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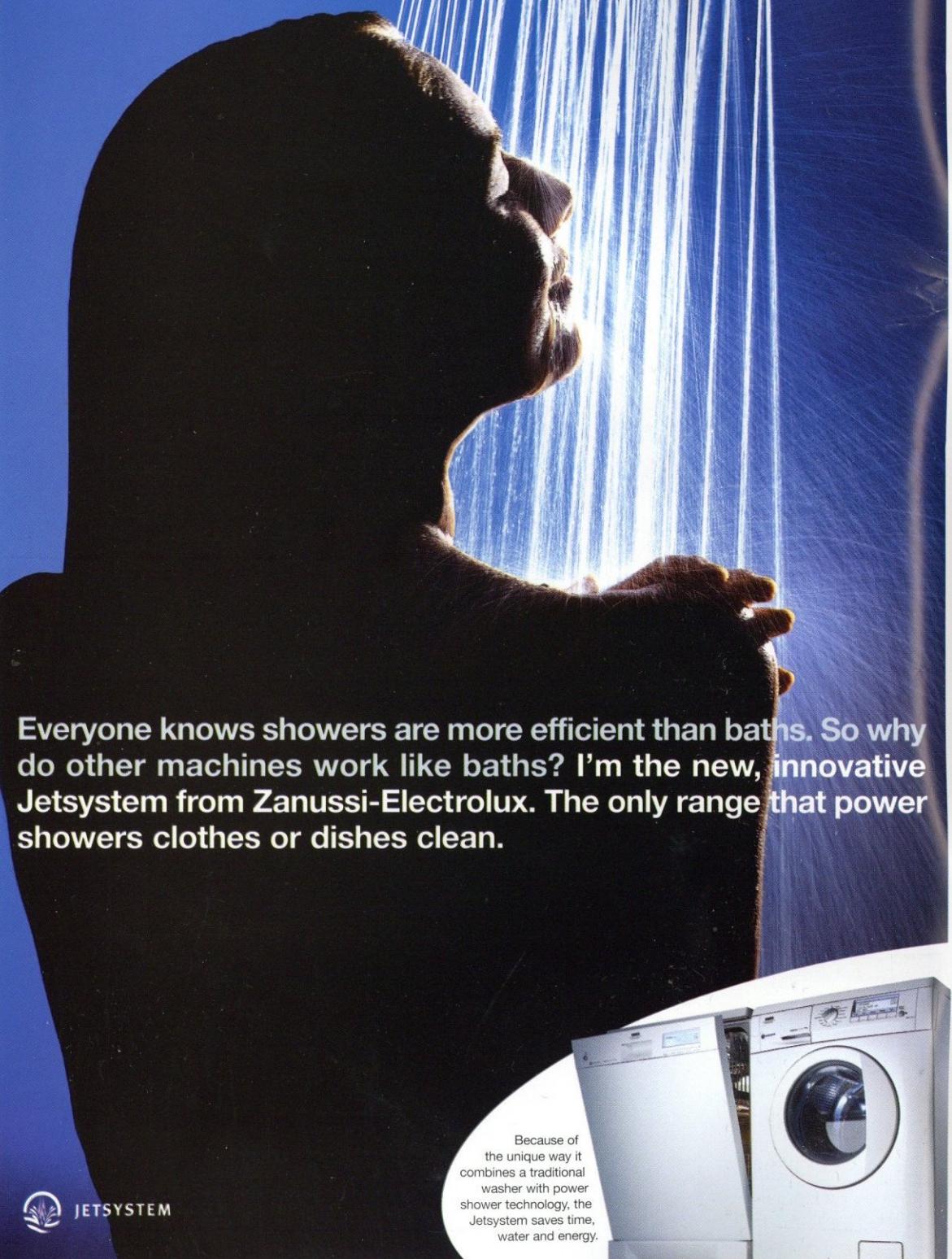
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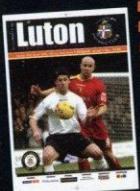
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Warm Welcome

From Luton Town
Chairman Bill Tomlins



games. We can only imagine how much it meant to them and I am sure it will be a special match for our own players today."

Many of those matches were also covered by television and today is no exception as we welcome the BBC's Match of the Day team with Gary Linker, Alan Hanson, Mark Lawerson, Ian Wright and commentator John Motson. We would also like to welcome Radio Five Live and their presenter Alan Green with David Pleat.

Last summer, our pre-season tournament in Bulgaria included playing CSKA Sofia, who turned out to be one of Liverpool's opponents in this season's European competition and certainly gave many of us an added interest to see Liverpool do well.

"This evening of course is a lot different, after all it is the FA Cup and anything is possible."

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads, your vocal support can make a difference.

Bill

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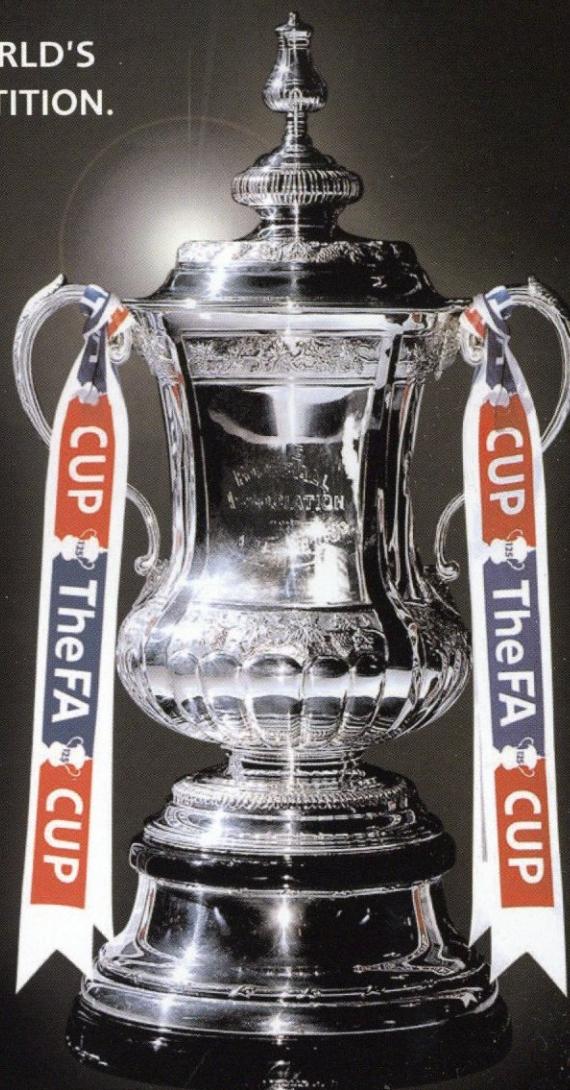
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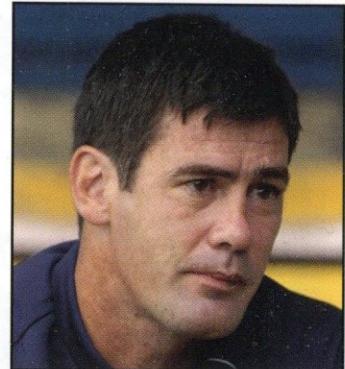
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Mike Newell



MIKE NEWELL looks ahead to today's big FA Cup game with Liverpool

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Liverpool. Welcome also to Raphael Benitez, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from Anfield. It is fantastic tie for us to be able to welcome the European Champions. Everybody at this club was proud of their achievements in May, representing English Clubs in Europe and for

Championship, in a game they deserved to win, means that we fully expect a very difficult game. It is the FA Cup however and you never know.

I would like to give my view on our game on Monday and my opinion of our visitors, their tactics and the way they apparently 'managed' the game in the second half but it would

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someone who was at the two Chelsea games and also travelled to Istanbul with family and friends, personally I could not have wished for anyone else when the draw was made.

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sound like sour grapes so I wont.

I have a belief in the way the game should be played. I also believe that the game in this country has a reputation for honesty and that is why it is so popular around the world. There is a great danger if the governing bodies and also officials don't get to grips with what has crept in

of late.

The long ball game and spoiling tactics are nothing new and are usually employed by teams or coaches with limited or less ability. Those tactics and teams will get results on occasions and sometimes over a longer period and they are entitled to play however they want, as long as it is within the rules. Blatant feigning of injury and time wasting to break up the game or a team's momentum must be addressed and eradicated. If it isn't you will eventually find every team joining in. People forget sometimes that supporters pay money to be entertained. Yes, results are important and so is success but fans aren't stupid and won't be kidding. They want endeavour and commitment but they also like to see their team play football. If you go to the cinema and see a crap film, you don't go back the next night and watch it again.

Sometimes clubs and managers take advantage of supporters loyalty and think they can serve up whatever they want. Call me naive but I will never be on of those.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads

Mike

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Kevin Nicholls



Skipper Kevin Nicholls looks ahead to today's game with Liverpool whilst also reflecting on previous defeats against Ipswich and Watford.

Reflecting back on our last two performances against Ipswich and Watford, we are bitterly disappointed that we have nothing to show for our efforts as we go into today's FA Cup encounter with Liverpool.

In particular, the game against Ipswich is a match that, we believe, we created enough chances to win. Having looked through the papers

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and websites the following morning, the statistics show that we had far more opportunities and were in control of the game for large periods.

Marlon made a few good saves but at the end of the day he has had to pick the ball out of his own net and we know we should have made more of our own chances.

It's obviously a big concern that we

are not scoring more frequently, especially away from home and we won't get as many chances this season like we did last year. We were playing with more fluency at the beginning of this season and maybe we are missing that at the moment.

We have been disappointed in the manner of the goals we have been conceding in recent away games and the matches against Southampton

moments after the restart we felt we had a chance to get ourselves back into the match. We failed to really find any momentum in the second half, which was particularly frustrating, but the tactics used by Watford was not the only reason why we lost the game. Although Watford's second goal was debatable, we never really created enough chances in the second half.

We can now turn our attentions to today's game and put our league aspirations to one side. Every Luton supporter has been looking forward to the visit of Liverpool today and we know to expect a fantastic atmosphere inside Kenilworth Road.

We all know how important the FA Cup is and the history of the competition. This will undoubtedly be the biggest FA Cup game that I have ever played in and the supporters can certainly play their part in this game. I have never really been involved in a 'shock' during this competition but everybody knows about the magic of the FA Cup.

Enjoy the game

Nico



Cherry Newbery

Cherry Newbery brings you news from around Kenilworth Road

What a tremendously busy week it has been here at the club, not only for the Manager and his team, but also for everyone behind the scenes. The commercial department with the organising of their executive packages, not only here but also with local hotels and coach companies. The maintenance and safety staff with all the preparations they

In order to accommodate the media we have had to use the Nick Owen Bar today and our thanks to the supporters who usually have the use this facility.

BBC Radio Five Live will today be transmitting full match commentary for "Sport on Five" with presenter Alan Green then staying on at Kenilworth Road to host the 606 phone in. We are delighted to have

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have had to make for the very welcome visit of BBC Television.

My office had only just got over the demands for the Watford match, when the press reporters, photographers and television requests started to flood in for today's match.

Alan and his team with us.

Supporters will have seen the very large television trucks that have taken up most of the Kenilworth forecourt and we would ask you to take great care when leaving the stadium after the match and we would apologise if your normal route of exiting is not immediately

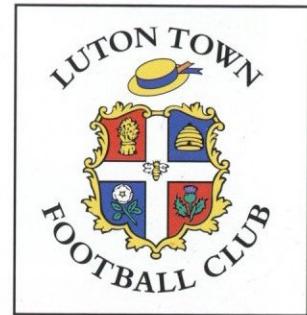
Enjoy the day, the game and get behind the team as always.

Cherry



Ticket News

Ticket News for forthcoming Luton Town fixtures



WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS V LUTON TOWN
FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY 2006
MOLINEUX, KICK-OFF 7:45PM

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.

Tickets are on general sale from today

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



LUTON TOWN V QUEENS PARK RANGERS
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



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

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SEASON TICKET HOLDERS: Will be able to purchase one ticket, per season ticket until close of business today.
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).

Prices are: West Stand Upper Adults £17.00, Over 60's £10.00, Juniors (under 16) £10.00

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

TICKET NEWS FOR FUTURE GAMES CAN BE FOUND ON THE CLUB'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE - WWW.LUTONTOWN.CO.UK
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Football in the Community Officer **STUART SMITH** brings us right up to date with the latest news from the department



Good afternoon and welcome to today's encounter with Liverpool. I would like to use today's page to run you through some of the soccer courses we have available throughout 2006.

BRAMINGHAM SATURDAY SOCCER SCHOOL (Freemans Ave' Luton)

There are four courses for children between the ages of 5 and 11 years. Coaching will start at 10am and finish at 11:30am.

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

JANUARY	14TH	21ST	28TH
FEBRUARY	4TH	11TH	18TH
MARCH	4TH	11TH	18TH

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

APRIL	22ND	29TH
MAY	6TH	13TH
JUNE	10TH	17TH
JULY	1ST	

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

SEPTEMBER	16TH	23RD	30TH
OCTOBER	7TH	14TH	21ST
NOVEMBER	4TH	11TH	18TH

The fourth will run for 10 weeks on the following dates in 2007:

JANUARY	20TH	27TH
FEBRUARY	3RD	10TH
MARCH	3RD	10TH

Payment for any one course is £3.00 per week or £30.00 for a block booking.

Payment for any two courses is £3.00 per week or £50.00 for a block booking.

