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Warm Welcome

From Luton Town Chairman Bill Tomlins

Good evening and a warm welcome to our Supporters and today's Championship visitors Cardiff City, their Chairman, Directors, Management, Players and Supporters to Kenilworth Road.

On completion of tonight's Championship match, we will still have twelve remaining League matches to play for, with a possibility to knock on the door of the play-offs. Who would have judged last August that it would be possible in our first season in the Championship to be in our current position in the League and at this crucial stage of the season.

"I know much speculation has been in the press about Michael Newell's talks with Leicester City FC and we are delighted at the club that our manager has decided not to continue the discussions any further and confirmed that his future lies with Luton Town Football Club. Michael has been instrumental to the success of the team and I am delighted he has decided to stay at the club and will continue to be part of our football ambitions for the future."

Under Michael's management, over the last two seasons, the squad has been strengthened by progressing

young players into the team and by bringing new players to the club, which have complemented our already successful squad, into a team that can compete with anyone on their day. In this very competitive league, Michael would be the first to say how vital his assistant Brian Stein and all the footballing staff are, who continue to play their part in our progress, together with the support of all our administrative staff at the club.

Congratulations to Warren Feeny who has been selected for the Irish Football Association match – at home to Estonia on Wednesday 1st March 2006 and Carlos Edwards' selection to represent Trinidad and Tobago in a friendly match against Iceland on the 28th February.

It is now time to put the last two weeks behind us, as my comments and Michael's are now on public record. Therefore I won't dwell on the past, other than to add my thanks to all our supporters who continue to play such an important part, home and away, in our progress over the last two years.

As the Manager has said in previous programme notes, we will have a dip in form, whether individually or collectively, and it is crucial that the team feel supported. So as always get behind the lads.

Enjoy the game

Bill



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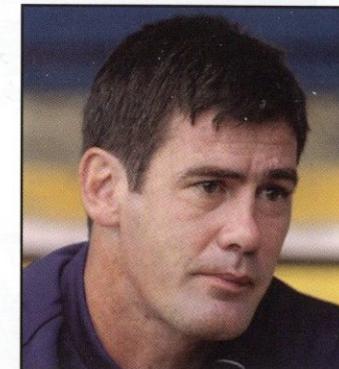
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Mike Newell

MIKE NEWELL looks back at our recent performance against Preston North End whilst also reflecting back on his decision to stay at Luton Town

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for tonight's game against Cardiff City. Welcome also to Dave Jones, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters who have made the long journey from Ninian Park. Dave has done a good job in the short time he has been there, as he did at the other clubs he managed, and Cardiff are now on the verge of the play-off

ended in a disappointing fashion, having got back into the game at one stage. Nevertheless it was a heavy defeat and we must respond the way we have done in the past after defeats.

It is only right that you should know the events of the last two weeks regarding Leicester City. I can honestly say never at any stage did I

was a former club of mine meant that out of the courtesy I felt it was right to speak to them. Never did I discuss a contract and never was one offered. I wanted to let the people who employ me, the players and supporters know what I was thinking and that I am happy here - Happy but not content.

Many people have told me that there is only so far you can take Luton Town. Well I don't believe that we have gone that far yet and given the right circumstances, facilities and funds, I believe this club could go back to the top level. Anybody who doesn't believe that won't be coming with me.

Thank-you to those who made the long journey to Preston at the weekend and hopefully you will continue to get behind us this evening.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads

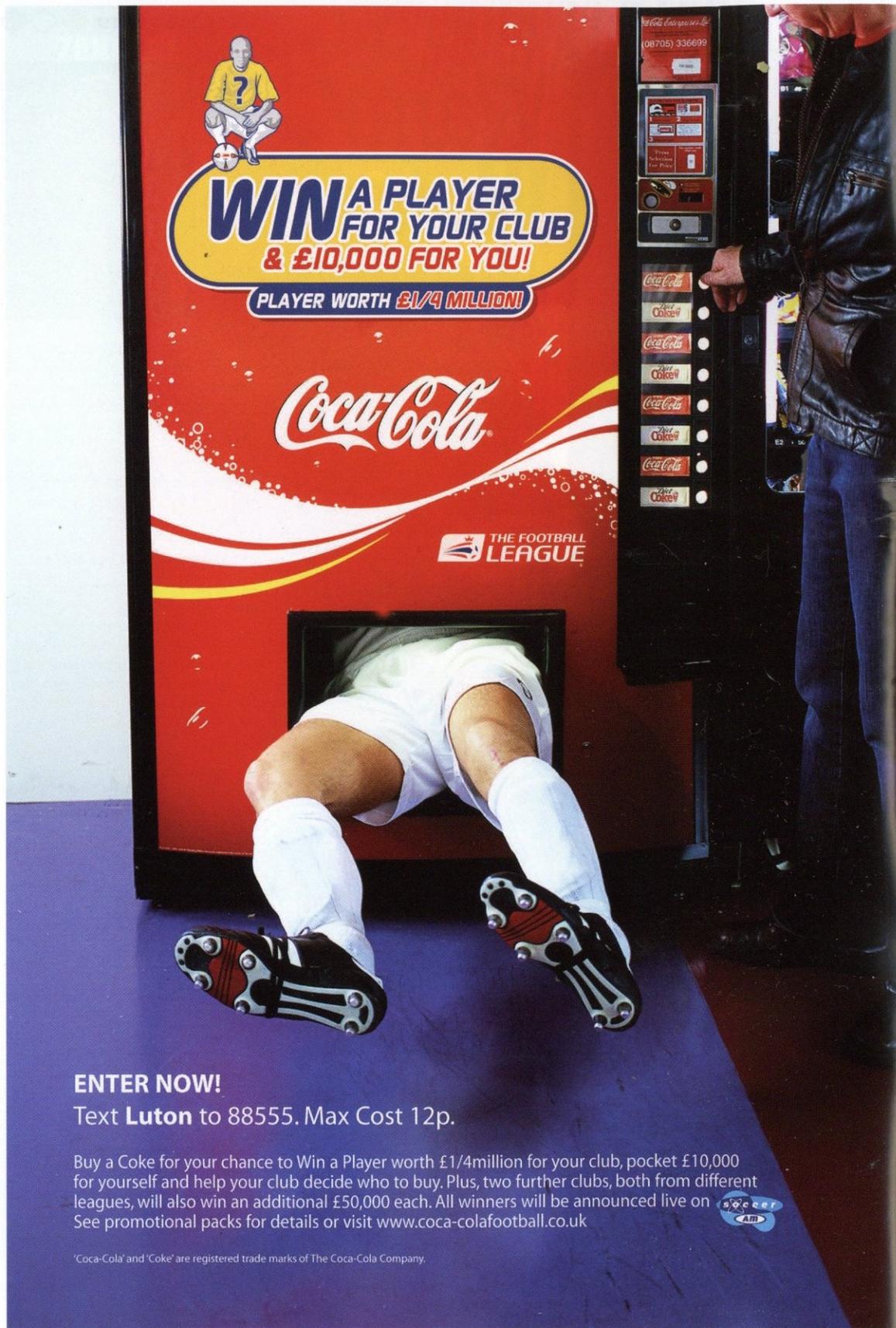
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places. It is therefore a crucial game for us because we will not give up hope of a play-off place ourselves, especially with three points to play for this evening.

Saturday's game against Preston

decide to, or consider, leaving this club. The Chairman was approached and because of his openness he made me aware of their interest. The fact that they had gone through the right channels and the fact that it



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Kevin Nicholls



Skipper Kevin Nicholls looks back over our the defeat against Preston North End and the importance of bouncing back to winning ways in tonight's game with Cardiff

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this evening's game with Cardiff. After the disappointment of Saturday's game with Preston North End, we are pleased that we have the chance to put that performance to the back of our minds and quickly return to winning ways. With

tion on the game, we could have few complaints about the result. The match was a perfect chance for us to put pressure on the play-off places and we now need to regroup and get back on the winning trail quickly. Over the past few games, we have been disappointed in the manner of which the goals we have been conceding

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Cardiff just four points in front of us in the Championship table, we know how important this evening's match is. On many occasions during my time at Kenilworth Road we have been able to bounce back well from disappointing results and we know that we will need to do the same again today.

Although we felt the 5-1 score line at Preston was a harsh reflec-

and as a squad, this has been talked about in the dressing room. We have always won as a team and lost as a team but collectively we are conceding sloppy goals and this is something we are looking to get right.

We are missing a number of players through injury but we refuse to use this as an excuse. We know that we are capable of beating any team in this division because we

have certainly shown people what we are capable of doing.

Starting with tonight's game, we have some big fixtures around the corner and with 12 games remaining there are still plenty of points to play for. Nobody within the squad has lost sight of the play-off and until it is mathematically impossible to gain a top six finish then we won't stop believing that we can reach that target.

Thanks to all those who made the trip to Preston on Saturday. Your support continues to play a vital part this season and we now need your vocal support again this evening and on Friday when we entertain Reading.

Enjoy the game

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Cherry Newbery



Cherry Newbery brings you news from around Kenilworth Road

A Happy Valentines Day to everyone, I expect some of you have had to do 'something special' for your loved one to enable you to be here this evening!

Again, I would question the football authorities, with all the other free midweek matches during the season, why pick this one?

Last Saturday was not a particularly happy one for those of us that travelled to Preston North End. However, it did give us the opportunity to visit the National Football Museum, which is at Preston's ground, and it was good to see Luton Town Football Club

listed as a founder member of the museum, of which there are only 97 founder members..You do however really need half a day to have a good look around the museum.

At the time of writing these notes we are in the process of putting together an appeal against Marlon's sending off on Saturday. The procedure is that once we are notified by The Football Association on Monday morning, at approximately 10 am of the referees report , we have until 12 noon to officially advise The Football Association that the player is appealing against the decision. Following this, a written

report by the player together with a video of the incident and a fee of £750 has to be submitted to The Football Association by 12 noon today. A Disciplinary Commission will have been convened to view the video and look at the documentary evidence. With the match this evening we will have been advised in writing of the outcome of the Commission by approximately 2.00 p.m. and if we are successful our fee will be returned to us. We are not entitled to be present at the Commission and their decision is final - there is no right of appeal.

With our next home match scheduled for this coming Friday 17th February, there will be a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes to ensure that everything is in place for when we welcome Sky TV here again. Their scaffolders will arrive at 9.00 a.m. tomorrow to start preparing for the match. My thanks to all the back room staff for all their hard work this week. Can I please inform supporters that the outside broadcast vans will be parked in the centre of the Kenilworth forecourt, as we found this worked exceptionally well for everyone at the Liverpool match.

As always enjoy the game and see you Friday.

Cherry



Cherry Newbery, Ted Read, Mary May Wright from the Herald and Post Mary Biswell Memorial Appeal and Jack Sapsworth from the Pasque Hospice receiving cheques from The F.A. Charity Shield.



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Football in the Community Officer **STUART SMITH** looks back at the start of the BT Girls Under 13 tournament involving local school Ashcroft High School



In today's programme I would like to update you on the progress of Ashcroft High School, the winners of the local heats of the BT Girls Under 13 Cup 2006. On the 7th February they travelled with me to Brentford to represent our football club in the Area Finals.

There were seven teams participating on the day; the tournament was played on a league basis with only the winning team, Watford, going through to the next stage.

Ashcroft performed superbly on the day finishing third in the group. In six games, only two goals were conceded but scoring goals on a very tight playing area proved to be a problem for the girls.

The full playing record on the day was as follows:

Luton Town 0 v 0 QPR

Luton Town 0 v 0 Crystal Palace

Luton Town 2 v 0 Wycombe Wanderers

Luton Town 0 v 1 Watford

Luton Town 1 v 0 M.K. Dons

Luton Town 0 v 1 Brentford

The girls under the guidance of teacher Mel Hickman that represented their school and our club were;

- Mairea Cramsie;
- Candice Davies
- Sarah McCreedy
- Alice Bowler
- Alex Matcham
- Kelly Barrow
- Sam Moran,
- Nicolle Robinson.



All the girls behaviour and sportsmanship was a credit to themselves, their parents, the school and this football club.

On a personal note I would like to thank the girls and wish them well in everything they do.

ENJOY THE GAME

Stuart Smith



☐ Ashcroft High School line-up for a photo call.



