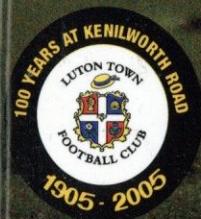
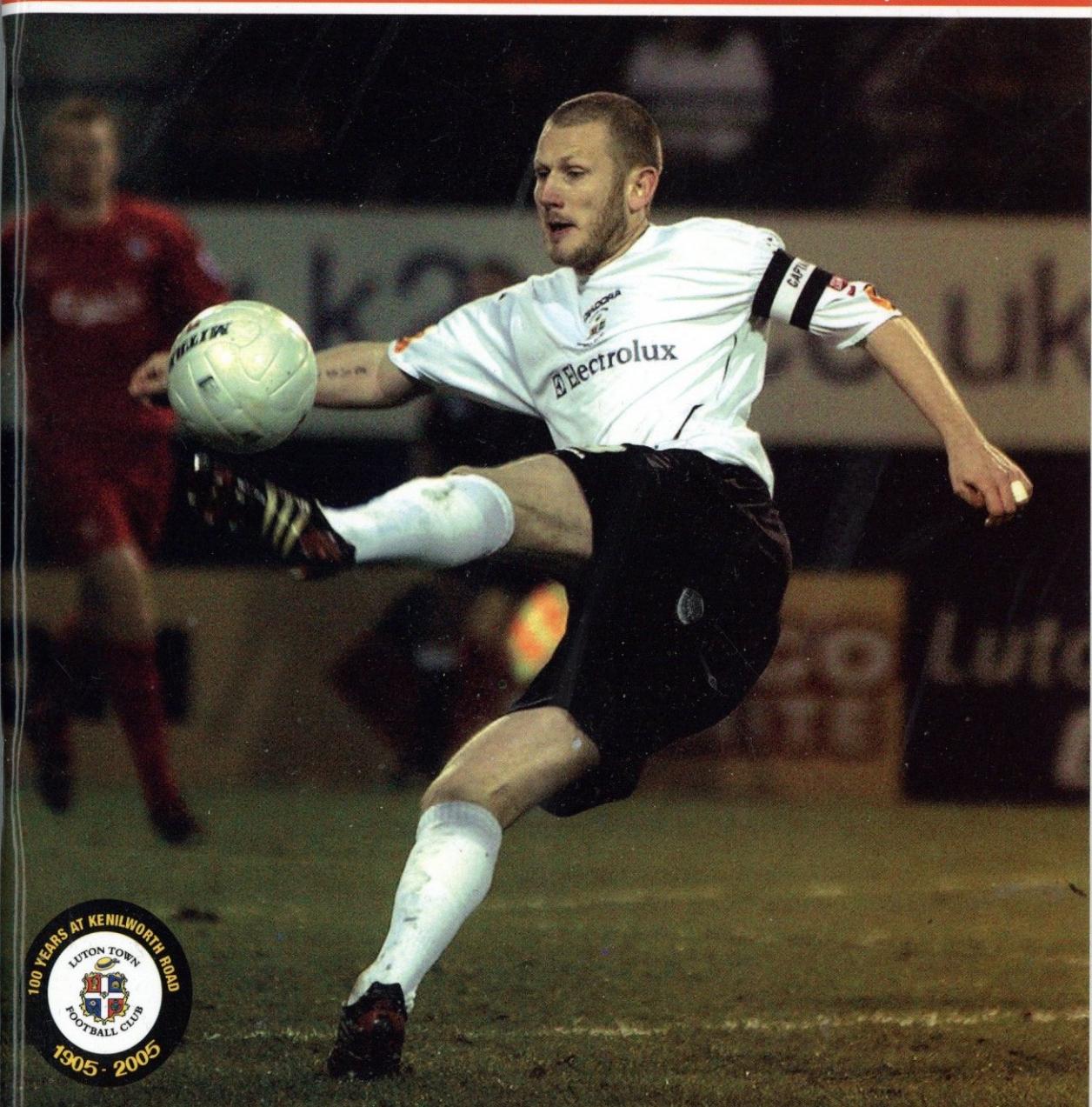


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Warm Welcome

From Luton Town Chairman Bill Tomlins

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to all our Supporters for today's Championship game against our visitors Queens Park Rangers and welcome also to their Directors, Management, Players and Supporters.

They say a week is a long time in politics but they should try a week in football! The week started with the national media applauding our third round FA Cup home tie against the European Champions Liverpool, which was covered live by the BBC Match of the Day team. The viewing figures of eight and half million was their highest audience since last seasons Cup Final, which is something in itself.

“Despite the result it was without doubt a tremendous match and clearly great television. The atmosphere inside the ground was electric and one to be remembered.”

I think we can be very proud of our Manager and Players and how both teams contributed to the game which was played with such sportsmanship, and to think we matched Milan in scoring three goals, we were certainly in good company.

Then there was the second part of the week when the national media picked up the comments made by Michael regarding the role of some agents. It takes a lot to put your head above the trench and I was glad to see other Managers come out to support Michael, who has now had his meeting with the FA and have subsequently issued their statement.

“Michael's biggest concern was that the whole issue could be 'swept under the carpet'.”

I do not believe this will be the case as his views incidentally coincided

with The Football League's position, supported by all its member clubs, who want a system that works and I believe the authorities will endeavour to either look to review or enforce the current regulations.

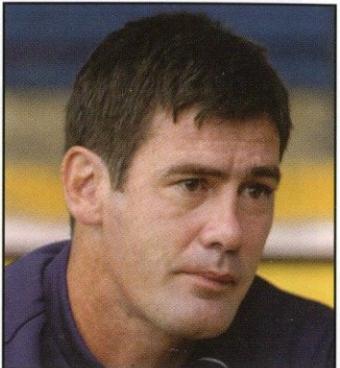
As I have said previously I will give an update on Junction 12 at the end of February and we are still on course to do so. However, it is still disappointing to read that some supporters are still uncertain as to the position on Junction 10, despite restating the facts on several occasions. The situation still remains the same that the developer is unable to obtain planning permission for an enabling development at Junction 10a for the reasons that have been previously stated. The club is not prepared to sit on its hands for the next three to four years with the same possible outcome.

“Therefore, the Board is totally focused on the two hundred acres of land on the Old Park Farm site, south of Junction 12 of the M1. The last thing we wanted was to move from Junction 10a but unfortunately this is the reality. What the club needs now is everyone's support to enable this to happen.”

Finally I would like to give a very warm welcome to David Bell, our new signing, who has joined us from Rushden and Diamonds and we wish him every success. Both the Manager and the Board will continue to be pro-active in this transfer window to enable Michael to strengthen the squad.

As always your support can make the difference so get behind the lads, enjoy the game.

Bill



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Mike Newell

MIKE NEWELL reflects on the past seven days as well as his hopes of strengthening his squad.

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Queens Park Rangers. Welcome also to Ian Holloway, his Staff, including Tim Breaker, his Players, Directors and Supporters from Loftus Road. Ian wears his heart on his sleeve as he did as a player and his teams reflect that. His support this week is appreciated, I was beginning to think it was just me.

half years of frustration dealing with agents.

Every group of people is split on the subject apart from one, the supporters. I have had letters and emails from all over the country, fans from virtually every club and every division. I am grateful for every single one and it is nice to know what they are thinking and that they share the same concerns. Those with nothing

nothing is going to get in the way of that.

I still believe we have a serious chance of making the play-offs and with the quality we have and knowing what our players are capable of, and the added fact there are 51 points available we will all be out to achieve that goal. We need to start picking up points away from home - that is a certainty. I am fed up telling people we are playing well and controlling games. I want results as I am sure you do.

We have signed David Bell from Rushden & Diamonds and hope he settles as quick as the last few signings did. We hope to bring in more before the end of the month which will help us in the last third of the season.

Get behind the lads

Mike

"I still believe we have a serious chance of making the play-offs and with the quality we have and knowing what our players are capable of, and the added fact there are 51 points available we will be all out to achieve that goal!"

It has been a difficult week. I have never been comfortable with attention and certainly not the sort of spotlight that has been shone in the last ten days. It was never my intention to make headlines. It was a build up and culmination of three-and-a-

to worry about, don't worry. Having met with the F.A. and dealt with professional people, I don't think it is a lost cause that some people have suggested.

It is not a campaign however and I am not on a crusade. I want to concentrate on managing this Club and



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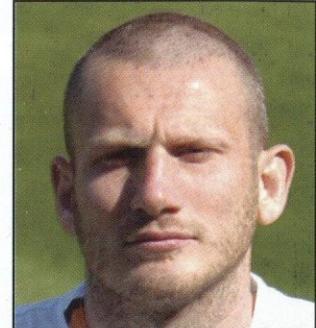
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Kevin Nicholls



Skipper Kevin Nicholls reflects back over our performances against Liverpool and Wolves whilst also looking ahead to today's game with Queens Park Rangers

Our match against Liverpool in the FA Cup was a fantastic night for everybody but despite our encouraging performance we were very disappointed with the result.

Having been 3-1 in front with 30 minutes remaining we know we should have done better to see

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the game through. As skipper, I was proud of our team display but that doesn't hide the fact that we were in an encouraging position in the second half and we should have made more of our opportunity.

The big man (Steve Howard) got us back into the game with a great finish and Robbo then matched his

strike with a fantastic shot of his own. Although we know of Liverpool's qualities, we are disappointed that we let a 3-1 lead slip and are now out of the cup.

That defeat has obviously left us to concentrate on league matters as we try to put a run of results together to keep on track for a

top six finish.

We were pleased with the way we battled back to come from a goal down in our match with Wolves but it has been the way things have gone for us in recent away games where we have been a bit unfortunate not to have taken something.

We felt as though we deserved at least a point at Molineux and, at times, we looked the better side. In the second half we played some encouraging football and we now need to take our that into today's game with Queens Park Rangers.

This is a game we feel that we have to win to maintain our good position in the Championship table and keep the pressure on the top six. We are only six points behind sixth position and with 17 games remaining there are still plenty of points to play for.

Finally, I would like to welcome David Bell, our new signing from Rushden & Diamonds, to Kenilworth Road and wish him all the best during his career with us.

I would like to thank the supporters for their support in recent matches and hope you will get behind us today.

Enjoy the game.

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Cherry Newbery

Cherry Newbery brings you news from around Kenilworth Road

I cannot possibly start my programme notes this week without reference to the team's superb F.A. Cup Third Round performance on 7th January. The match was a credit not only to the two teams that played, but to the whole footballing world and we have received numerous telephone calls, emails and letters congratulating the team, from as far a field as Hungary, Australia and South Africa. It was certainly a match

will give generously to this entirely voluntary organisation, something which seems extraordinary, considering that we are an island and the need for lifeboats and their crews is always paramount.

I am pleased to advise you that we have now received the cheques from The Football Association for our nominees for the Community Shield Distribution Fund. These are £2,000 for The Mary Biswell

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that in the future we will be saying "Yes, I was at that match!".

Supporters will be aware that, in the interest of everyone's safety, we did put in additional security checks at the Liverpool match which worked exceptionally well and we have received a letter of commendation from the Football Licensing Authority regarding the arrangements for the match.

There is a bucket collection today for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and I know supporters

were advised that the kick-off for the last game of the season for all Championship Clubs will be 1.30 p.m. on Sunday 30th April (we play away at Burnley) and the draft fixture list for next season shows the season starting on Saturday 5th August, two more Saturday fixtures and no August Bank Holiday fixture.

The Football League is arranging an Under 21 inter-league match against the Italian League at Hull City's Kingston Communications Stadium on Tuesday 21st February, kick-off 7.45 p.m. The team will be selected and managed by Peter Taylor, manager of Hull and England Under 21's. The Italian team will be made up of players from Serie B and be managed by Giampiero Marini.

The Official Supporters Club is looking to arrange a trip to the World Cup Finals in Germany to support Carlos Edwards and have earmarked the Trinidad and Tobago match versus Sweden on Saturday 10th June. Anyone interested in going should contact Mark Chapman, Chairman of the Supporters Club at markchapman65@hotmail.com or at the supporters hut after the game.

Enjoy the game.

Cherry



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HOLIDAY COURSES



Football in the Community Officer **STUART SMITH** releases dates and prices of the soccer schools which will be running throughout 2006



I would like to use today's page to provide you with a diary for our 2006 Holiday Soccer Courses. Any course that is mentioned on this page can be booked immediately by calling the Community Office on 01582 391927. This call will secure your place; we will then send you an application form to complete and return. **All courses run from 10:00am to 3:00pm**

FEBRUARY		JULY	
Mon 13th to Wed 15th	Barnfield College	£30.00	Mon 24th to Fri 28th
Tues 14th	Barnfield College	£10.00	Mon 31st to Fri 4th Aug
(Strikers Course)			Alameda School Ampthill
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Thurs 16th to Fri 17th	Farley Junior	£20.00	
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APRIL		AUGUST	
Thurs 6th to Fri 7th	Farley Junior	£20.00	Mon 7th to Fri 11th
Thurs 6th to Fri 7th	Barton Playing Fields	£20.00	Mon 14th to Fri 18th
Mon 10th to Thurs 14th	Barnfield College	£40.00	Mon 21st to Fri 25th
Tues 18th April	Queensbury School	£10.00	Queensbury School
Tues 18th April	Stockwood Athletic Track	£10.00	Mon 28th to Fri 1st Sept Barnfield College
MAY		OCTOBER	
Mon 29th to Tues 30th	Farley Junior	£20.00	Mon 23rd to Wed 25th
Mon 29th to Tues 30th	Barton Playing Fields	£20.00	Thurs 26th to Fri 27th
Wed 31st to Fri 2nd June	Barnfield College	£30.00	Farley Junior
DECEMBER			
			Thurs 21ST to Fri 22nd
			Barton Playing Fields
			Wed 27th to Fri 29th
			Barnfield College

As the year progresses we will add more specialist courses to these dates; you will find details of these in your matchday programme; on the website and via flyers distributed into homes and schools.

Before I sign off today I would like to make you aware of a new innovation to our courses that we will introduce over the next two to three months.

I have had numerous requests from parents asking what the next stage is for the children after our Community Courses and how do they take their football development to the next level.

With this in mind, I will be introducing a new three tiered Community Football Development Programme. The initial idea is that we would run in ten week cycles; the cost would be £35 for the entire programme; payable upfront. No weekly option will be available; we would look to hold this at the new PlayFootball.net complex at Stopsley High School.

There would be a Base, a Central and an Advanced level. All children would start at the Base Level and through Assessment have the

opportunity to progress through to the top level.

The Centres would run for 30 weeks a year and there would be around 28 places available for four different age groups. The age groups would be eight and nine years, ten and 11 years, 12 and 13 years and 14 and 15 years.

