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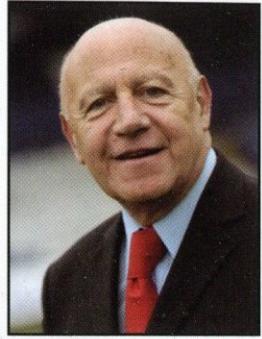
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The Chairman

Good Evening

From Luton Town Chairman Bill Tomlins



Hello and a warm welcome to our Supporters for our second Championship match in three days, and to our visitors, Reading, their Chairman and Directors, Management, Players and Supporters to Kenilworth Road.

Every match is important in this very competitive league and tonight's televised Sky Sports game against the Championship's current leaders is no exception. Reading are enjoying a very successful season, with a strong possibility of automatic promotion. Having experienced something similar in League One we know the additional pressure that success creates.

You may have seen the piece on the back page of The Luton News with the headline 'Watson-Challis' New Claim'. As the old saying goes, 'Don't believe everything that you read'. The Watson-Challises, by agreement with their developer, Maybush, are not in direct communication with the Club's Board.

Therefore, when I spoke to Maybush regarding the Luton News item, they said that they knew nothing about the claims made in it. Maybush all along have understood the reasons for the delay in the relocation plans for the Junction 10 site, none of which have been the fault of the Club. We have been adamant to protect all of the income streams that can be generated from the new stadium for the benefit of the Club, including its valuable naming rights.

The Watson-Challises have not been the owners of the Club for some three years, and the background to the consequences of their sale of the Club for a nominal sum to a party who caused it

to go into administrative receivership has been well documented. It is worth noting that during the period, when they owned both the Club and the Junction 10 land, the two essential planning components, the new stadium never materialised.

Planning issues are exceedingly complex and time consuming, and Luton Borough Council has confirmed to me in reference to Wednesday's article that they have not been contacted by either the Watson-Challises or by Maybush in connection with another piece of land (wherever that might be) on which the new stadium could be located. Let alone that any such move could be completed more rapidly than relocation to Junction 12.

The bottom line is that the Club has been doing its best to achieve something that has been on the cards for decades, and at last there is light at the end of the tunnel. Cliff Bassett, the owner of the Junction 12 land, and who does have the best interests of the Club at heart, like the Board is focussed on progressing the relocation of the Club there as quickly as possible.

Cliff understands that if the airport position changes, and if it becomes possible to review the location of the new stadium without incurring delay, we would take a serious look at that alternative. In the unlikely event of that happening, his land would still be the key to an enabling development that is essential for financing the cost of the new stadium.

Enjoy the game.
Bill

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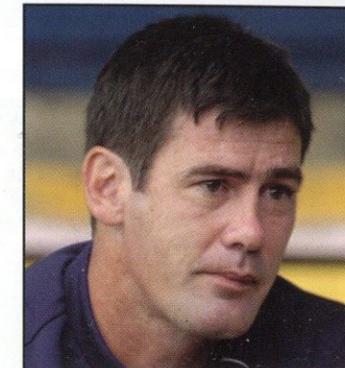
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Mike Newell

MIKE NEWELL looks back at our draw with Cardiff City and his hopes of still achieving a top six finish this season

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for tonight's live televised game with Reading. Welcome also to Steve Coppell, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from the Madejski Stadium. Steve has put together a fine team and they

Tuesday's draw with Cardiff City has to go down as probably one the most annoying games of the season. Having twice sustained a two-goal lead to eventually being pegged back was more than frustrating, having controlled large periods of the game in the first half. We know the game

cost us points. We could have easily been four or five up at half time, without question, and we have paid the price for not making more of the chances we had created. I can't keep defending, and I won't keep defending players, because I was not happy with the goals we conceded. We seem to struggle to be able to see the game out, which we should have done on Tuesday evening.

“At the end of the day, we were just not ruthless enough in front of goal on Tuesday night and sloppy individual errors have cost us three points. We could have easily been four or five up at half-time but we have paid the price for not making more of our chances”

I know supporters will have been naturally disappointed by the result but nobody within the club has lost sight of the play-offs. There are 36 points to play for this season and that is an awful lot of points. I am sure that one of the teams currently in the play-off positions will falter because it happens every year. We have to make sure that we are in front of the queue when that happens.

deserve the plaudits they are getting. To go unbeaten since the first day of the campaign is some feat but you won't hear them shouting about it. We are playing the champions elect tonight and it will be difficult, but one we are looking forward to.

should have been over at half time, but I have said that so many times this season, especially at home.

At the end of the day, we were just not ruthless enough in front of goal and sloppy individual errors have

Enjoy the game and continue to get behind the lads

Mike

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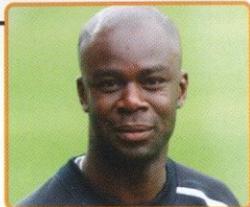
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I was attracted by the concept of the in2win lottery, not only by some of the tremendous prizes on offer, but also with its unique opportunity to provide additional funding and support towards the Club's Youth Development Programme. To have come out of the hat and to win a prize after just a few short weeks of being a member is a great bonus!

Justin Boon - in2win membership No.108

As one of the inaugural winners, my family and I were treated to a VIP day at the Club's game against Hull City and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. We were made to feel very special on the day and it is one that we will never forget. Its proof that if you're in it, you can win it and at the same time support the Club's commitment to Youth Development.

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Kevin Nicholls

Kevin Nicholls



Skipper Kevin Nicholls looks ahead to tonight's game with Reading whilst also reflecting on Tuesday's draw with Cardiff City

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for tonight's game against Reading, where we will be hoping to put on an impressive performance in front of a live television audience.

Nobody can say that Reading don't deserve their lead at the top of the Championship. They have enjoyed a fantastic season and are currently enjoying an incredible

We know we are going to have to perform better as team than on Tuesday night, when we twice let a two goal lead slip against Cardiff City. There can be no excuses on our part and we must learn how to defend a lead.

We have taken the lead in matches against Stoke City, Liverpool, and Hull City in recent months and on all three of those occasions we have ended up getting nothing

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run in the league.

We have had a tendency to perform well in big games this season. We have played well against Southampton, Crystal Palace and Norwich this season and we know that we will have to match those past performances this evening to give ourselves a chance of collecting maximum points tonight.

from these games.

The manner in which we conceded the goals on Tuesday night was particularly disappointing and we know we have to put this right quickly, if we want to give ourselves a chance of reaching the top six this season.

However, despite Tuesday's disap-

pointment, the squad refuses to give up on reaching the play-offs. I am sure many supporters went away from Kenilworth Road on Tuesday night believing that our hopes of reaching the play-offs have now gone, but with 36 points to play for, anything can happen.

It was good to see Sol Davis back on the pitch on Tuesday night and with Peter Holmes making a return, we are slowly starting to see a number of our key players back on the pitch. Hopefully it will not be long before we see the likes of Paul Underwood, Warren Feeney and Steve Robinson back in action as well.

We know we are a match for any team in this division but I am sure the neutrals watching tonight's game on television may make Reading favourites this evening. However, if we can play to our very best, then we know we can give ourselves a chance of picking up three vital points.

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Cherry Newbery



Cherry Newbery brings you news from around Kenilworth Road

Good evening and welcome to tonight's match with Reading, where we are especially pleased to welcome once again our friends from SKY TV.

It was only correct that Marlon Beresford's appeal against his sending off at Preston North End was upheld and he was able to play last Tuesday, although it doesn't seem right that on the day of a match a player is kept in limbo – not know knowing whether he can play or not. Unfortunately, that was not the end of the matter either, as Marlon has now been charged with, 'An incident outside the jurisdiction of match officials but reported to the Football Association under FA Rule E3'. This relates to his general behaviour and we again have had to go through the procedure of advising The Football Association of our intention to appeal. This appeal had to be completed by 6.00pm last Wednesday and then by

6:00pm on Thursday, all statements and evidence, together with the video and a £100 fee had to be with The Football Association. The Disciplinary Commission will sit next Tuesday 21st February to consider the evidence.

Supporters will this evening have been given an application form for the Luton Town Supporters Lottery, which aims to raise funds for the Club's youth department – the cost is only £2 per week, and there are some great prizes to be won, plus you will be supporting our youth of tomorrow. Our thanks to Mel Westwood, and the members of the Boys Brigade, who have helped us distribute the application forms today. If you do decide to join the lottery, just fill in the form which members of the Boys Brigade will be happy to collect from you at half time.

Whilst it does seem a long time since we played a home Pontin's Holidays Combination match here

at Kenilworth Road, our next home game is this coming Tuesday 21st February against Oxford United, kick-off at 2.00pm

Just a reminder that with the match this evening, both the ticket office and club shop will be closed tomorrow – like a lot of the staff at the club, they will need the break this weekend after two home matches in four days.

Enjoy the game and as always get behind the team

Cherry





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Community News



Football in the Community Officer STUART SMITH looks back at the early success of the Football In The Community Soccer Schools



Good evening and welcome to tonight's game. As I write this page I am secure in the knowledge that our holiday courses continue to go from strength to strength. Over the three days of our Barnfield course our smallest one day attendance has been 97 and our highest 130. Numbers for our courses at Farley Hill and Barton are also looking good. The plan now is to build on this base with additional holiday courses in and around the Bedford area in the second half of 2006.

With the evenings starting to brighten up and the clocks due to change in the not to distant future, I thought it was time to set up our next batch of Barnfield College Thursday Evening Soccer Schools. We are circulating leaflets to all local schools and are expecting a big take up with early evidence that we might have in excess of 100 children their every week. So book early to avoid disappointment.

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ENJOY THE GAME
Stuart Smith

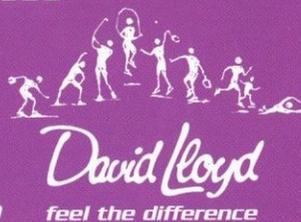


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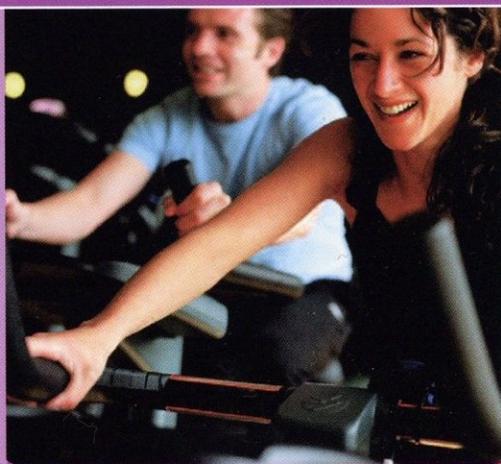


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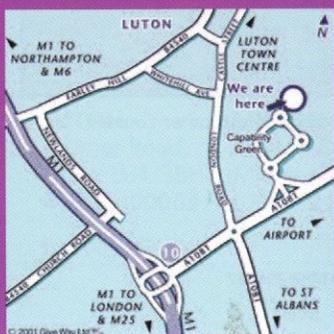
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READING

What a season it has been for Reading Football Club. With Premiership football beckoning, Steve Coppell's team will be hoping to extend their unbeaten run at Kenilworth Road this evening having not been beaten in the league since the opening day of the season



READING FC FACTFILE



READING FC

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Ground Capacity: 24,200

Most League Goals: Ronnie Blackman, 158, 1947-54

Most Capped Player: Jimmy Quinn, 17 (46), Northern Ireland

Most League Appearances: Martin Hicks, 500, 1978-91

The Royals have had an impressive season under the managerial eye of ex-Manchester United legend and England international Steve Coppell, having only lost three matches this season (only one in the league). With a plethora of wins under their belt, the Royals deservedly head the league with the promise of automatic promotion to the Premiership.

Throughout this season, Reading have played consistent football with plenty of flair and skill, along with the determination of relentless football to see them notch up plenty of goals. It's probably fair to say then, that Luton will be hard pressed to grab a much needed three points to keep them within the play-off contention.

Young striker, Leroy Lita is one man to watch today. The little dynamo was Reading's record £1 million signing in the summer of 2005 and has earned his keep by putting plenty of balls into the back of the net. Another striker to watch is the young Irishman Kevin Doyle. Like Lita, Doyle has played Under-21 international football and if they progress to the level of football they are capable of, both may be international hopefuls of the future.

In midfield, the experienced, gifted and skillful Englishman Glenn Little will no doubt push forward against our defence, as will Bobby Convey. The young American has had an impressive career from a tender age and is a consistent and versatile player.

In defence, Senegalese Ibrahima Sonko will put up some tough opposition for Luton's Steve Howard. Sonko is a tall, talented player with good aerial ability and is a long throw specialist.

Defender, Graeme Murty is the elder statesman of the squad, having joined the Royals in 1998. Popular with Royal's fans, the talented Scottish international plays right back, and holds the position of team captain.

Impressive goalkeeper Marcus Hahnemann, an American international, has an excellent record this season and with his acrobatic skills and ability in the box he proved equal to the challenge them out when called upon.

