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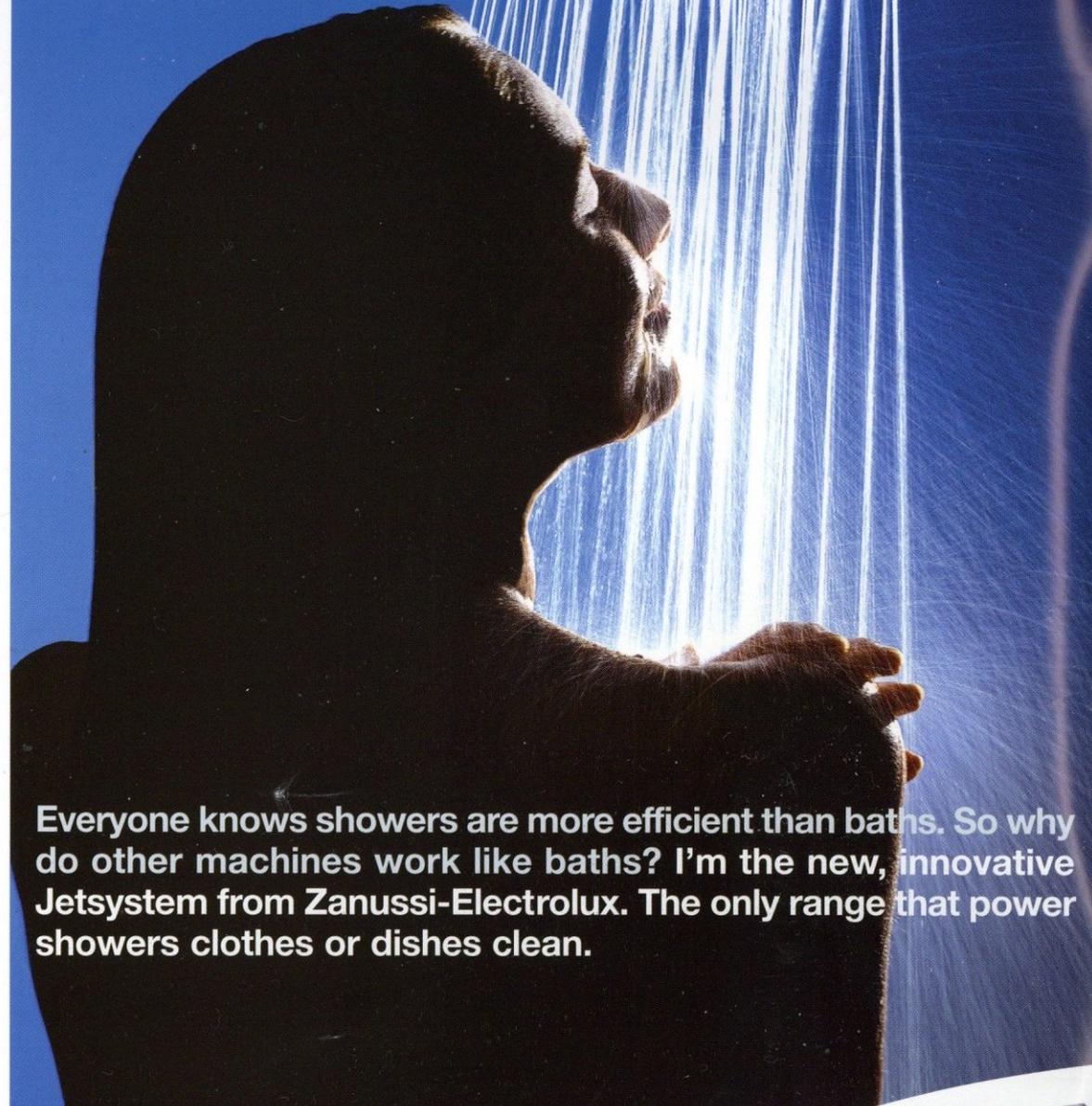


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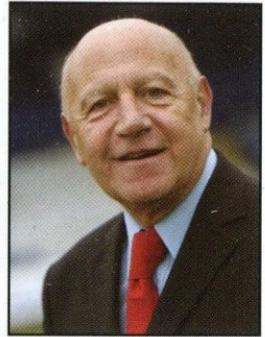
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Warm Welcome

From Luton Town Chairman Bill Tomlins



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to our Supporters and today's Championship visitors Hull City, their Chairman Adam Pearson, Directors, Management, Players and Supporters.

I know the players always appreciate our away support and for those supporters who were able to take time off work and travel to Hillsborough on what was a very cold Tuesday evening, I am sure they enjoyed what was, in my view, one of our best professional away performances particularly at this stage of the season.

The players and management enjoyed a weeks break in the Algarve. I am certain when the fixtures allow it a break plays an important part during a busy season for team bonding and preparation. It was a well deserved trip with three points prior to departure and another great result on their return. Everyone enjoyed the trip returning revitalized and positive.

My last programme notes referred to the Board's determination to relocate to the two hundred-acre site south of Junction 12 of the M1 which I asked for everyone's support to enable this to happen. Therefore I take great comfort that 4,000 supporters to date have signed the Trust in Luton's stadium petition and welcome the Trusts Chairman's following comments.

"We've had a lot of positive feedback, and we are looking forward to working with these people once the project takes shape." He concluded: "Our fans" representative Kelvin Dunn, will be presenting to me a petition summary at our next scheduled board meeting in a week's time, underlying the huge amount of support the club has in its ambition for a new ground."

The board welcomes this very positive support and together I believe we will achieve our new stadium and together turn the club's forty-year dream into a reality.

Congratulations to Chris Coyne for his inclusion in Australia's International match schedule leading up to their 2006 FIFA World Cup matches and Keith Keane's selection for the Republic of Ireland Under 21 squad for the forthcoming 10th International Tournament of Madeira, which will take place from the 14th to 17th February 2006.

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

Bill

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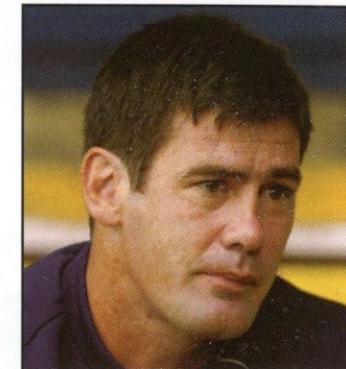
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Mike Newell



MIKE NEWELL looks back at the last two performances from his players as Luton celebrated wins over QPR and Sheffield Wednesday

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Hull City.

Welcome also to Peter Taylor, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from the KC Stadium.

We were really pleased with the performance against Sheffield Wednesday. Much has been made of our form away from home and with Wednesday hitting a bit of form over recent weeks, we were delighted to

pleased to break our form away from home because it is a tough place to get a result.

I have never been concerned about our performances on our travels. People keep reminding me that we are playing well and controlling large periods of the game but we are coming away with nothing. I can't see any reason why we haven't got points away from home but I am just glad the sequence has been broken.

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have picked up all three points. Hillsborough is always a difficult place to go and when the crowd get behind their team. The atmosphere generated at Hillsborough can often frighten some sides but it didn't phase our lads and I was really

We recently took the lads away for a short break and hopefully it will have done the trick. I don't see the break as 'the second half of the season'. The law of averages was always going to say that we would win a game away from home eventually

and it was maybe a little bit of misfortune that we were not picking up points.

The thoughts of the play-offs has never gone away from the dressing room. Recent results have obviously strengthened our hopes of a top six finish but everyone knows that there are plenty of points to play for and thankfully we have maintained our good home form which has always kept us in the frame. I still maintain that we fancy ourselves against anyone in this division on our day.

We did make several attempts to strengthen the squad prior to transfer window closing but I am not overly disappointed. Whenever we try to bring players in then they have to be better than what we have got. We were priced out of the market for the players we attempted to sign but I refuse to bring players who will just sit on the bench to make up the numbers. We have got a squad who can fill gaps and holes when we pick up injuries or suspensions and I won't buy for the sake of bringing new bodies into our squad.

Enjoy the game

Mike



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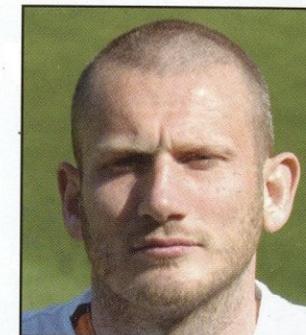
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Kevin Nicholls



Skipper Kevin Nicholls looks back over our last two games which have brought maximum points and two clean sheets.

There is not much more we could have asked for than six points and two clean sheets from our last two games as we go into today's encounter with Hull City.

The game against QPR was a professional performance from everyone and a match we all felt we

was ruled out was particular was frustrating but we are glad of the three points and we took our momentum into the game against Sheffield Wednesday on Tuesday night.

The match at Hillsborough brought our first win on the road since early October and the strike

It is now important that we don't take our foot off the gas as we welcome Hull to Kenilworth Road. Our home form has been good in recent months and that must continue.

Today's game will undoubtedly bring back memories from last season. It was a game of high drama and one that will be remembered by many, but today is another game and we need the three points to keep the pressure on the play-off pack. We still believe we have an excellent chance of securing a top six finish.

Finally can I thank the supporters who made the trip to Hillsborough on Tuesday night. The support you gave the lads was appreciated.

Enjoy the game

Nico

The game against QPR was a professional performance from everyone and a match we all felt we thoroughly deserved to win.

thoroughly deserved to win. We defended magnificently and always looked good going forward. In my last programme notes, I stressed the importance of the fixture and it was the kind of performance we needed to keep our play-off ambitions alive

We felt we should have won by a bigger margin having had two goals disallowed. Howie's goal which

from Rowan Vine was a fantastic effort. This was another game where we felt we could have scored more but this was another excellent all-round team performance.

The most pleasing factor from the last two games was the clean sheets and it was something that had been talked about amongst the squad.

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Cherry Newbery

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Cherry Newbery brings you news from around Kenilworth Road

Firstly can I advise you that the bucket collection at our Queens Park Rangers match for the Royal National Life Boat Institution raised £407.70 and I have been asked to pass on the organisation's thanks to everyone for their donations.

Last Tuesday was transfer deadline day, with the transfer window closing at midnight. I found it quite amazing that the football authorities put a full midweek programme in place for Championship clubs - I would have thought that another midweek during the season could have been used, or am I being too simplistic!

Supporters will be aware that our home match with Reading is scheduled for Friday 17th February, live on Sky TV. However should Reading proceed to the Fifth Round of The F.A. Cup (they replay their Fourth Round match with Birmingham on Tuesday 7th February), then our match with them would be postponed as the Fifth Round is scheduled for the weekend of the 18th/19th

February,

Unfortunately, due to injuries to five of our Scholars and with the first team in Portugal, we were unable to field a team at Colchester United for the Pontin's Holiday Combination fixture on 25th January. At the time of writing we have no new date for this match. However, we do have a new date for our away fixture at Stevenage Borough which is Wednesday 26th April, kick-off 2.00 pm

Our postponed Football League Youth Alliance game against Southend United will now be played on Saturday 22nd April, kick-off 11.00 am at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, Luton.

I was very pleased to hear from the Official Supporters Club that they have confirmed their trip to The World Cup Finals in Germany when forty supporters will watch the Trinidad and Tobago team play Sweden on the 10th June 2006. Thanks are due to Mark Chapman, Chairman of the Supporters Club,

for all his hard work in arranging the trip.

Several supporters have asked about tickets for the Watford match on 9th April. At the present time we have no confirmed information but I expect to be able to give you more information after our meeting with Watford next week.

Finally, I am pleased to welcome Jack Sapsworth from The Pasque Hospice and Ted Read and Mary May Wright, (who is the granddaughter of Mary Biswell, who did so much for charities throughout her lifetime) both from The Herald and Post Mary Biswell Memorial Appeal who will be collecting their F.A. Charity Shield cheques at the match today.

Enjoy the match and get behind the boys as you always do.

Cherry



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Football in the Community Officer STUART SMITH looks back at the start of the BT Girls Under 13 tournament



Good afternoon and welcome to today's game. Friday 19th January saw our local heats of the BT Girls Under 13 Cup 2006 with six schools competing for a place in the Area Finals at Brentford. The schools that participated were:

Icknield High, Ashcroft High, Lea Manor,
Putteridge High, Stopsley High, Gilbert Inglefield Middle

Despite the low number of entries we had a great tournament which was really closely fought and culminated with both semi-finals and the final going to a penalty shoot out.

Ashcroft High School, under the ever so polite guidance of Mel Hickman, were the eventual winners of the tournament beating

Icknield High 6 - 5 on penalties. The teams were so evenly matched it took nine penalties each to settle the game.

Ashcroft now travel with me on Tuesday 7th February to Brentford to represent our football club in the Area Finals and will play against representatives of clubs such as Reading, Crystal Palace and Watford. If they win this they will progress to the Southern Area Regional Final which will be played on a Pro Club pitch.

Below are all the results from the tournament and final league placings.