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Payment for any four courses is £3.00 per week or £90.00 for a block booking

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The first will run for 12 weeks on the following dates in 2006:

APRIL	20TH	27TH
MAY	4TH	11TH
JUNE	8TH	15TH
JULY	6TH	13TH

The second will run for eight weeks on the following dates in 2006:

SEPTEMBER	7TH	14TH	21ST	28TH
OCTOBER	5TH	12TH	19TH	26TH

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Payment for both courses is £3.00 per week or £50.00 for a block booking.



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Stuart Smith

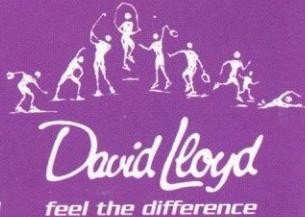


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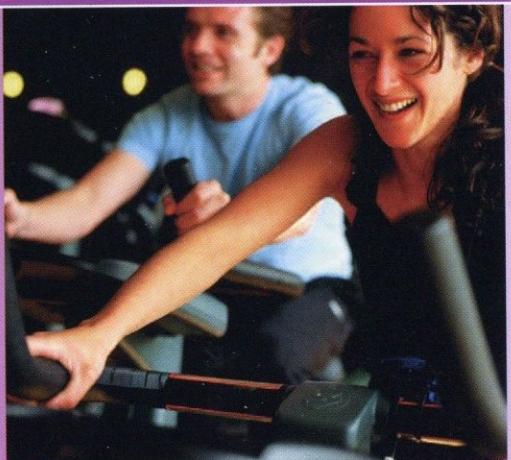


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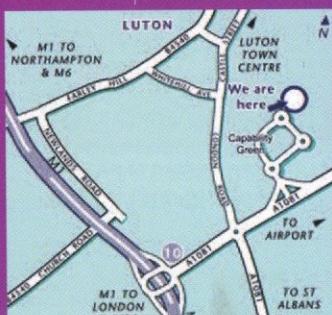
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LIVERPOOL

The European Champions are in town today and what a task for Mike Newell's team. Under the transformation of Raphael Benitez, Liverpool have rediscovered that form which may well lead them to become Premiership title contenders next season. **GILL FRY** introduces today's opponents



LIVERPOOL FACTFILE



LIVERPOOL FC

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Most League Appearances:
 Ian Callaghan, 640, 1960-78

Despite their narrow defeat in the FIFA Club World Championship against Sao Paulo, Liverpool's form in the Premiership has been nothing short of brilliance. The 2-0 win against Newcastle, which immediately followed the defeat against the Brazilians, stretched Liverpool's unbeaten league record to eight games with the defence solid throughout, keeping the same number of clean sheets. Since the win against Newcastle, Liverpool have gone on to beat their bitter rivals Everton whilst also squeezing past West Bromwich Albion thanks to a solitary goal from in-form striker Peter Crouch. And, despite their hectic schedule, the Reds managed to kick-off 2006 with an impressive point obtained at Bolton, which is never the easiest of places to go searching for maximum points.

It is the beauty of the FA Cup that one of

the giants of Premiership football has found themselves matched against Luton today. A boost to our income, this televised match is just the sort of the adrenaline-fuelled event to give Hatters fans a football treat.

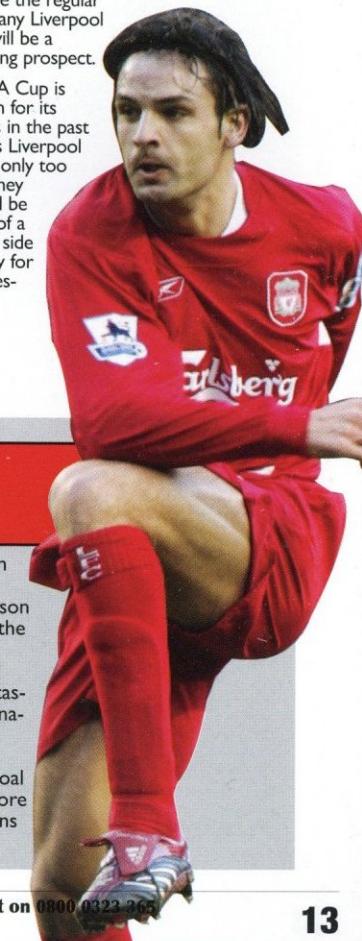
Under boss Raphael Benitez, defenders Jamie Carragher and Steve Finnan have shown excellent improvement and will challenge our own Warren Feeney and Steve Howard. In midfield, Steven Gerrard and Xabi Alonso's artistry will be a pleasure to watch, as will Spanish international Luis Garcia, who joined Anfield at the beginning of the 2004 season, finishing as joint highest goal scorer. There is also the talented Aussie international, Harry Kewell, who has been on ever improving form over the Christmas period. No doubt Liverpool's midfield will test the abilities of our own boys but Gerrard, who'll grace

the fields of Germany next June, faces a tantalising battle against our own skipper, Kevin Nichols.

Up front, Crouch will be an obvious danger in and out of the penalty area, with his aerial flair and ability on the ball meaning Marlon Beresford is likely to have a busy afternoon, especially as the former Southampton striker is enjoying his best spell since at the club since arriving from Anfield. Crouch will also face our own international level player in Luton's Carlos Edwards; a prelude to next summer as Trinidad and Tobago play England in the opening groups.

There is the likely-hood that Benitez could rest some of his major players today but with the strength of squad at his disposal outside the regular team, any Liverpool side will be a daunting prospect.

The FA Cup is known for its upsets in the past and, as Liverpool know only too well, they should be wary of a Luton side hungry for progression.



Dangerman: Fernando Morientes

Rafael Benitez secured the signing of Spanish international striker Fernando Morientes in January 2005 from Real Madrid. Benitez has long been an admirer of Morientes and the striker is certainly world class with the ability to score goals at any level. On loan in season 2003/04 at Monaco he was the top scorer in the Champions League with nine goals as the French side reached the final only to lose to Jose Mourinho's Porto. Amongst the nine Champions League goals Morientes scored for Monaco, two came against ironically Real Madrid followed by another effort against Chelsea in the semi-final. Morientes has a fantastic international scoring record too for Spain. He made quite an impression on his international debut when he scored twice in the first five minutes of the win over Sweden in 1998. Morientes started his career with Real Zaragoza where he scored 28 goals in 66 games. He continued this form after moving to Madrid in July 1997, averaging almost a goal every other game in the championship-winning team of 2000/01. None, however, was more celebrated than his strike in the 3-0 win against Valencia CF in the 2000 UEFA Champions League final.



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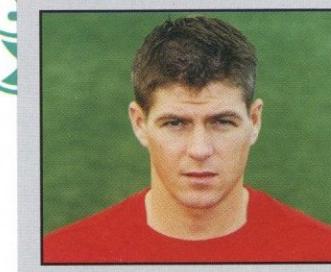
Raphael Benitez

Raphael Benitez began his playing career for Real Madrid in 1974. After seven years he had still to play in the first team and so moved on to the Spanish lower divisions. Having retired from playing in 1986 Benitez returned to the Bernabau as a coach, progressing from the youth team to the 'B' team until Vicente Del Bosque, the oft-hired Real head coach, took him on as his assistant. Taking charge of Valladolid in 1995, Benitez was dismissed after 23 games with his team rooted to the bottom of the Primera Liga. Moving to Osasuna in the Spanish second division a year later, his reign was even shorter - just nine games that included one victory. After he joined Extremadura in 1997 Benitez's fortunes improved and his team gained promotion to the Primera Liga after recording 23 wins in 42 matches. Unfortunately, Extremadura were relegated a season later and Benitez took a coaching sabbatical in Italy and England. On his return to Spain in 2000, he won promotion to the Primera Liga with Tenerife. When Hector Cuper left Valencia to coach Inter Milan in 2001, Benitez was the successful choice to succeed him. Assembling a dynamic, technically-gifted side - built around the talents of Argentinian playmaker Aimar - Benitez masterminded Valencia's first championship for 31 years. A fifth-place finish in the 2002-03 season was quickly forgotten when Benitez delivered a championship and Uefa Cup double in 2004. Similar to Jose Mourinho, after his success with Porto in 2004, Benitez felt he had taken his team as far as it could go and when Liverpool approached him to take over from Gerard Houllier in June it proved too tempting a challenge to resist. Benitez's tenure at Liverpool has so far seen him attempt to bed in the philosophies at Anfield that proved so successful at Valencia.



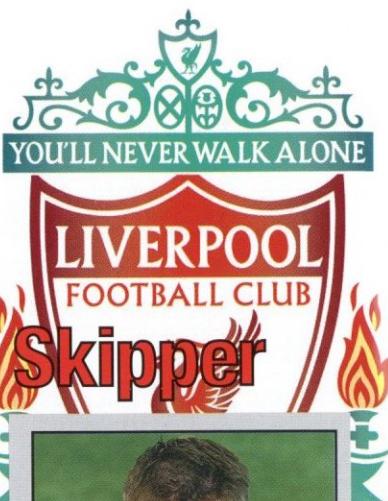
Jose Manuel Reina

Rafael Benitez secured the capture of who he describes as the best goalkeeper in Spain in the form of Jose Manuel Reina from Villarreal, in July 2005. Reina, who prefers to be known as Pepe, had a fantastic 2004/05 season for Villarreal as they finished third in La Liga and Reina kept the fourth best defensive record in La Liga. He is also pretty useful at saving penalties as last season for Villarreal he saved seven out of nine spot kicks faced. Although he was born in Madrid, Reina started his career playing for Barcelona. He played at Anfield in the 2001 UEFA Cup semi-final when he was beaten by a solitary Gary McAllister penalty. Jose Reina is well known to Liverpool's goalkeeper coach Jose Ochotorena as he is also Spain's goalkeeping coach. Reina was called up to the national team for the first time in 2005.



Steven Gerrard

Steven Gerrard is the driving force of the team and when he is on the top of his game Liverpool more than usually win. He signed a new four year contract in the summer of 2005 and put an end to the speculation about his future. Gerrard had a superb personal 2003/04 season winning the Liverpool Supporters Player of the Year award and Liverpoolfc.tv website award by some distance. A boyhood Liverpool fan, Gerrard is living the dream of playing for his team and is considered by many to be the complete midfield player. Tough tackling and with great passing vision, Gerrard is also capable of scoring spectacular goals. As well as collecting winner's medals in the Worthington Cup (twice), FA Cup and UEFA Cup, Gerrard also picked up the PFA Young Player of the Year award in 2001. Gerrard made his Reds debut in November 1998 as a second half substitute for Vegard Heggem against Blackburn. His full debut came in the UEFA Cup against Celta Vigo and despite the Reds losing on the night, Gerrard's outstanding performance belied his tender years. It was Anfield legend Kevin Keegan who handed Gerrard his England debut and the midfielder scored his first goal for his country in Munich with a magnificent strike from 25-yards in the 5-1 win over Germany in September 2001.



Defenders

Steve Finnian

Republic of Ireland international Steve Finnian had a superb 2004/05 season under the management of Rafael Benitez and was a model of consistency. Finnian became Gerard Houllier's first summer signing ahead of the 2003-2004 season, when after much speculation he arrived from Fulham. Finnian is an attacking right back and a superb defender. He played in the 2005 Champions League final against AC Milan before injury forced him off at half-time. Finnian started his career at non-league Welling before moving into league football with Birmingham under Barry Fry and Notts County.

Sami Hyypia

Finnish international centre half Sami Hyypia has been an inspired signing for the Reds and is widely regarded as one of the best centre halves in Europe. Hyypia formed an instant rapport with fellow centre back Stephane Henchoz and their partnership at the back was a key part of Gerard Houllier's team. Now he plays alongside Jamie Carragher and the pair have a very good understanding together. Hyypia is strong in the air and reads the game well and is a big favourite with the Kop.

Djimi Traore

Djimi Traore has had a new lease of life under Rafael Benitez and since returning from a pre-season injury has been a regular member of the team, and played in the Champions League triumph over AC Milan. Everton wanted to sign him at the start of the season but Benitez was having none of it and saw Traore as an important player to have in his squad. After establishing himself as a very capable centre half during the 2002/03 season when he deputised for the injured Stephane Henchoz, Traore fell out of favour with Gerard Houllier in 2003/04 and spent most of the time in the reserve team. Traore has been used as a left back by Rafa Benitez and it is a role that he has done well in.

Jamie Carragher

If there's one player you can guarantee will give you 100 per cent every game and epitomise the Liverpool spirit it is Jamie Carragher. One of the first names on the team sheet Carragher doesn't get the headlines like a Steven Gerrard or Xabi Alonso, but he does a job and does a very good one at that. The defensive side of his game is brilliant and the attacking side has really improved, and he can play either full back position or centre half. He is an excellent marker and a fine tackler with a fantastic will to win attitude. Carragher was Liverpool's Player of the Season for 2004/05 and was a major part of the team that won the Champions League, Liverpool's fifth European Cup.

Midfielders

John Arne Riise

John Arne Riise became Liverpool's first signing during the 2001 summer break when he completed a 4 million move from Monaco. In his debut season Riise quickly settled and his first goal for the Reds couldn't have been more dramatic, as he scored the first in a 3-2 win over Bayern Munich to help Liverpool win the Super Cup at his old ground in Monaco! Another highlight was his stunning free-kick in the 3-1 win over Manchester United at Anfield in November which left the Kop asking 'How did he score that goal?' Riise also won an award back home in his native Norway when he was named 'Athlete of the Year 2001'.

Harry Kewell

Boyhood Liverpool fan Harry Kewell fulfilled a dream when he joined the Anfield club in July 2003 from Premiership rivals Leeds United. Gerard Houllier fought hard to secure the services of the Australian international who he felt would add more flair, width and imagination to the Liverpool team. His debut season at Anfield was mixed. He settled in well and scored 11 goals but the second half of the season from January 2004 onwards he was playing through the pain barrier with an injured ankle. Since then Kewell has suffered injury problems which have hampered his progress at Anfield.

