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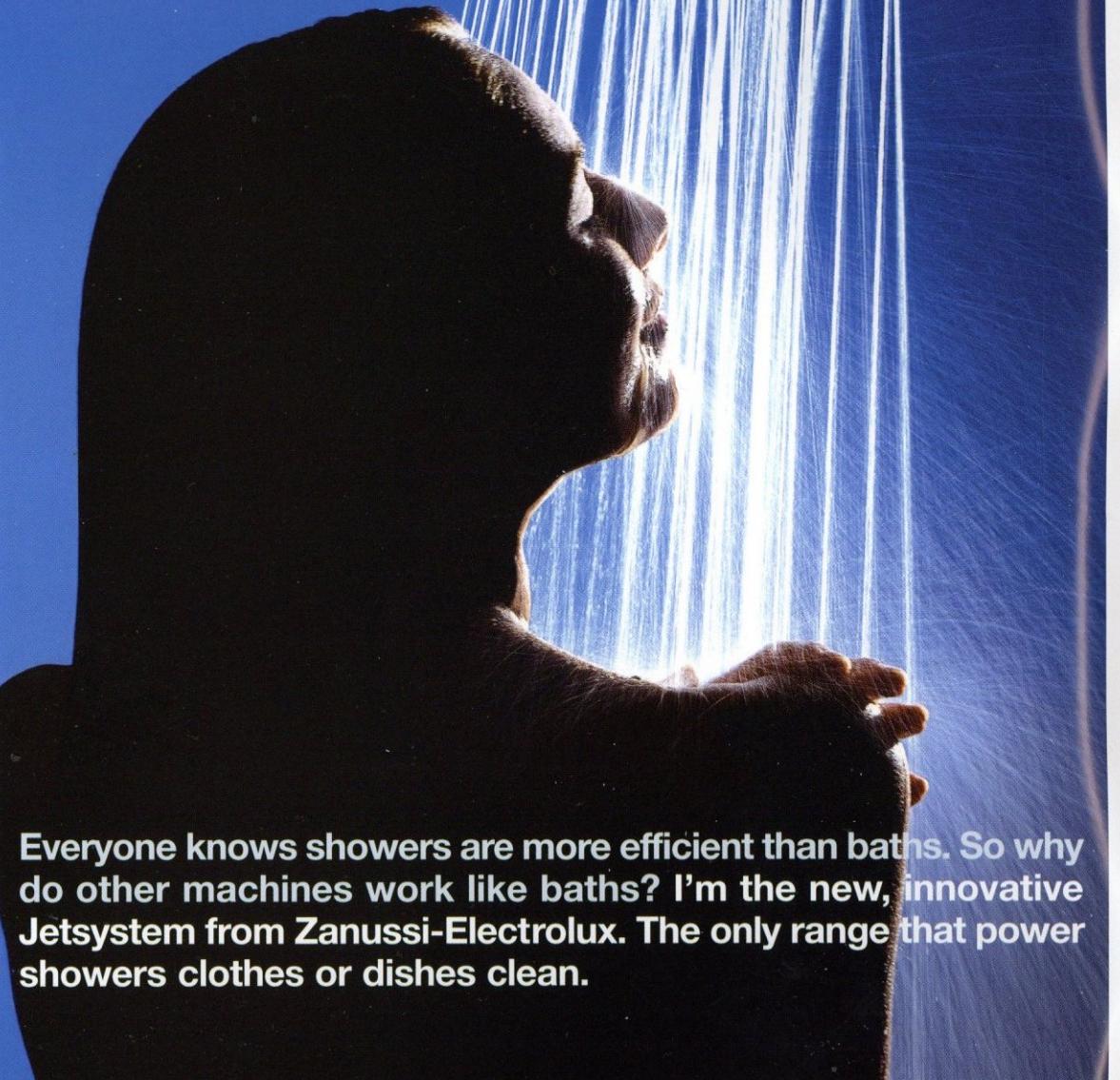
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# Warm Welcome

From Luton Town  
Chairman Bill Tomlins



Good afternoon and welcome to our Supporters and our visitors, Ipswich Town, their Directors, Management, Players and Supporters for today's Championship fixture.

The changes in the weather pattern in the last four months compared to the same period last season has, without a doubt, had an effect on many professional club's pitches at all levels, including our own. It is not a lack of investment or preparation by the grounds staff, but the one influencing factor has been, and continues to be, the current climate.

**"Therefore we have decided, with our Manager and Head Groundsman, Richard Bird, to lay a new Fibresand pitch system, similar to that used by clubs such as Charlton, Middlesbrough and Crystal Palace. We feel this is an important investment for the team".**

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Despite the initial expense, we will save on some of our annual preparation costs over the next three years as the pitch won't need the usual relaying each summer.