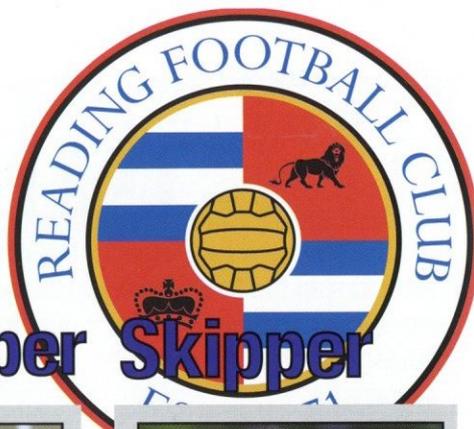
Tonight's game should prove a fantastic spectacle for the Sky cameras, with both teams in need of the points this is bound to be a thrilling encounter, filled with attacking football.

Dangerman: James Harper

James chose Arsenal over West Ham at a very early age, and stayed at Highbury for almost 10 years. Under Arsene Wenger's guidance he trained alongside greats like Henry, Bergkamp, Pires, Vieira & Anelka and was on the bench for a Champions League game. He was also due to play in both the Champions League and Worthington Cup but unfortunately picked up an injury. He was loaned to Cardiff for a month in December 2000, playing three games and picking up a red card along the way, ending his loan early. He then turned down the offer of a further two years at Highbury to move to Reading on a permanent basis, and scored on his home debut against Rotherham with a sweet shot from outside the box. In his next game he won man of the match from Sky TV's Chris Kamara as the Royals defeated play-off rivals Wigan 1-0. James stayed in the team for the rest of the season, but the campaign ended unfortunately with a play-off final defeat to Walsall. He made 24(7) appearances in the next season as the Royals secured promotion, scoring once. He was left out of the squad for the deciding match away at Brentford and on a personal note it was a disappointing end to a stop-start campaign for him.



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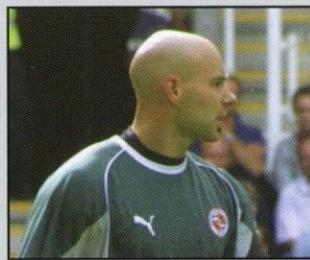


Goalkeeper Skipper



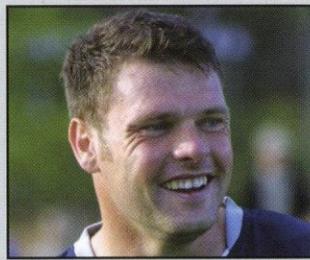
Steve Coppel

In 1984 Coppel became manager of Crystal Palace. At 29 years of age he was the youngest manager in the Football League. Under his management, the team won promotion to the top division through the play-offs in 1989. Palace stayed in the top flight for four seasons, and also reached the FA Cup Final in 1990, losing to Manchester United. Their semi-final victory over Liverpool perhaps made up for the 9-0 drubbing that they had received in a league match at Anfield early in the season. The following season, Crystal Palace finished in third place, their highest ever league finish, and won their first major trophy, the Full Members Cup. The club's fortunes declined after that, and in 1993 Coppel resigned after they were relegated from the Premiership, albeit with the most points ever for a relegated club. Coppel returned to Crystal Palace in 1995 as Director of Football, before leaving to become manager of Manchester City, a job that he would quit after only six games. In 1997 he returned to Palace again, securing another promotion via the play-offs, and he remained in charge of the club for the first seven months of the 1997/98 season. A boardroom takeover led to his resignation and the club being relegated again. January 1999 saw Coppel once again return to Crystal Palace. By that time the club had severe financial problems, and he could do no more than maintain league position. In mid-2000 Simon Jordan bought the club and Coppel left. He was appointed manager of Brentford in 2001, and took them to the Division Two play-off final in 2002 after they had narrowly missed out on automatic promotion. Coppel left Brentford in late 2002 to manage Brighton, then struggling in Division One, but although their performance improved they were relegated at the end of the season. In October 2003, Coppel was appointed manager of Reading. In the 2005/2006 season, Reading are currently leaders of the Championship, and haven't lost in 31 league games, their only defeat coming on the opening day of the season.



Marcus Hahnemann

Seattle-born American international 'keeper who signed for the Royals in August 2002 on a free transfer after leaving Fulham. He previously enjoyed a highly successful loan during the 2001/2 promotion season, keeping four clean sheets in a six-game unbeaten spell. His international career spans nine years, but he has only four caps after facing stiff competition from the likes of Tim Howard, Kasey Keller and Brad Friedel. Marcus joined Fulham from Colorado Rapids in 1999, with Paul Bracewell paying £80,000 to make him his first signing as Craven Cottage boss. Before the switch to England he had briefly trained with VfB Stuttgart in Germany. He only made four appearances for the Cottagers in two seasons, two in the League Cup and two at the end of their First Division title-winning 2000/1 season. After a loan at Rochdale, Alan Pardew signed the American as cover for the injured Phil Whitehead. Marcus was rewarded with a new contract until the summer of 2006, and he made 46 appearances as the season ended with a play-off defeat to Wolves. His form was rewarded with a first international cap in nine years as he played in a 2-1 friendly win against New Zealand in Richmond, VA, before being an unused part of the Confederations Cup squad. Marcus bears a stars and stripes tattoo on one arm so the call-up gave him immense pride.



Graeme Murty

Graeme can also operate as a right-sided midfielder but his last start there for Reading was some years ago. Murty began his career as a trainee with York in 1991, and played more than 120 games for the Minstermen, including an appearance in their legendary win over Manchester United in the Coca-Cola Cup, while he also scored the winner in a 3-2 victory over Everton in the same competition. He was signed by Tommy Burns in the summer that the Club left Elm Park for Madejski Stadium, and Burns predominantly bought him for use as a right-winger. Unfortunately that first year was plagued by injury as he made just 8(1) appearances. His next season was again punctuated by injury as he made 18(6) appearances, and early in the next season another injury kept him on the sidelines for around three months. Graeme was called up to the full Scotland squad for the game in Wales' Millennium Stadium on 19th February 2004, and he made his debut as a substitute for Gary Naysmith at half-time. The Scots lost 4-0 but Graeme performed very well and looked accomplished in his natural right-back position. He continued his good form for the Royals, and was called up for another international against Hungary but was an unused substitute at Hampden Park. He was on stand-by for friendlies with Estonia and Trinidad & Tobago but was surprisingly not selected even though regular right-back Jackie McNamara was absent. Made his 200th appearance in our August 2004 game at Sheffield United.

Defenders

Nicky Shorey

Cultured and skilful left-back who signed from Leyton Orient for just £25,000 in February 2001. Named our young player of the season in 2002/3 and is one of the most dependable and consistent performers at the Club. Surely one of the best left backs in the Football League, his left foot is a lethal weapon from free-kicks and corners, while he is among the best passers of the ball at Madejski Stadium. In September 2004 he signed a new contract with the Club to keep him at Madejski Stadium until 2007.

Ibrahima Sonko

Senegalese central defender who joined the Royals in the summer of 2004 on a Bosman-style free transfer from Brentford. He has captained his country's under 23s, and also played in an unofficial friendly for the full national team. A long-throw specialist who also pops up with the odd goal as well and is excellent in the air.

Ivar Ingimarsson

Imposing Icelandic central defender who was Steve Coppel's first signing as Reading manager when he moved to Madejski Stadium for £100,000 in October 2003, signing a two and a half-year deal. Equally at home in the centre of midfield, Ivar was a regular in his national team for a number of years before deciding to hang up his boots under the current management regime in September 2004. He was first linked with a move to Madejski Stadium in the summer of 2002 when he left Brentford to join Wolves, and he played under Steve Coppel at both Brentford and Brighton. He was second in the 2004/5 player of the season vote.

Chris Makin

Experienced full back who signed a one-year contract with the Royals in the summer of 2005 after leaving Leicester City. Began his career with Oldham Athletic, and played more than 100 times for the Boundary Park club, including many in the Premiership, while also enjoying a brief loan at Wigan early in his playing days. He left the north west to join French giants Marseille on a free, and spent a year in France before returning to England with a £500,000 move to Sunderland. After four years on wearisome he made a £1.4million move to Ipswich, and he enjoyed a productive three years at Portman Road before a free transfer to Leicester in 2004.

Midfielders

Steve Sidwell

Combative and skilful England under 21 midfielder who joined the Royals from Arsenal in January 2003 for an undisclosed fee. He became our youngest-ever captain at Leicester in December 2004, scoring a thunderous goal in a 2-1 win. Three months later he was voted the best player outside the Premiership in a poll for FourFourTwo magazine. He was very narrowly pipped to the 2003/4 player of the season vote after scoring nine goals in his first full season with the Club, and was named second in the vote for the best player of the calendar year 2004. As of the summer of 2004 the Royals have never lost when Steve scores, and he nets more than his fair share so this is an impressive record.

Glen Little

Right winger who moved to Madejski Stadium on a three-year deal in the summer of 2004 on a Bosman-style free transfer when his contract at Burnley expired. He came close to joining the Royals permanently at the end of the 2002/3 season after enjoying an impressive loan spell when he played seven games, scoring once. One of the most skilful and technically gifted players at the Club, he is also the loudest and currently holds the title of dressing room joker! Ricky Newman nicknamed him Blakey after the On The Buses character during their days together at Crystal Palace, and it has stuck ever since. Burnley turned down a bid of £3.5million for him from Manchester City in 2001, while in 1998 he helped set up Andy Payton for the first goal ever scored by an opposition player at Madejski Stadium.

Bobby Convey

American international who joined the Royals in July 2004 from DC United for an undisclosed fee widely reported to be in the region of \$1.5million. Predominantly a left winger, but can play at left back and has also been used in the centre of midfield for his country. Named the US Young Male Athlete Of The Year in 2002 and already had a superb international pedigree when he moved to Madejski Stadium although still only 21. He was initially set to move to England in the summer of 2003 when Tottenham tabled a bid of around £2million, but he was not able to secure a work permit. Spurs looked set to sign him again 12 months later, and it was said that he may then move to Madejski Stadium on loan but eventually a permanent deal with the Royals was agreed.

Stephen Hunt

Left-footed Irish under 21 international who can play anywhere on the left or up front. Joined on a Bosman-style free transfer in the summer of 2005 when his contract at Brentford expired. Technically gifted with an eye for goal, he signed a one-year contract at Madejski Stadium.

Strikers

Leroy Lita

Congo-born striker who became the Club's record signing when he joined for £1million from Bristol City in the summer of 2005. Although only 20 when he signed for the Club, Leroy already had a very impressive goalscoring pedigree after registering 38 goals in just 51(49) appearances for the Robins. His reputation was also enhanced after he scored on his England under 21 debut against Holland in February 2005. He netted after coming on as a sub at Pride Park, and he was only in the squad as a late replacement. He began his career with Chelsea, playing alongside Johnny Mullins, but was released by the Stamford Bridge club as a youngster.

Dave Kitson

Imposing and skilful striker who moved to Madejski Stadium for £150,000 on Boxing Day December 2003 from Cambridge United. He quickly settled in to life at Reading, and was named our best player of the calendar year 2004, as well as the player of the season for 2004/5. His goal at Bradford was also voted the best strike of 2004. Dave was never associated with a professional club as a youngster, and stopped playing completely between the ages of 17 and 20 while working in Sainsbury's. He then joined a pub team and played in the centre of defence for them for 18 months before signing for non-League Arlesley Town. He initially played for them in the centre of midfield, but injuries forced him to be switched up front and he never looked back.

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Classic Match

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



□ Action in the Reading goalmouth as the Town try to force their way through.

The Hatters started off the new millennium with a bang when beating Scunthorpe 4-1 at Kenilworth Road on 3rd January 2000 to cement a mid-table slot in Division Two.

Unfortunately, failure to win in the next two games, at Stoke and Blackpool, left manager Lennie Lawrence seething and stating that only a win in the forthcoming home game with Reading would do if the team was to sneak into the play-offs.

The Town would be without the suspended trio Matthew Spring, Matthew Taylor and Alan White for the visit of the Royals while Paul McLaren and Michael McIndoe were unfit and Efe Sodje was on international duty with Nigeria.

Surprisingly, despite spending a king's

ransom on players, Reading were at the wrong end of the table and were fighting to avoid a new club record of 13 games without a win unless they won at Kenilworth Road.

Makeshift Luton, with only Phil Gray amongst the 16 costing a penny, made most of the early running and took a deserved lead on 18 minutes when centre-half Julian Watts fired in after Gary Doherty had headed Adam Locke's free kick across goal.

This was Watts' first goal for the club but he was soon in action at the other end when throwing himself in the way of efforts from Nicky Forster and Keith Scott.

Despite several good attempts the Town could not earn the cushion of a two goal lead and soon after the interval Darren Caskey levelled for the visi-

tors against the run of play.

The correct order of things was soon restored when Liam George showed tremendous control to bring down a cross from Stuart Douglas before swivelling and shooting past Scott Howie in the Reading goal.

Reading then pushed up desperate to prevent their unwanted record and Luton goalkeeper Nathan Abbey needed to make a cool one-on-one save to deny Scott a second equaliser.

Gaps were now appearing in the Reading rearguard as they pressed forward but the Town were not able to take advantage with Andrew Fotiadis, Andre Scarlett and Douglas all guilty of poor final passes on the break.

