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Warm Welcome

From Luton Town Chairman Bill Tomlins

Welcome to our Supporters and today's Championship visitors Leicester City, their Supporters, Directors, Management and Players.

Relocation is a subject that is important to all of us connected with the Club, and rightly so. Therefore, I will continue to outline our position and progress via this column and in the Luton News and Herald & Post. Whilst it is possible for the new stadium to be ready for the 2008/09 season, it is not practical for me to give a blow-by-blow account of every stage of our progress, as changes are made as the planning process continues.

A lot of additional work has been done behind the scenes since the club's forced announcement in October due to the re-aligned Public Safety Zone. I can publicly state, in conjunction with the landowner, that we will shortly be appointing a substantial National Developer for the 200-acre site, which will include the new thirty-acre stadium complex.

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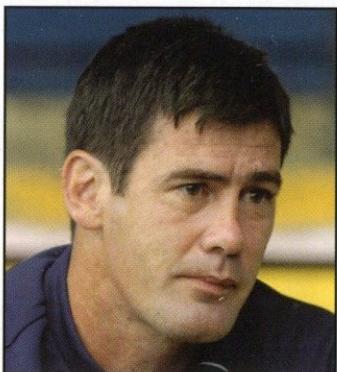
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The Manager



Mike Newell

MIKE NEWELL looks back on our recent defeat by Millwall

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's fixture with Leicester City. Welcome also to Rob Kelly, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from the Walkers Stadium. Rob has steadied the ship in the last few weeks and gained

minutes into the second half, and killing sides off is something we are missing within our side at the moment. I do believe however that if we find that, then we will have a chance next year of promotion. That is not saying that we are going to give up chasing a play-off place this

don't know what other people's expectations were at the beginning of the season, maybe they would have been happy with just consolidation, but I can't have people patting us on the back and saying well done.

I know I will need to add players next season. I don't know if that will be possible but if I am able to strengthen then I believe we will have a chance of gaining promotion.

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some valuable points so today will be a tough test.

Since our victory over Reading at Kenilworth Road, we have suffered frustration in our two recent away games. I was naturally disappointed with the defeat against Millwall, but the game reflected what has been our biggest problem this season.

The game should have been over 20

season, but results away from home haven't helped, and we now are relying on other teams slipping up at this stage.

I don't want us to finish in tenth, eleventh or twelfth and have everybody say 'great season, you have managed to consolidate your position in the Championship, it has been a good campaign' because I believe we could have done better.

Enjoy the game and continue to get behind the lads

Mike

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Marvin Johnson, Youth Team Manager -
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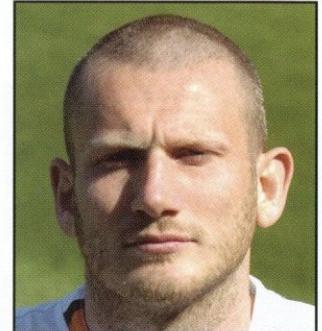
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Kevin Nicholls



Skipper Kevin Nicholls reflects back on the defeats against Leeds and Millwall.

Having spent the last two weeks on the road, we are glad to be back in familiar surroundings this afternoon as we welcome Leicester City to Kenilworth Road.

There has been a lot to reflect on over the past few weeks and it is probably right to start these programme notes by looking back

"It is a great achievement to get 100 goals for a club at any level and Steve should be proud of what he has achieved!"

over our victory over Reading. It was a good feeling after the final whistle to know that we had become only the second Championship side to have taken maximum points from them this season. I felt it was a solid performance and the result brought their unbeaten run to an abrupt end. The only concern for us was that we were unable to kill the game off and the poor goals that we conceded were a disappointment.

moments before they opened the scoring, but if you don't convert your chances, especially at this level, then you are likely to pay the penalty.

The one bright spot from the game at Elland Road was Steve Howard's 100th goal for the club. I thought the big man enjoyed one of his best performances of the season against Reading and he followed that up with a strike at Elland Road. It is a great achievement to get 100 goals for a club at

any level. He should be proud of his achievements and on behalf of the rest of his team-mates, I want to congratulate him on his milestone.

It was another two poor goals which we conceded that saw us slip to a defeat against Millwall and, just like the Leeds game, we failed to make the most of our opportunities. I know that the gaffer has said that we are not far away from a side that can challenge for promotion, and I also believe that is a fair assessment, but we know we have to resolve this problem away from home.

It has been a good week for players such as Kevin Foley and Warren Feeney who received international call-ups this week and to Carlos Edwards, who is continuing his build-up to the World Cup.

Enjoy the game

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Cherry Newbery

Cherry Newbery brings you news from around Kenilworth Road

Good afternoon and welcome to the first of two consecutive Saturday home first team matches, and no, I won't make any comment about the scheduling of fixtures!

I was very honoured last Monday to be invited by the Bedfordshire Prince's Trust, in recognition of the work the Club has done with the trust over the past few years, to represent the Club and meet HRH The Prince of Wales when he visited the Dallow Road Community Centre.

The Luton Town Official Supporters Club have arranged an evening with the Manager Michael Newell on Thursday 23rd March in the Eric Morecambe Suite. Tickets, priced at £5 each, are available to Supporter Club members from the kiosk in Kenilworth Road after the match today and then again before our match with Derby next Saturday. Should any tickets remain they will be put on sale to non-members after the match, again from the kiosk in Kenilworth Road.

Having agreed to change the date of our Pontins Holidays Combination fixture with Barnet this week to Wednesday, the

match was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch - causing more fixture congestion! A reminder to supporters that we do have a home reserve match here next Tuesday when we play Southend United, kick-off 2.00 pm. We have also agreed to change our home reserve match with Colchester from Tuesday 11th April to Wednesday 12th April, kick-off 2.00 pm. This change is due to Colchester having a first team home match on the Tuesday.

The Official Supporters Club Committee Members will be selling raffle tickets at the ground today, there are some excellent prizes and the draw will take place at the Presentation Evening, which is on Monday 24th April at The Riverside Suite. This date is due to Easter and the early end to the season.

Details regarding the sale of the Watford away fixture on Sunday 9th April are on page 57 of the programme and whilst we are extremely disappointed that the allocation is so low, we have to accept that this decision has been made by Watford Football Club and Hertfordshire Police in the interests of safety of everyone attending the match. Watford

know their ground and the problems segregation brings with turnstiles for both home and away supporters so close together.

We would encourage all supporters to travel on the official supporter coaches, the cost is only £5, and bookings with payment can be made at the time of purchasing your match ticket at the Ticket Office or from the supporters kiosk in Kenilworth Road.

Several of you have asked about the possibility of beaming back the match to Kenilworth Road and this is something Peter Davis, our Commercial Manager is looking into.

It is with regret that I advise supporters of the passing of one of our oldest followers Albert Deason, a stalwart supporter for many years and who was still travelling with the Bobbers Travel Club until a few weeks ago. Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

As always get behind the team and see you again next Saturday

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Community News



Football in the Community Officer **STUART SMITH** looks at the latest sponsorship deal secured by his department

Steven Eagell Toyota



Steven Eagell Toyota

Hello and welcome back to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. Today I am pleased to update you on a new sponsorship that the Community Department is to benefit from.

I would like to thank Gary Smith, the Aftersales Director of STEVEN EAGELL TOYOTA who are based in Latimer Road Luton, who has generously agreed to provide the department with a one year vehicle sponsorship deal. Thanks to this sponsorship we have been given by Steven Eagell, this vehicle will be invaluable to the department enabling me and the coaches to carry the many items of kit required to maintain and increase our work in local schools and to deliver our disability and general soccer courses. The provision of this vehicle will undoubtedly lead to an increase in departmental activities in the next six months. The vehicle has been suitably marked with the Luton Town Football Club and Steven Eagell crests.



To celebrate this sponsorship deal we held a competition to win a pair of Marlon's signed gloves at our Barnfield Half Term Holiday Course. All course participants were issued with a 'Lucky Toyota Flyer' and the one with the special mark was the winner.

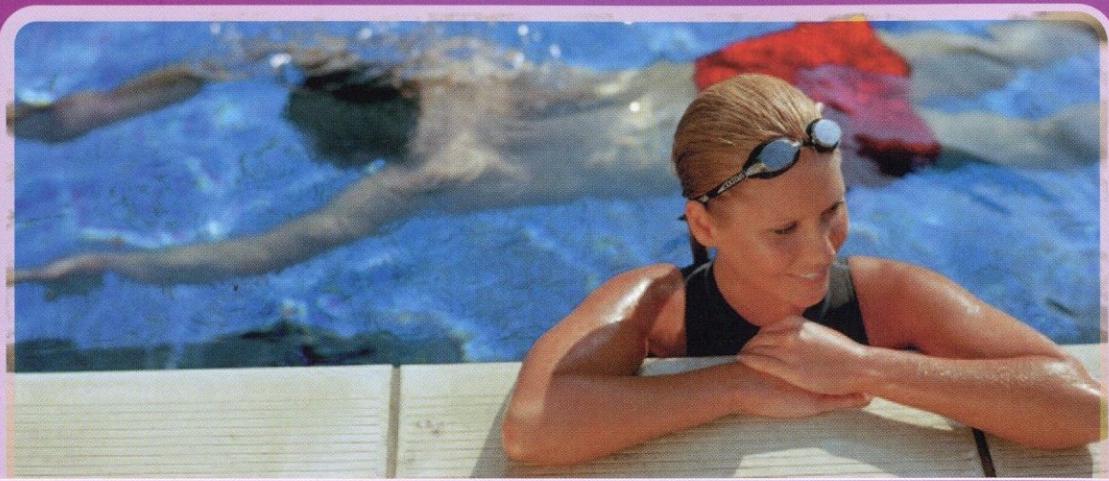
Ryan Sheridan was the lucky winner and his prize was presented to him at the official hand over of our new vehicle.

Moving on, I would like to publicly thank Gary Smith who facilitated the sponsorship deal. With this vehicle, and the Vauxhall Zafira sponsored by Tony and Peter Calvano of GIS Windows in Sundon Park, the department will be able to increase its exposure county wide.

As always I thank our sponsors for their support and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship for all parties concerned.

ENJOY THE GAME
Stuart Smith

Stuart Smith is presented with the keys to a Toyota Corolla by Gary Smith. Ryan Sheridan, a lucky Toyota flyer winner, is also pictured with a pair of signed Marlon Beresford gloves



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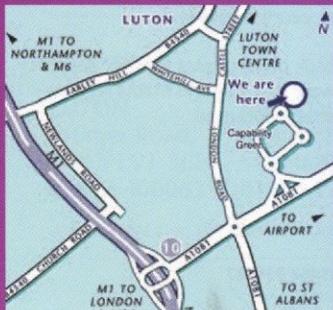
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LEICESTER

Rob Kelly, Leicester City's recent appointment to replace former boss Craig Levein, has seemingly steadied what was fast becoming a sinking ship at the Walkers Stadium. JAMES MARSH looks at how Kelly has quietly gone about turning Leicester into one of the division's form sides.



LEICESTER FC FACTFILE



LEICESTER CITY FC

Year Formed: 1884

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Ground Capacity: 32,500

Most League Goals: Arthur Chandler, 259, 1923-35

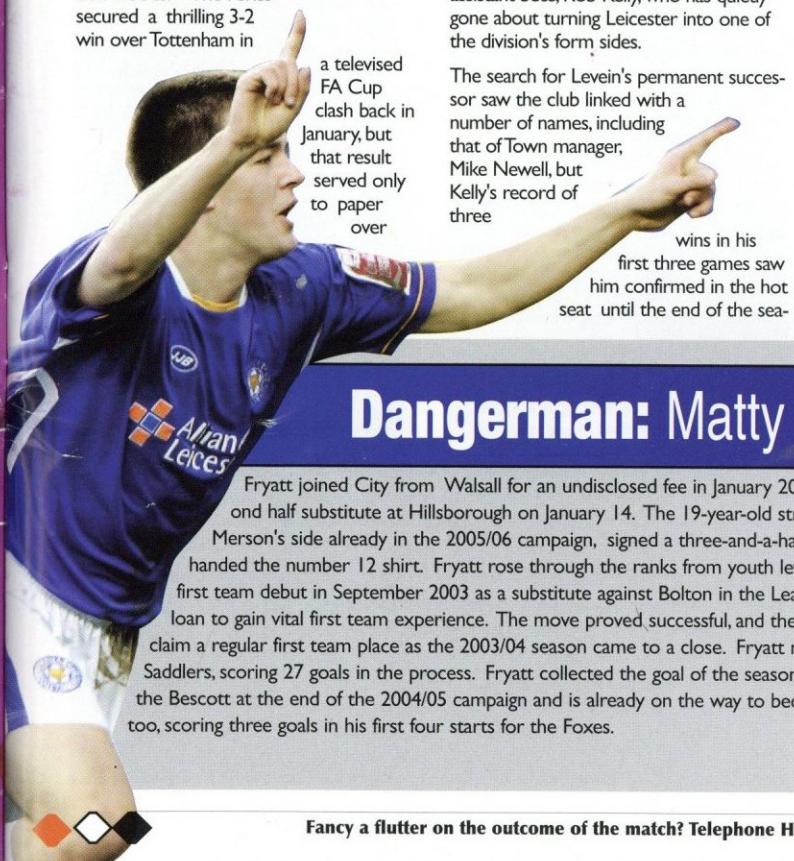
Most Capped Player: John O'Neil, 39, Northern Ireland

Most League Appearances:

Adam Black, 528, 1920-35

The past few months have been anything but dull for Leicester City and their fans, who arrive at Kenilworth Road knowing that they are not quite out of the relegation woods. The Foxes secured a thrilling 3-2 win over Tottenham in

a televised FA Cup clash back in January, but that result served only to paper over



Dangerman: Matty Fryatt

Fryatt joined City from Walsall for an undisclosed fee in January 2006 and made his Foxes debut as a second half substitute at Hillsborough on January 14. The 19-year-old striker, who scored 14 goals for Paul Merson's side already in the 2005/06 campaign, signed a three-and-a-half year contract with the Foxes and was handed the number 12 shirt. Fryatt rose through the ranks from youth level at the Bescott Stadium, making his first team debut in September 2003 as a substitute against Bolton in the League Cup before moving to Carlisle on loan to gain vital first team experience. The move proved successful, and the young striker returned to Walsall to claim a regular first team place as the 2003/04 season came to a close. Fryatt made a total of 49 league starts for the Saddlers, scoring 27 goals in the process. Fryatt collected the goal of the season and the player of the season awards at the Bescott at the end of the 2004/05 campaign and is already on the way to becoming a favourite at the Walkers Stadium too, scoring three goals in his first four starts for the Foxes.