Javier Luis Garcia

Rafael Benitez secured the exciting capture of Luis Garcia from Barcelona in August 2004 and he had a good first season finishing as joint top scorer with 13 goals. Garcia scored some vital goals in the Champions League and hit five as Liverpool won a fifth European Cup. He scored one of the goals of the season with a magnificent strike against Juventus in the 2-1 win at Anfield. Garcia, who can play right or left wing, just off the striker and as a main striker, is no stranger to Rafael Benitez having played under the Reds boss at Tenerife. He is an exciting talent who can beat defenders, set up goals as well as score them and Rafael Benitez has certainly pulled off a coup to bring him to Anfield.

Xabi Alonso

Highly rated midfield playmaker Xabi Alonso returned from a serious injury in April 2005 and played a major role in the Champions League win over Juventus. Alonso made a terrible start to 2005 when he broke his ankle on New Year's Day but three months later he was back, and scored in the Champions League final win over AC Milan. Alonso arrived at Liverpool from Real Sociedad for a fee in the region of 10.5 million in August 2004. He settled quickly and has been an instant favourite with the fans. During his time with Real Sociedad Alonso was seen as one of the most promising central midfielders in La Liga. He has vision, is comfortable on the ball and can score goals.

Strikers

Peter Crouch

England striker Peter Crouch became Rafael Benitez's sixth signing of the summer when he joined Liverpool from Southampton in July 2005, signing a four-year contract. Standing at six foot seven Crouch is a tall striker who is good in the air but is also pretty decent on the ground as well. He can hold the ball up and bring others into play and he certainly lets defenders know they have been in a game. During Southampton's 2-0 win over Liverpool at St Mary's Stadium in January 2005 Crouch scored and gave Jamie Carragher one of the toughest tests he has faced. Rafael Benitez is a great admirer of Crouch and he was his number one target on a list of potential arrivals at Anfield in the summer of 2005.

Djibril Cisse

Record signing Djibril Cisse made an amazing recovery from a broken leg and returned to action in April 2005, in time to score a vital penalty in the Champions League shoot-out win over AC Milan. Liverpool smashed their transfer record when they paid more than 14 million for French ace Djibril Cisse in July 2004. Cisse had been tracked by the Reds for more than two years and finally signed in at Anfield after deciding to bring his career with Auxerre to an end. Regarded as one of the top strikers in Europe, the speedy striker had awful luck on signing for the Reds when he broke his leg during the match at Blackburn on October 30th 2004.



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Classic Match

ROGER WASH takes a look at a classic encounter between the Hatters and today's opponents Liverpool



□ The Luton Town team that took on mighty Liverpool in 1920.

The Town were not enjoying the best of times in the Southern League in 1919/20 and prayed for a good run in the FA Cup to keep the spectator interest going.

After seeing off Brighton in the sixth qualifying round the Hatters were drawn at home to Coventry City of Football League Division Two at Kenilworth Road. A healthy crowd of 10,054 witnessed a thrilling 2-2 draw but in fairness did not give their heroes much chance of winning through in the replay.

Amazingly, given the state of the Town's season, the away side took the lead in the 12th minute when Sid Hoar, receiving the ball in a seemingly offside position, took the ball down the wing before centring accurately to Ernie Simms who slammed the ball home to stun the crowd of 21,893.

It was now a case of hanging on, which they did with ease as full backs Jack Elvey and John Dunn buttoned up the Coventry wingers. If Simms had realised that time was on his side he could have sewn the match up long before the end when one on one with the goalkeeper but he rushed the chance.

Cup fever now hit the streets of Luton when it was learned that First Division Liverpool, losing finalists in 1914, were to be the visitors to Kenilworth Road.

A record crowd of 12,640 was present on a wet day to see the Town almost take the lead in the first minute. A clearance by Liverpool's Don McKinlay cannoned off one of his fellow defenders into the area where a mass free for all developed before the ball was hacked clear.

Dunn was cautioned by the referee for

fouling Billy Lacey for the third time in as many minutes before the Liverpool man got his own back when heading home a Jackie Sheldon corner in the tenth minute. Soon after Luton goalkeeper Percy Summers, who had fainted in the bath after being kicked on the head in the first Coventry tie, showed he had fully recovered when tipping a fierce Harry Lewis shot on to the bar.

Liverpool managed to hold the Town at arms length for the remainder of the half as the heavens opened but in the second period the rain clouds lifted and the weather changed into bright sunshine.

The game then hinged on a crucial decision by the referee. Sid Hoar scored direct from a corner with the goalkeeper and defenders all shielding their eyes from the bright sun. The Town players all felt that Kenneth Campbell in the Liverpool goal had touched the ball but the referee thought otherwise and disallowed the effort. If the same move had happened seven years later then the goal would have stood but in 1920 a corner-kick was regarded as an indirect free-kick!

The disallowed goal seemed to knock the stuffing out of the Town and when Lacey netted again with twenty minutes left the game was over. Liverpool went on to the quarter-finals where they were knocked out by Huddersfield.

Luton: Summers, Elvey, Dunn, Urwin, Rutherford, Parker, Hoar, Roe, Simms, Dodd, Bookman.

Liverpool: Campbell, Longworth, McKinlay, Bamber, Wadsworth, Bromilow, Sheldon, Lacey, Miller, Lewis, Pearson.

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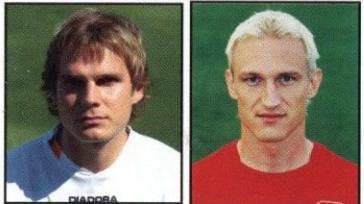
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Match Guide

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

Head 2 Head



Markus Heikkinen v Sami Hyypia

International team-mates Markus Heikkinen and Sami Hyypia will be going head-to-head in today's FA Cup encounter. The Finnish pair have enjoyed excellent seasons with their respective clubs and both will play vital roles in today's match.

Heikkinen has been a revelation at the heart of Luton's midfield and has quickly become a key player in Mike Newell's squad. The centre-half signed from Aberdeen in the summer and found the back of the net in our recent win over Crystal Palace. His presence in and around the penalty area may cause some problems to Liverpool's defence.

Meanwhile Hyypia is widely regarded as one of the best centre halves in Europe and is very strong in the air. Hyypia formed an instant rapport with fellow centre back Stephane Henchoz and their partnership at the back was a key part of Gerard Houllier's team. Now he plays alongside Jamie Carragher and the pair have a very good understanding together. Hyypia is a firm favourite with the Liverpool crowd and has gone on to make over 300 appearances for the club since signing in May 1999.

Luton hold an impressive record over



Steve Foster and Alan Hansen line-up before our first cup tie in January 1987.

A look back at the history books shows some interesting results between today's two sides with so many from a Luton perspective that will undoubtedly go down as 'classic' matches.

It's difficult to know exactly where to start but one of the most famous Luton victories against Liverpool must have been the 4-1 success in 1986 in which Mike Newell scored a memorable hat-trick. That victory set-up a four game winning streak that saw the Hatters move into the top five of Division One.

The national media have previewed today's game by looking back over Luton's 1987 FA Cup Third Round replay success when Newell, and First Team Coach Brian Stein both hitting the net in a 3-0 victory.

Liverpool hold an impressive record over

the Hatters and John Aldridge is another player to have scored a hat-trick in fixtures between the two sides when, in 1989, Luton were hit for five at Anfield.

The Hatters have a dour record at Anfield having never won on Merseyside. A classic trip to Anfield for Luton supporters was in 1982 when Liverpool scored against three different goalkeepers to secure a 3-3 draw.

Luton came within 15 minutes of securing a win at Anfield in 1990 when Kingsley Black and Kurt Nogan, on his debut for the club, both scored before Steve Nicol hit an equaliser to earn a point in a 2-2 draw.

The bookmakers understandably make Liverpool the firm favourites this evening but the magic of the FA Cup could undoubtedly tell a different story.

LAST FIVE MEETINGS:

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Luton 0 Liverpool 0, Division One, 24/08/1991
Luton 3 Liverpool 1, Division One, 23/02/1991
Liverpool 4 Luton 0, Division One, 10/11/1990
Liverpool 2 Luton 2, Division One, 13/01/1990



FORM GUIDE

Luton: L,D,W,L,L
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Bolton 2 Liverpool 2
Ipswich 1 Luton 0
Liverpool 1 West Brom 0
Everton 1 Liverpool 3
Derby County 1 Luton 1
Luton 2 Stoke 3

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Bolton 2 Liverpool 2
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HEAD 2 HEAD

Luton Wins: 7
(6 league, 1 cups)
Liverpool Wins: 16
(13 league, 3 cups)
Draws: 12





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Match Action

Despite enjoying the majority of the possession and creating a number of worthwhile opportunities, Luton slipped to defeat against Ipswich. STEVEN DOVE reports from Portman Road.

IPSWICH TOWN 1 LUTON 0



□ Ahmet Brkovic goes close at Portman Road

Luton failed to finish 2005 on high as Ian Westlake scored the only goal of the game to help give Ipswich all three points at Portman Road.

But the talking point of a highly entertaining encounter was Andy D'Urso's decision to rule out a goal by Steve Howard late in the second-half that would have probably helped seal a valuable point.

The Essex official has had a tendency to frustrate the Hatters whenever he has officiated Luton games having twice sent-off Howard in previous matches. And he was at the centre of Luton's frustrations once again when a seemingly good goal was ruled out.

The visitors will have not been happy with the goal which saw them slip to

their ninth away defeat of the season with Westlake nipping behind the Luton defence to notch his second goal of the season.

Luton created a number of good opportunities throughout the game and Warren Feeney, Rowan Vine, Ahmet Brkovic and Carlos Edwards all went close for the visitors before the half-time whistle.

The home side should have made the breakthrough on 38 minutes when Fabian Wilnis was denied by a smart save from Beresford.

However, Ipswich took maximum points with Westlake's second of the season beating Beresford at his near-post

LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



IPSWICH'S STARTING LINE-UP

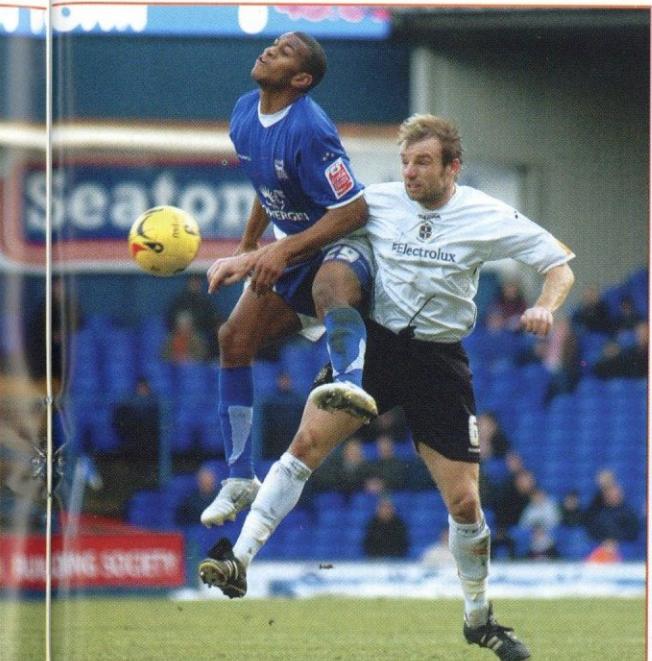


MATCH FACTS

	ipswich	luton
Goals :	1	0
Possession :	52%	48%
On Target :	6	5
Off Target :	4	8
Corners :	3	7
Fouls :	9	21
Most Fouls :	Bodwitch (7)	Nicholls (7)
Yellow Cards :	0	2
Red Cards :	0	0
Scorers :	Westlake (69)	



□ Enoch Showunmi shields the ball from Richard Naylor



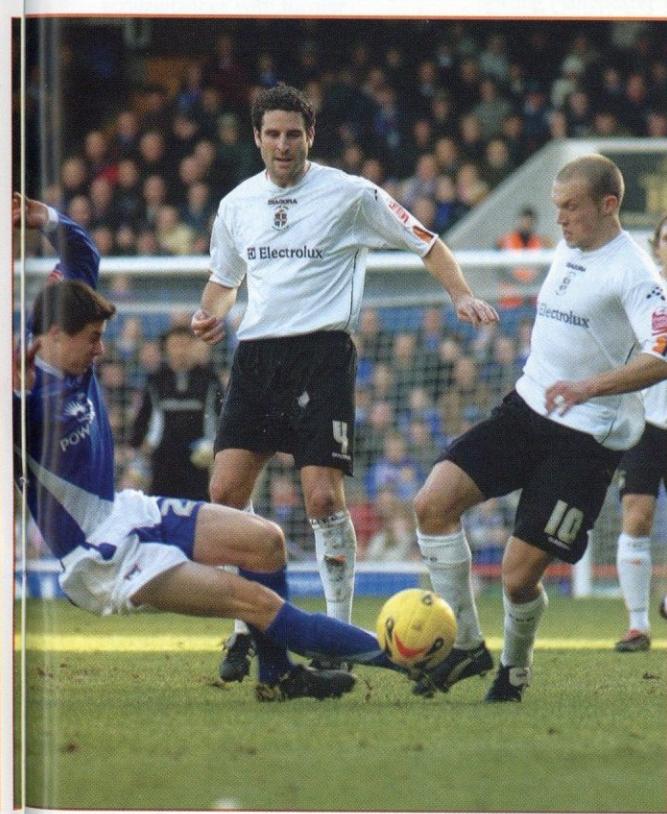
□ Paul Underwood tries to get the better of Danny Haynes



□ Markus Heikkinen clears the danger



□ Carlos Edwards fires a shot towards the Luton goal



□ Warren Feeney tries to mount a Luton attack



□ Kevin Nicholls in the thick of the action



FA Cup Review

GERARD BUTLER looks back at which teams were hitting the headlines in the Second Round of the FA Cup.