As some of you may know a number of other local clubs run these types of centre very successfully and I now feel that I have the volume and quality of staff available to extend our activities in this direction.

At the moment nothing is cast in stone but these centres will happen; what I would like from you is an expression of interest in the first instance so that I can look at pitch hires and coaches. If you are interested please call the office on 01582 391927 and leave your name and number with a message that you are interested in the Community Development Centres. We will then come back to you as soon as firm plans are made.

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Stuart Smith

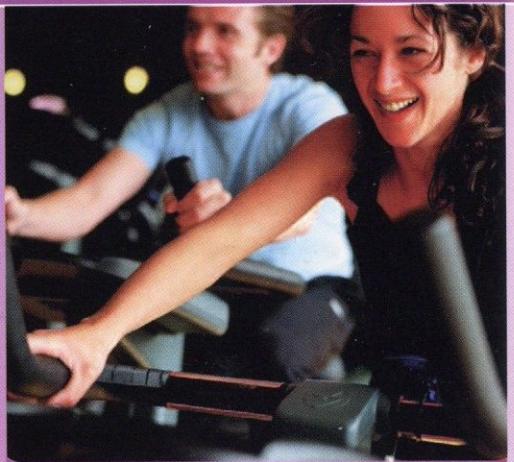
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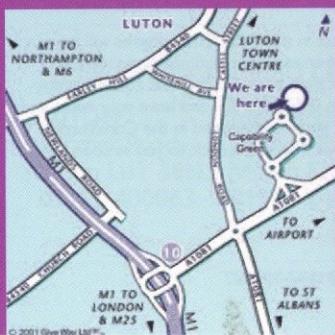
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QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Queens Park Rangers will be looking to maintain their impressive form in recent matches at Kenilworth Road this afternoon. Ian Holloway, the QPR manager, has assembled a strong squad this season which has the potential to challenge for promotion this season as JAMES MARSH explains



QPR FACTFILE



QPR FC

Year Formed: 1885

Ground: Loftus Road

Ground Capacity: 19,148

Most League Goals: George Goddard, 172 (1926-34)

Most Capped Player: Alan McDonald, 52, Northern Ireland

Most League Appearances:
Tony Ingham, 519, 1950-63

Today's opponents are Queen's Park Rangers for a game that, if not quite a six-pointer, is certainly vitally important for both sides. Ian Holloway's men lie ninth in the Championship, a place and a point ahead of the Hatters, and are currently on a bit of a roll. Despite a 3-0 reverse against Blackburn in the

The Hoops are four matches unbeaten in the league and have brought themselves very much into play-off contention. With five away wins under their belt already this season, the men from Loftus Road will be looking to continue their advance into the promotion shake-up this afternoon.

Holloway has a squad with good degree of Premiership experience mixed with some very promising young players. Although last year's Player of the Season, the veteran Kevin Gallen, has been struggling with a hamstring problem recently, Rangers do not lack power up front. Former Watford and Chelsea forward, Paul Furlong, is still playing well despite the advancing years, and Shabazz Baidoo, an ex-Arsenal and England Youth



Dangerman: Gareth Ainsworth

Having been released by Cardiff City, winger Gareth Ainsworth signed for Rangers in June 2003. A much-travelled player, Ainsworth began his league career with Preston before spells at Cambridge United, Lincoln, Preston again and Port Vale where he caught the eye of then-Premiership side Wimbledon. He cost the Dons £2 million but only made 45 appearances because of injury problems. A brief spell at Cardiff followed, but he was released at the end of the 2002-03 season. His contribution to Rangers success is without question, providing leadership and pace, not to mention a couple of cracking goals. On the final day of the 2003-04 season at Hillsborough he bounced and bubbled and ran all day, until the whistle was blown and the waiting was over.

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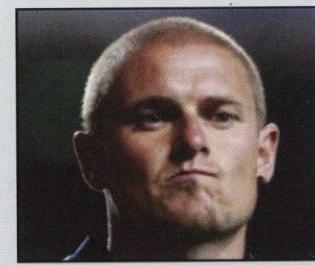
About QPR Manager



Ian Holloway

Ian Holloway returned to Loftus Road in February 2001, taking over from the departing manager Gerry Francis with QPR fighting against relegation to Division Two. He managed to keep them up that season but they went down the following year. His appointment came less than a month after his dismissal from Bristol Rovers and with just thirteen games of the 2000/2001 season remaining for him to try and keep The Hoops up. Having made his senior debut as a player for Bristol Rovers back in April 1981, when he made a substitute appearance against Wrexham, he left in 1985 for Wimbledon before going to Brentford. He returned to the Memorial Stadium in 1987 under Gerry Francis and spent a further four years in The Pirates' midfield. He followed Francis to Loftus Road in 1991 and spent five years at QPR, making 147 appearances and becoming a firm favourite with the Loftus Road fans, before returning to Bristol Rovers as player/manager in May 1996. After a tricky start to his managerial career, Ian led The Pirates to the Second Division play-offs in 1998, where they lost to Northampton in the semi-finals, then narrowly missed out on a play-off berth in 1999/2000. Bristol Rovers were also struggling against relegation - in Division Two - when Ian was dismissed in January 2001, ending his third spell with his hometown club. Although he was disappointed, he was quickly given the opportunity to return to management, and facing a similar challenge at QPR.

Goalkeeper Skipper



Simon Royce

After two previous loan spells with QPR, Royce put pen to paper in a two year deal in the summer of 2005. During his time at previous club Charlton, Royce affirmed himself as Dean Kiely's back-up man during 2003/04 season, starting 34 of Charlton's 38 Premier League matches as a substitute. He played the opening match of the campaign, stepping in for the suspended Kiely, but did not come off the bench for the rest of the year. Royce was Ian Holloway's first choice keeper at the tail end of the 2004-05 season, but his loan spell expired in April and he failed to see the season out at Loftus Road. Moving in for his man, Holloway wasted no time in snapping up his stopper on a permanent deal once the season was over. Royce spent a loan spell at Luton in 2004.



Kevin Gallan

Former product of the QPR youth system, and England Under 21 international who spent eight years at Loftus Road before leaving the club in 2000 to join Huddersfield on a free transfer. He then joined Barnsley a year later, but returned to the club he loves in November 2001 and marked his second debut with a goal against Swindon. Last season he earned rave reviews and claimed the club's Player of the Year crown after a brilliant campaign brought him 14 goals. He spearheaded the attack, but also showed his versatility with spells in central midfield and wide on the right. 'Super Kev' signed a new two-year contract in March 2003 and last season he was in scintillating form passing his last season's equal top club goalscorers tally of 14. Gallan enjoyed a relatively injury free season, and at 28 years of age, it is a fine mix of preparation and good fortune, according to the Rangers striker, which saw him play such a vital role in last season's promotion. The captain enjoyed his 10 year testimonial against Birmingham in the summer.



Defenders

Marcus Bignot

Ian Holloway initially signed Marcus Bignot for Bristol Rovers before signing him again, this time for Rangers in March 2001. He made his Rangers debut the same month against Grimsby Town at Loftus Road and scored his first goal for the club in his next appearance away at Burnley the following week. Bignot made 57 appearances for the R's between March 2001 and August 2002, before signing for Rushden & Diamonds. The 29 year old played for the Nene Park club for 18 months before making a return to Loftus Road. Bignot has settled back in to his role at Loftus Road where he has got off to a storming start to the season and also manages the Birmingham ladies team.

Dan Shittu

Powerfully built central defender who signed in January 2001 from Charlton Athletic for an initial fee of £250,000 after spending two months on loan at Loftus Road. Dan never played a competitive match for Charlton but made 19 appearances on loan at Blackpool towards the end of the 2000/01 season, scoring two goals. He soon established himself at the heart of the Rangers defence and his impressive displays earned him an international call-up in March 2002 when he made his debut for Nigeria in a friendly against Paraguay at Loftus Road. Last year an injury to his anterior cruciate ligament forced his season to be cut short in January, keeping him out for eight months.

Georges Santos

After signing from Ipswich in the summer, the man from Marseille has settled in to roles both in defence and in midfield, earning man of the match plaudits at Gillingham. Santos has spells at Tranmere, West Brom, Sheffield United, Grimsby and Ipswich under his belt before joining Rangers on a free transfer from the Blues after he was told he did not figure in manager Joe Royle's plans for the new season, and although he was squeezed out of Portman Road, there was plenty of space for the tough tackling defender at Rangers. An experienced and valuable recent addition to Ian Holloway's squad, some impressive displays this season have seen the Loftus Road faithful warm to Santos already.

Matthew Rose

Signed from Arsenal in 1997 for a fee of £500,000. Matthew captained Arsenal's FA Youth Cup winning team of 1994 before going on to make his full debut for them in March 1997. He has been capped twice at England Under 21 level playing against Georgia in November 1996 and later Italy. He made his debut for Rangers in the opening match of the 1997/98 season against Ipswich Town. Happy in a number of positions he has matured into a very accomplished player who looks comfortable in possession and reads the game very well.

Midfielders

Steve Lomas

Rangers completed the signing of the hugely experienced Northern Ireland midfielder Steve Lomas on deadline day of August 2005. The 31-year-old left West Ham for Loftus Road on a free transfer after eight years with the East London club. In his time at the Boleyn Ground he has made 227 appearances and his first class total is well over 300 having begun his league career with Manchester City. He made 25 appearances in West Ham's promotion season last year, including both league games against Rangers. Lomas has also played 45 times for Northern Ireland, scoring three times.

Richard Langley

Hugely talented former trainee who signed professional terms in December 1996. Richard made his first team debut in October 1998 when he appeared as a substitute against Swindon Town and went on to score his first goal for Rangers on his home debut against Barnsley three days later. His confident displays in midfield made him a first team regular during 1999/2000 leading Rangers fans to pick him as the Club's Young Player of the Year that season. Richard suffered a serious knee injury against Fulham in January 2001 which cut short his season but returned a year later and last season shone in midfield and wide on the right contributing a number of important goals including an unforgettable injury time winner at Cardiff in April.

Lee Cook

Cook made his first appearance for Rangers while on loan from Watford in the 2001/2002 season, playing 13 games for Ian Holloway's side, contributing enormously to Rangers' push towards the play offs. He made no secret about his boyhood love for the club, and when his contract expired at Vicarage Road in the summer, Rangers moved in to bring the 22 year old to Loftus Road. Cook has explosive pace and a keen eye for goal as he proved when he scored his first goal for the club since signing permanently, a fantastic diving header against Leicester. At the end of the 2004-05 Championship season, Cook was rewarded with his outstanding performances when he received the Young Player of the Year award.

Martin Rowlands

Hammersmith-born midfielder who joined Rangers in July 2003 on a free-transfer from local rivals Brentford. Rowlands began his career with non-league Farnborough, before joining the Bees for £45,000 in August 1998. He spent five seasons at Griffin Park making 186 appearances and scoring 22 goals. A skilful and pacy player he broke his leg towards the end of the 2002-03 season but enjoyed a complete recovery before putting pen to paper on a two-year deal at Loftus Road.

Strikers

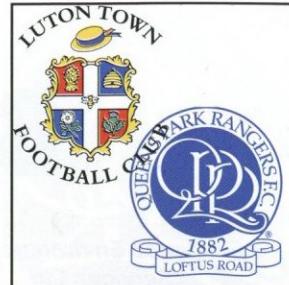
Paul Furlong

Having previously been on the books at QPR as a youth and enjoyed a loan spell at Loftus Road in 2000, Furlong returned for a third spell in August 2002 - initially on loan once again, before putting pen to paper on a free transfer. Having joined Coventry City from non-league Enfield in 1991, Furlong went on to enjoy spells at Watford, Chelsea and Birmingham, racking up cumulative transfer fees of £4.2 million. In 2002-03 Furlong won round the Rangers faithful with a host of outstanding striking displays, culminating in the second leg of the play-off semi-final which saw him score the only goal to secure an aggregate win and a place in the final. His final tally of 14 saw him as joint top scorer with strike partner Kevin Gallan. During his first year in the Championship, Furlong impressed both his fellow players and fans alike. This was proved when at the end of the year he scooped both Player of the Year awards as well as goal of the season.

Shabazz Baidoo

A product of the Arsenal youth team and during his time at Highbury he represented England under 16s. Shabazz has made a big impression since joining Rangers. Made his first team debut in April 2005 against Gillingham and at the end of 04/05 had made four first team appearances.





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Classic Match

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



□ David Moss nets from the spot against Rangers in 1982.

When the Town entertained Rangers at Kenilworth Road on 11th May 1982, everyone involved with the club looked back on a remarkable campaign and realised that one more win would clinch the championship of the old Division Two with three games to play.

Promotion had been won 11 days before after a 4-1 home win over Shrewsbury and with a win at Chelsea in between extending an unbeaten run to 11 games, May 11th would hopefully see the Hatters return to the top flight for the first time since 1975 as champions.

Rangers also had eyes on promotion and would probably have clinched a top three spot had they not embarked

on an amazing run that had seen them fight their way through to the FA Cup final where they were due to meet Tottenham.

A best of the season crowd of 16,657 turned up at Kenilworth Road on a warm evening to see Rangers take early control against a nervous Town but the game hinged on the early dismissal of Glenn Roeder.

The Rangers midfielder had already been harshly booked for the fairly harmless obstruction of Raddy Antic and when he foolishly brought down Hill in full flight he left the referee with little option. The dismissal had a double effect on poor Roeder as he was suspended for the FA Cup final replay which Rangers lost narrowly.

For a time it was difficult to see which of the sides was down to ten men but slowly the Hatters took control and Hill opened the scoring, chipping the ball expertly over Rangers' goalkeeper Peter Hucker after latching on to a clever through ball from Kirk Stephens.

Hucker pulled off a miraculous save from David Moss before White doubled the lead, just after the interval, poking the ball home from close range.

Rangers refused to lie down, however, and Terry Fenwick reduced the arrears after 70 minutes with a diving header quickly followed by a glaring miss from Ian Dawes which was the warning the Town needed to shock them back into action.

The game was eventually made safe when Moss was pulled down in the box by Steve Wicks and then sent Hucker the wrong way from the spot. A 35 yard blockbuster from Simon Stainrod with five minutes to go was too little too late and when the final whistle sounded thousands of Luton supporters swarmed on to the pitch to salute the champions.

Although Rangers missed out on promotion that season they followed the Town up to the top flight the following year.

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

QPR: Hucker, Neil, Dawes, Waddock, Wicks, Roeder, Micklewhite, Flanagan, Allen, Stainrod, Fenwick.