As usual our travelling support to Brighton was excellent, only one hundred short of Brighton's away ticket allocation. Our thanks go to those supporters who travelled to the Withdean Stadium. It seemed we experienced the entire rainfall for the year so far, all in one afternoon.

The playing conditions worsened by the minute and the outcome of the game became a bit of a lottery and concerns for the players on both sides grew as the match progressed. I agreed with our Manager's after-match comments that he was pleased to get a point, that for me summed up the match and the playing conditions.

Paul Underwood received treatment for a second half incident but bravely carried on playing until the final whistle and only later it was established that he had broken his arm and could now be out for the rest of the season, this on top of losing our captain Kevin Nicholls who has also picked up a possible eight week injury at our last home game. I know both will be working hard to get back as soon as possible.

A special welcome to our guest Monty Panesar, who became the first ever Luton-born cricketer to play for England during the recent Test series against India. Monty, who is a big Luton fan, enjoyed a successful tour of India and claimed a memorable first Test wicket when he dismissed his boyhood hero Sachin Tendulkar. We are delighted to welcome Monty here to Kenilworth Road this afternoon and I am sure you will join me in making him feel welcome when he is introduced to our supporters.

Get behind the lads and enjoy the game.

Bill



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# Mike Newell

**MIKE NEWELL looks head to today's game with Ipswich Town**

**G**ood afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's fixture with Ipswich Town. Welcome also to Joe Royle, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from Portman Road. Ipswich have turned their season around in recent months. They were

for us.

Last week's result against Brighton did little to help either side but despite that, I still believe we have plenty to play for this season. We have had a word with the lads this week and stressed how important it

**"We would love to finish this season on a high and go into the start of the next campaign on the back of a few wins"**

considered to be one of the pre-season promotion favourites but they have gone through a real transitional period after having to let some of their more experienced players go. Out of all the clubs we have been to this season, Ipswich were the ones that tried to play football and although we had plenty of the game that day, at least they tried to get the ball down. Joe has a wealth of experience and has enjoyed success wherever he has been and today will be another test

to finish this season on a high and go into the start of the next campaign on the back of a few wins. We feel we have done OK this season, without getting carried away. We have been in the top half all season and we have got results when we have had to. We hit the wall a little bit in recent months, which was probably to be expected, particularly because of the size of the squad we have and the lack of strength in depth.

We received bad news this week

after it was discovered that Paul Underwood broke his arm in the game against Brighton and he is now out for the rest of the season. If we felt that there was anyway he could play in a cast then we would be putting that to him, but we don't feel that is going to be possible and with the position we are in, we want to get him right for the start of the next season.

I know supporters will be looking forward to next week's derby match against Watford. There is no doubt that everybody wants to win that game and it is something to look forward to, but we are not putting that fixture ahead of today in terms of importance.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads

Mike



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# Kevin Nicholls



**Skipper Kevin Nicholls reflects back on the recent performances against  
Derby and Brighton**

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's game with Ipswich. We were delighted to have got back to winning ways against Derby recently and it was a good performance from the lads.

We have come to expect the big man to pop up with important

and his work-rate warranted a goal.

It was good to see Russell Perrett put in a commanding performance. He is a true professional with so much experience. He never lets his head drop and despite not playing for several weeks, he looked sharp and had an excellent

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goals and he took his strike against Derby very well. The only disappointing aspect was that we were unable to kill the game off, as we had a lot of the play.

To keep a clean sheet was rewarding but we did think we should have added another goal to see off the game. I felt Warren Feeney worked his socks off all afternoon

thing from the game.

The only disappointing news to come from the Brighton match was the Unders suffered a broken arm. Unders has enjoyed a good season and has been asked to play in different positions so it is a big blow that he will be out for the remainder of the season.

The result at Brighton wasn't what we were looking for in our bid to reach the play-offs but we are still determined to finish this season off on a high. We don't want to finish the season in the bottom half of the table, having been in the top half all season.

Enjoy the game  
Nico

game.  
We followed up our victory over Derby with a hard earned point against Brighton, in a match which was played in difficult conditions.

I am not sure if Robbo is claiming the goal but I know the weather played a part. Feeney did well to get the ball over into the box but the lads felt they deserved some-



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# Cherry Newbery



**Cherry Newbery brings you news from around Kenilworth Road**

We are pleased to welcome "Top Dog", Daniel Magness, the football freestyler, back to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. Everyone who saw him when he was last at Kenilworth Road would have watched in amazement at his excellent ball skills. Indeed many supporters asked to have him back again.