ICKNIELD HIGH 0 V 1 ASHCROFT HIGH,
LEA MANOR 0 V 0 PUTTERIDGE HIGH,
STOPSLEY 1 V 2 GILBERT INGLEFIELD,
ICKNIELD HIGH 6 V 0 LEA MANOR,
ASHCROFT HIGH 5 V 0 STOPSLEY,
PUTTERIDGE HIGH 0 V 1 GILBERT INGLEFIELD,
ICKNIELD HIGH 2 V 0 STOPSLEY,
ASHCROFT HIGH 2 V 0 PUTTERIDGE HIGH,
LEA MANOR 0 V 3 GILBERT INGLEFIELD,
ICKNIELD HIGH 2 V 1 PUTTERIDGE HIGH,
STOPSLEY 1 V 3 LEA MANOR,
ASHCROFT HIGH 2 V 0 GILBERT INGLEFIELD,
PUTTERIDGE 2 V 0 STOPSLEY,
ICKNIELD HIGH 2 V 0 GILBERT INGLEFIELD
ASHCROFT HIGH 3 V 0 LEA MANOR

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ASHCROFT HIGH	5	5	0	0	10	0	15
ICKNIELD HIGH	5	4	0	1	12	2	12
GILBERT ING	5	3	0	2	6	5	9
PUTTERIDGE HIGH	5	1	1	3	3	5	4
LEA MANOR	5	1	1	3	3	10	4
STOPSLEY	5	0	0	5	2	14	0

SEMI-FINALS

ASHCROFT 2 V 2 PUTTERIDGE (ASHCROFT WIN 4 - 2 ON PENS)

ICKNIELD 0 V 0 GILBERT INGLEFIELD (ICKNIELD WIN 4 - 2 ON PENS)

FINAL

ASHCROFT HIGH 0 V 0 ICKNIELD HIGH (ASHCROFT HIGH WIN 6 - 5 ON PENS)



We have invited the girls from Ashcroft and Icknield to receive their medals and certificates on the pitch prior to today's game and to participate in a rematch at half time. So please give the girls lots of encouragement, the standard of football will be excellent. Representing Icknield will be - Natacha Butler, Amber McKenna, Chloe Layton, Georgia Day, Leanne Izzatis, Jodie Brown, Amy Foster, Urikya Calgar



BT Community Cup Winners Ashcroft High. Pictured are Mairea Cramsie, Candice Davies, Sarah McCready, Alice Bowler, Alex Matcham, Kelly Barrow, Sam Moran and Nicolle Robinson



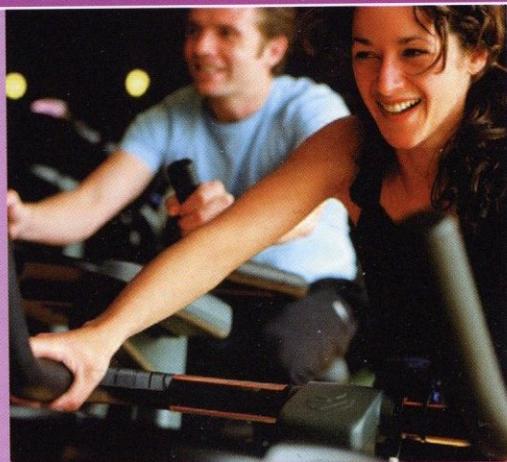
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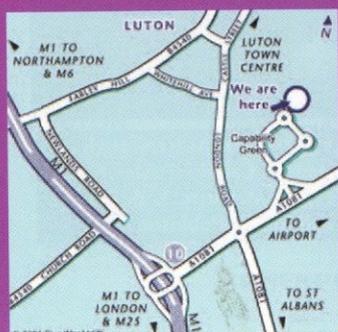


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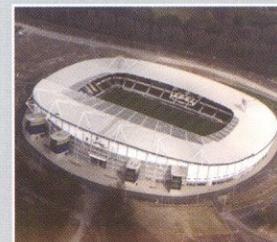
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HULL CITY



Peter Taylor brings his Hull side to Kenilworth Road in need of the three points on offer this afternoon with The Tigers experiencing an alarming run of form that has dragged them into a relegation battle. However as GILL FRY explains, Hull will prove to be a tough nut to crack with Taylor's squad looking strong on paper

HULL FACTFILE



HULL FC
Year Formed: 1904
Ground: KC Stadium
Ground Capacity: 25,404
Most League Goals: Chris Chilton, 195 (1960-71)
Most Capped Player: Theo Whitmore, Jamaica
Most League Appearances: Andy Davidson, 520, 1952-67

Words of disappointment were expressed by manager Peter Taylor following Hull's narrow defeat by Coventry City in midweek but a thumping 3-0 victory over Stoke indicates that The Tigers certainly have the character within the squad to pull clear of the relegation trouble that they currently find themselves in.

The victory at the Britannia Stadium was a much-needed boost after a season of inconsistent results and a run of losses at the beginning of the year. However, the win was no more than Hull deserved as not only did they outplay The Potters but also looked solid at the back.

Boaz Myhill is one of the highest rated goalkeepers in the Championship. The 23-

year-old has quite rightly made a name for himself in the division with some impressive performances for The Tigers, most notably in the game against Stoke, where the former Macclesfield shot-stopper saved two penalties. His recent performances for the club has earned him a contract extension until June 2008.

New signing, striker, Jon Parkin has added more competition for places in attack. At six feet four, Parkin has a formidable aerial presence and will be one to watch this afternoon. The Hull striker hit 24 goals in 48 appearances in the 2004-05 season for Macclesfield before completing his transfer to the KC Stadium. Another consistent striker with a knack for goals is Craig Fagan. He is an aggressive player who also has the speed and capacity to play mid-

field, as he did against Stoke.

Daryl Duffy is another recent signing. The young Scottish striker joined from Falkirk, where he was a prolific goal scorer, and netted his first goal for the Tigers against Stoke.

Damien Delaney is another key player in the Hull side and is someone who shows great promise. He formed a good central defensive partnership with Leon Cort, who himself is a very consistent player. Cort is a regular in the squad who shone as a player whilst playing his trade at Southend United.

With Hull's recent signings, the strength of their squad surely shouldn't be underestimated. Taylor has assembled a squad of promise and experience that could easily pull away from the trouble zone in the Championship table.



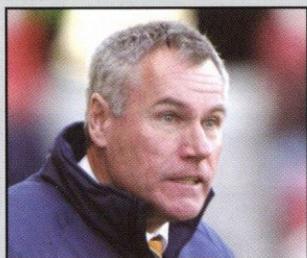
Dangerman: Jon Parkin

Just two days after Darryl Duffy's arrival from Falkirk, the Tigers made the second addition to the attacking ranks during the January 2006 transfer window when Jon was recruited from Macclesfield Town for an undisclosed six-figure fee. Jon's 2005-06 season didn't get under way until the end of October due to a knee injury. However, up to his move to the Tigers, he had still found time to grab nine goals in 15 appearances this term. As at York, his Macc stint was to end after 78 games but this time with 36 goals. His career total was 51 goals in 170 appearances prior to his KC arrival.

About HULL Manager

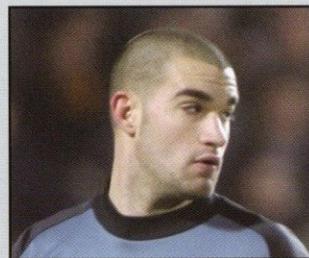
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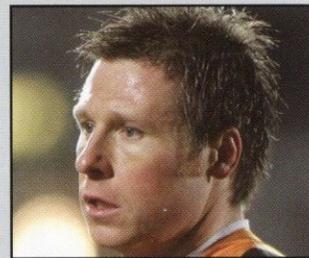
Peter Taylor

Peter Taylor (born January 3, 1953 in Southend-on-Sea) was the English national football team manager on a caretaker basis in 2000. He had previously been coach of the England U-21 side, a role to which he later returned on a part-time basis whilst manager of Hull City A.F.C. Taylor had enjoyed a successful playing career as a winger, playing for Southend United, Crystal Palace, Tottenham Hotspur, Leyton Orient and Oldham Athletic, as well as winning four international caps for England, before embarking on a career as a coach and manager. Peter Taylor is rumoured by some to be the next England manager. At club level, Peter Taylor spent two years (1993-1995) as manager of Southend United, but quit at the end of the 1994-95 season after failing to get them beyond the middle of the Division One table. He returned to club management two years later with Gillingham, and at the end of the 1999-2000 season guided them to victory over Wigan Athletic in the Division Two playoff final which marked the club's promotion to the upper half of the English league for the first time ever. A few weeks later he walked out on the club to take charge at Leicester City in the Premiership and for a few months he did surprisingly well. For 2 weeks in October, Leicester were Premiership leaders and there was much debate as to whether they could maintain their good form. But then things turned sour; 9 defeats in their final 10 Premiership fixtures (following a shock FA Cup quarter final defeat by Division Two strugglers Wycombe Wanderers) saw Leicester plummet down the Premiership table to finish 13th. Taylor was sacked two months after the start of the 2001-02 season with Leicester rooted to the foot of the Premiership but returned to management within two weeks to take charge at Brighton whose previous manager Micky Adams had coincidentally become the new assistant manager of Leicester City. Taylor guided Brighton to the Division Two championship



Boaz Myhill

Although born in the United States, Boaz - full name Glyn Oliver Myhill - has lived in the UK since the age of one-year old. He has an American father and his mother hails from Shropshire. The big goalkeeper joined Aston Villa as a 12 year-old and although he was not to make a senior appearance for the Premiership club, he did have the advantage of learning his trade while such talented keepers as Mark Bosnich, David James, Peter Schmeichel and Peter Enckelman were on the books at Villa Park. Boaz's progress has been charted through his rise at international standard as he has represented England at most levels up to and including Under-20. He has also been on standby for the Under-21s. At club level, he went out on loan to Stoke City and Bristol City without making his first team debut. That finally came when he went on loan to First Division Bradford City in November 2002 but it proved to be memorable for the wrong reasons as Sheffield United won 5-0 at Valley Parade. Boaz got his first taste of Third Division football during a 16-game loan stint at Macclesfield Town at the start of the 2003-04 season. Shortly before joining the Tigers in a £50,000 deal in December 2003 (with a contract up to June 2006), he had also been on loan at Stockport County.



Nick Barmby

In the Tigers' centenary season, in a sensational move, Nick came home for the start of the 2004-05 campaign. One of Hull's most famous sporting sons, following City's promotion from Division Three, his decision to reject more lucrative offers after his release by Leeds United led to claims that his free transfer capture can be regarded as the biggest-ever signing in the club's history. Nick's footballing education began on the playing fields of Hull in the eighties whilst also watching a successful era for the Tigers from the Boothferry Park terraces. A former Kelvin Hall school-boy, he played for Springhead Boys and National Tigers and trained with City's youth teams before leaving the area at the age of 14 to take his place at the FA's National School of Excellence at Lilleshall. His tremendous ability was nurtured by Terry Venables at Tottenham Hotspur; signing pro forms at White Hart Lane in April 1991 and making his debut at Sheffield Wednesday in September 1992. Capable of playing in any midfield or forward capacity, he later became a member of the 'famous five' as Spurs produced some vintage attacking football under Ossie Ardiles before returning north in the first of his big money moves. After over 100 appearances in four years at Tottenham, Nick joined Middlesbrough for a club record fee of £5.25million in August 1995 with his sparkling skills perfectly suited to Boro's new home at the Riverside Stadium. Nick's stint on Teesside was to last only 15 months as he became Everton's record signing in November 1996 at £5.75million. His popularity continued at Goodison although it was undoubtedly diminished in some quarters in July 2000 when he made his controversial move across Stanley Park to join Liverpool for £6million. The first player to make such a move since Dave Hickson in 1959, Nick passed the ultimate test of character with flying colours, being part of Gerard Houllier's squad that won the UEFA Cup and Worthington Cup in his first season at Anfield.

Defenders

Leon Cort

Leon followed the Tigers in to the new Coca-Cola League One when he left our old Third Division rivals Southend United to sign a two-year contract at the KC Stadium in July 2004. Although a latecomer to the league ranks, the big centre-back has progressed to become a veritable model of consistency during his three-year spell at Roots Hall. Signed by Millwall from non-league Dulwich Hamlet in January 1998, Leon enjoyed Conference experience at Forest Green Rovers and Stevenage Borough but had failed to make his Lions debut before moving to Southend in the 2001 close season. Leon is the younger brother of former Newcastle player - Carl

Sam Collins

Peter Taylor backed the judgement of another successful City manager when he brought Big Sam to the KC Stadium. It was Brian Horton who handed the commanding centre-back his debut in senior football in September 1996 for Huddersfield Town against Tranmere Rovers in the First Division. As Sam gained vital experience, the Terriers retained their second grade status during his 47 appearance for the West Yorkshire club. Regarded as an old-fashioned stopper centre-half, he moved to Bury in July 1999 in a £75,000 deal before moving to Port Vale

Damien Delaney

Having brought Damien across from Ireland when he was manager of Leicester City, Peter Taylor signed the Republic of Ireland Under-21 international on his first official day in charge of the Tigers in matching the £50,000 fee that went to Cork City in November 2000. Making his Foxes debut against York City in the FA Cup, Damien went on to make eight Premiership appearances for Leicester. He gained further senior experience in 2001-02 with loan spells at Stockport County and Huddersfield Town. A further loan at Mansfield Town ended with his move to the Tigers. Damien, who is a left-side centre-back of immense promise and undoubted class, became the last Tiger to score at Boothferry Park. It was his first goal for City and his cross-cum-shot proved to be the winner against Boston United.

Mark Lynch

Less than a year after ending his 11-year association with Manchester United, Mark became the Tigers fifth signing of the 2005 close season. Manchester-born Mark joined the United junior ranks as an 11 year-old. Although enjoying the impeccable pedigree of progressing through the same Old Trafford youth system that produced the likes of David Beckham and Nicky Butt, his only Reds senior appearance was against Deportivo La Coruña in the Champions League in March 2003. Despite scoring a 47th minute own goal in the 2-0 defeat, it was recorded that he impressed in the clash at the Riazor Stadium. At that time, Mark's only other first team action came in a 20-game loan spell in the Scottish Premier League at St. Johnstone during the 2001-02 season. Former Tigers coach Billy Kirkwood was the Saints coach during Mark's stay at McDiarmid Park.

Midfielders

Ryan France

Only three days after signing from Alfreton Town, Ryan made a sensational start to his career in professional football. After coming on as a second half sub, the right-sided attacking midfielder took only eight minutes to open his Tigers account as he netted the fifth in our 6-1 demolition of Kidderminster Harriers on 27 September. It was not just with his debut goal that Ryan immediately impressed his new KC audience, and quickly justified City's £15,000 investment as he was a regular member of the squad that won promotion from Division Three. Ryan had made 199 appearances in his four seasons with Alfreton, and was a key figure in the Reds consecutive promotions over the previous two seasons to rise from the Northern Counties East League to the Unibond Premier Division.

Kevin Ellison

The Tigers literally suffered a severe blow to their promotion hopes when Stuart Elliott fractured his cheekbone in the New Year's Day game against Huddersfield Town. With our leading scorer ruled out for up to eight weeks, manager Peter Taylor knew he could not be replaced on a like-for-like basis but similarly knew that Kevin could bring a new and alternative quality to our left flank. The City boss has kept a close check on his career having signed him on behalf of Leicester City four years earlier. Kevin first came to prominence with Altrincham where he was top scorer for the Robins when they were in the Conference during the 1999/00 season. Having also attracted the attention of Everton, Manchester City and Wigan Athletic, he made his £50,000 move to Filbert Street in February 2001 and, only a month after playing in front of a few hundred spectators in the Unibond Premier League, was making his Premiership debut in a most spectacular setting.

Stuart Elliott

Signed for a fee of £175,000 two weeks before his 24th birthday, the Tigers fought off reported interest from Kilmarnock, Millwall, Luton Town, Dunfermline Athletic and Derby County to clinch Stuart's signature. The talented left-sided forward shot prominence as a part-timer for Glentoran in the Smirnoff Irish Premiership having joined the Belfast club as a 16 year-old. He won three caps at Under-21 level for Northern Ireland before giving up his job as a window cleaner to sign full time with Motherwell in July 2000 in a £100,000 deal.

Russell Fry

Previously courted by at least four Premiership clubs, the midfielder or striker has represented Wales at Under-16 level and has also been on standby for England Under-16s. Russell made his Tigers debut when he replaced midfielder Scott Kerr for the closing minutes of the LDV Vans Trophy defeat at Port Vale in October 2002. He added another LDV Vans Trophy substitute appearance to his name in 2003-04 when he came on for Ryan France after 31 minutes of the Humber derby defeat by Scunthorpe at the KC Stadium in November.

Strikers

Darryl Duffy

Glasgow-born Darryl became a Tiger during the January 2006 transfer window with a double aim of repeating at the KC Stadium what he achieved at Falkirk's new stadium so advancing his personal ambition of full Scotland international honours. Darryl had joined his boyhood club Rangers as a 14 year-old and went on to sign pro forms with the Ibrox giants. However, with the Gers boasting a cosmopolitan array of striking talent, his first team opportunities were restricted to just three substitute appearances. They included a brief outing in the Champions League in a group game against Panathinaikos in December 2003. A chance of more regular first team action came the following month when Darryl accepted the option of a loan spell at Brechin City. Eight games in the Scottish First Division were to produce his first four senior goals before his stint at Glebe Park was cut short by a foot injury.

