long run in the F.A.Cup.



□ Harry Haslam lines up with his new signings at the start of the 1972/73 season. Left to right: Les Harfield, Bobby Thomson, Rodney Fern, Steve Litt, John Aston and Willie Carrick.

It was all change at the top at Kenilworth Road over the summer of 1972, with Alec Stock resigning from the hot seat after believing he had taken the club as far as it could go, to be replaced by Harry Haslam. The genial Haslam had originally been brought to Luton as entertainments manager and had latterly been serving as chief scout. The promotion seemed crazy but Haslam was a crafty character and soon set about wheeling and dealing and stamping his own personality on the club.

Rodney Fern was picked up from Leicester, ex-England international full-back Bobby Thomson came from

Birmingham while the signing that made everyone sit up and take notice was that of Manchester United winger John Aston.

The new campaign opened with the Town operating a new formation which involved a lone striker and five floating mid-field players. Although the first game, at Cardiff, was lost, the new tactics were found to be extremely effective away from home but seemed to play into the hands of their opponents at Kenilworth Road.

Away wins were commonplace and if the home form had matched the performances away from Kenilworth Road the Town would have been walking

away with the division long before Christmas.

A frustrated Haslam, accepting reluctantly that his team seemed unable to make a strong bid for promotion, sought solace in the FA Cup and when the draw for the third round was made a home pairing with Crewe from Division Four was seen as a passport to the next stage for the first time in 12 years.

A crowd of 9,411 saw the Luton players make hard work of what should have been a simple exercise, but goals from Jim Ryan and Barry Butlin eventually saw off a fighting Crewe side.

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
9) Fulham	42	16	12	14	58	49	44
10) Sheff Wed	42	17	10	15	59	55	44
11) Millwall	42	16	10	16	55	47	42
12) LUTON	42	15	11	16	44	53	41
13) Hull	42	14	12	16	64	59	40
14) Nott'm Forest	42	14	12	16	47	52	40
15) Leyton Orient	42	12	12	18	49	53	36
16) Swindon	42	10	16	16	46	60	36

The reward for this less than glorious victory was a trip to First Division Newcastle United, and from the moment the draw was made the local and national press were in their element.

The sports pages were filled with stories of the damage about to be caused by Malcolm Macdonald, who would be playing against his old side for the first time since his transfer to Tyneside 18 months previously.

The Hatters had to endure the predicted fierce early onslaught with Macdonald missing a sitter but gradually, the Luton players increased in confidence and, out of the blue, took the lead in the 28th minute when the wily Aston advanced on Magpies goalkeeper Ian McFaul and calmly hit a left foot shot into the net.

Again Newcastle pressed, but it was the Town who increased their lead just before half-time when Alan Slough broke down the right before cutting the ball back to Aston, who hit it into the top corner for a picture goal.

Not surprisingly it was 'backs to the wall' stuff in the second half but the Hatters hung on for a famous victory.

If the Town were to reach Wembley, they would have to do it the hard way as the fifth round draw saw the team travelling again, this time to Bolton who were chasing promotion from Division Three.

Another partisan crowd greeted the train loads of Luton supporters, but the Bolton following among the attendance of 39,556 could never really get worked up as the Hatters took control of the game from the start. It came as no real surprise when Alan Garner headed the only goal in the second-half, to set up a quarter-final tie for only the fourth time in the club's history.

Cup fever had, by now, hit the streets of the town and the slight dampener of being drawn away again, this time to Sunderland, was tempered by the fact that the Hatters away record that season was better than their form at Kenilworth Road.

Manager: Harry Haslam

Top Scorer: Vic Halom

League Position: 12th

FA Cup: Quarter-Finals

League Cup: 2nd Round

Memorable Match:
Vs Newcastle (FAC) - W 2-0

The Town had already won at Sunderland during the league campaign and the week before the FA Cup clash, the return at Luton saw the Hatters win 1-0.

Sunderland cleverly rested several first choice players for the league game, which probably gave the Town a false sense of security but, to be frank, the team did not perform on the big day.

A massive crowd of 53,151 packed the Roker Park terraces which was almost 40,000 more than had turned up for the league meeting earlier in the season!

The fans were in full voice from the off, as the men in red and white stripes tore into a surprisingly limp Luton rearguard and the home side were fully deserving of their 2-0 win which set them up for going all the way to lifting the trophy after beating Leeds in the final.

With the cup dream over, the Town could only manage two wins from the final ten league games as the season ended in massive anti-climax.

Elsewhere in football

* Newly relegated Huddersfield reluctantly sell Trevor Cherry to Leeds for £100,000 and future Hatter David Lawson to Everton for a British record fee for a goalkeeper of £80,000.

* Liverpool win the Division One championship as well as the UEFA cup.

* Another transfer record is smashed with David Nish moving from Leicester to Derby for £225,000.

* The largest ever crowd for a testimonial of 60,538 turn out to see Manchester United play Celtic. The beneficiary, Bobby Charlton, receives £46,000 tax free.

* Tommy Docherty becomes manager of Manchester United on a salary of £15,000 a year.

* Leeds lose 1-0 to A.C.Milan in the Cup-winners cup final.

* Pele plays for the first, and last, time in London. His side, Santos, lose 2-1 at Fulham in a friendly.

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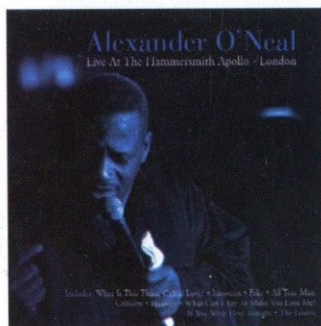
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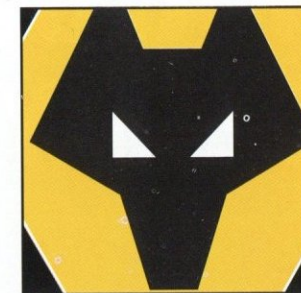
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BY RAIL/BUS: From Wolverhampton railway/bus stations follow the ring road, walking down the side of the Chubb buildings, then at the major crossroads you will see Molineux to the left. Parking: Parking is available in Wolverhampton city centre (five minutes walk away), car parks are signposted from Wolverhampton ring road.

MATCHDAY PARKING: Parking can be

found in the city centre and you may find a space in one of the many council run 'pay & display' car parks. The Civic Hall car park, normally remains open for night matches.