Twenty intriguing ties made up the Second Round, some only settled after nerve-jangling replays. The result of the round belonged to Tamworth, one of a dwindling breed of Conference National sides who are still part-time. They proved their first round success at AFC Bournemouth was no fluke, as they won 2-1 at another League One side, Hartlepool United. Jake Edwards had put the visiting Lambs ahead, and dreams of a third round berth became even closer when Matt Redmile netted a minute after the break. Chris Llewellyn soon pulled a goal back for United, but the visitors held on. Conference

National Stevenage Borough held Northampton Town to a 2-2 draw. George Boyd took little time to put the home side ahead, but Pedj Bojic got the Cobblers back into the tie on 66 minutes. They appeared to have snatched the win as Scott McGleish converted a spot-kick with nine minutes left, but, almost instantly, Anthony Elding equalised. McGleish's quickfire double just before the break saw the Cobblers win the replay 2-0.

The other notable shock was Nottingham Forest's 3-0 loss at League Two Chester City, as Forest's miserable away record continued,

and they didn't help themselves when Gary Holt saw red after 37 minutes. Ryan Lowe broke the deadlock from the spot in the 39th minute, and added the second just after the break. Marcus Richardson wrapped up an impressive triumph with 54 minutes played. All of the other games went pretty much to form, though. Walsall saw off their League One counterparts Yeovil Town 2-0. Matt Fryatt broke the deadlock and Jorge Leitao nullified any late jitters with the second. Milton Keynes won 2-1 at fading Southend United; the visitors easing ahead through Izale McLeod's penalty, and though conceding a Fredy Eastwood leveller, bouncing back to win the game through Gary Smith on 70 minutes. Two other games between League One sides went to replays including Brentford versus Oldham Athletic. Andy Liddell had edged the Latics ahead with a 56th minute penalty, but Sam Sodje replied eight minutes later. Lloyd Owusu settled the replay with a 77th minute goal, as Brentford won 1-0 and the Latics had Gareth Owen dismissed four minutes before the decisive moment. The Yorkshire derby at Oakwell finished 1-1 as well. Barnsley scored first; Paul Hayes netting, but Richard Edghill gave Bradford City another chance with nine minutes to spare. The return game was somewhat more open as Andy Cooke put City into the lead, but Paul Hayes and Paul Reid gave the Tykes the advantage by the hour mark. Mark Bower then pulled the hosts level, and then they



Tamworth players celebrate their FA Cup win over Hartlepool

led 3-2 through David Wetherall. Hayes replied after 77 minutes, and Martin Devaney's extra time double saw the visitors progress 5-3.

Games between League One and Two are often a source of minor upsets, but only Bristol Rovers had a chance to emulate Chester's conquering of Forest. They had gone close in the first game as Ali Gibb had edged the Pirates in front but Vale plundered a replay with five minutes to spare as recent signing Leon Constantine levelled. Chris Birchall ensured they made the most of the second chance with the only goal of the replay in the 21st minute. All of the other higher ranked sides went through at the first attempt. Colchester United won 2-1 at Shrewsbury Town; Jamie Cureton breaking the deadlock after 22 minutes, and though Dave Edwards made it all square in first half stoppage time, Chris Iwelumo bagged the winner five minutes into the second half. Boston United renewed acquaintances with former Conference rivals Doncaster Rovers, who, after their Carling Cup exploits, were cast as favourites for once. They justified this tag thanks to a Dave Mulligan brace in the 28th and 57th minutes, although the Pilgrims netted in stoppage time through Ben Futcher.

The games between League Two outfits were keenly fought, as Leyton Orient, with one of the best away records in the country, made no mistake at Rushden & Diamonds as Lee Steele's 65th minute goal earned a 1-0 away win. Local rivals Cheltenham Town and Oxford United cancelled each other out; Town had struck first through Steve Guinan, but an equaliser by Eric Sabin meant a return local derby. Town came out on top at the Kassam Stadium, as Kayode Odejayi opened the scoring, and though Steve Basham levelled, Brian Wilson netted the 78th minute winner. Basement side Torquay United might have been surprised to edge out Notts County at the first attempt, but Tony Bedeau's double ensured that's what happened, after Lewis McMahon had earlier levelled for the Magpies. Conference National Burton Albion eased by Unibond Premier League side Burscough 4-1;



Nuneaton Borough's Neil Moore celebrates his goal in the win over Histon

the postponed game seeing its crowd swelled by the prospect of hosting Manchester United in the next round. Keith Gilroy wasted no time in reducing chances of an upset by scoring the opener inside eight minutes, and Darren Stride made it two by the 16th minute. Gilroy all but sealed the tie in the 37th minute, and though David Eaton pulled a goal back, Shaun Harrad wrapped up a convincing victory. Woking, of Conference National, and Northwich Victoria, among the frontrunners of the North division, played out a 0-0 draw, and met again in Cheshire. Stuart Elliott and Paul Brayson, who also missed a penalty, ensured the Vics won 2-1; Steve Ferguson on target for the visiting Cards.

The fourth Non-League participant is the Vics' fellow North side Nuneaton Borough. Boro' shared a 2-2 home draw with Nationwide South Histon, with Matty Collins putting the Boro ahead with 34 minutes played, but Jamie Barker wiping out the advantage a minute later. Nathaniel Knight-Percival put the visitors ahead on 43 minutes, but a 51st minute penalty from Brian Quailey restored parity. Robert Oddy and a stoppage time winner from Neil Moore saw Nuneaton win the away replay 2-1, after Colin Vowden had earlier equalised. A

quartet of other Non-League sides may have wondered what might have been, as they fell to tight defeats. Indeed, Grays Athletic, chasing the Conference National title, and Hereford United, play-off hopefuls in the same division, were seen by favourites against their struggling League Two opponents. Instead Grays lost out 3-0 at Mansfield Town, never recovering from the early double blow of Richie Barker's twelfth minute opener, and the harsh dismissal, within two minutes, of Andy Sambrook. Barker went on to add another from the spot and Adam Birchall settled it. Hereford United lost 2-0 at home to Stockport County, who went in front on just two minutes through Jermaine Easter and booked their place in the next round through Mickael Wolski's 56th minute goal. However, being reduced to ten men didn't stop Huddersfield Town's progress at the expense of Worcester City from the Conference National; although Danny Schofield saw red, Chris Brandon's goal just after the hour proved enough as the Terriers won 1-0. Improving Aldershot Town proved a test for League One promotion chasers Scunthorpe United, but, again, a single goal was enough as Andrew Keogh found the net in the 13th minute.



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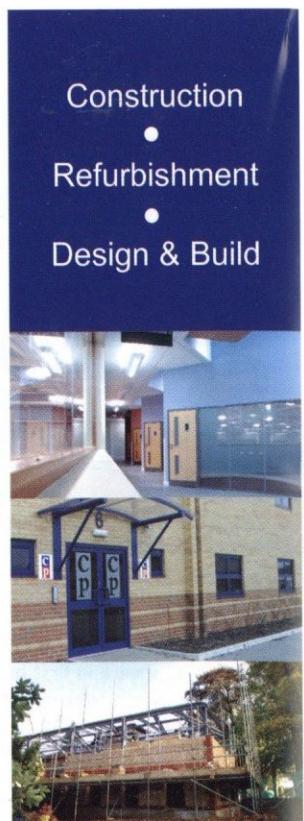
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Welcoming The BBC

Luton Town talk to former Chelsea defender Graeme Le Saux, who is now part of the BBC Sport team that will be presenting a live broadcast from Kenilworth Road

Graeme Le Saux, who recently joined the BBC as part of their football broadcast team, is looking forward to commenting on The FA Cup. Taking part in The Cup was something he loved as a player.

"My favourite memory of playing in The FA Cup was the Final in 2002, when Chelsea took on Arsenal. It was the first time I had played in a Final and even

an ankle injury, so I ran the players' pool for that one and we donated all the press money for interviews to a local hospital. It really felt like we were giving something back to the community and it helped with the team spirit for the occasion – it is great that The FA Cup can give players a chance to do this sort of thing.

"In Jersey you could often feel distant

“My favourite Cup Final was the 1979 final when Arsenal beat Manchester United. I was only ten but I really remember it – it was such a close Final. It was these kind of games that made me want to play football”

though we lost I really enjoyed it. It was an amazing occasion and both set of supporters were great. There was some solace in being beaten by a team who scored two such great goals. Chelsea were gracious in defeat – Arsenal deserved to win.

"I had been unable to play in Chelsea's previous FA Cup Final (when they beat Aston Villa 1-0 in 2000) because I had

"My favourite Cup Final was the 1979 final when Arsenal beat Manchester United. I was only ten but I really remember it – it was such a close Final. It was these kind of games that made me want to play football. My dad tells me the first time I said I was going to be a footballer was when I was watching an FA Cup Final.

"In 1997 when Chelsea won the Cup Final I was on my stag-do with many Chelsea supporters. We watched it in a bar in Paris. Soon after that I signed for Chelsea again.

"This year I am looking forward to commenting on the Cup. It has a huge history and tradition, and since I have started working in broadcasting I have realised how important TV is in the build up to the Final. It is wonderful to have an opportunity to do my bit! I can't wait for it to kick off."

For 2005-06 the BBC will have live coverage of a first and second round FA Cup game, live coverage of three matches per round from the third round onwards, the pick of the Semi-Final games live and, of course, live coverage of the Final itself.



1938
1939

Roger Wash

From the 1938-39 season, ROGER WASH looks back at a year when the Town just missed out on promotion to the top flight for the first time in their history. They also enjoyed a first ever trip to Anfield in the F.A.Cup.

During the close season of 1938 Neil McBain, who had only been at Kenilworth Road a few months as chief scout, was appointed to the manager's position to replace Ned Liddell who had left the previous February. McBain was a strong believer in youth and immediately brought in youngsters such as Doug Gardiner, Horace Gager and most importantly Waterlows' marksman, Ampthill born Hugh Billington who would all become major assets

for the Hatters. Also coming in, this time for fees, were Tom Dunsmore from Hibernian, James Carroll from Leicester and Eddie Connolly from Newcastle. Despite a massive overdraft the board were still chasing top flight football at all costs.

The 1938/39 season, despite all the hype, did not get off to a particularly good start when a shirt-sleeved crowd of 24,377 watched the Town go down 0-3 at West Bromwich on the opening day. As matters had not materially improved by the end of October out went goalkeeper Humphrey Dolman, defenders Tom Smith and Joe Loughran together with striker Jack Vinall to be replaced by Joe Coen, Tom King, Fred Roberts, who was moved from the forward line, Bill Redfern and most controversially Hugh Billington.

Billington had netted 14 goals in 15 reserve team appearances and manager McBain felt he was ready for the step up. He did not disappoint, scoring twice on his debut in a 3-2 win at Tranmere and following it up with another pair at Bury two weeks later. In that particular game the Town were two goals down at half-time but equalised within two minutes of the restart. The Town delegation missed

these goals but as Luton scored a further three times they at least went into the boardroom at the end of the game happy. Apparently it was not until later in the evening that they knew the correct score!

With Billington continuing to find the back of the net regularly, including four in the 5-0 home thrashing of Chesterfield, the Hatters were beginning to climb the table. Unfortunately, the week after this fine win skipper and centre-half Jack Nelson badly injured his nose in the game at Millwall and such was the subsequent form of his young replacement Gordon Dreyer he was never to play first team football for the Town again.

With the Town enjoying a good spell in the league now was the time to be taking on first division opposition in the F.A.Cup. If nothing else, a trip to Liverpool in the third round would give the Town players a taste of what they could expect should they win promotion to the top flight.

On a difficult surface the Hatters gave the Anfield crowd of 40,431 plenty to think about and were certainly not over-awed by their top flight opponents. Only smart stops to shots from

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
4) Coventry	42	21	8	13	62	45	50
5) Man City	42	21	7	14	96	72	49
6) Chesterfield	42	20	9	13	69	52	49
7) LUTON	42	22	5	15	92	66	49
8) Tottenham	42	19	9	14	67	62	47
9) Newcastle	42	18	10	14	71	48	46
10) West Brom	42	18	9	15	89	72	45
11) West Ham	42	17	10	15	70	52	44



Hot-shot Hugh Billington.

1938/39

Manager: Neil McBain

Top Scorer: Hugh Billington

League Position: 7th

FA Cup: 3rd Round

League Cup: N/A

Memorable Match:
Vs Southampton - W 6-2

Billington and George Stephenson by Reds goalkeeper Dirk Kemp kept the score level at the interval.

A Jack Balmer header for Liverpool just after the restart was therefore against the run of play but the Town kept plugging away and two late efforts in the final seven minutes from Balmer and George Paterson gave the scoreline a totally unfair reflection of the play. The Town players learnt one thing, though, which was the need to take your chances at the top level.

Back into the league and with the Town climbing the table and playing particularly well away from home, bigger clubs started to take note and

large offers totalling £18,000 were made for Dunsmore, Billington and the cleverest inside-forwards in the land'

Redfern and Connolly.

The club could have made a huge dent in its overdraft but resisted the bids in the hope of promotion which began to look distinctly promising as Easter approached. For once, the holiday period proved highly successful with home wins over Southampton and Fulham, 6-2 and 2-1 respectively, and a 4-0 victory at the Dell in the return with the Saints. Excitement now reached fever pitch and when the Town won 2-1 at fellow promotion aspirants Chesterfield the following week a tremendous end to the season was in prospect.