Ben Burgess

Big Ben became the Tigers club record 44th player of the season when he was signed from Stockport County for £100,000 on a three-year contract on Transfer Deadline Day 2003. Only eight months earlier he had moved from Blackburn Rovers to the Edgeley Park club for £450,000. The 6ft 3ins centre forward started his career at Everton before signing trainee forms with Rovers shortly after his 17th birthday. Ben progressed to make two First Division appearances towards the end of the 1999-2000 campaign. The Derbyshire-born striker jetted off to Australia to join National Soccer League club Northern Spirit of Sydney on a season loan. His time in Australia was very productive, playing 30 league games and scoring 16 goals. Notably, Ben scored a 12-minute first half hat-trick against Football Kingz and was awarded the Australian Under-21 Player of the Season award.

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Classic Match

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



Ahmet Brkovic heads home Luton's winner in last season's encounter with Hull

By Boxing Day 2004 the Town, having just won three games in a row, had consolidated their lead at the top of League One and looked set fair to win promotion back to the Championship for the first time in nine long years. Unfortunately, from this high point the Hatters seemed to go off the boil a little and six draws and only one win from the next seven games gave the chasing pack chance to catch up.

Chief amongst those hoping to take over the top spot were Hull City and a win at Kenilworth Road on February 12th 2005 would have seen the Town overhauled.

The week before this 'six-pointer' the Hatters had dropped two points after conceding a last minute goal at

Huddersfield while Hull could only manage a 1-1 draw at home to Bristol City which meant they had not tasted victory for four games.

Despite the less than sparkling form from either side an all-ticket capacity crowd of 9,500 gathered at Kenilworth Road to witness what had earlier been billed as the clash of the Titans.

Hatters top scorer Steve Howard was suspended and in his place came 'supersub' Enoch Showunmi while City were missing their top scorer and talisman Stuart Elliott. For added spice, the Tigers included ex-Watford skipper Andy Hessenthaler in their line-up, a player the Luton fans loved to hate!

To the delight of the Luton supporters the team suddenly reverted to its pre-

Christmas best and attacked Hull with a will, putting together slick attacking moves that had the Tigers defenders in a spin.

Sadly, despite all the bright forward play, the Town could not get the ball in the net and in the second period Hull tightened up considerably without ever looking like threatening the Luton goal.

The game appeared to be heading for stalemate, but with barely a minute left on the clock Steve Robinson, wide on the right, fired in a cross which was anticipated by the 'Croatian Sensation' Ahmet Brkovic who nipped in between two defenders to power in a header at the near post.

To say that the goal was greeted with delight is an understatement and with the other sides at the top dropping points, a gap had opened up once more and set the Town up for the rest of the season.

Luton manager Mike Newell said afterwards, "We're pleased with the performance. It was the best we've played for some weeks and it was a great time to get the goal.

"Overall I think we deserved the win and I don't think Hull can have any arguments with that."

Luton Town: Beresford, Neilson, Coyne, Davies, Davis, Foley, Nicholls, Robinson, Brkovic (O'Leary), Showunmi (Andrew), Vine.

Hull City: Myhill, Stockdale, Cort, Delaney, Edge, Green, Ashbee, Hessenthaler (Price), Lewis, Barmby, Wibraham (Facey).

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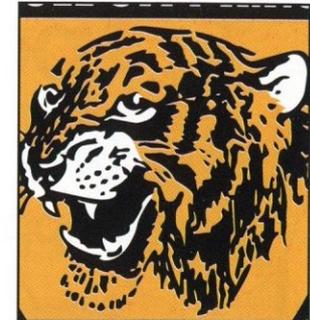
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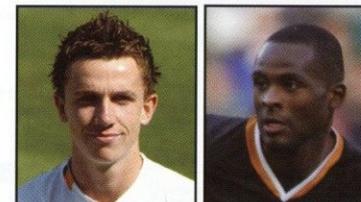
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Match Guide

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

Head 2 Head



Kevin Foley v Leon Cort

Luton's Kevin Foley and Hull City defender Leon Cort have enjoyed good seasons for their respective clubs and both will have key roles in this afternoon's fixture.

Despite missing over a month of the current season through injury, Foley has continued to impress in Luton's defence with a number of solid displays. The defender has again seen his performances for the club earn international recognition for the Republic of Ireland at Under 21 level and his partnership with Carlos Edwards this season down the right flank has given Luton a more solid look going forward.

Likewise, Cort has enjoyed a good season for Hull and the big centre-back has progressed to become a veritable model of consistency since signing from Southend United in June 2004. Cort made over 150 appearances at Roots Hall and became a firm favourite with their passionate crowd. The quality of his defending is demonstrated by the fact that he hasn't picked up a booking since April 2004, an astonishing run stretching back 79 games. He also developed into a notable goalscorer as he netted four times in the final 13 games of last season.



Steve Howard scores against Hull earlier this season

Luton have fond recent memories of matches against Hull. Who can forget the our classic encounter last season when Ahmet Brkovic went storming through at the back post to head home a winner deep into injury time that almost took the roof down at Kenilworth Road. The match was watched by a capacity crowd with the game being declared a sell out weeks in advance as the top two in League One battled it out for three vital points.

More recently, Steve Howard grabbed a late winner as Luton took all three points at the KC Stadium earlier this season in front of a live television audience.

However Hull have a decent record at Kenilworth Road having won seven times. There most famous victory over the

Hatters arrived in December 1998 when, despite languishing at the bottom of Division Three, The Tigers recorded a 2-1 victory in the FA Cup to grab a third round spot. Ben Morley and Robert Dewhurst both scored for the visitors that day.

Besides last seasons success, Luton's most memorable victory against Hull at Kenilworth Road was in January 1977 when John Aston and Jim Husbands scored goals in the final six minutes of the game to cancel out a third minute strike from George Lyall.

Luton have recorded 16 victories in total against the men from Humberside whilst Hull have triumphed on 13 occasions. There has been seven draws.



FORM GUIDE

Luton: L, L, W, W
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HEAD 2 HEAD

Luton Wins: 16
(16 league)
Hull Wins: 13
(12 league, 1 cups)
Draws: 7

LAST FIVE MEETINGS:

Hull 0 Luton 1, Championship, 17/09/05
Luton 1 Hull 0, League One, 12/02/05
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Match Action

PHILIP FRANCIS reports on welcomed three points against QPR as Luton celebrated their first win of 2006 thanks to goals from Markus Heikkinen and Steve Howard

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Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



"It might have been more than two decent goals. It was a decent performance but I thought the foul by Steve Howard was a bit harsh to be honest. It has gone out of the game now where you can't compete for the ball when it is up in the air.

"As for the second goal which was ruled out, I thought it was because Warren was standing behind the goalkeeper but the referee's assistant said that it was Howie who was offside. It looked like a decent goal but there is nothing you can do."

"QPR had a lot of the ball but I thought we stood up well. At the end of the day it was a decent result from the lads."



Steve Howard heads past Simon Royce but sees his effort ruled out by the referee

Luton gained their first victory of 2006 in a hard fought game with QPR

The visitors came to Kenilworth Road keen to continue their recent run of good form but strikes from the impressive Markus Heikkinen and Steve Howard helped seal all three points for Mike Newell's team

The first chance of the match fell to Gareth Ainsworth who fired over the bar after good work from Marcus Bignot. Slowly but surely Luton gained control and took the lead. A Kevin Nicholls corner found the head of Chris Coyne who in turn found Vine, with his header helped on by Heikkinen who steered the ball past Simon Royce in the Rangers goal.

The lead should have been doubled just before the interval when Howard

headed home a cross from Vine but the referee saw it differently and awarded a free-kick in Rangers' favour.

The second half produced a couple of half chances for both sides with Paul Furlong coming a bit too close for comfort on one occasion. However the introduction of Warren Feeny saw Luton gain the ascendancy and within minutes of his arrival the striker had the ball in the net only for the goal to be disallowed for offside.

The decisive second goal arrived four minutes from the end when Howard netted his 99th goal for the club after good build up play from Heikkinen and Carlos Edwards. The three points were most welcome, and with only 16 games remaining the play-off's still remain a distinct possibility.

LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP

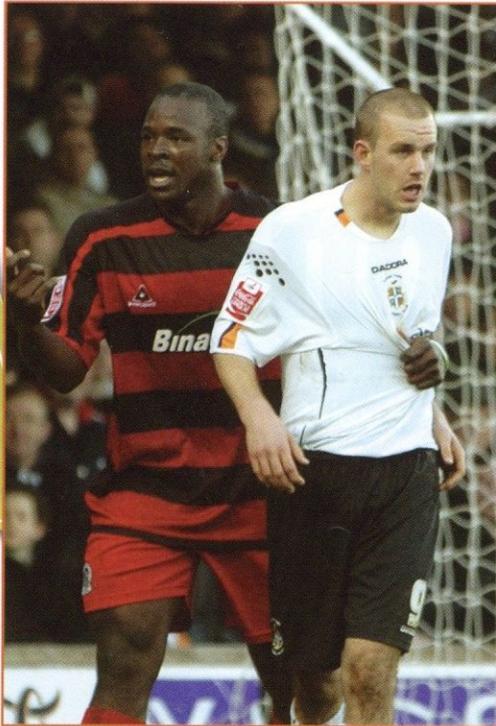


QPR'S STARTING LINE-UP



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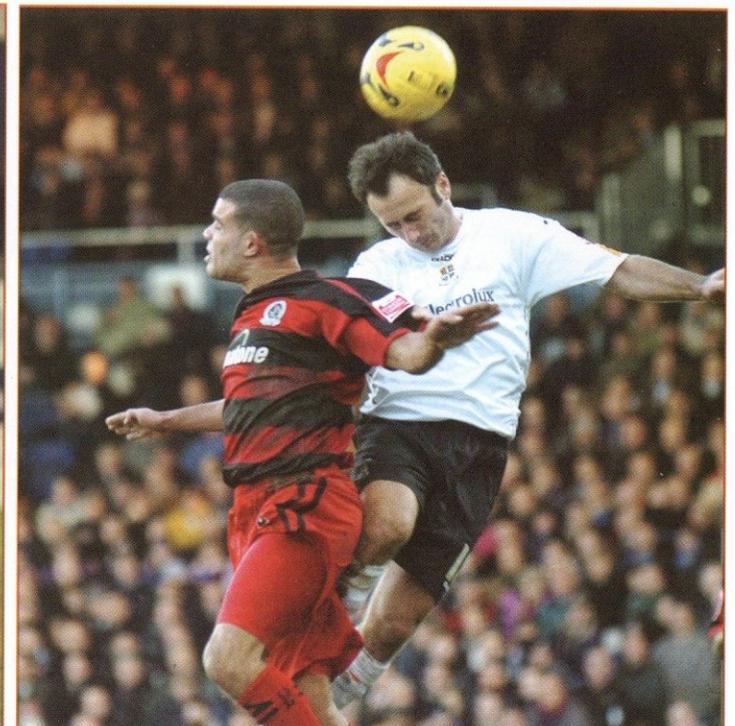
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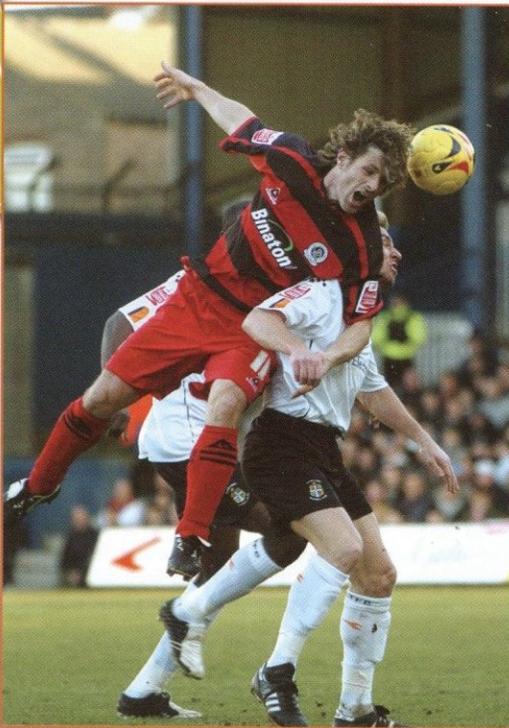
❑ 'You're going nowhere!' Dan Shittu grabs Rowan Vine



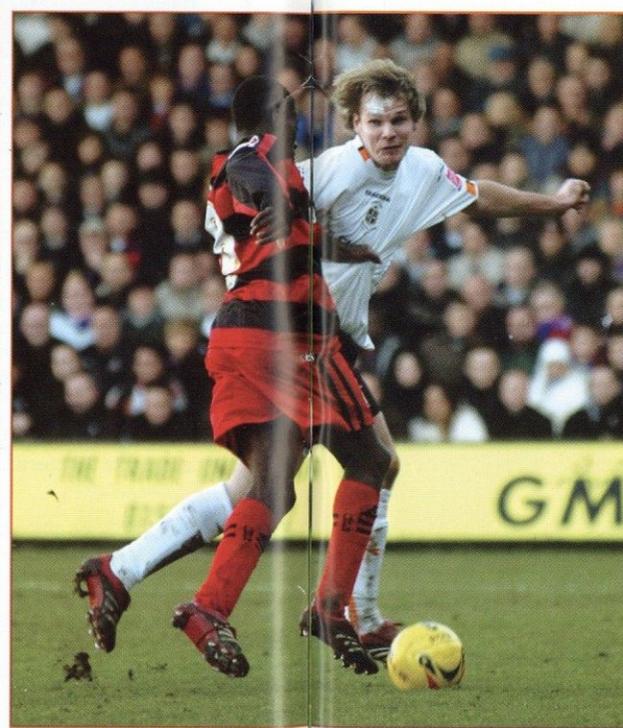
❑ Carlos Edwards fires a shot for Luton in the second half



❑ Ahmet Brkovic beats Marcus Bignot in this challenge



❑ Gareth Ainsworth uses any way possible to beat Paul Underwood

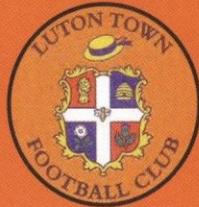


❑ Markus Heikkinen turned in a Mar of the Match performance against QPR



❑ Kevin Nicholls is closely watched by QPR's Richard Langley





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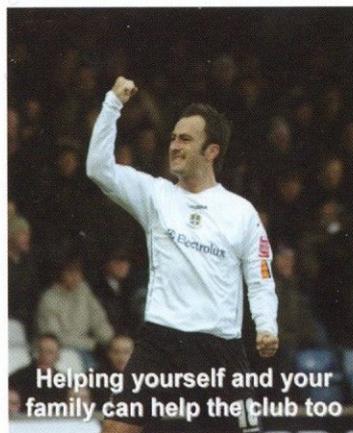
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Luton Town Belles



DAVE BAKER rounds-up the latest news from the Luton Town Belles squad which included a memorable win for the Under 13s in the CJS League Cup semi-final

The first team found themselves up against three Brazilian and one Croatian international as they faced league leaders Keynsham Town last weekend. Predictably the game ended in defeat but a hard earned point in their next fixture against QPR was a reward for their determined effort in recent weeks. The Belles took a first half lead with a goal by Carly Cowell, her first goal for the club. The visitors levelled the score just before half-time and despite The Belles controlling large periods of the second half they couldn't make the breakthrough and had to settle for a point in their battle to stay in the South West Combination, which looks to be going right to the wire in the closing weeks of the season.