AROUND THE GROUND: There are a number of pubs dotted around Molineux, as well as many in the city centre, which is a few minutes walk away. Several pubs operate a 'no football colours policy'. Food and drink can be purchased within the ground, with refreshment bars serving a good range of pies, hot dogs and burgers.

WHAT'S THE GROUND LIKE: Molineux has been completely rebuilt in recent years, with the oldest stand, then called the John Ireland Stand (since

renamed the Steve Bull Stand) being opened in 1979. Three other stands were then built in the early 1990's with the Jack Harris Stand the last to be completed in December 1993. The stadium itself is superb and is made up of four separate stands, complete with a couple of posh video screens in two corners, which show the game as it is being played. Both ends are large single tiered stands (one of which the Stan Cullis Stand has a small clock perched on its roof), whilst both sides are two tiered with a row of executive boxes along the middle. Both the side stands are unusual in being oval in shape, meaning that those sitting on the half way line are furthest away from the playing action.

BY COACH WITH TOWN ON TOUR: The fare for LTSC members is £14, £12 for concessions and £16 for non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section of www.luton-town.co.uk.

BY COACH WITH BOBBERS TRAVEL: Departs from Cranfield at 3:00pm and Luton 4:00pm. Costs for this trip are £13.50 for adults and £11 for concessions. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Stand at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground or telephone 01234 750996 for further information.



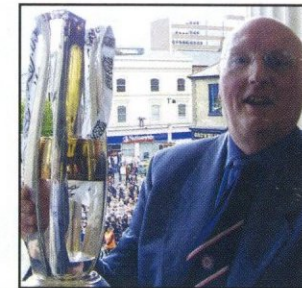
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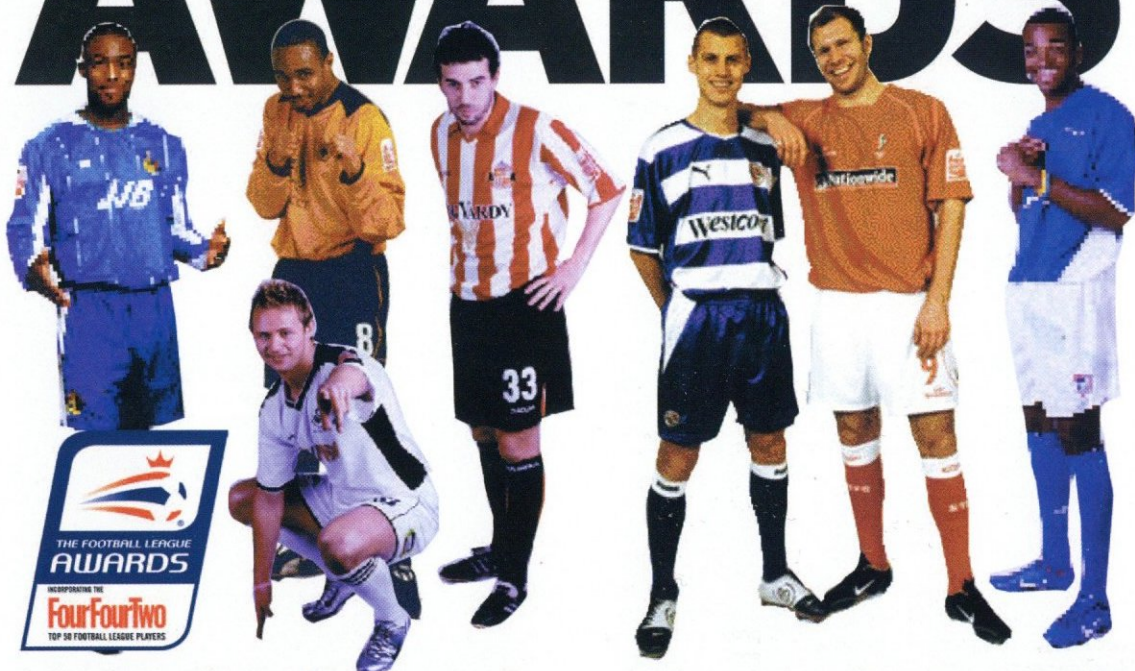




In the Media

Luton's Clubcall reporter **BILL COLE** recalls his memories from watching matches involving Luton and today's visitors Watford.

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.

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- ★ Young Player of the Year
- ★ Top Apprentice Award
- ★ Goal of the Year
- ★ Most Admired Club
- ★ Community Club of the Year
- ★ Fan of the Year
- ★ Best Club Sponsorship
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- ★ Matchday Programme of the Year
- ★ Best Club Website
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- ★ Contribution To Football Award



For more information on The Football League Awards contact nicky.lusignani@haynet.com

The local rivalry between today's clubs hasn't always been so. Indeed, before Graham Taylor's influence saw Watford promoted to the old Division Two in 1979, they hardly ever met.

The Hornets kicked around the lower leagues before then, whilst the Hatters traditionally plied their trade in Division Two.

The introduction of The Evening Post changed all that, when Thompson Newspapers launched Watford and Luton editions and set about building soccer controversy to sell newsprint. Headlines such as 'Pleat – "We will win"; Taylor – "We will not lose"', stoked up more animosity than the publishers could scarcely have dreamt of, surviving long after the demise of its creators.

I date from the earlier, less confrontational days of football supporting, when you had a real josh with the opposition supporters (who sat right by you in those times), shook hands when the final whistle blew and wished one another well for the rest of the season. Believe it or not, those sentiments still prevail (in the main) in Press Boxes throughout the land.

In 1992 I worked for Three Counties Radio covering mid-table Watford in the old Division Two. Saturday SportSound was a mixed music/sport programme then with reports and goalflashes from local games at regular intervals. Come the last game of the season, the Hatters were (once again) in danger of relegation after ten years in the top flight and had to win at already relegated Notts County in the last match of the season to stay up, so full commentary on this match was demanded.

A team comprising commentator Simon Oxley, presenter Chris Whitehead, producer Ken Wilson and an engineer was sent up to Nottingham. I, a born and bred Lutonian, was despatched to Vicarage Road on my own to concentrate on Watford v Bristol City, whilst metaphorically kicking every ball in the vital Hatters game coming over my headphones.

The Town took the lead through a very rare Julian James strike, only to be defeated by two Rob Matthews goals, one from a defensive error, the second a cracking drive.

Meanwhile, a young Andy Cole (no relation), on loan to Bristol City from Arsenal, was soon giving the statuesque Keith Dublin the run-around resulting in a couple of goals. Then ref-

eree Kelvin Morton took a hand in proceedings.