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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



Chris Coyne v Dan Shittu

The three points for this afternoon's game could be won in the centre of defence where Luton's Chris Coyne and QPR's Dan Shittu are likely to play major roles for their side.

After forming a vital partnership with Curtis Davies last season, Coyne has quickly settled into his new role with Markus Heikkinen, after battling back from an injury which hampered his start to life in the Championship. Coyne has also shown he has great ability in front of goal and played in a centre-forward role during our victory over Millwall earlier in the season. His goal against Leyton Orient this season, combined with a stunning strike against Hartlepool last year means QPR may have to be wary of his attacking capability.

Likewise, Shittu is another defender who knows his way to goal having scored three times this season, all coming from set-pieces and all scored through headers. Rangers boss Ian Holloway was keen to keep hold of his man and the powerful central defender signed a new three-year contract at the end of last season, showing the importance he is to the team. Very good in the air and equally skilled with the ball at his feet, Shittu has represented his country Nigeria but narrowly missed out on their World Cup 2002 squad.



□ Andrew Fotiadis scores against QPR in our 3-3 draw in 2001

Although QPR hold a superior record over the Hatters in past meetings, the Londoners have had trouble in taking maximum points on visits to Kenilworth Road with Luton winning 22 and drawing 13 of the 41 league matches at Kenilworth Road.

Recent matches between the two sides

don't make good reading for Luton fans

having not won in the last 15 encounters,

an astonishing run which stretches back

since 1988.

The two sides have produced a number of 'classic matches' with the 3-3 FA Cup draw in January 2001 quickly springing to mind. The Hatters were seemingly on

their way to a fourth round spot when

Andrew Fotiadis and Liam George sent

Luton into a two goal lead before a brace

by Peter Crouch got QPR back into the

game.

A tense finale saw Stuart Douglas hit a 77th minute third goal and with just moments to go before full time, Gavin Peacock struck from the penalty spot to book a replay at Loftus Road, which was eventually won by Rangers thanks to a double by former Arsenal striker Christopher Kiwomya.

Danny Wilson and Steve Foster were both on target the last time we defeated QPR, in a 2-1 win, a match which was played five days before our Littlewoods Cup success against Arsenal.

Since that victory, Luton have drawn eight of the 15 times the team have gone head-to-head. Paul Furlong, the current QPR striker, has a tendency of scoring against Luton with two goals in his last three appearances against the Hatters.

FORM GUIDE
Luton: W,L,L,L,L
Wolves 2 Luton 1
QPR 1 Southampton 0
Blackburn 3 QPR 0
Luton 3 Liverpool 5
Luton 2 Watford 3
Ipswich 1 Luton 0
Luton 3 Brighton 0

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Crewe 3 QPR 4
QPR 1 Cardiff 0
Draws: 27

HEAD 2 HEAD
Luton Wins: 29
(28 league, 1 cups)
QPR Wins: 35
(31 league, 4 cups)
Draws: 27

LAST FIVE MEETINGS:
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Match Action

MALCOLM SCOTT reports on an amazing FA Cup match at Kenilworth Road as Liverpool come from 3-1 down to clinch a 5-3 victory on a night of high entertainment.

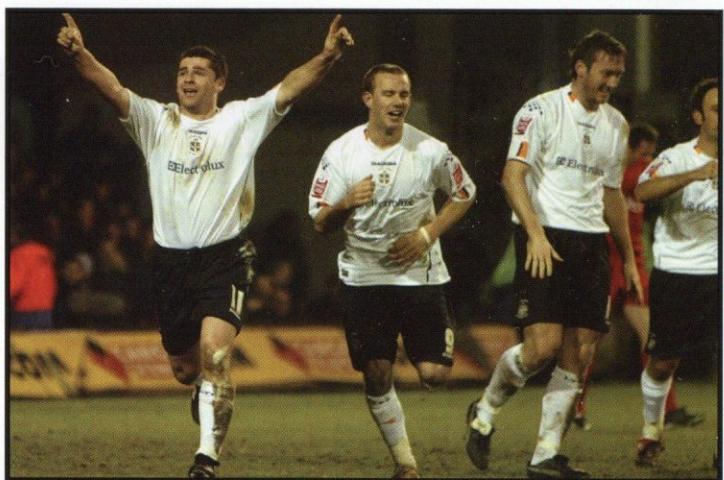
Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



It was just a bit of naivety really in the second half. We have got to recognise we can't play teams off the park for 90 minutes - not teams like Liverpool anyway. At 3-1 we were the better side and although I am not advocating that we shut up shop, we have to recognise the threat of putting people behind the ball and making it difficult for them. I can't fault the players and their honesty. We have got to keep going and keep playing. It's not a consolation that we have put on a good game of football and there has been some good goals. We have been beat at the end of the day and the disappointment will take a while to go away. I never thought the game was over, not with the quality that they have got in the side. If they can come back from three goals down against Milan then they are likely to do it against Luton.

LUTON TOWN 3 LIVERPOOL 5



Steve Robinson celebrates as Luton go 2-1 in front

In a match, which had millions enthralled on live TV, Luton's hearts were broken by a creditable second half Liverpool comeback. For over an hour, Luton took the game to their more illustrious counterparts, despite going down in the 16th minute, to a Steven Gerrard drive.

Luton deservedly equalised when Ahmet Brkovic played a delightful through ball to Steve Howard who rounded Scott Carson to slot into the empty net.

As half time approached, Luton looked the more likely to score and did so when a delightful first touch by Steve Robinson enabled him to turn Jamie Carragher and fire a shot across Carson.

Paul Underwood was most unfortunate to concede a penalty kick from what looked like an incidental contact between him and Gerrard but Marlon Beresford saved well from Djibril Cisse. Within min-

utes, Luton found themselves with a penalty kick, as Kevin Nicholls needed no second invitation to put Luton 3-1 up from the spot.

Sinama Pongolle came on for Liverpool and ran at pace through Luton's tiring defence and scored almost immediately. This signalled an onslaught of Liverpool attacks defended bravely by Luton.

However Alonso equalised from 25 yards with a dipping volley, which may have taken a slight deflection to outwit Beresford. In 74th minute, Sinama-Pongolle outjumped the Luton defence to head firmly home to put the Reds into the lead, and in stoppage time when Beresford was up in the Liverpool penalty area for what appeared to be the final corner of the match, the ball broke kindly for Alonso, who fired home from ten yards inside his own half, and the ball bounced agonisingly into the unguarded Luton net.

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LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP

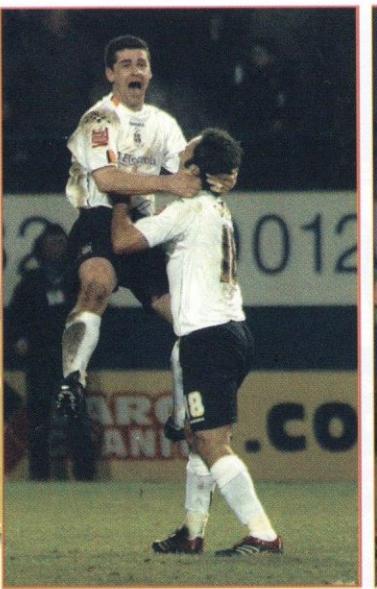


LIVERPOOL'S STARTING LINE-UP

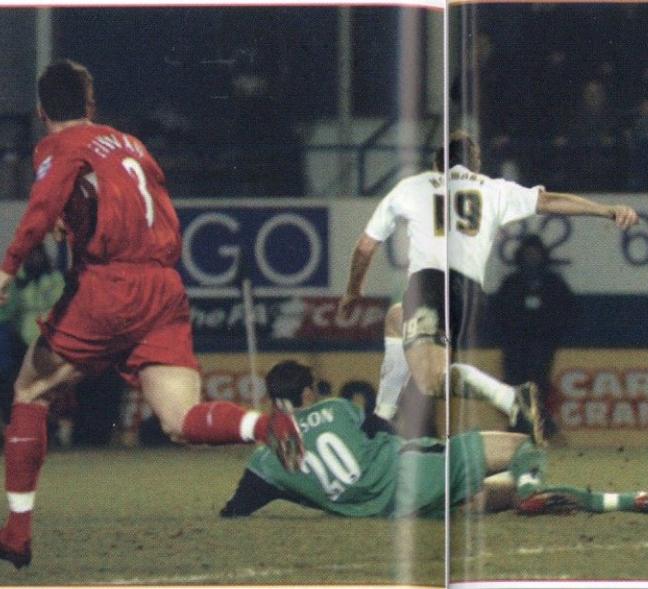


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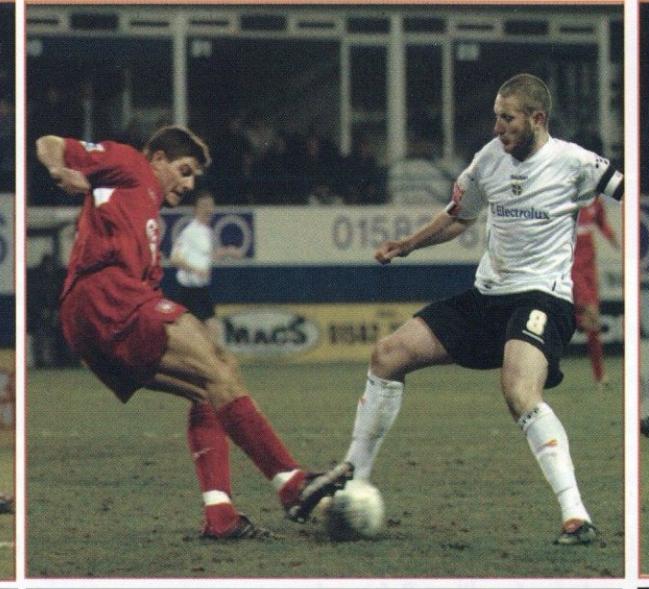
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Possession :	42%	58%
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Fouls :	14	7
Most Fouls :	Howard (4)	Crouch (3)
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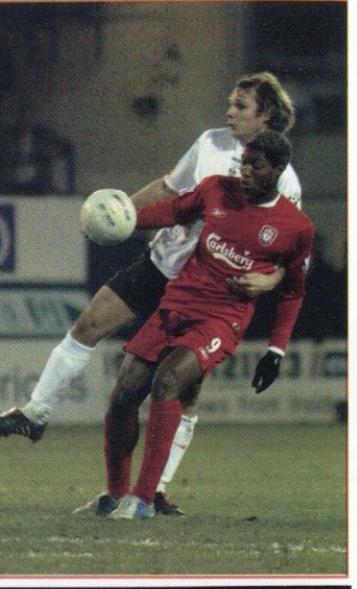
□ Steve Robinson celebrates his goal



□ Steve Howard on his way to bringing Luton back on level terms



□ Kevin Nicholls and Steven Gerrard tussle for possession



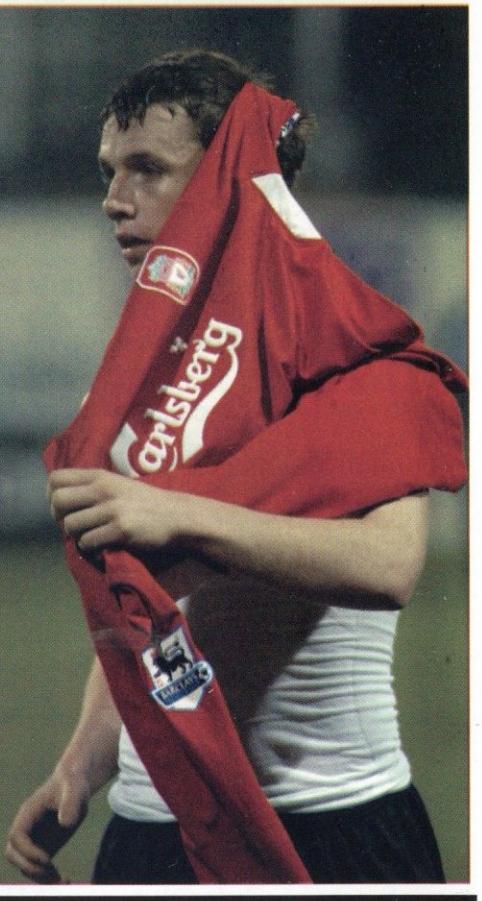
□ Markus Heikkinen tries to beat Djibril Cisse



□ Steve Howard and Jamie Carragher swap shirts at the final whistle



□ Peter Crouch keeps a close eye on Chris Coyne



□ Kevin Foley with his momentum at the end of the game

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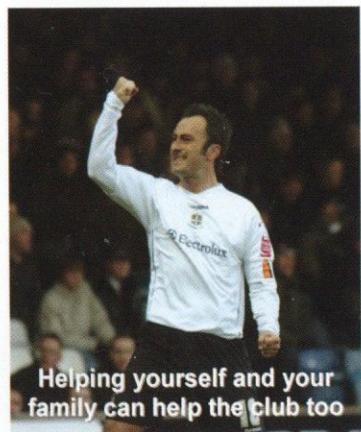
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Luton Town Belles

DAVE BAKER rounds-up the latest news from the Luton Town Belles squad which included a memorable win for the senior side over Newquay



Luton Town Belles kicked off the second half of the season with a dramatic win over Newquay in which our ladies edged out a nine goal thriller. Belles didn't make the best of starts in a pulsating opening as a cross was pulled back from the right and was smashed back high into the net to put the home side in front early on. Fay Howell then got Belles back on level terms when she beat the Newquay goalkeeper to turn home Michelle Byrne's cross. Newquay then regained the lead within five minutes after a breakaway and cool finish but Town fought back to level again via a superb first time shot from Byrne which fizzed into the bottom corner. The scores remained level at 2-2 at the break.

Luton then carried the fight to the

Cornish side and were rewarded when they took the lead for the first time. Kaylee Owen found room just inside the box and unleashed a thundering drive into the far top corner past the helpless keeper to make it 3-2. Newquay were reeling when they conceded a free kick just outside the centre circle. Howell then spotted the keeper off her line and smashed the ball over her head from fully 40 yards out to extend the lead. Back came the visitors again with a third goal but Luton regained their two goal advantage when Janine Daly controlled a cross and crashed her shot in off the underside of the bar and it was 5-3. In injury time keeper Alice Burbury had to be replaced after making a fine diving save and her emergency replacement Ottolie Quince took over

between the sticks. Deep into injury time Newquay narrowed the lead again but it was too late as Luton held on for a vital 5-4 win. This was perhaps the best team performance this season with everyone showing the right qualities to meet the task ahead.

The reserves were unlucky in cup action as they went down 2-1 after extra time to Staines Town. Luton were unfortunate not to have won the game in normal time and add to Charis Wakefield's strike but this sides average age was just 16 and their opponents had progressed well in the FA Cup.