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son. Although the squad suffered further disruption with the departures of ex-England international, Dion Dublin, and leading scorer, Mark de Vries, a run of only one defeat in their last seven games has set the Foxes on course for safety. Kelly now looks good value to land the job beyond the summer.

Last Saturday saw yet another impressive display in a 3-2 home win over Hull, with Icelandic international Joey Gudjohnsson scoring two corkers: a technically superb lob from within his own half and a clinical finish near the final whistle to net the winner. Canadian international Ian Hume landed the other goal and his partnership with ex-Walsall man, Matt Fryatt, seems to be bearing fruit. Fryatt netted 27 times in 49 starts for Walsall before his January move, and it is perhaps no surprise that Leicester's mini-revival has coincided with the England Under-19 international's welcome arrival at the Walkers Stadium.

Also crucial today will be young captain, Paddy McCarthy, and fellow centre-back, the tough-tackling Swede Nils-Eric Johansson, who worked with Kelly when both were at Blackburn. McCarthy, whose first game as skipper was the win over Spurs, will be hoping to lead his men to a fourth away win of the season and three points closer to safety.

About LEICESTER Manager

Goalkeeper



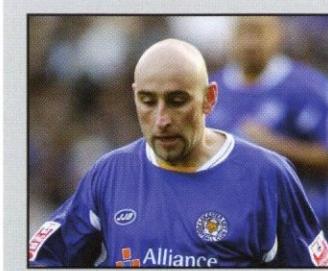
Rob Kelly

Rob Kelly was appointed on 13 February 2006 [1] until the end of the 2005-06 season, following a successful run of three league victories as caretaker manager. Kelly was previously Assistant manager to Craig Levein, who had been in charge at the club for just 18 months before being sacked. His playing career as a midfielder was fairly brief, being cut short by a back injury in 1990. It did, however, include time spent at Leicester in the early 1980s. Before moving to Leicester as an assistant, he had been involved in the coaching set up at Blackburn Rovers, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Watford. Following his injury he left football for a while and spent time working as a journalist for the Express & Star evening newspaper in Wolverhampton, before returning to football in a coaching role.



Rab (Robert) Douglas

Rab Douglas arrived at the Walkers Stadium in June 2005 after five successful years under Martin O'Neill at Celtic. The 33-year-old goalkeeper reportedly took a pay cut to join Leicester, signing a three-year-deal. Douglas, capped 19 times by Scotland, made 162 appearances after a £1m move to Celtic from Dundee. "Leicester is a club that can go back to the Premiership," he said on his arrival at Leicester, adding: "Now is the right time for a fresh challenge." His farewell game for the Hoops was the Scottish FA Cup Final in which Celtic beat Dundee United 1-0. Douglas also helped them win the Scottish league title on three occasions. He played 134 times for Dundee (1997-2000) which prompted his big money move to Celtic. Douglas, who was given his international debut in April 2002 when he started against Nigeria at Pittodrie, made his first appearance for Leicester on their pre-season tour of Norway. Soon after, he featured against former club Celtic in a friendly at the Walkers Stadium.



Danny Tiatto

The Australian international, capped 25 times by his country, was available on a free transfer after his contract ended and even though Dickov had left Leicester, he urged Danny to make the move. "Paul had a lot of nice things to say about the club and what a good set-up it is," he said. "He told me I would enjoy myself here, that they are a good bunch of lads with a great coaching staff. So I actually made my mind up straight away to come here." He put pen to paper on a two-year deal keeping him at the Walkers Stadium until the end of the 2005/06 season. After spells in his native Australia as well as Italy and Switzerland, he began his career in England with a 15-match loan at Stoke City. His last game there was against Manchester City and boss Joe Royle signed him for £300,000 in the summer of 1998. In total, he made 158 appearances for the club, scoring four goals. He scored his first goal for the Foxes in November 2004, scoring Leicester's second on the stroke of half-time in a 3-0 victory over Coventry City at the Walkers Stadium. A firm favourite with the fans, Danny took over the captain's armband from Matt Elliott and was voted Player of the Season by City supporters at the club's 2005 awards ceremony.



Defenders

Patrik Gerrbrand

Swedish defender Patrik Gerrbrand was signed by Leicester in July 2005 from Hammarby for an undisclosed fee. The 24-year-old had been wanted by German club Wolfsburg but he opted for the Foxes and Craig Levein was relieved his seven-month pursuit of the player had paid dividends. He said: "He was a player we'd been chasing for a while and I'm very pleased. He fits the profile of a new breed of player we believe can make Leicester successful." Gerrbrand was Leicester's sixth signing of the summer and put pen to paper on a three-year deal.

Richard Stearman

Richard Stearman could have a bright future ahead of him after he signed a professional contract in 2004 that will keep him at the Walkers Stadium until the end of the 2006/07 season. The 18-year-old centre half, who also featured in the middle of the park for the Academy, came on as a substitute for his first team debut away to Cardiff in October 2004 before starting at right-back in Leicester's 2-0 defeat at the hands of Reading last December. He has since become a regular feature in the starting line-up and scored his first senior goal at home to Millwall at the end of the 2004/05 season. Richard is a life-long City fan and joined the Foxes back in 1998 after being spotted by a scout playing for Harborough Town FC. He has represented England at both under 17 and under 18 level.

Patrick Kisnorbo

Patrick Kisnorbo finally became a Leicester City player in the summer of 2005 having signed a pre-contract agreement the previous season. As with Mark de Vries and Alan Maybury, he followed Craig Levein from Hearts to Leicester. Kisnorbo played 64 times for Hearts during his 18 months in Edinburgh. Kisnorbo is a 24-year-old Australian, with an Italian passport, who can play in midfield or defence. He was a member of the Australian side which reached the World Youth Championship finals in 2001 and has gone on to win seven caps. Kisnorbo signed a three-year deal with Leicester.

Nils-Eric Johansson

The Foxes signed Nils-Eric Johansson from Blackburn in the summer of 2005 with the Swedish defender putting pen to paper on a two-year deal. His career began at AK Solna and spells at Bayern Munich and Nuremberg in Germany preceded a £2.7m move to Blackburn. It was at Ewood Park that 'Nisse' first worked with Rob Kelly. Johansson made 110 appearances for Blackburn after joining in October 2001 and helped them knock City out of the FA Cup in last season's quarter final at Ewood Park.

Midfielders

Mohammed Sylla

Craig Levein made Momo Sylla his first summer signing during the 2005 close season. After a brief spell at Ayr in 1997, Sylla returned to Scotland in July 2000 to play for St Johnstone. He scored five goals in 39 games there and Martin O'Neill paid £650,000 to secure his services in August 2001. In almost four years with the Glasgow giants, Sylla made 79 appearances and found the net seven times. His final goal for the Hoops was the second-minute opener in an 8-1 Cup victory over Falkirk in September 2004. Sylla, who joined Leicester on a free transfer and agreed a three-year-deal, can play in a variety of positions. A seasoned international, Sylla most recently represented his country at the 2006 African Cup of Nations where Guinea topped their group ahead of defending champions Tunisia.

Joey Gudjonsson

Leicester City signed Joey Gudjonsson just before the start of the 2004/05 season on a free transfer. The midfielder agreed a two-year deal after his contract expired in Spain. His move to Leicester sees him with his third English club but first on a permanent basis after loan spells elsewhere in the Midlands. He joined Spanish La Liga side Real Betis in 2001 and Aston Villa brought him over on loan 18 months later and he made 11 appearances, including goals against Middlesbrough and Leeds. During the 2003/04 campaign, he spent the whole season with Wolves in the Premiership - his only goal came in a League Cup victory over Darlington. He was in the starting line-up in the infamous match with Leicester which Wolves won 4-3 after trailing 3-0.

Stephen Hughes

Leicester City managed to beat the Scottish transfer deadline to agree terms for Stephen Hughes in January 2005. They rushed through the paperwork in the nick of time to land the then 22-year-old midfielder for an initial fee of £100,000 but that could double depending on the number of appearances he makes for the club. Born in Motherwell, Hughes joined Rangers at the age of 16 and, within his first season, made his debut at Ibrox in May 2000 - ironically against a Hearts side managed by Craig Levein. He gained valuable experience playing in the Champions League and UEFA Cup and registered just under 100 games for Rangers, netting seven goals. He made his Foxes debut as a late substitute in the 1-1 draw with Crewe at the Walkers Stadium in February 2005 and started for the first time a week later at Ipswich.

Gareth Williams

Gareth played his entire career with Nottingham Forest before signing a three year deal with Leicester in July 2004. Gareth captained Forest on several occasions and won their Player of the Year award in 2001/02 after clocking up 47 appearances in his first full season in professional football. In total, he played 154 times for the club, scoring nine goals. He enjoyed a successful end to the 2003/04 season when he netted five times in the last 11 games, including a goal on his farewell appearance against already-promoted West Brom. Gareth grabbed his first goal in a City shirt in their 2-2 FA Cup third round clash against Blackpool, going on to also find the net in the next round at Reading as well as against Stoke City in the Championship.

Strikers

Iain Hume

Signed on transfer deadline day at the end of August 2005, striker Iain Hume became the most expensive signing of Craig Levein's managerial reign. The 22-year-old was born in Edinburgh but plays his international football for Canada. He was bought as a direct replacement for David Connolly who moved to Wigan the same day. Hume put pen-to-paper on a three-year deal after leaving Tranmere Rovers where he made 176 appearances, scoring 37 goals since making his debut at the age of 16. His best season for Tranmere was during the 2004/05 campaign where he finished top scorer with 16 goals. The fee for Hume was an initial £500,000 but that could rise to £750,000. He progressed through the youth ranks at Tranmere and spent the last 18 months of his career at Prenton Park under the guidance of former City boss Brian Little.

Elvis Hammond

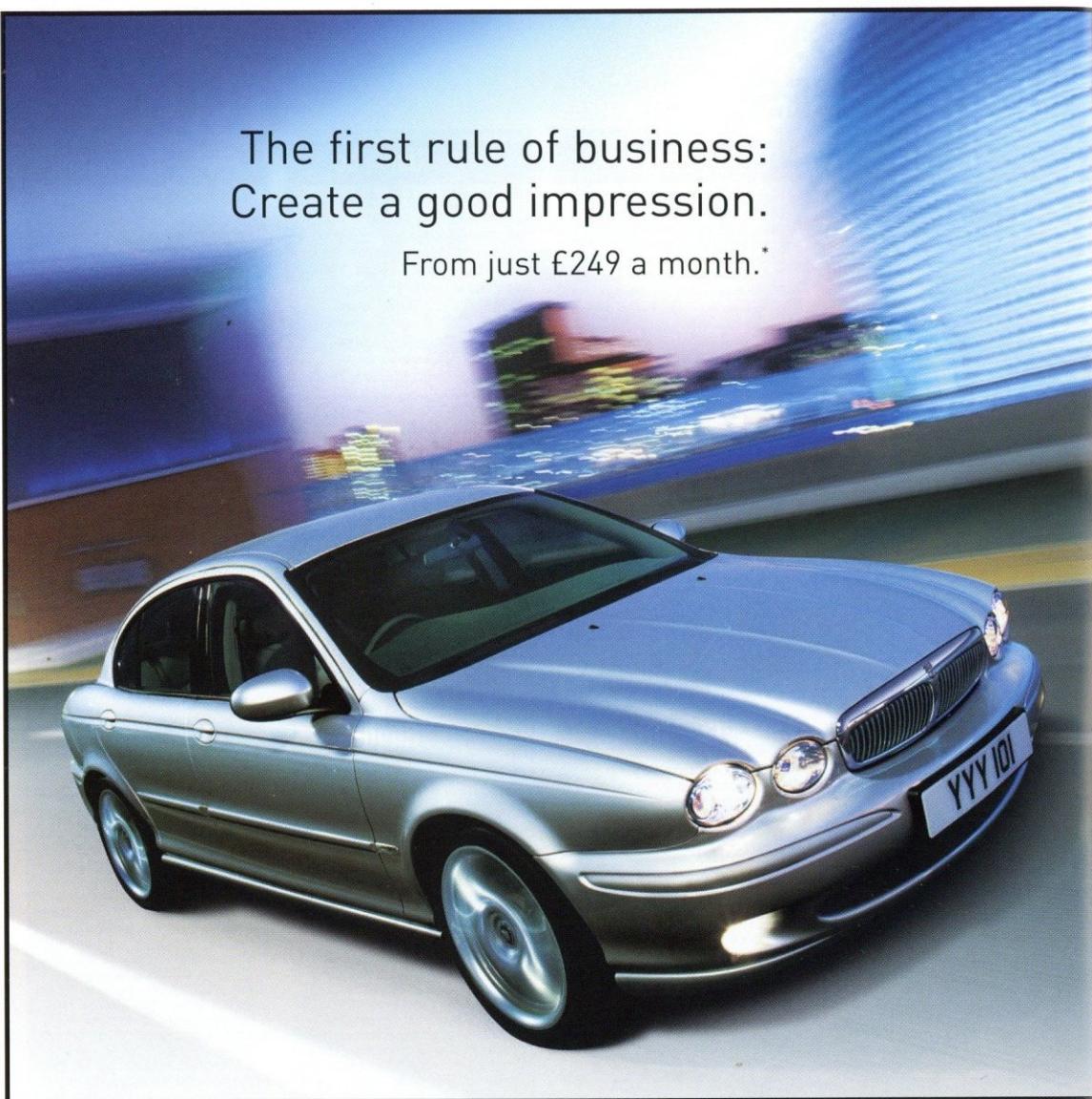
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Classic Match

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



Emeka Nwajiobi fires in a shot against Leicester watched by Mick Harford.