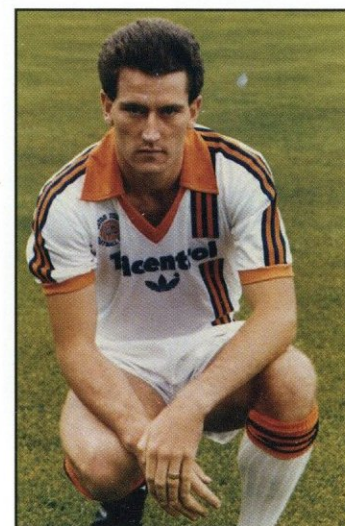
Wayne Allison was adjudged to have elbowed Barry Ashby and was given first use of the visitor's soap, then the short but aggressive Hatter's skipper Andy Hesselthaler started a fight with the much larger Ray Atteveld. Atteveld won the contest but saw red to Hesselthaler's yellow and City were down to nine.

Not long afterwards, former Hatter Mark Aizlewood (pictured) was also sent for an early bath for some industrial language directed towards a linesman and Watford took full toll of a three man advantage to win 5-2, the last goal being a very late fairytale effort by Nigel Gibbs in his last appearance of a long and faithful Watford career.

Someone once said 'Brevity is the soul of wit', but I was having great difficulty in trying to cram all of this into the two minutes allotted for summing up on the final whistle, when I got the screamed instruction over my headphones from the studio "Bill! Coming to you now but we're late for the news. Keep it short – 20 seconds". A truly memorable day.

Watford team that day:- David James, Nigel Gibbs, Jason Drysdale, Keith Dublin, Barry Ashby (Gary Porter), David Holdsworth, Andy Hesselthaler, Lee Nogan, Darren Bazely, Steve Butler (Luther Blissett), Trevor Putney.

Luton team at Notts County:- Alec Chamberlain, Julian James, Darren Salton (Jason Rees), Chris Kamara (Phil Grey), John Dreyer, Trevor Peake, Scott Oakes, Brian Stein, Mick Harford, Mark Pembridge, David Preece.



Former Luton player Mark Aizlewood

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Website News



STEVEN DOVE looks at the latest news concerning the club's official website - www.lutontown.co.uk

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CHRIS COYNE - The Australian defender speaks after the 1-1 draw with Derby and talks of his hopes that Luton's away form has now turned a corner.

KEVIN NICHOLLS - The Luton skipper looks ahead to the visit of Watford on the day of his birthday.

CARLOS EDWARDS - The Trinidad and Tobago star looks ahead to next years World Cup Finals in Germany and the prospect of playing against England.

PETER HOLMES - An exclusive interview with the midfielder as he reflects back on the defeat by Stoke City.

Hatters World has become so popular that we now have over 1,400 subscribers to our official interactive website, which places ourselves in the top 20 clubs in the Premium TV rankings.

We are already looking at ways we can improve our service going forward into 2006 so continue to watch this space as we look to make significant changes.

Luton Town's official interactive website - Hatters World

Recent Match Highlights

Date	Match	Score	League
17.12.2005	Luton 2 Stoke 3	2-3	League
11.12.2005	Reading 3 Luton 0	3-0	League
28.11.2005	Luton 2 Crystal Palace 0	2-0	League
22.11.2005	Luton 4 Crewe 1	4-1	League

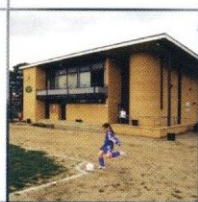
Latest League Table

Pos	Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GO	PTS
9	Preston	25	7	14	4	27	21	6	35
10	Cardiff City	25	9	8	8	33	28	5	35
11	Luton Town	25	10	5	10	36	36	0	35
12	Norwich City	25	9	5	11	29	32	-3	32
13	Southampton	24	6	13	5	26	25	1	31

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League Round-Up

SIMON GOVER looks at which sides have been celebrating 2005 and which teams will be hoping for better fortunes in 2006.

One look at the Championship table and it's easy to see which teams have enjoyed good fortunes during 2005 and which will be looking for some more luck in 2006.

Watford must consider 2005 as a real success after, starting the year in a relegation battle, they have propelled themselves into a strong position to challenge for a play-off place and maybe even an outside shot of an automatic position. Matthew Spring must also believe he has had a

successful year with his switch from Leeds to Vicarage Road helping to bring regular first-team action and is proving to be a real driving force in the centre of their midfield. Marlon King, currently the league's top goal scorer, must have also thought that 2005 was going to be a disaster but his move from relegated Nottingham Forest appears to have inspired him.

Reading are another club that probably don't want 2005 to end. From starting the year as play-off contenders, they have gone on to lead the Championship table going into 2006 by nine points and are now odds-on with the bookmakers to get themselves into top flight football for the first time in their history.

Hull and Sheffield Wednesday will have mixed feelings about 2005 after winning promotion to the Championship. Both teams have struggled with the step up in class and neither team have managed more than six wins yet this season. Peter Taylor, the Hull City manager, has also had to handle the pressure of failing to get the England U-21 international side through to the finals of the European Championship.

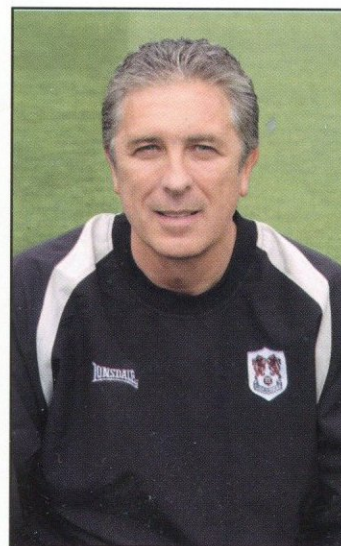
Dennis Wise must be wondering where it all went wrong for him. He started 2005 fighting for a play-off

place as Millwall manager and has ended it without a club after a short playing and coaching spell with Southampton.

Both the clubs he has left behind have had a real turmoil year. Saints' year started with real hope with the introduction of Harry Redknapp but there long stay in the Premiership came to a disappointing end, finishing bottom of the league and their start to this season has hardly been the form expected from the pre-season favourites.

Millwall have endured bigger problems and are currently stranded at the bottom of the league and are on their fourth manager of 2005. They must be glad to see the back of last year and can only hope for a more prosperous New Year.