The game was finally made safe in the last minute when George, looking off-side, latched on to through ball from Gray and netted with ease.

"I was absolutely delighted with them," said Lennie Lawrence afterwards. "The squad was tested like never before this season. It encourages me greatly when I consider who wasn't playing."

Sadly, the Town could not maintain this form and finished up in mid-table, but at least they had laid the Reading bogey to bed with their first win over the Royals at Kenilworth Road since 1970!

Luton Town: Abbey, Boyce, Watts, Doherty, Johnson, George, Locke, McGowan, Gray, Douglas (Fotiadis), Scarlett.

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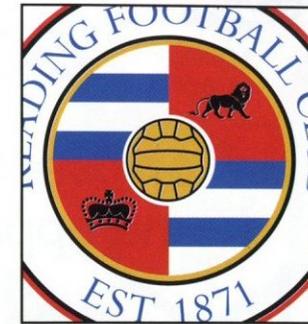
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Match Guide

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

Head 2 Head



Dean Morgan v Graeme Murty

Dean Morgan will undoubtedly be looking to impress this evening as he goes up against his former side and, as a player who likes to venture forward, Reading skipper Graeme Murty could be in for a busy day.

Morgan has been in and out of the Luton side this season and, when involved, does provide the Hatters with natural width of the left side of midfield. The midfielder, who can also play in attack, has shown his ability in front of goal with some spectacular strikes including a wonder goal in the 3-2 win over Southampton. His attacking flair could cause Reading some problems.

Club captain and Scottish international right-back Graeme Murty is the longest serving player at the Madejski Stadium after signing from York City in the summer of 1998 for an initial fee of £700,000. Murty has enjoyed a terrific season for the Royals. The Reading skipper has twice been named the fans' official player of the season, picking up awards in the 2001/2 promotion season and in the 2003/4 campaign. He was also voted website top player for the calendar year in 2001 and selected in the 2001/2 PFA Division Two team of the season.



Dean Morgan in action against Reading earlier this season

Luton will be looking for their first victory over Reading since January 2000 when goals from Julian Watts and a brace from Liam George helped The Hatters to a 3-1 victory at Kenilworth Road.

In the five games since that fixture, Luton have only managed to claim one draw when in April 2001 a James Harper own goal helped cancel out a strike from Martin Butler.

Reading have enjoyed recent success over Luton, which have included two League Cup victories, whilst also notching up a 3-0 victory in the

league earlier this season.

In 1970, Luton hit Reading for five with Malcolm MacDonald firing a memorable hat-trick, in a season which saw The Hatters gain promotion from Division Three.

Luton's biggest win over the Berkshire side came in 1921 as The Hatters recorded a 6-0 victory. Luton also fired six again in 1932.

This fixture could see a flurry of goals this evening. In the last 11 meetings, eight games have seen three or more goals scored.

FORM GUIDE

Luton: W, W, L, L, D
Luton 3 Cardiff 3
Preston 5 Luton 1
Luton 2 Hull 3
Sheff Wed 0 Luton 2
Luton 2 QPR 0

FORM GUIDE

Reading: W, W, L, W, D
Sheffield Utd 0 Reading 0
Reading 2 Southampton 0
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HEAD 2 HEAD

Luton Wins: 19 (17 league, 2 cups)
Reading Wins: 21 (19 league, 2 cups)
Draws: 8

LAST FIVE MEETINGS:

Reading 3 Luton 0, Championship, 03/12/05
Reading 1 Luton 0, League Cup, 20/09/05
Reading 4 Luton 0, League Cup, 21/08/01
Luton 1 Reading 1, League One, 03/04/01
Reading 4 Luton 1, League One, 23/12/00

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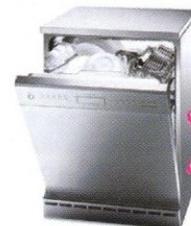


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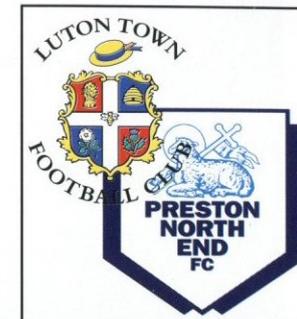
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Match Action



STEVEN DOVE reports from Deepdale as Luton fall to their heaviest league defeat of the season at the hands of high-flying Preston

PRESTON 5 LUTON 1

Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



When it was 2-1 we were still in the game because we were creating chances. We had chances just after half time so I was disappointed with the way the game ended. Preston have been one of the better sides we have played this season and at the end of the day we were outplayed. When you get beat 5-1 it is very hard to find any pluses and we are always looking for a bit more from our players whatever happens."



Steve Howard in the thick of the action at Deepdale

Four goals in the last eight minutes gave this game a thrilling ending for the Preston fans who celebrated their highest win of the season against the last team to beat them.

Lewis Neal made it 1-0 to Preston after 20 minutes following a long ball by Youl Mawene was flicked on by David Nugent and Neal beat Markus Heikkinen before hitting a 15-yard shot into the bottom corner of the net.

Chris Coyne went off injured after 41 minutes and was replaced by Leon Barnett before Nugent made double the home side's lead with a glancing header into the bottom right-hand corner of the net after a Chris Sedgwick cross.

In 82nd minute, Ahmet Brkovic had a shot which hit the bar and the ball unluckily hit Preston defender Tyrone Mears on the back and went into the net for an own goal.

However, Mears went up the other end and scored to restore Preston's two goal advantage a minute later from a Patrick Agyemang cross.

Simon Whaley was booked for a foul on Kevin Foley and then Mears raced through again and lobbed Marlon Beresford but was brought down by the keeper.

The ball was cleared off the line but the referee award a penalty to Preston and sent off the Luton keeper.

Kevin Nicholls had to go into goal for Luton as all the substitutes had been used and the Hatters skipper was helpless as Sedgwick took the penalty to make it 4-1.

Three minutes were added and Preston had time for another goal when Claude Davis hit the rebound from Mears' shot, which Nicholls could only parry into the back of the net to make it 5-1.

LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



PRESTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



MATCH FACTS

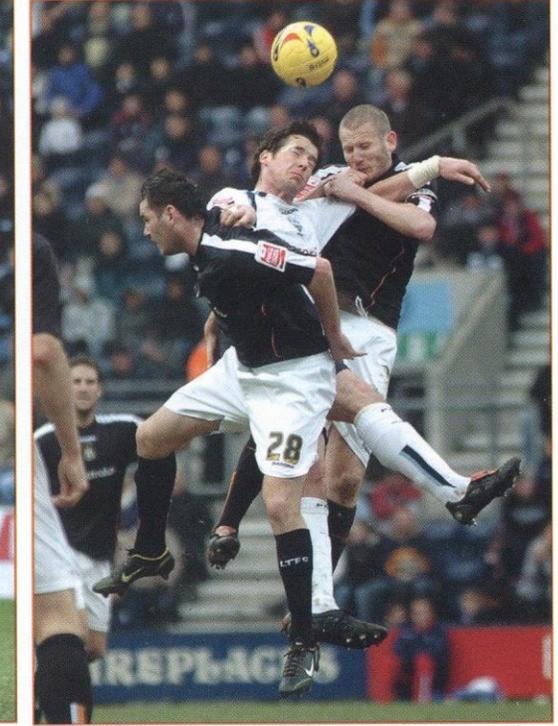
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Goals :	5	1
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Off Target :	4	2
Corners :	7	7
Fouls :	15	15
Most Fouls :	Locketti (3)	Vine (6)
Yellow Cards :	2	2
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Scorers :	Neal 20 Nugent 53 Mears 84 Sedwick 90 (pen) Davis 90 + 3	Maeers 82 (og)



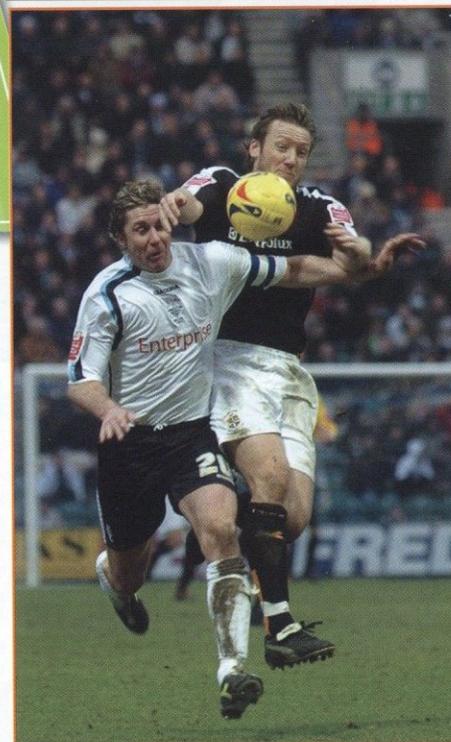
□ Rowan Vine tries to gain control from Youl Mawene



□ Leon Barnett almost finds the bck of the net but Preston goalkeeper Carlo Nash makes a vital save



□ David Bell and Kevin Nicholls sandwich a Preston player



□ Chris Locketti and Steve Howard battle for the ball



□ Kevin Nicholls tries his luck from distance



□ Rowan Vine loses out in this battle





League Round-Up

GEOFF KNOXS looks at the current managerial transfer merry-go-around sweeping the Championship

After months of relative calm in the boardrooms around the Championship, the managerial merry-go-round has threatened to spin out of control over the last few weeks.

Confusion still reigns on who's in charge at some clubs, as caretaker-managers, senior players and coaches all have hands on the pump to keep their season's afloat.

An indifferent season to a manager is a sinking ship to a chairman, and

QPR's second campaign of consolidation since their promotion from League One has obviously fallen short of Gianni Paladini's expectations for the West London club.

The bizarre chain of events that resulted in Ian Holloway's 'departure' from QPR is a great advert for club chairmen to resort to the more traditional methods of the illegal approach, or tapping up.

After being approached in a most gentlemanly way by the Leicester

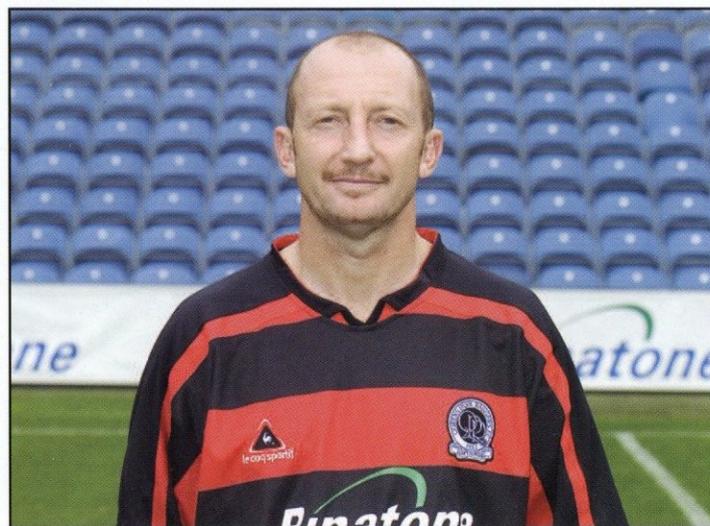
board for permission to speak to their manager, Paladini duly obliged and Holloway went along for a chat, seemingly aware that Leicester had also contacted a number of other clubs whose managers were also on their shortlist.

By the time he got back to the training ground, Paladini had been down to his local B&Q to purchase the finest gardening tools Spear and Jackson has to offer (real hardwood handles and a ten year guarantee), presented them to Holloway, sending him home and suspended him on full pay.

Let's hope that he doesn't live in an apartment block.

Seventies medallion man Frankie Valli once sang Grease is the Word in his chart-topping hit, although 'entrapment' would be far more appropriate in Paladini's case.

Reading between the lines (as in looking at words, not tonight's opponents) Holloway and QPR did seem to be coming to the end of the Central Line, as the Hoops fans' currently unrealistic expectations of a return to the Premiership had mani-



Ian Holloway has been placed on 'gardening leave' from Queens Park Rangers



Billy Davies was one of a number of names linked to the Leicester City job.

festated itself as terrace unrest. The synergy between man and club may not have been quite as apparent this year compared to recent seasons, although a lack of funds to strengthen the squad hasn't helped Holloway's cause.

A recent call from QPR's honorary Life President and major investor, the former director Harold Winton, for a change of manager has also nailed the coffin lid shut (with a Stanley hammer, combining modern style with strength and durability). Ian Holloway's often bizarre post-match comments have lit up the Championship on many a weekend over the past few years, and we'd hope to see him back in the game soon, if not on Ground Force.

Meanwhile, Leicester City's recruitment agency has finally been brought to heel as caretaker-manager Rob Kelly's three wins out of three since Craig Levein's departure did not go unnoticed by the club's Chief Executive Tim Davies, thus bringing closure to a wanted list that was

longer than Peter Crouch's trousers. Apart from Holloway's moniker, there was Preston's Billy Davies, Brentford's Martin Allen, Burnley's Steve Cotterill, Notts County's Gudjon Thordarson and Celtic's Neil Lennon who were the other names scribbled in biro on the not-so-shortlist that were currently employed by other clubs. Have I missed anyone out?