With three games to go five points would have seen the Town up but promotion nerves set in and the 20,109 who witnessed a frustrating 0-0 home

draw with Millwall when the team did everything but score perhaps feared the worst. A 0-2 defeat at Newcastle watched by only 10,341, meant the end of promotion hopes and to cap a disappointing finish to the season, Coventry completed a double by winning 3-1 at Kenilworth Road on the final day.

On a plus point Billington finished with 28 goals from only 27 starts to finish top scorer in Division Two and then only scored in half the games he appeared in. A remarkable record.

Elsewhere in football

Football League champions were Everton who had a new idol, Tommy Lawton, at centre-forward to replace the veteran Dixie Dean.

F.A.Cup winners were Portsmouth who beat the favourites Wolves in the final.

The transfer fee record was increased by almost 50% when Arsenal paid £14,000 to Wolves for

Bryn Jones. England full-back Bert Sproston had more money spent on him over the course of the season, though, as he moved from Leeds to Spurs for £9,500 and then only a couple of months later went to Manchester City for £10,000.

The F.A Cup third round produced a couple of shocks with non-league Chelmsford beating Division Two side Southampton 4-1 at New

Writtle Street while Yeovil and Petters United forced a 1-1 draw at Sheffield Wednesday.

Newport County won promotion to Division Two for the first time in their history but, in common with all Football League sides, played only three games in the following season before the competition was cancelled after the declaration of war.





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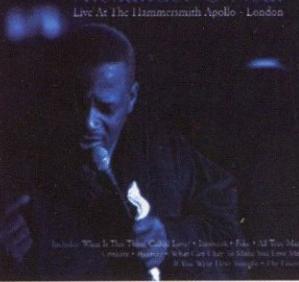
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With the possibility of a FA Cup Third Round replay against this evening's opponents, Liverpool, we have included travel information to Anfield.

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BY RAIL: Kirkdale station is the closest to the ground (just under a mile away). However, it may be more advisable to go to Sandhills Station as this has the benefit of a bus service to the ground

MATCHDAY PARKING: If you arrive early then there is street parking to be found. Otherwise it is an idea to park in the streets around Goodison and walk across Stanley Park to Anfield, or you can park in a secure parking area at Goodison itself which costs £6.

AROUND THE GROUND: The Arkles pub near to the ground (see directions by car), is known as the away fans pub, but it can be expected it can get extremely crowded. If you arrive early, a better bet may be to take the ten minute walk across Stanley Park to the pubs near Goodison. The Spellow, Wilnslow Hotel and Stanley Park (aka as the Blue House) are all recommended.

WHAT'S THE GROUND LIKE: Anfield is a wonderful ground. The famous Kop Terrace at one end of the ground, has been replaced by a huge stand designed to emulate the old Kop. The other end, the Anfield Road Stand, part of which is given to away supporters, is the most recent addition to the ground. It has boosted not only the overall capacity of the stadium, but has given Anfield a more balanced and enclosed feel as all corners are now filled. On one side of the stadium is the large, two tiered, Centenary Stand and opposite is the Main Stand, the oldest in the ground. This stand has a TV gantry suspended beneath its roof.

BY COACH WITH TOWN ON TOUR: Departs from Luton at 1:30pm with a stop at MK Coachway at 2:00pm. The fare for LTSC members is £15 for all members and £18 for adult non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk.

BY COACH WITH BOBBERS

TRAVEL: Departs from Cranfield at 12:30pm and Luton 1:30pm. Costs for this trip are £15.00 for adults and £12 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.

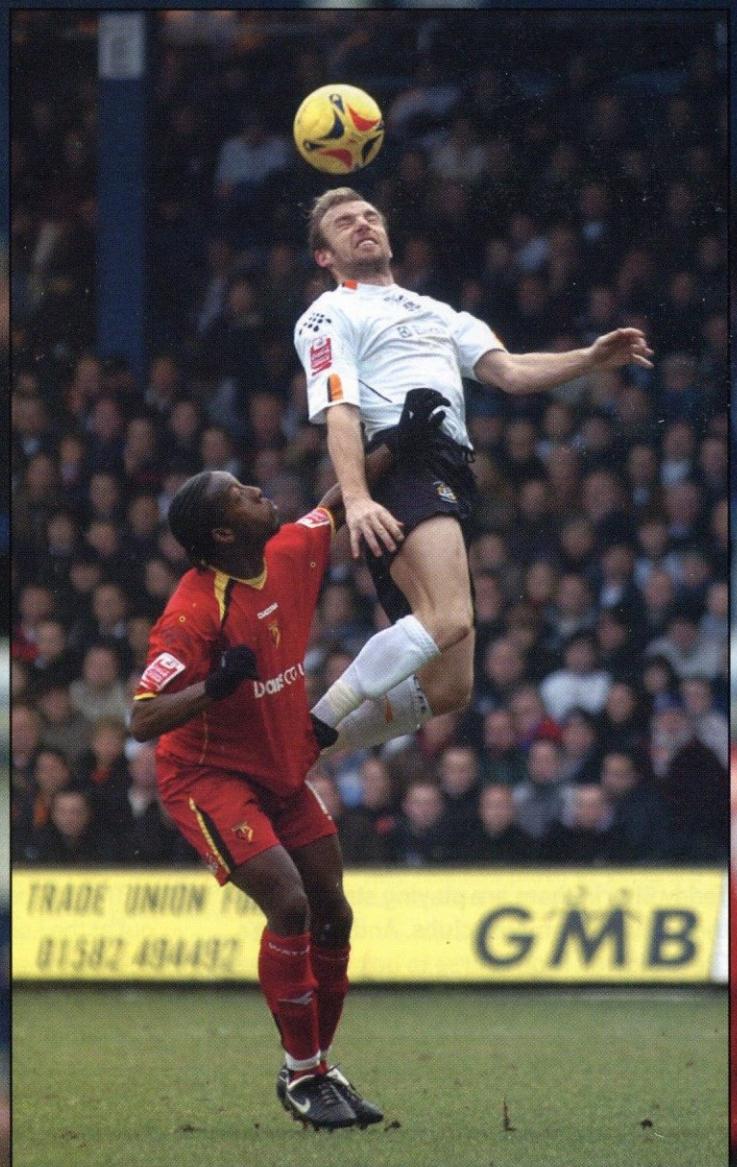
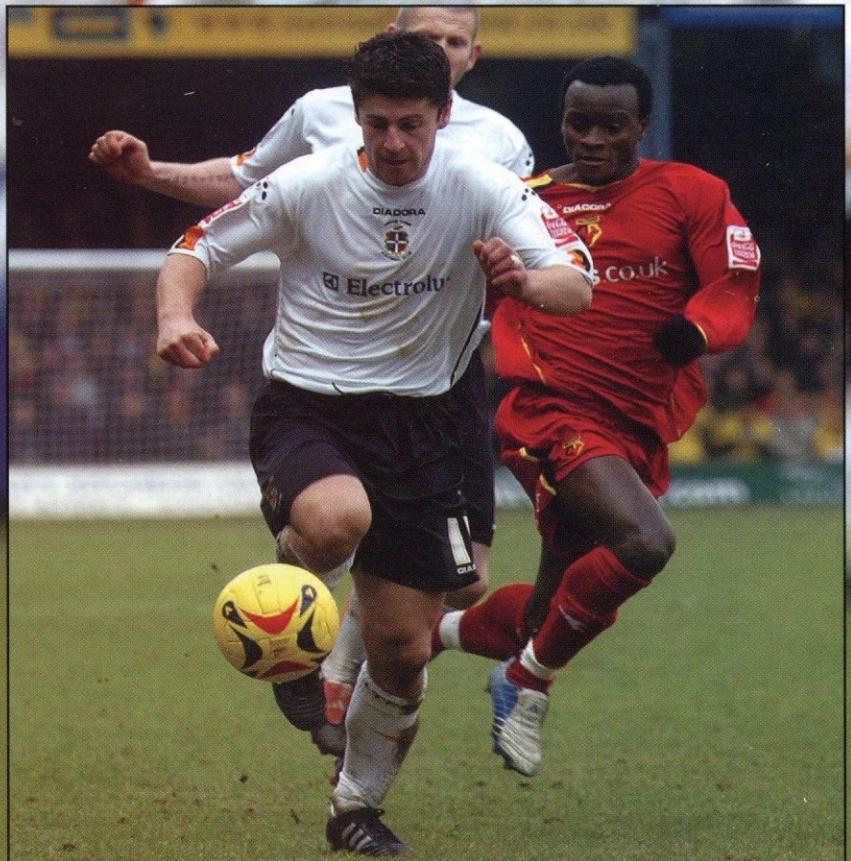


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THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS



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

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



The 125th FA Cup

The FA celebrates 125 years of the FA Cup. STEVEN DOVE looks back at the history of the competition.

This is a very special year for The FA Cup - the competition has reached its 125th anniversary in better health than ever.

The FA has recognised this unique achievement by giving the competition a new logo incorporating the 125 figure which will be used throughout the season.

The magic and heritage of The Cup remains a fantastic and attractive prospect to millions across the globe. Each year minnows are pitted against giants; there are shock wins and high drama.

The tournament will return to its spiritual home in 2006 - The Final is set to open the



magnificent new 90,000 seat Wembley Stadium.

The FA Cup is the oldest and most prestigious domestic cup competition in the world. The first competition in 1871-72 had 15 entries with Wanderers beating Royal Engineers 1-0 at Kennington Oval. Last year Arsenal beat Manchester United in a dramatic penalty shoot out.

Domestically, The FA Cup is prospering – last year's television figures were some of the best ever and 674 teams this year entered the competition, a new record.

Internationally it remains huge - last year's Final was watched by over 300 million people worldwide and this year the global interest will be even higher with 169 countries receiving the match for broadcasting

Already records have been broken. As well as the record 674 entries there was an extraordinary 31 penalty kick shoot-outs in the Preliminary Round, the first all-Asian teams played in the competition and a father and son officiated in the same match.

There have been great Final moments throughout the history of the competition from the 1923 White Horse Final through to Jimmy Montgomery's double save for Sunderland in 1973 and the fastest ever goal scored by Roberto Di Matteo in 1997.

A special ceremony will commence before The Final this season with great players from past and present in attendance as well as an amazing array of dignitaries and VIPs. The FA's new honorary president Prince



William is expected to attend as guest of honour.

FA chief executive Brian Barwick has attended almost every round of The Cup since August and is already excited at the number of potential shocks in this year's competition.

"I've had a fantastic time visiting all manner of different grounds this season and I'm looking forward to it continuing," he said. "It is important to remember that the road to Wembley does not just start in November but at the Extra-Preliminary Round back in August. Hundreds of teams turned out and those still in the competition at this stage have now played six games and earned themselves over £20,000.

"I've met many members of the football family through The FA Cup and witnessed some excellent games. As last year and this season so far have showed, it has lost none of its sparkle and neither has the trophy!"

The original trophy, much smaller than the present one, was made by Messrs Martin, Hall & Co. and cost £20. In 1895, after Aston Villa had won the competition, The Cup was stolen from the window of a firm of football outfitters in Birmingham where it had been placed on display. It has never been recovered.

The present trophy, played for since 1992, is the competition's fourth and an exact replica of the third. Manchester United have won The Cup the most times (ten), followed by Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur (eight). In all, 42 different clubs have won it.



Website News

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

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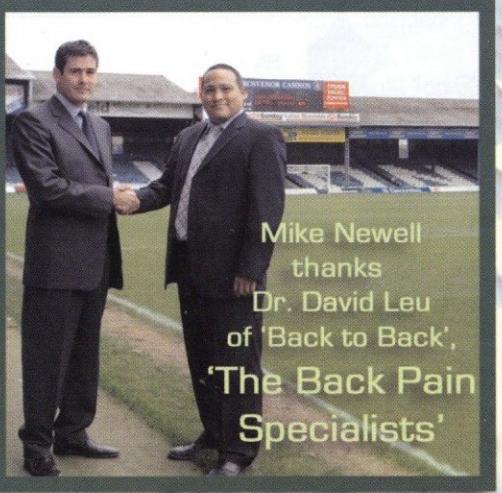
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The last twelve months will go down as one of the most productive chapters in the Hatters' recent history and the fact that this afternoon, the Town line-up against the European club champions at Kenilworth Road, is an indication of just how far things have progressed during that period.

It is pleasing to report that the Club's ever-growing portfolio of websites have also made similar advances during that time. Working closely with several commercial partners, the Club is committed to ensure - as well as the news and views you expect from the official website - we can offer something for everyone via lutontown.co.uk

At the start of the current campaign, and following the success of the 'Prediction Competition' we ran in last season's programme, we launched an online version of the game and it has proved very popular with supporters as they compete to find out who really does know the most about the Hatters' form.

One of the biggest developments last year was the launch of the Hatters' Mobile Magazine, allowing you to view the content of the website on your mobile phone but where it really comes into its own, is the facility for you to enjoy action clips on your phone within 24 hours of the final whistle. If your phone is compatible you can subscribe now by texting 'LUTON2' to 84700. The first magazine is absolutely free and after the first edition you'll pay £1.50 per match.

Continuing the mobile theme, we have the widest range of graphics on offer throughout the whole of the Football League Interactive network and regularly sell as many wallpapers as some Premiership clubs. What's more, we offer a bespoke service so if there is a graphic you would like on your mobile that we don't already offer, you can still get your hands on it. Please contact media@hattersworld.co.uk for details of how we can design your personalised graphic.

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Luton's official website offers more than just the latest news from Kenilworth Road

continuing to increase and you can find out what it is all about, by signing up for a free trial. Simply send a text stating 'TRIAL LUTON GOLD' to 88442. Texts cost 25p and you will get your first twenty messages for free, starting with Mike Newell's post-match reaction to this afternoon's match if you sign up now.