The reserves are looking good for promotion in The Greater London League following a 6-0 win at Leyton. The third team too are on course for promotion, but they had to settle for a 2-2 draw at Acton Sports last Sunday, with Beth Hedges scoring both goals. In The Hertfordshire Girls League, the Under 15s are through to the League Cup Semi Final after they defeated Hoddesdon 7-0 with Laura Day notching a memorable hat-trick and Brittany Murtagh, Jodie Tice, Nicky Shepherd and Natalie Stafford all contributing to the score. Returning to league action last weekend, the Under 15s conceded a last minute goal as they lost 4-3 against Stevenage Borough. The Under 14s have amassed a fifteen

point lead at the top of the table after they won 3-2 at second placed Enfield Town last Sunday and would now seemingly have one hand on the championship trophy. Lauren Bruton scored a late winner in what was a thrilling game with Jasmine Hall and Robyn Wilfort also finding the net. The day was tinged with a little sadness for the team, as midfielder Livi Robinson played her last game for the club. She is now emigrating to Australia and everyone at The Belles wish her good luck for the future. It was another top of the table game for the Under 12s as they travelled to West London to face QPR. The Belles came away with a resounding 5-1 win and have now opened up an eight point lead at the top of the table. Chelsea Forde (2) Lauren McLellan, Alexia Maroudias and Lily Knowles scored the goals. The Under 11s lost their latest game, 4-0 against Tottenham Hotspur. There was a goal scoring debut for Daisy Jackson-Clark in the Under 10s 2-1 win at Enfield Town. Ceylon Hickman scored the other goal as The Belles maintain second place in the league. In the CJS League Cup Semi Final the Under 13s came from a goal down to beat local rivals St Martins 2-1 after extra time. Leanne Lizaitis took her season tally to 41 by scoring both of the goals



Robyn Wilfort heads the Under 14s second goal in the 3-2 win at Enfield Town

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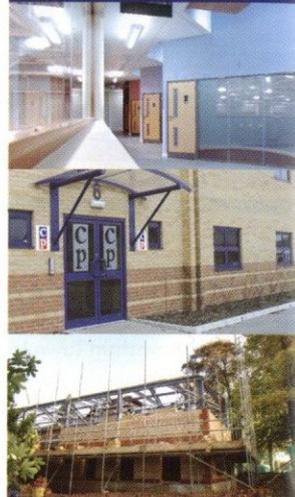
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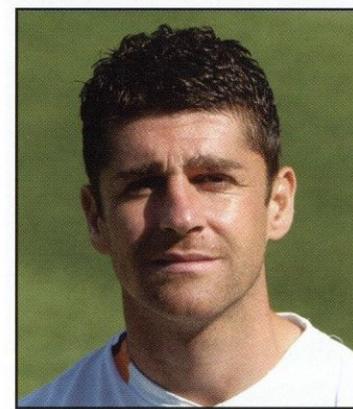
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Head 2 Head



Our Head 2 Head competition moves into the second round phase with eight competitors eyeing a place in the next round. Mark Ridgeway and Kevin Nicholls have both sealed their places in the next round of the competition but who will join them. Kevin Foley and Steve Robinson go head-to-head.



Steve beat Steve Howard in round one

STEVE'S ANSWERS

1. Wales ✓
2. Reading ✓
3. Peter Beardsley ✗
4. Millwall ✓
5. West Brom ✓
6. Millwall ✓
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8. Rio Ferdinand ✗
9. Ole Gunnar Solskjaker ✓
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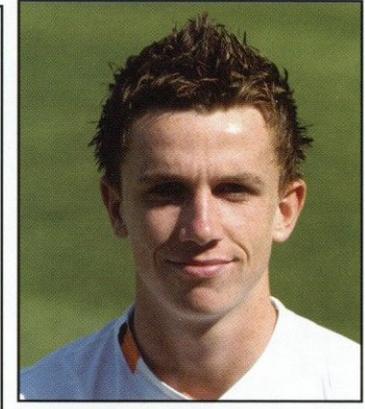
QUESTIONS

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2. Which club did Alan Pardew manage before West Ham United?
3. Who wore the Newcastle United number nine shirt before Alan Shearer?
4. Who lost in the 2004 FA Cup Final?
5. Which football team are known as 'The Baggies'?
6. From which Championship side did Everton sign Tim Cahill?
7. What country do football team Boca Juniors play in?
8. Who scored England's goal in their 2-1 defeat by Brazil in the 2002 World Cup Finals?
9. Who scored Manchester United's injury time winner in their Champions League win against Bayern Munich?
10. In recent years which Premiership club have had Alan Ball, Tony Pulis, Steve Claridge and Graham Rix as manager?

SECOND ROUND DRAW

Mark Ridgeway W/O Curtis Davies
Marlon Beresford 8 v 9 Kevin Nicholls
Steve Robinson 8 v 7 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 Feeney, Sol Davis



Kevin beat Ahmet Brkovic in round one

KEVIN'S ANSWERS

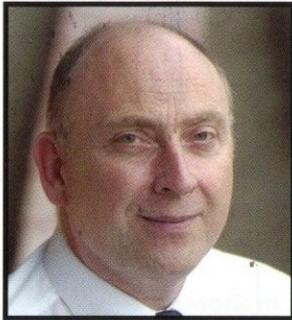
1. Wales ✓
2. Reading ✓
3. Andy Cole ✗
4. Millwall ✓
5. West Brom ✓
6. Millwall ✓
7. Brazil ✗
8. Michael Owen ✓
9. Ole Gunnar Solskjaker ✓
10. Manchester City ✗

Score **7/10**



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Roger Wash

**1993
1994**

From the 1993-94 season, Roger Wash looks back at a year when Luton narrowly avoided the drop but did manage to fight their way through to the F.A.Cup semi-finals.



John Hartson through on goal during the F.A.Cup win over Newcastle in 1994

By 1993 the Town had suffered five successive seasons of fighting against relegation and the supporters were finally hoping for a year of consolidation.

The new campaign opened with a heartening win over Watford but then four straight defeats left the fans in despair. However, with the introduction of Paul Dickov and Alan Harper on loan, and the establishment of teenager John Hartson in the side matters on the pitch slowly turned and the team started to climb the table.

For the first time in six years the Town enjoyed an extended run in the F.A.Cup which took them through to the semi-

final stage.

The run was, nevertheless, almost over before it started with Southend, the visitors to Kenilworth Road in the third round, missing several good opportunities in the first half to seal the game. They were made to rue their misses when Paul Telfer blasted in the only goal after the interval to set up a lucrative tie at Premier League Newcastle.

In front of a vociferous crowd the Town stunned the supporters when Tony Thorpe fired in a 25 yard shot that flew into the top corner. Although the Magpies levelled through a dubious Peter Beardsley penalty they would surely not relish the thought of visiting

Kenilworth Road for the replay.

The old ground was rocking when young Hartson, showing maturity beyond his years, coolly opened the scoring. The threatened fightback from the Magpies never really materialised leaving Scott Oakes to fire in goal number two near the end to wrap up a memorable evening.

Next up was Cardiff from Division Two at Ninian Park where in a nasty, belligerent atmosphere goals from Oakes and David Preece secured a 2-1 win.

Cup fever had now taken a grip and the Hatter's allocation of 4,000 tickets for the quarter-final tie at West Ham was quickly snapped up. In a tense game, the

LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
17) Portsmouth	46	15	13	18	52	58	58
18) Barnsley	46	16	7	23	55	67	55
19) Watford	46	15	9	22	66	80	54
20) LUTON	46	14	11	21	56	60	53
21) West Brom	46	13	12	21	60	69	51
22) Birmingham	46	13	12	21	52	69	51
23) Oxford	46	13	10	23	54	75	49
24) P'borough	46	8	13	25	48	76	37

Town strung five players across the middle and managed to keep the Hammers at bay for 90 minutes.

A full-house of 13,166 gathered at Kenilworth Road for the replay and were treated to a pulsating game that swung end to end from first minute to last. Hammers goalkeeper Ludek Miklosko tipped a Kerry Dixon header onto the bar and dived bravely to foil Oakes before the away side scored, completely against the run of play, through Martin Allen.

For the first time in that season's competition the Town were behind, but not for long as, five minutes later, Oakes hammered in a right foot drive after being set up by Preece and Dixon.

Two minutes after the interval Oakes took advantage of a brilliant chest down by Dixon to fire the Hatters into the lead. West Ham hit back and levelled once more through Ian Bishop but the Town refused to give up and, roared on by the crowd, went looking for the winner.

West Ham captain Steve Potts then failed to control the ball on the halfway

line and in an instant Oakes seized the opportunity and scampered off down the pitch before

drawing the goalkeeper and smashing the ball home for his hat-trick goal and the eventual winner.

The F.A. had decreed that the two semi-final ties would be played at Wembley and almost 26,000 Hatters fans swelled the crowd to 59,989 to see if the Town could beat yet another top flight side, Chelsea.

Despite Kerry Dixon trying his hardest to put one over his old side, the Town were pale shadows of the team that had stormed through the cup run. Never able to fully get to grips with the heading ability of Tony Cascarino, the Town were always chasing shadows and eventually went down 0-2 in a very disappointing performance.

On the Saturday before the semi-final the Town had beaten Peterborough 2-0 which everyone thought would be enough to guarantee safety for another season. Unfortunately, the cup defeat prefaced a dismal run of five straight defeats and suddenly alarm bells were

1993/94

Manager: David Pleat

Top Scorer: Scott Oakes

League Position: 20th

FA Cup: Semi-Final

League Cup: 1st Round

Memorable Match:
Vs West Ham - W 3-2

ringing once more.

A home win over fellow strugglers West Brom was vital because the final two games were away at Bolton and Stoke where the Town habitually struggled.

A best of the season league home crowd of 10,053 saw Luton rule the first half but they had only one goal to show for it, a 20 yard effort from Preece. It was hoped that they would not rue missing their chances and as the pessimists predicted, West Brom levelled shortly after the break when Bob Taylor fired home.

Baggies substitute goalkeeper Tony Lange's first duty was to pick the ball out of the net after Julian James put it there with a header as the Town fought back and a sweet first-timer from Hartson made it 3-1 before the defence caved in again with Kevin Donovan running at it and hitting a shot which smacked against the post for Lee Ashcroft to hammer in the rebound.

Mercifully, the Town hung on and lived to fight another day, safe with two games still to play!

Elsewhere in football

- * Manchester United achieve the double, winning the Premiership as well as beating Chelsea 4-0 in the F.A.Cup final. They fail to make it a treble when they lose 1-3 to Aston Villa in the Coca-Cola Cup final.
- * Norwich beat Bayern Munich away in the UEFA Cup.
- * Sir Matt Busby dies.

- * Rangers sign Duncan Ferguson from Dundee United for £4 million. A new British record.
- * David Platt moves from Juventus to Sampdoria for £5.2 million bringing his career transfer aggregate to £17.4 million.
- * Terry Venables becomes England manager.

- * Arsenal win the European Cup Winners Cup when they beat Parma 1-0 in the final in Copenhagen.
- * European Cup holders Marseilles are banned from the competition for a year after bribery allegations are upheld.

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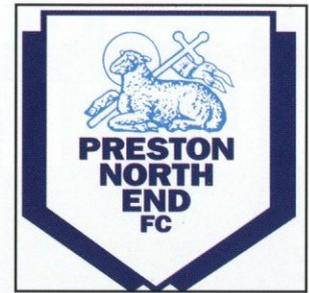
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Travel Information



Luton endure one of their longest trips of the season when they travel to Preston North End, looking for their first win at Deepdale since 1972

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BY RAIL/BUS: Preston station is around a mile and a half from the ground and takes around twenty five minutes to walk, although you will pass some good pubs on the way. Leave the station through the main exit and turn right. After about 50yds turn left down into Fishergate where there are some good take aways to be found. Go straight on at the next big traffic lights into Corporation Street. Aldi and Blockbuster are on your left and Office World on

your right. Continue on this road for sometime until you get to a big roundabout just before the University of Central Lancashire campus area. Turn right at the island and then left up Moor Lane. After a good distance you will eventually come along to a church and a petrol station on your right. Shortly after the latter turn right into Moor Park and you head on directly for Deepdale which you can see the floodlights of in the distance.

MATCHDAY PARKING: It is street parking for all with travel to Preston. There are plenty of spaces nearby which are within a short walking distance to the ground.

AROUND THE GROUND: One of the best pubs for away fans is the Toy Soldier, on the Deepdale retail park, just off the Blackpool Road (A5085). The retail park & pub are on the right just before Deepdale (look for the McDonalds sign)

if you come off the M6 at junction 31'. A better bet probably is The Summers, just up the Tom Finney Way (used to be Deepdale Rd) from the ground. A good friendly atmosphere, with both home and away supporters mixing freely. There is a good sized beer garden & car park at the pub. Sometimes the pub does charge for parking but this can be redeemed against a purchase at the bar.

WHAT'S THE GROUND LIKE: Three quarters of the ground have now been redeveloped in recent years, with some excellent looking all seater stands, complete with spectacular looking floodlights. The three stands, at both ends and at one side of the pitch, are of the same height and style and are all large, covered, single tiered stands. Each has a likeness of a past player outlined on the seats and is named after that player: Tom Finney, Bill Shankly and now on the latest stand to be built, goalkeeping legend Alan Kelly. Only one old stand remains now, the Pavilion Stand at one side of the pitch. Outside the stadium near to the entrance to the National Museum of Football is a statue of former Preston legend Tom Finney.

BY COACH WITH TOWN ON TOUR: Departs from Luton at 9:00am with a stop a MK Coachway at 9:30am. The fare for LTSC members is £19 for adult members, £17 for concessions and £21 for non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section of www.luton-town.co.uk.