Taking into account the plethora of candidates who would also have applied for the job at the Walkers Stadium, it's no mean feat what Rob Kelly has achieved under the difficult circumstances.

Derby County are also in the hunt for a new manager, as they relieved Phil Brown of his duties after a run of poor results saw them slip perilously close to the relegation zone. The cash-strapped Rams, with reported debts of £44m, are currently involved in a takeover bid by former Derby director and property developer Peter Gadsby, so all efforts to install a new manager

seem to have been put on hold. Ex-Luton manager Terry Westley is the academy coach at Pride Park, and for the second time in his career finds himself at the helm of a struggling second division side, as he's been asked to do the caretaker-manager's job until a suitable application is received. Westley hasn't quite had the impact on his side that Rob Kelly has enjoyed at their midlands rivals, Leicester City, as his first three games in charge have yet to produce a goal - yielding just two points along the way.

Millwall also went down the try-'em-out-first road, as Colin Lee moved upstairs to take up a Director of Football role, leaving David Tuttle in the caretaker role, a position that was soon upgraded to a full-time role to at least the end of the season after he helped the Lions pick up eight points from a possible twelve over the Christmas period. Tuttle, the fourth man to manage Millwall in a year, still has a major job on his hands to keep them in the Championship, however, as they've once again resorted to their early season form. Millwall are without a win in their last seven games.

Managers, just like policemen, seem to be getting younger these days. Tuttle, at the tender age of 33, joins the likes Steve Cotterill and Adrian Boothroyd in the Championship thirty-something management club, escalating previous bright young things Iain Dowie, Micky Adams and our very own Mike Newell ever nearer to the pipe and slippers brigade.

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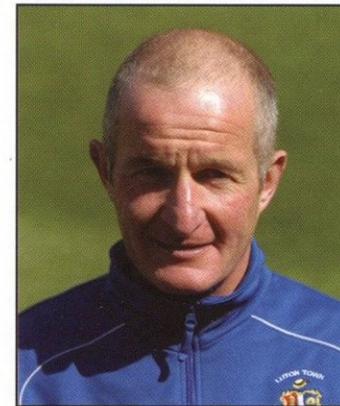


Head 2 Head

Head 2 Head



Our Head 2 Head competition moves into the second round phase with four competitors eyeing a place in the next round. Mark Ridgeway, Kevin Nicholls and Steve Robinson have all sealed their places in the next round of the competition, but who will join them. Dean Morgan and physiotherapist John Murray go head-to-head.



John beat Bob Catlin in round one

JOHN'S ANSWERS

1. Paul Gascoigne ✓
2. Kieth Burkingshaw ✗
3. Is it Egypt? ✗
4. Cambridge ✓
5. Leyton Orient ✓
6. I know Arsenal is one but I'm not sure who else ✗
7. I know Croatia is one but I can't think of any other team ✗
8. Indirect free-kick ✓
9. QPR ✓
10. West Ham ✓

Score **6/10**

QUESTIONS

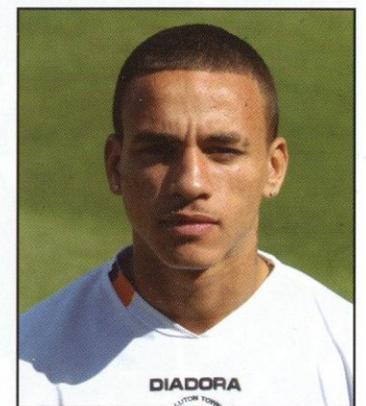
1. Which former England international was recently sacked as manager by non-league Kettering Town?
2. Which manager signed current Jurgen Kilinsmann at his first spell at Tottenham?
3. Australia beat which country in a two-legged play-off to reach the 2006 World Cup Finals?
4. Where did striker Dion Dublin start his career?
5. Which club play their home fixtures at Brisbane Road?
6. Other than Chelsea and Manchester United, who are the only other two teams to have won the Premiership?
7. Name any three countries which have been drawn in the same qualifying group as England for the 2008 European Championship?
8. What should a referee give if a goalkeeper picks up a pass from one of his own players inside the penalty area?
9. Which of the following clubs has Tony Cottee never played for - Everton, West Ham, Leicester City or QPR?
10. Which club did Harry Redknapp manage before his first spell at Portsmouth?

Answers: 1. Paul Gascoigne, 2. Ossie Ardiles, 3. Uruguay, 4. Cambridge United, 5. Leyton Orient, 6. Arsenal and Blackburn, 7. Croatia, Russia, Estonia, Macedonia, Andorra, 8. An indirect free-kick, 9. QPR, 10. West Ham

SECOND ROUND DRAW

Mark Ridgeway W/O Curtis Davies
Marlon Beresford 8 v 9 Kevin Nicholls
Steve Robinson 8 v 7 Kevin Foley
Dean Morgan 8 v 6 John Murray
Rowan Vine v Peter Holmes

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



Dean beat Carlos Edwards in round one

DEAN'S ANSWERS

1. Paul Gascoigne ✓
2. Ossie Ardiles ✓
3. Uruguay ✓
4. Manchester United ✗
5. Leyton Orient ✓
6. Blackburn and Arsenal ✓
7. Haven't got a clue ✗
8. An indirect free-kick ✓
9. QPR ✓
10. West Ham ✓

Score **8/10**



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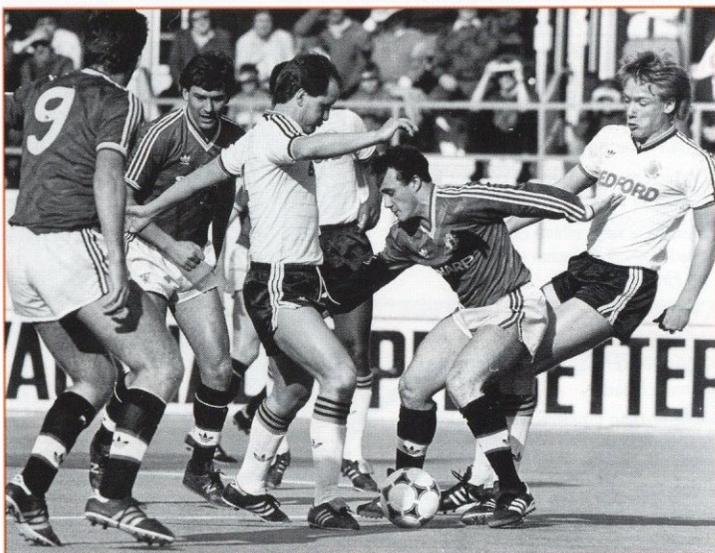
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Roger Wash

**1986
1987**

From the 1986-87 season, Roger Wash looks back at a year when the Town appointed a new management team, introduced a members only scheme, were banned from the Littlewoods Cup but still finished in seventh spot in the top flight.



Dancing on the carpet. Peter Nicholas and Stacey North keep out the Manchester United attack at Kenilworth Road.

The major bombshell to hit Kenilworth Road during the summer of 1986 was the resignation of manager David Pleat who decided to throw in his lot with Tottenham. If that was not enough the Town decided to implement a card carrying 'members-only' policy at the start of the campaign-the highly controversial away fans ban.

All this, plus the artificial surface laid the year before, confronted new Luton manager John Moore who had been promoted internally from his position of coach.

Moore brought in former Fulham man-

ager Ray Harford as his assistant and ex-playing colleague Jim Ryan as coach, and the new triumvirate presided over a Luton Town side that was going to prove difficult to beat even though, with the long term absence of the injured Mick Harford and David Preece, it was not likely to score too many goals.

The away fans ban was strictly enforced at the start of the season but the first real test came when the draw for the Littlewoods Cup paired the Town at home to Cardiff City from Division Four.

The Football League had sanctioned the Town's experiment for league games but when it came to their cup competition they wished to invoke the rule that stated that 25% of the tickets had to be made available to the home side. The Town refused to relax their stance and so were thrown out of the competition.

The tide turned even more when the likes of Liverpool and Everton, the big two, started to moan that the artificial pitch was a huge advantage to the Town and when coupled with the ban on away supporters everything was going their way. The Merseyside giants carried large popular support and gradually the Town and their supporters came to be regarded as social pariahs.

These off field shenanigans did not seem to affect the players and a 4-1 home win over Liverpool, the current League champions, in October with Mike Newell, taking over the goalscoring mantle in the absence of the injured Mick Harford, netting a hat-trick

The Liverpool victory made the headlines for all the right reasons and moved the talk away from pitches and away supporters and on to the quality of the Town's football. The game prefaced a run of four straight wins as the Town pushed up the table to a top ten spot that they maintained to the end of the season, eventually finishing seventh the highest in the club's history. It

LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1) Everton	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

could have been even higher but for a surprise defeat at the hands of Oxford at Kenilworth Road in the penultimate game.

The club had been worried that the F.A. would go the same way as the Football League in insisting that they allocate a quarter of the available tickets to away supporters in the event of a home draw in the F.A.Cup. The F.A. were rather more flexible, however, and the Town responded by allowing a couple of hundred Liverpool supporters into the main stand when the two clubs came out of the hat together in the third round. Liverpool had thought they had seen the last of the Town that season and came to Luton and shut up shop hoping for a replay which they duly won.

On the day of the replay the Town, having heard of bad weather threatening

the roads in the north, decided to fly but on reaching Heathrow found that there were no flights out because of the weather. They were stranded without a chance of getting to Anfield in time and the game had to be postponed despite the pitch being perfectly playable.

Liverpool, and in particular manager Kenny Dalglish, were scathing in their criticism of the unprofessional Town who, of course, should have made arrangements to travel up the day before. When the game was eventually replayed the Town were really up against it with a highly critical, vociferous home support to contend with plus the might of the best team in the land. That they held out for 120 minutes to force a second replay speaks volumes for the resolve of the players and made John Moore, who was thinking of resigning after the debacle of the

Elsewhere in football

- ❖ Everton win the League championship for the second time in three years, finishing 11 points ahead of runners-up Liverpool.
- ❖ Arsenal beat Liverpool in the final of the Littlewoods (League) Cup.
- ❖ Unfancied Coventry lift the

F.A.Cup after overcoming David Pleat's Tottenham in the final.

❖ Sunderland are relegated to Division Three for the first time in their history while Bolton are relegated to Division Four where they will meet another fallen giant, Wolves.

❖ Glasgow Rangers pay £600,000 for Chris Woods of Norwich, a new British fee for a goalkeeper.

❖ Former Luton manager, Harry Haslam, dies at the age of 65.

❖ Alex Ferguson takes over at Manchester United.

1986/87

Manager: John Moore

Top Scorer: Mike Newell

League Position: 7th

FA Cup: 4th Round

League Cup: Disqualified!

Memorable Match:
Vs Liverpool - W 4-1

postponement, a proud man.

The Town won the toss of the coin for choice of venue for the second replay and it was back to Kenilworth Road two days later. On a famous night under the floodlights the Town hammered Liverpool with Brian Stein proving that you could bend free-kicks on an artificial surface when giving the Town the lead, fit again Mick Harford netting from the spot after Stein was tripped and Newell again with a piledriver following Steve Foster's opening. Although a tired Town went out to Q.P.R. after a replay, in the next round everyone eventually looked back on a highly successful season which came against all the odds.

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Luton head into the capital after their trip to Leeds when Millwall are our opponents. All your travel information to the New Den can be found right here.

BY ROAD: There are number of ways of getting to the ground, but the most straightforward, if not the shortest in distance is to follow the A2 into London from Junction 2 of the M25. The A2 actually passes the ground. Once you go past New Cross Gate tube station on your right the ground is about a mile further on. The only awkward bit is about half way in-between New Cross Gate and the ground where the road splits into two. Keep to the right following the signs A2 City/Westminster. You will come to the ground on your right.

BY RAIL: There are two tube stations that are about 15-20 minutes walk

away from the ground. Surrey Quays & New Cross Gate, both on the East London Line.

MATCHDAY PARKING: Street parking can be found on the small estate on your left just past the ground. There are no sizeable car parks around the ground

AROUND THE GROUND: There are bars at the back of the stands that serve alcohol as well as some decent food such as chicken and chips.

WHAT'S IT LIKE FOR VISITING SUPPORTERS: Away fans are located at one end of the ground in the North Stand (usually in the upper tier only). Around 4,000 away fans can be accom-

modated in this end. Like the general improvement in football, a trip to Millwall is not as threatening as it once was. However, it is hardly a relaxing day out and I found the Den to be quite intimidating. The large police presence at the match I attended did nothing to dampen this feeling. I would advise that you exercise caution around the ground and not to wear club colours. The most popular method of travel for away fans to the Den, is by official club coach. The Police are well drilled in dealing with the coaches and once inside the ground you will generally find the stewards helpful & friendly.

BY COACH WITH TOWN ON TOUR: Departs from Luton at 11:00am. The fare for LTSC members is £11 for adult members, £10 for concessions and £13 for non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk.