As well as bringing you the news as it happens, we are keen to pass on the best deals we can find and December saw the launch of the Luton Town Technology store, providing Hatters' supporters with access to great value electrical products, and as with the other arrangements mentioned on this page, profits are re-invested back into the Club.

Hatters World, the most-popular audio subscription site outside of the Premiership, was re-designed and incorporated into the official site, to bring you even closer to events at Kenilworth Road. At present subscription levels are at all time high and for just £34.99, you can enjoy exclusive, behind the scenes interviews and watch match highlights from any game since 2001, as well as listen to live match commentary – all for less than 70p a week.

So there you have it; if you include the fact you can now spread bet, play poker or gamble in a virtual casino via the official website as well, there are now twelve different websites that will directly benefit Luton Town financially in 2006, and there is more to come. Full details of all these deals be found on the official website.

If the Hatters make half the progress on the pitch and on the web this year as we did in 2005 then it is going to be a very productive year, so make sure you stay logged onto www.lutontown.co.uk and we will ensure you don't miss a thing.

Having left full-time employment at Kenilworth Road last January, Chris set up his own website consultancy business, Uptonaway Media and continues to assist the Club. If you would like to find out how he could help your business, please visit www.uptonaway.co.uk.



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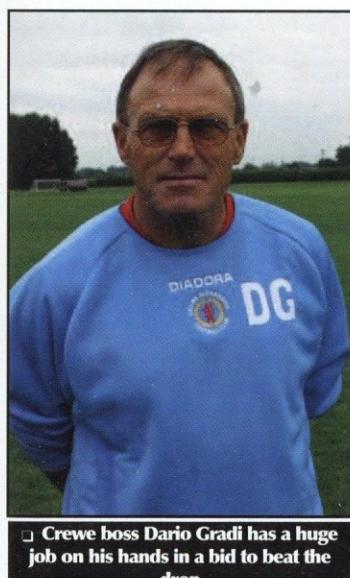
League Round-Up

GEOFF KNOX looks back over the recent holiday programme and assesses who will be gunning for promotion and fighting against relegation during 2006

O kay, a brief message to any Liverpool fans who may be reading, we know you probably didn't even look out for our results last week with the busy Christmas period and all, but try and lie back and get the picture, anyway.

It's our biggest match of the season so far. Sorry, not you lot, Liverpool, Watford! At home. And we've got tickets!

Bad start, good middle bit, bad ending. We lose. No worries, it's our derby game but the sweetener is we still move one place up the table! Keep it coming like this and we'll be top by Easter.



Crewe boss Dario Gradi has a huge job on his hands in a bid to beat the drop

Now we've got the European champions in the FA Cup, it's on the box and everyone's watching. Liverpool are unbeaten since about 1994 in the Premiership and have only conceded half a goal in all that time.

Are we bovvered? Yes! But they did lose to San Quentin (or someone) in the World Cup (or something) just the other day so hey, who cares about league form when it's the FA Cup?

Well, Leicester City, maybe. After vowed to put their bad start to the season behind them, they've earned just two points from their last seven Championship games since the beginning of December - which has sent them spiralling into the bottom four of the division.

If you think that's bad, you'd have to go back to Guy Fawkes night to find Crewe's last win, as their wretched form threatens to finally prove the bookies right. They continue to prop up the rest of the division.

Relegation rivals Millwall have had a decent Christmas, though, with two wins and two draws in the four festive games keeping them just ahead of Crewe, but, crucially, within striking distance of safety.

Leeds United are doing all they can to close the gap on the top two automatic promotion spots with four straight wins since Boxing Day. This scintillating

form has been matched only by Crystal Palace, who also grabbed the dirty dozen points available, costing them twelve bookings and two sending offs along the way.

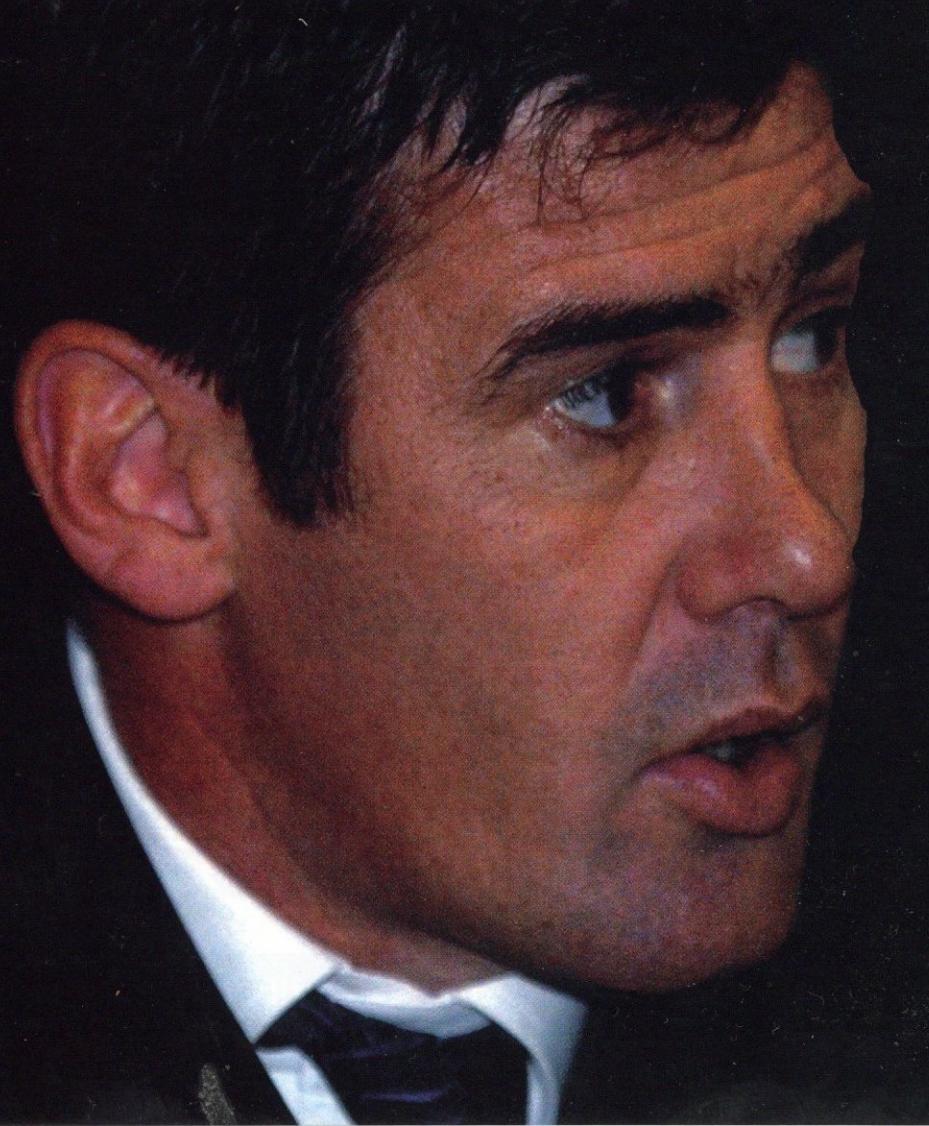
The last time Preston lost a game was here at Kenilworth Road - way back in September. Since then, ten draws and six wins have kept them very well placed for a big push for promotion in the latter half of the season.

The Championship promotion race seems to be structured into a three-tiered system at this stage of the season. Reading and Sheffield United are still streets ahead, followed by play-off certainties Leeds United, Watford and Palace.

This leaves the big fight for sixth place - the last play-off spot. Luckily, none of the Hatters' rivals could put together any sort of form over the festive period. Stoke City are winless since they won here before Christmas, providing fellow contenders Burnley with their only win during the same period.

This has allowed one or two other teams below us to play catch-up, however, with Norwich and QPR the main threat.





mike Newell

the dream fa cup tie

Mike Newell was always likely to grow up to become a Liverpool supporter. Having been born and brought up in the Merseyside area, Newell was a regular spectator at Anfield and along with his family witnessed some of Liverpool's most successful times in their illustrious history.

Newell's infatuation with the club remains strong today as it did when he first started attending matches at Anfield as a youngster. Along with his brother and father, Newell's earliest memory of watching his heroes, such as John Toshack and Kevin Keegan, was from the tender age of six.

"I used to go with my brother every week," said Newell. "My dad had a season ticket and whenever he couldn't get there I would take his place. My dad used to play a lot of cricket and their season would often overlap with the football season so I tried to go as often as I could.

"When I got a little bit older, my dad got myself and my brother a season ticket in the Paddock Stand, which was at the bottom of the Main Stand, next to the dugouts. I remember the first game that I went to, I was about six-years-old and it was away from home against Wolves. I don't remember a thing about the game, the only two things I remember were that Liverpool won and dropping my pie.

"My first match at Anfield was 4-3 against Birmingham and I remember Liverpool were 3-1 down at one stage. I used to watch some great players at that time such as John Toshack, Kevin Keegan and Emlyn Hughes. That was a tremendous side but then, over the next few years, we would watch the likes of Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness and Alan Hansen. It was a fantastic time to support Liverpool.

Having grown into a Liverpool follower and watching his heroes from the stands for many years, Newell was to realise his dreams when, at the age of 12, he joined Anfield on schoolboy forms, staying with the club for seven years. Unfortunately, Newell failed to make the grade and a first-team appearance for the club never materialised despite remaining at school and completing his A-levels. Newell was eventually released at 18.

Despite the apparent set-back, Newell reflects on that time with

great fondness and has no regrets in joining the club he adored so much as a child. Newell's career as a footballer took off at Everton, Wigan, Blackburn and of course, Luton.

Newell continued: "I always knew it was never going to happen for me at Liverpool and it was not a shock to be honest. Liverpool had so many good kids and they had the resources to go out and spend whatever they wanted on players each year."

"It did not come as a shock when they said we cannot offer you anything here but, looking back, it was probably the best thing that ever happened because all the players of a similar age at that time eventually got released and made a name for themselves in league football.

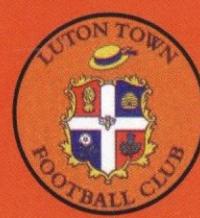
"I did not bear any grudges and I didn't think 'I am not going to support Liverpool anymore', it was the best thing that happened to me because I went out and played league football and eventually two or three years later I was playing against them.

Newell had a tremendous record of scoring goals against Liverpool with nine strikes against them throughout his playing career. Many Luton fans will recall his famous hat-trick in our 1986 encounter at Kenilworth Road in which Liverpool were torn apart 4-1, and his goal that helped secure a 3-0 victory in the Third Round of the FA Cup during the same season.

"It is hard to pick my most memorable game against Liverpool," continued Newell, "but the three goals against them here in a 4-1 win is hard to beat. Winning 1-0 at Anfield whilst playing for Blackburn and scoring the winner comes a close second but I've had some great games against them and the 4-4 draw at Everton will be one that all Liverpool fans will remember."

Today's encounter is likely to bring back many memories to Luton fans for that FA Cup success back in the eighties. Luton were handed a home tie against Liverpool at Kenilworth Road in the Third Round and, just like this evening's clash, was screened live by the television cameras. The hype surrounding the fixture was the same back then as it is today but the match ended in an anti-climax with both sides failing to find the net. The replay at Anfield saw Liverpool dominate possession and create by far the greater opportunities but, despite the additional 30 minutes of extra-time,

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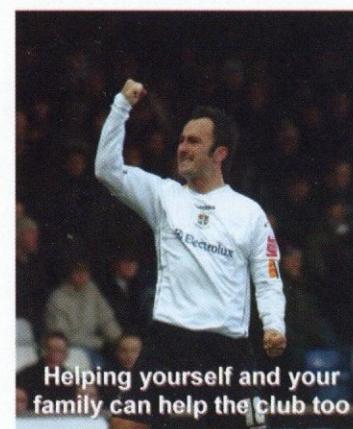
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The Dream FA Cup tie with Mike Newell ◇◇◇

"This is definitely the dream FA Cup tie for me. Nobody can tell me that we could have drawn a bigger team, especially after what they achieved last year"



□ Mike Newell celebrates scoring against Liverpool at Kenilworth Road

neither side could force a goal.

The second replay was staged back at Kenilworth Road after Luton won the toss to select the venue. It was a game that will forever go down as a 'classic' as Newell scored Luton's second of the game with Brian Stein and Mick Harford also amongst the scorers.

"I still remember those games as if they were yesterday," said Newell. "I remember going to Henlow Grange before the original fixture for a day of relaxation but the match was a disappointment when it arrived. Snow was lying on the plastic pitch, we drew 0-0 and there were very few chances. I think Liverpool felt they had done the job."

"We went to Anfield and they battered us for the whole of the 90 minutes and for the whole of extra time but they could not score a goal. When we won the toss for the choice of venue to stage a second replay, we felt we had got them. We knew they did not like the plastic and this was the third time we had played them at Kenilworth Road that season. It was a game we always felt we could win and we were on top form that day."

Now, after years of waiting, Newell finally has the opportunity of putting one over his beloved Liverpool as a manager, although the task of today's job is, without a doubt, extremely tough.

Newell concluded: "I think Liverpool is still going through a transformation. It was phenomenal to win the European Champions League last year because they are still behind what they need to be in order to win the league. Although they have won the European Champions League, and they are proud to have won it five times, I know what every Liverpool supporter wants and that is to win the Premier League."

"Raphael Benitez knows what he is doing and he goes about it in a good manner. Liverpool fans will not accept any nonsense or any excuses for any length of time – they won't be messed around. I think the best thing for Benitez was winning the European Cup because that has given him time to do what he wants to do and bring in the people he wants to bring in."