It was a frustrating year for the whole of East Anglia, with both Norwich and Ipswich ending the year in positions far below the clubs previous finishes and expectations. The one bright spark to come out of East Anglia is Darren Bent, whose Championship form saw him earn a big money move to the Premiership and he has carried that form on, earning him a call to the full international squad.



Colin Lee is no longer the manager at Millwall but remains at the New Den



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: Gary Riddle (pictured with sister)
Date of Birth: 24/11/1981
Occupation: Warehouse Dispatcher
Years following Luton: All my life
Where do you sit: Lower Main Stand
First Match: I was taken when I was very young so I can't really remember

Memorable Match:
 I would have to say my most memorable match was the 4-4 draw with Charlton in the Carling Cup. I wasn't expecting an exciting game when I got to the ground but the match was end-to-end, had some fantastic goals and we played some great football.

Goalkeeper

1. Ian Feuer

You could always put your trust in Ian Feuer. He was an excellent shot-stopper, who always dominated his penalty area with authority.

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. One of the best players to come through our youth ranks in recent years.

Right-Back

3. Emmerson Boyce

Whenever Emmerson has returned to Kenilworth Road he has always received a good ovation and on his recent return with Crystal Palace, it was good to see him acknowledging the fans. Emmerson was a great player and a mean defender.

Centre-Back

4. Trevor Peake

Trevor's experience was much needed when he arrived in the early 1990's. Although he was not blessed with great pace, Trevor was a great club captain and a real leader in defence.

Centre Back

5. Curtis Davis

Curtis is undoubtedly the best young player to come through the ranks at Luton. His speed, his ability to read the game and his awareness of what was around him was incredible.

Right Midfield

6. Carlos Edwards

Carlos Edwards' arrival has to go down as one of the best signings from Mike Newell. He gives us so many options but his ability on the right side of midfield and to cut inside the defence is great to watch. Hopefully he will be a closely marked man in the World Cup when Trinidad go up against England.

Left-Midfield

7. Ricky Hill

I was still very young when I was watching Ricky Hill dazzle the opposition defence with his wonderful ball skills. Ricky is certainly one of Luton's greatest players of all time.

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. Mick Harford

Big Mick Harford was adored by so many Luton fans and so quickly became a fans favourite. Mick was strong in the air and was equally good with the ball at his feet. So much could be said about Sir Harford but there is not enough space to write about his achievements.

Centre-Midfield

10. David Preece

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

Centre-Forward

11. Iain Dowie

It was difficult to decide who should partner Mick in attack but, for me, Iain just shaded it ahead of John Hartson. When we were in top flight football, Iain's goals were vital in our bid to fight off relegation and having been signed from non-league Hendon, he quickly proved he could handle life in the limelight.

Send us your team

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

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Safety Officer



BIRTHDAY WISH

Kevin Nicholls will be hoping to get the perfect birthday present this afternoon with a win, and maybe a goal, against Watford. The midfielder, who celebrates his 27th birthday today, knows the importance of this afternoon's game but has stressed the players will want to keep the pressure on the play-off pack with a number of key games just around the corner.

Kevin Nicholls is not one to ask for much on his birthday but the Luton skipper can't think of a better present than a goal and a win in this afternoon's encounter with Watford.

The midfielder celebrates his 27th birthday today and, along with followers from Luton and Watford, has been eagerly awaiting this fixture, the first at Kenilworth Road since 1997.

Having tasted the atmosphere in the 2002 Carling Cup encounter at Vicarage Road, Nicholls knows how important this game is to supporters and admits that the Luton dressing room certainly understand the significance of this fixture.

However with the busy Christmas and New Year fixture programme, Nicholls revealed that little has been mentioned about the game.

Nicholls said: "The game has not been mentioned in the dressing room at all. We are being professional about it and we have had a busy period over the past few days. The game is on my birthday, so for me it will be extra special.

"It's a massive game. It's important to the players, but we all know much it means to the fans. All I will say is that nobody gets relegated or promoted on one game, so its important not to get too carried away.

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"Kenilworth Road is a tight stadium so we know that today's game will generate an unbelievable atmosphere. This has the potential to be a massive game and one of the best for several years because we are both in the Championship and going for promotion into the Premiership."

Despite the importance placed on this fixture, Nicholls acknowledges that it remains vital that the club keep within touching distance of the play-off places.

Luton's form away from home has been the talking point amongst supporters as we are without a win on our travels since early October. However Nicholls believes that through the number of chances the team continue to create then results will soon begin to pick up.

"I think teams know a lot more about us now but I just don't think with have been as consistent as we were at the beginning of the season. We may need to get back to basics because one

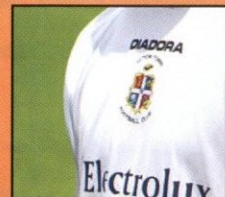
week we seem to be firing on all cylinders and then the following week we are not so good. We need to add that consistency back to our game and I think we will be alright.

"This team wins together and loses together. We continue to create a number of chances and maybe we should have taken more but that happens. All we can do is continue to keep creating the chances and hopefully we can starting picking up more points, especially away from home.

"I don't think we need to be more daring away from home because the way we play, we are entertaining and maybe we do leave ourselves a bit open at the back. We have had discussions about it and the gaffer wants us to keep playing the way we have this season. We are not happy with our away form at the moment but if we keep playing the way we have been then we can kick on from there.



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DAVE BAKER rounds-up the latest news from the Luton Town Belles squad in which there was mixed fortunes for the different age groups in the League Cup.

Following on from Belles fine win over Clevedon Town a win over close rivals Oxford City would represent a significant step towards survival but a poor home performance from the Town left them pointless in a 3-2 reverse.

Suicidal defending gave the visitors a two goal lead as Luton again contrived to miss some fine opportunities at the other end until Michelle Byrne tricked her way inside before finding the roof of the City net with a 20 yard rising shot. Trailing by a goal at the break it seemed that the points were still there for the taking but City struck again midway through the second half to restore their two goal advantage. With 15 minutes left substitute Anne Folan surged into the box and found the far corner of the net with a measured chip from wide on the right. Chances came and went without an equaliser coming and Town went down to another 3-2 defeat.