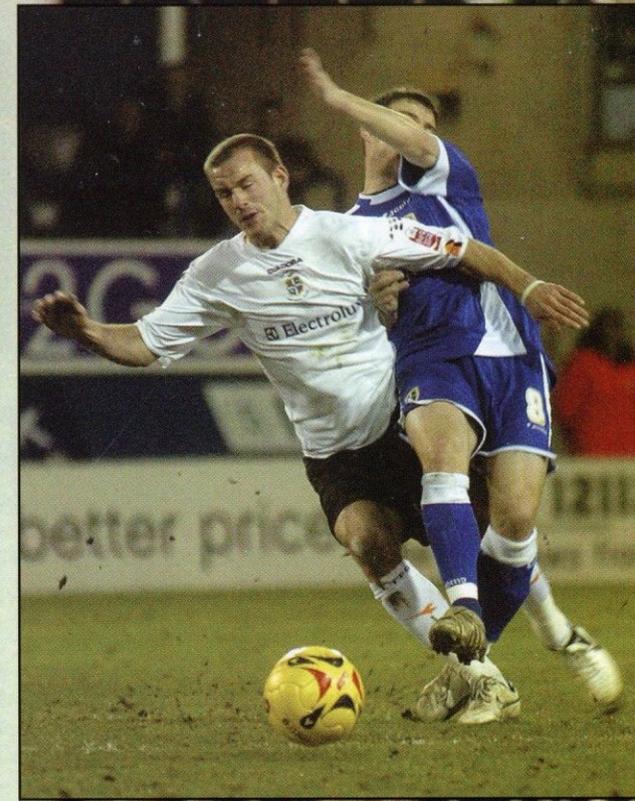
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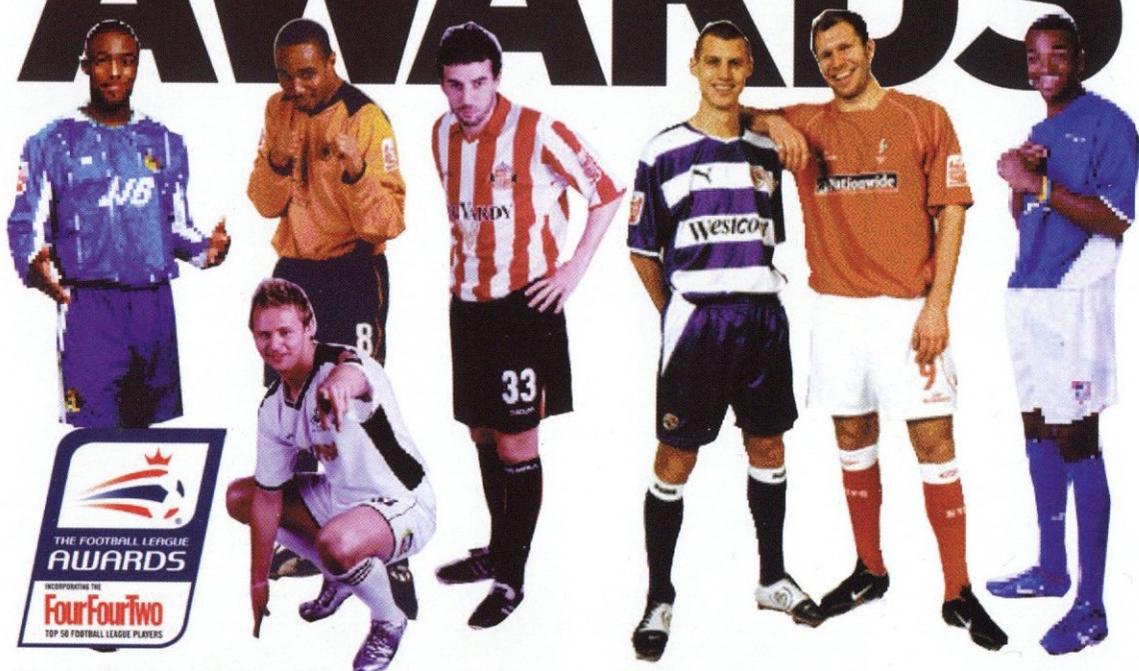
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Darren Bent and Nathan Ellington are banging in goals in the Premiership. Jimmy Bullard and Teddy Sheringham are playing starring roles for their newly-promoted clubs. And Reading's Steve Sidwell is on course to be gracing the top flight next season.

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- ★ Goal of the Year
- ★ Most Admired Club
- ★ Community Club of the Year

- ★ Fan of the Year
- ★ Best Club Sponsorship
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- ★ Contribution To Football Award

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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.



In the Media

In the Media



ANDY MACKENZIE, Luton News' Football correspondent, brings you the latest gossip from within the local media

As the latest drama at Luton Town has proved, there's never a dull moment at Kenilworth Road.

Never mind the ups and downs on the field over the years with promotions and relegations scattered between cup success and pain, off the pitch there has been more than enough to keep Hatters fans on the edge of their seats.

goings it's all happened at this historic club.

That's why I've got to say again how much of a pleasure it is to be covering the goings on at Luton Town for *The Luton News*, *The Dunstable Gazette* and *The Herald&Post*.

A football reporter's job is probably expected to primarily cover performances on the field of play – and there have been many impressive

for a new ground are just some of the issues that have got fans – and the national press – talking.

All Luton supporters will have friends, workmates and family that live in the area and yet who choose to follow 'more fashionable' teams like Chelsea, Arsenal and Spurs.

Get them down to Kenilworth Road sometime soon and they'll soon realise what they're missing out on!

“A football reporter's job is probably expected to primarily cover performances on the field of play - and there have been many impressive displays to write about over the past three seasons”

As always, The News-Gazette will continue to bring you the best coverage of matches with after game statistics graphics, a Player Watch feature, Minutes That Mattered panel and interviews with the players involved in the action.

The Herald&Post will keep providing weekend previews and further analysis and you can be assured that both titles will do their utmost to keep fans up-to-date on the behind-the-scenes developments at the club.

And don't forget to log on to our website, www.lutontoday.co.uk for match reports and team news and for breaking stories after our titles have hit the streets on a Wednesday and Thursday.

And last week's announcement that Mike Newell is remaining at Luton was another nail-biting period for long-suffering Town followers.

But of course Hatters supporters are well used to these sorts of occurrences.

From plastic pitches to away fan bans, from membership schemes to experiences of hooliganism and from periods of administration to the inevitable managerial comings and

displays to write about over the past three seasons.

However, there have also been plenty of other subjects to delve into away from the park during the same period.

The outlandishness of unpopular former owner John Gurney, the fight to take the club out of administrative receivership, the views of the club's manager on bungs in the game and the seemingly never-ending search

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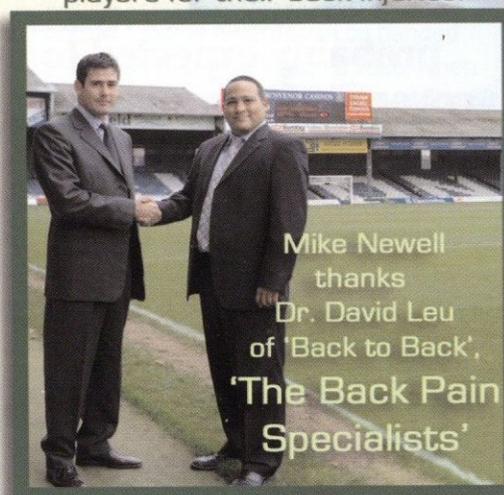
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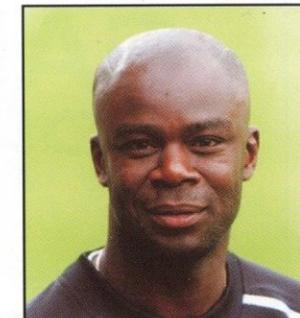
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MARVIN JOHNSON looks back at his side's fantastic win over Brentford as the Londoners were hit for seven.

**Brentford 1
Luton Town 7**
(Sinclair x 2, Deeney x 2, Preston, McGuinness, Hamilton)

Saturday 11th February 2006
Youth Alliance League

Luton's youngsters bounced back to winning ways in emphatic style as Marvin Johnson's side thumped Brentford 7-1 in the Football League Youth Alliance Division.

Stuart Sinclair (2), David Deeney (2), Russell Preston, Jamie McGuinness and Dean Hamilton got the goals as the youngsters recorded their biggest win of the season at the weekend.

Sinclair had given the home-side an early lead but Brentford were back on level terms before the Hatters added three more to their tally to take a 4-1 lead at the half time interval.

Johnson said: "The lads have probably played better overall but I must give credit, where credit is due because this was the first time they have played professionally, the way I want them to play.

"When we went 4-1 up at half-time they went out in the second half and

matched the performance from the first half which is a hard thing to get from younger players.

"We played the second half like it was 0-0 and our finishing was ruthless at times. We created a few chances as we usually do in games, but we took our fair share of those chances this week, which we don't always tend to do.

"The Brentford side wasn't too dissimilar from the one that beat us 1-0 earlier in the season at our place and the attitude and the commitment from my players was spot on.

"To get credit from the opposition manager is always nice and he was very complimentary of the way we played. He spoke very highly of the lads and I know we can play well but inconsistency has really let us down this season."

The win took Luton into fourth place in the Youth Alliance Division and the youngsters will be hoping to continue the winning momentum when Northampton are the visitors to Newlands Road on Saturday, 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	W 7-1
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	14	11	3	0	39	9	36
QPR	14	8	2	4	32	25	26
Rushden	11	6	3	2	24	15	21
LUTON	14	6	1	7	22	20	19
Brentford	14	6	1	7	27	38	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
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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The Greatest

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



Name: Gary Waite

Date of Birth: 27th April 1975

Occupation: Security Officer

Years following Luton: 24

Where do you sit: Main Stand Enclosure

First Match: Luton v Watford on the 26th April 1986 - we won 3-2 with Mick Harford scoring a hat-trick.

Memorable Match:

It has to be Luton v Derby when Scott Oakes ran half the pitch to score a wonderful goal. That goal and the match always stands out for me as one to remember. Another memorable game for me is the FA Cup quarter-final match against West Ham

Goalkeeper

1. Les Sealey

Good old Les Sealey - the ever dependable goalkeeper whose vocal chords could be heard for miles. A real character of the footballing world who is now sadly missed.

Left-Back

2. Matthew Taylor

Electrifying pace, skillful on the ball and the ability to shoot from range, Matthew was a joy to watch and provided a number of classic moments

Right-Back

3. Paul Telfer

I know Paul was primarily a midfielder but I wanted my team to be an attacking 11. Dependable, solid and skillful, Paul was a hard working player who always gave everything to the Luton cause.

Centre-Back

4. Curtis Davis

One of the best young players that have risen through the ranks at Kenilworth Road. Solid and a tough tackler, Curtis enjoyed an outstanding season during our League One title success.

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 Donaghy.

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.

Left-Midfield

7. Scott Oakes

His hat-trick against West Ham was his ultimate highlight but there was so much more to his game. Scott Oakes was quick on the ball and liked to get forward and developed into a talented player during his stay at Kenilworth Road

Centre-Midfield

8. Brian Stein

Brian Stein = Legend. Our current First Team Coach was a joy to watch as a player and scored some memorable goals. So much can be said about Brian but there is so little space to write them all down.

Centre-Forward

9. Mick Harford

Mick Harford's hat-trick against Watford, in my first game at Kenilworth Road, saw him become my instant Luton hero. There is only one Mick Harford, which is a shame because how I would love to see him back in a Hatters shirt scoring goals at ease like he did

Centre-Midfield

10. Jean Louis Valois

He may have only been with us for one season but Jean Louis Valois was a fantastic player and his goal against Torquay will be talked about for many years by the younger generation of supporter. Would love to have seen more of the French player at Kenilworth Road

Centre-Forward

11. Tony Thorpe

I think Tony Thorpe and Mick Harford would have made a fantastic strike partnership. Tony was quick in and around the box, possessed a fantastic shot and a superb finisher of the ball.

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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STORMING START

Keith Keane experienced an incident packed first league start of the season against Hull recently. The Luton defender talks about the game against The Tigers whilst also reflecting on his international aspirations with the Republic of Ireland Under-21 squad after receiving his first call-up to the squad earlier this season

Keith Keane was probably not expecting a quiet Championship debut during our recent fixture against Hull City but it was highly unlikely that youngster was anticipating such an incident packed game.

The talented Luton full-back made a dream start to his Championship bow when, after nine minutes, he got onto the end of Rowan Vine's cross to head Luton into the lead.

Keane, whose only other goal for the senior side came in a dramatic win over Bristol City in April 2004, made an impressive start in an unfamiliar role on the left side of Luton's defence and the 19-year-old was delighted with his clinical finish.

"It was the best start I could have had," admitted Keane. "I never really get very far forward so to get up there and actually score was a bit of a shock to be honest. I thought the opportunity had gone at first, but when the ball came across I just tried my best to make the header and saw the ball go in.

"I didn't really know what to do to celebrate, but at least it was better than the last time I scored when I just jumped around like a headless chicken!"