"In the two-and-a-half years that I have been here we have not had anything exciting in terms of an FA Cup draw. I knew we were due a decent draw but just didn't think it was going to be this one. It is definitely a dream tie for me. This is even bigger and better for me than Burton drawing Manchester United. They will not have anyone tell them that they could have drawn a bigger one, but nobody can tell me that we could have got a bigger tie especially after what they have achieved last year."



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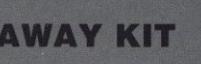


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Luton Town Belles

DAVE BAKER rounds-up the latest news from the Luton Town Belles squad and looks ahead to what

Luton Town Belles can look back on 2005 with a great deal of pride and hope for the future having made great strides in the senior game, winning a number of honours at all levels.

Perhaps most importantly is the progress of the First Team who set themselves an ambitious target of Combination football within five years and reached their initial goal a year earlier. Having led the table at the turn of the year, two league defeats in the first few weeks put promotion in doubt but the ladies showed great character in stringing together seven league wins at the end of the season to clinch promo-

tion in style with a 7-0 win over Henley Town. The good form continued in the Cup, reaching the final, but went down 2-1 to Reading Royals. The first half of the season at Combination level has proved a tough test with a number of single goal defeats and there must be a determined effort to hang onto our hard won status at this level.

The Reserves maiden season also ended in glory when they won their league championship on the last day of the season winning 6-0 in Brixton. The squad has been rebuilt during the summer and has not been out of the top two all season which is very creditable given the higher standard.



□ Luton Town Belles Reserve side won their league championship on the last day of the season

This season has seen the formation of a third squad also competing in the London league. They have also been successful and have run up a huge goal difference which has kept them at the top in their promotion quest.

All in all the senior players number around 45 playing across the three squads and of those a good 90% are local born so there is every encouragement to our younger players to continue through the ranks.

The youth section now has eight squads with players ranging age eight upwards. 2005 brought four league championships, five league cups and a number of tournament wins. The strongest performance came from our Under 13's who bagged two league and cup doubles. Their was also a double for the Under 11's who again led their league table following their transformation to 11-a-side football.

In 2006 the Belles intend to expand further by introducing competitive league football for even younger girls from six upwards. These will begin shortly so if there are any girls who would relish the opportunity to play against the likes of Tottenham, QPR and Watford then please contact me on 01582 896140 or lutonbelles@hotmail.com within the next few days.



Match Action

Controversy and passion were on show in this eagerly anticipated local derby with Watford as the Hatters slipped to only their third home defeat of the season. PHILIP FRANCIS reports from Kenilworth Road.

LUTON TOWN 1 WATFORD 2



■ **Malky Mackay and Gavin Mahon keep a watchful eye on Rowan Vine.**

The eagerly awaited derby with neighbours Watford ended in despair for Luton, but the game did not pass without a number of talking points.

The visitors took the lead on nine minutes when Darius Henderson latched onto a shot on the edge of the penalty area to fire past Hatters' goalkeeper Marlon Beresford. The goal brought the first controversial issue of the afternoon as Luton were adamant that Markus Heikkinen was impeded in the build-up.

The second goal, which arrived 20 minutes later, also saw Luton strongly protest that Malky Mackay's header never crossed the line after the midfielder struck from ten-yards.

Luton were now left with a mountain to

climb and Carlos Edwards restored hope two minutes into the second period when he rifled in an unstoppable shot from inside the box after good work from Steve Howard.

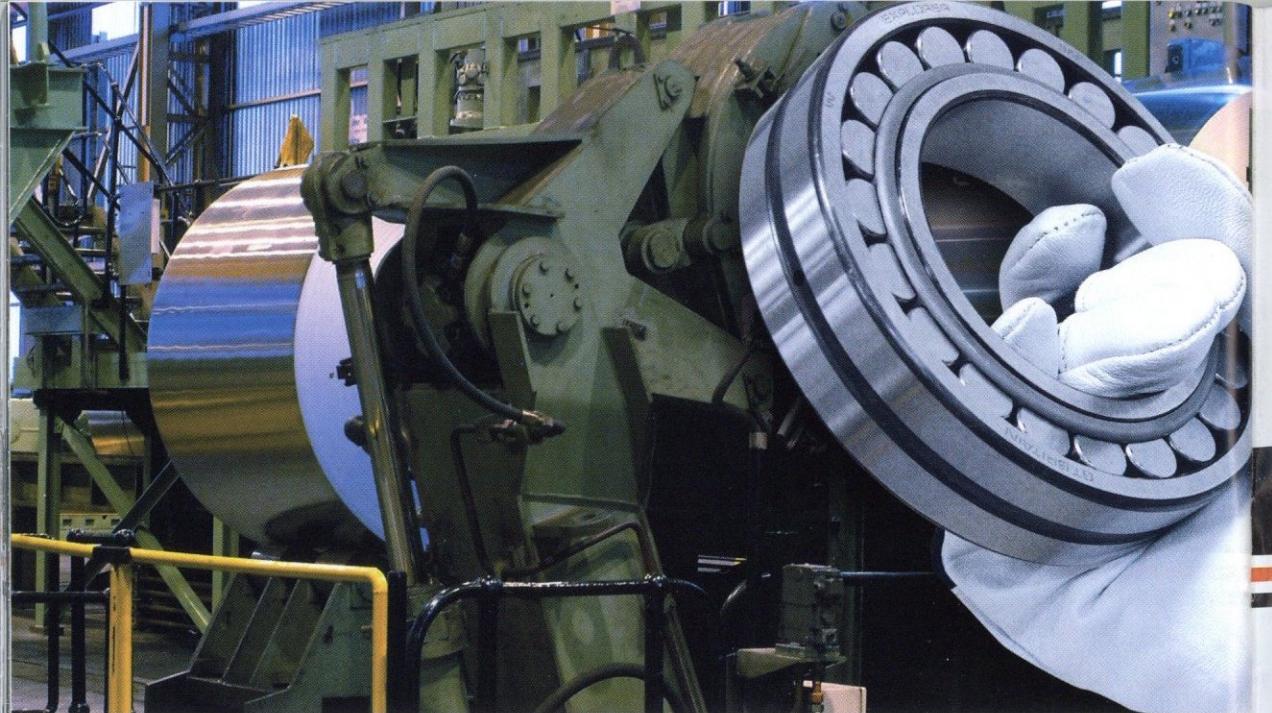
Howard twice went close, Edwards and Brkovic both had efforts but Ben Foster, the Watford goalkeeper, was rarely tested.

Despite being reduced to ten men after the dismissal of Ashley Young for retaliation on Kevin Foley, Luton still couldn't find a way through the Watford defence.

Two confident penalty appeals were turned down before the final whistle, which put an end to a highly frustrating day.



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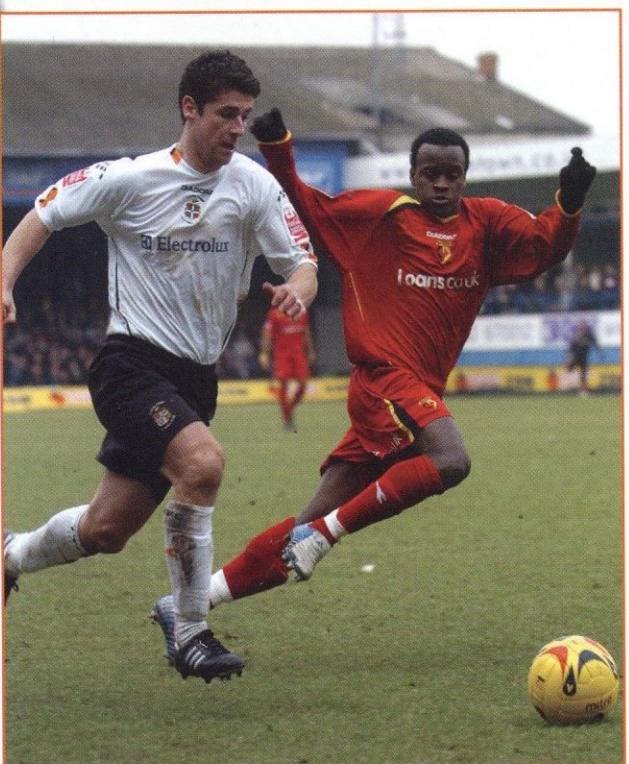


WATFORD'S STARTING LINE-UP



MATCH FACTS

	luton	watford
Goals :	1	2
Possession :	53%	47%
On Target :	2	4
Off Target :	3	2
Corners :	5	1
Fouls :	14	16
Yellow Cards :	1	2
Red Cards :	0	1
Scorers :	Edwards (49) Mackay (30)	Henderson (9)





Peter Davis

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

Welcome to all of today's commercial partners and sponsors to this tremendously exciting FA Cup Third Round tie against the European Champions, Liverpool. The rigors of the marathon that represents the Coca-Cola Championship are put on hold for the next few days, whilst the challenge of entertaining one of the most successful English football clubs of all time, becomes the central focus. We are also joined by the BBC, who will be broadcasting us live to the nation. All things considered, a wonderful evening should therefore lie in prospect for us all. Thank you all for your support, get behind the lads and enjoy this very special occasion.

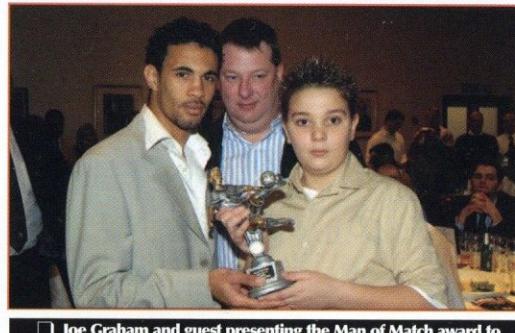
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Guests of Match Sponsors Joe Graham in our Eric Morecambe Lounge



Commercial Mascot Sean Flynn receiving his certificate from squad members



Joe Graham and guest presenting the Man of Match award to Carlos Edwards



Match Ball sponsor John Enwright of CPD Distribution collecting his awards

COMMERCIAL MASCOT.....

It's also a very special Kenilworth Road welcome that we extend to ten year old Jordan Bradley and his family, who joins us this evening as Commercial Mascot. Jordan lives in Potton Bedfordshire and attends Bergoyne Middle School. His hobbies include PS2, darts, snooker and karate, as well as football, with his favourite "Town" player being Steve Howard. We all at the club hope that Jordan and his family have memorable time here with us tonight.



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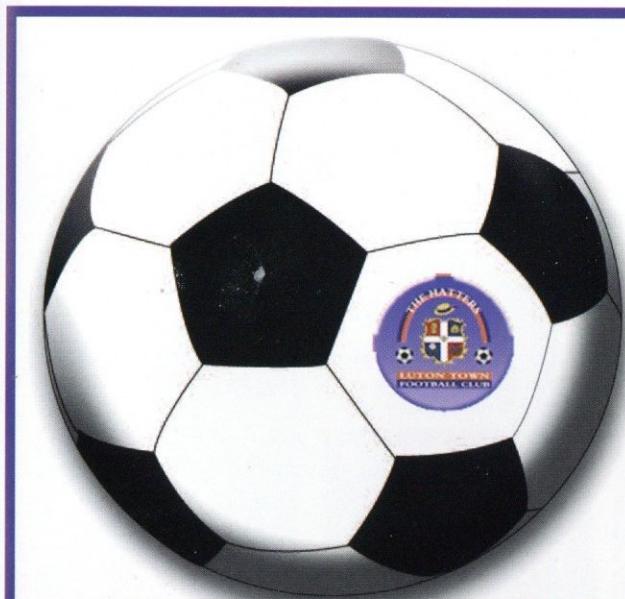


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Match mascots are pictured with both team captains and officials prior to the Watford match

VISITOR'S MASCOT



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TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2006, KICK-OFF 8:00PM



We have been allocated a total of 6,400 tickets. Should a replay be necessary the ticketing procedure will be:

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS:

Will be able to purchase one ticket, per season ticket in person only (subject to availability) from Sunday 8th January 2006. - Special match voucher D MUST be produced at the time of booking.

EXISTING MEMBERS

Will be able to purchase one ticket per member, in person only (subject to availability) from Friday 13th January 2006. - Membership cards MUST be produced at the time of booking.