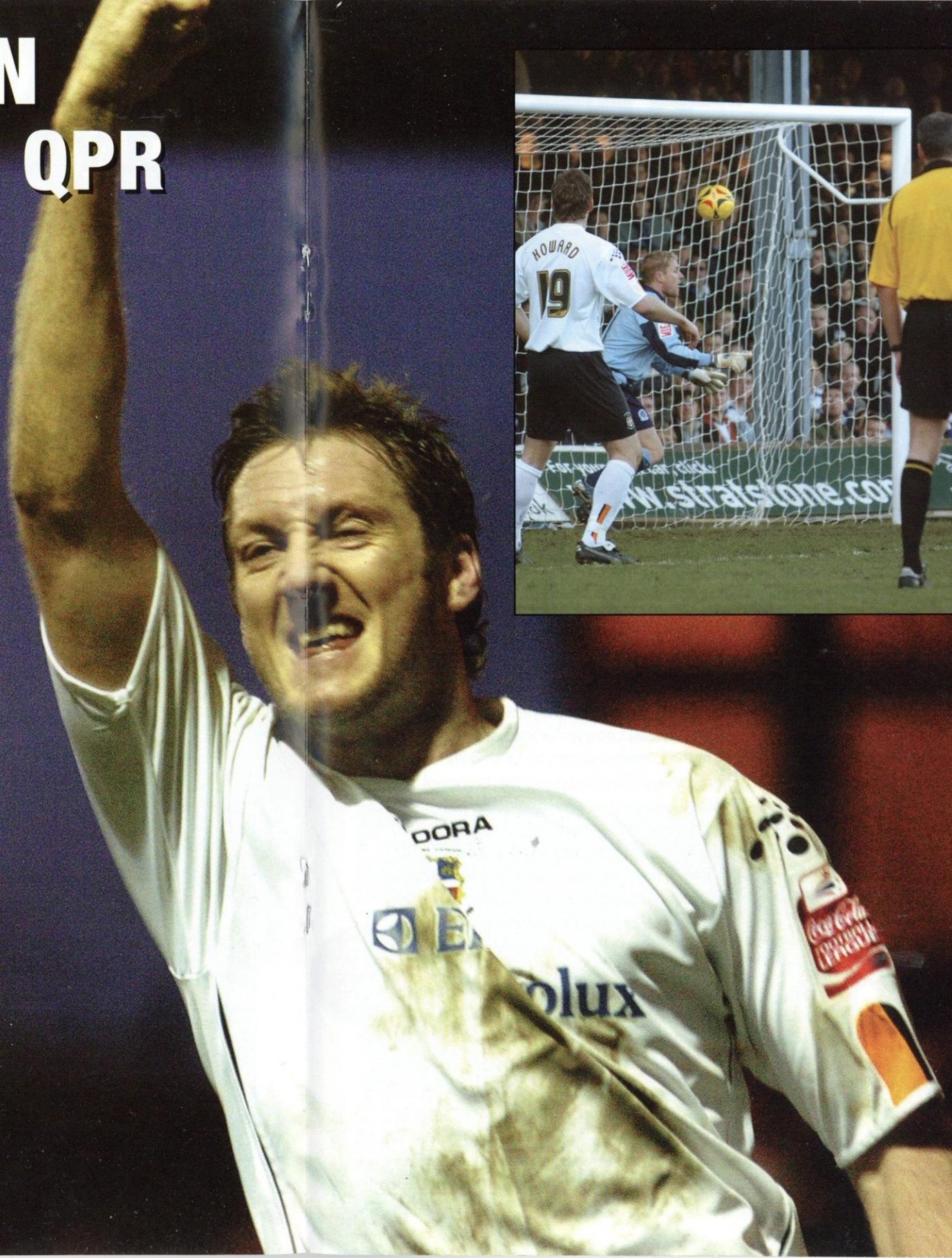
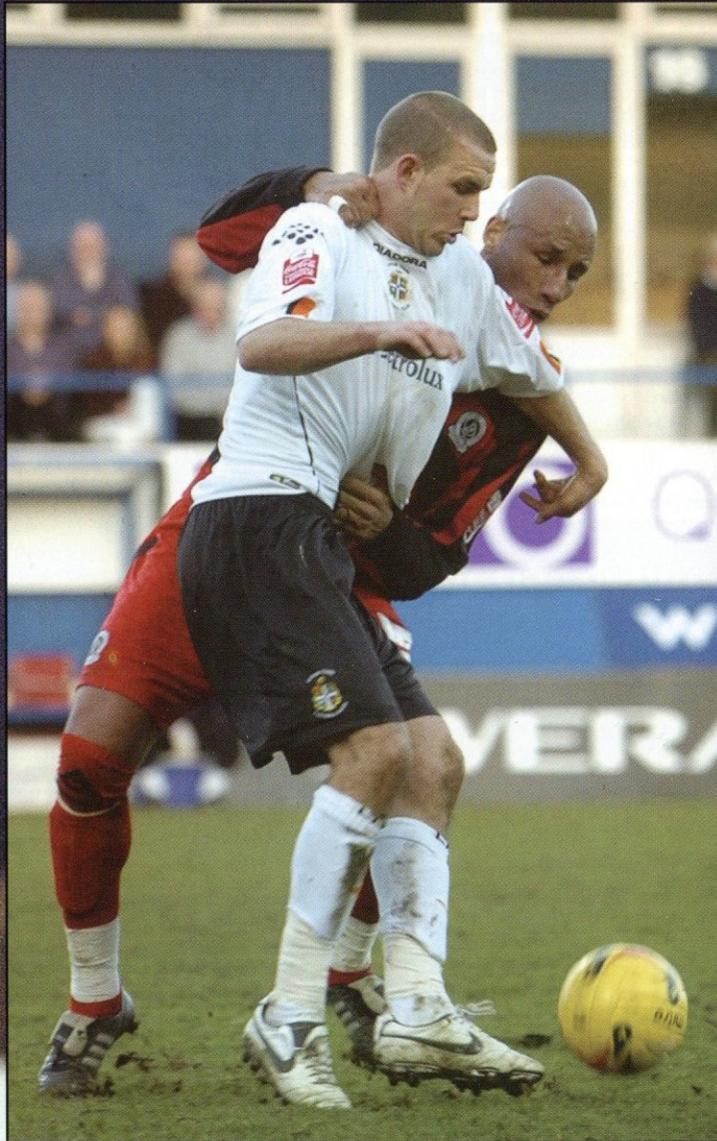
BY COACH WITH BOBBERS TRAVEL: Departs from Cranfield at 8:00am and Luton 9:00am. Costs for this trip are £19.00 for adults and £15 for concessions. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Stand at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground or telephone 01234 750996 for further information.



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LUTON TOWN V QPR



THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS



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

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

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

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

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

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- ★ Top Apprentice Award
- ★ Goal of the Year
- ★ Most Admired Club
- ★ Community Club of the Year
- ★ Fan of the Year
- ★ Best Club Sponsorship
- ★ Best Club Marketing Campaign
- ★ Best Kit Design
- ★ Matchday Programme of the Year
- ★ Best Club Website
- ★ Best Away Ground – voted for by fans
- ★ Contribution To Football Award



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

99 and Counting



Steve Howard celebrated his 99th Luton goal in our recent game against QPR. ROGER WASH looks at our post-war leading goalscorers.

With big Steve Howard about to crack the magic century target for the Town in goals scored in all competitions, he has pushed himself up to third spot in the Hatters post-war sharp-shooters league table.

Top of the list is the legendary one-club man Gordon Turner who, between 1950 and 1964, hit the back of the net 276 times in 450 games. Turner's total included many penalties which he hit home with unerring accuracy which is more than can be said for the number two on the list, Brian Stein. By his own admission, Brian was not the best of penalty takers but he made up for this with his cool and clinical finishing as proved by his 154 strikes for the Town.

Steve Howard is now number three

after heading the goalscoring charts each season for the Hatters since his bargain £50,000 signing from Northampton in 2001. He has pushed ahead of the clever and unpredictable David Moss, who bagged 94, and terrace favourite Mick Harford with 92.

Starting with a penalty at Colchester in his second start in March 2001, through a 40 yarder at Brentford during the same season, hat-tricks at Hull, Colchester and MK Dons leading up to this campaign's spectacular efforts, highlighted by the scorcher against Liverpool, Steve has cemented himself in the hearts of all Luton fans.

Of course Howard could have already been celebrating his 100th Luton goal when, during our 2-0 victory over QPR, the striker saw a first half effort ruled out before striking late on in the

game to seal the three points.

Talking after the game against QPR, Howard said: "I was told how much I had scored for the club a few days ago and I honestly do believe I should have had my 100th against QPR. As far as I'm concerned, I went up for the ball, took it cleanly and the goal should have stood.

"However that is the way the game is at the moment and the goalkeeper is always likely to come off favourably in that position.

"I'm not bothered at all to be honest that I will have to wait a little longer for the 100th goal. I'm confident that I can continue this good run of form and I'm only happy when I am scoring goals so I will not let it worry me.

"When the 100 goals come, it will come. I haven't been thinking about it to be honest. I'm more pleased with my own performances in the past few weeks. I wanted ten goals before Christmas, which didn't happen, but hopefully I can keep this momentum going."



Steve Howard celebrates his goal against Crystal Palace earlier this season

LUTON'S POST-WAR LEADING GOALSCORERS

1. Gordon Turner	276
2. Brian Stein	154
3. STEVE HOWARD	99
4. David Moss	94
5. Mick Harford	92

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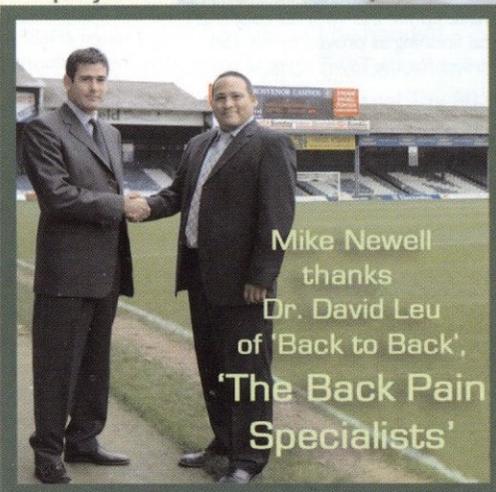
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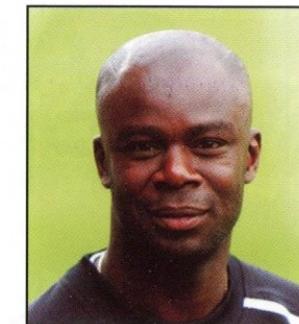
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Luton's Youth

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MARVIN JOHNSON looks back at his side's latest performance against Brighton and Hove Albion.

Brighton 2 Luton Town 0

Saturday 21st January 2006
Youth Alliance League

Luton Town's Under 18s fell to a 2-0 Football League Youth Alliance South East Conference defeat to leaders Brighton recently.

But Boss Marvin Johnson was not too downhearted after a gutsy display from his side.

Young Hatters made two changes to the side that lost 3-1 to Colchester the week before as Zach Barret returned in goal in place of school-boy Jack Smelt, and Matt Maitland came back from injury to partner Josh Green at the heart of the defence.

That meant skipper David Deeny pushing up into midfield in place of Dean Hamilton.

Brighton's first goal came midway through the first-half after Luton themselves had threatened when Ryan Charles crossed for Matt Kenneford to head at the seagulls keeper.

Luton were still in it until the hosts got their second 10 minutes from time.

Johnson said: "I was not overly disap-

pointed by this result. We had a good chance of going ahead in the game early on with a Matt Kenneford header but Brighton took advantage and scored through an error in defence.

"Apart from that mistake we were always in the game. I knew the lads were going to be up for this game because Brighton are top of the league and, in my opinion, will win the division.

"This was the fourth time we played Brighton this season and they have always been close games. It is about a mental attitude as a group that we need to approach every game in the same manner that we approached this game against a team top of the division. If we can be more self disciplined then we will be more consistent in results than what we have been.

"On the injury front, Matthew Maitland picked up a hamstring strain which was probably due to his growing pains that has recently kept him out of action.

"We still have Ed Asafu-Adjaye on Rob Sinclair on the comeback trail and they are a few weeks away from returning."

Luton's under 18s returned to action today against QPR after a break last weekend.

LTFC YOUTHS

Date	Opponent	KO/Result
August		
Sat 13	Leyton Orient	W 2-1
Sat 20	Rushden	W 1-0
September		
Sat 03	Wycombe	D 1-1
Sat 17	Cambridge United	L 1-3
Sat 24	Plymouth Argyle (Yth Cup)	L 1-2
October		
Sat 01	Exeter City (Yth Cup)	D 2-2
Sat 08	Colchester United	L 0-4
Sat 15	Brighton	L 0-1
Sat 22	Brighton (Yth Cup)	W 2-1
November		
Sat 05	Newport (Yth Cup)	P-P
Sat 11	Swansea City	W 2-1
Sat 19	QPR	W 3-1
Sat 26	Brentford	L 0-1
December		
Sat 03	Northampton	L 0-2
Sat 10	Southend United	P-P
Sat 17	Portsmouth	W 3-1
January		
Sat 07	Gillingham	W 1-0
Sat 14	Colchester United	L 1-3
Sat 21	Brighton	L 0-2
February		
Sat 04	QPR	11:00 am
Sat 11	Brentford	11:00 am
Sat 18	Northampton	11:00 am
Sat 25	Southend United	11:00 am
March		
Sat 04	Portsmouth	11:00 am
Sat 11	Gillingham	11:00 am
Sat 18	Leyton Orient	11:00 am
Sat 25	Rushden & Diamonds	11:00 am
April		
Sat 01	Wycombe	11:00 am
Sat 15	Cambridge United	11:00 am

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	12	10	2	0	36	8	32
QPR	13	7	2	4	30	25	23
Rushden	11	6	3	2	24	15	21
Brentford	13	6	1	6	26	31	19
Colchester	14	5	3	6	20	18	18
Leyton Orient	13	5	3	5	22	21	18
LUTON	12	5	1	6	12	17	16
Wycombe	11	4	3	4	17	16	15
Gillingham	11	4	2	5	18	15	14
Northampton	12	4	2	6	17	20	14
Southend Utd	13	2	4	7	10	28	10
Portsmouth	13	1	4	8	12	30	7

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

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League Round-Up

League Round-Up



SIMON GOVER looks back at which Championship players have moved clubs after the January transfer window shut recently

With the transfer window firmly shut, Championship teams will be hoping they have done enough to bolster their squad ahead of the final season push towards promotion or avoiding relegation.

Strikers seem to have been the biggest priority for a large majority of Championship clubs involved in transfer dealings. Promotion favourites Sheffield United have strengthened their already strong strike force with the additions of Ade Akinbiyi from Burnley for £1.75million and Bruce Dyer from Stoke.

Our opponents today felt the need to strengthen their front line at the beginning of the month with the signing of 24-year-old Jon Parkin from Macclesfield. A prolific goalscorer in League Two, Jon joined the Humberside club for an undisclosed fee and scored in both of his first two games against Crystal Palace and Stoke.

Wolves also felt the need to strengthen their attacking options with little known Polish striker Tomasz Frankowski completing a move to England from Elche.

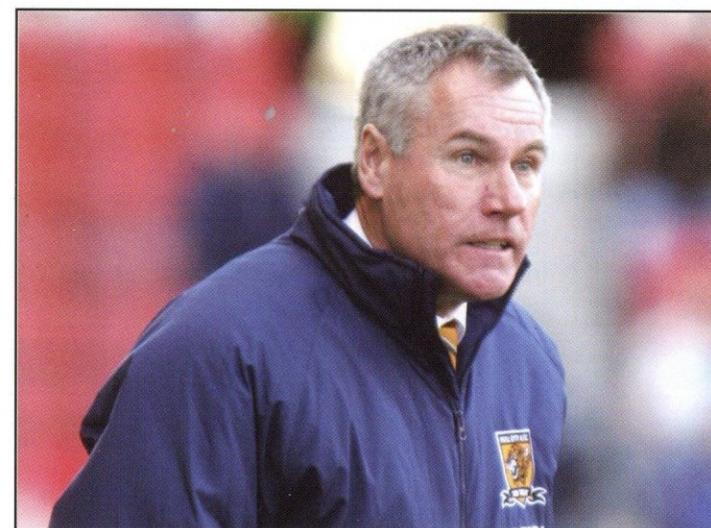
A far more recognisable name is

Dennis Wise who completed his free move to Coventry City. The former Chelsea midfielder made an instant impression at the Midlands club scoring on his debut against Derby. Dennis has had three different clubs in the last 12 months and all three are currently in the wrong half of the Championship table.