However after Hull hit back to force themselves into the lead, Keane was involved in a controversial incident that led to The Tigers extending their advantage to 3-1. The youngster was seemingly impeded on the way to Hull hitting their third, which was eventually converted by Jon Parkin.

It was a goal that left manager Mike

“ It was a great feeling to be called up for the Under-21 side but now I have made the breakthrough, I want to try and keep my place in the squad. I know it is going to be a hard task but if Luton continue to do well I can force my way into the team then you never know what can happen ”

Newell particularly frustrated as the Luton boss was adamant that his player was fouled in the process.

Keane continued: "Personally I would say it was a foul, but at the end of the day it wasn't. Some people might say I should have done better there anyway.

"The Hull player didn't do me for pace, he pulled me off balance and that was what let him get away. The same sort of thing happened to me against Coventry but that's down to experience really - if I was playing week in week out then I'd be able to learn from those sorts of things and adapt to it."

Keane will not be involved in tonight's fixture as the defender is currently away with the Republic of Ireland Under-21 squad. He will be hoping to have the chance to impress the Irish coaches in the Tournament of Madeira after his debut chance earlier this season ended in disappointment.

Keane was handed a surprise call to

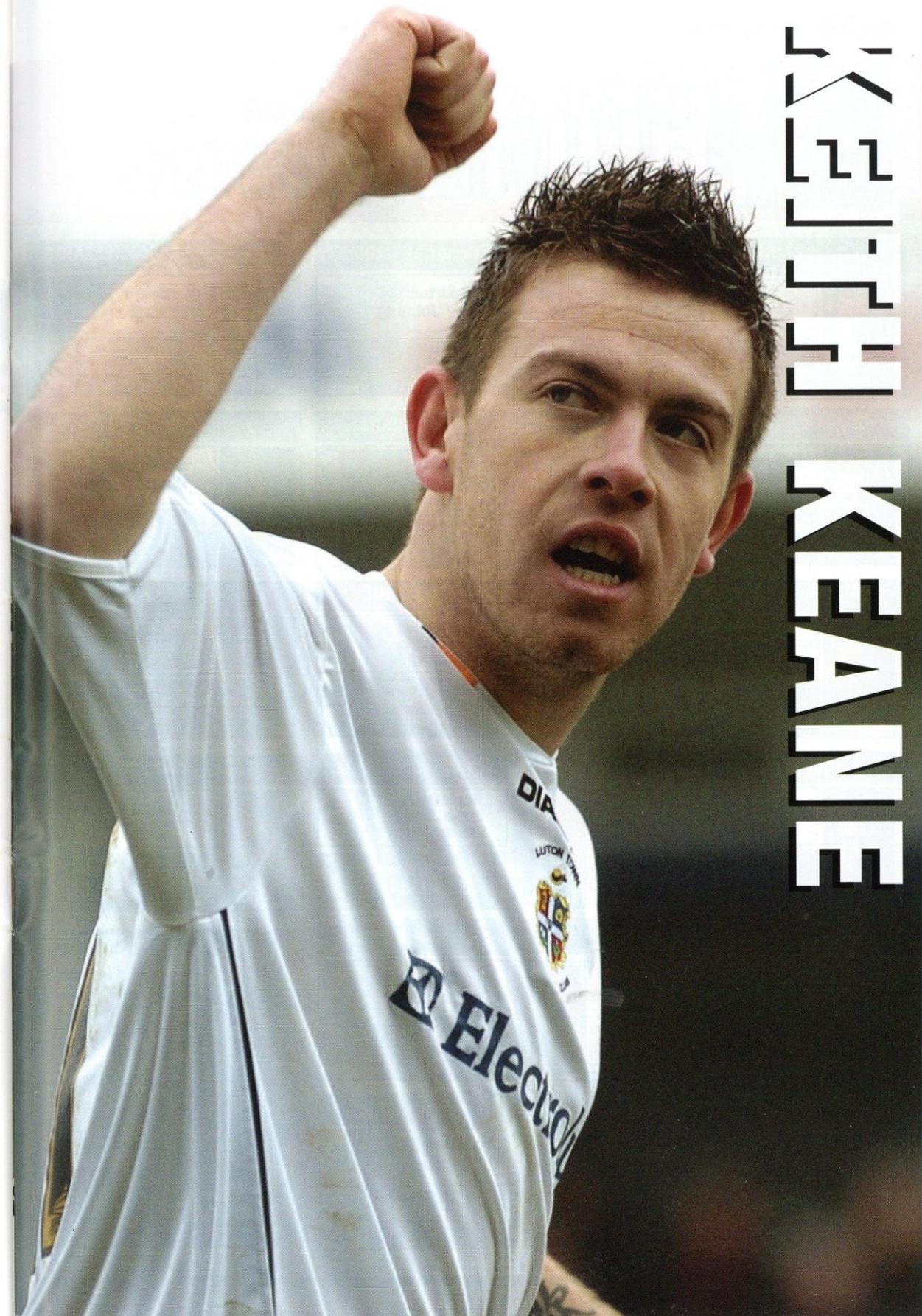
the Under-21 outfit when club teammate Kevin Foley had to be withdrawn from the squad through injury for a European Championship qualifying game against Cyprus. Keane was given the chance in the game but failed to come through the match after sustaining an ankle injury.

"It was a great feeling to be called up for the Under-21 side," said Keane. "I was very disappointed to pick up an injury in that game but there was nothing I could really do about it.

"I had played for the Under-19's before and I was surprised to initially get the call-up. I didn't really think of going for the Under-21's but I am just glad to have been given the chance.

"Now I have made the breakthrough into the Under-21's I want to try and keep my place in the squad. I know it is going to be a hard task but if Luton continue to do well and I can force my way into the team then you never know what can happen."

Keith Keane was talking to the Luton News for part of this interview



KEITH KEANE



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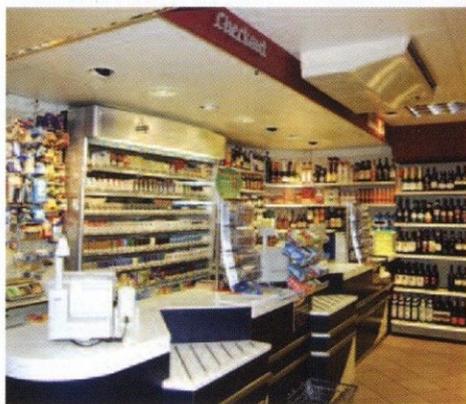
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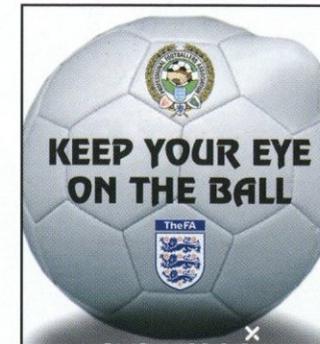
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Football Feature



Today's football feature looks at the work of Simon Shakeshaft who has been raising money for the 'Keep Your Eye On The Ball' campaign.

Amongst the crowd for this evening's clash with Reading is Simon Shakeshaft, who is competing in a 'Keep your Eye on the Ball Ground Hop Challenge' to raise money for male cancer awareness campaign.

Between the beginning of December 2005 and the FA Cup Final in May 2006 it is Simon's aim to visit every Premiership and Football League ground to watch a first team game and in the process, raise money for an all important campaign.

On the challenge, Shakeshaft commented: "I have supported Keep Your Eye On The Ball for many years and to date have personally raised over £41,000 for the Campaign.

"As a testicular cancer survivor you therefore completely understand why this event is particularly important to me. It gives me the opportunity to raise awareness amongst, players, staff and

through the match programme to supporters, of something that the majority of us are guilty of being ignorant towards."

Whilst Luton supporters have clocked up a few miles in recent weeks with trips to Preston, Sheffield Wednesday and Wolves, spare a thought for Simon's recent itinerary.

Since the beginning of December he has already taken in games at the following grounds: Shrewsbury Town, Milton Keynes Dons, Swansea City, Scunthorpe United, Burnley, Middlesbrough, QPR, Cheltenham Town, Chelsea, Wycombe Wanderers, Derby County, Notts Forest, Rochdale, Blackburn Rovers, Hull City, Manchester City, Peterborough, Barnet, Wolves, Walsall, Wigan, Colchester, Crystal Palace, Millwall, West Ham United, Southend United, Rushden & Diamonds, Tranmere, Everton, Sheffield United, Hartlepool United, Darlington, Sunderland, Carlisle United, Norwich

City and Tottenham Hotspur.

In March, Keep Your Eye on The Ball will be promoting a 'focus fortnight' to draw attention to male cancer and raise awareness which will be supported by clubs up and down the country and it is hoped, along with Simon's own personal challenge, that supporters will be more aware of the facts concerning this male cancer.

The FA and The PFA have been working closely with The Everyman Male Cancer Campaign to increase awareness of testicular and prostate cancer to the footballing community. Keep Your Eye On The Ball was set-up over four years ago in response to several high profile players, including Jason Cundy, Neil Harris and Alan Stubbs, being diagnosed with testicular cancer.

With one man an hour dying of prostate cancer in the UK and testicular cancer being the most common cancer in men aged 15 - 45, it's vital to raise awareness and encourage all men to 'Keep Your Eye On The Ball.'

The Facts about Male Cancer:

- . Testicular cancer is the most common cancer to affect men between the ages of 15-45
- . The good news is that if caught early enough, over 99% of cases of testicular cancer are curable, which is why it is important for men to check themselves regularly and visit a GP straight away if they notice any changes
- . Prostate cancer has now overtaken lung cancer as the most common cancer in men, and it tends to affect men over the age of 50

In the time it takes to play one game of football, more than one man in the UK will have died of prostate cancer



Simon Shakeshaft pictured at Rushden & Diamonds earlier this season



Match Action

PHILIP FRANCIS reports on a disappointing point against Cardiff City as Luton twice let a two goal lead slip at Kenilworth Road to record a share of the spoils

LUTON 3 CARDIFF CITY 3



Ahmet Brkovic is denied by Cardiff goalkeeper Neil Alexander

Luton fans suffered heartbreak on Valentines Night after twice seeing their side let a two goal lead slip against play-off hopefuls Cardiff City.

The game started brightly as chances reined in on the visitors goal. Cardiff goalkeeper Neil Alexander was called on to make several saves as Luton went in search of three valuable points which would have closed the gap on the Welsh opponents in the Championship table.

Rowan Vine created several openings before he found the net midway through the first half. A free-kick taken by Kevin Nicholls found Dean Morgan who crossed for Vine to delicately glance the ball into the corner of the net.

40 seconds later and Vine doubled the lead, when Carlos Edwards passed the ball to the inspirational Vine who scored from the edge of the six yard box on the second attempt.

The second half started with Luton looking to increase their lead but Cardiff gradually began to gain more control in the midfield area and reduced the deficit on 55 minutes, when Jason Koumas was allowed to run with the ball before hitting an unstoppable drive past Marlon Beresford.

The two goal lead was soon restored after a goalmouth scramble resulted in Chris Barker slicing the ball into his own net. The ball had probably already crossed the goal line but Ahmet Brkovic was on hand to make sure.

A headed goal from Riccardo Scimeca six minutes later set up a nervy final period in which Cardiff drew level when Koumas scored his second goal of the game.

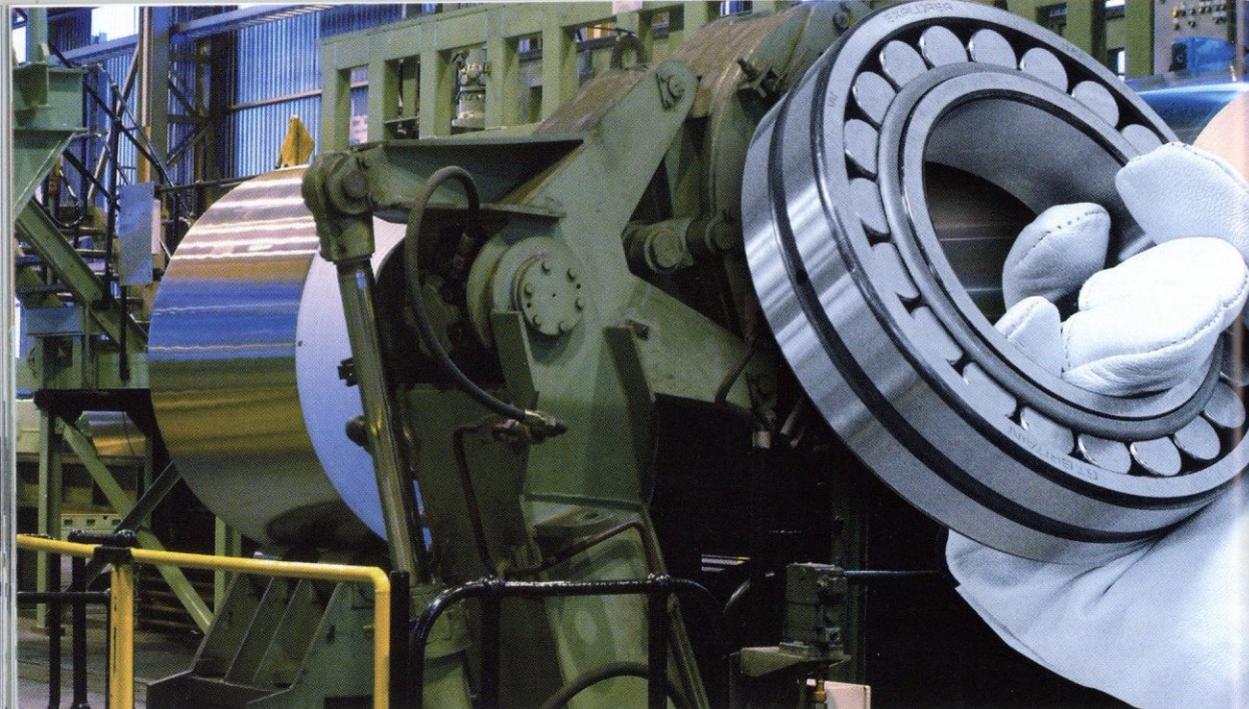
Cardiff had a confident penalty appeal turned down seconds from the end as Luton were left to rue several earlier missed chances.

Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



It was probably the most annoying game of the season, it should have been over at half-time but we have said that on many occasions this season, especially at home. We are just not ruthless enough in front of goal and we could have been four or five up at half time, without question, and we have paid the price at the end of the day. Individual errors have cost us maximum points and I can't keep defending my players, and I won't keep defending players because I am not happy with the goals we have conceded. We haven't been able to see the game out and we should have done.



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LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



CARDIFF'S STARTING LINE-UP

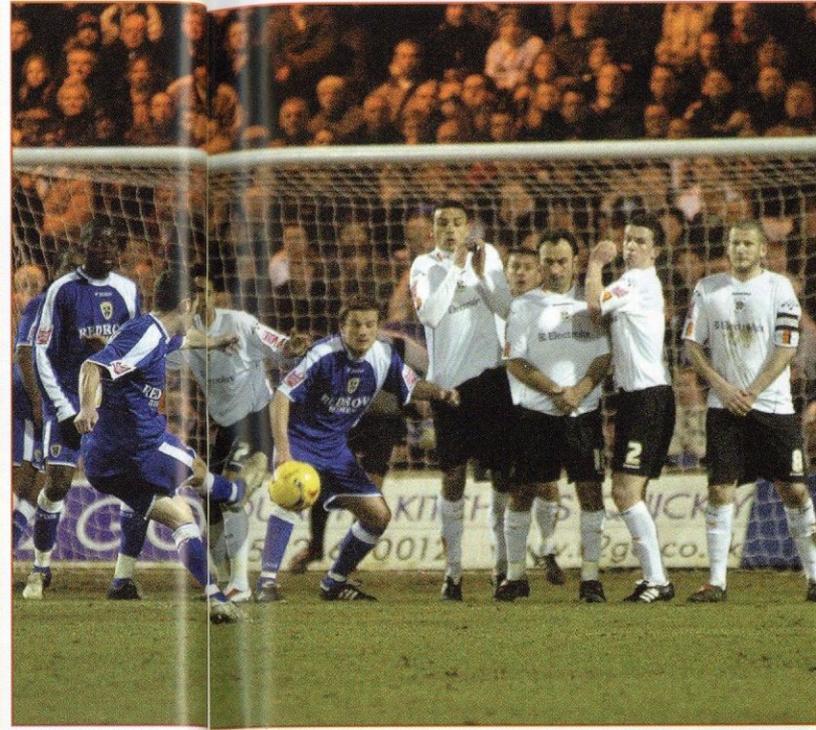


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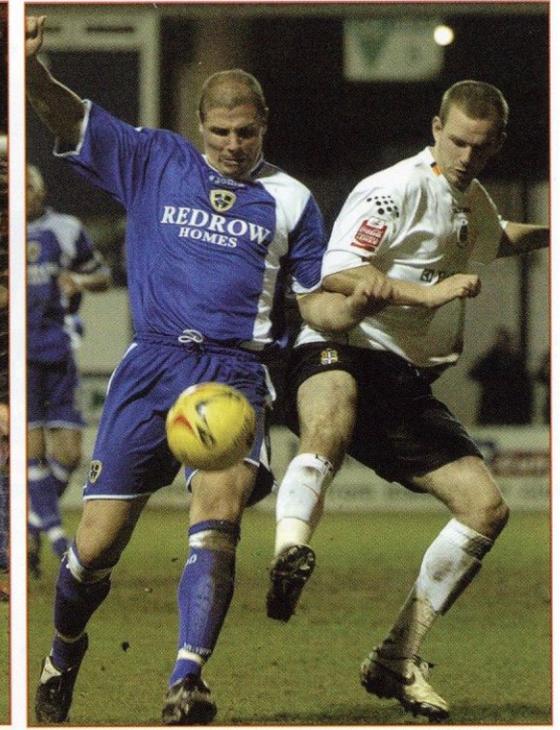
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Goals :	3	3
Possession :	50%	50%
On Target :	7	7
Off Target :	4	4
Corners :	3	4
Fouls :	15	10
Most Fouls :	Davis (4)	Scimeca (2)
Yellow Cards :	1	2
Red Cards :	0	0
Scorers :	Vine 25 Vine 26 Barker (og) 60	Koumas 55 Scimeca 71 Koumas 86



□ Carlos Edwards uses his trickery to set up a Luton attack



□ Luton's wall holds firm as Cardiff fail to take advantage of this free-kick



□ Rowan Vine tries to gain possession for Luton



□ Guylain Ndumbu-Nsungu wins this header in a battle with Markus Heikkinen



□ Steve Howard tries his luck from long range



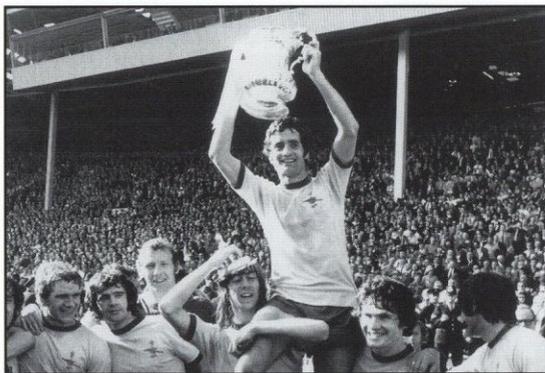
□ Dean Morgan celebrates with Rowan Vine - after the strikers hit his first goal



Peter Davis

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

It's with a warm welcome that we say good evening to all of our commercial partners, together with tonight's match sponsors, for our eagerly awaited return match against Reading. It's also welcome back to Sky Sports TV, who join us for the second time this season, who will be broadcasting live from Kenilworth Road here tonight.



Frank McLintock, pictured lifting the FA Cup at Wembley, will be the guest speaker at our next Sporting Dinner

Sporting Dinner with Frank McLintock MBE Thursday 6th April

Only three tables now remain for what is going to be a fabulous night at the Chiltern Hotel in the company of Frank McLintock MBE and our Master of Ceremonies, Barry Williams. A superb three course meal with wine is included in the ticket price of £500.00 + vat for a table of ten, or individual tickets on a shared table are available at £50.00 + vat. Call the commercial department now on 01582 411622 to book your places.

Thank you once again for your support

Peter



Man of the Match trophy being presented to Rowan Vine by Kit Sponsors Les Miller, John Pyper and Gary Rovner



Luton Town Kit Sponsors, principle Match Sponsors for Cardiff inspect the Kenilworth turf pre-match on Tuesday evening



Marky Watts commercial mascot for Cardiff receiving his certificate from squad members

Match Sponsor - Speedy Survey



We also welcome Steve Carey plus the management and guests of Luton based Speedy Survey, who join us tonight as Match Sponsors. Speedy Hire has been associated with the town of Luton for over thirty years, through the acquisition of Construction Instruments Ltd, for Speedy Survey and Hiretech for Speedy Tool Hire. Speedy Survey has become the No 1 survey equipment hire specialist for the UK, through its nationwide network of depots and a hire fleet, in excess of £8.4 million. Speedy Survey is able to meet all your demands from a variety of manufacturers for items such as lasers, levels, total stations and confined space safety equipment. They also have available from their award winning Luton Speedy Survey depot, detection and location equipment for pipes, cables and rebar in concrete. Whatever your needs in the construction industry, Speedy Hire has the right quality of expertise and equipment to provide the professional service you demand. Contact Steve Carey on 01582 722365 for further information and details.

COMMERCIAL MASCOT.....



We extend a warm welcome to 9 year old Connor Bird, who joins us together with his family as tonight's commercial mascot. Connor attends Parkfield Middle School in Toddington for which he plays in goal for the school team and therefore naturally numbers Marlon Beresford, as his number one Luton Town role model. Connor also enjoys his Playstation, as well as playing Basketball. We hope that he has a great time with us this evening.

Matchball Sponsor - Rob Hall

It's also with great pleasure that we welcome life long Luton Town supporter Rob Hall, together with his family and friends, as this evening's Matchball Sponsor. Rob, who hits the big 4-0 on the 20th of this month, chose this evening's game more for the date than the team, although as Rob says, "Reading's spectacular form this season and the fact that the game is live on Sky Sports, ended up making it a great choice". Rob states that his most memorable game was the Town's famous away victory against Manchester City in 1983 and he would love to see a similar result tonight. We all at the club would like to wish Rob a very happy birthday and thank him for the opportunity to be part of his celebrations.

Flying high at Luton

THE 'We Love Luton' flag is back at Kenilworth Road for the Luton v Reading game - its third outing in less than six months.

The flag, which has become a firm favourite with Luton fans, is brought to you by Luton First - a consortium of local companies and organisations.

The group has been busy with a number of projects including a nationwide Luton First survey of under-tens about their views on the world, which achieved full-page coverage in almost every national newspaper just before Christmas.

This week, Luton First sent a dozen long-stem roses to twelve celebrities - a gesture which was featured live on ITV's 'Des & Mel' show and other radio and TV programmes. Visit www.loveluton.com to see more.

"The 'We Love Luton' flag seems to have struck a chord with the people of Luton, not just the football fans," says Luton First publicity chief Tony Edwards. "We are planning to fly the flag at other events throughout 2006 so watch this space."

Special thanks go to Bob, Keith and all the staff at Thumbprint in Cardigan Street who made the flag and continue to look after it between events.

For further information please contact Tony Edwards on 01932 336161 or email tonyedwards@anthony-edwards-publicity.co.uk



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



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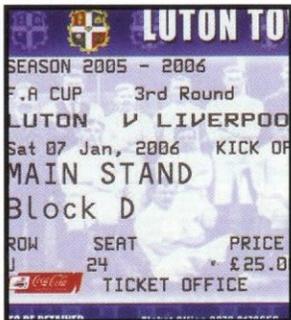
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Ticket News

In view of the possibility of limited tickets for some forthcoming away matches and to ensure that regular away supporters are catered for, supporters are asked to retain their ticket stubs from all future away matches as these might be required for ticketing priorities.



LEEDS UNITED V LUTON TOWN SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2006, KICK-OFF 3:00PM

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN ALL TICKET MATCH FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS,

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

Tickets are now on general sale from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road (subject to availability).

Prices are:

- South Stand Lower Adults £20.00
- Senior citizens (Over 60) £10.00
- Juniors (under 16) £10.00

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

THESE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE TICKET OFFICE IN KENILWORTH ROAD UNTIL 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2006



MILLWALL V LUTON TOWN SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 2006, KICK-OFF 3:00PM

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Tickets are now on general sale from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road (subject to availability).

Prices are:

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

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Tickets are now on sale at normal league prices



LUTON TOWN V DERBY COUNTY SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2006, KICK-OFF 3:00PM

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BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION V LUTON TOWN SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2006, KICK-OFF 3:00PM

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WE WILL NOT BE TAKING TELEPHONE BOOKINGS FOR THIS GAME.

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Season Ticket Holders & Members with 3 stubs from different away matches already played this season

Will be able to purchase one ticket per season ticket holder/member until close of business on 1st March 2006 on production of their membership card/special match voucher D, and 3 different away match ticket stubs, if applying by post please include your membership card/special match voucher D, and 3 different away match ticket stubs along with your payment.

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Will be able to purchase one ticket per season ticket holder (subject to availability) from 2nd March 2005 until close of business on 11th March 2006 on production of special match voucher D.

Members

Will be able to purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability) from 13th March 2006 until close of business on 18th March 2006 on production of their membership card.

Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on 20th March 2006.(subject to availability).