The third team did progress against higher placed opponents from Hendon. They started brightly and raced into a two goal lead through Emma Wells and Fay Rolls but were then pegged back to 2-2 with a minute of normal time remaining. The extra time winner came from Tamzine Neale after keeper Chloe Fensome twice saved a penalty after a retake was ordered.

The Under 13's began the New Year by demolishing Hitchin Town 6-1. Candice Davies grabbed the headlines with four with Kate Harte and Leanne Lizaitis also on target. Lizaitis then grabbed a brace in a 2-1 win over Luton Borough before a visit to high flying Cambridge City almost brought the deserved maximum points but Belles conceded a last minute goal to equalise Davies' earlier strike.

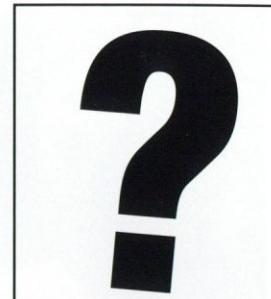
A hard fought encounter with Tottenham Hotspur saw the Under 10's come out on top with leading scorer Ceylon Hickman grabbing the all important winner.



□ Candice Davies scored for the Under 13 team which drew with Cambridge City last week



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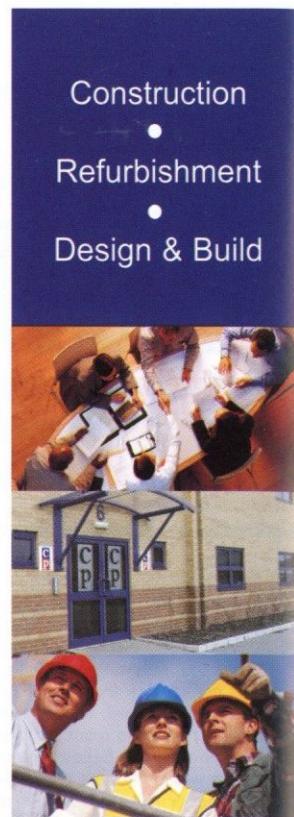
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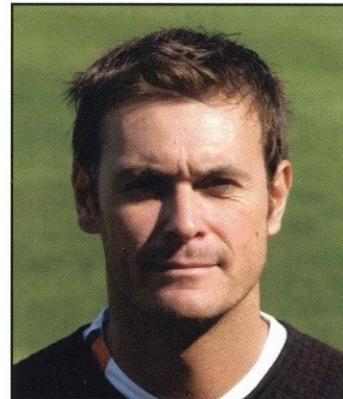
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Head 2 Head

Our Head 2 Head competition moves into the second round phase with eight competitors eyeing a place in the next round. With Curtis Davies no longer with us and Mark Ridgeway the only contestant with a maximum 10/10, he receives a bye into the final stages. The competition is certainly reaching boiling point as Marlon Beresford and Kevin Nicholls go head-to-head



Marlon beat Paul Hughes in round one

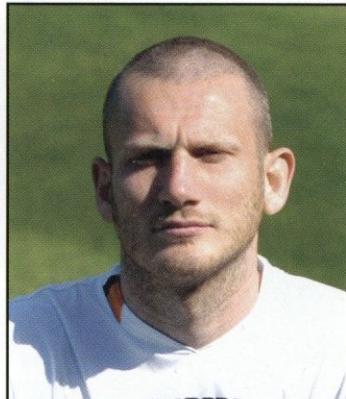
MARLON'S ANSWERS

1. Ivory Coast ✓
2. Leeds United ✓
3. Sheffield United & Wednesday ✓
4. Nicky Butt ✓
5. Senegal ✗
6. Crewe ✓
7. Arsenal ✗
8. FC Porto ✓
9. Alain Perrin ✓
10. Paraguay ✓

Score 8/10

QUESTIONS

1. Arsenal defender Kolo Toure will represent which country at the 2006 World Cup Finals?
2. Which Premiership club did Terry Venables manage during the 2002-2003 season?
3. Which two clubs compete in the Steel City derby?
4. Which midfielder did Newcastle buy from Manchester United in 2004?
5. What is the nationality of Arsenal full-back Lauren?
6. Which club are nicknamed the Railwaymen?
7. Who won the last FA Cup to be staged at Wembley?
8. Who won the Champions League in the 2003/04 season?
9. Who was the first Premiership manager to lose his job this season?
10. Which country will England kick-off their World Cup campaign against in Germany?



Kevin beat Marlon Johnson in round one

KEVIN'S ANSWERS

1. Ivory Coast ✓
2. Leeds United ✓
3. Sheffield United & Wednesday ✓
4. Nicky Butt ✓
5. Cameroon ✓
6. Crewe ✓
7. Chelsea ✓
8. FC Porto ✓
9. Alain Perrin ✓
10. Sweden ✗

Score 9/10

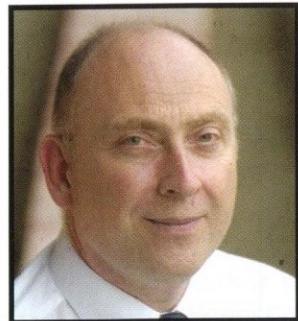
SECOND ROUND DRAW

Mark Ridgeway W/O Curtis Davies
Marlon Beresford 8 v 9 Kevin Nicholls
Steve Robinson v Kevin Foley
Dean Morgan v John Murray
Rowan Vine v Peter Holmes

Knocked out in First Round: Paul Hughes, Marvin Johnson, Chris Coyne, Steve Howard, Ahmet Brkovic, Bob Catlin, Carlos Edwards, Steve Sedgley, Warren Fenney, Sol Davis



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Roger Wash

1968
1969

From the 1968-69 season, Roger Wash looks back at a year when the Hatters narrowly missed out on a second successive promotion, saw a change of manager as well as the 'goal of the century'.



Golden Boy' Bruce Rioch.

Following promotion from Division Four in 1968 the money of director Tony Hunt guaranteed and underpinned a massive spending spree, by Luton Town standards, with around £90,000 being spent on players and ground improvements over the summer months.

The opening day visitors to Kenilworth Road were Oldham Athletic and on a hot, sunny day a crowd of 14,747 turned up on a wave of euphoria to see if the Town could steamroller their way straight through to Division Two. A 4-0 win certainly

kept the fans happy and the sun continued to shine as relegated Rotherham were seen off 3-1 at Kenilworth Road and Barnsley thrashed 5-1 in another tremendous performance. As if to prove the press wrong, that they could only win at home, a 3-1 victory at Gillingham followed.

With seven matches gone, the Town were three points clear at the top and next up were highly fancied Mansfield who were in third spot. Enthusiasm had reached a high point and a crowd of 19,315 were present to see the

game open in amazing fashion when 'golden boy' Bruce Rioch was dismissed for allegedly striking an opponent.

The sense of injustice felt by the team and the crowd meant that the rest of the match was played in an unreal atmosphere which bordered on the belligerent.

As so often happens in these cases the ten men fought like twelve and in an amazing game the Town eventually ran out 4-2 winners with winger Graham French scoring what many supporters maintain was the best goal ever at this ground after running the length of the pitch with the ball.

The cost of the Mansfield victory was high with several injuries sustained and it was no surprise when the unbeaten record went at Brighton in a disappointing 0-1 reversal. The home wins kept on coming but were now less convincing and a string of away defeats meant that the top spot was lost to the new pacemakers Swindon and Watford.

In late October, manager Allan Brown was permitted to dip into the transfer market again and bought cultured full-back Jack Bannister from Crystal Palace and goalkeeper Sandy Davie from Dundee United. Both starred in a fine 2-0 home win over Swindon but were unable to reverse the run of poor away performances.

Director and benefactor Tony Hunt was extremely ambitious and expected

LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1) Watford	46	27	10	9	74	34	64
2) Swindon Town	46	27	10	9	71	35	64
3) LUTON	46	25	11	10	74	38	61
4) Bournemouth	46	21	9	16	60	46	51
5) Plymouth	46	17	15	14	53	49	49
6) Torquay	46	18	12	16	54	46	48
7) Tranmere	46	19	10	17	70	68	48
8) Southport	46	17	13	16	71	64	47

hard work, honesty and loyalty from the staff and players. When Allan Brown was interviewed for the vacant Leicester City job, just before Christmas 1968, for which he was not successful, he was immediately sacked for 'disloyalty'.

The board lost no time in finding a replacement and hours after dismissing Brown were introducing ex-Q.P.R. manager Alec Stock to the waiting media. Stock had recently been dismissed by the west London club in controversial circumstances and was desperate for a return to football.

The players responded with a fighting 2-0 home win over Plymouth in front of the television cameras and then broke their poor away spell when winning 2-0 at Northampton in a game played on a sheet of ice.

Away performances continued to improve as typified in a 0-0 draw at

pacesetters Swindon, but then in late January Rioch was injured during the home win over Walsall and the first of his many cartilage operations was the outcome.

Despite this set-back the Town, with signing from Q.P.R. Mike Keen dominant, continued to string good, but close results together but they still had a fair amount of leeway to make up due to their indiscretions before Christmas.

A string of four home games with three wins and a draw, followed by draws at Bristol Rovers and Torquay put the Town level on points with Swindon but then, as has often been the case, 'Easteritis' struck with a vengeance. Over 3,500 Luton fans journeyed to Mansfield to see if a twelve match unbeaten run could be extended but returned home very disappointed when a lifeless display resulted in a 0-1 defeat.

Manager: Allan Brown/Alec Stock

Top Scorer: Brian Lewis

League Position: 3rd

FA Cup: 3rd Round

League Cup: 3rd Round

Memorable Match:
Vs Mansfield - W 4-2

Thoughts of promotion were effectively ended on the Tuesday after Easter when Southport, with a ten man defence, managed to hold on to a 0-0 draw at Kenilworth Road but there was still the matter of local pride to play for and the final match of the campaign attracted a best of the season 25,523 to Kenilworth Road to see if the Town could upset the champions-elect Watford.

The Hatters won 2-1 with goals from Ian Buxton and Keith Allen but with over 100 injured in crowd disturbances, three players sent off and frequent pitch invasions the match is best forgotten. What must be remembered, however, in a season where only the top two were promoted, is that the Town finished ten points ahead of the fourth placed club while remaining unbeaten at Kenilworth Road.

Elsewhere in football

Leeds won the championship of Division One having lost only twice over the course of the season.

F.A.Cup winners were Manchester City who beat Leicester in the final while Swindon from Division Three beat mighty Arsenal to win the League Cup.

Newcastle United picked up a rare trophy when they beat Ujpest

Dozsa over two legs in the final of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup.

The transfer fee record was smashed again with Leicester paying £150,000 for Fulham's Allan Clarke.

Matt Busby announces that he is to step down as manager of Manchester United.

Tommy Docherty resigns from the managers position at Q.P.R.

after only a month at Loftus Road after he is refused money to buy Rotherham's Brian Tiler. A few days later Docherty takes over at Aston Villa.

Fire breaks out in the main stand at Nottingham Forest's City Ground during the match with Leeds. The stand is gutted but, mercifully, there are no casualties.



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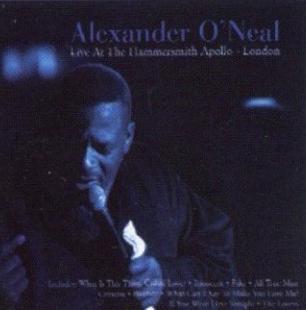
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Luton take a mini-break before making the trip to Sheffield Wednesday for their next stop in their Championship season.

BY ROAD: Take the M1 Northbound to the junction 33 and turn left towards Sheffield City Centre on the "Sheffield Parkway" dual carriageway. Continue until the end of the Parkway, when you will come to Park Square roundabout. Turn right and continue to follow signs for the A61 towards Barnsley. Signs for Hillsborough are also prominent. The stadium is situated 3 miles from the city centre and is on your left-hand side after Hillsborough Park.

BY RAIL/BUS: Sheffield Railway Station is situated in the town centre, two miles from the ground. Either get a taxi up to the ground or the bus station is a one minute walk from the railway station. Cross over at the pedestrian crossing, and follow the signs. Head for the far side of the terminus. Bus no. 53 to Ecclesfield runs regularly to the

ground (every ten minutes), as well as numbers 77 & 80 (every 15 minutes), the journey time is about 30 minutes.

MATCHDAY PARKING: There is some street parking to be had if you arrive early, otherwise there are some unofficial car parks along the A61 that charge in the region of £2-£3. You could also park at Meadowhall Shopping Centre, just by Junction 34, of the M1, where you can park for free and then take a yellow tram to Leppings Lane, which costs less than £2 return and takes about 35 minutes.

AROUND THE GROUND: The 'Horse & Jockey' pub is the designated pub by the police for away fans. It is located on Wadsley Lane, about a 5-10 minute walk away from the away end. To find this pub, just go down to the

bottom of Leppings Lane, go across Catch Bar Lane and then left into Middlewood Road. Then turn right into Wadsley Lane, passing the Park Hotel and the pub is about 300 yards further up on the right hand side of the road.

WHAT'S THE GROUND LIKE: Although the ground has not had the level of new investment some other clubs have recently received, it is still a beautiful ground oozing character. It has four large separate two tiered stands, which are all covered. The South Stand on one side of the ground is the largest of the stands and is superb looking. Unfortunately, only one corner of the ground is filled, between the West and North Stands. This area is uncovered. In the other corner is a small electric scoreboard.

BY COACH WITH TOWN ON TOUR: Departs from Luton at 3:30pm with a stop a MK Coachway at 4:00pm. The fare for LTSC members is £16 for adult members, £14 for concessions and £18 for non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk.

BY COACH WITH BOBBERS

TRAVEL: Departs from Cranfield at 2:00pm and Luton 3:00pm. 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.