Prices are: Adults £20.00

Over 65's/Under 16's £15.00

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

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Thursday 12th January - 10.00am to 5.00pm
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DEPARTURE TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
Luton 1:30pm and MK Coachway 2:00pm

PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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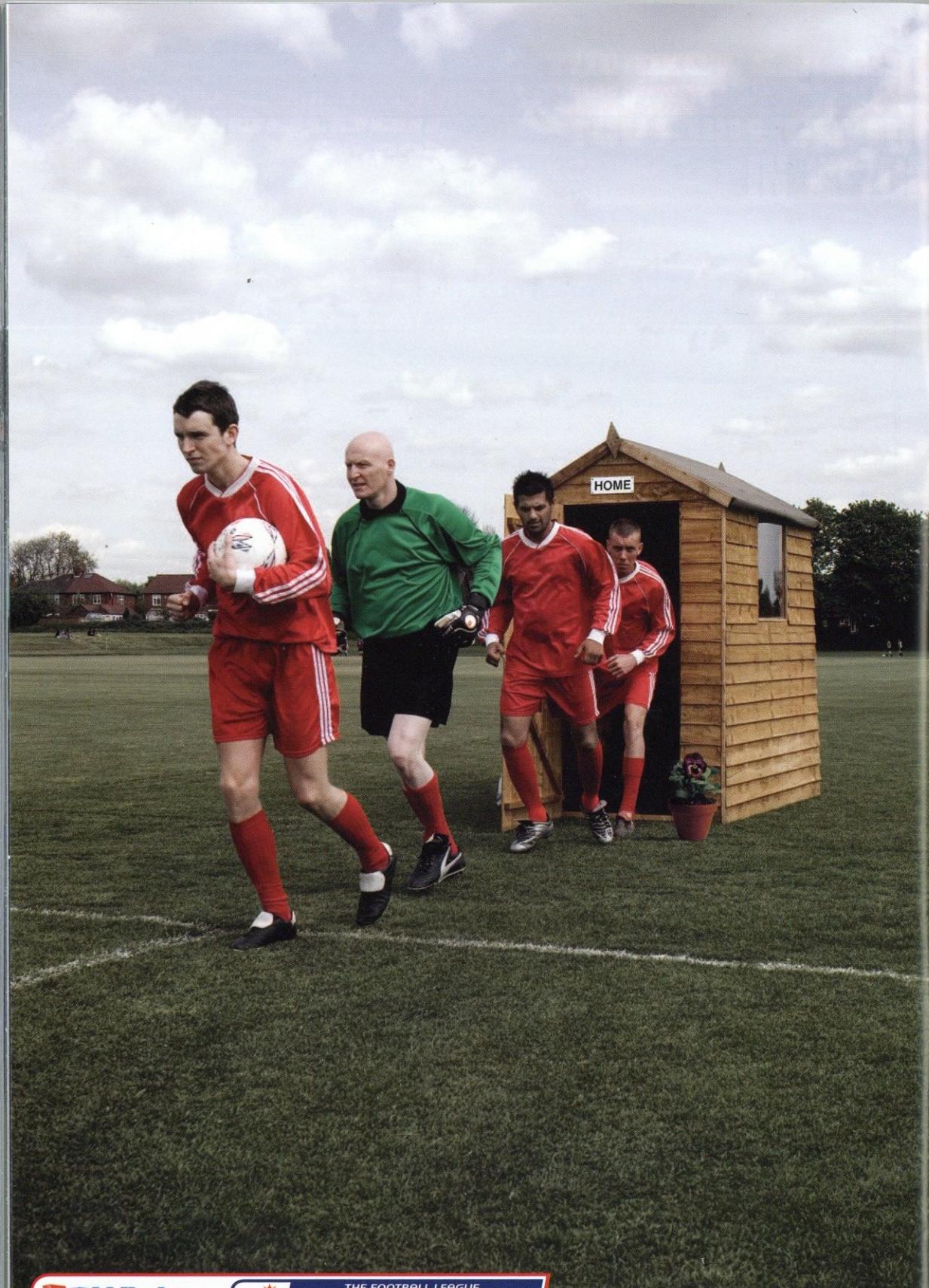
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PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
£15 for adults and £12 concessions (U16/OAP).



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2005/2006 Appearances												
	This Season					International App		Luton Town Career				
	League App	Gls	Cup Competitions App	Gls	Total App	Gls	Disciplinary Yel	Red	Nation	Caps	Gls	App
1 Marlon BERESFORD	23	0	1	0	24	0	0	0	Rep Ire U21		82	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	19(3)	0	0	0	19(3)	0	4	0			105	5
3 Sol DAVIS	9(3)	0	2	0	11(3)	0	2	0	Trin & Tob		147	2
4 Chris COYNE	17(2)	0	2	1	19(2)	1	3	0			193	13
5 Russell PERRETT	6(2)	0	0(1)	0	6(3)	0	0	1	Finland		93	8
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	20(1)	0	0	0	20(1)	0	2	0			62	5
7 Carlos EDWARDS	21(4)	2	2	0	21(4)	2	1	0	North Ire		27	2
8 Kevin NICHOLLS	21	4	2	0	23	4	6	1			175	30
9 Rowan VINE	7(5)	3	0	0	7(5)	3	1	0	North Ire		62	12
10 Warren FEENEY	22(4)	6	2	1	24(4)	7	1	0			33	7
11 Steve ROBINSON	22	1	0	0	22	1	2	0	Rep Ire U21		130	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	North Ire		27	2
16 Enoch SHOWUNMI	6(20)	1	1	0	6(20)	1	0	0			98	16
17 Paul HUGHES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ahmet BRKOVIC		88	7
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	24(1)	6	1	0	25(1)	6	2	0			175	33
19 Steve HOWARD	22(3)	8	1	0	23(3)	7	3	1	Rep Ire U21		209	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	Finland		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	Rep Ire U21		9	0
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	25(1)	1	0	0	25(1)	1	4	0			26	1
27 Peter HOLMES	11(4)	2	1(1)	0	12(5)	2	2	0	Peter HOLMES		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	Calvin ANDREW		13	0
45 Leon BARNETT	4(4)	0	1	0	5(4)	0	1	0			14	0
47 Rob BECKWITH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Calvin ANDREW		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: 29

HEADERS: 9

PENALTIES: 3

OWN GOALS: 1

FREE-KICKS: 0

TOTAL: 42

OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 15

Opponents score first goal: 14

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: 9

Opponents score first and win: 10

Opponents score first and draw: 2

Opponents score first and lose: 2

Opponents fail to score: 6

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 10

Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 20

Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 8

Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 10

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 30 - W 9 - D 13 - L 8 - F 22 - A 17 PTS 40

SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 30 - W 9 - D 11 - L 10 - F 21 - A 24 PTS 38

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	Brill	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	Vine	Showunmi	Perrett	Holmes			
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	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	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	Davies	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	Robins	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Morgan	Holmes	Barnett	S'wunmi		
Sat 17		Hull City *	1-0	19,184	404	4	Beresford	Edwards	Perrett	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Morgan	Holmes	Barnett	S'wunmi		
Tues 20		Reading (CC2)	0-1	6,941	829	-	Beresford	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	Robins	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Holmes	S'wunmi	Keane		
Sat 1		Cardiff City	2-1	14,657	565	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	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	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	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	Brkovic	Vine	S'wunmi	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Perrett	Howard		
Sat 3		Reading	0-3	19,478	2,158	5	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Perrett	U'wood	Morgan	Holmes	Robinson	Brkovic	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	Brkovic	Howard	S'wunmi	Brill	Beckwith	Barnett	Feeney	Holmes	Vine	
Sat 17		Stoke City	2-3	8,296	754	10	Brill	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Vine	Brill	Beckwith	Barnett	Feeney	Holmes	S'wunmi	
Mon 26		Derby County	1-1	26,807	1,574	11	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Robinson	Holms	Brkovic	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Morgan	S'wunmi		
Wed 28		Brighton	3-0	9,429	1,376	8	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Robinson	Nicholls	Edwards	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Morgan	S'wunmi	Vine		
Sat 31		Ipswich Town	0-1	23,957	tbc	10	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robinson	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Howard	Morgan	S'wunmi		
Mon 2		Watford	1-2	10,248	1,800	9	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Barnett	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robinson	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Feeney	Morgan	Perrett	S'wunmi		
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																				
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Fri 17		Reading *		19:45																				
Sat 25		Leeds United		15:00																				
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Sat 18		Derby County		15:00																				
Sat 25		Brighton		15:00																				
Sat 1		Ipswich Town		15:00																				
Sun 9		Watford		12:00																				
Sat 15		Coventry City		15:00																				
Mon 17		Plymouth Argyle		15:00																				
Sat 22		Sheffield United		15:00																				
Sun 30		Burnley		15:00																				

Everyone at Luton Town were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Kevin Murphy, a popular member of the Millennium Club. Mr Murphy, from County Cork in Ireland, sadly passed away the week before Christmas, aged 84 and has followed the Town for nearly 40 years. His enthusiastic and loyal support will be greatly missed

COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME		AWAY		Pts								
	P	W	D	L	F	A							
Reading	28	12	1	1	37	10	9	5	0	22	5	44	69
Sheff United	27	11	2	1	28	10	7	3	3	22	15	25	59
Leeds	27	8	3	2									

Coming Next

A tough game awaits Luton when they next return to league action at Kenilworth Road as QPR make the trip up the M1. JOHN BRADSHAW looks ahead to the visit of Ian Holloway's men

Luton will be looking to avenge a 1-0 defeat at Loftus Road in September when QPR are our visitors on the 21st January. As seems the pattern this season, we created several chances away from home, particularly in the first half, before a Lee Cook free-kick broke the deadlock in the 58th minute.

Games with QPR are rarely dull. The two 1-1 draws we shared in 2003/2004 were great games. The Hatters were unable to hang on in September as Paul Furlong toe poked home an equalizer in the 94th minute. Luton dominated the second

half in the return at Loftus Road, getting our reward as Enoch Showunmi scrambled an equalizer with 15 minutes to go.

Simon Royce is sure of a warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road, having made two confident displays for us on loan last season. There is also a strong Town connection among the coaching staff with Tim Breacker and Gary Waddock among the QPR team. Breacker was a huge favourite in his seven years here, and what a goal at Derby in the 3-2 win that somehow kept us up in 1990 – Cheers Tim! Gary Waddock made

67 appearances for us, and was voted "Players Player of the Year" in our relegation season of 1995-96. He left us at the end of the 1997/98 season to join QPR as Academy coach.

Rangers manager Ian Holloway cannot be faulted for his enthusiasm for his club's cause, and his post match interviews are the stuff of legend. His most recent interview on www.qpr.co.uk, commenting on speculation about his job after the 4-3 win at Crewe: "I'm sick and tired of it, it seems every man, dingo and his dog is linked with my job. I've got it and you just try and take it off me!" He certainly did a fine job last season; QPR were on the fringes of the play-offs in their first season back in the Championship before finishing in 11th place. They have an experienced squad, with Kevin Gallen, Paul Furlong, Steve Lomas and George Santos prominent players this season. Richard Langley has returned to the club after a spell at Cardiff City. The talented Jamaican international winger will be looking to inspire his team mates to climb the table for a push towards the play offs.



□ Kevin Nicholls fires a shot for Luton in our defeat against QPR earlier in the season

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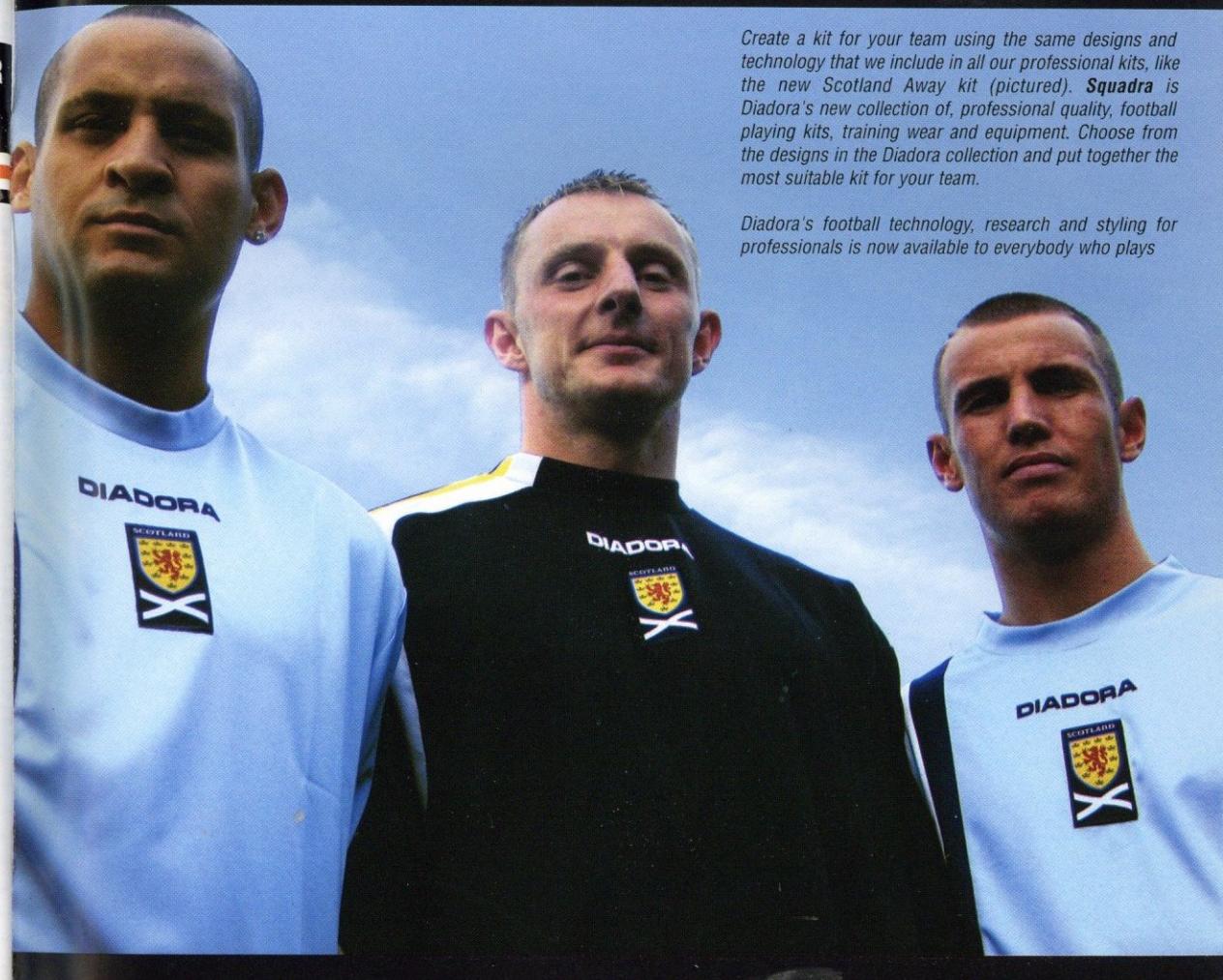


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