As Christmas 1984 approached the Town looked dead and buried in Division One with only Stoke City keeping them from bottom spot. It appeared that only championship winning form would prevent the drop and with only five wins to their credit at the halfway stage this appeared to be a tall order.

Money was, however, made available to manager David Pleat and he spent wisely investing in David Preece, Steve Foster, Mick Harford and Peter Nicholas in quick succession. Slowly form began to turn.

Although there was the added (nice) distraction of an extended F.A. Cup run which saw the Town through to the semi-final stage, a sequence of five wins from six games in March and April gave

the players a fighting chance. In the run were victories over fellow strugglers Ipswich and Norwich, both 3-1, a 4-0 thumping of bottom club Stoke at the Victoria Ground and a never to be forgotten 2-1 win over Manchester United, the first since 1937.

Following further victories over Arsenal and Aston Villa it was realised that a win over Leicester at Kenilworth Road in the penultimate home game would spell an end to the worries of relegation, something that would have appeared an impossibility only a few months before.

Before brows could be mopped though, Leicester had to be seen off and a crowd of 11,802 gathered to see if the Town could finally nail all fears of relegation.

Fortunately, the Foxes were safe and had little to play for and with Foster and Mal Donaghy effectively bottling up England centre-forward Gary Lineker, in his last game for Leicester, the Town went looking for goals.

The breakthrough came after 14 minutes when Emeka Nwajiobi headed in Brian Stein's clever centre. The lead was doubled on 28 minutes when Ricky Hill laid the ball into the path of Preece who smacked in a 20 yard shot.

Apart from a brief flurry just before the interval, when Luton goalkeeper Les Sealey had to pull off a smart save from Mark Bright, the Town had the remainder of the game with Stein making sure of the points on 54 minutes with a tremendous turn and shot. A header from Harford in the closing minutes put the seal on an emphatic 4-0 victory at the same time earning the squad a holiday to Cyprus.

Manager David Pleat joined the Luton faithful in breathing a sigh of relief at the final whistle and admitted that it had been the most difficult season he had experienced in football.

Luton Town: Sealey, Breacker, Foster, Donaghy, Thomas, Hill, Nicholas, Preece, Stein, Harford, Nwajiobi.

Leicester City: Andrews, Feeley (Bright), Williams, O'Neill, Wilson, Peake, Lynex, Ramsey, Banks, Lineker, Smith.

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Match Action

STEVEN DOVE reports from Elland Road as Steve Howard hits his 100th goal for Luton Town in a narrow defeat by Leeds United

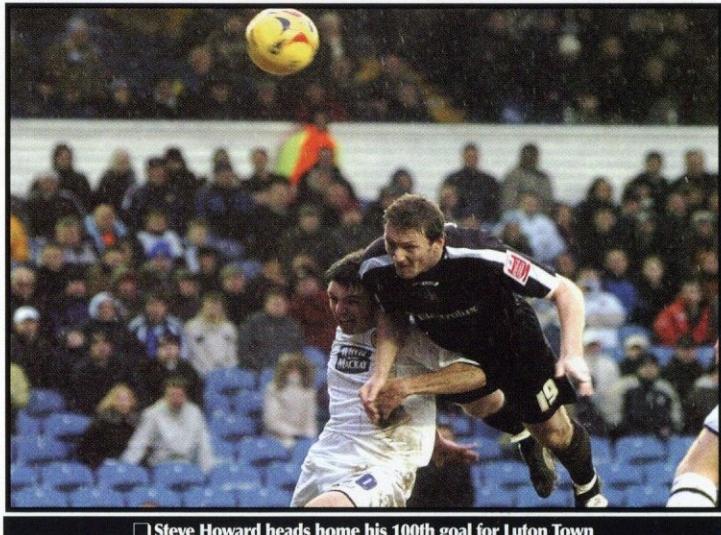
Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



"I am getting a little bit fed up explaining that we are playing decent stuff everywhere we go and not coming away with results. It is becoming more than frustrating and when you come to a place like Elland Road, you know it will be difficult. People were expecting Leeds to win but we don't see it that way and I was pleased with the way the lads played, especially in the first half. Never at any stage did Leeds put us under any pressure. Marlon made one very good save in the first half and apart from that, and the two goals, there was not a lot to worry us."

LEEDS UNITED 2 LUTON 1



Steve Howard heads home his 100th goal for Luton Town

Steve Howard hit his 100th goal for Luton but it wasn't enough as two second half strikes in the space of five minutes helped Leeds claim all three points.

The Luton striker headed home his milestone goal after 83 minutes, which had given the visitors some hope of taking something back to Kenilworth Road, after Jonathan Douglas and Eddie Lewis had given Leeds a dream start to the second half.

Luton had opportunities to salvage something from the game in the closing stages but could not make the second breakthrough. Luton's miserable afternoon was compounded when Sol Davis was dismissed in additional time for a second bookable offence.

After a dull first half, the game sprang into life after the restart, which almost turned in Luton's favour after the visitors had strong penalty appeals waved away by the referee after Sean Gregan had seemingly handled in

the area.

With Luton still complaining over the decision, Leeds took full advantage as a fine individual goal from Douglas gave the home-side the advantage on 49 minutes. The former Birmingham striker picked up a short pass and wormed his way into the penalty area before unleashing a low right footed drive past Marlon Beresford.

Luton's afternoon went from bad to worse just four minutes later as Leeds doubled their advantage. Rob Hulse was allowed to get to the by-line and somehow squeeze through a cross, which was comfortably side-footed home into an empty net by Lewis.

The visitors gave themselves a chance of salvaging a point when Howard's towering header found its way into the corner of the Leeds net on 83 minutes but their efforts were not helped as Davis was dismissed for a second bookable offence.

LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



LEEDS' STARTING LINE-UP



MATCH FACTS

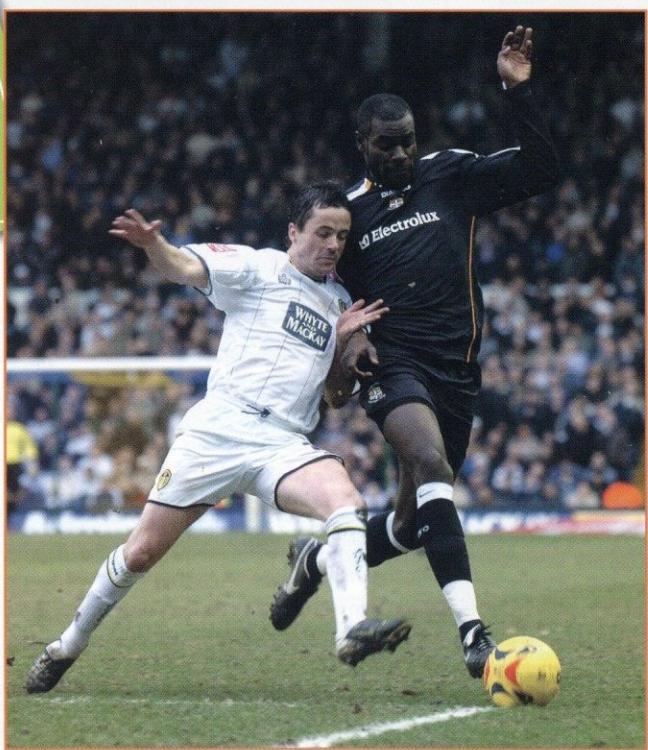
	Leeds	Luton
Goals :	2	1
Possession :	61%	39%
On Target :	4	6
Off Target :	8	4
Corners :	7	7
Fouls :	18	21
Most Fouls :	Hulse (6)	Barnett (6)
Yellow Cards :	2	1
Red Cards :	0	1
Scorers :	Douglas 49 Lewis 53	Howard 83



Coming Through! Rowan Vine surges through the Leeds midfield



Steve Howard tries to mount another attack for Luton



Enoch Showunmi skips past a challenge from Leeds' Gary Kelly



Leon Barnett awaits a Luton corner



Kevin Foley keeps Jonathan Douglas at bay





Trinidad style



BBQs sizzling on the streets and carnival girls performing at half-time - this was football Trinidad style. STEVEN DOVE reports from Loftus Road as Luton midfielder Carlos Edwards continued his World Cup adventure in a friendly international against Iceland.

West London had probably seen nothing quite like it since the Notting Hill Carnival. Trinidad's yearly Carnival Tuesday celebrations, in the Caribbean heat, was brought to the more chilly temperatures of London recently as the football team's World Cup preparations continued at Loftus Road.

“We are not going to Germany just to make up the numbers”

Carlos Edwards on the forthcoming World Cup

One Trinidad follower, who had flown to the UK especially for the international friendly against Iceland, saw myself in my Luton Town jacket as I was savouring the carnival atmosphere and was interested to know how his favourite player, Carlos Edwards, was getting on in his first season at Kenilworth Road.

As our conversation continued, the supporter, who lived on the Caribbean island just outside the capital city, Port-of-Spain, was doing his best to paint a

picture of what would be unfolding back home, on a day when the locals come out in force to celebrate one of their biggest public holidays of the year.

“It would be non stop drinking and partying for two days,” said the avid Trinidad follower. “It is one of the biggest celebrations the island has every year. It would be a beautiful day, about 35 degrees, and the streets would be filled with thousands of people, most of whom will be the most beautiful women you have ever seen.”

I wasn't exactly sure what to expect as I decided to venture into the capital, and find out for myself the culture and the style that would certainly be gracing Germany this summer at the World Cup Finals. On exiting White City tube station, steel drums could be heard and the meat on the BBQs could be smelt as the party was in full flow two hours before kick-off.

Inside the ground, the party was nothing short of electric as The Gemz Dancers entertained the crowd and the Trinidad music blasted out on the PA system, so



Dennis Lawrence, a former team-mate of Carlos Edwards at Wrexham, is in the thick of the action for Trinidad

loud that the journalists and press were having trouble telephoning their copy to their respective news desks.

Luton supporters have been following the fortunes of Trinidad and Tobago, who will be the smallest ever country to compete in the World Cup Finals, since Edwards played his role in their qualification to their first appearance in the competition. The Luton Town Supporters Club have sold out on a trip to follow Edwards' fortunes in Germany, when they take on Sweden in Dortmund on 10th June, and according to Mark Chapman, the Chairman of the Supporters Club, many more places could have been sold due to the high level of interest from Hatters fans.

Although off the field the scenes were unfamiliar to an Englishman, on the field the Trinidadians named a team that included players that although unheard of on the international scenes, on the domestic stage, they were instantly recognisable with Coventry's Stern John, Port Vale's Chris Birchall, West Ham's Shakka

Hislop and Wrexham's Dennis Lawrence well known to Luton supporters.

For Edwards, the Iceland game represented another chance for him to get his second foot onto the plane bound for Germany in June. The Luton midfielder played a key role in the qualification campaign but realises that he must maintain his high level of performances for his club if he wants to guarantee his World Cup ticket.

"I am not taking anything for granted," said the former Wrexham player. "A lot can happen between now and the end of the season and I know I have to keep performing for Luton. I am keeping my head on my shoulders and not getting carried away with anything to do with the World Cup."

"The Iceland game represented a chance for the lads to get back together for the first time since the play-off win against Bahrain and it was good to unite with one another once again. We had some new faces in the squad for the match against Iceland so we all know that the manager is

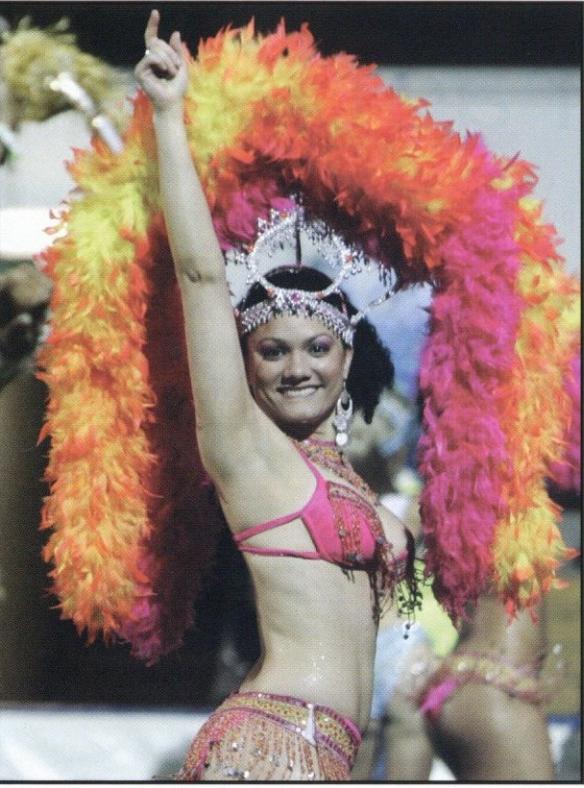
continuing to look at his squad.