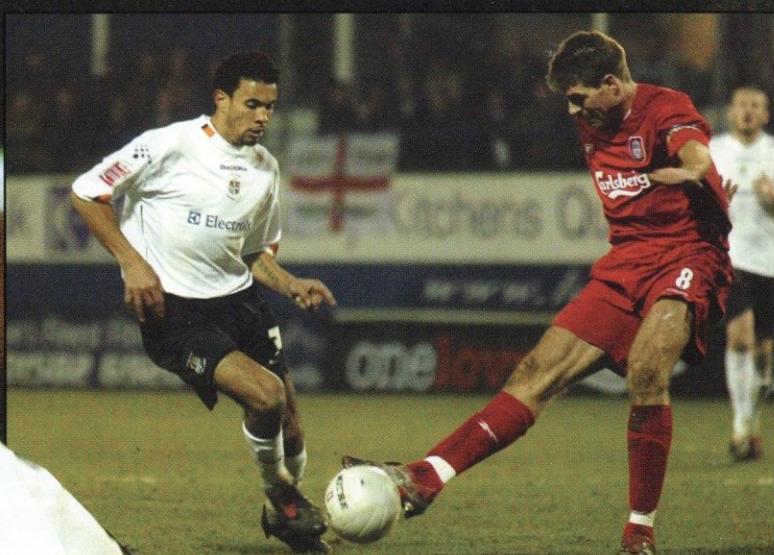


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THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS



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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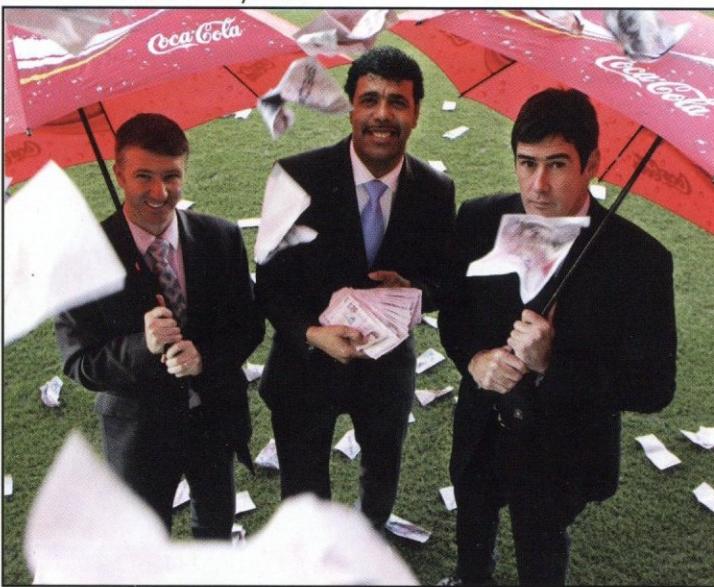
Win A Player 2

Coca-Cola recently launched 'Win a Player 2', the great opportunity for fans to help win their club a sizeable transfer kitty to spend on new players

Last season Brighton fans won their beloved club a quarter of a million pounds to spend on players and Coca-Cola have recently launched 'Win A Player 2' giving Football League supporters the chance to shape their club's future.

'Win a Player 2', is bigger and better than last season, giving supporters more chances to help shape their club's future, with three separate transfer kitties amounting to £350,000 up for grabs in the biggest-ever 'Coca-Cola' domestic football promotion.

Last year the initiative caught the imagination of football fans everywhere



Mike Newell, pictured with Leyton Orient boss Martin Ling and Sky Sports correspondent Chris Kamara, helped launch Coca-Cola's Win A Player competition

with a staggering 1.1 million entries received during the 80 day promotion. An amazing response from fans, managers, chairmen and media meant that it simply had to be repeated again in 2006.

Brighton supporter Aaron Berry became the luckiest fan around in May 2005 when he won the prize - £250,000 for his beloved team to spend on a brand new player, and £10,000 for himself. Manager Mark McGhee spent the transfer kitty on young, up-and-coming striker Colin Kazim-Richards, who has already proved his worth with four stunning

goals for The 'Coca-Cola' Championship side this season.

This year 'Win a Player' is even more exciting with 'Coca-Cola' giving away three prizes to three fans of different clubs. As with last season the first prize is £250,000 for one club's transfer fund, with a personal cheque of £10,000 for the winning fan, but this year two further clubs, both from different leagues, will each win £50,000, with £1,000 each for the winning fans.

The three winning fans will be invited on to Sky TV's Soccer AM on 29th April 2006 where presenters Tim Lovejoy and Helen Chamberlain will reveal the winning clubs live on air.

Steve Cumming, Sponsorship Manager, Coca-Cola Great Britain said: "Win a Player last year was such an incredible success story that we had to bring it back for 2006. For 'Coca-Cola' this is about genuinely giving something back to the clubs and fans – putting our money where our mouth is – and we're really looking forward to making more fans and clubs as happy as Aaron and Brighton last season."

To enter, text LUTON to 88555 or visit www.coca-colafootball.co.uk. Text messages will be charged at a maximum of 12p. No purchase necessary. Fans can enter the promotion once a day, every day between 11/01/06 and 25/04/06. Any fan that enters three times will automatically be entered into a free prize draw to win a pair of FIFA 2006 World Cup tickets. The more entries a club has, the greater their chances of winning a prize.



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Website News

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

In the Liverpool programme I discussed the wide range of websites within the Club's portfolio that are generating income for Luton Town.

One area I briefly touched on was the expanding area of playing poker online, something that is expected to be a huge growth area in 2006. As part of the relationship with Football League interactive (FLi), lutontown.co.uk has teamed up with PokerStars.com to provide you with the facility to play in a safe and secure environment with the world's most innovative online poker site.

PokerStars is an official member of the World Poker Tour, and the title sponsor of the European Poker Tour and the PokerStars Caribbean Adventure.



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

If you're relatively new to poker, perhaps you have always wanted to have a go but have been unsure of who to ask about the rules, you can find out all about Texas Hold'em on lutontown.co.uk. Discover which hand beats what, how to back your hand with your bet, the difference between a 'Flop' and a 'River' and much more.

You can learn for free at PokerStars.com on the free money tables, so you can brush up on your skills without risking any of your hard earned cash. What's more, you will always compete against other real poker players from around the world and there is absolutely no charge to participate in the play money games.

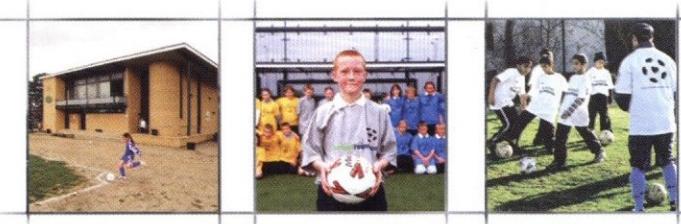
For those of you who fancy your chances in the big league, PokerStars.com is the official sponsor of the European Poker Tour and daily tournament qualifiers are now running to big money Tournaments in Europe's most prestigious venues.

And remember, every supporter who signs up to PokerStars.com - whether they play for free or for cash - is directly earning money for Luton Town Football Club.

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 at the latest transfer news in the Championship with Preston and Cardiff both strengthening their squad for the second half of the season

Although we've all had to have a bit of a reality check as the wins dried up during the coldest, darkest weeks of the year, the Hatters still go into today's encounter against QPR in the position we were in before the season actually started. Twelfth!

Back in August, although most sports fans were tuning into the Ashes coverage as a way of eating (and drinking) up the time before the Championship season started, a glance at any of the leading football web sites, such as www.lutontown.co.uk, would have revealed the Hatters in twelfth place in the pointless table, nestled twixt Leicester City and Millwall – courtesy of alphabetical order before a ball was



Preston boss Billy Davies has been busy in the transfer market since the window opened this month

kicked in anger.

Now that we're actually above both of those teams in the league, it could be even argued that there been a slight improvement since then.

However, every team in our division are currently striving to improve - performances and personnel - hence the busy behind-the-scenes activity going on right now at Championship clubs up and down the country.

The January transfer window is a blessing for those who have money to spend, but can also be a curse for clubs who are trying to hang onto their prized possessions.

Cardiff City didn't waste any time getting their cheque book out, as a trio of new talent made their debuts in last weeks 3-0 win over Burnley at Ninian Park.

Steven Thompson is a free-scoring Scotland international who cost Rangers over £1m when they signed him from Dundee United three years ago. After snapping him up for £250,000, Bluebirds manager Dave Jones threw him straight into the thick of the action last weekend and was rewarded with a brace of goals.

Fellow forward and new signing from Darlington, Congo-born Guylain Ndumbu-Nsungu, also made his debut alongside experienced ex-Villa midfielder Riccardo Scimeca, who Jones cannily snapped up from West Brom (initially on loan) just in time to play

the match.

Cardiff City are currently the only Championship side to have a Premiership feeder club as Scimeca joins a squad which also includes fellow ex-Baggies Jason Koumas and Darren Purse.

Midfielder Brian Stock enjoyed a decent debut for Preston after manager Billy Davies managed to prise him away from his boyhood club, Bournemouth, as they halted Millwall's mini-revival with a 2-0 home win.

It seems that very few clubs in the Championship can afford to splash out on players that have been there, seen it and done it at the moment, instead preferring to scout the lower divisions for younger players with potential.

The more 'informed' approach is not for Neil Warnock, though, as he has had big money offers for Cardiff's Jerome Thomas and Burnley's Ade Akinbiyi turned down over the past few days.

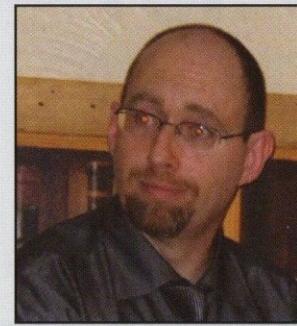
Leicester City have signed promising young striker Matt Fryatt from Walsall for an undisclosed fee on a three-and-a-half year contract. The 19-year-old's 30 goals from 78 games (14 scored this season) had pricked up the ears of numerous Championship clubs, although the rule of football economics at this level (i.e. you must sell before you can buy) hindered any other firm approaches for Fryatt's services.





The Greatest

Who is your greatest Luton team of all time. This new feature in the matchday programme gives you the chance to tell us your all time Fantasy XI of Luton players.



Name: Graham Winterbone

Date of Birth: 16/09/1961

Occupation: Managing Director

Years following Luton: 36

Where do you sit: Main Stand Enclosure

First Match: Luton v Burnley in a pre-season friendly in 1970

Memorable Match:

This has to be the Wembley victory over Arsenal in 1988. What a great day and what a celebration that night. I still watch the video on occasions and I have a montage on my office wall comprising of photos and match tickets from the cup run (thanks to my good friend Nigel Willmott).

Goalkeeper

1. Jake Findlay

Maybe not the best technically but what a character! I remember the look of disgust on his face whenever we let in a goal. Remember him collapsing in the goalmouth during our 3-3 draw at Anfield in 1982? The late great Les Sealey nearly made my number one.

Left-Back

2. Steve Buckley

A swash buckling no nonsense player who was great fun to watch as long as he was not about to tackle you! Runner up Matthew Taylor would have made it into the team if he had played at Luton a little longer.

Right-Back

3. Kirk Stevens

Another great character but a great defender too. Will always be remembered for his last minute winner at Vicarage Road on Boxing Day 1979.

Centre-Back

4. Steve Foster

Another fantastic character, who we often used to see in the pubs and bars of Harpenden. Who can forget the moment when he lifted the cup at Wembley?

Centre Back

5. Mal Donaghy

The most consistent and reliable performer I ever saw at Luton and a perfect partner for Fossie. Simply a great defender. Deserved his time at the World Cup with Northern Ireland.

Right Midfield

6. Ricky Hill

Probably the second best player in my time so far! I remember his debut against Bristol Rovers like it was yesterday (made one, scored one as a sub). Superb attacking midfielder who had it all including loyalty to Luton. A joy to watch on the ball.

Left-Midfield

7. David Moss

In my opinion the best player I have seen at Luton. Technically brilliant, took great free kicks, deadly from the penalty spot, scored plenty of goals and could cross the ball which is a rare skill these days.

Centre-Midfield

8. Danny Wilson

Great energy, lots of goals, massive work rate and just beat David Preece for this position.

Centre-Forward

9. Mick Harford

Incomparable in this position in my time at Luton. Great heading and shooting ability, he scored goals from all distances. Scored goals for us even when playing for the opposition! Accept no substitute, there is only one Micky Harford.

Centre-Midfield

10. Brian Horton

You need a midfield enforcer and he is the best I have ever seen for Luton. One of the final pieces in David Pleat's side

Centre-Forward

11. Brian Stein

A great player and natural goal scorer, the perfect foil for Big Mick. Mr Luton in terms of loyalty which is an important asset in my mind. Thanks Brian.

Send us your team

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

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QUICK LEARNER

Leon Barnett is the latest youngster who is hoping to make a big impression at first team level and his performances this season has already earned him rave reviews from his manager. The central defender is keeping his feet firmly on the ground as the youngster continues to progress at a rapid pace and talks to today's matchday programme about life in the Championship.

When Curtis Davies made his dream move to the Premiership after signing for West Bromwich Albion in September many Luton supporters began wondering where the next potential star would materialize from within the clubs ranks.

Luton have a proud history of seeing their youngsters make the grade at Kenilworth Road and then move on to achieve success at a higher level with Matthew Taylor, Gary Doherty and Emmerson Boyce to name a few that have made that progression in the last few years.

Local lad Leon Barnett is latest player to have made the move from youth to first-team football and has already earned praise from his manager Mike Newell who, in one post-match press conference, said that his central defender would develop into a 'quality player'.

Barnett's progression to the first team has come at a rapid speed and when the youngster made a substitute appearance in a LDV Vans Trophy game against Woking in October 2002, he 'became the first player to represent the club at Under-17, Under-19, Reserve and Senior level within one season.'

However despite the plaudits from his manager and the expected pressure placed on such young shoulders, Barnett is trying to enjoy the experience of plying his trade in the Championship.

“I don't feel any pressure at all because all I can do is to do the best I can. I have played in a few games this season but at the end of the day it is not down to me, it is what other people think of me and my performances.”

Speaking exclusively to this afternoon's matchday programme, Barnett said: "I don't feel any pressure at all because all I can do is to do the best I can. I have played in a few games this season but at the end of the day it is not down to me, it is what other people think.

"The other defenders at the club always help me to try and improve my game. If they can work any of their magic on me then that would be great. I try not to let anyone put me down and just do my best.

"I still speak with Curtis on the phone but he is not the only one I have seen leave to move into the Premiership. Emmerson was here when I was a boot boy and although he ran out before I got my Christmas bonus from him, I still look to see how he is doing.