Two of the biggest names in the Championship secured dream moves to the Premiership with Southampton's Theo Walcott hitting the headlines when he made the switch to Arsenal, for what could turn out to be a £12 million move. Meanwhile Dean Ashton, who played so well against the Hatters at Carrow Road in November, has moved back to the Premiership, with West Ham United paying £7 million for his services.

Southampton, who also released Tomasz Hajto to Derby, have brought in Jim Brennan to strengthen their squad and is the only signing made by new boss George Burley, who seems to be finding the Championship tougher going than the SPL, where he started the season with Hearts.

With all the transfer dealing coming to an end for this season, we can now concentrate on what really matters. Every club will feel they still have something to play for with plenty of points up for grabs in the bid to secure automatic promotion or avoid relegation.



Hull boss Peter Taylor is one of many managers who have been busy in the January transfer window



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The Greatest

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



Name: Stewart Pratt

Date of Birth: 01/11/1969

Occupation: Design Engineer

Years following Luton: 28

Where do you sit: Main Stand Enclosure

First Match: I can't remember the first match but I was about eight and it was in the late seventies.

Memorable Match:

The most memorable match for me at Kenilworth Road was our FA Cup victory over Newcastle. It was a fantastic night of high drama and tension and a match I will always remember. The Littlewood Cup Final win over Arsenal is also a special game to mention and the dramatic way in which we lifted the trophy,

Goalkeeper

1. Marlon Beresford

Marlon is as reliable as the come in terms of a goalkeeper. A good shot stopper and excellent in the air.

Left-Back

2. Matthew Taylor

Matthew Taylor came through the ranks at Luton Town to become one of the best young players this club had seen in a long time. Gifted with a tremendous left foot, Matthew scored some wonderful goals for the club.

Right-Back

3. Kirk Stevens

A great character and a tremendous defender. Will always be remembered for his last minute winner at Vicarage Road on Boxing Day 1979.

Centre-Back

4. Brian Horton

Brian was great leader in Luton's defence who played a vital role in our 1982 championship season into the top flight.

Centre-Back

5. Steve Foster

A consistent performer for Luton and strong in the air, Steve Foster is our most famous skipper having lifted the Littlewoods Cup in 1988 at Wembley following our victory against Arsenal.

Right-Midfield

6. Ricky Hill

Ricky Hill oozed class on the football pitch and is regarded as one of the best players ever to pull on a Luton shirt. Scored many memorable goals including a sublime effort on his debut against Bristol Rovers

Left-Midfield

7. Mal Donaghy

A consistent and reliable performer, Mal Donaghy was solid in defence but equally good going forward. Deserved his World Cup appearance with Northern Ireland.

Centre-Midfield

8. David Preece

Great energy, lots of goals and massive work rate. He was regarded as the engine grinder of Luton's midfield during the early 1990's.

Centre-Forward

9. Mick Harford

Great heading and shooting ability, Mick 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. David Moss

You need a midfield enforcer in any team and David Moss was regarded as one of the best for Luton. One of the final pieces in David Pleat's side during the late 1970's and early 80's

Centre-Forward

11. Paul Walsh

A tremendous player with bundles of skill and pace which often caused the opposition defences some problems. Scored three hat-tricks during the 1982-83 season.

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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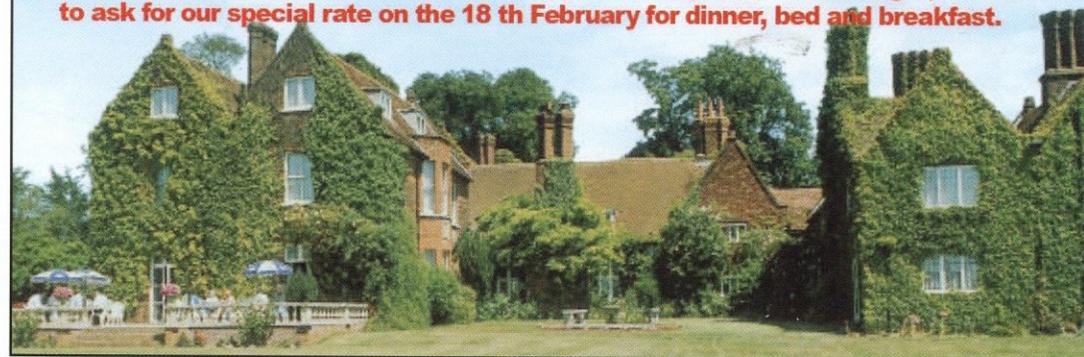
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HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS

With three championship medals to his name already, Luton defender Paul Underwood refuses to rule out the possibility of adding to his impressive tally. The full-back made a name for himself at Rushden & Diamonds and his success at Nene Park followed him to Bedfordshire when he picked up another title last season. In an interview for today's matchday programme, Underwood looks back at his first crack at Championship football.

When Luton lifted the League One title last season it ended a 17 year agonizing wait for silverware to return to Kenilworth Road, but for one player it was just the latest championship medal to sit proudly on the mantle piece.

Having started in the lower reaches of the football pyramid with Enfield, Paul Underwood's footballing career has continued to go from strength-to-strength ever since he was spotted as a youngster by Rushden & Diamonds.

A transfer from one non-league club to another may not sound like a dream move by many but Underwood has certainly not looked back as the move to Nene Park was the catalyst of a bundle of medals and league titles.

With the financial backing of Dr Martens owner Max Griggs, Diamonds made their way through the lower reaches of non-league football with Underwood collecting his first championship medal in 2001 when the Northamptonshire club clinched the Conference title.

More silverware was to follow shortly after when the Wimbledon-born defender skipped the club to the Division Three championship having lost in a play-off final in the previous year against Cheltenham Town.

Now the defender is midway through the latest chapter of his astonishing footballing career with his first taste of Championship football.

The 32-year-old said: "I think the season for me has been okay but I am

“ I have enjoyed a good career in football and everyone likes winning medals but if I get anymore then I may have to get a new mantle piece! ”

always looking to get better. The standard in the Championship has improved but it's not like you're playing against Thierry Henry every week.

"The quality of the players has improved and we have all had to raise our games from last season. We are a match for anyone in this division but although I am satisfied with my season so far, I always look at ways to improve my game.

"I've had a few years in each league so obviously I have seen the standard improve. I have enjoyed a good career in football and everyone likes winning medals but if I get anymore then I may have to get a new mantle piece!"

Underwood will be hoping to add to his impressive haul of promotions this season as Luton go into this afternoon's game with Hull, sitting just outside the play-off zone. The full-back remains confident that the club can make a push for a top six finish this season.

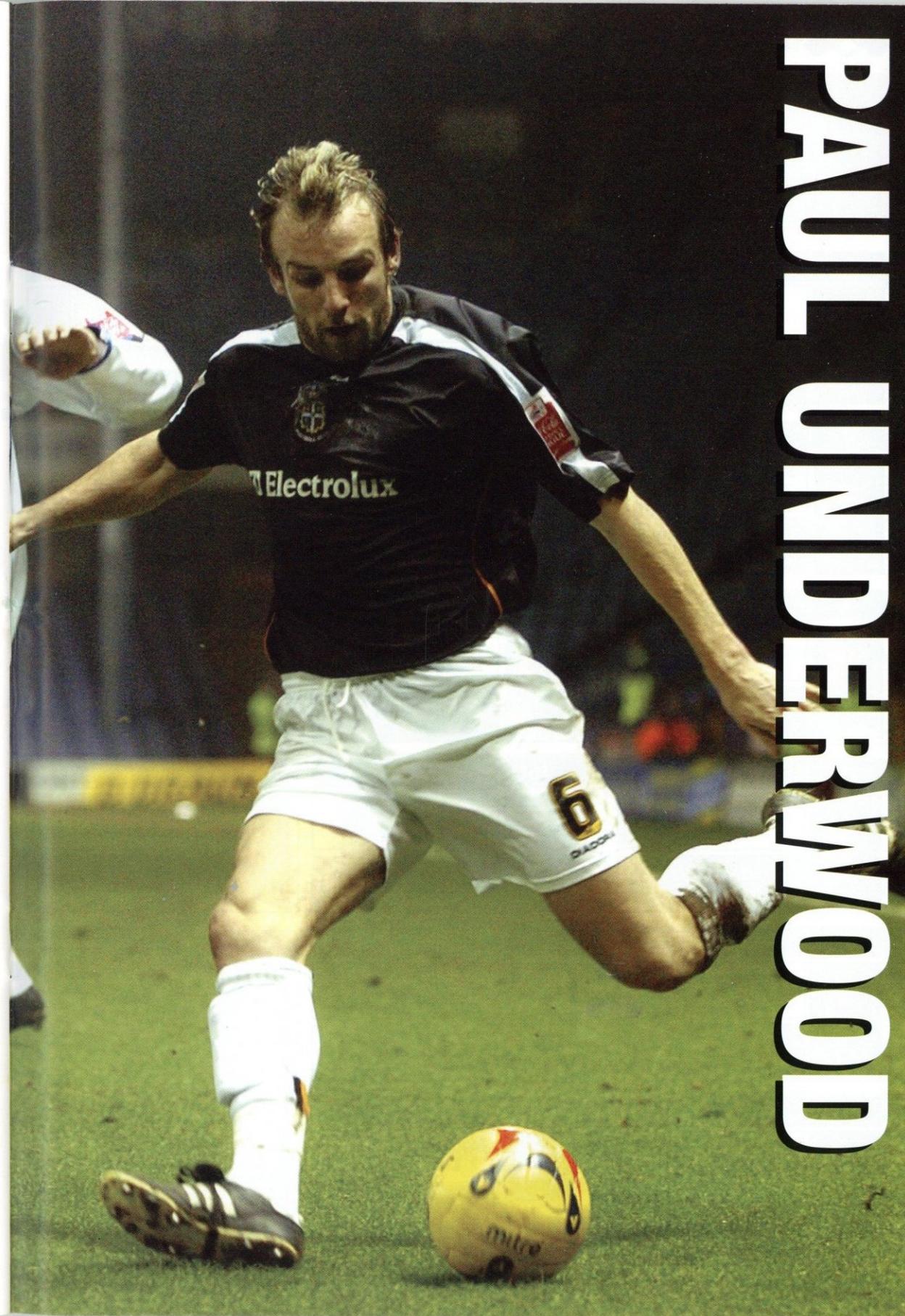
Underwood continued: "It is this time of the season when teams will make their move. Teams have strengthened their squad in the transfer window and everyone will be hoping that they have done enough to either move out of

the relegation zone or push for the play-offs.

"We have lost points in recent weeks but we are still in a good position in the table and nobody is losing sight of the play-offs. We can't grumble about the position we are in. We have got a smaller squad than most teams in the Championship but hopefully we can kick on."

Meanwhile, the Luton defender believes the club has secured the services of a highly talented player in the shape of David Bell, the Republic of Ireland Under-21 international who was a team-mate of Underwood at Rushden.

Underwood added: "Well obviously he's a young prospect but with a few years ahead of him. He has tremendous ability and is quick, mobile and possesses a tremendous shot. People will just have to wait and see when he does play what he is capable of doing, but I think Luton have got a player for the future."



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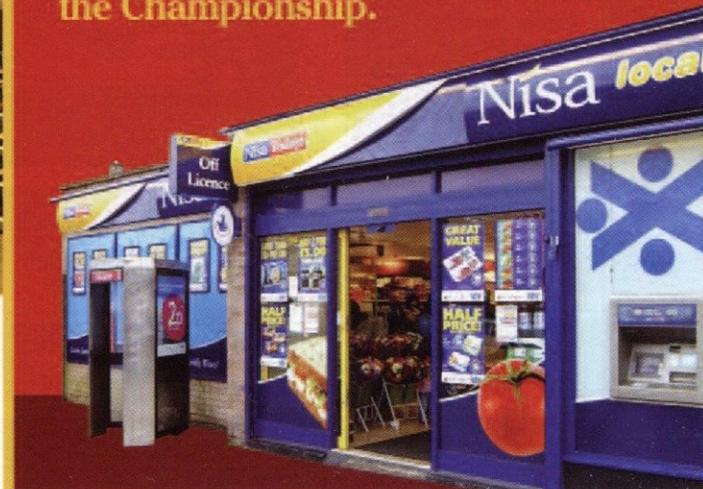
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Around the Ground



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TODAY'S REFEREE

Luton Town Football Club would like to welcome today's officials to Kenilworth Stadium for this afternoon's fixture with Hull City. They are Mr Kevin Friend from Leicestershire, Mr Glenn Hambling from Norfolk, Mr John Hayto from Essex and Mr John Hopkins from Essex.

Mr Friend, who is today's match referee, started refereeing in 1985 and progressed through the local leagues before being promoted to the Football League assistant referees list in 2000 and the referees list in 2003. He was an assistant referee at the LDV Vans Trophy area final between Bristol City and Cambridge United in 2003 and has also been involved in the divisional Play-Offs as an assistant referee.

SUPPORT CARLOS IN TRINIDAD FRIENDLY

Luton fans are being encouraged to show their support for Carlos Edwards when Trinidad play Iceland at Loftus Road on Tuesday 28th February.

Trinidad, who are in the same group as England for the 2006 World Cup in Germany this summer, will lock horns with their Scandinavian-based opponents at the home of Queens Park Rangers.

West Ham's Shaka Hislop, Chelsea's Icelandic star Eidur Gudjohnsen, former Manchester United striker Dwight Yorke and Fulham front-man Heider Helguson should all figure, in what promises to be another superb spectacle for fans and the respective countries involved.

Trinidad officials are hoping their players get the perfect send-off for the World Cup and supporters are encouraged to bring flags bearing their club's name as the game has been designated 'Carnival Tuesday'.

Tickets are on sale via QPR's official website - www.qpr.co.uk.

CHECK YOUR GOLDEN GAMBLE TICKET

The Golden Gamble cash prize was

unclaimed at half time during our match with Queens Park Rangers recently.

So check your tickets and if you have number 34980 then get in contact with the commercial department to claim your £1120 prize.

LOAN MOVES

Two notable loan moves concerning Luton players were concluded before the end of the January transfer window.

Young striker Calvin Andrew made the move to Bristol City for a one-month loan spell whilst Dino Seremet extended his loan stay at Tranmere Rovers by a further two month after impressing boss Brian Little during his stay.

Stephen O'Leary and Michael Leary are currently on loan deals with Tranmere Rovers and Walsall respectively.

WIN A PLAYER 2

At the time of going to print, Luton moved into seventh position in the Win A Player 2 league table.