The bucket collection for The Mary Biswell Memorial Appeal for the UltraViolet Skin Treatment Cabin at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital raised the grand sum of £625 so thank-you to everyone who contributed. The last of this season's collections today sees the Luton Shopmobility team here, a voluntary organisation, who provide wheelchairs to assist disabled shoppers in The Luton Arndale Centre.

We did try to arrange one of our outstanding Pontin's Holidays Combination matches with Barnet last week, as we had no fixture, but unfortunately they were unable to assist as their Safety

Officer and Club Doctor were unavailable. At the time of writing there is still no new date. We do however have a new date for our away match with MK Dons which will now be played on Thursday 20th April with a 2.00pm kick-off.

We were due to play Southend United in the Under 18's on 22nd April, but with both clubs having a free Saturday on the 8th April, we have agreed to change this fixture to that date. The match will still be played at Luton Rugby Club with an 11am kick-off – all are welcome to go and watch the youngsters.

I felt so sorry for supporters at the Brighton match last weekend, not only to be sitting in all the elements, but so far from the pitch and to be paying £22. Supporters have asked if a complaint cannot be lodged with The Football League, but the facilities are the same for both home and away supporters and therefore meet the criteria.

Last Thursday evening the Manager and I attended the inauguration of

the Luton Forum Best of Luton Awards at Vauxhall Recreation Centre. Michael had been nominated for a Special Award for individuals, groups, organisations or businesses that had made a positive impact on Luton. There were 22 nominees and congratulations are due to Michael who won the award against some very strong opposition.

Finally, a reminder to all supporters that have booked on Town and Tour to travel to Watford that coaches leave from the Central Railway Station in Station Road, Luton and depart prompt at 10.15am. Supporters are requested to be at the pick up point by 10.00 am. Pay and display car parking is available in the station car park.

Enjoy the game and as always get behind the team.

Cherry



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# Community News



Football in the Community Officer **STUART SMITH** looks back over the Local Heats of the BT Community Club National Schools Under 11's Football Tournament

Steven Eagell Toyota



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game. Friday 17th March saw our Local Heats of the BT Community Cup National Schools Under 11's Football Tournament. The schools that participated were;

Farley Junior, Woodlands Middle 'A', Woodlands Middle 'B', Tennyson Rd Primary, St Martins 'A', St Martins 'B', Bramingham Primary, Gilbert Inglefield, Foxdell Junior, Dallow Primary, Someries Junior, St Margarets Junior, Beechwood Primary, Stopsley Primary, Hillborough Junior, Norton Rd Primary

Our 16 entrants resulted in 3 closely fought groups with Dallow, Someries and St Martins 'A' going through as group winners and St Margarets going through as the best runners up. The semi final were equally close with Dallow beating Someries One Nil and St Martins beating St Margarets on penalties 4 - 2 after a 1 - 1 draw. The final was equally close with Dallow beating St Martins 1 - 0.

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

GROUP A - WOODLANDS MIDDLE 'A' 1 V 0 TENNYSON RD PRIMARY, BRAMINGHAM PRIMARY 2 V 1 GILBERT INGLEFIELD, DALLOW PRIMARY 2 V 0 STOPSLEY PRIMARY, WOODLANDS MIDDLE 'A' 0 V 0 BRAMINGHAM PRIMARY, TENNYSON RD PRIMARY 1 V 0 DALLOW PRIMARY, GILBERT INGLEFIELD 0 V 0 STOPSLEY PRIMARY, WOODLANDS MIDDLE 'A' 1 V 1 DALLOW PRIMARY, TENNYSON RD PRIMARY 0 V 2 GILBERT INGLEFIELD, BRAMINGHAM PRIMARY 0 V 0 STOPSLEY PRIMARY, WOODLANDS MIDDLE 'A' 2 V 0 GILBERT INGLEFIELD, DALLOW PRIMARY 2 V 0 BRAMINGHAM PRIMARY, TENNYSON RD PRIMARY 0 V 0 STOPSLEY PRIMARY, GILBERT INGLEFIELD 0 V 0 DALLOW PRIMARY, WOODLANDS MIDDLE 'A' 0 V 0 STOPSLEY PRIMARY, TENNYSON RD PRIMARY 1 V 1 BRAMINGHAM PRIMARY

GROUP B - FARLEY JUNIOR 1 V 0 WOODLANDS MIDDLE 'B', ST MARTINS PRIMARY 'A' 3 V 1 HILLBOROUGH JUNIOR, ST MARTINS PRIMARY 'B' 2 V 0 FARLEY JUNIOR, WOODLANDS MIDDLE 'B' 1 V 3 ST MARTINS PRIMARY 'A', HILLBOROUGH JUNIOR 1 V 0 ST MARTINS 'B', FARLEY JUNIOR 2 V 1 ST MARTINS PRIMARY 'A', WOODLANDS MIDDLE 'B' 0 V 3 HILLBOROUGH JUNIOR, ST MARTINS PRIMARY 'B' 0 V 2 ST MARTINS PRIMARY 'A', FARLEY JUNIOR 0 V 2 HILLBOROUGH JUNIOR, WOODLANDS MIDDLE 'B' 0 V 1 ST MARTINS PRIMARY 'B'