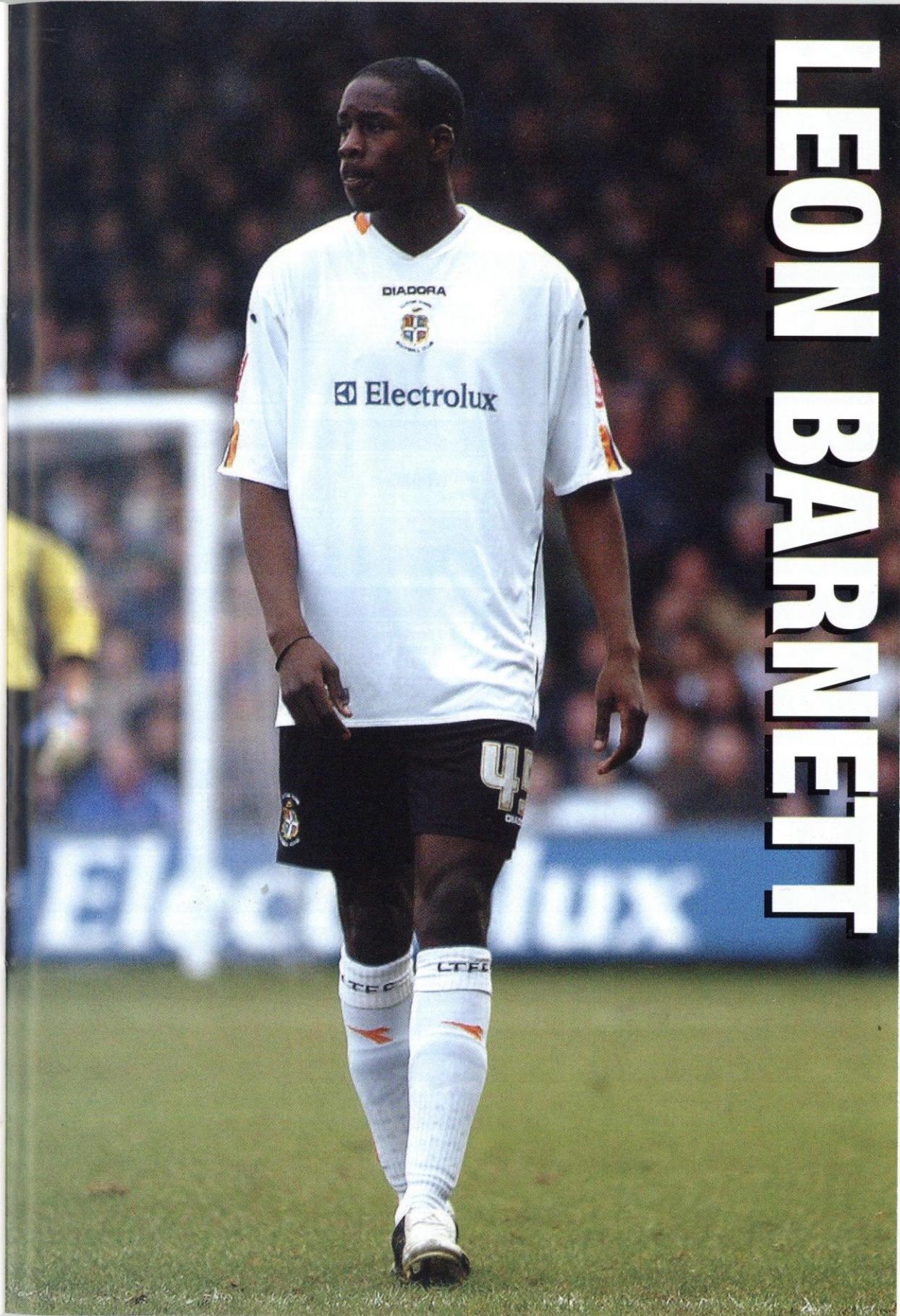
"I was delighted to see Curtis move on but I try not to look at what others are doing. I do take one game at a time and I try to do my best in that game. I certainly think that my confidence is getting higher after each match.

Barnett, a former pupil of Icknield High School, has made 15 career appearances since making the initial breakthrough into the first-team and most recently tested himself against some of the world's greatest players, making a substitute appearance in our recent enthralling FA Cup encounter against Liverpool.

The defender continued: "I was fortunate to play in the Liverpool game and I enjoyed the experience of playing against some of the best players in the country. You can only dream about playing against these type of players.

"I know I am very lucky to have played in that game but I feel as though it has helped me as a player; I managed to get Djibril Cisse's shirt so I was a bit lucky to get on the field and pick that up as well.

"We need to take the performance from the Liverpool game into our league fixtures and hopefully we will see an improvement in results and start pushing back up the table."

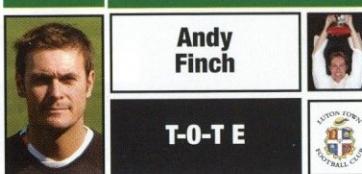


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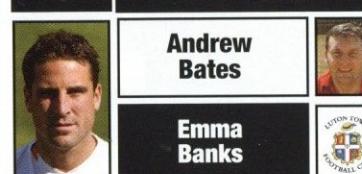
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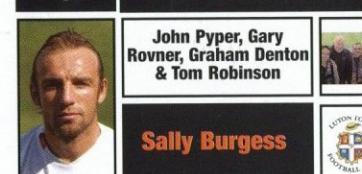
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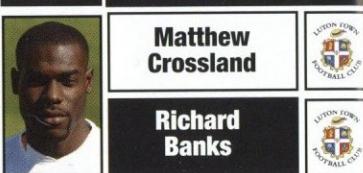
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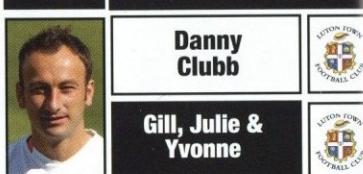
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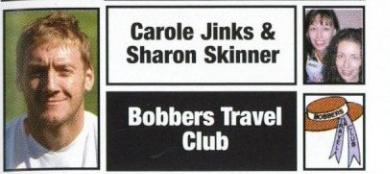


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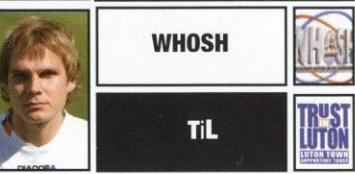


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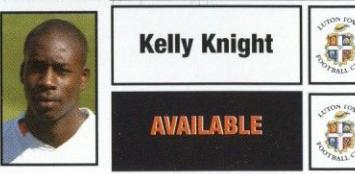
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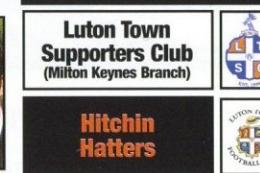
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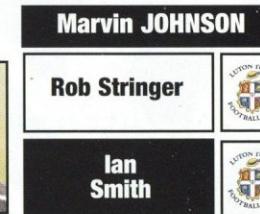
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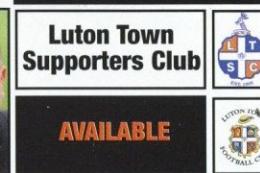
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Luton's Youth

MARVIN JOHNSON looks back at his side's latest performance as Colchester take all three points at Newlands Road

Luton Town 1

(Hamilton)

Colchester Utd 3

Saturday 14th January 2006
Youth Alliance Cup

After victories over Portsmouth and Gillingham in recent weeks, Marvin Johnson's youth side were hoping to continue their march up the South East Conference table in their recent home game with Colchester United.

Despite Dean Hamilton bringing the home-side back on level terms in the first half, Luton slipped to a disappointing defeat as Colchester leapfrogged Luton in the league

table.

"Our inconsistency has been a problem this season and after picking up a win against Gillingham in our previous fixture I was hoping that the lads would be able to continue their form against Colchester. I wouldn't say that the lads let themselves down but they certainly didn't do enough in the game to get anything out of it.

"We had a few injuries with Matthew Maitland, who has been doing well this season, and Mark Farthing missing from the side. Those boys being schoolboys meant we were forced to replace them with other schoolboys with less experience but Colchester certainly didn't

have a strong side and the team we sent out could have got something from the match.

"We are hoping to have both these players back with us soon. Matthew is a growing lad and is 6ft 4 and was suffering from growing pains whilst Mark has been suffering with flu although we hope to have both players back for the game against Brighton next week.

"We dropped to fifth in the table on the back of this result but we have a very big game next week against a Brighton side who are unbeaten in the league. We have already enjoyed success against them in the cup and this is a match which the lads will be looking forward to.

"Brighton are a very strong outfit and I believe they will go on and win the league. This will be a good game for the players to go out and play in. We will have to wait and see how they perform on the day."



□ Stuart Sinclair in action against Colchester United last weekend

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	11	9	2	0	34	8	29
Rushden	11	6	3	2	24	15	21
QPR	12	6	2	4	23	23	20
Colchester	12	5	3	4	19	13	18
LUTON	11	5	1	5	12	15	16
Brentford	12	5	1	6	23	29	16
Wycombe	10	4	3	3	16	14	15
Leyton Orient	12	4	3	5	20	20	15
Northampton	12	4	2	6	17	20	14
Gillingham	10	3	2	5	15	15	11
Southend Utd	11	1	4	6	6	20	7
Portsmouth	12	1	4	7	10	27	

Following their resignation from the South East Conference, Cambridge United's results have been expunged



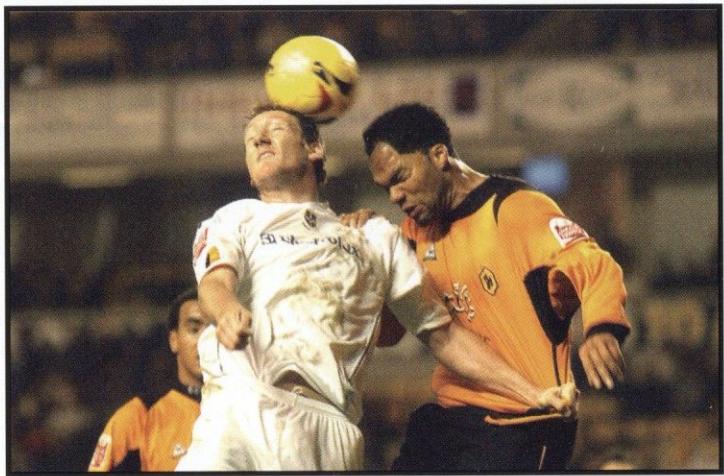
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Match Action

Luton's unfortunate luck away from home continued at Molineux recently when, after a point looked likely, Paul Ince struck an 88th minute winner to help seal all three points for the home side. STEVEN DOVE reports.

WOLVES 2 LUTON TOWN 1



Steve Howard beats Joleon Lescott to the ball

Wolves skipper Paul Ince broke Luton hearts with a goal three minutes from time as Mike Newell's team slipped to another defeat on their travels.

The Hatters have now gone ten games without a win away from Kenilworth Road although Newell must have felt his side was likely to get something from the game after Steve Howard had cancelled out Mark Davies' second-half strike.

In a game which, for the majority, failed to spark into life, Luton looked as if they had salvaged a point when Howard rose highest to connect with Kevin Nicholls' left-wing cross with only eight minutes remaining.

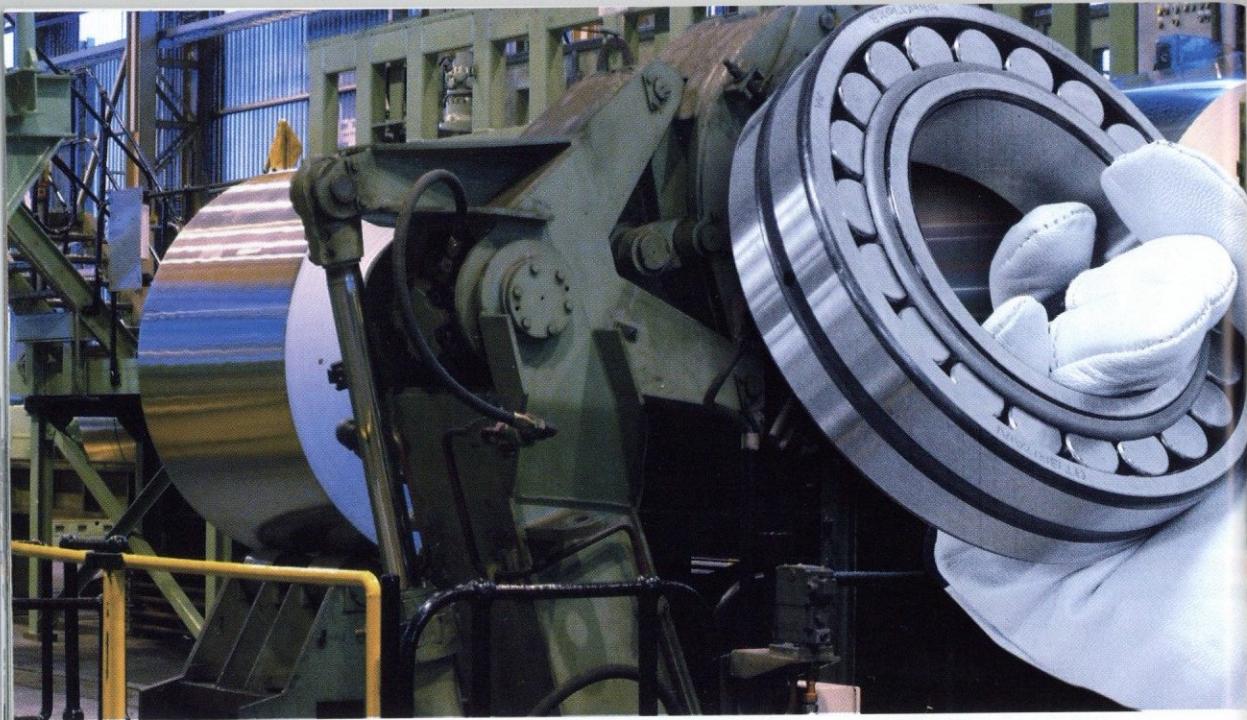
Davies had given Wolves the breakthrough on 57 minutes as the home-side took advantage of sloppy marking in the

Luton defence. A wide ball to the impressive Mark Kennedy saw the midfielder float a far post ball to Carl Cort whose shot was initially saved by Marlon Beresford.

However the Luton goalkeeper was eventually to be beaten after the loose ball kindly rolled to Davies who swept home from close range.

Howard hit his tenth goal of the season which looked as if it would give Luton a share of the spoils but Ince struck the killer blow when the former Manchester United midfielder drilled a low drive past the stretching arms of Beresford.

Luton went in search of a second goal in the closing stages and went close through Carlos Edwards and Kevin Nicholls.