☐ Ashcroft High discuss team tactics.



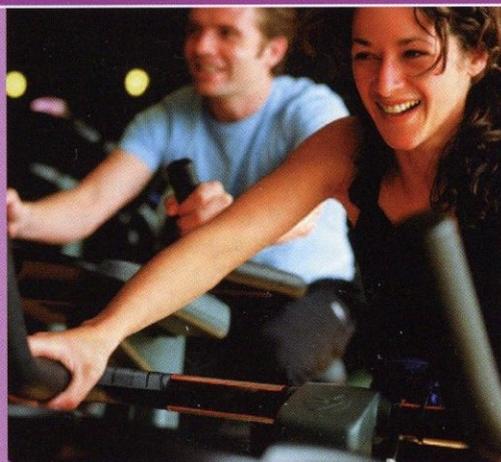
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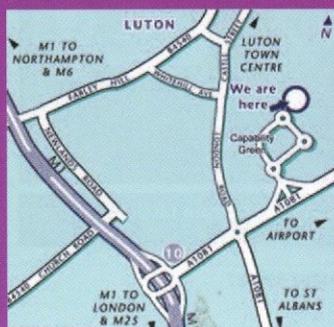


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CARDIFF CITY



It might be too early in the season to start speaking about six-pointers but the visit of Cardiff to Kenilworth Road this evening could fit into this category with both teams eyeing on a place in the top six. **JAMES MARSH** welcomes today's visitors to Kenilworth Road

CARDIFF FACTFILE



CARDIFF CITY FC
Year Formed: 1899
Ground: Ninian Park
Ground Capacity: 20,000
Most League Goals: Len Davies, 128 (1920-31)
Most Capped Player: Alf Sherwood, 39 (41), Wales
Most League Appearances: Phil Dwyer, 471, 1972-85

This evening we welcome Cardiff City to Kenilworth Road for a game neither side can really afford to lose if they want to maintain any realistic hopes of reaching the play-offs. Dave Jones, ex-manager of Wolves and Southampton, took up the reins at Ninian Park after the dismissal of former Hatters boss Lennie Lawrence, and has led the Bluebirds up to seventh in the Championship. A top six finish could still yet be on the cards.

If Cardiff do make it into the play-offs it will be due in no small part to the form of Cameron Jerome, one of the most exciting young strikers in the country. Jerome has netted 16 times already this season, and, with a defeat at Crystal Palace and a

disappointing home draw with Millwall in their last couple of games, one of the best recent results for Cardiff fans has been hanging on to the 19-year-old sensation during the January transfer window.

Also critical to Jones's team is Welsh international midfielder Jason Koumas, who is back at Ninian Park on a season's loan from West Brom. Although he never really settled at The Hawthorns, Koumas is now once again commanding the Cardiff midfield with an effective mix of style and spikiness. His free-kick winner at Leicester in the Bluebirds last away win in January was a typical piece of Koumas quality. Doing the leg-work alongside him is likely to be Joe Ledley and Ricardo Scimeca, and ex-

Wimbledon man Neil Ardley still puts in a very decent whipped ball from the right-wing.

Although Jerome is proving a thrilling talent, Jones will still be anxious to see newly-signed striker Steven Thompson make the starting line-up. The ex-Rangers forward made an excellent start to his Cardiff career, scoring twice in a 3-0 home win over Burnley in January, but a mysterious hand injury threatens to rule him out of tonight's game.

At the back, Jones can call upon considerable Premiership experience, with former Aston Villa and Watford stopper Neil Cox featuring fairly regularly. Ex-West Brom and Birmingham centre-back Darren Purse is also having a good year at both ends of the park, having already contributed five goals to the campaign. Left-back Chris Barker is another tidy performer who will look to push up as Cardiff seek to secure their sixth away win of the season.

Dangerman: Cameron Jerome

Ex-Huddersfield Town junior, trial spells with various Northern clubs. Joined Cardiff City in October 2003 as a trainee. Signed pro in October 2004. First-team debut early-October 2004, scoring 7 goals in 32 League and Cup appearances last season. Jerome is powerful striker with a keen eye for goal and made his breakthrough into the England Under-21 side this season for their European Under-21 Championship play-off game against France.

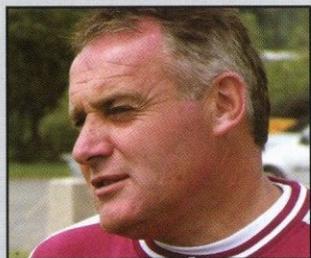


About CARDIFF CITY Manager



Goalkeeper

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Dave Jones

Like most professional managers in the game, Dave Jones enjoyed a career as a player in his early years. He started his professional career with Everton and played as a defender with the team for seven years, during which time he represented the English national team at youth and under-21 level. Dave left Everton to play for Coventry City in 1981 for a transfer fee of £ 275,000 but after three seasons, he picked up a knee injury which threatened to end his football career. After recovering from this injury, he played two further seasons for Seiko F.C. and one season for Preston North End before retiring. In July 1990, he joined Stockport County as a manager for their youth team and took over as first-team manager from Danny Bergara in March 1995. He took the team into the First Division (now the Championship) from an automatic promotion place in 1997. This promotion brought him to the attention of Southampton who offered him a contract to manage their Premiership team. He took over at Wolves in January 2001 and finished 12th. In the 2001/2 season took them to a clear 11 point lead over their arch-rivals West Bromwich Albion but managed to lose their promotion place by the end of the season. He took the team to a playoff in the 2002/3 season - from which Wolves won a place in the Premiership, returning to top level play for the first time in 19 years. However, the team did not prove strong enough to stay at that level of play and were relegated to the Championship just one season later. Following a poor run of form at the start of their first season back in the Championship, Dave Jones was sacked by Wolves on November 1, 2004 and the following year took up the position at Cardiff City.



Neil Alexander

Ex-Stenhousemuir, Livingston. Signed £200,000 August 2001, he is an ex-Scotland U-21/B International. Neil made 19 League and Cup appearances in 2004/05 and was the regular choice from mid-January 2005.



Darren Purse

Ex-Leyton Orient, Oxford United, Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion, Darren had joined Albion in the summer of 2004 and played in just over half of their Premiership and Cup matches in 2004/05. A former England Under-21 International, he joined Cardiff City for an initial £600,000 fee in late-July 2005 and was appointed Captain..

Defenders

Jermaine Darlington

Ex-Charlton Athletic, Dover Athletic, Aylesbury United, Queen's Park Rangers, MK Dons, Watford. Signed on free transfer July 2005 after playing in most of Watford's League and Cup matches in 2004/05.

Chris Barker

Ex-Alfreton, Barnsley. Signed £600,000 July 2002. Chris spent the first month of 2004/05 on loan at Stoke City and looked as if he might leaving Cardiff. But he returned in September 2004 and went on to have an outstanding season, becoming the Supporters' Player of the Year.

Neil Cox

Ex-Scunthorpe United, Aston Villa, Middlesbrough, Bolton Wanderers, Watford. A former England Under-21 International, Neil had been at Watford since November 1999, and joined Cardiff City on a free transfer in mid-July 2005.

Rhys Weston

Ex-Arsenal. He joined Cardiff City for £300,000 in November 2000 and has played for Wales at Schools, Youth, Under-21 and Senior levels. His usual position is right-back but he can also play in a central-defensive role.

Midfielders

Jeff Whitley

Ex-Manchester City, Wrexham (loan), Notts County (two loan-spells), Sunderland. Signed on a free transfer early-July 2005 after playing in most of Sunderland's matches in 2004/05 when they won the League Championship. He has played for Northern Ireland at Under-21, B and Senior level.

Neal Ardley

Ex-Wimbledon, Watford. Former England U-21 International Neal, who can play at full-back or wide mid-field, joined Cardiff City in mid-March 2005 for the remainder of the season, and was signed on a further contract in May 2005 after proving influential in Cardiff City securing League Championship status

Jason Koumas

Ex-Tranmere Rovers, West Bromwich Albion. Welsh International Jason spent three seasons with Albion, and joined Cardiff City on a season's loan in late-July 2005.

Willie Boland

Ex-Coventry City, Willie joined Cardiff City on a free transfer in June 1999. Capped by the Republic of Ireland earlier in his career at Schools, Youth, Under-21 and B levels, he was out of action through injury from late-December 2004 until shortly before the end of the season when he returned to play a part in the Club's climb to safety.

Strikers

Michael Ricketts

Ex-Walsall trainee/full pro., Bolton Wanderers (£500,000), Middlesbrough (£2.2 million), Leeds United (free), Stoke City (loan). Signed by Cardiff City on four-month loan August 31st 2005. One England appearance (February 2002 v. Holland in Amsterdam) whilst he was with Bolton. Michael played in Leeds United's opening five League and Carling Cup matches of 2005/06, three of them as substitute including the 2-1 defeat at Ninian Park on August 9th, and he scored in Leeds' 2-0 Carling Cup First Round win over Oldham.

Alan Lee

Ex-Aston Villa, Torquay United (loan), Port Vale (loan), Burnley, Rotherham United. A Republic of Ireland International at Under-21 and Senior levels, Alan joined Cardiff City for £850,000 in August 2003.



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Classic Match

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



Keith Barber is helpless as Brian Stein nets goal number four.

Hatters manager David Pleat was certainly a busy man over the summer of 1978, his first close season in charge, as he 'wheeled and dealed' with bewildering speed with rarely a day going by without news of a new player coming to Luton or an old one leaving.

The upshot was that seven players made their Luton debuts on the opening day of the 1978/79 campaign with Oldham on the end of a six goal thrashing at Kenilworth Road.

All the Hatters strikes came in a breathtaking second half after the Town were 0-1 down at the interval and supporters leaving the ground at the end felt that perhaps this Pleat knew what he was doing.

Unfortunately, the Town could not recapture this form on their travels

and lost the next two games, at Crystal Palace and Newcastle, before bouncing back with another emphatic home win – Charlton going down 3-0 in the Kenilworth Road sunshine.

Inconsistent Luton then had the supporters tearing their hair out when they lost 0-2 at Bristol Rovers and it was probably understandable that the crowd dropped to below 8,000 for the visit of Cardiff the following week.

The Bluebirds had not enjoyed a particularly good start to the season but had beaten Cambridge at Ninian Park the previous Saturday to record their first win of the campaign.

Cardiff manager, and ex-Luton coach, Jimmy Andrews was not at Kenilworth Road as he was away on a scouting mission and would not have been too pleased to hear the match report from

his assistant, and another ex-Hatter, Ken Whitfield.

The Hatters were awesome that afternoon, with the veteran Bob Hatton leading the Cardiff defence a merry dance scoring once, seeing a goalbound effort deflected in by a Bluebirds defender, heavily involved in four other goals, hit the woodwork and had four other efforts saved.

Brian Stein was the main beneficiary of the Hatton wondershow bagging two goals, but he was not allowed to complete his first hat-trick for the Town when David Pleat ordered that normal penalty taker Lil Fuccillo should take a spot kick even though the Town were 4-0 up at the time. This Pleat is a ruthless so and so, we all thought!

Cardiff managed to pull a goal back through substitute Ray Bishop with ten minutes to go but the Town finished the game with two further strikes, the previously mentioned own goal and an absolute belter from David Moss with his 30 yard shot dipping and bending into the top corner.

Spare a thought for the poor Cardiff goalkeeper Keith Barber who was on loan from Swansea at the time. Having previously pulled on a Luton Town goalkeepers jersey over 150 times it was a sad end to a sound professional career as the 7-1 mauling proved a game too far and he hung up his gloves immediately afterwards.

Luton Town: Aleksic, Jones, Aizlewood, Hill, Turner, Price, Donaghy (Fuccillo), West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

Cardiff City: Barber, Thomas, Pethard, Pontin (Bishop), Roberts, Campbell, Grapes, Burns, Buchanan, Dwyer, Stevens.

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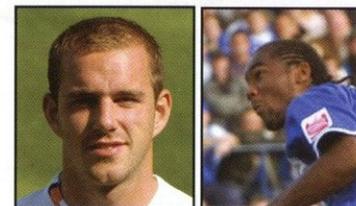
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Match Guide

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

Head 2 Head



Rowan Vine v Cameron Jerome

Two in-form strikers go head-to-head this evening with Rowan Vine and Cardiff's Cameron Jerome looking to improve on their scoring ratios this season.