"We have to take every game seriously, which is why the victory over Iceland was so important. I felt the performance showed that we could be a force to be reckoned with and we are certainly not going to Germany just to make up the numbers."

"Everyone has been talking about the World Cup back in Trinidad, it is a hot topic of conversation. Trinidad will be taking lots of supporters to Germany, there is no doubt about that, and we will be going there, hoping to do them proud."

Much of Trinidad's success over recent months has been down to the transformation under former Real Madrid coach Leo Beenhakker. With three of the ten qualifiers completed, Trinidad were bottom of their six-team CONCACAF group and as far away from the World Cup finals as they possibly could be.

Then Beenhakker, now 63, transformed the country's fortunes when



The half-time entertainment was not to be missed



Stern John celebrates with goal scorer Dwight Yorke

he took over from Bertile St Clair and had his Trinidad side playing a more direct style of football which helped in the team chalking up three victories in their last four games and triumphing in a 2-1 aggregate win over Bahrain in a nail-biting play-off.

Edwards continued: "Leo is a quality coach and he has managed some of the best teams in the World. We are very fortunate to have a coach of his experience and his ability leading us into the World Cup. He is now so respected by the people of Trinidad and has brought so much happiness to our country."

Beenhakker, who has also managed the Holland national team earlier in his career, has certainly instilled self-belief in the Trinidad side and was high of praise of his Football League-based players. He also sent out a chilling message to England, the country Trinidad face on the 15th June in Nuremberg.

"I think a lot of people will be surprised at what we will be able to do at the World Cup and that includes

England, said the relatively confident Beenhakker. "This is a very good squad of players and they have shown what they can do already."

Edwards' expected call-up to the Trinidad squad is likely to be helped by Beenhakker's reluctance not to include the likes of Premiership stars such as Bobby Zamora and Jlloyd Samuel, both of whom have West Indian heritage, as the experienced manager prefers to rely on those who have served him so well.

At the time of going to press, Beenhakker had yet to name a pre-selection squad of 28 players for the finals, which was due to be announced any time soon, before then making his final 23 man selection at the end of April.

One player whose name will be first on the list will undoubtedly be former Aston Villa and Manchester United striker Dwight Yorke, whose brace rounded off an eye-catching performance against Iceland.

Edwards said: "Dwight is a role model

and a player who has done wonders for Trinidad. He has always helped me and given me advice as a player and is always the first person anyone in the squad turns to when we seek some assistance. People look up to him because of what he has done and people could see how much it meant to him at the final whistle against Bahrain when we qualified."

Edwards played 45 minutes of the victory against Iceland on the right side of midfield and his performance will have certainly done nothing to harm his chances of making it to Germany later this year.

The hype surrounding Trinidad's maiden appearance in the World Cup is still enthralling the country. With a population of just 1.1 million, the two-island nation is the bookies favourite not to get past the first round. Their fans, however, will probably be amongst the noisiest and most exuberant in Germany and those lucky enough to get tickets will probably enjoy every minute of what has already been an incredible journey.

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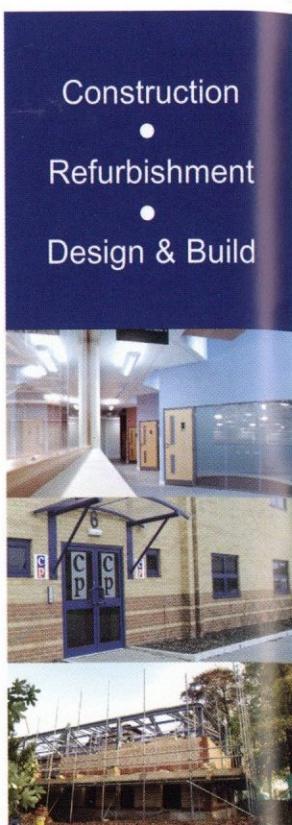
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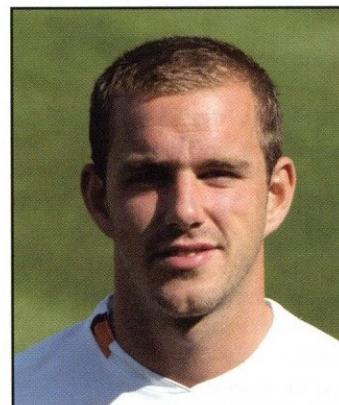
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Rowan beat Warren Feeney in round one

ROWAN'S ANSWERS

1. Maine Road
2. Dean Ashton
3. USA 94
4. Ipswich Town
5. Sunderland
6. Burton Albion
7. Australia
8. Portsmouth
9. Sheffield Wednesday
10. Lyon

Score 10/10

QUESTIONS

1. What was the name of Manchester City's ground before they moved to the City of Manchester stadium?
2. Which West Ham player currently occupies the number nine shirt at Upton Park?
3. Can you name the last World Cup in which England failed to qualify?
4. Which English club are known as the Tractor Boys?
5. Which team used to play at Roker Park?
6. Nigel Clough is the manager of which non-league club?
7. Everton midfielder Tim Cahill plays international football for which country?
8. Which of the following teams has Terry Venables not managed - Crystal Palace, Tottenham, Portsmouth or Leeds?
9. When Arsenal last won the domestic cup double, they beat the same team in both finals, which team was this?
10. Which club did Chelsea buy Michael Essien from?



Peter beat Sol Davis in round one

PETER'S ANSWERS

1. Maine Road
2. Bobby Zamora
3. USA 94
4. Ipswich Town
5. Sunderland
6. Burton Albion
7. Australia
8. Portsmouth
9. Sheffield Wednesday
10. Lyon

Score 9/10

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 10 v 9 Peter Holmes

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Roger Wash

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From the 1977-78 season, Roger Wash looks back at a year of great change with a barnstorming start followed by a new manager and an end of season slump. A typical Luton Town campaign of highs and lows!



Steve Buckley after scoring the only goal against Orient on the opening day

Luton Town manager Harry Haslam, starting his sixth campaign in charge at Kenilworth Road, saw his pre-season training hindered by the absence of three loan players who were not due back from the USA until after the English season had started.

It was therefore a makeshift side that took on Orient at Kenilworth Road on the opening day with a bemused crowd of 8,061 turning up to see a strange line-up, and although the records books show that the Town won 1-0 courtesy of a second half goal from full-back Steve Buckley, the scoreline

was rather unfair on Orient who had their chances to take both points.

Gradually the missing players drifted back and in a glorious Indian summer the Town clinched some eye-catching results which saw them shoot up the table. A 7-1 thumping of Charlton at Kenilworth Road, with Jim Husband scoring four, followed by impressive wins at Bristol Rovers and Cardiff had Luton supporters hoping for a return to the top flight which had been left in 1975.

After moving up to second spot following a 1-0 home win over a George

Best inspired Fulham in mid-October the wheels came off one by one.

Back to back defeats at Blackpool and Bolton saw the Town drop down the table and from then on performances were highly erratic which was not helped by long term injuries to Phil Boersma and Paul Futcher. The injury to the highly regarded Futcher was particularly worrying as he was involved in his second car accident in a matter of months, only this time the immediate prognosis was that he would be lucky to play again. That he was out for only ten weeks was a minor miracle considering the injuries he suffered, but to many commentators he was never quite the same player again.

Next up were rumours coming out of Kenilworth Road that Harry Haslam and new board member David Evans were not seeing eye to eye. Evans was, by his own admission, blunt and when he came up against the similarly straight-talking Haslam sparks were always likely to fly.

The rumours of these spats spread throughout the footballing world with the result that Haslam was offered the vacant managers position at Millwall as well as the chief scouts role at Manchester United. Although he turned both down, the first step had been taken on the slippery slope.

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
8) Oldham	42	13	16	13	54	58	59
9) Crystal Palace	42	13	15	14	50	47	59
10) Fulham	42	14	13	15	49	49	58
11) Burnley	42	15	10	17	56	64	56
12) Sheffield Utd	42	16	8	18	62	73	56
13) LUTON	42	14	10	18	54	52	56
14) Orient	42	10	18	14	43	49	52
15) Notts County	42	11	16	15	54	62	50

Out of the blue, chief coach Roy McCrohan announced that he was to join the exodus to the U.S.A. and become assistant manager of Detroit Express, and shortly afterwards came confirmation that the Town had reluctantly accepted an offer they could not refuse from Derby for popular full-back Steve Buckley. That the Ram's manager Tommy Docherty confirmed that he now had the best full-back pairing in the country in David Langan and Buckley was of scant consolation to the heartbroken Luton supporters.

The third departure in a month came at the end of January 1978 when Haslam confirmed that he had taken up the hot seat at Sheffield United. This bolt from the blue came only days after he had confirmed in a statement in the club's match programme that the rumours of his departure were far

from the truth and that he was about to sign a new contact.

The Town almost immediately offered the vacant manager's chair to David Pleat, who had suddenly jumped from being reserve team coach to chief coach, following the departure of McCrohan, and was now in line for the top job. Pleat was also asked by Haslam to join him at Bramall Lane but after a couple of days deliberation decided to stay at Kenilworth Road.

Pleat soon discovered that the new job was not going to be easy as, although he had the ears of all the younger players, some of the older professionals were not happy about someone only slightly older than them suddenly becoming their boss.

The new man stood his ground and was soon making arrangements for some of the senior players to take up

Elsewhere in football

- * Don Revie quits as manager of England to be replaced by Ron Greenwood.
- * Nottingham Forest win the championship only twelve months after promotion from Division Two. They also win the League Cup.
- * Liverpool break the transfer record between British clubs when paying £440,000 for Celtic's Kenny Dalglish. They also smash the record between English clubs when handing over £352,000 to Middlesbrough for Graeme Souness.
- * Ipswich win the FA Cup, beating Arsenal 1-0 in the final.
- * Liverpool beat Bruges 1-0 at Wembley to retain the European Cup.
- * England fail to qualify for the

Manager: Harry Haslam/David Pleat

Top Scorer: Ron Futcher and Phil Boersma

League Position: 13th

FA Cup: 4th Round

League Cup: 3rd Round

Memorable Match: Vs Charlton - W 7-1

opportunities in the States. He was determined to be his own man and to create his own team.

The changes made at the top killed the season as far as the playing side was concerned, and although the Town finished in 13th position they were one of seven teams on 38 points. Relegated Blackpool, who were above mid-table two weeks before the end of the campaign, went down with 37 points!

No wins from their final six games brought about a dismal end to the Town's campaign with the scintillating form of the previous autumn seeming light years away.

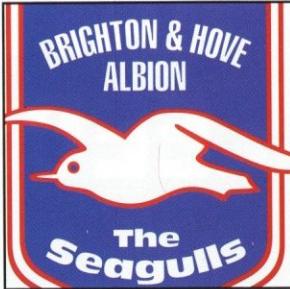
Little did the disillusioned Luton supporters know at the time but they about to enter a new golden era in the club's history!

World Cup finals. The trophy is eventually won by hosts Argentina who beat Holland in the final.

* Dario Gradi is appointed to the hot seat at Wimbledon.

* Barton Rovers, with Kevin Blackwell in goal, lose 2-1 to Blue Star in the F.A. Vase final at Wembley.

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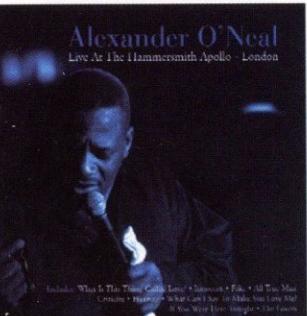


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BY ROAD AND MATCHDAY

PARKING: The easiest way to travel to Brighton is by train but supporters who want to travel by car can take the following route to find the best parking. Getting to the ground by car is relatively easy but parking is a huge problem around the stadium due to the fact that there is no parking allowed within a mile of the ground, due to the matchday restrictions in place around the stadium (one of the conditions that was agreed for allowing Brighton to play there following their move from the Goldstone Ground). From the M1, head southbound onto the M25 and take the Heathrow Airport turning. When on the M25, leave at junction 7 (signposted Croydon, Gatwick Airport) and this will

take you onto the M23. From here continue straight ahead, onto the A23. One of the best areas to park for the football is located at Mill Road, off the A23 and A27. Mill Road can be located when you reach the Mill Road Roundabout, which is approximately 15 miles ahead of you once you join the A23. There is a park and ride scheme which operates from this site.