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LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP

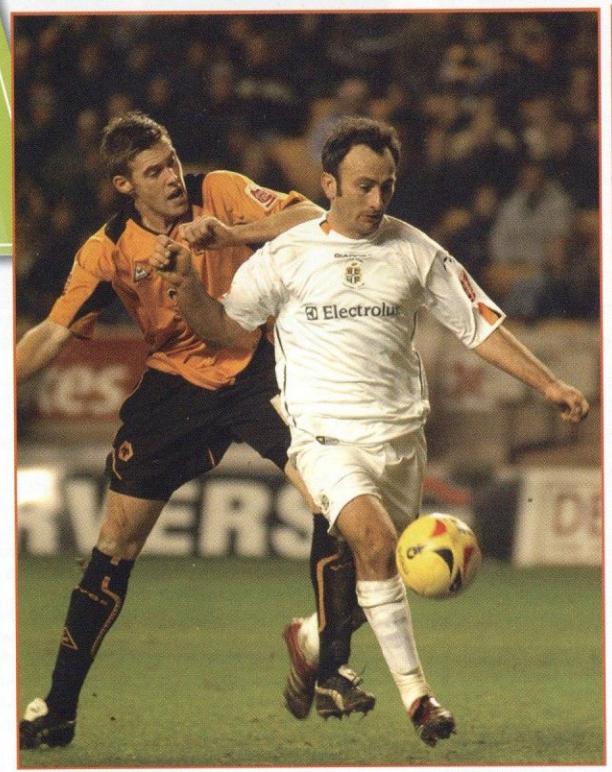
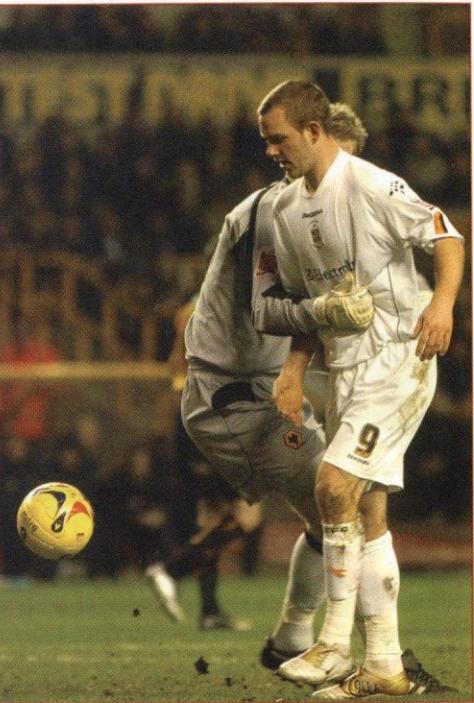
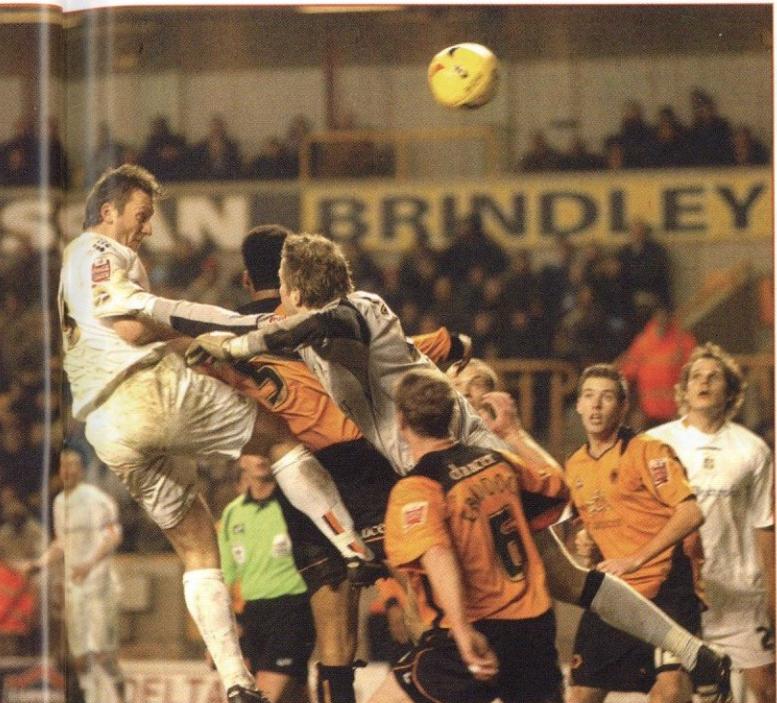


WOLVES' STARTING LINE-UP



MATCH FACTS

wolves	luton
Goals :	2
Possession :	54%
On Target :	5
Off Target :	7
Corners :	3
Fouls :	20
Yellow Cards :	1
Red Cards :	0
Scorers :	Davies (57) Howard (80) Ince (88)





Peter Davis

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

Good afternoon and welcome to all of our commercial partners and our match day sponsors to today's game against Queens Park Rangers. It has been over a month since we last played a home game on a Saturday afternoon with its traditional 3.00 pm kick off and I am sure I speak for us all, when I say how much we are looking forward to its return, complete with a Luton Town win to celebrate. We would also like to take the opportunity of wishing Lyn Phillips, a guest today of

VIP hospitality party, Linde Trifit, a very happy 50th Birthday.

Sporting Dinner with Frank McLintock – 6th April

We are delighted to announce that our next sporting dinner will be held on Thursday 6th April at the Chiltern Hotel here in Luton. Our sporting celebrity on the night will be Frank McLintock MBE Captain of Arsenal's double winning team of 1971 and currently a soccer

pundit on Sky Sports, Gillette Soccer Saturday. Joining Frank for the evening will be our established Master of Ceremonies and Comedian Barry Williams. Included within the ticket price of £50.00 + vat per person will be a three course dinner, wine and coffee. Contact the commercial department on 01582 411 622 for bookings, or further details.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the game

Peter

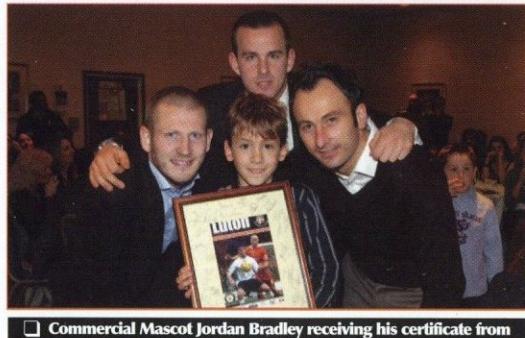


□ Gary Deards, Managing Director of MK Developments, presents the Man of the Match Trophy to Club Captain Kevin Nicholls



□ Matchball Sponsor Georgiou Nicholas Solicitors on the Kenilworth turf pre match against Liverpool

COMMERCIAL MASCOT.....



□ Commercial Mascot Jordan Bradley receiving his certificate from squad members

We are delighted to welcome, thirteen year old Tim Owen, together with his family, as this afternoon's commercial mascot. Northampton based Tim, attends Campion School in Bugbrooke Northampton and plays for Bedford Park Rangers. Tim whose favourite Town player is Kevin Nicholls, regularly attends Kenilworth Road with his father Geoff, as they are both members of the Century Club



**Match Sponsor -
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Services Ltd**

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It's with a very warm welcome that we say good afternoon to our Match Sponsor, Freelance Environmental Services Ltd and its Managing Director Fred Dann. Fred is no stranger to the club and has been an active commercial supporter for many years and is currently advertising in the ground, the match programme, as well as being a member of our Millennium Club. Freelance Environmental Services specialize in the removal of asbestos from buildings and his contracts take his company all over the country, working for councils, construction companies, demolition firms as well as private individuals. Freelance Environmental Services can be contacted on 01582 450512. We all at the club hope that Fred and his guest have a great afternoon with us.

**Matchball Sponsor -
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We have not had the pleasure of entertaining Panther Platform Rentals for a couple of seasons therefore it's our pleasure to welcome them back this afternoon as Match Ball Sponsors. Panther Platform Rentals are one of the UK's leading powered access providers. Established in Luton for over 25 years, they have been dedicated to helping a huge variety of trades and industries to work safely and efficiently at height. Experts in their particular field, Panther Platform Rentals deliver a complete package. This includes safety training, advice and hire, plus sales of machines that range from compact personnel lifts up to the mighty 44m Eagle machine. Through their nine regional branches, Panther are fully equipped to provide great value local solutions to virtually any job. Panther Platform Rentals who are taking best access to new heights all over the country, can be contacted on 0845 061 1999.

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TODAY'S MASCOT

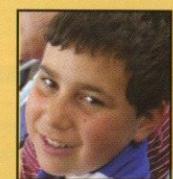


Name: Josh Hunt
Age: 11
School: Bure Park Primary, Bicester
Favourite Hatter: Kevin Nicholls
Hobbies: Football and playing Football Manager on the PC
Where to you normally sit: F Block, Maple Road



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

VISITOR'S MASCOT



Name: Stephen Kent
Age: 13
From: Stanmore, Middlesex
Favourite Player: Richard Langley & Paul Furlong

The following Junior Hatters members celebrate their birthday's in January: DAVE LEWIS, ELOISE FREED, DAVID GOODMAN, CATHAL DOHERTY, OWEN STOLLERY, PETER O'CONNELL, DECLAN DOYLE, CHRISTOPHER KELLY, MARKIE JOYCE, LOCHLAN NEWMAN, AIDAN DUFFY, JORDAN SOLE, JONATHON JAMES, CAHAL DUFFY, NATHAN DENHAN, MATTHEW O'DONNELL, DANIEL CADEN, MASON ROURKE, CARTER BRIGHT, BRADLEY SLATER, JOSIE OLIVER, KIERAN NORMAN, LAUREN HOUS, JOSEPH NEWNS, SID GOSLING

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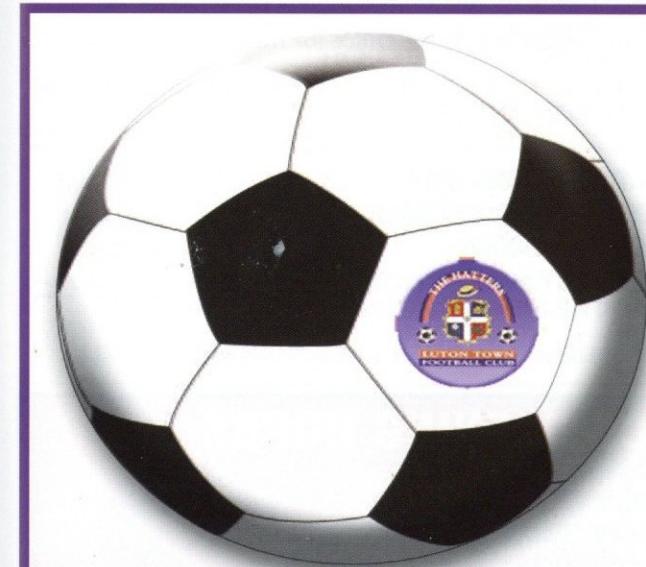
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Ticket News

Ticket News for forthcoming Luton Town fixtures



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

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

MEMBERS: Will be able to purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability) until close of business today. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale from 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.

THESE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE TICKET OFFICE IN KENILWORTH ROAD UNTIL 5:00PM ON MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2006



LUTON TOWN V HULL CITY
SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2006
KICK-OFF 3:00PM

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



Tickets are now on sale at normal league prices

TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday: 10:00am - 5:00pm
Tuesday: 10:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday: 10:00am - 5:00pm
Thursday: 10:00am - 5:00pm
Friday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Friday before a home match: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday of a home match: 9:00am - until Kick-Off & 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Saturday of an away match: 9:00am - 12:00pm



PRESTON NORTH END V LUTON TOWN
SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2006
KICK-OFF 3:00PM

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT AN ALL TICKET MATCH FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS, ALTHOUGH THE PRICES WILL INCREASE BY £2.00 IF PURCHASED ON THE MATCHDAY

We have been initially allocated 1,886 Seats for the above fixture. Tickets are now on sale from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS: Will be able to purchase one ticket per season ticket until close of business on 24th January 2006.

MEMBERS: Will be able to purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability) from 25th January 2006 until kick off on 4th February 2006.

Any remaining tickets will go on general sale post match on 4th February 2006 (subject to availability).

Prices are:

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PLEASE NOTE PRESTON NORTH END HAVE ADVISED ALL PERSONS PURCHASING CONCESSION TICKETS MAY BE ASKED FOR ID PROVING THEIR AGE ON ENTERING THE GROUND.

THESE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE TICKET OFFICE IN KENILWORTH ROAD UNTIL 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2006



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

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



Tickets are now on sale at normal league prices



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

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LUTON TOWN V LEICESTER CITY
SATURDAY 11TH MARCH 2006
KICK-OFF 3:00PM