A visit to Swindon Town the following week began in promising fashion

when Aimee Barrable struck her shot through a crowd of players from the edge of the box after just two minutes from a half cleared corner to make it 1-0. Luton held the lead until just before the break when the home side equalised against the run of play. However, Luton were not to be denied their half time lead and Kaylee Owen shrugged off two challenges before firing home a 25 yard shot high into the net to make it 2-1. Belles appeared to have weathered the second half storm until being hit by a double sucker punch midway through the half. A poor clearance was punished emphatically with a rasping shot and the same player followed that with a neat lob a minute later. Again Luton were trailing 3-2 but this time managed to draw level when an Aimee Barrable free kick was headed onto Michelle Byrne who headed the ball into the danger area to Kaylee Owen and she swept the ball into the net on the half volley for 15 yards out. A much improved performance in gaining an important point.

A return trip in the League Cup to

Swindon the next week could not have been more disappointing as Belles crashed out 1-0 barely managing a meaningful effort on goal in a poor match on an icy surface.

It was better news for the Reserves as they produced their finest performance of the season to smash the Metropolitan Police 6-0. Rebecca Dimmock's slide rule pass set up an early goal for Kelly Lockey and Nina Hale finished off another flowing move to make it 2-0 at half time. Nina Hale then added her second before strike partner Kelly Lockey scored her second with a neat finish. This was as good a goal scored by the club this season beginning with the Town keeper and ending with some fine close control from Amy Summerfield prior to Lockey's finish. Micky Taylor rounded off a high energy performance with a 20 yard drive which found it's way just inside the post. The scoring was rounded off by Shelley Miller who shrugged off two challenges before blasting her shot high into the net from outside the area.

The run of form extended itself into the League Cup when Acton fell victim by 2-0. Once again strike duo Kelly Lockey and Nina Hale were on target in a game dominated by Luton but the visitors did score a late consolation as Belles progressed 2-1.

The Thirds also had a good December also defeating Acton in another cup competition 4-3. A fine first half saw Luton grab a 4-1 lead with goals from Fay Rolls (2), Jacqui Roch and Helen Jenkins but a late fight back after some questionable Town defending left Belles hanging on at the end. A weak Clapton Orient side were given a lesson in finishing as Luton went goal mad running up thirteen without reply the previous week. On the score sheet were Fay Rolls (5), Jacqui Roch (4) and there were also goals for Kirstyn Mackie, Sam Mather, Tamzine Neale and Kat Sangster.



Kaylee Owen scored twice in the Belles' 3-3 draw with Swindon Town

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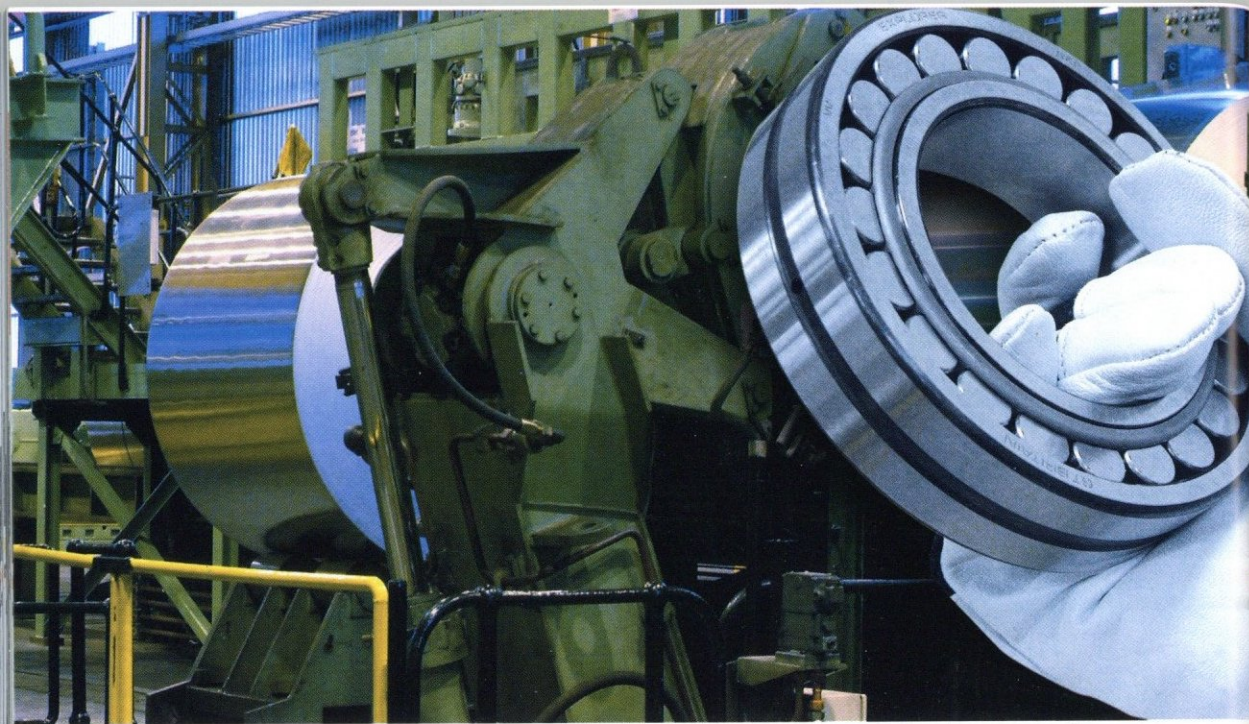
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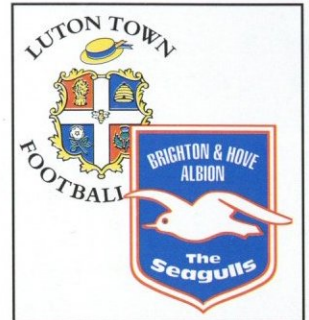
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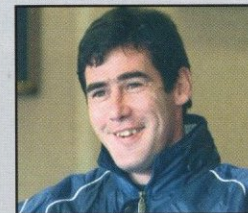
Looking Back



Luton warmed the hearts of their supporters on a bitterly cold evening at Kenilworth Road as Brighton were swept aside with relative ease. STEVEN DOVE reports as Steve Howard, Warren Feeney and Steve Robinson all found the target to seal three vital points.

Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



"I think teams that match us and get ready for us, usually get something from the game. If teams are not ready for us then they will get turned over. I have always been confident that we can reach the play-offs. We have had a difficult month but every team has them spells during the season otherwise we would be in the top two by now. We haven't won a game that we haven't deserved to and on the odd occasions maybe I would like us to do that, but that is about learning and being more experienced."