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the hill, turn left along the A23 for the stadium

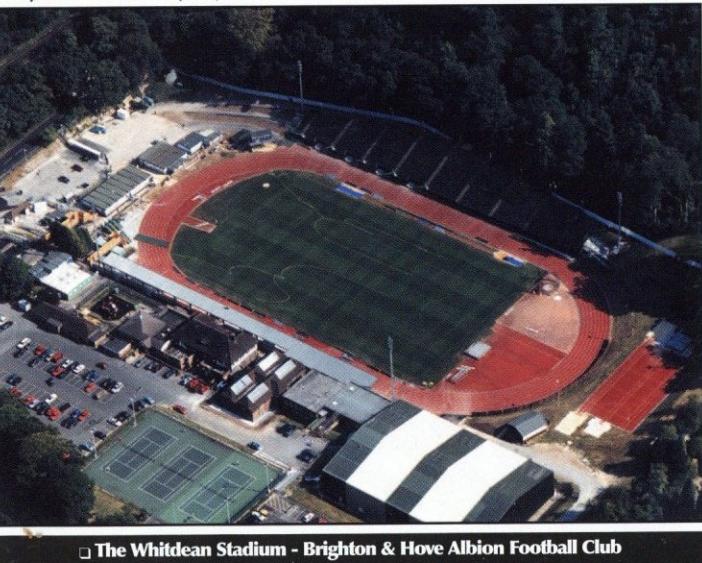
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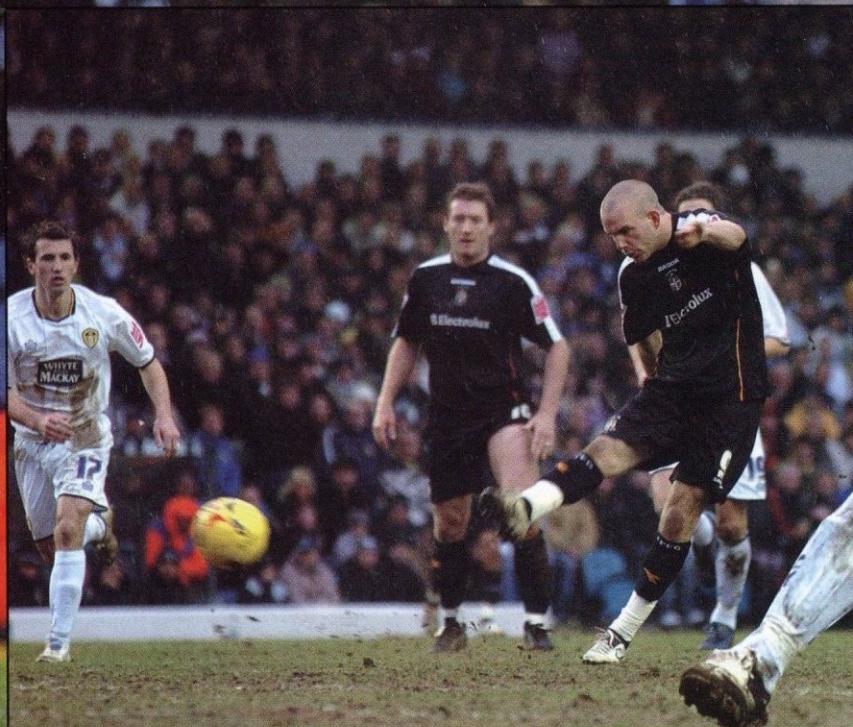
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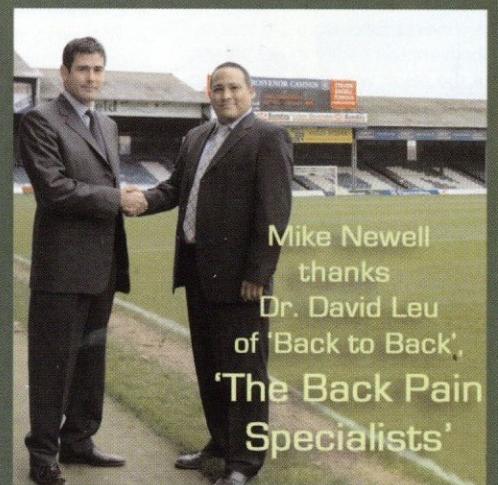
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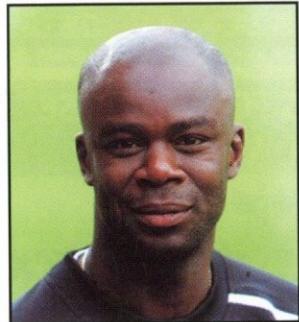
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Luton's Youth & Reserves

MARVIN JOHNSON looks back over past results from the youth and reserve team side in recent weeks.

YOUTHS

Luton 1 Northampton 3

(Charles)

Saturday 18th February 2006
Youth Alliance League

Ryan Charles was on target for Luton's youngsters but it wasn't enough as Northampton completed a league double over the Hatters.

The South East Conference clash at Newlands Road saw Ryan Charles net for the home-side when Luton were already trailing 2-0, before the visitors added a third.

The reverse followed a 2-0 loss in Northampton earlier in the season, but the result was even more disappointing after Luton had recorded a 7-1 victory the previous week to beat Brentford.

Johnson said: "We could have no complaints about the result and Northampton were by far the better team."

"On the day, Northampton were comfortable winners because they passed it around better than we did."

"They didn't create that many more chances than we did but footballing wise they were the better team."

"It's disappointing to go out one week and win 7-1 and then lose 3-1 the next week."

YOUTHS

Southend 2 Luton 0

Saturday 25th February 2006
Youth Alliance League

Luton's youngsters slipped to an away day defeat by Southend United, a result which saw The Hatters' opponents leapfrog them in the Youth Alliance Division.

Two second half goals from Southend's promising young striker Franck Moussa handed the home side all three points.

On the game, Marvin Johnson said: "We were slightly unlucky not to have taken something from this game."

"I felt in the first half we were the better side but we couldn't open the scoring."

"We are now at a stage of the season where we are playing eight or nine schoolboys every week and it will be difficult for us for the remainder of the season."

"However it will give us a good indication for us for next season and the young lads who are playing in these games will be better for the experience they are gaining."

NEXT UP FOR THE YOUTHS

Luton's youngsters entertained Gillingham today and are back in action again next Saturday when Leyton Orient are the visitors to

Newlands Road, kick-off 11:00am

BARRETT DEAL

The most encouraging news from the youth set-up last week was that goalkeeper Zach Barrett, a final year scholar, has been offered a professional contract with the club next season

RESERVES

Luton 6 Oxford 1

(Perrett x 2, Showunmi, Feeney, Stevens, Green)

Tuesday 21st February 2006
Pontin's Holiday Combination

Luton comfortably extended their winning run in the Pontin's Combination Division after completing a demolition job over Oxford United.

Russell Perrett grabbed two goals with Enoch Showunmi, Warren Feeney, Danny Stevens and Josh Green all getting in amongst the act during a 6-1 win.

The result extended Luton's winning run to seven games in the Pontin's Division.

RESERVES

Luton 6 Stevenage 1

(Showunmi x 3, Walker x 2, Keane)

Tuesday 28th February 2006

Luton's reserve side moved to the top of the Pontin's Holiday Combination Division following their victory over Stevenage.

Enoch Showunmi grabbed a hat-trick whilst James Walker, a trialist from Charlton Athletic, capped off an encouraging performance with a brace in a 6-1 win. Keith Keane was Luton's other scorer, striking home early in the second half.

Luton, who also included another Charlton trialist Lawrie Wilson in the starting line-up, took the lead on 16 minutes after Robert Sinclair was brought down inside the area and Showunmi converted the spot kick.

Then came a three goal burst within seven minutes as Showunmi doubled the home-sides lead on 38 minutes after neatly side-footing home past the Stevenage goalkeeper.

Stevenage responded with a goal of their own before Walker swivelled inside the penalty area to restore Luton's two goal advantage on the stroke of half-time.

The home side made the perfect start to the second half as Keane fired home on 52 minutes after Stevenage's defence failed to deal with a Luton corner.

Showunmi completed his hat-trick just four minutes later after converting his second penalty of the afternoon following a handball inside the area by a Stevenage defender.

Walker added the finishing touches to a convincing win when his trickery inside the penalty area saw the striker neatly tuck the ball into the corner of the net.

Johnson said: "I thought the lads performed as well as they could have done against Stevenage. Sometimes playing a non-league team can be difficult when at times you know you have the higher ability on paper."

"We were very professional straight away, as what the scoreline suggests, and the lads have to be congratulated on their professional approach to the game."

NEXT UP FOR THE RESERVES

Luton's next scheduled home reserve game is against Southend United on Tuesday 14th March at Kenilworth Road, kick-off 2:00pm



Enoch Showunmi was on the score sheet in the reserves win over Oxford United



Nick Mountford in action against Oxford United



Luton's Joe Selby in action for the youth team against Southend United

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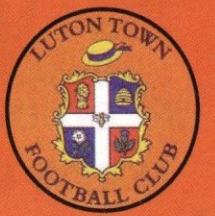
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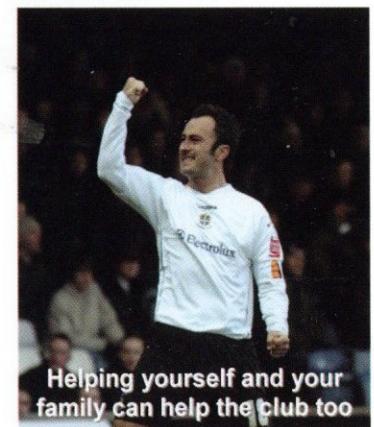
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FROM THAILAND TO LUTON AND BACK AGAIN

Paul Frankland must truly be one of Luton's Maddest Hatters. The loyal Luton follower will be amongst the Kenilworth Road crowd this afternoon having flown in from Thailand just to witness this afternoon's encounter.

That may sound barmy, but what is even more crazy, and quite unbelievable, is that Paul has been making the 14 hour trip from his home in Asia for the past 20 years, just to watch his beloved Luton in action.

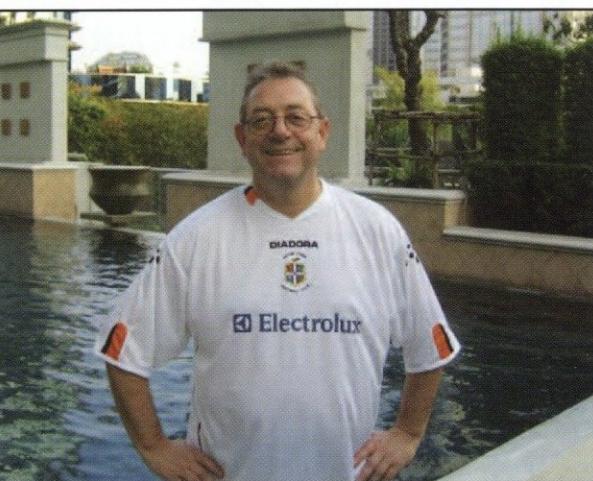
Paul is today celebrating 50 years watching Luton Town after attending his first game at the age of seven. Despite living thousands of miles away across the other side of the globe, Paul remains a season ticket holder at Kenilworth Road and makes his extraordinary journey as often as possible.

He is certainly forgiven for not attending every match and last season made an incredible 11 visits to Kenilworth Road clocking up thousands of air miles and spending a fortune on air tickets.

His love for Luton reached new heights this season, making a long journey to witness two matches within the space of a week, as his son Chris explains.

"Probably the most mad trip for my dad was this season when he flew in on a Friday night and travelled up to watch the Hull City game," said Paul's son. "He then flew to Boston in America for business before returning back the week after to catch the Sheffield Wednesday game at Kenilworth Road. He then flew back to Thailand on the Sunday."

Everybody at Luton Town hopes Paul enjoys his stay with us this afternoon and that we will see him back at Kenilworth Road as soon as possible.



Paul Frankland celebrates 50 years of watching Luton Town this afternoon

WELCOME BRADLEY



Luton Town Supporters Club would like to give a special welcome to Leicester City Season Ticket Holder Bradley Hicks. Bradley is 12-years-old and has travelled to Luton from his current home in Leicestershire. He was born in the city of Leicester and considers himself "Leicester 'til I die". He is a guest of the Luton Town Supporters Club today.

VICTORIOUS SOMERIES



Luton Town welcome Someries Under-11 side, who are the newly crowned English Schools South East Regional Champions, to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. Calvin Saxby's side represented Bedfordshire in the Finals of the competition and won a close fought encounter against Stafford, from Sussex, 4-3 on penalties and now advance to the national Finals at Keele University.



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WAITING IN THE WINGS

Russell Perrett can be classed as a true professional. Despite not enjoying an action packed Championship campaign, the central defender continues to give 100 per cent in the reserves and remains at the peak of his game. Talking to today's matchday programme, Perrett looks back over his season so far.

Russell Perrett may not have starred in many of Luton's Championship games this season but the central defender can often be seen around the club with a smile on his face and his head held high.

The former Cardiff defender, who is in his fifth season at Kenilworth Road, has only made nine appearances for Luton this season but has continued to turn in a number of impressive performances for the reserve team, which recently saw him notch a brace in a 6-1 victory over Oxford.

Despite a small setback in recent weeks after picking up a dead leg, Perrett is continuing to work hard behind the scenes in a bid to dislodge the current centre-back choice of Markus Heikkinen and Chris Coyne.

The 32-year-old said: "I have kept myself fit for a large majority of this season. I picked up an injury a few weeks ago but it was just one of them unfortunate training ground incidents, where I had a clash with Sol Davis in training, which put me back three of four days.

"I have now managed to get a couple of games under my belt, which is always good, and I have now got my fitness up and I am raring to go again. I have scored a few goals in the reserves and I always prefer to play in those games because you always get a lot out of it.

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"The main two at the moment are Markus and Chris and they have done so well. I understand that they are the managers first choice at the moment."

Markus and Chris and they have done so well. I have had to step in now and again, because of injuries and a few suspensions, but I understand that they are the manager's first choice. All I can do is make sure that I am fit and ready to go if the manager calls on me and does need me to step in at any time."

Perrett has also had to contend with the emergence of youngster Leon Barnett, who has made rapid progress at first team level this season and has forced himself up Mike Newell's pecking order.

"Leon has come in and the manager has given him that opportunity," said Perrett. "He has done ever so well and to cope with the pace of the Championship so quickly is something which is not easy to do. I have to hold my hat off to him."

"Everyone saw what happened with Curtis Davies a few years ago when he had one full season and did really well. With Leon, he has got the right coaching people behind him so I can't see no reason as to why he can't follow in the same direction."