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. To enter, text LUTON to 88555 or visit

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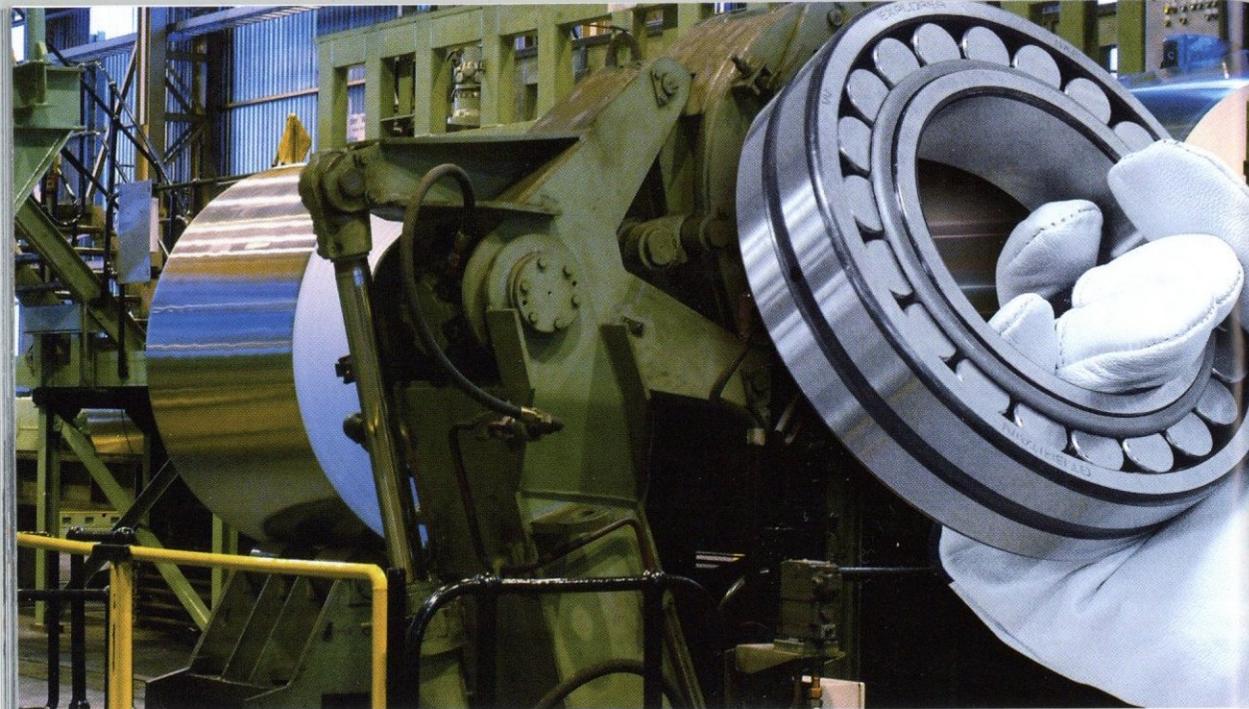
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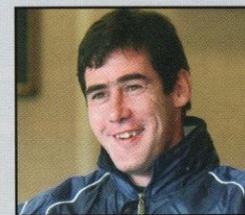


STEVEN DOVE reports on Luton's first win on their travels since the beginning of October as a Kevin Nicholls penalty and a wonder goal from Rowan Vine helped Mike Newell's team to all three points against struggling Sheffield Wednesday

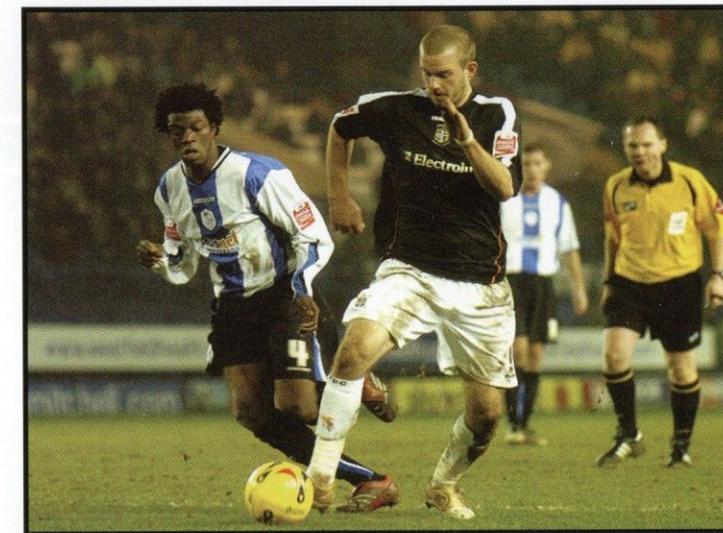
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Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



It sounds simple, but if you don't get the ball in the back of the net you're not going to win anything. The law of averages said we were going to win somewhere along the line because the form has not been bad. The football we've been playing we've controlled long periods of games and played some decent stuff. No-one's battered us or taken us apart, which for our first season in this league is pleasing, but it's results you're after at the end of the day. If teams had really battered us, but we'd ended up coming away with the points then we'd have taken that."



Rowan Vine hit his fourth goal of the season against Sheffield Wednesday.

Luton recorded their first away win in four months as a penalty from Kevin Nicholls and a wonder goal from Rowan Vine helped seal all three points against Sheffield Wednesday.

It looked as if it would be another one of those days for Luton after bossing large periods of the first half and creating a number of worthwhile opportunities without breaking the deadlock.

However on a cold Yorkshire night, Luton's neat passing game paid dividends as a superb second half performance lifted Mike Newell's team into eighth place in the Championship table.

After an action packed first half, neither side could break the deadlock but as Luton continued to look promising in the

second half they got their reward on 51 minutes when Vine's mazy run from the left flank saw the striker weave his way into the Wednesday penalty area only for him to go down under the challenge from Richard Woods.

The second half continued to improve for the visitors as they doubled their advantage on 55 minutes when a square ball from the hard-working Steve Howard released Vine who unleashed an exquisite curling shot past the helpless Richard Lucas.

Wednesday almost got themselves back into the game on several occasions but Luton held firm as goalkeeper Marlon Beresford kept his seventh clean sheet of the season

LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



SHEFF WED'S STARTING LINE-UP



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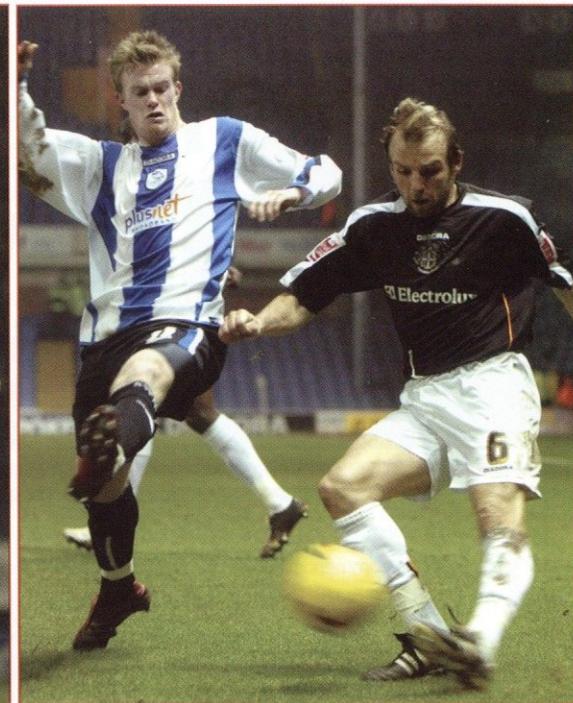
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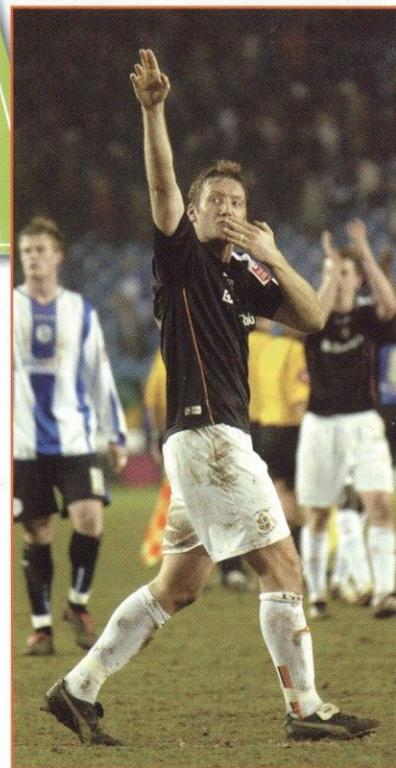
□ Burton O'Brien gets the better of Kevin Nicholls



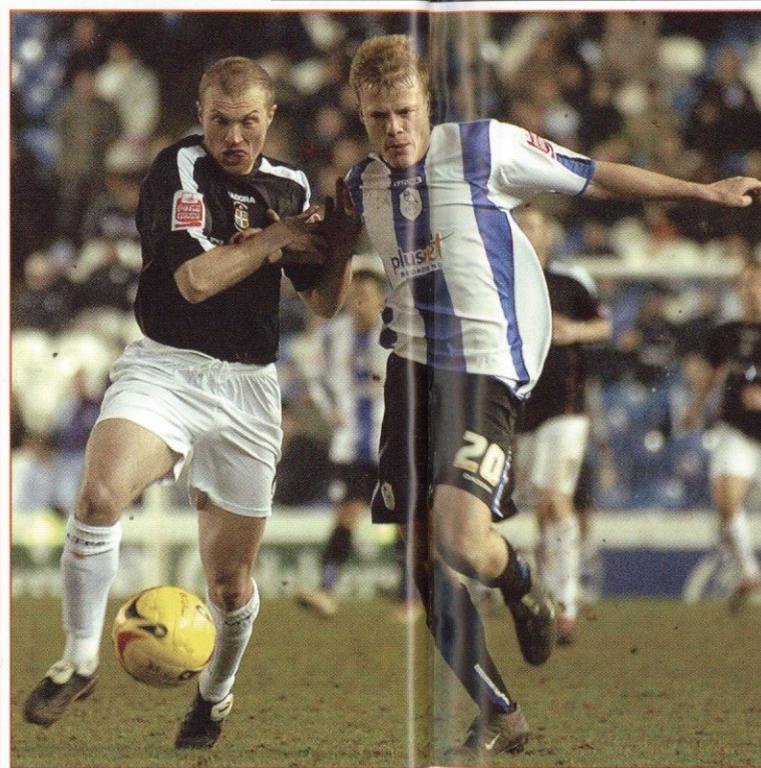
□ Rowan Vine leads the celebrations as he extends Luton's lead at Hillsborough



□ Paul Underwood whips in a cross for Luton



□ Steve Howard salutes the Luton crowd at the final whistle



□ Warren Feeny, on as a late second half substitute, battles for possession with Wednesday's Frank Simek



□ Carlos Edwards fires a low shot at the Wednesday goal.





Peter Davis

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

It's with a warm welcome that we bid good afternoon to all of our commercial partners and their VIP guests. We also wish to offer a further very special welcome to today's match sponsors, DM Specialist Shopfitters Ltd, Carlsberg and Barclays Bank PLC, all of whom are with us for the first time. In addition, I would also like to extend a personal welcome to Rob Smith, Hull City's Marketing Manager. Rob and I have known each other for a few years and I have to congratulate him and the rest of his commercial and marketing team for the tremendous job

that they have done at the KC Stadium. I am sure Rob will enjoy himself today, but will understand and excuse me for insisting that Luton Town take the three points on offer this afternoon.

Thank you to everyone for your support and enjoy the game.

Peter



□ Fred Dann, Managing Director of Match Sponsors Freelance Environmental Services, receiving his award for our match with QPR



□ Match Ball Sponsors Panther Platforms. Steve Simmons receiving his sponsorship awards from squad members

COMMERCIAL MASCOT.....

It's always a pleasure of the club to entertain our commercial mascot and their family, but today is even more special, as 9 year old, on the 26th January, Abbi Watkins joins us all the way from Bensberg in Germany. Attending Mohnweg School, in Bensberg, Abbi's hobbies include ice skating, the guitar and swimming. Her favourite "Town" player, is Carlos Edwards, who she hopes to be meeting today. I am sure you will join me in wishing Abbi a very happy belated birthday and we all hope that she and her family have a great and memorable day with us.



□ Commercial Mascot for QPR Tim Owen, being awarded his certificate by first team squad members

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

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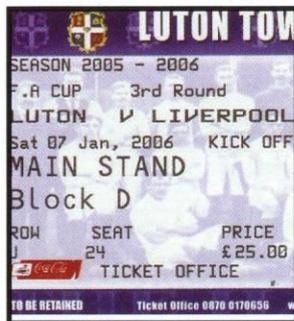


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**PRESTON NORTH END V LUTON TOWN
SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2006, KICK-OFF 3:00PM**

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

Tickets will go on general sale after today's game

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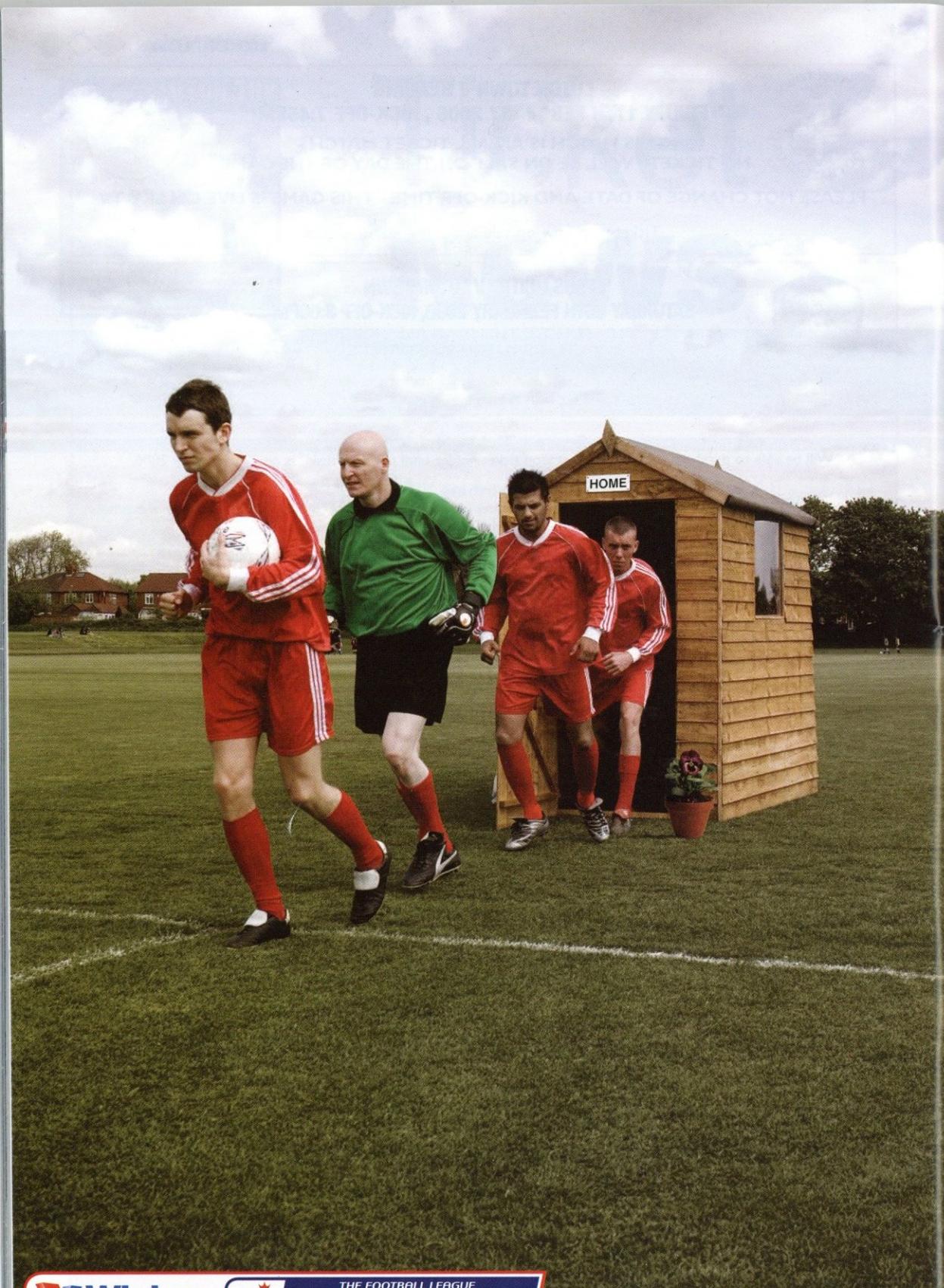
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2005/2006 Appearances