Prices are

- Adults £21.50, Seniors (over 65 male, over 60 female) £14.00, Juniors (under 16) £12.50,
- Family Special (1 Adult & 1 Child under 10) £22.50

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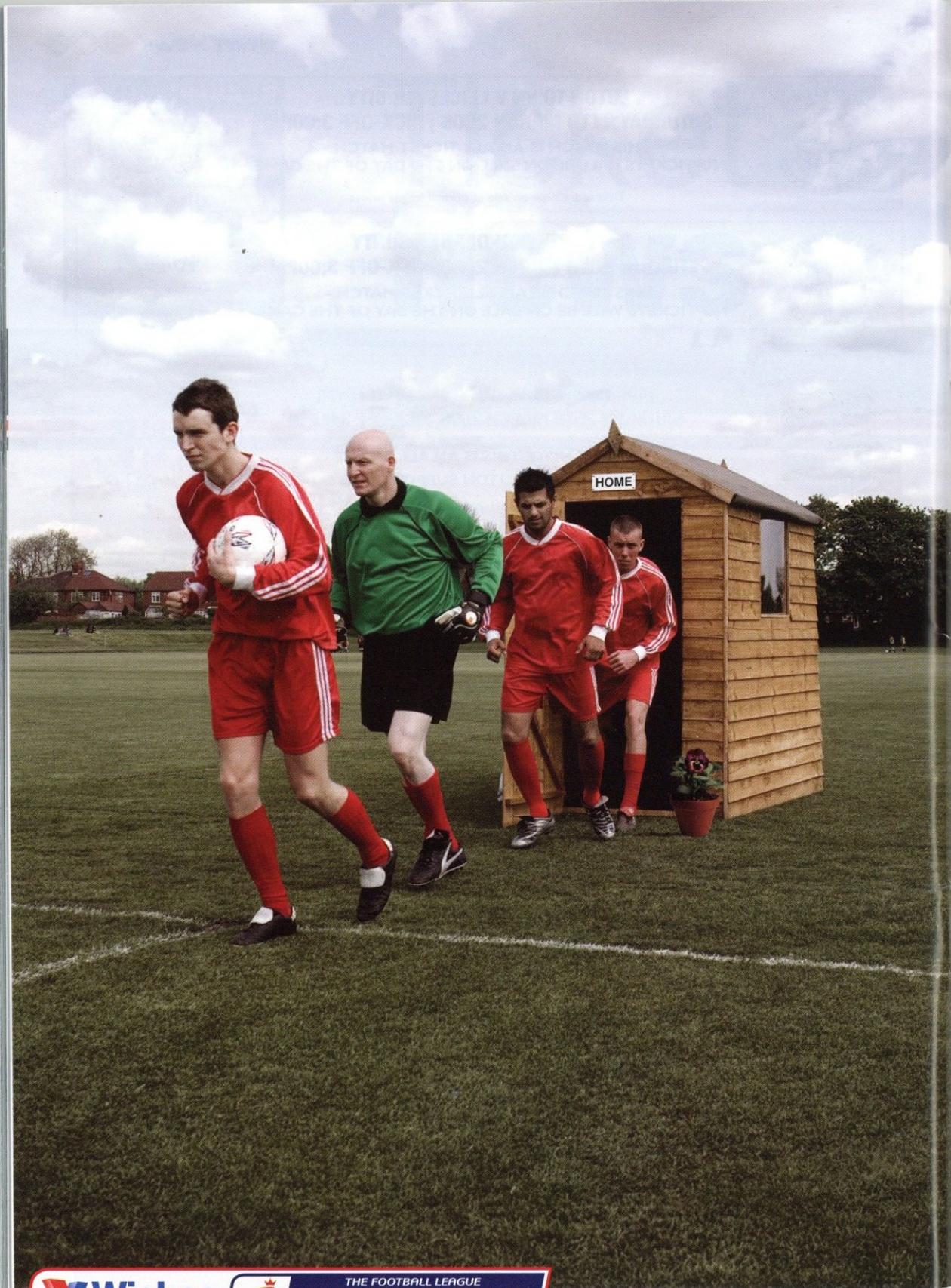
LUTON TOWN V IPSWICH TOWN SATURDAY 1ST APRIL 2006, KICK-OFF 3:00PM

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2005/2006 Appearances

	This Season				International App		Luton Town Career			
	League App	League Gls	Cup Competitions App	Cup Competitions Gls	Total App	Total Gls	Nation	Caps Gls	App	Gls
1 Marlon BERESFORD	29	0	2	0	31	0			89	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	25(3)	0	1	0	26(3)	0	Rep Ire U21	1 0	112	5
3 Sol DAVIS	10(4)	0	2	0	12(4)	0			149	2
4 Chris COYNE	22(2)	1	3	1	25(2)	2			199	14
5 Russell PERRETT	6(2)	0	0(1)	0	6(3)	0			93	8
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	23(1)	0	1	0	24(1)	0			64	5
7 Carlos EDWARDS	27(4)	2	3	0	30(4)	2	Trin & Tob	6 0	34	2
8 Kevin NICHOLLS	27	5	3	1	30	6			182	32
9 Rowan VINE	13(5)	6	1	0	14(5)	6			69	15
10 Warren FEENEY	22(8)	6	2(1)	1	24(9)	7	North Ire	1(4) 2	38	7
11 Steve ROBINSON	22	1	1	1	23	2	North Ire	(1) 0	131	10
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	1	0	1	0			31	3
15 Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0			27	2
16 Enoch SHOWUNMI	9(21)	1	1(1)	0	10(22)	1			103	16
17 Paul HUGHES	0	0	0	0	0	0			88	7
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	30(1)	6	2	0	32(1)	6			182	33
19 Steve HOWARD	28(3)	10	2	1	30(3)	11			216	99
20 Curtis DAVIES	6	1	1	0	7	1			61	2
21 Keith KEANE	2(4)	1	1(1)	0	3(5)	1	Rep Ire U21	3 0	43	2
22 Danny STEVENS	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
23 Dean MORGAN	18(8)	5	2	0	20(8)	5			28	5
25 Dino SEREMET	0	0	0	0	0	0			9	0
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	31(1)	2	1	0	32(1)	2	Finland	8 0	33	2
27 Peter HOLMES	11(5)	2	1(1)	0	12(6)	2			113	12
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29 Calvin ANDREW	0	0	0	0	0	0			10	0
33 Dean BRILL	5	0	1	0	6	0			13	0
45 Leon BARNETT	5(7)	0	1(1)	0	6(8)	0			19	0
47 Rob BECKWITH	0	0	0	0	0	0			19	0

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

ALL THE GOALS

HOW THEY WENT IN:

SHOTS: **34** HEADERS: **14**
 PENALTIES: **5** OWN GOALS: **3**
 FREE-KICKS: **0** TOTAL: **56**

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED **37** - W **12** - D **15** - L **10** - F **28** - A **22** PTS **51**

SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED **37** - W **12** - D **11** - L **14** - F **29** - A **37** PTS **47**

OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: **19**
 Opponents score first goal: **17**
 No goals scored: **1**

Luton Town score first and win: **12**
 Luton Town score first and draw: **3**
 Luton Town score first and lose: **4**
 Luton Town fail to score: **9**

Opponents score first and win: **13**
 Opponents score first and draw: **2**
 Opponents score first and lose: **2**
 Opponents fail to score: **8**

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: **14**
 Luton goals at the Oak Road End: **26**
 Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: **12**
 Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: **17**

HATTERS 2005-06 STATS

THE KEY: Scorer in Bold ■ Cautioned; ■ Dismissed; *Denotes own goal in Luton's favour * Match to be shown on Sky Sports, ◆ Match to be shown live on BBC → First Substitution → Second Substitution → Third Substitution

DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	AWAY POS	LUTON PLAYERS																	
					Brill	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	Vine	Showunmi	Perrett	Holmes		
Sat 6	Crystal Palace	2-1	21,116	2,474	4	Brill	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	Vine	Showunmi	Perrett	Holmes	
Tues 9	Southampton	3-2	9,447	1,799	2	Brill	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	Vine	Showunmi	Perrett	Holmes	
Sat 13	Leeds United	0-0	10,102	1,800	1	Brill	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	Holmes	Edwards	Showunmi	Perrett	
Sat 20	Stoke City	1-2	18,653	2,224	6	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robinson	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Edwards	Showunmi	Davis	
Tues 23	Leyton Orient (CCI) *	3-1	2,383	577	-	Beresford	Keane	Coyne	Davies	Davis	Edwards	Nicholls	Lea	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	Morgan	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	tb	9	Beresford	Foley	Heikkinen	Coyne	Keane	Brkovic	Nicholls	Bell	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Davis	Morgan	S'wunmi	
Tues 14	Cardiff City	3-3*	7,826	447	10	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkinen	Barnett	Davis	Morgan	Nicholls	Foley	Brkovic	Howard	Vine	Brill	Holmes	Perrett	S'wunmi	Stevens	
Fri 17	Reading *	19:45																				
Sat 25	Leeds United	15:00																				
Sat 4	Millwall	15:00																				
Sat 11	Leicester City	15:00																				
Sat 18	Derby County	15:00																				
Sat 25	Brighton	15:00																				
Sat 1	Ipswich Town	15:00																				
Sun 9	Watford	12:00																				
Sat 15	Coventry City	15:00																				
Mon 17	Plymouth Argyle	15:00																				
Sat 22	Sheffield United	15:00																				
Sun 30	Burnley	13:30																				

COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A			
Reading	34	15	1	1	45	10	10	7	0	28	10	53	83
Sheff United	34	12	3	2	33	16	9	5	3	27	17	27	71
Leeds	33	11	3	2	29	13	7	5	5	17	13	20	62
Watford	34	9	4	4	32	17	8	6	3	30	23	22	61
Crystal Palace	33	10	4	3	25	11	6	4	6	22	21	15	56
Preston	33	6	9	2	21	11	7	7	2	23	12	21	55
Cardiff	34	8	6	3	28	17	5	4	8	20	24	7	49
Wolves	33	6	7	3	16	12	5	7	5	20	16	8	47
Ipswich	34	6	6	5	20	24	6	5	6	20	23	-7	47
LUTON	34	8	5	4	37	24	5	1	11	14	28	-1	45
Coventry	34	9	5	3	31	18	2	6	9	15	32	-4	44
Burnley	34	9	3	5	29	17	3	4	10	12	26	-2	43
Norwich	34	7	4	6	22	18	5	3	9	18	29	-7	43
QPR	34	7	4	6	19	18	4	5	8	19	30	-10	42
Plymouth	33	6	6	4	17	17	3	7	7	12	20	-8	40
Stoke	33	5	4	8	18	24	7	0	9	17	23	-12	40
Hull	34	5	6	6	18	17	4	5	8	19	25	-5	38
Southampton	34	5	9	3	14	11	2	7	8	16	25	-6	37
Leicester	34	5	7	5	21	19	3	5	9	16	26	-8	36
Derby	34	4	9	4	25	23	2	8	7	17	27	-8	35
Sheff Wed	34	5	5	7	16	20	3	5	9	10	21	-15	34
Brighton	34	4	6	7	19	23	1	8	8	12	31	-23	29
Millwall	34	2	6	9	8	21	3	7	7	16	25	-22	28
Crewe	34	3	5	9	24	34	1	6	10	15	40	-35	23

SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

- Brighton v Watford
- Cardiff v Hull City
- Leicester v Leeds
- Millwall v C Palace
- Norwich v Derby
- Plymouth v Coventry
- Sheff Wed v Sheff Utd
- Wolves v Ipswich

Coming Next

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A decade since their last visit, struggling Leicester City are Luton's next opponents at Kenilworth Road. DES O'DONNELL hunts down the info on the Foxes.

Leicester City are finally turning their season around after a dismal couple months, which has recently seen the departure of their manager Craig Levein. The former Premiership club have had a tough season to date and are currently hovering above the relegation zone, having just installed Rob Kelly as manager until the end of the season. After spells with Micky Adams and Dave Bassett at the helm, former Hearts boss Levein was then appointed but left his post in January, leaving Kelly, who was initially installed as Caretaker Manager, to guide the Midlands club away from

relegation danger.

And Kelly, 41, has enjoyed a good start to his managerial reign at The Walkers Stadium having steered the Foxes to three successive Championship wins, which has lifted them above the relegation zone.

Luton will be looking to do the double over the Foxes, after taking all the points back in August with a convincing 2-0 win when goals from Ahmet Brkovic and Kevin Nicholls helped Luton record one of their most impressive victories this season. Leicester's last appearance at Kenilworth Road was back in August

1995, when both teams were in the old Division One. On that occasion, the match ended in a 1-1 draw with Welsh midfielder Ceri Hughes on target for the Hatters.

Before Levein left, he managed to build an eclectic mix of a squad which has certainly got the capability to move away from the danger zone in the Championship table. Current fans favourite, Joey Gudjonsson, an Icelandic international midfielder player, will be one to watch and is a someone who has played at the highest level. Other names that may be familiar to Luton supporters within the Leicester squad are ex-Rangers man Stephen Hughes, Guinean International Momo Sylla and ex-Man City and Australian International Danny Tiatto. The Foxes strike force includes Scottish Canadian International Iain Hume, former Fulham player Elvis Hammond (red carded at Brighton) and England Under-19 international Matt Fryatt.

With the glory days of great players such as Gary Lineker and Peter Shilton behind them, Leicester will be fighting hard to grab some points when they make the visit to Luton, hoping that Mike Newell, a target of Leicester City for their managerial position, doesn't become the hunter rather than the hunted.



□ Matt Fryatt has been in excellent form for Leicester City this season and will be one to watch when the Midlands side arrive at Kenilworth Road

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