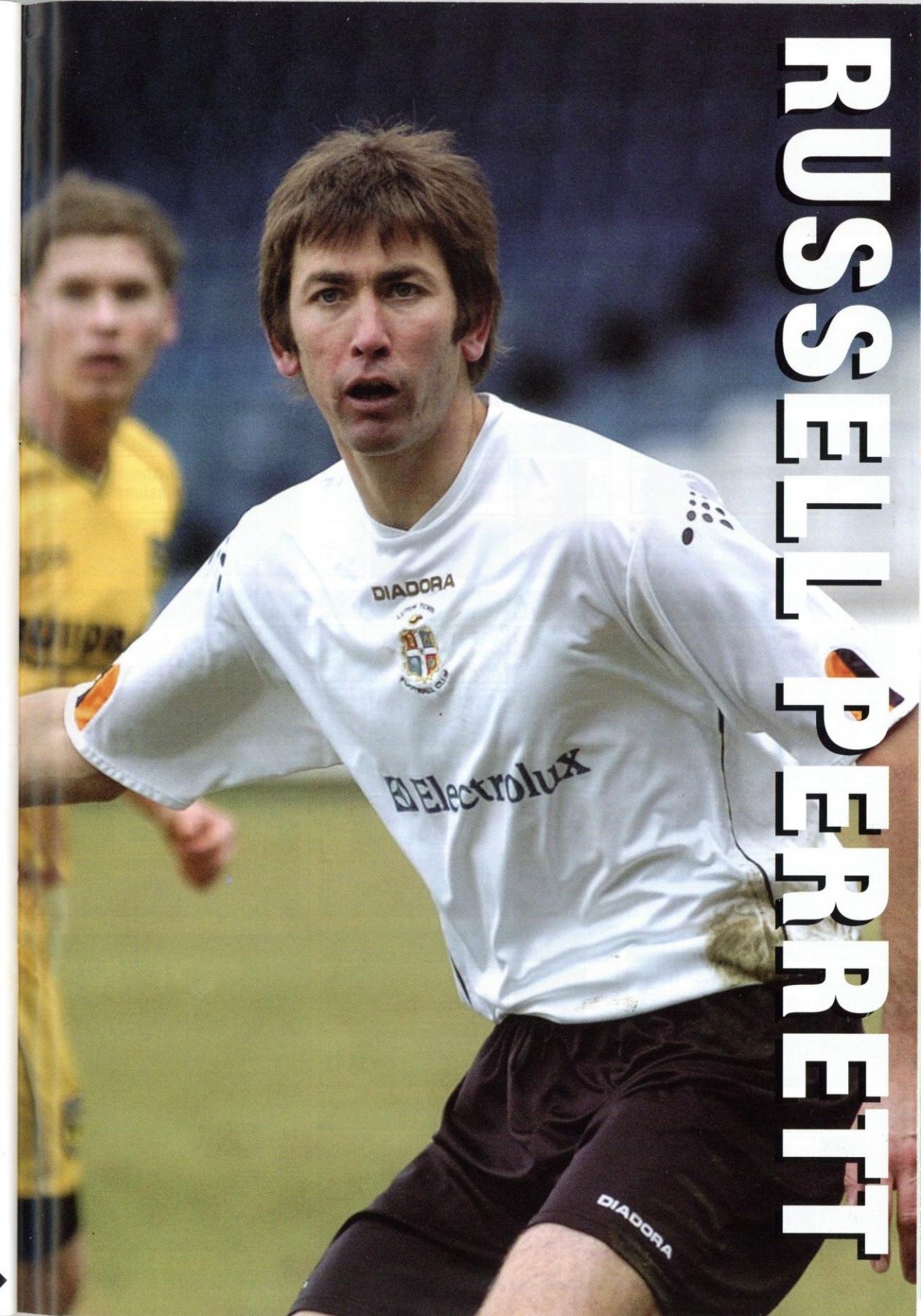
Despite his obvious frustrations,

Perrett admits he has endured harder times at Kenilworth Road and refuses to throw in the towel in a bid to force himself back into Newell's starting eleven.

"This has certainly not been my hardest year at the club," concluded Perrett. "Because I haven't been involved as much as I like, everyone assumes that I may be injured. I have been sitting on the bench a few times this season and it has just been the case of not shifting the other two."

"I had my worst season at the club about two seasons ago when I had so many problems with my groin and two operations which never really sorted out the problem. This season I have just been sticking at it, training hard and see what happens."

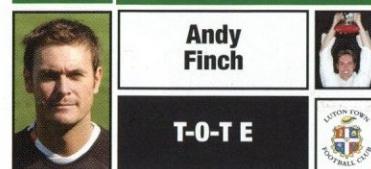
On Luton's final push for the play-offs, Perrett added: "It will be nice to get a run together, starting with this afternoon's game. The boys are more than capable of doing that and I don't see no reason as to why not. We all realise that we have the ability in the squad to do that but all we can do is to give it our best and see what happens."





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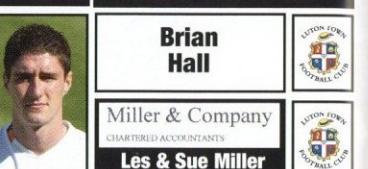
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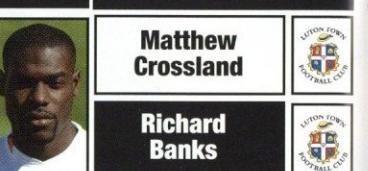
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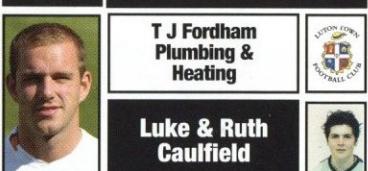
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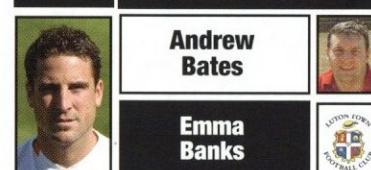
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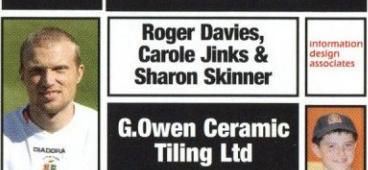
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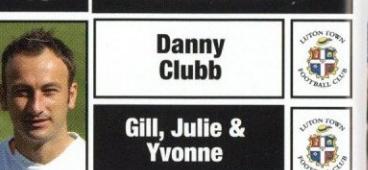
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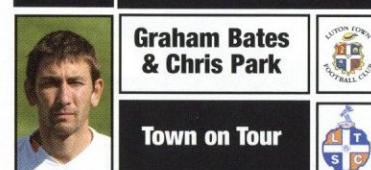
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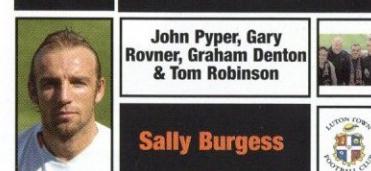
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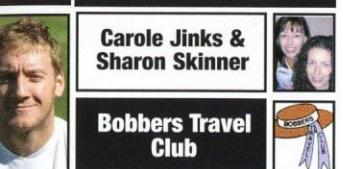


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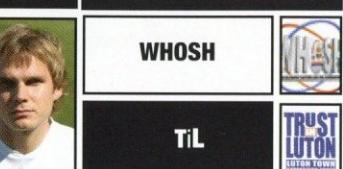


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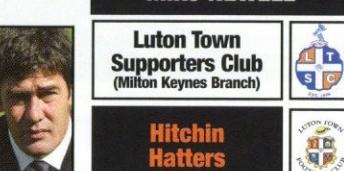
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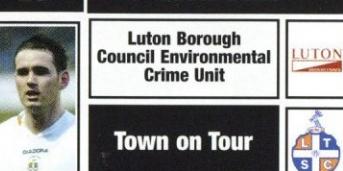
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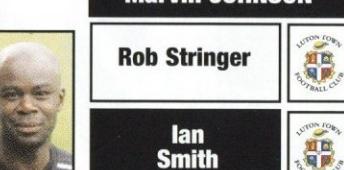
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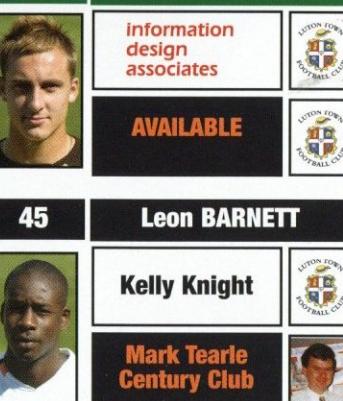
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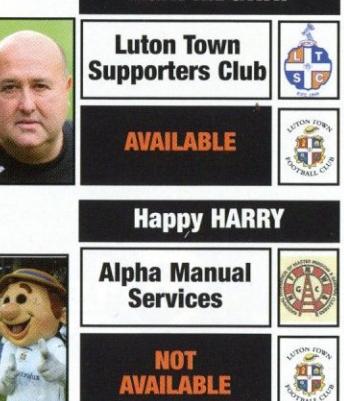
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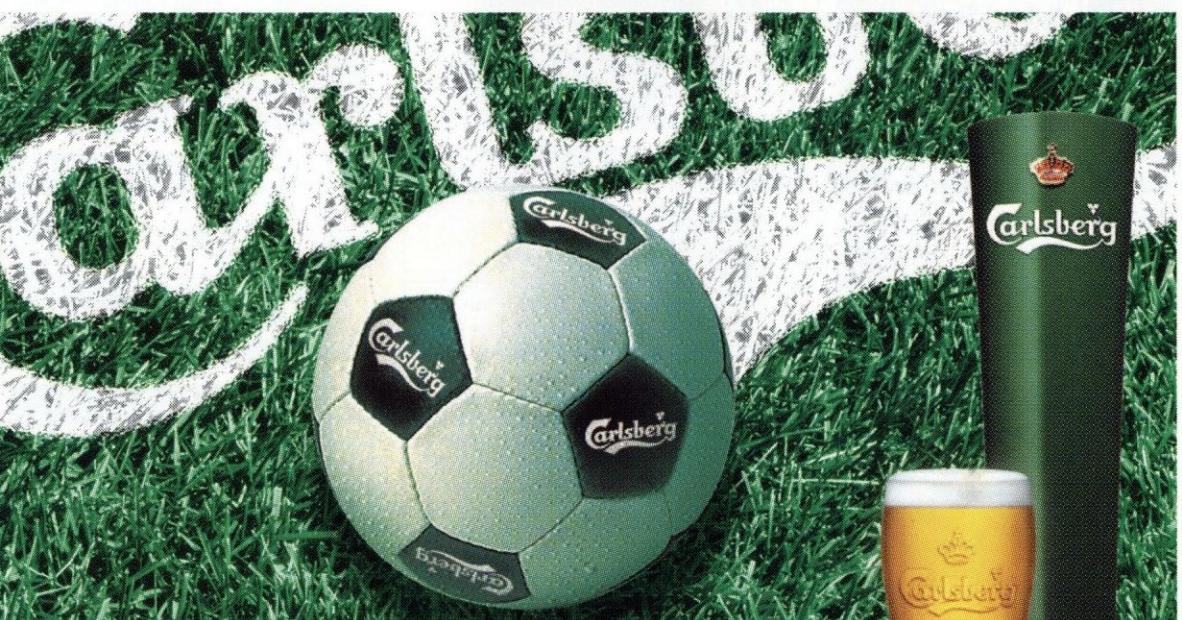
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Luton Town Belles

DAVID BAKER looks back as the latest results concerning the Luton Town Belles as the first team continued their fight against relegation with a vital point against Launton

The struggle against relegation continues as the Firsts battled out a 1-1 draw with bottom side Launton. Carly Cowell gave Town a first half lead but some loose finishing kept the lead down to a single goal and the inevitable happened as Launton equalized with their only real attack of the game. That setback was followed by a 3-1 defeat to Chesham United which took them to the top of the league. Kaylee Owen had equalized an early United strike with a superb rising shot but two more pieces of poor defending cost the Belles a point.

The reserves continue their surge towards promotion completing a double over the Metropolitan Police with a 5-3 away win. The Lockey sisters Kelly and Stacie were both on target as was Natalie Forbes and a policy of firing in

early crosses paid dividends as the Police twice converted crosses into their own net. A disappointing 4-1 home defeat to promotion rivals Staines Town followed especially after Rebecca Dimmock had crashed her shot high inside the near post to give Luton a first half lead. Town were soon back on track earning another three points on their travels at East Barnet with a 3-0 win. Luton finally broke the deadlock after Nina Hale had struck a post when Kelly Lockey stormed through the middle to fire high into the net to make it 1-0. Steff Cowell then crashed home a second at the far post before Shelley Miller completed the scoring in the second half.

The Thirds have showed remarkable resilience in the Reserve Cup firstly taking the lead against Hackney



□ Nina Hale heads wide as another chance goes begging in the first team match against Launton

through Fay Rolls before the Londoners took the lead and looked set to go through until Fay Rolls juggled the ball over two defenders before lifting the ball over the keeper to equalize with two minutes left. Town went all out for the win and were rewarded when Vicky Moody produced a classic finish clipping the ball past the keeper in injury time. The reward was a home semi final tie against the Reserve league champions Harpenden who were unbeaten all season. Luton produced another good performance and were rewarded when Aimee Barrable finished well in the 74th minute for the match winning goal. The Belles are likely to be underdogs in the final, with West Ham United the likely opponents.

Harpenden also fell victim to our Under 13's who hit them for five with goals from Clare Howe and a brace each for strike partners Leanne Lizaitis and Candice Davies. Having finished level in every permutation with Watford, it was necessary to hold a play-off to decide who should progress into the quarter finals. Lizaitis opened the scoring with a cracking strike but the Hornets equalized before being eliminated when Davies produced a piece of magic on the edge of the box to find the top corner of the net. The prolific Lizaitis also fired the bullets in the Beds Cup semi final against St Martins. The game was goal-less at full time but the Town fell behind briefly before Lizaitis brought the scores level and then produced a superb winner late into the second half of extra time. Town now face Flitwick Eagles in the final on 25th March





Match Action

STEVEN DOVE reports from the New Den as Luton slipped to their 13th away defeat of the season thanks to a last ditch goal from Millwall's Marvin Williams.