	This Season						International App		Luton Town Career			
	League App	League Gls	Cup App	Cup Gls	Total App	Total Gls	Disciplinary Yel	Disciplinary Red	Nation	Caps Gls	App	Gls
1 Marlon BERESFORD	26	0	2	0	28	0	0	0			86	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	22(3)	0	1	0	23(3)	0	4	0	Rep Ire U21	1 0	109	5
3 Sol DAVIS	9(3)	0	2	0	11(3)	0	2	0			147	2
4 Chris COYNE	20(2)	0	3	1	23(2)	1	4	0			197	13
5 Russell PERRETT	6(2)	0	0(1)	0	6(3)	0	0	1			93	8
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	23(1)	0	1	0	24(1)	0	2	0			64	5
7 Carlos EDWARDS	24(4)	2	3	0	27(4)	2	1	0	Trin & Tob	6 0	31	2
8 Kevin NICHOLLS	24	5	3	1	27	6	7	1			179	32
9 Rowan VINE	10(5)	4	1	0	11(5)	4	2	0			66	13
10 Warren FEENEY	22(7)	6	2(1)	1	24(7)	7	2	0	North Ire	1(4) 2	37	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	9(20)	1	1(1)	0	10(21)	1	0	0			102	16
17 Paul HUGHES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			88	7
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	27(1)	6	2	0	29(1)	6	2	0			179	33
19 Steve HOWARD	25(3)	10	2	1	25(3)	11	3	1			213	99
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(6)	5	2	0	19(6)	5	1	0			25	5
25 Dino SEREMET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			9	0
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	28(1)	2	1	0	29(1)	2	4	0	Finland	8 0	30	2
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(6)	0	1(1)	0	5(7)	0	1	0			17	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: **33** HEADERS: **11**
 PENALTIES: **5** OWN GOALS: **1**
 FREE-KICKS: **0** TOTAL: **50**

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED **34** - W **11** - D **15** - L **8** - F **25** - A **18** PTS **48**

SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED **34** - W **11** - D **11** - L **12** - F **26** - A **30** PTS **44**

OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: **17**
 Opponents score first goal: **16**
 No goals scored: **1**

Luton Town score first and win: **12**
 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: **8**

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: **12**
 Luton goals at the Oak Road End: **23**
 Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: **9**
 Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: **14**

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																	
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	Leary	Morgan	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Brkovic	Perrett	Holmes	O'Leary
Sat 27	Leicester City	2-0	22,048	2,161	3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Coyne	Davis	Edwards	Holmes
Mon 29	Millwall	2-1	8,220	777	3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Morgan	Holmes	Perrett	S'wunmi
Sat 10	Wolves	1-1	10,248	1,800	4	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	U'wood	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Morgan	Holmes	Barnett	S'wunmi
Tues 13	QPR	0-1	13,492	2,037	4	Beresford	Edwards	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	U'wood	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Morgan	Holmes	Barnett	S'wunmi
Sat 17	Hull City *	1-0	19,184	404	4	Beresford	Edwards	Perrett	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Andrew	Holmes	Keane	Barnett
Tues 20	Reading (CC2)	0-1	6,941	829	-	Brill	Edwards	Barnett	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	O'Leary	Stevens	Keane	Andrew
Fri 23	Sheffield Wednesday *	2-2	8,267	750	3	Beresford	Edwards	Perrett	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Heikkinen	Keane	Holmes	S'wunmi
Tues 27	Preston	3-0	7,815	391	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Holmes	S'wunmi	Keane
Sat 1	Cardiff City	2-1	14,657	565	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 15	Crewe Alexandra	1-3	6,604	1,438	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Vine
Tues 18	Norwich City	4-2	10,248	1,800	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Robinson	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 22	Plymouth	1-1	8,714	806	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Robinson
Sat 29	Coventry City	0-1	22,228	3,928	3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	Edwards	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Keane	S'wunmi	Vine
Tues 1	Sheffield United	0-4	22,554	1,125	4	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Coyne	U'wood	Edwards	Heikkinen	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Keane	Morgan	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 5	Burnley	2-3	8,518	823	4	Beresford	Foley	Perrett	Barnett	U'wood	Edwards	Heikkinen	Holmes	Morgan	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Brkovic	Keane	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 19	Norwich	0-2	25,383	2,300	7	Beresford	Foley	Perrett	Heikkinen	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Holmes	S'wunmi	Vine
Tues 22	Crewe Alexandra	4-1	7,474	204	5	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Barnett	U'wood	Vine	Holmes	Robinson	Edwards	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Andrew	Brkovic	Keane	Morgan
Sat 26	Crystal Palace	2-0	10,248	1,800	5	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Morgan	Holmes	Robinson	Edwards	Vine	S'wunmi	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Perrett	Howard
Sat 3	Reading	0-3	19,478	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	Edwards	Howard	S'wunmi	Beckwith	Barnett	Feeney	Holmes	Vine
Sat 17	Stoke City	2-3	8,296	754	10	Brill	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robinson	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Beckwith	Barnett	Feeney	Holmes	S'wunmi
Mon 26	Derby County	1-1	26,807	1,574	11	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Robinson	Holmes	Edwards	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	Nicholls	Robinson	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	585	10	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	S'wunmi	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Bell	Feeney	Morgan
Sat 21	QPR	2-0	9,797	1,800	9	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	S'wunmi	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Bell	Feeney	Morgan
Tues 31	Sheffield Wednesday	2-0	23,965	706	8	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	S'wunmi	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Bell	Feeney	Morgan
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	13:30																			

COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

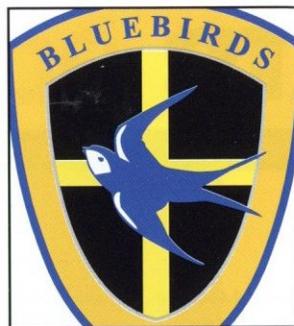
	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		
Reading	31	14	1	1	43	10	9	6	0	23	6	50
Sheff United	31	12	2	1	31	11	9	4	3	27	17	30
Leeds	30	9	3	2	25	12	7	4	5	17	13	17
Watford	30	7	4	4	24	16	7	6	2	25	20	13
Preston	30	5	9	2	16	10	7	5	2	23	12	17
Crystal Palace	30	8	4	3	22	10	6	3	6	22	21	13
Cardiff	31	7	6	3	25	17	5	3	7	17	20	5
LUTON	31	8	4	3	32	18	5	1	10	13	23	4
Wolves	30	6	6	3	15	11	4	7	4	19	15	8
Burnley	31	8	3	4	28	16	3	4	9	11	24	-1
QPR	31	6	4	6	18	18	4	5	6	18	26	-8
Norwich	31	6	4	5	18	16	5	2	9	17	28	-9
Coventry	31	7	5	3	27	17	2	6	8	15	28	-3
Plymouth	30	6	5	4	17	17	3	6	6	12	19	-7
Stoke	30	5	2	8	18	24	7	0	8	17	20	-9
Ipswich	31	5	6	5	18	23	4	5	6	16	21	-10
Southampton	31	5	7	3	14	11	2	7	7	16	23	-4
Hull	31	5	5	6	17	16	3	4	8	15	22	-6
Derby	31	4	8	4	25	23	2	6	7	15	25	-8
Sheff Wed	31	5	4	7	16	20	2	5	8	19	15	-30
Leicester	31	4	6	5	18	17	2	5	9	14	25	-10
Brighton	31	4	6	6	18	21	1	8	6	12	26	-17
Millwall	31	2	5	8	7	19	3	7	6	16	24	-20
Crewe	30	3	5	7	20	28	1	5	9	13	35	-30

TODAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

- Burnley v Plymouth
- Crystal Palace v Cardiff City
- Coventry v Brighton
- Crewe Alexandra v Reading
- Leeds United v QPR
- Leicester City v Wolves
- Millwall v Sheffield Wednesday
- Southampton v Derby County
- Stoke City v Preston North End

Coming Next

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Fellow play-off hopefuls Cardiff City are Luton's next opponents at Kenilworth Road on Valentines Night, but with three vital points on offer there will be no love lost in this important fixture. DES O'DONNELL looks ahead to the game.

It might be too early in the season to start speaking about six-pointers but the visit of Cardiff to Kenilworth Road could fit into this category. The men from Wales make the long midweek trip to Bedfordshire on Valentines Day with Dave Jones' side still in a solid position to challenge for a top six finish. Cardiff's position in the Championship table is reflected in their current form with impressive victories against Burnley, Leicester and Southampton in recent matches. They almost caused an almighty FA Cup shock when Premiership Arsenal nearly came unstuck when their lower league opponents fought them all the way at Highbury.

Cardiff will be looking to improve on a miserable record at Kenilworth Road. This match will represent the 27th meeting at Kenilworth Road, with the Hatters holding a 15-3 advantage. Our visitors will also been looking to overturn the result of the match at Ninian Park, which ended in a 2-1 win for Luton, Dean Morgan & Peter Holmes both on target for the Town.

City's last visit to Kenilworth Road was when ex-Luton manager Lennie Lawrence brought his team to Bedfordshire in December 2002. A tense game ended with a victory for the Hatters (2-0) with two late goals from Tony Thorpe & Steve Howard in

the last 10 minutes of the match.

Now backed by ex-Wimbledon owner Sam Hamman, Cardiff have clocked up five away wins this season, with a victory at Elland Road against Leeds standing out to be their most impressive result to date. Sitting one place above Luton in the league table, The Bluebirds will be looking to consolidate their steady performances in the second half of the season.

Formerly the home of Robert Earnshaw, the strike force these days is led by 19-year-old Cameron Jerome, a former Huddersfield junior, who has scored 16 goals so far this season. The midfield has Northern Ireland international and former Southampton midfielder Jeff Whitley and Welsh international Jason Koumas, currently on loan from West Bromwich Albion.

Meanwhile, defender Neil Cox and midfielder Jermaine Darlington will be familiar names to Luton supporters through their Watford days whilst Neal Ardley, another ex-Hornet, has played at the highest level with Wimbledon.

After a frustrating home draw against Millwall, Cardiff will be looking to improve on their points tally in their pursuit of a play-off position. It is doubtful that there will be much love lost on such a romantic night!



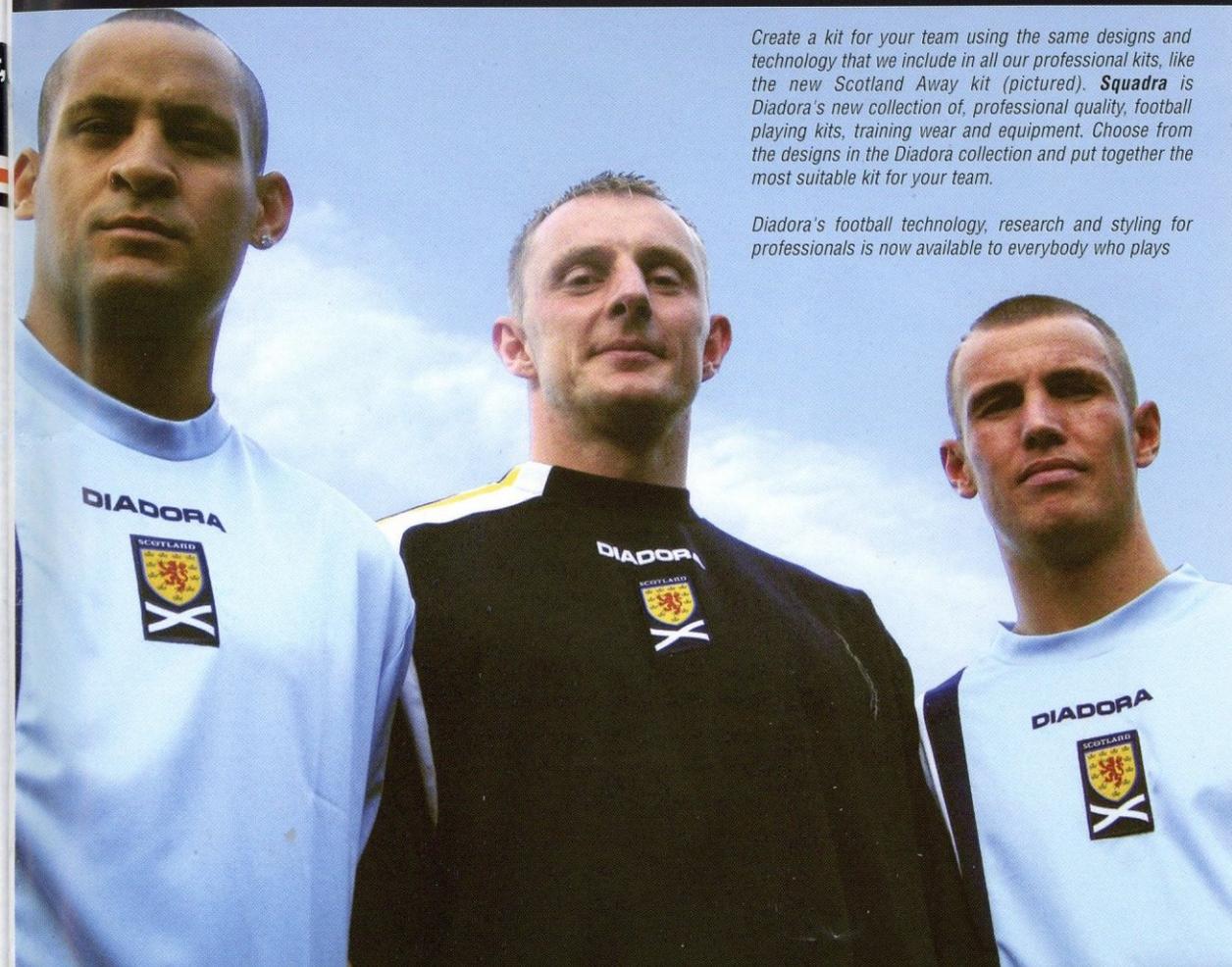
Cardiff City hot-shot Cameron Jerome has scored 16 goals so far this season

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