Since returning from a back injury, that kept him out of contention at the start of the season, Vine has been in majestic form hitting four goals in ten starting appearances. His recent strike against Sheffield Wednesday will certainly go down as a contender for Goal of the Season and his performances in recent games have gone a long way in helping strike partner Steve Howard reach double figures this season.

Jerome has been in inspirational form for Cardiff in recent weeks and his 16 goals so far this season have gone a long way into helping Dave Jones' side challenge for a top six finish. The Cardiff striker has struck five goals in his last eight appearances, which included a sublime effort during the club's recent 1-1 draw with Millwall. Jerome's 16 goals this season have been scored in just 34 appearances in all competitions.



Peter Holmes celebrates his goal during our 2-1 win against Cardiff City at Ninian Park

Cardiff will be looking to improve on a dismal record at Kenilworth Road with only three victories on their visits to Bedfordshire. From the previous 26 meetings at Kenilworth Road, The Hatters have recorded 15 victories and have amassed a massive 69 goals, compared to Cardiff's 26.

Scoring against Cardiff hasn't normally been a problem for The Hatters. In fact, Luton have only once failed to score in this fixture at Kenilworth Road during a 0-0 draw in March 1950. Some amazing results between the two sides have been recorded over past meetings with, on three occasions, Luton recording seven or more goals. In 1932, Luton trounced their Welsh

opponents 8-1 and matched the same scoreline in 1937.

In 1978, Ex-Luton goalkeeper Keith Barber returned to Kenilworth Road for his final league appearance with Cardiff but, in hindsight, probably wished he had retired a week earlier as a brace from David Moss and Brian Stein helped The Hatters to a 7-1 victory.

You would have to go back to 1981 to find Cardiff's last win at Kenilworth Road when, on Luton's way to the Division Two title, the visitors won a five goal thriller.

Luton have won 22 of the 54 meetings between the two sides with Cardiff winning 17



FORM GUIDE

Luton: L, L, W, W, L
Luton 2 Hull 3
Sheff Wed 0 Luton 2
Luton 2 QPR 0
Wolves 2 Luton 1
Luton 3 Liverpool 5

FORM GUIDE

Cardiff: L, W, W, D, L
C Palace 1 Cardiff 0
Cardiff 1 Millwall 1
Leicester 1 Cardiff 2
Cardiff 3 Burnley 0
Arsenal 2 Cardiff 1

HEAD 2 HEAD

Luton Wins: 22
(21 league, 1 cups)
Cardiff Wins: 17
(17 league)
Draws: 15

LAST FIVE MEETINGS:

Cardiff 1 Luton 2, Championship, 01/10/05
Luton 2 Cardiff 0, League Two, 26/12/02
Cardiff 0 Luton 0, League Two, 23/10/04
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Match Action



Despite Keith Keane and Chris Coyne hitting their first league goals of the season, Hull avenged their earlier defeat by Luton in the season with three goals in the space of 24 minutes.

MALCOLM SCOTT reports

LUTON TOWN 2 HULL CITY 3

Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



"I don't think it was a great game. We had all of the ball but paid the price for not converting our chances early on. I strongly felt that their third goal was a foul on Keith Keane and there was no two ways about that. Having started the game very well and creating some good chances, it was very disappointing to go in at half-time 3-1 down. We had all of the game in the second half but we never really looked as if we were going to get back into it. We played some good stuff in the opening 15 minutes but the three goals in quick succession really killed us. It was always going to be hard for us in the second half, when they had got so many people behind the ball, but you can't argue about that because, they have won the game at the end of the day.



Steve Howard goes close for Luton in the second half

Luton's mini revival of form came crashing to an end as Hull shocked Town with three first-half goals to take maximum points at Kenilworth Road.

It took Luton eight minutes to open the scoring when Keith Keane, on his first league start of the season, glided the header past the outstretched arms of Boaz Myhill after the youngster had intercepted a pass and released Rowan Vine down the left flank.

Hull responded in the best possible way just six minutes later as Keith Andrews' short free-kick found Stuart Elliott who drove the ball low into the net from outside the penalty area.

The possible turning point of the match saw a cross by Ahmet Brkovic that was seemingly handled by John Welsh, but referee Kevin Friend failed to award a penalty kick.

Three minutes of madness began when, against the general run of play, Hull caught Luton twice on the break to establish a two goal cushion. On 35 minutes, Elliott, who was gifted possession by Kevin Foley, crossed for Darryl Duffy to find the net.

Then, in the 38th minute, Kevin Ellison stole possession from Keane and crossed for Jon Parkin who gleefully shot home.

A triple substitution in the second half saw Dean Morgan, David Bell and Warren Feeney all thrown into the action but despite good work by all three, and concerted pressure there was no reward until the 86th minute, when Chris Coyne headed home a pinpoint cross from Carlos Edwards into the net. Luton set siege on the Hull goal for the remainder of the game but it was too little, too late, and a beleaguered Hull City hung on for the points.

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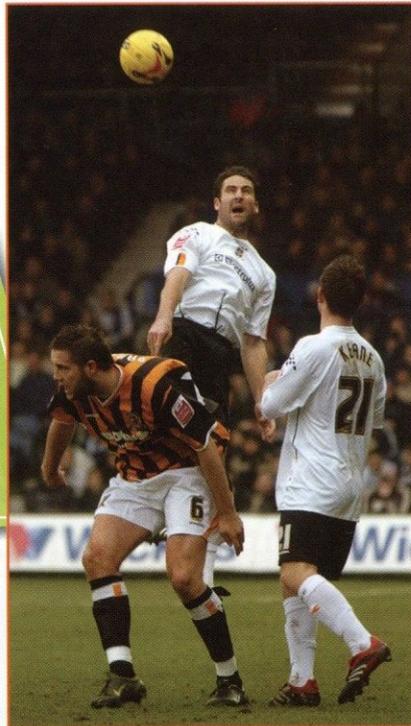


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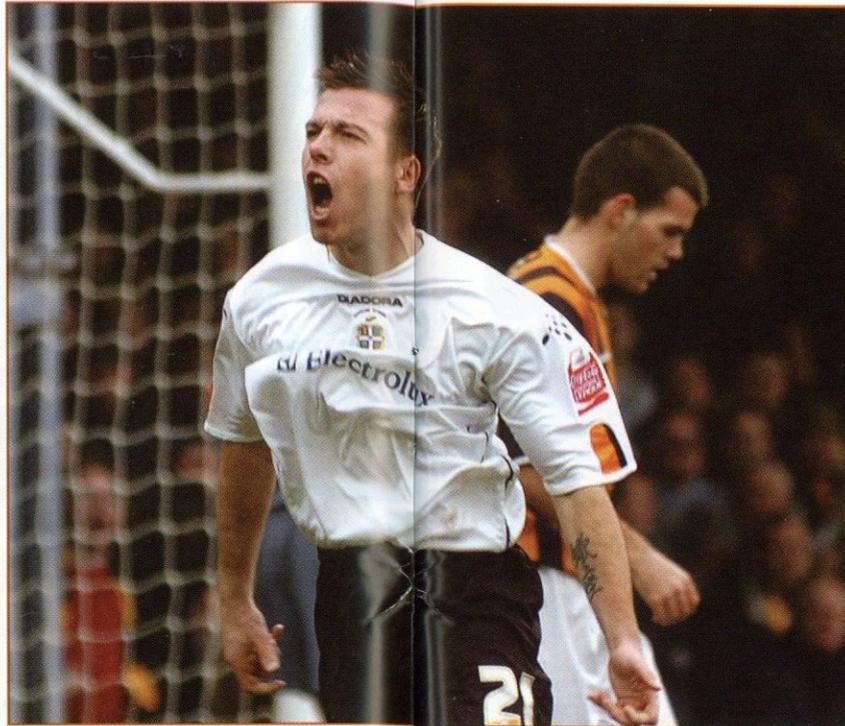


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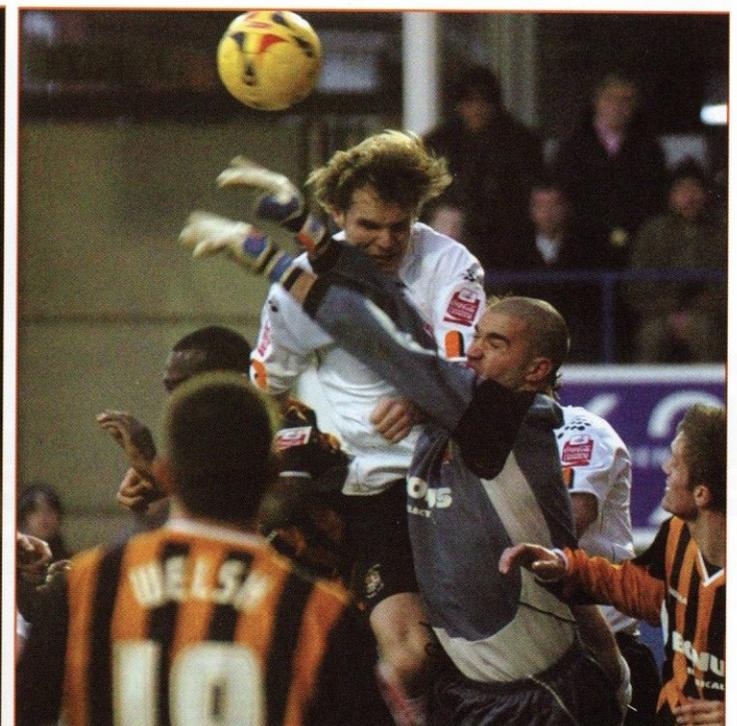
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Goals :	2	3
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Corners :	9	6
Fouls :	13	14
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Scorers :	Keane 9 Coyne 86	Elliott 14 Duffy 35 Parkin 38



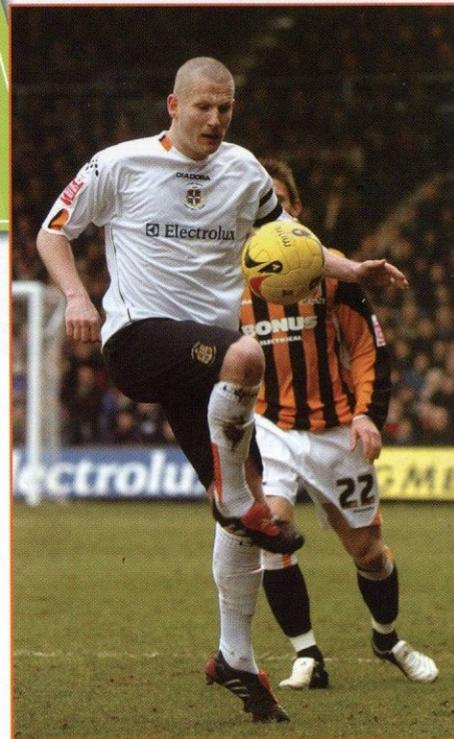
Chris Coyne wins this aerial battle



Keith Keane celebrates his first goal of the season



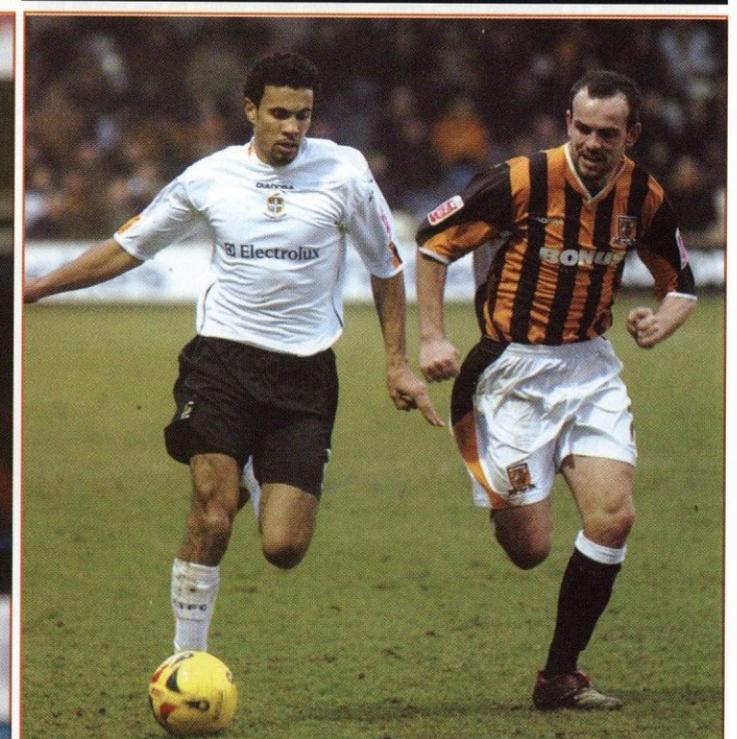
Markus Heikkinen is beaten to the ball by Boaz Myhill



Kevin Nicholls in action as Darryl Duffy watches closely



Ahmet Brkovic in the thick of the action



Carlos Edwards is closely watched by a Hull defender





League Round-Up

GEOFF KNON rounds up all the latest news in the Championship including the latest in the transfer market which has been a busy time for a number of Championship clubs

With the transfer window now slammed firmly shut, it's fair to say that some clubs enjoyed a better trading period than others.