MILLWALL 2 LUTON 1



□ Carlos Edwards in action at the New Den

A transformed second half performance from Luton almost saw them take a vital point against Millwall at the New Den.

However a last ditch goal from Marvin Williams, after some indifferent Luton defending, saw Millwall grab their first win in 11 games.

This was another case of Luton not converting their chances after dominating the second half and with Chris Coyne cancelling out a first half strike from Ben May.

Luton had been woefully short of their best in the first half but a resounding second half performance should have, and looked as if, it would have given them something to take home from South East London.

After a dour opening half-an-hour, the game sprung into life on 33 minutes

when May swivelled inside the penalty area to cut across a shot that deceived Marlon Beresford.

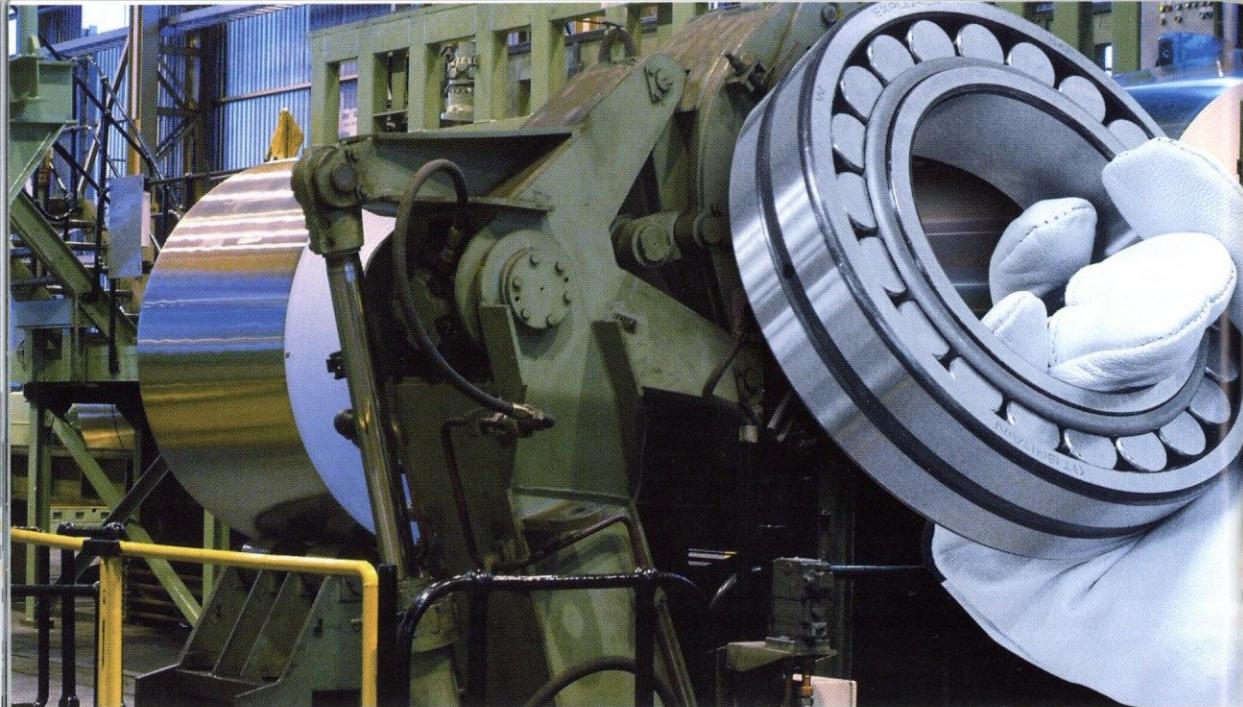
The Hatters made the perfect start to the second half as Coyne smashed home his third goal of the season on 47 minutes. Paul Underwood's deep free-kick was nodded into Coyne's path by Steve Howard who smashed a right-footed shot into the roof of the Millwall net.

Luton had a number of efforts to take the lead as Howard, Rowan Vine and Carlos Edwards all went close.

Luton looked as if they would leave Millwall with a share of the spoils but a seemingly harmless ball over the top of the visitors defence wasn't dealt with, which enabled Williams to strike home from ten-yards.



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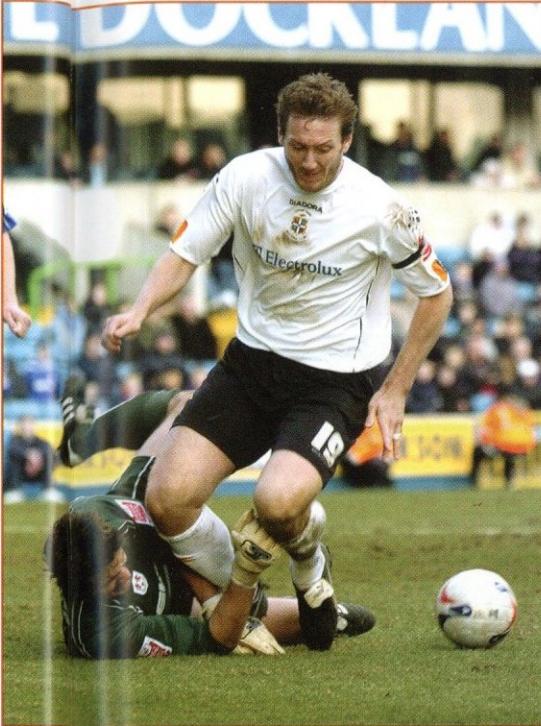


MILLWALL'S STARTING LINE-UP



MATCH FACTS

millwall	luton
Goals :	2
Possession :	39%
On Target :	3
Off Target :	3
Corners :	0
Fouls :	16
Most Fouls :	Elliott (4)
Yellow Cards :	3
Red Cards :	0
Scorers :	May 33 Williams 90
	Coyne 47





Peter Davis

Commercial Manager Peter Davis introduces this afternoon's sponsors to Kenilworth Road

Good afternoon and welcome back to our Commercial Partners and today's Match Sponsors, to our first traditional Saturday afternoon game, here at Kenilworth Road since the 4th February.

Luton Town Supporters Lottery

Our newly launched Supporters Lottery continues to grow in membership and this week saw the announcement of a stunning new first prize for a lucky winner and a guest that has been added to the pool and will be drawn before the end of the season. How about not only spending the morning at our training ground, with the players and coaches, but to make it even more special, the lucky winner will then be invited to have lunch with our management team of Mike Newell and Brian Stein. This is an absolutely tremendous opportunity for a Lottery member, therefore if you want to be in with a chance, join now, because as we always say, you have to be in to win. Remember, with all net proceeds of the fund going into the clubs Youth Development programme, five hundred members this year paying their subscription of just £2.00 per week, will generate a minimum of £25,000 that will be donated into the fund.

Thank-you as always for your support and enjoy the game.

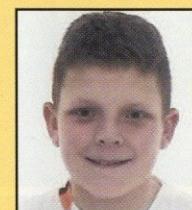
Peter

COMMERCIAL MASCOT.....



We welcome the first of this afternoon's commercial mascots, ten year old Kira Reader. Living in Leagrave and attending Norton Road School, Kira enjoys swimming, dancing, singing and playing football. Kira's father Paul, who is a member of our Luton Town Supporters Lottery, won first prize which was for Kira to be a mascot and three family members to attend this afternoon's game.

COMMERCIAL MASCOT.....



Regularly commuting all the way from Yeovil in Somerset, we also welcome Jake Morgan and his family, as the second of today's commercial mascots. Jake attends Parcroft School in Yeovil and he enjoys swimming and "Inventing" as well as playing football. Not having a particular favourite "Town" player, as he thinks they are all great, Jake is looking forward to meeting the whole squad this afternoon.

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New sponsors at Kenilworth Road are always welcome and this afternoon we have great pleasure in introducing for their first visit, today's match sponsor Drain Centre Limited, together with their management and guests. Drain Centre is the UK's leading distributor of above and below ground drainage solutions, for the construction sector. Included within the network of over 100 branches are 28 specialist civil branches, with the nearest being here in Luton. For more information on Drain Centre contact your local branch 01582 414140, or log on to their website www.draincenter.co.uk

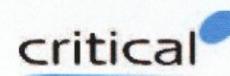
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Steve Ayres
GENERAL BUILDER



Another stalwart commercial partner of the club, that needs no formal introduction, is local builder from Studham, Steve Ayres. Steve has been an avid Hatters supporter for many years and joins us this afternoon with some close friends and business colleagues, as Associate Sponsor. Football has always played an important part in Steve's life, with him playing himself in local leagues from an early age. Today though, he contents himself from watching his son play for his village team Studham Tigers, plus of course Luton Town. Steve can be contacted on 01582 873390

Matchball Sponsor -
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It's with great pleasure that we welcome back as this afternoon's match ball sponsor our old friends Critical and it's Managing Director, Derek Farr. Critical, a Luton based Market Research Group, established in 1990, with offices in Luton, Watford and Reading, employ many staff locally working from their telephone interviewer centres and are always on the look out for people who want to train as interviewers, who are able to work at least 18 hours a week. Call them on 01582 480588, or visit their website at www.critical.co.uk. Critical have sponsored many Luton games over the seasons and offer their congratulations on our performance in the Championship to date and all possible good luck for the rest of the season



Steve Carey of Reading match sponsors Speedy Survey collecting his certificate from squad members in the Eric Morecambe Lounge



Steve Howard seen here collecting his Man of the Match trophy from Steve Carey

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TODAY'S MASCOT



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Age: 8

School: The Meads

Favourite Hatter: Steve

Howard

Hobbies: Playing football for AFC Luton

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

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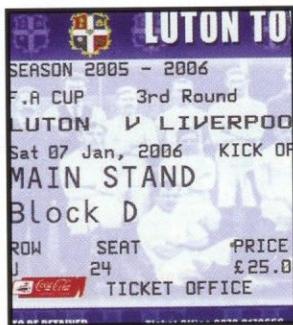
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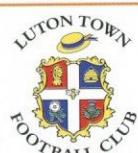
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Ticket News

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

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

Tickets are now on sale at normal league prices



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

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

We have been allocated a total of 893 Seats for the above fixture.



WE WILL NOT BE TAKING TELEPHONE BOOKINGS FOR THIS GAME.

Tickets are now on sale from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road.

Season Ticket Holders

Will be able to purchase one ticket per season ticket holder (subject to availability) 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

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

Tickets are now on sale at normal league prices



WATFORD V LUTON TOWN SUNDAY 9TH APRIL 2006, KICK-OFF 12:00PM

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

We have been allocated a total of 2,316 seats for the above fixture.

WE WILL NOT BE TAKING TELEPHONE BOOKINGS FOR THIS GAME

Tickets will be on sale from Saturday 11th March 2006 until close of business on Friday 17th March 2006 to season ticket holders who can produce any 3 different away match ticket stubs from the current season. 1 ticket per season ticket holder (subject to availability). In addition to 3 away stubs, special match voucher E must be produced at the time of purchase. - Postal applications must include the stubs, voucher E and a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Tickets will go on sale on Saturday 18th March 2006 until close of business on Wednesday 22nd March 2006 to members who can produce 5 different away match ticket stubs from the current season.

1 ticket per member (subject to availability). In addition to 5 away stubs membership cards must be produced at the time of purchase. - Postal applications must include the stubs, membership card and a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Tickets will go on sale on Thursday 23rd March 2006 until close of business on Saturday 1st April to season ticket holders.

1 ticket per season ticket holder (subject to availability). Special Match Voucher E must be produced at the time of purchase. - Postal applications must include Voucher E and a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Tickets will go on sale on Monday 3rd April until close of business on Friday 7th April 2006 to members. 1 ticket per member (subject to availability). Membership cards must be produced at the time of purchase - Postal applications must include the membership card and a stamped self-addressed envelope.

**Prices are: Adults £22.00, Seniors (over 65 male): £12.00,
Juniors (under 16): £12.00, Students (on production of Student ID): £12.00**

Wheelchair spaces are available please contact the ticket office for more details.

It is strongly recommended that you travel on one of the official supporter's coaches to this game, to assist you with this arrangements you can book your coach travel at the ticket office when purchasing your match ticket for just £5.00 per person.