LUTON TOWN 3 BRIGHTON 0



Warren Feeney celebrates his goal against Brighton

Luton rediscovered their early season form to beat Brighton 3-0 courtesy of goals from Steve Howard, Warren Feeney and Steve Robinson.

The Hatters ended a run of three successive defeats by securing a draw at Derby on Boxing Day and got their play-off hopes back on track against disappointing Brighton, who had won their last two matches.

First-half goals from Howard and Feeney set Mike Newell's side on their way, while Robinson made the game safe with a third just after the hour mark.

Luton could have won by a greater margin had they converted more of their many chances, while Brighton's only effort on goal came in the 70th minute via Sebastien Carole.

It was no surprise when Luton made the breakthrough after dominating the early stages of the game. Kevin Nicholls did well to keep the ball in play on the left and his cross was helped on by Feeney which was then converted by Howard, who bundled home his eighth goal of the season - his first in seven matches.

Luton doubled their advantage a minute before half-time when Feeney had time and space in the penalty area to rifle home a low shot past Michel Kuipers.

However the goal of the game arrived on 62 minutes when a poor clearance from Brighton's Dean Hammond fell kindly to Robinson who lofted the ball from the edge of the area over the head of Kuipers to celebrate his first goal of the season.

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LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP

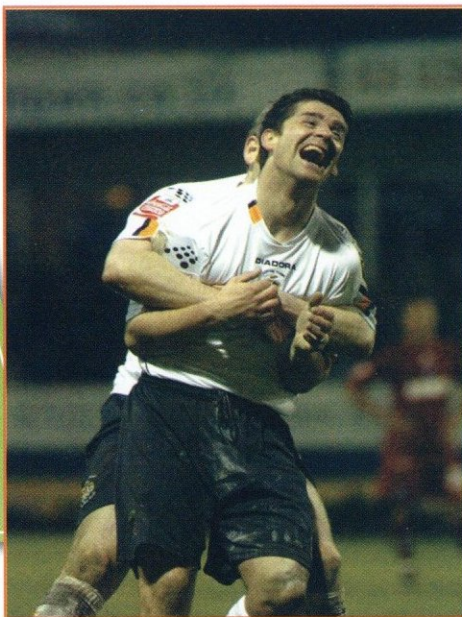


BRIGHTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



MATCH FACTS

	luton	brighton
Goals :	3	0
Possession :	55%	45%
On Target :	10	3
Off Target :	5	2
Corners :	3	5
Fouls :	13	14
Yellow Cards :	1	2
Red Cards :	0	0
Scorers :	Howard (17) Feeney (43) Robinson (62)	



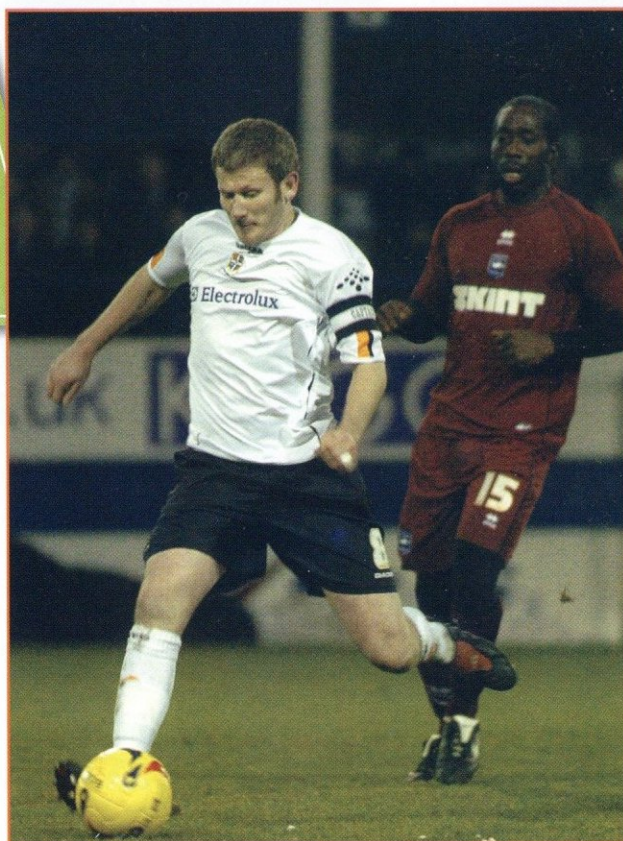
□ Steve Robinson celebrates his first goal of the season



□ Steve Howard in front of Kerry Mayo to tap home Luton's first goal of the evening



□ Warren Feeney celebrates his seventh goal of the season



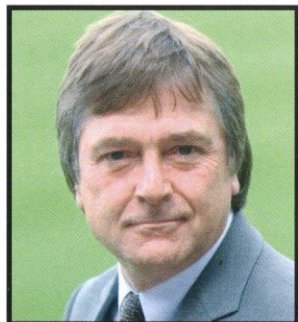
□ Kevin Nicholls returned from suspension to play an important role in the win over Brighton



□ Richard Carpenter is taken to the floor by Steve Robinson as Brighton attempt to mount an attack



□ Kevin Foley is closely watched by Adam Hinshelwood.



Peter Davis

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

Good afternoon and welcome to the first game at Kenilworth Road of 2006 and to the first eagerly awaited meeting with our almost neighbours Watford, in the Coca Cola Championship. Our commercial partners are joined today by a full house of matchday sponsors, including Joe Graham, Atlantic Contracts and CPD Distribution.

Happy New Year and enjoy the game

Peter



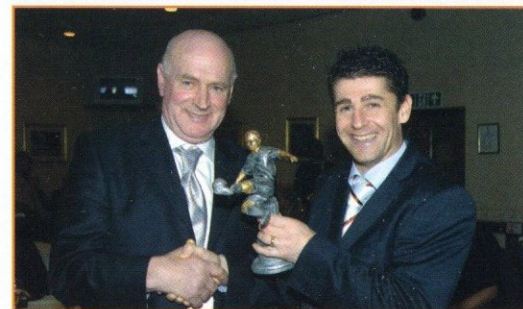
Commercial Mascot Charlie Borralho visits the dressing room prior to kick off



Match Sponsors Charlie O'Brien receiving his Sponsors Award from squad members



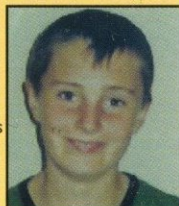
Matchball Sponsor Billy Popham of Decillion Financial Planning being presented with his Sponsors Awards



Man of the Match Steve Robinson receiving his trophy from Charlie O'Brien

COMMERCIAL MASCOT.....