Now that the Hatters' transfer targets have been identified in the local and national press, it's emerged that a combination of their clubs' unwillingness to sell and a player's reluctance to move at such a crucial stage of his season has thwarted our manager's attempts to bolster the squad since signing David Bell from Rushden and

Diamonds, earlier last month. To put the Neil Danks situation in perspective, just cast your mind back to this time last year. With the Hatters sitting proudly on top of League One, would we have considered selling Kevin Nicholls for that price? And even if we were willing to sell, would the player have wanted to go before collecting his medal? Come this May, Danks could well have won promotion, if not the League One title, with Colchester, and will also become a free agent. And there's also

the small matter of this Sunday's trip to Chelsea. Hmm, an FA Cup match against a big Premiership club, live on telly - sounds exciting!

Elsewhere, Southampton manager George Burley has well and truly got stuck into the rebuilding process that will be necessary for the Saints to make progress in the Championship as he got rid of five players on the transfer deadline day alone.

Ten players have left the St. Mary's Stadium for pastures new since Harry Redknapp returned to Portsmouth, the most notable being their young starlet, Theo Walcott, who joined Arsenal Reserves for an initial fee of £5m, which could rise to a reported £12m should his career progress in keeping with the Gunners' high standards. Shot-stopping supremo Antii Niemi was the subject of another high profile move away from the south coast club, as he joined Fulham for an absolute bargain £1.5m.

Big wage earners Brett Ormerod (Preston), Neil McCann (Hearts) Rory Delap (Sunderland) and Nigel Quashie (WBA) were all moved on once Southampton chairman Rupert Lowe came to terms with the fact that the



□ Burnley boss Steve Cotterill has seen his striker Ade Akinbiyi depart for Sheffield United



□ Norwich boss Nigel Worthington has seen Dean Ashton depart

Saints are not involved in this season's promotion race.

The loan signings of Grzegorz Rasiak from Spurs and Richard Chaplow from WBA should at least provide the fire power needed to ensure that Southampton do not get drawn into a successive relegation battle. Talented midfielder Jermaine Wright has also been added to the squad on a month's loan after becoming surplus to requirements at high-flying Leeds United. It's been said many times that to get back into the Premiership at the first attempt is extremely difficult, and so it's also proving for Norwich City.

West Ham manager Alan Pardew has finally prised Dean Ashton away from the Norfolk club, for the hefty sum of £7.25m. Ex-Crewe striker Ashton, who was conspicuous by his absence during the FA Cup Third Round meeting between the two clubs last month, made the magnanimous gesture of waiving £150,000 of bonuses and appearance monies owed to him by cash-strapped Norwich just to allow the move to happen.

After failing in his bid to land Cameron

Jerome from Cardiff City, Canaries boss Nigel Worthington settled on snapping up Welsh international forward Robert Earnshaw from West Bromwich Albion in a deadline day deal worth £3.5m. While some may balk at the price for a player who hasn't exactly been firing on all cylinders this season, Worthington also managed to borrow Jonatan Johansson from Charlton to complete his new-look strike force.

It's certainly been a roller coaster ride for Worthington so far this season. After seemingly riding the storm of pressure that their poor start to the season created, Norwich clocked up five straight wins at the end of 2005, earning him the Championship manager of the month award for December. January has not been so kind to Nigel, however, as one draw and five defeats – the last of which was at home to arch-rivals Ipswich Town – has left them floundering once more.

It's no surprise that Crystal Palace have managed to hang on to their prized asset, Andy Johnson, as they are seemingly embedded in the play-off

positions. Not only did he sign a new contract at the start of the season, he'd also shook hands with his chairman to say he would stay and fight for their cause as long as promotion remained a real possibility.

Palace will presumably want to avoid Preston in the play-offs, should they both reach them, as the northerners have already taken four points from the Eagles in the Championship and dumped them out of the FA Cup this season.

Birmingham City had a firm cash bid for his services rejected on deadline day.

Burnley finally succumbed to an increased offer from Sheffield United for their much-travelled striker Ade Akinbiyi, accepting £1.75m (a club record for the Blades).

With the memory of his hat-trick at Kenilworth Road in our recent home defeat against Burnley still fresh in our minds, it won't please Hatters fans to know that he'll be playing here once more this season with his new employers, when Sheffield United visit on April 22nd.

Burnley boss Steve Cotterill wasted no time in replacing him by recruiting ex-England forward Michael Ricketts on loan from Leeds United, who duly scored on his home debut in the Claret's 1-0 against Plymouth.

Former Hatters' skipper Steve Davis has returned to Turf Moor for the fourth time in his career, although this time he's hung his boots up for good as he takes on the role of first team coach.



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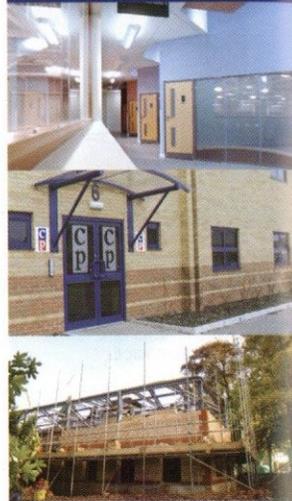
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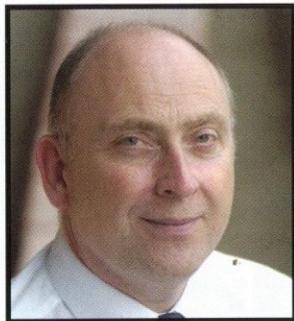


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Roger Wash

**1965
1966**

From the 1965-66 season, Roger Wash looks back at a year when the Town, in their first ever season in Division Four, almost bounced back at the first attempt but sadly missed out on goal average.



□ The Town players line up before the start of the 1965/66 campaign.

With inevitable demotion from the old Division Three in 1965 the Town had now completed the drop from the top flight to the football basement in five short years and a weary Hatters manager George Martin, appointed against his will shortly before relegation, set about trying to take the club back to its former glories. He firstly instilled some discipline into the club, something that had been clearly lacking for some time, and the new tougher regime became apparent when four players were suspended due to their refusal to live in the Luton area.

Experienced campaigners Matt Woods and Bobby Thomson were brought in but on the debit side speedy winger David Pleat broke a leg in a training accident just as the season started.

Woods was seen as the centre-half that the Town had been missing since the retirement of Syd Owen, while at the other end John O'Rourke was now back to his best, after a year beset with injury problems, and banging in the goals. As the season commenced self-confessed former rebel and 'bad-boy' Graham French was signed from Wellington Town to take Pleat's place on the wing.

O'Rourke was not the only success in the forward line as he started to develop a good understanding with Tony Read who had originally been signed as a goalkeeper. Read enjoyed probably his finest performance when netting a hat-trick in a 5-1 win over Notts County in November 1965.

This victory came in the middle of a run where 22 goals were scored during five successive home games and although away results were not so headline making

Christmas came and went with the Town still in a threatening position at

LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1) Doncaster	46	24	11	11	85	54	59
2) Darlington	46	25	9	12	72	53	59
3) Torquay	46	24	10	12	72	49	58
4) Colchester	46	23	10	10	70	47	56
5) Tranmere	46	24	8	14	93	66	56
6) LUTON	46	20	8	14	90	70	56
7) Chester	46	20	12	14	79	70	52
8) Notts County	46	19	12	15	61	53	50

the top.

The New Year brought more notable home wins with Chester being seen off 5-2, Rochdale 4-1 and fellow promotion chasers Torquay and Tranmere 3-2 and 2-1 respectively.

Easter 1966 saw the Town matched home and away against Colchester and home to Darlington, both promotion seeking clubs. In the Good Friday game at Colchester a best of the season crowd of 10,200 gathered to see a fine 2-2 draw, with the second Colchester equaliser blatantly offside before Darlington, another team in the typical Division Four mould of kick first and ask questions later, were defeated 2-0 in a bruising encounter.

The return against Colchester on Easter Monday saw the Town grab a late equaliser, courtesy of Gordon Riddick, in a lacklustre display. The only consolation was the crowd of 15,309, the best at Kenilworth Road for two seasons.

The Town were still in a commanding

position, however; and wins at Barrow and at home to Stockport convinced the Hatters faithful that promotion was still on the cards.

There then followed a match that had little significance at the time but effectively cost the Town promotion. On 11th May 1966, the Hatters were 2-0 up at Chester and coasting to victory when a cloudburst brought about an abandonment. Everyone thought at the time that it would prove simple to win there again given the Town's powerful squad.

The following week the Town tried out a highly successful experiment by playing a game on the Saturday evening after the FA Cup final and were 5-0 up after only 20 minutes against Port Vale. That was the end of the scoring, however; as O'Rourke contrived to miss a second-half penalty which would have given him five hat-tricks for the season.

After a home win over Barrow, two points were needed from the final two games, away at Newport and Chester; to virtually guarantee promotion.

1965/66

Manager: George Martin

Top Scorer: John O'Rourke

League Position: 6th

FA Cup: 2nd Round

League Cup: 1st Round

Memorable Match:
Vs Notts County - W 5-1

When the team stopped at Chepstow for tea before the Newport game, manager George Martin informed the players that they would each receive £60 bonus for winning promotion. This caused an almighty row, with chairman Tom Hodgson having to enter the dressing room before the game in an attempt to stem a mutiny.

The senior professionals, led by Matt Woods, wanted £300 for each player having heard that another promotion chasing side had offered this amount to their team members. Hodgson stood firm, saying that the club could not afford the figures being bandied about with the result that certain players only went through the motions at Somerton Park, with the Town eventually losing 1-3.

For the final game of the season, the re-arranged fixture with Chester; several players were dropped following the Newport fracas and a makeshift side could only draw 1-1 and agonisingly miss out on promotion on goal average.

Elsewhere in football

✱ The Football Association votes to allow substitutes for injured players for the first time. The Town's first playing substitute is Bruce Rioch.

✱ Brian Clough starts his managerial career when he is appointed to the hot seat at Hartlepoons.

✱ Aston Villa, 1-5 down against Tottenham at White Hart Lane, hit

back to draw 5-5.

✱ Millwall remain unbeaten at home for the second successive season.

✱ Terry Venables joins Tottenham from Chelsea for £80,000.

✱ Liverpool lose out in the European Cup Winner Cup final to Borussia Dortmund but win the league championship for the sec-

ond time in three years.

✱ Everton win the FA Cup beating Sheffield Wednesday 3-2 after being 0-2 down at one stage.

✱ West Brom beat West Ham 5-3 on aggregate in the two legged League Cup final.

✱ Oh...nearly forgot. England win the World Cup!