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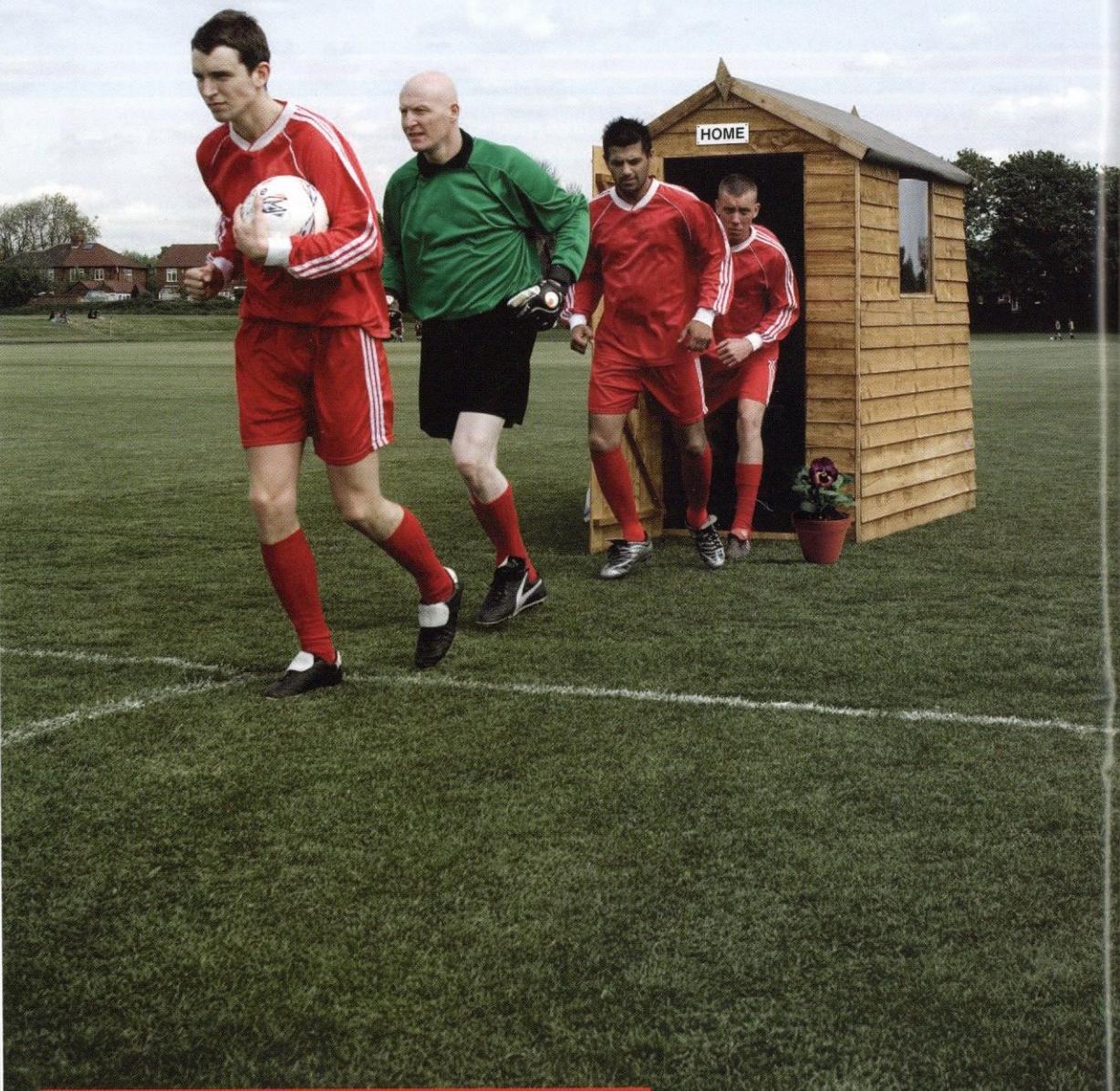


LUTON TOWN V COVENTRY CITY SATURDAY 15TH APRIL 2006, KICK-OFF 3:00PM

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	2005/2006 Appearances										Luton Town Career	
	This Season					International App						
	League App	Cup Competitions App	Total App	Disciplinary Yel	Nation	Caps	Gls	App	Gls			
1 Marlon BERESFORD	32	0	31	0	Rep Ire U21	2	0	92	0			
2 Kevin FOLEY	28(3)	0	29(3)	0				115	5			
3 Sol DAVIS	12(4)	0	14(4)	0				151	2			
4 Chris COYNE	24(2)	2	27(2)	2				201	15			
5 Russell PERRETT	6(2)	0	6(3)	0				93	8			
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	25(1)	0	26(1)	0				66	5			
7 Carlos EDWARDS	30(4)	2	33(4)	2	Trin & Tob	7	0	37	2			
8 Kevin NICHOLLS	29	5	32	6				184	32			
9 Rowan VINE	16(5)	8	17(5)	6				72	18			
10 Warren FEENEY	22(11)	6	24(12)	7	North Ire	1(5)	2	41	7			
11 Steve ROBINSON	22	1	23	2	North Ire	(1)	0	131	10			
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	1	0				31	3			
15 Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0(1)	0				27	2			
16 Enoch SHOWUNMI	9(24)	1	10(25)	1				106	16			
17 Paul HUGHES	0	0	0	0				88	7			
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	33(1)	6	35(1)	6				185	33			
19 Steve HOWARD	31(3)	11	33(3)	12				219	100			
20 Curtis DAVIES	6	1	7	1				61	2			
21 Keith KEANE	2(4)	1	3(5)	1	Rep Ire U21	4	0	43	2			
22 Danny STEVENS	0	0	0	0				0	0			
23 Dean MORGAN	20(9)	6	22(9)	6				31	5			
25 Dino SEREMET	0	0	0	0				9	0			
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	33(1)	2	34(1)	2	Finland	8	0	35	2			
27 Peter HOLMES	12(6)	2	13(7)	2				115	12			
28 David BELL	1(1)	0	1(1)	0				2	0			
29 Calvin ANDREW	0	0	0	0				10	0			
33 Dean BRILL	5	0	6	0				13	0			
45 Leon BARNETT	7(7)	0	8(8)	0				21	0			
47 Rob BECKWITH	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: 38	HEADERS: 15
PENALTIES: 5	OWN GOALS: 3
FREE-KICKS: 0	TOTAL: 61

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 40 - W 13 - D 16 - L 11 - F 30 - A 24 PTS 55

SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 40 - W 13 - D 12 - L 15 - F 32 - A 40 PTS 51

OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 19

Opponents score first goal: 20

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: 15

Opponents score first and draw: 2

Opponents score first and lose: 3

Opponents fail to score: 8

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 15

Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 28

Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 13

Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 18



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

**COCA-COLA
CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE**

	HOME						AWAY						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	
Reading	37	16	1	1	47	11	11	7	1	33	13	56	89
Sheff United	37	12	4	3	35	19	10	5	3	29	18	27	75
Leeds	36	12	3	2	31	14	8	6	5	20	15	22	69
Watford	37	10	5	4	36	20	9	6	3	31	23	24	68
Crystal Palace	36	11	4	4	30	14	6	5	6	23	22	17	60
Preston	35	6	9	2	21	11	7	8	3	24	14	20	56
Wolves	37	7	8	3	17	12	6	8	5	23	18	10	55
Cardiff	37	10	6	3	30	17	5	4	9	21	26	8	55
Ipswich	36	7	6	5	22	24	6	5	7	20	24	-6	50
Norwich	37	9	4	6	26	19	5	3	10	19	33	-7	49
LUTON	37	9	5	4	40	26	5	1	13	16	32	-2	48
Coventry	37	10	5	3	32	18	2	7	10	17	36	-5	48
Plymouth	37	8	7	4	21	18	3	7	8	12	21	-6	47
QPR	36	7	5	6	19	18	5	5	8	22	32	-9	46
Stoke	36	6	4	8	20	25	7	1	10	18	25	-12	44
Burnley	36	9	3	6	29	20	3	4	11	12	27	-6	43
Southampton	36	6	10	3	18	12	2	7	8	16	25	-3	41
Leicester	37	6	8	5	25	22	3	5	10	16	28	-9	40
Derby	37	5	9	4	26	23	2	9	8	19	31	-9	39
Hull	37	5	6	7	20	20	4	5	10	21	29	-8	38
Sheff Wed	37	5	5	8	17	22	3	5	11	10	25	-20	34
Millwall	37	3	7	9	11	23	3	7	8	17	27	-22	32
Brighton	37	4	6	8	19	24	1	8	10	13	34	-26	29
Crewe	36	4	5	9	26	35	1	7	10	15	40	-34	27

**SATURDAY'S
CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES**

Brighton v Preston

Coventry v Sheff Utd

Crewe v Southampton

Derby v Burnley

Hull City v Plymouth

Ipswich v Millwall

Leeds v Norwich

Reading v Watford

Sheff Wed v QPR

Wolves v Cardiff

Coming Next

Derby County are our next visitors and two familiar faces will be back at Kenilworth Road, as JOHN BRADSHAW explains

Two familiar faces will be back at Kenilworth Road next week as Derby County are the visitors to Kenilworth Road for another key Championship fixture.

Terry Westley has been in charge at Pride Park since the sacking of Phil Brown in January, but it has been a tough return to management for the former Hatters boss, who has only won once from his opening seven games in charge. Brown lost his job after two disastrous results, conceding five second half goals to Coventry in a 6-1 defeat, followed by a 3-1 FA Cup defeat by Colchester. Westley has made the Rams harder to beat, with three consecutive draws in February

alongside his first victory, 1-0 at home to Plymouth. They were also within 60 seconds of a morale boosting win at Vicarage Road last weekend, and has been rewarded with the job until the end of the season. Derby will be no pushovers when they arrive at Kenilworth Road having won at Plymouth and Stoke on their travels, and picked up nine away points, including impressive performances at Preston, Wolves and Southampton.

Another familiar face amongst the Derby ranks is Michael McIndoe. The talented Scottish midfielder has recently joined the Pride Park club on-loan from Doncaster. McIndoe has enjoyed a remarkable season for the League

One club, having scored 13 goals this season, including strikes in the Carling Cup against Aston Villa and Arsenal, which saw him hit the national headlines. McIndoe, who also had a spell at Yeovil, made just under 50 appearances at Kenilworth Road during two seasons.

Derby have an experienced squad. Defender Alan Wright has recently joined on loan from Sheffield United. He joins Jeff Kenna, Michael Johnson, Paul Peschisolido, Marc Edworthy, and Seth Johnson as players with considerable Premiership experience. Striker Kevin Lisbie is another loanee, from Charlton. Luton fans will also know a lot about Inigo Idiakoz after his excellent free kick in our Boxing Day draw at Pride Park.

Defender Lewin Nyatanga is a star in the making. The 17-year-old Welshman already has the honour of being his country's youngest international after making his debut in the recent friendly with Paraguay. He has also just been named the Championship "Apprentice of the Year" – he looks a good player; strong in the air, composed and quick.

Past games against Derby bring back some fond memories. The epic 3-2 win at the old Baseball Ground in 1990 that kept us up is a fixture that lives long in the memory of Luton fans, or the 2-0 home win a season later that did the same, courtesy of a trademark Mick Harford header. We didn't worry that he was playing for the Rams at the time!



Rowan Vine celebrates with Ahmet Brkovic after the Croatian gets Luton back on level terms against Derby earlier in the season

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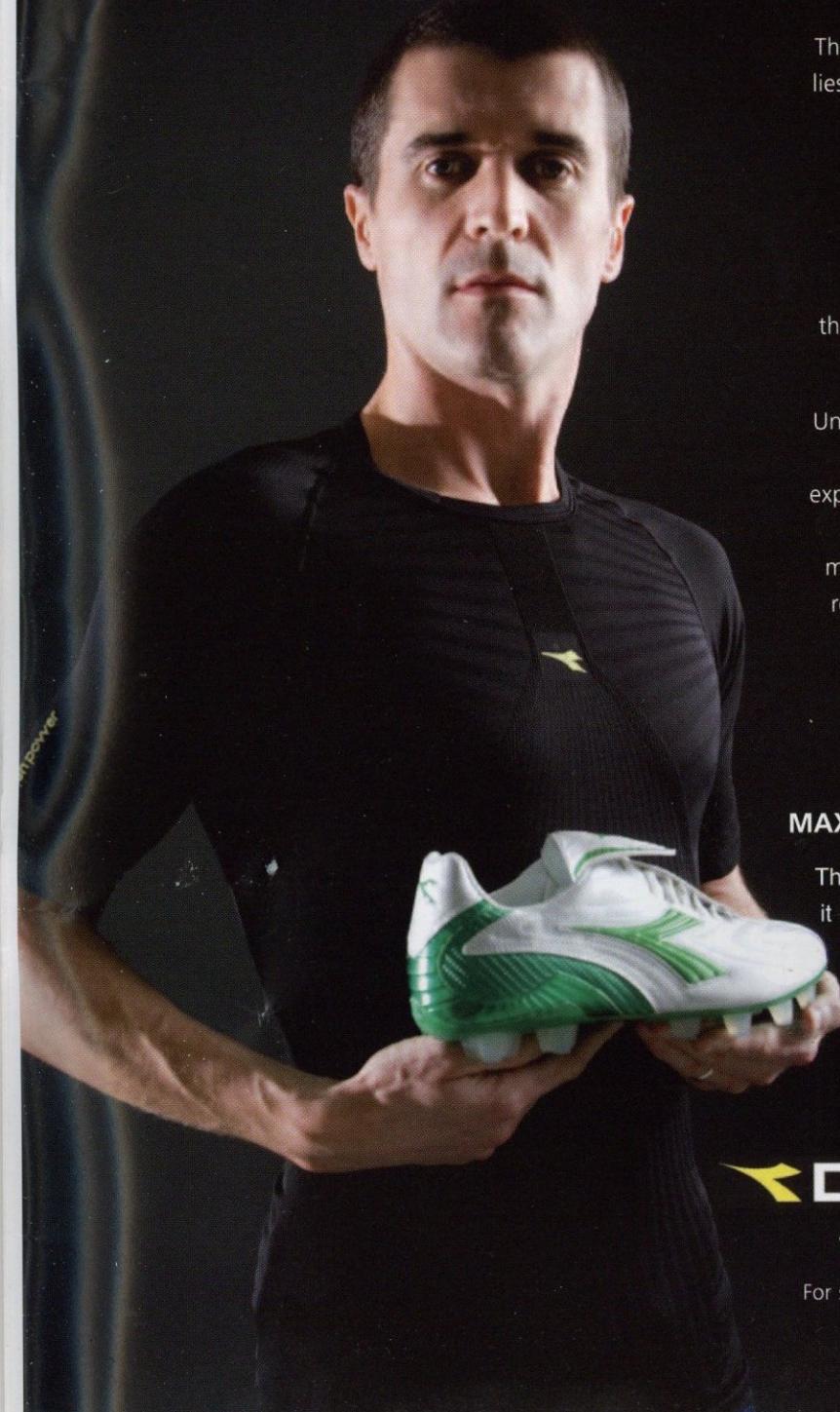
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