It's with a warm welcome that we say good afternoon and a very happy birthday for the 4th January to Sean Flynn, who joins us today as commercial mascot. Although only almost ten years of age, this is Sean's 5th year as a season ticket holder and he is here today with his family, as well as guests of Grovemount Ltd his family's general building company. Living in Sandy and attending Gamlingay Village College, Sean's hobbies include Shotokan Karate, swimming, reading, as well as football. His favourite "Town" players are Ahmet Brkovic and Steve Robinson, both of which he will be meeting here today. We all hope that he and his family have a great day.



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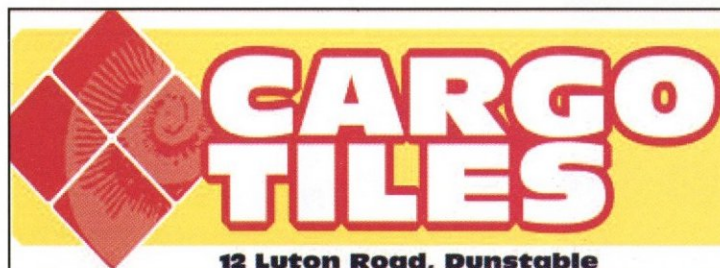
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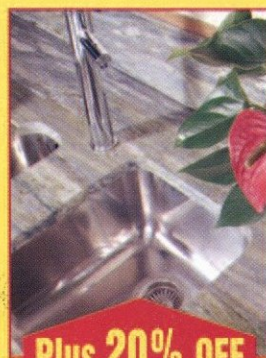
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TODAY'S MASCOT



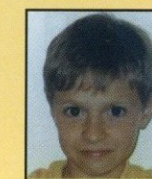
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Age: 8
School: St Margarets of Scotland
Favourite Hatter: Marlon Beresford
Hobbies: Football, Golf & Tennis
Where to you normally sit: Kenilworth Lower Tier



Match mascots are pictured with both team captains and officials prior to the Stoke match

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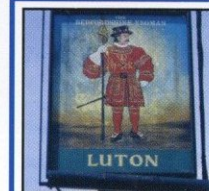
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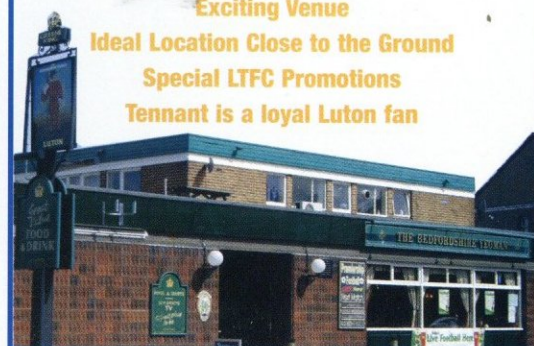
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2005/2006 Appearances

This Season								International App			Luton Town Career		
	League		Cup Competitions		Total		Disciplinary		Nation	Caps		App	Gls
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	Yel	Red			Gls		
1 Marlon BERESFORD	21	0	1	0	22	0	0	0	Rep Ire U21	1	0	80	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	17(3)	0	0	0	17(3)	0	2	0				103	5
3 Sol DAVIS	9(3)	0	2	0	11(3)	0	2	0				147	2
4 Chris COYNE	16(2)	0	2	1	18(2)	1	3	0				192	13
5 Russell PERRETT	6(2)	0	0(1)	0	6(3)	0	0	1				93	8
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	18(1)	0	0	0	18(1)	0	2	0	Trin & Tob	6	0	60	5
7 Carlos EDWARDS	19(4)	1	2	0	19(4)	1	1	0				25	1
8 Kevin NICHOLLS	19	4	2	0	21	4	5	1				173	30
9 Rowan VINE	5(5)	3	0	0	5(5)	3	1	0				60	12
10 Warren FEENEY	21(3)	6	2	1	23(3)	7	1	0				North Ire	1(4)
11 Steve ROBINSON	20	1	0	0	20	1	2	0	North Ire	(1)	0	128	9
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(18)	1	1	0	6(18)	1	0	0				96	16
17 Paul HUGHES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				88	7
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	22(1)	6	1	0	23(1)	6	2	0				173	33
19 Steve HOWARD	21(2)	8	1	0	22(2)	7	3	1	Rep Ire U21	1	0	207	96
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				41	1
23 Dean MORGAN	17(4)	5	2	0	19(4)	5	1	0				23	5
25 Dino SEREMET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				9	0
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	23(1)	1	0	0	23(1)	1	4	0	Finland	5	0	24	1
27 Peter HOLMES	11(4)	2	1(1)	0	12(5)	2	2	0				112	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: 28

HEADERS: 9

PENALTIES: 3

OWN GOALS: 1

FREE-KICKS: 0

TOTAL: 41

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 28 - W 9 - D 12 - L 7 - F 22 - A 15 PTS 39

SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 28 - W 8 - D 11 - L 9 - F 20 - A 23 PTS 35

OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 15

Opponents score first goal: 12

No goals scored: 1

Luton Town score first and win: 10

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: 2

Opponents score first and lose: 2

Opponents fail to score: 6

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 9

Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 20

Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 6

Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 10

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

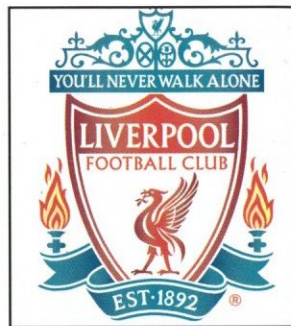
COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

TODAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

Crystal Palace v Leicester City
Coventry City v Wolves
Luton v Watford
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Norwich v Preston
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QPR v Burnley
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Luton Town welcomes the European Champions to Kenilworth Rd in the Third Round of the FA Cup. DES O'DONNELL looks ahead to the big game

It's been a while since the Reds have been in town with their last league visit in August 1991 ending in an uninspiring 0-0 draw. However a look at the history books suggests that Kenilworth Road could be set to stage an all time classic FA Cup encounter with our Premiership visitors currently at the top of their game and with ourselves riding high in the Championship.

Previous fixtures suggest that a high scoring games could be on the cards with 21 goals scored in our last eight meetings.