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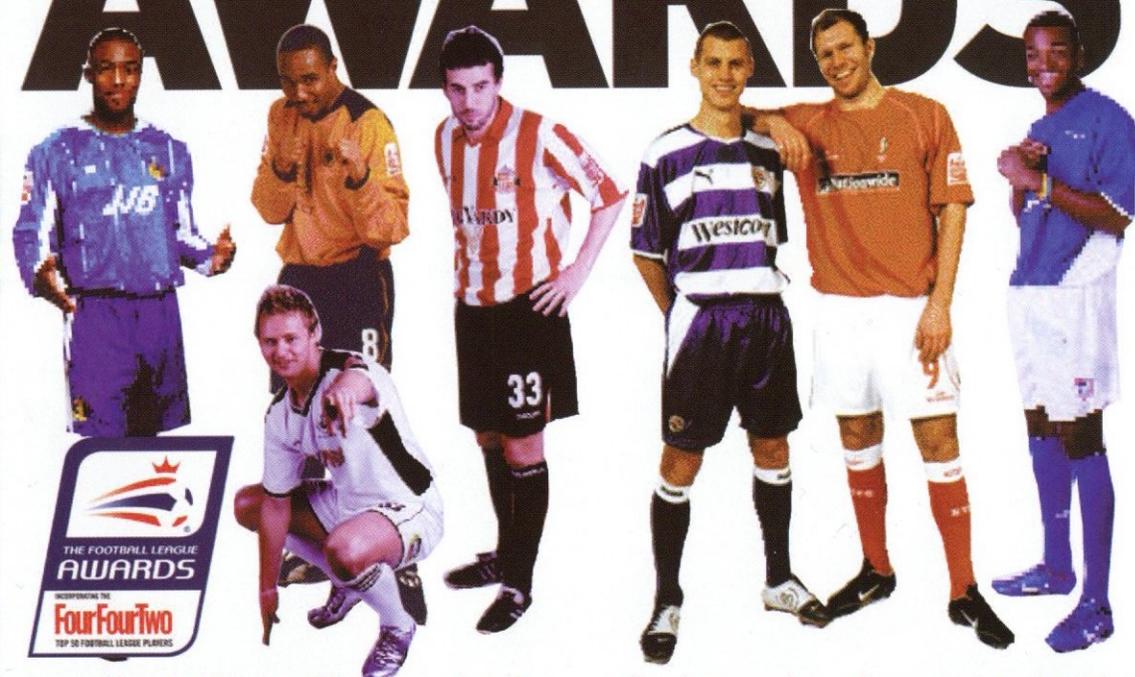


Website News



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

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.



THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS

- ★ Championship Player of the Year
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- ★ Young Player of the Year
- ★ Top Apprentice Award
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- ★ 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

Later this month LutonTown.co.uk will be launching another exciting enhancement to the official website. Those of you familiar with the concept of the BBC's Desktop Motty and the FA's Desktop Sven will be pleased to learn we will be launching our very own Desktop News Alert service later this month.

The system has been developed by our technology partner Premium TV and will provide you with an unobtru-

HATTERS CLIMBING ANOTHER LEAGUE TABLE

Football League Interactive published their latest figures for the period of October to December shortly before our last home match and the LutonTown.co.uk website portfolio has continued to grow thanks to your continued support. The main revenue generating areas of HattersWorld, the text alert service and HattersBet have all risen in their popularity over the

official website generate income for the website and it isn't always a case that you have to spend your money to help the club. Just by reading the stories on the site you are helping us because we receive income from advertisers based on our total number of page impressions. Another example is from our tie up with NTL. If you are a broadband customer or you know of someone who is, you can claim a free 12 month subscription to HattersWorld. As long as you log into your HattersWorld account, once every three months, you will earn commission for the club. Full details of this deal, as with all others, can be found on the official website.

NEW ONLINE SHOP PROVES POPULAR

And finally, the re-launched online Club Shop, www.hattersshop.com, has proved very popular since it was launched at the end of January. The bespoke site has a new, clearer navigation structure which is inline with the look and feel of the official website.

With over thirty different categories, there is improved access to the variety of products that are available to purchase online and this has been reflected in a strong increase in sales in the short space the site has been live. The shop will be continually developed with further enhancements as the project moves forward.

As ever, we are grateful for your feedback so if there is anything you would like to see or any thoughts that you have on the services already available, please feel free to email media@hattersworld.co.uk.

The Hatters M-Mag is amongst the most popular in the Championship and is available on a match-by-match basis for £1.50.

sive, free to use system that will deliver official club news directly to your desktop computer. Any major stories that break from Kenilworth Road will be provided for supporters who have downloaded the new software, by means of a discreet pop-up window and a news ticker. To benefit from this service, supporters will need to install the program from the official website, once it is released in February, and you will then be automatically alerted to any stories involving the Hatters, as they happen. To read the news in more detail, you will be able to click directly through to the story on the website from the news ticker. We believe that this great new service will provide improved functionality for website users and will ensure you are aware of the stories that are important to you, as soon as we release them.

last three months and shown sustained returns from the last quarter; but especially pleasing was the success of the new Mobile Magazine.

The Hatters M-Mag is amongst the most popular in the Championship and is available on a match-by-match basis for £1.50. As well as being able to catch up with the main stories that have been on the website you can also enjoy slideshows of the goals and action pics from every game, read the match report and get the post-match verdict from the dressing room, download popular ringtones, watch the goal of the week slide shows and review the latest results, fixtures and tables. To sign up now and get the first magazine for FREE, simply text LUTON to 84700.

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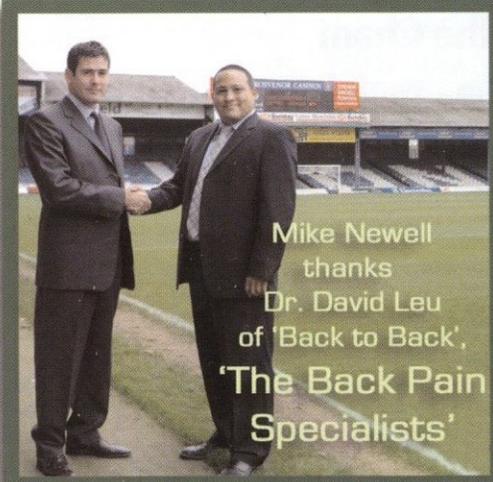
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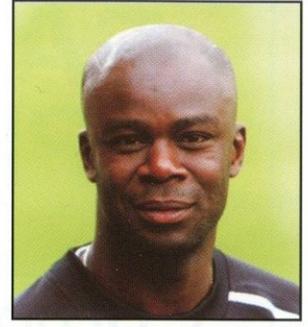


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Luton's Youth



MARVIN JOHNSON looks back at his side's latest performance against Queens Park Rangers.

Luton Town 0 QPR 2

Saturday 4th February 2006
Youth Alliance League

Luton's youth team slipped to their third defeat on the spin following a 2-0 loss at home to QPR recently.

However Youth Coach Marvin Johnson wasn't over critical of his side's performance, which has seen them slip to ninth position in the South East Combination division.

Luton had postponed the game with their London opponents on Friday afternoon as the cold weather, which hit Bedfordshire last week, had severely frosted over the training ground pitches.

However with Rangers asking for a morning inspection, the game was given the green light as Luton made four changes to the side which were defeated by Brighton last week.

Edward Asafu, Mark Farthing, Ross Hanley and Russell Preston all returned to the starting line-up, but the visitors didn't take long to break the deadlock as Ricky Sappleton opened the scoring for Rangers inside four minutes.

Luton created a number of half chances throughout the game but Sappleton added his second for

Rangers in the 46th minute.

Johnson said: "The lads did OK. They huffed and puffed but we conceded a sloppy goal early on, which was bitterly disappointing.

"We then created a very good chance of our own through Matthew Kenneford which could have changed the game. We produced a number of half chances in the second half but overall we never really looked as if we would break them down and QPR deserved their win.

"The lads had gone through a tougher than normal training session on the Friday as the game was actually postponed on that day due to the frosty conditions of the pitch, but we won't be using that as an excuse.

"It was pleasing to see a number of the boys make a return to action, in particular Ross Hanley, who has been out of action for several weeks. Ed Asafu Adjaye also came through an hour of action after missing a number of games through injury."

Luton's youngsters continued their league campaign on Saturday with a trip to Brentford and are at home at Newlands Road this weekend against Northampton Town, kick-off 11:00am

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	L 0-2
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	13	10	3	0	37	9	33
QPR	14	8	2	4	32	25	26
Rushden	11	6	3	2	24	15	21
Brentford	13	6	1	6	26	31	19
Colchester	15	5	3	7	21	20	18
Leyton Orient	14	5	3	6	22	22	18
Northampton	13	5	2	6	18	20	17
Wycombe	12	4	4	4	18	17	16
LUTON	13	5	1	7	12	19	16
Gillingham	12	4	3	5	19	16	15
Southend Utd	14	2	5	7	11	29	11
Portsmouth	14	2	4	8	14	31	10

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

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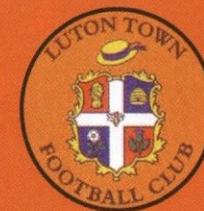
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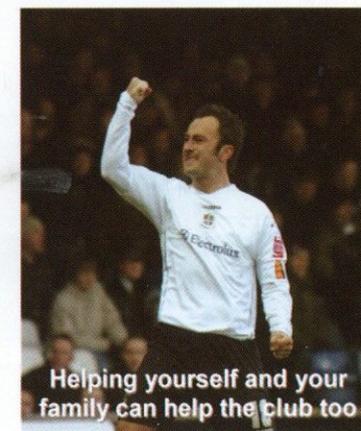
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The Greatest

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



Name: Jon Maddox
Date of Birth: 30th January 1969
Occupation: Enforcement Manager - Luton Borough Council
Years following Luton: 30
Where do you sit: Executive Box Number Three
First Match: Earliest memory was standing in the Maple enclosure

watching Luton beat Oldham 6-1 in 1976.
Memorable Match: Has to be the 88 Littlewoods Cup Final. A roller coaster day full of emotion and incredible atmosphere that will never be forgotten. Married to a Gooner makes it even sweeter!

Goalkeeper

1. Les Sealey

Les dominated his penalty area with his reflect saves and aerial ability, taking no prisoners to include his own defenders with his booming goal line instructions. A real character of the footballing world who is now sadly missed.

Left-Back

2. Mitchell Thomas

Spider was a huge crowd favourite having come through the ranks and then returning for a second spell in the late 90's. Good in the air and going forward, strong in the tackle and the longest legs you have ever seen.

Right-Back

3. Tim Breaker

Tim was a tough tackling right back who liked to power down the right flank and send in those hanging crosses for Big Mick.

Centre-Back

4. Mal Donaghy

Mal was as calm as they came defensively and chipped in with his share of goals. His partnership with Fozzie made them one of the best centre-half pairings in the country.

Centre-Back

5. Steve Foster

Fozzie was a great signing by Pleat and proved his worth in those heady days of the late 80's with that white headband to become the more aggressive centre half partner of Mal. Memories of his tussles with opposing forwards and the chants of "Fozzie's going to get you" always bring about a smile.

Right-Midfield

6. Ricky Hill

Tricky Ricky was the main man with Luton's pass and move game evolving around his sublime skills. His passing was precise and ball control exquisite. He scored some amazing goals and was unlucky not to be capped more times by England. A real gentleman, friendly guy and the most genuine footballer I have ever met.

Left-Midfield

7. David Moss

Mossy was my boyhood hero who scored some fantastic goals including several screamers during the 81/82 promotion season. Knew how to take a penalty, now being demonstrated by Nico.

Centre-Midfield

8. Kevin Nicholls

Nico epitomises the spirit of Luton Town with his never say lose attitude and determination to fire up his troops. He has become a cult figure with the Luton faithful for these reasons and one of the club's most successful captains.

Centre-Forward

9. Mick Harford

As has been said many times before, there is only one Micky Harford. I was there for his debut and there for his second debut when he scored twice against Oldham to beat them 2-1 after trailing 0-1. Most players of his era cite Harford as the toughest opponent they ever faced and we all witnessed why.

Centre-Midfield

10. David Preece

Preece was the midfield pocket dynamo with bags of energy who controlled the Luton midfield for ten years. He like Danny Wilson supplied the backbone of the team and allowed the likes of Ricky Hill to drive forward.

Centre-Forward

11. Brian Stein

Bruno will forever be the Wembley hero and the architect of Luton town's finest hour scoring two of his 154 goal tally under the Twin Towers. A great servant of the Club who like Marvellous Marvin, is now passing on his footballing skills and knowledge to a new generation.

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.