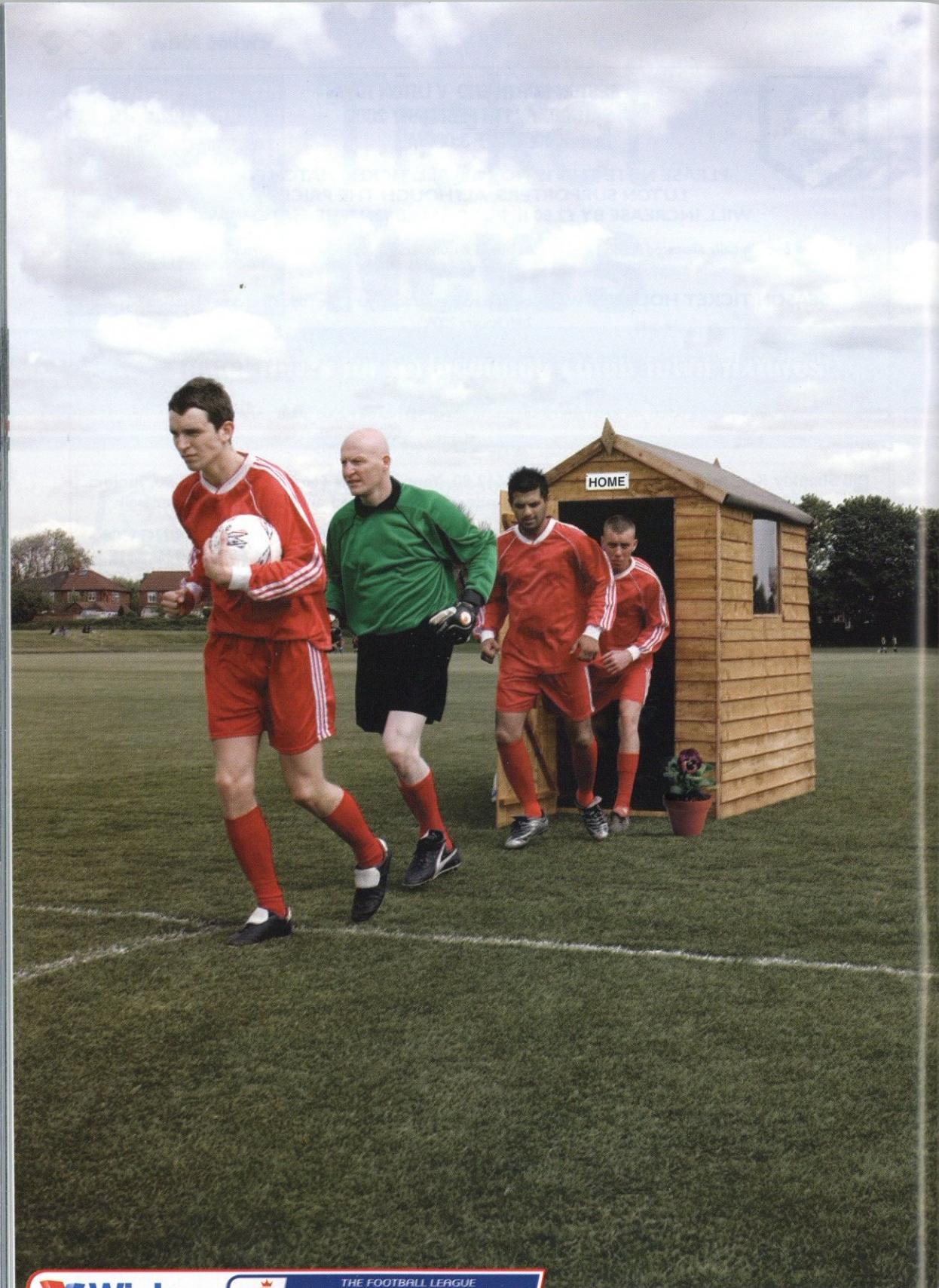
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	2005/2006 Appearances										This Season		International App		Luton Town Career	
	League		Cup		Total		Disciplinary		Nation	Caps	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	Yel	Red								
1 Marlon BERESFORD	24	0	2	0	26	0	0	0				84	0			
2 Kevin FOLEY	20(3)	0	1	0	21(3)	0	4	0	Rep Ire U21	1	0	107	5			
3 Sol DAVIS	9(3)	0	2	0	11(3)	0	2	0				147	2			
4 Chris COYNE	18(2)	0	3	1	21(2)	1	4	0				195	13			
5 Russell PERRETT	6(2)	0	0(1)	0	6(3)	0	0	1				93	8			
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	21(1)	0	1	0	22(1)	0	2	0				64	5			
7 Carlos EDWARDS	22(4)	2	3	0	25(4)	2	1	0	Trin & Tob	6	0	29	2			
8 Kevin NICHOLLS	22	4	3	1	25	5	6	1				177	31			
9 Rowan VINE	8(5)	3	1	0	9(5)	3	1	0				64	12			
10 Warren FEENEY	22(5)	6	2(1)	1	24(6)	7	1	0	North Ire	1(4)	2	35	7			
11 Steve ROBINSON	22	1	1	1	23	2	2	0	North Ire	(1)	0	131	10			
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0				31	3			
15 Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0				27	2			
16 Enoch SHOWUNMI	7(20)	1	1(1)	0	8(21)	1	0	0				100	16			
17 Paul HUGHES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				88	7			
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	25(1)	6	2	0	27(1)	6	2	0				177	33			
19 Steve HOWARD	23(3)	9	2	1	25(3)	10	3	1				211	98			
20 Curtis DAVIES	6	1	1	0	7	1	2	0				61	2			
21 Keith KEANE	0(4)	0	1(1)	0	1(5)	0	0	0	Rep Ire U21	1	0	41	1			
23 Dean MORGAN	17(4)	5	2	0	19(4)	5	1	0				23	5			
25 Dino SEREMET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				9	0			
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	26(1)	1	1	0	27(1)	1	4	0	Finland	5	0	28	1			
27 Peter HOLMES	11(4)	2	1(1)	0	12(5)	2	2	0				112	12			
28 David BELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0			
29 Calvin ANDREW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				10	0			
33 Dean BRILL	5	0	1	0	6	0	0	0				13	0			
45 Leon BARNETT	4(4)	0	1(1)	0	5(5)	0	1	0				15	0			
47 Rob BECKWITH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				19	0			

(SUBSTITUTE APPEARANCES IN BRACKETS) (THIS SEASON AND INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS INCLUDE ALL COMPETITIVE FIXTURES FROM 1ST JULY*)

ALL THE GOALS

HOW THEY WENT IN:

SHOTS: 31
HEADERS: 10
PENALTIES: 4
OWN GOALS: 1
FREE-KICKS: 0
TOTAL: 46

OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 15

Opponents score first goal: 16

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: 12

Opponents score first and draw: 2

Opponents score first and lose: 2

Opponents fail to score: 6

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 11

Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 22

Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 9

Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 14

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 32 - W 10 - D 14 - L 8 - F 24 - A 18 PTS 44

SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 32 - W 9 - D 11 - L 12 - F 23 - A 30 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 (CC1)*	3-1	2,383	577	-	Beresford	Keane	Coyne	Davies	Davis	Edwards	Nicholls	Lear	Morgan	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Brkovic	Perrett	Holmes	O'Leary	
Sat 27			Leicester City	2-0	22,048	2,161	3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Coyne	Davis	Edwards	Holmes	
Mon 29			Millwall	2-1	8,220	777	3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Coyne	Davis	Edwards	Holmes	
Sat 10			Wolves	1-1	10,248	1,800	4	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	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	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Morgan	Holmes	Perrett	S'wunmi	
Sat 17			Hull City *	1-0	19,184	404	4	Beresford	Edwards	Perrett	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Andrew	Holmes	Keane	Barnett	
Tues 20			Reading (CC2)	0-1	6,941	829	-	Brill	Edwards	Barnett	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	O'Leary	Stevens	Keane	Andrew	
Fri 23			Sheffield Wednesday *	2-2	8,267	750	3	Beresford	Edwards	Perrett	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Heikkinen	Keane	Holmes	S'wunmi	
Tues 27			Preston	3-0	7,815	391	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Holmes	S'wunmi	Keane	
Sat 1			Cardiff City	2-1	14,657	565	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	U'wood	S'wunmi	Keane	
Sat 15			Crewe Alexandra	1-3	6,604	1,438	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Vine	
Tues 18			Norwich City	4-2	10,248	1,800	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Robinson	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Vine	
Sat 22			Plymouth	1-1	8,714	806	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Robinson	
Sat 29			Coventry City	0-1	22,228	3,928	3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	Edwards	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Keane	S'wunmi	Vine	
Tues 1			Sheffield United	0-4	22,554	1,125	4	Beresford	Foley	U'wood	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	Foley	S'wunmi	Vine	
Tues 22			Crewe Alexandra	4-1	7,474	204	5	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Barnett	U'wood	Vine	Holmes	Robinson	Edwards	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Andrew	Brkovic	Keane	Morgan	
Sat 26			Crystal Palace	2-0	10,248	1,800	5	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Morgan	Holmes	Robinson	Edwards	Vine	S'wunmi	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Perrett	Howard	
Sat 3			Reading	0-3	19,478	2,158	5	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Perrett	U'wood	Morgan	Holmes	Robinson	Edwards	Vine	S'wunmi	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Howard	Nicholls	
Sun 11			Southampton *	0-1	19,086	976	6	Brill	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Edwards	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Beckwith	Barnett	Holmes	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 17			Stoke City	2-3	8,296	754	10	Brill	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Vine	Holmes	Robinson	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Beckwith	Barnett	Feeney	Brill	S'wunmi
Mon 26			Derby County	1-1	26,807	1,574	11	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robinson	Holmes	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	1,281	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)♦	3-5	10,170	1,800	-	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robinson	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Morgan	S'wunmi	
Fri 13			Wolves *	1-2	21,823	tbc	10	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	S'wunmi	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Bell	Feeney	Morgan	
Sat 21			QPR		15:00																			
Tues 31			Sheffield Wednesday		19:45																			
Sat 4			Hull City		15:00																			
Sat 11			Preston		15:00																			
Tues 14			Cardiff City		19:45																			
Fri 17			Reading *		19:45																			
Sat 25			Leeds United		15:00																			
Sat 4			Millwall		15:00																			
Sat 11			Leicester City		15:00																			
Sat 18			Derby County		15:00																			
Sat 25			Brighton		15:00																			
Sat 1			Ipswich Town		15:00																			
Sun 9			Watford		12:00																			
Sat 15			Coventry City		15:00																			
Mon 17			Plymouth Argyle		15:00																			
Sat 22			Sheffield United		15:00																			
Sun 30			Burnley		15:00																			

COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME						AWAY						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	
Reading	29	13	1	1	39	10	9	5	0	22	5	46	72
Sheff United	29	11	2	1	28	10	8	4	3	26	17	63	
Leeds	28	8	3	2	22	12	7	3	5	16	12	45	
Watford	29	7	4	4	24	16	6	6	2	22	18	49	
Crystal Palace	27	8	3	3	21	9	6	2	5	22	19	47	
Preston	28	4	9	2	14	10	6	5	2	21	12	44	
Wolves	29	6	6	3	15	11	4	6	4	19	15	82	
Cardiff	29	7	5	3	24	16	4	3	7	15	19	41	
Burnley	29	8	3	3	28	14	3	3	9	11	24	1	
Norwich	29	6	4	4	16	13	5	2	8	17	24	-4	
QPR	29	6	4	5	16	15	4	5	5	18	24	-5	
LUTON													

Coming Next

Hull City's visit to Kenilworth Road in a fortnight's time is likely to trigger the memories of one of our most memorable victories last season. STEVEN DOVE looks ahead to the visit of Peter Taylor's team

Luton fans have fond memories of recent encounters against Hull City, who are our next opponents to Kenilworth Road, and if our forthcoming game can generate the same atmosphere from last season's fixture then we could be in for another blockbuster.

Ahmet Brkovic's last gasp winner in February 2005 almost brought the house down at Kenilworth Road as Luton notched a famous victory to extend their lead at the top of the League One table.

It was a game that fans will remember for many years and that 1-0 victory



□ Steve Howard celebrates his goal at Hull City earlier this season.

Coming Next



over Peter Taylor's team may have been the key result in Luton's championship season. More recently Luton have enjoyed success over the Humberside outfit with Steve Howard scoring the only goal earlier this season as Luton enjoyed their third away win of the campaign in front of a live television audience.

most eye-catching arrival coming in the shape of Jon Parkin, the former York and Hartlepool striker, who had been in top form for Macclesfield. Parkin, who started his professional career at Barnsley, made an instant impression at his new club, scoring on his debut in a 2-1 defeat to Crystal Palace.

Taylor has also gambled on youngsters Darryl Duffy, who signed from Scottish side Falkirk, and John Welsh, a player who signed permanently at the KC Stadium after initially joining on-loan from Liverpool.

To complete the set of new faces, Taylor has also swooped for Port Vale pair Sam Colins, a tough tackling central defender and youngster Billy Paynter, a centre-forward who scored three goals in six games during a recent loan spell at the club.

These players bolster a squad which already includes the likes of Stuart Elliott, scorer of 30 goals in all competitions last season, and Nick Barmby, a player who has competed at the top level with Tottenham, Everton and Liverpool.

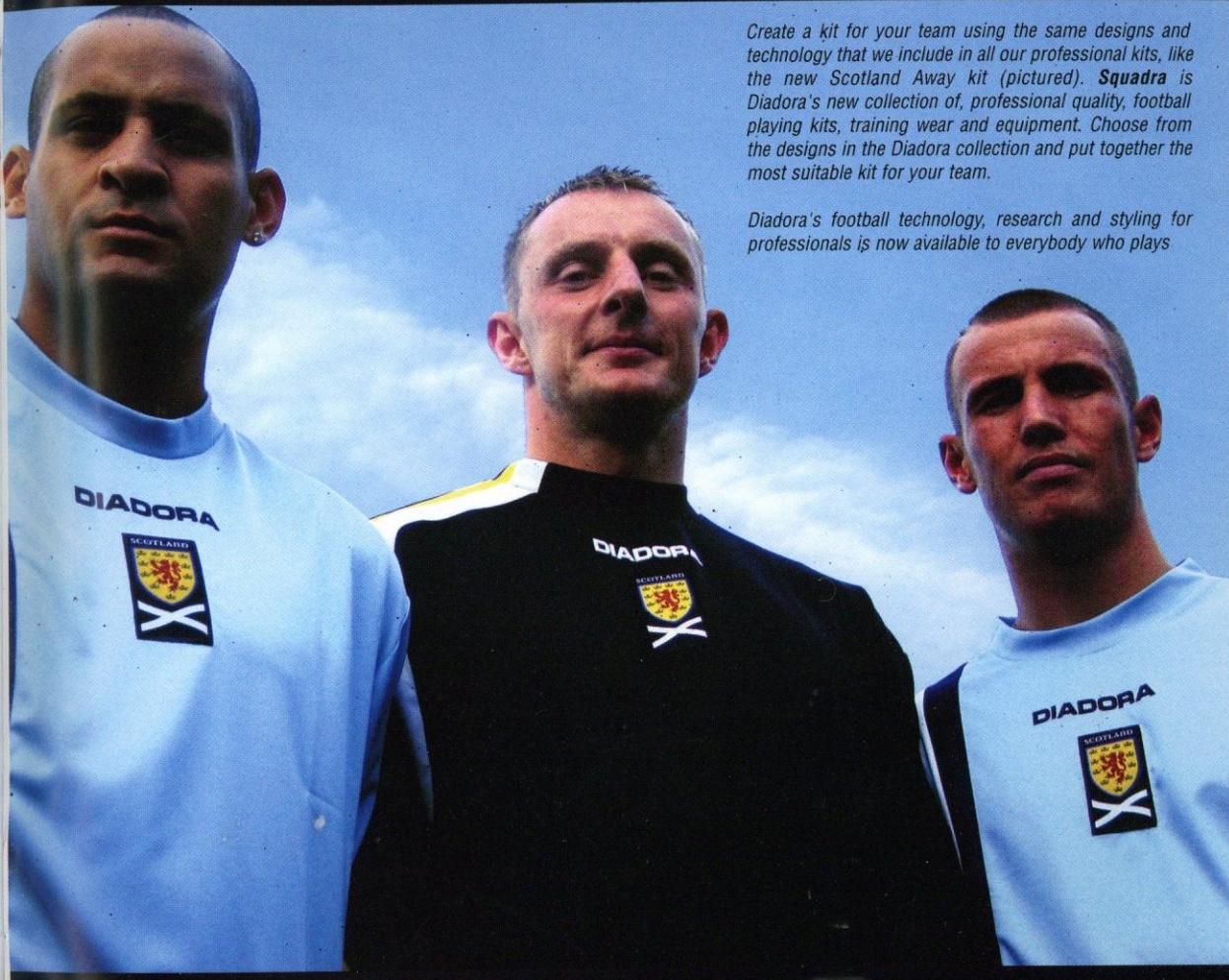
Hull will be desperately looking to turn around their fortunes this season and particularly their form away from home where only ten points have been collected from a possible 42.

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