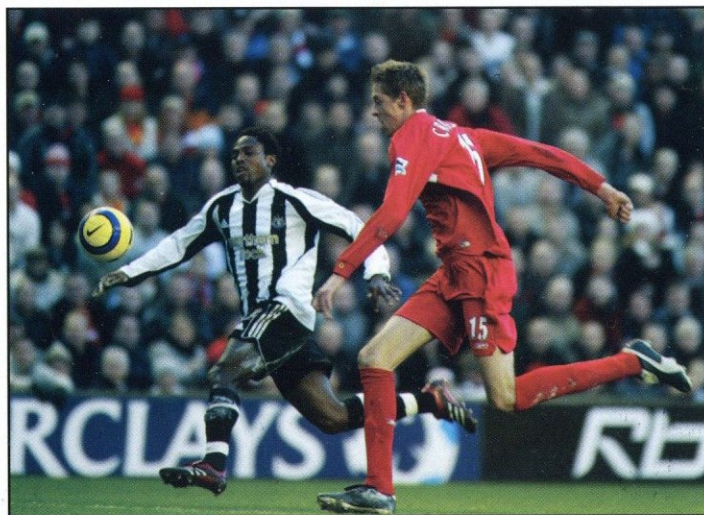
Our last meeting in the FA Cup became somewhat of an epic. In January 1987 Luton held Liverpool to a 0-0 draw at Kenilworth Road, which was followed by another 0-0 stalemate in the first replay at Anfield, with an additional 30 minutes of extra time still unable to separate the two teams. The second replay two days later became one of the more memorable matches in Luton's history with a convincing 3-0 win over Kenny Dalglish's men. The atmosphere was electric!

Mike Newell will be looking to repeat that feat this time round but will have his work cut out.

Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez has been credited with returning the club to their glory days of the past by helping the Reds collect their fifth European Champions title this summer, beating AC Milan on penalties in Istanbul. This trophy adds to an impressive list of 18 league titles, 7 league cups, 3 UEFA cups and 6 FA cups.

Liverpool's squad looks impressive. In goal is the Polish International keeper Jerzy Dudek, the hero of Istanbul, saving the final penalty from Shevchenko. The defence is marshalled by Finnish international Sami Hyypia, with England star Stevie Gerrard controlling the midfield. The strike force includes Peter Crouch, who signed from Southampton in the summer and former Real Madrid player Fernando Morientes, who has been bang in form after a relatively slow start to his career at Anfield.

Liverpool had a convincing 2-0 win on Boxing Day against Newcastle with both Gerrard and Crouch on the score sheet. Benitez will be looking to progress in the cup with the Reds strong favourites against The Hatters and one of the book-makers top tips to lift the trophy at the end of the season.



□ Peter Crouch is Liverpool's man in form.

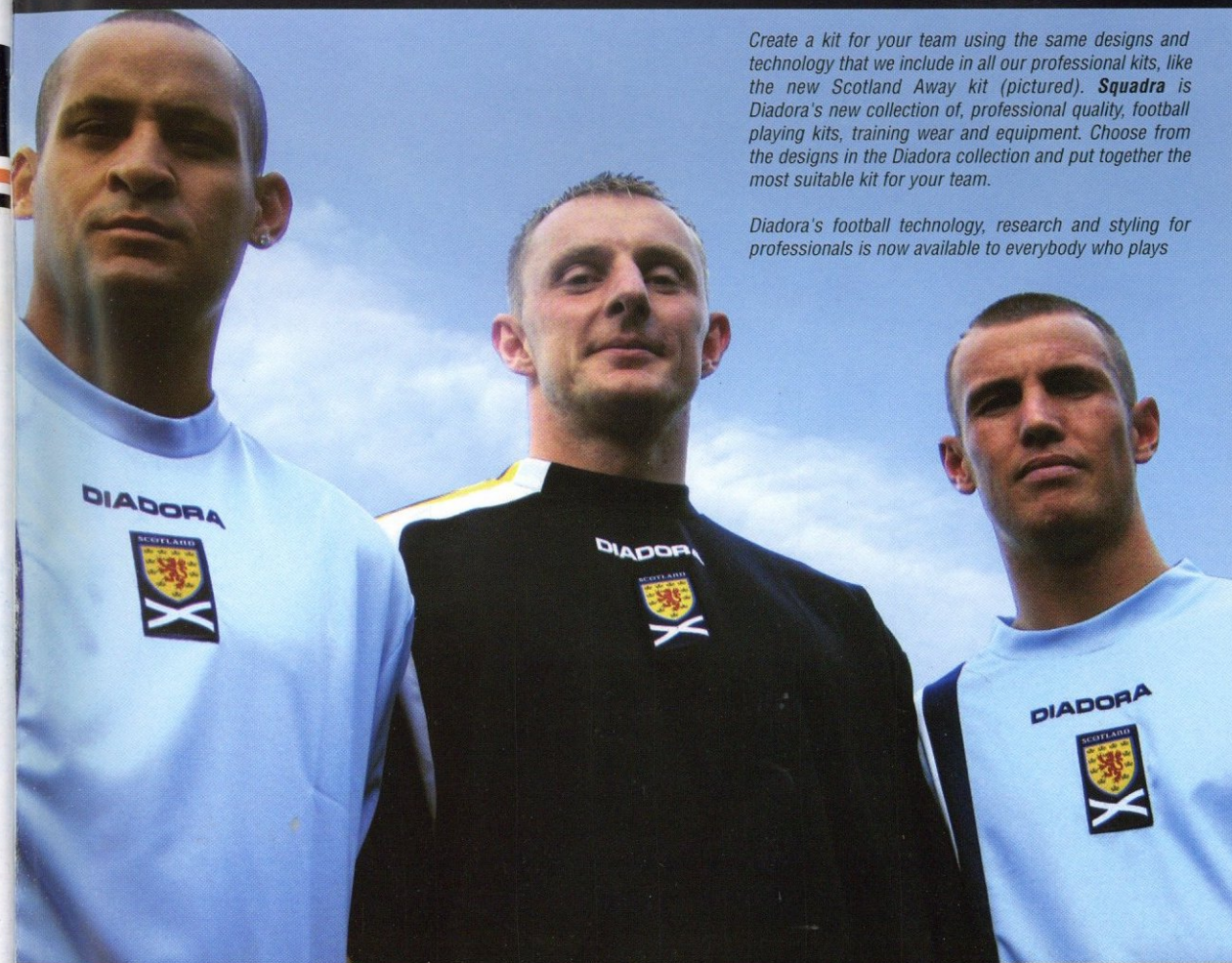
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