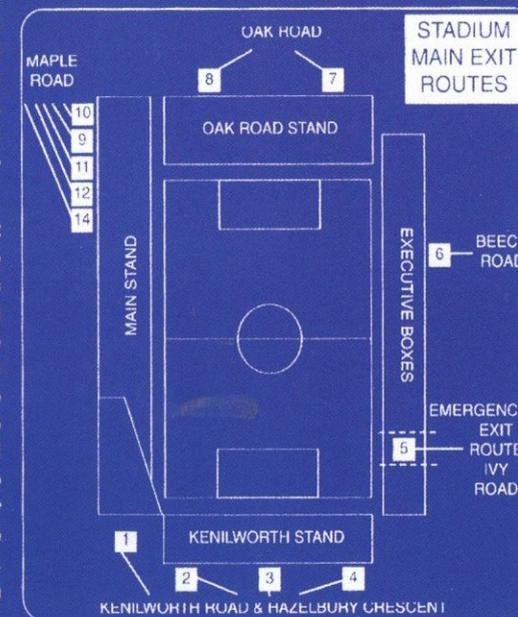
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Geoff Lovell
Safety Officer



THE NEXT CHAPTER

David Bell made his long awaited debut in our recent home game with Hull City after signing from Rushden & Diamonds in January. The Irish midfielder talks to today's matchday programme on his time with the Nene Park club, his first taste of Championship football and his international ambitions.

Mike Newell has never been one to 'panic buy' when it comes to transfers. "Players we bring in have to be better than what we have already got", said the Hatters boss during one press conference earlier this season when asked about the possibility of strengthening his squad during the January transfer window.

It's such comments that may have put the pressure on Luton's recent addition David Bell, bearing in mind that the youngster has had to try and force his way into a Hatters side that had lifted the League One title last season and has already made huge strides forward in the Championship.

Bell may have been earmarked as 'one for the future' when he initially signed last month in a three-and-a-half-year deal from Rushden & Diamonds but his debut appearance in our recent defeat by Hull has led to much talk on the terraces that he could make an immediate impact in the Luton side.

The youngster made an encouraging impression when coming on as a second half substitute in that defeat by The Tigers when he replaced Enoch Showunmi in the heart of Luton's midfield.

Talking to today's matchday programme, Bell said: "I had been on the bench on three occasions without getting onto the pitch prior to the Hull game so it felt a long time coming but I was glad to have made my debut, especially at home.

"I enjoyed playing in the centre of midfield. It was a bit different, as I think you are involved in the action a lot more, where as if you play on the flanks you can drift in and out of the

When Mike Newell came in for me I was delighted and I don't really want to look back at Rushden. The only way is to move forward and I am excited by the challenge of Championship football

game. I don't mind where I play to be honest, as long as I am in the side I will be more than happy.

"You certainly notice the difference in the quality of football in the Championship. The players are bigger and stronger but, I felt OK although I would be lying if I didn't say I wasn't a little nervous. It was only half-an-hour on the pitch but hopefully people will get to see more from me in my next appearance."

The Irish midfielder had always shown promise when progressing through the youth ranks at Rushden & Diamonds and his talents were spotted at an early age whilst playing local football in the Northamptonshire area.

Under the leadership of former Arsenal player Brian Talbot, Bell was handed his first ever senior appearance at Rushden & Diamonds at the tender age of 16 when he came on as a second half substitute in a Conference Trophy game against Kingstonian in 2000.

After his breakthrough, Bell went on to make over 100 appearances for the Nene Park club and during that spell scored championship success in the Nationwide Conference and Coca-

Cola League Two division.

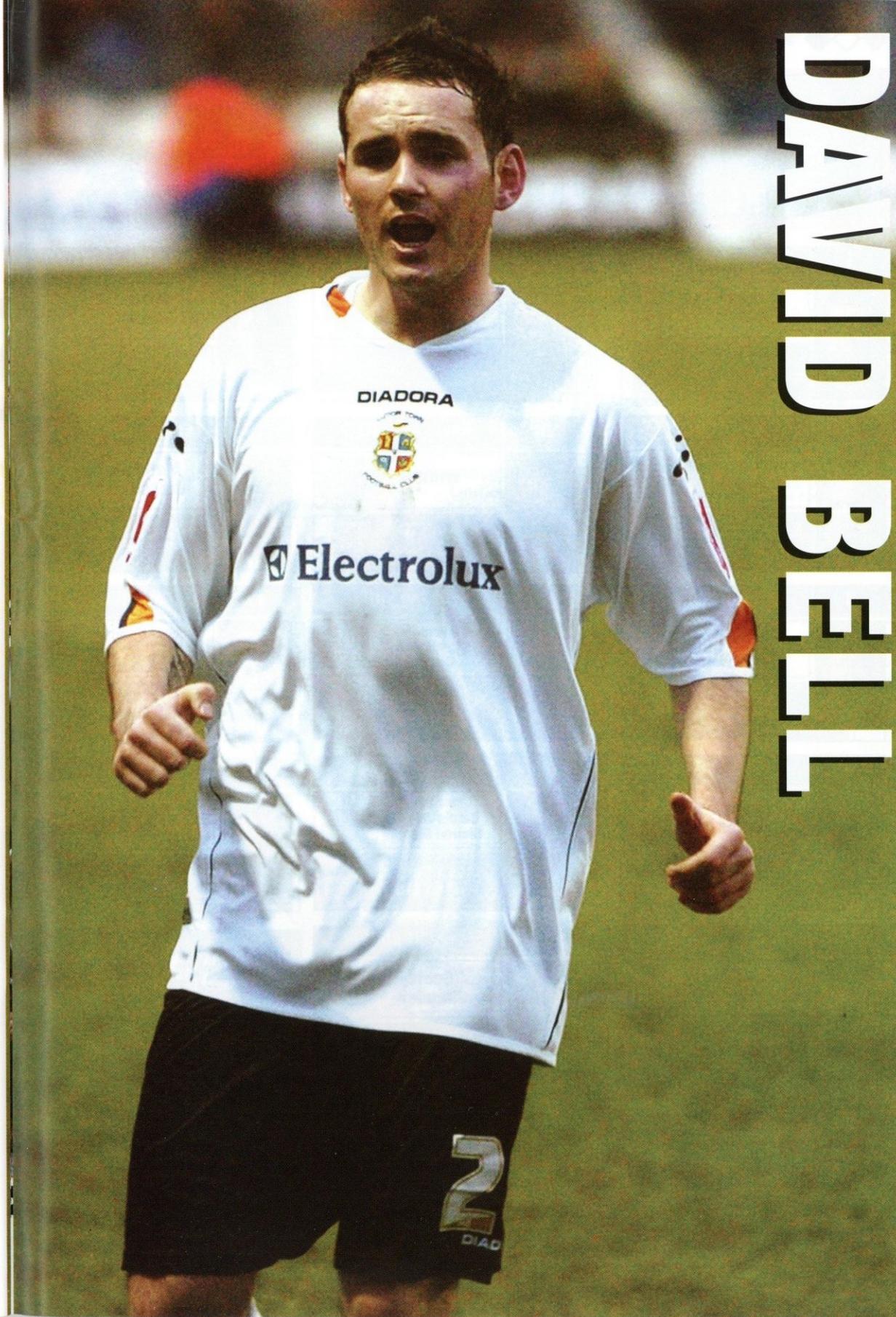
However despite his strong associations with the current League Two club, Bell knew that the time was right to move on and face a new challenge of competing at a higher level.

"I came through the youth ranks at Rushden and signed when I was 13," said the 22-year-old. "I quickly got taken on as a YTS and made it in the first-team.

"When Mike Newell came in for me I was delighted and I don't really want to look back at Rushden. The only way is to move forward and I am excited by the challenge of Championship football.

"I enjoyed some good success at Rushden but I felt it was the right time to leave to progress my career. I'm also looking to progress my international career and hopefully playing first team football with Luton can only help me in that area.

"I broke into the Republic of Ireland Under-20 side when I was at Rushden and then later into the Under-21's. Hopefully the Irish FA have taken note that I have moved to Luton and they will come to watch me here."



DAVID BELL



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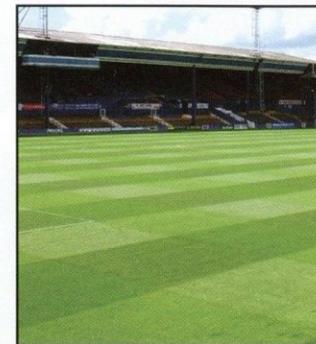


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Around the Ground



We catch up with the latest news from around Kenilworth Road since our most recent home game with Hull

TODAY'S REFEREE

Luton Town Football Club would like to welcome today's officials to Kenilworth Stadium for this afternoon's fixture with Cardiff City. They are Mr Andy Woolmer from Northamptonshire, Mr Steve Rubeply from Essex, Mr Keith Yeo from Essex and Mr Michael Bull from Essex.

Mr Woolmer, who is today's match referee, was promoted to the Southern league in 1989 and then to the Football League assistant referees list in 1994. He was promoted to the national list of referees in 2004. Andy refereed the FA Sunday cup final in 2004 and an FA Trophy semi-final in the same year as well as being an assistant referee at the League Cup final in 2003 and the Community Shield in the same year.

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.

ANOTHER FUNDRAISER FOR TRUST IN LUTON

Trust in Luton is delighted to announce its second-ever quiz night - back by popular demand.

The Bricklayers Arms in High Town will be the venue on Thursday 2nd March from 7:30pm, and BBC Three Counties

Radio's Ian Pearce will again assume the duties of quizmaster.

Entry is on the night - £10 for a team of four.

Organiser Mark Stephenson said: "The quiz night was really popular during last year's Trust in Luton week and we're hoping for even more support this time."

WIN A PLAYER 2

The Championship League table for the Coca-Cola Win a Player competition makes interesting reading with Luton now up to sixth and hot on the heels of Leicester City. Thanks to all supporters who have entered by voting on the Coca-Cola website or by texting in. Full details can be found by clicking on the link above.

The Championship table, based on the number of entries is as follows:

- 1 Leeds United 64522
- 2 Sheffield Wednesday 55637
- 3 Reading 21822
- 4 Brighton & Hove Albion 18851
- 5 Leicester City 15411
- 6 Luton Town 14974
- 7 Watford 14077
- 8 Queens Park Rangers 12696
- 9 Southampton 10612
- 10 Plymouth Argyle 8853

This year Win a Player is even more exciting with Coca-Cola giving away three prizes to three fans of different clubs.

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SAT 25TH FEB	BRENTFORD (H)	UNDER-16	11:00AM
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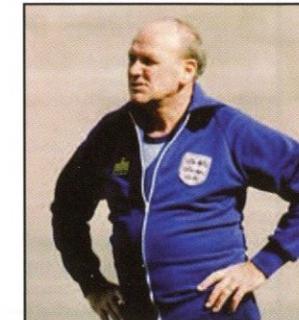
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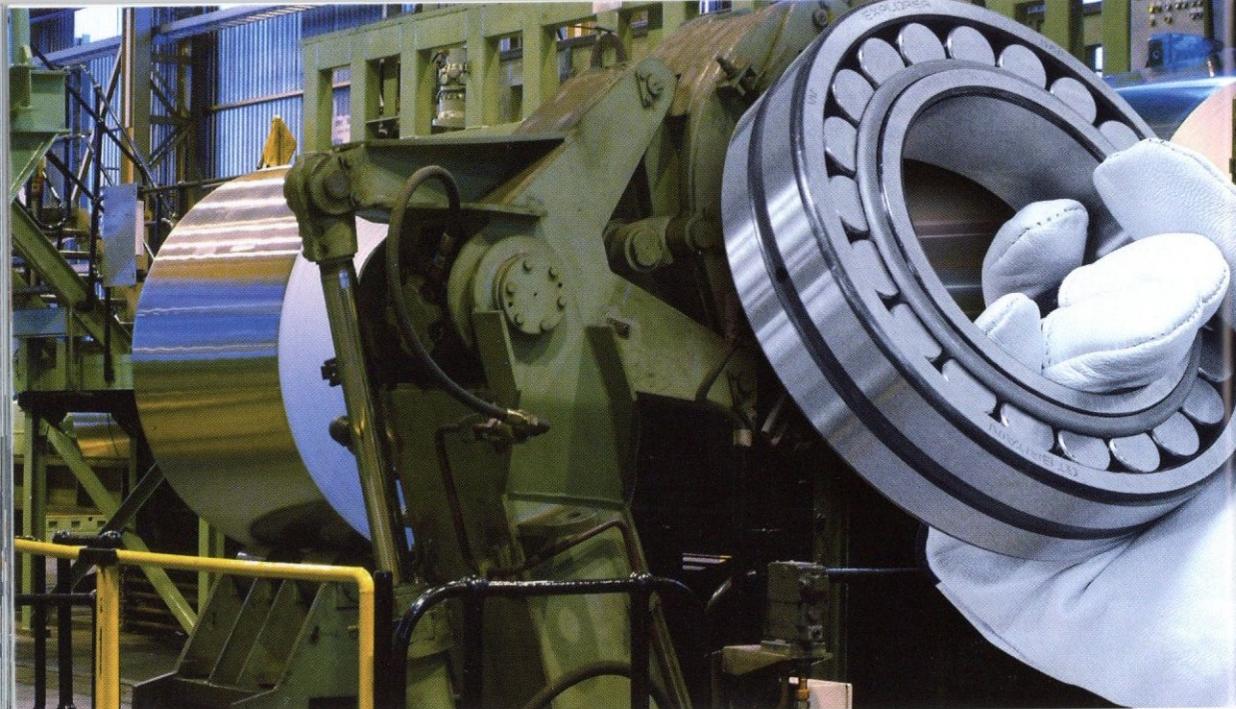
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In today's matchday programme, we look back at the career of an England hero Ron Greenwood, who recently passed away.



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Ron Greenwood, who died recently at the age of 84 after a long illness, was an England coach of the old school. Reserved, methodical and strict, he was nonetheless an intelligent, forward-thinking coach who believed in his players and, as a result, achieved significant success with West Ham before taking over the England job during a nadir in the nation's fortunes. He took England to the European Championships and the World Cup (after two successive qualifying failures) and, in doing so helped reinvigorate the reputation of the national side.

Greenwood's playing career featured spells at Chelsea, Brentford, Bradford Park Avenue and Fulham, before he moved into coaching at Walthamstow. He worked at Eastbourne United, then as an assistant at Arsenal while undertaking a key role as part of Walter Winterbottom's pioneering England set-up during the late 1950's, running the U-23 and youth teams.

Greenwood joined West Ham United in April 1961, following Ted Fenton's departure to Southend United. His arrival ushered in a key period in the club's history as they won domestic and European honours and provided a trio of players who would prove crucial to England's World Cup success in 1966.

In his first season at Upton Park Greenwood took the side to eighth place, a marked improvement from the sixteenth placed finish the previous year. Cup success came in 1964, as his side put together a free-scoring FA Cup run that included a memorable semi-final victory against Manchester United at Hillsborough. In dreadful conditions Bobby Moore delivered a famously dominant performance as West Ham ran out 3-1 winners. The final saw Greenwood's team, unchanged in every round, meet Preston North End. Despite twice going behind, they fought back to 2-2

before Ronnie Boyce headed a late winner.

By now, Greenwood's West Ham were producing the entertaining passing football that would become their hallmark and with Johnny Byrne, an early signing by Greenwood, scoring prolifically and Geoff Hurst, who Greenwood had converted into a centre-forward, beginning to show signs of his talent, they swept through the European Cup Winners Cup. Following a semi-final win over Real Zaragoza they met TSV Munich at Wembley on May 19th 1965. Overflowing with partisan fans, Wembley proved a dramatic stage for the game that made West Ham's reputation as one of the great sides of the 1960's, as outside-right Alan Sealey scored twice to take the European Cup Winners Cup to the East End.

League form proved more elusive during Greenwood's tenure at Upton Park. In 1965 they finished in ninth place, but the following year, undoubtedly tired from Cup runs that saw them reach the semi final of the Cup Winners Cup as holders, and the final of the League Cup (where they lost to West Bromwich Albion), they finished twelfth. That disappointing season was temporarily forgotten in the summer of '66 though, as West Ham's Bobby Moore, Martin Peters, and Geoff Hurst stared for Alf Ramsey's World Cup winners.

Greenwood's side, bolstered by the arrival of Billy Bonds and the emergence of Trevor Brooking from the youth set-up, continued to play attractive, expansive football throughout the late 1960's in front of large crowds at Upton Park, but the trophies remaining frustratingly out of reach. The 1970/71 season, in particular, proved difficult as the team finished 20th in the first division and were knocked out of the FA Cup by Blackpool.

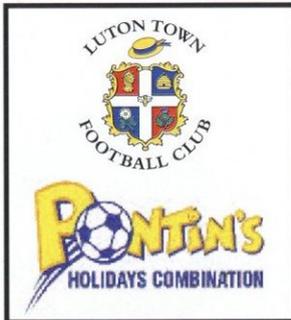
Greenwood remained manager until 1974, taking the club to a sixth place

finish in 1973, his best league performance. In the tradition of the club, the succession was smooth, with Greenwood moving to the post of general manager and John Lyall, who had played in goal under Greenwood, becoming team manager. His tenure as West Ham manager not only provided the club with success on the field, it built their reputation off it, and set in place the ethos that continues to this day.

In 1977, following Don Revie's departure from the position of England coach, the FA were hunting for a man of principle, dignity, and solid tactical ability. Greenwood was the clear candidate and he was appointed coach of an England side suffering through a lean, fractious period. While European rivals Holland and West Germany were entertaining the world as total football took off, England had failed to qualify for the 1978 World Cup finals and confidence was low amid players and supporters. Greenwood's patient but tough approach paid off as ensured qualification for the 1982 finals, and took England to the 1980 European Championships.

Greenwood's record as England manager was strong, winning 33 of 55 games. In the 1982 finals, England were formidable at the back, conceding just one goal. They struggled up front however, and went out of the tournament after successive goalless draws with West Germany and Spain, despite not having lost a game.

Greenwood left the post after that World Cup, retiring from coaching in the process. His tenure as England manager saw him lift the national team out of the doldrums of the 1970's and restore some self-belief to the squad, while his time at West Ham created the modern image of the club as a side that believes in playing football to certain inalienable principles. Above all, however, Ron Greenwood was a football man who loved the sport.



Reserve Team

Your matchday programme looks back at Luton's latest win in the Pontin's Holiday Combination League as Sol Davis and Peter Holmes made their comeback from injury in the game against Southend United

There was encouraging news for Luton supporters last week as Sol Davis made his long awaited return from injury during our reserve team win over Southend United.

The Luton full-back successfully came through 75 minutes of action at Roots Hall and there was further encouraging news with Peter Holmes also making his first appearance since picking up a hamstring injury in December.

Davis has been on the sidelines since mid-October after picking up a knee injury in the 1-1 draw with Plymouth Argyle and the former Swindon defender was happy to have come through his first competitive fixture.

Davis said: "I came through the game OK. The game was more to get my fitness up and I was just thankful that my knee has held up. I have only been back in training since last Monday and to be honest it has been a long wait for me to get back into action. Hopefully I can kick on from here.

"Someone told me I have been on the sidelines for about 13 weeks and I don't want to have to go through that again. It has been a hard time sitting out and missing training and I just want to put that behind me and focus my attentions on getting myself fit.

"Returning from injury has taken longer than I anticipated. I thought I

was going to be out for about six weeks at first and then I found out about the bone bruising, which has taken longer to recover from.

"To get myself back to the peak of my fitness I still feel I need more games. Whether that is for the reserves or coming off the bench for the first team I don't really know but I am just glad that the first game it out of the way and I have suffered no reaction to the injury.

Luton maintained their 100% winning record in the Pontin's League with a 2-1 victory against the League One outfit with both goals coming through midfielder Dean Morgan, who played in a striker's role.

David Bell completed his first 90 minutes in a Luton shirt in the heart of the Hatters' midfield whilst Leon Barnett, Danny Stevens and Dean Brill were handed starts.

Lee Bradbury had given the home-side a first half lead before Morgan curled home an exquisite free-kick to send Luton in all-square at the half-time interval.

It looked as if Southend would become the first reserve side to take points off Luton in the Pontin's Division this season but a clumsy challenge from Southend's Lewis Hunt saw David Deeney tumble in the penalty area in additional time. Morgan made no mis-



Dean Morgan celebrates his first goal against Southend United

take from the spot as he buried his kick into the roof of the net.

Luton's Reserve Team Coach, Marvin Johnson was more than happy with his side's performance.

Johnson said: "I thought we were very sharp in the first half and looked very lively. I said to the boys at half time that for all our good play, there were not too many shots to work the Southend goalkeeper but I thought we dominated the game, possession wise, throughout the 90 minutes.

"Once Southend got to grips with the game, they actually started to get themselves back into it and got a goal that they deserved.

On the performance of Morgan, Johnson added: "We all know that Dean has got ability and the quality of his free-kick is something we know that he can do. He got two goals in a recent reserve team game against Northampton and he has done it again.

"We all know what a good player Dean is and what ability he has got but we know that he needs to show that on a more consistent basis to force himself back in the first team.

"With certain players coming back for this fixture we played Dean as a striker

and he is a player that we can move around and use in different positions."

Johnson concluded "The main thing for us was that we got Sol and Peter through the game. It is pleasing to get a good result but we were just glad to get them through unscathed because both players have been out for a long time.

"We have a good mixture of lads playing in the reserves this season. We have a very good first team squad at the moment and the youngsters that play in these matches are getting the experience they need playing alongside some of the senior pros."

LTFC RESERVES

Date	Opponent	KO/Result
August		
Wed 24	Cardiff (Play-Off Final)	L 1-4
September		
Wed 07	Oxford United	W 1-0
October		
Tues 04	Barnet	W 8-2
Wed 12	Brighton (PHC)	D 0-0
Tues 25	Milton Keynes Dons	W 3-2
November		
Wed 09	Leyton Orient	W 1-4
Tues 15	Northampton Town	W 2-1
Tues 29	Southend United	P-P
December		
Wed 10	Millwall (PHC)	W 3-1
January		
Tues 10	Oxford United	P-P
Tues 17	Colchester Utd (PHC)	P-P
Wed 25	Colchester Utd	P-P
February		
Tues 07	Southend United	W 2-1
Tues 28	Stevenage Borough	2:00 pm
March		
Tues 07	Barnet	2:00 pm
Wed 22	Reading (PHC)	2:00 pm
Tues 28	Milton Keynes Dons	2:00 pm
April		
Tues 04	Leyton Orient	2:00 pm
Tues 11	Colchester United	2:00 pm
Tues 18	Northampton Town	2:00 pm
TBC	Stevenage Borough	TBC

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MK Dons	8	6	1	1	20	9	19
Northampton	6	4	1	1	20	8	13
Southend	6	4	1	1	9	3	13
LUTON	4	4	0	0	16	5	12
Colchester	5	2	0	3	8	11	6
Stevenage	6	2	0	4	3	9	6
Leyton Orient	7	2	0	5	8	16	6
Barnet	8	2	0	6	13	25	6
Oxford	6	0	1	5	1	12	1

Table does not include Luton's game with Southend



Sol Davis in action against Southend United

UP NEXT

Luton's next reserve fixture at Kenilworth Road is the rearranged game with Oxford United on Tuesday 21st February, kick-off 2:00pm. Supporters wishing to attend this fixture can do so via entry through the press gate at the Kenilworth Road end of the ground. Season ticket holders can gain free admission on proof of their season ticket book. Tickets are otherwise priced at £3 for adults and £1 for concessions.





Peter Davis

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

Welcome and good evening to all of our commercial partners, plus it's with a special Kenilworth Road greeting, that we welcome tonight's match sponsors, who include FPM Facility Services Ltd and our very own Luton Town Players Kit Sponsors.

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Peter



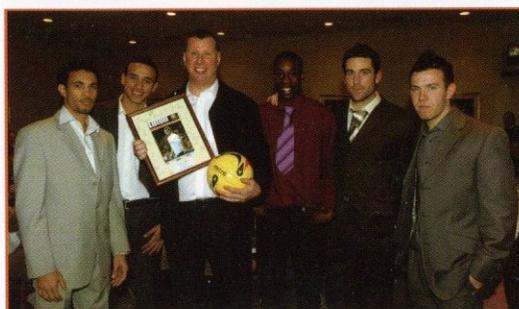
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Commercial Mascot at Hull City, nine year old Abbi Watkins together with her sisters receiving her certificate from first team members.



Phil Sumner of Carlsberg UK receiving his match ball sponsors awards from squad members

COMMERCIAL MASCOT.....

It's with great pleasure that we welcome and wish a very happy birthday to Marky Watts, who will be 10 years of age on the 16th February who joins us this evening as commercial mascot. Marky who lives in Welham Green, attends St Mary's school in North Mimms and counts football as his number one hobby. Marky's favourite "Town" player is Carlos Edwards, who he will be meeting tonight. Marky regularly attends Kenilworth Road with his dad Mark, who was on the club's books in the early 80's playing a number of times for David Pleat before signing for Charlton. We all at the club, hope that Marky and his family have a great time with us tonight.

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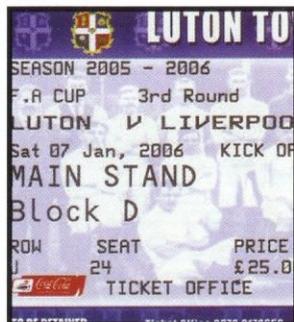
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Ticket News

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

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We have been initially allocated 2,031 Seats for the above fixture.
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Members

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HATTERS 2005-06 STATS

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DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	AWAY POS	Luton's Starting XI																
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	Davis	Davis	Edwards	Nicholls	Leary	Morgan	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Brkovic	Perrett	Holmes	O'Leary
Sat 27	Leicester City	2-0	22,048	2,161	3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Coyne	Davis	Edwards	Holmes
Mon 29	Millwall	2-1	8,220	777	3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Coyne	Davis	Edwards	Holmes
Sat 10	Wolves	1-1	10,248	1,800	4	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	U'wood	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Morgan	Holmes	Perrett	S'wunmi
Tues 13	QPR	0-1	13,492	2,037	4	Beresford	Edwards	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	U'wood	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Morgan	Holmes	Barnett	S'wunmi
Sat 17	Hull City *	1-0	19,184	404	4	Beresford	Edwards	Perrett	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Andrew	Holmes	Keane	Barnett
Tues 20	Reading (CC2)	0-1	6,941	829	-	Brill	Edwards	Barnett	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	O'Leary	Stevens	Keane	Andrew
Fri 23	Sheffield Wednesday *	2-2	8,267	750	3	Beresford	Edwards	Perrett	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Heikkinen	Keane	Holmes	S'wunmi
Tues 27	Preston	3-0	7,815	391	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Holmes	S'wunmi	Keane
Sat 1	Cardiff City	2-1	14,657	565	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	U'wood	S'wunmi	Keane
Sat 15	Crewe Alexandra	1-3	6,604	1,438	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Vine
Tues 18	Norwich City	4-2	10,248	1,800	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Robinson	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 22	Plymouth	1-1	8,714	806	3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Coyne	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Robinson
Sat 29	Coventry City	0-1	22,228	3,928	3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	Edwards	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Keane	S'wunmi	Vine
Tues 1	Sheffield United	0-4	22,554	1,125	4	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Coyne	U'wood	Edwards	Heikkinen	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Keane	Morgan	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 5	Burnley	2-3	8,518	823	4	Beresford	Foley	Perrett	Barnett	U'wood	Edwards	Heikkinen	Holmes	Morgan	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Brkovic	Keane	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 19	Norwich	0-2	25,383	2,300	7	Beresford	Foley	Perrett	Heikkinen	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Holmes	S'wunmi	Vine
Tues 22	Crewe Alexandra	4-1	7,474	204	5	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Barnett	U'wood	Vine	Holmes	Robinson	Edwards	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Andrew	Brkovic	Keane	Morgan
Sat 26	Crystal Palace	2-0	10,248	1,800	5	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Morgan	Holmes	Robinson	Edwards	Vine	S'wunmi	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Perrett	Howard
Sat 3	Reading	0-3	19,478	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	Robinson	Nicholls	Edwards	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Morgan	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 31	Ipswich Town	0-1	23,957	1,281	10	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robinson	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Howard	Morgan	S'wunmi
Mon 2	Watford	1-2	10,248	1,800	9	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Barnett	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robinson	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Feeney	Morgan	Perrett	S'wunmi
Sat 7	Liverpool (FA3) ◆	3-5	10,170	1,800	-	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robinson	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Morgan	S'wunmi
Fri 13	Wolves *	1-2	21,823	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	2-3	8,835	990	8	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	Keane	Brkovic	Nicholls	S'wunmi	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Bell	Feeney	Morgan
Sat 11	Preston	1-5*	15,237	tbc	9	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	Keane	Brkovic	Nicholls	Bell	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Davis	Morgan	S'wunmi
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

Team	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		GD
Reading	33	15	1	1	45	10	10	6	0	27	9	53
Sheff United	33	12	2	2	32	15	9	5	3	27	17	27
Watford	33	9	4	4	32	17	8	6	2	29	21	23
Leeds	32	10	3	2	27	12	7	5	5	17	13	19
Preston	32	6	9	2	21	11	7	6	2	23	12	21
Crystal Palace	32	9	4	3	23	10	6	4	6	22	21	14
Cardiff	33	8	6	3	28	17	5	3	8	17	21	7
Wolves	32	6	7	3	16	12	4	7	5	19	16	7
LUTON	33	8	4	4	34	21	5	1	11	14	28	-1
Ipswich	33	6	6	5	20	24	5	5	6	18	22	-8
Burnley	33	9	3	4	29	16	3	4	10	12	26	-1
QPR	33	7	4	6	19	18	4	5	7	18	28	-9
Coventry	33	8	5	3	29	17	2	6	9	15	32	-5
Norwich	33	6	4	6	19	18	5	3	9	18	29	-10
Plymouth	32	6	6	4	17	17	3	6	7	12	20	-8
Stoke	32	5	3	8	18	24	7	0	9	17	23	-12
Hull	33	5	6	6	18	17	4	4	8	18	24	-5
Southampton	33	5	8	3	14	11	2	7	8	16	25	-6
Leicester	33	5	6	5	19	17	3	5	9	16	26	-8
Derby	33	4	9	4	25	23	2	7	7	15	25	-8
Sheff Wed	33	5	5	7	16	20	3	5	8	9	19	-14
Brighton	33	4	6	7	19	23	1	8	7	12	28	-20
Millwall	33	2	5	9	7	20	3	7	7	16	25	-22
Crewe	33	3	5	8	23	32	1	6	10	15	40	-34

TODAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

- Burnley v Wolves
- Crystal Palace v QPR
- Crewe v Ipswich
- Leeds v Watford
- Leicester v Derby
- Millwall v Hull City
- Norwich v Brighton
- Sheff Utd v Reading
- Stoke v Plymouth

Coming Next

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What a season it has been for Reading. The men from Berkshire are well on their way to moving into the Premiership and JOHN BRADSHAW looks at the secret of their success this season.

Table toppers Reading come to Kenilworth Road this Friday in a game to be played live on Sky Sports. At time of writing they have just been knocked out of the FA Cup by Birmingham City, only their third defeat in what has been a fantastic season. Their sole aim however is promotion to the Premiership, and with a 21 point cushion between them and third place, they must be confident of achieving this. After finishing ninth and seventh in their last two seasons, manager Steve Coppell has gradually improved his squad and

this season consistency has been added. It has already been a record breaking season for the Royals; their recent 4-3 win at Crewe was their 31st game without defeat in the Championship. They have achieved this by playing some fantastic football, with two old fashioned wingers in Bobby Convey and Glen Little. These two, ably assisted by ex-Arsenal trainee Steve Sidwell have helped Reading score 60 goals already this season.

Their strike force has been a handful for most teams this season. Leroy

Lita became Reading's first £1 million player in the summer of 2005, and has repaid part of that sum with 13 goals so far this term. Dave Kitson is strong in the air and skilful, and Irishman Kevin Doyle has weighed in with thirteen goals in his first season with the club. At the back, Graham Murty is the Royals longest serving player, having joined from York City in 1998 for £700,000. Ibrahima Sonko has been a towering force at centre back in a defence that has conceded a miserly 19 goals so far this season.

Honours are pretty even in previous fixtures between the two sides over the years. We did the double over the Royals in the old Division Two in the 1999/2000 season. This was our first win against them since August 1980 however! We haven't beaten them in five meetings since that 3-1 win in January 2000, so we owe them one! We were also the first team to play Reading at the excellent Madejski Stadium in August 1998. Their steady rise from the Second Division to the brink of the Premiership with a fantastic stadium is to be commended, envied and hopefully surpassed!



□ Dean Morgan will be hoping for a starting role on Friday night against his former club

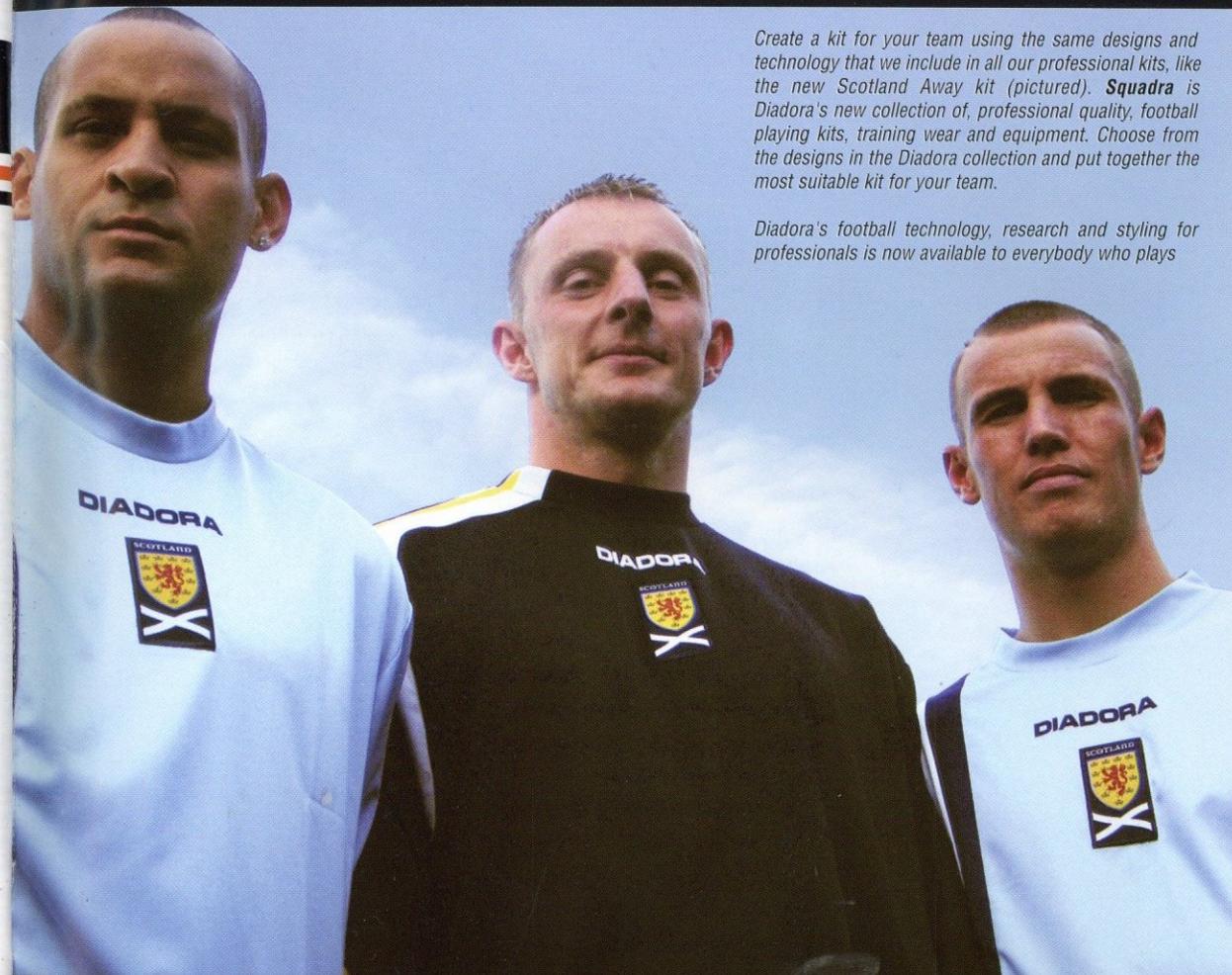
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