GROUP C - FOXDELL JUNIOR 0 V 4 SOMERIES JUNIOR, ST MARGARETS JUNIOR 4 V 0 NORTON RD PRIMARY, BEECHWOOD PRIMARY 2 V 1 FOXDELL JUNIOR, SOMERIES JUNIOR 2 V 1 ST MARGARETS JUNIOR, NORTON RD PRIMARY 2 V 2 BEECHWOOD PRIMARY, FOXDELL JUNIOR 0 V 3 ST MARGARETS JUNIOR, SOMERIES JUNIOR 3 V 0 NORTON RD PRIMARY, BEECHWOOD PRIMARY 1 V 2 ST MARGARETS JUNIOR, FOXDELL JUNIOR 1 V 1 NORTON RD PRIMARY, SOMERIES JUNIOR 2 V 0 BEECHWOOD PRIMARY

#### GROUP A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	G.F.	G.A.	PNTS
DALLOW PRIMARY	5	2	2	1	5	1	8
WOODLANDS MIDDLE 'A'	5	2	2	1	4	2	8
BRAMINGHAM PRIMARY	5	1	3	1	3	4	6
STOPSLEY PRIMARY	5	1	2	1	1	2	6
TENNYSON RD PRIMARY	5	1	2	2	2	4	5
GILBERT INGLEFIELD	5	1	2	2	3	4	5

#### GROUP C

TEAM	P	W	D	L	G.F.	G.A.	PNTS
SOMERIES JUNIOR	4	4	0	0	11	1	12
ST MARGARETS JUNIOR	4	3	0	1	10	3	9
BEECHWOOD PRIMARY	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
NORTON RD PRIMARY	4	0	2	2	2	9	2
FOXDELL JUNIOR	4	0	1	3	2	10	1

#### GROUP B

TEAM	P	W	D	L	G.F.	G.A.	PNTS
ST MARTINS PRIMARY 'A'	4	3	0	1	9	4	9
HILLBOROUGH JUNIOR	4	3	0	1	7	2	9
FARLEY JUNIOR	4	2	0	2	3	5	6
ST MARTINS PRIMARY 'B'	4	2	0	2	2	3	3
WOODLANDS MIDDLE 'B'	4	0	0	4	1	8	0

#### SEMI FINALS

DALLOW 1 V 0 SOMERIES  
ST MARTINS 'A' 1 V 1 ST MARGARETS  
ST MARTINS WIN 4 - 2 ON PENS

#### FINAL

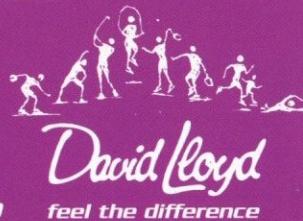
DALLOW 1 V 0 ST MARTINS

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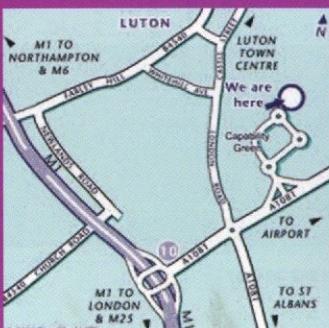
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# IPSWICH TOWN



After play-off heartbreak last season, Ipswich were forced to make a number of changes this season. Despite losing some key players, Town boss Joe Royle has continued to impress this season as a number of youngsters make the breakthrough at Portman Road as JAMES MARSH explains.

## IPSWICH TOWN FC FACTFILE



### IPSWICH TOWN FC

**Year Formed:** 1878

**Ground:** Portman Road

**Ground Capacity:** 30,250

**Best league win:** 7-0 vs P'mouth 07/11/1964 Division 2

**Worst league loss:** 1-10 vs Fulham 26/12/1963 Division 1

**Most Goals:** Ray Crawford, 203, 1958/69

Ipswich Town arrive at Kenilworth Road this afternoon knowing that a win is a must if any hopes of a play-off spot are to be maintained. Hull's draw at Portman Road last weekend was another setback for The Blues, but a late run could still yet see the former Uefa Cup-winners snatch sixth place. Joe Royle's men still lie in a healthy tenth position, a point ahead of the Hatters, but have never quite found enough consistency to make a sustained promotion charge.

A few weeks ago it looked as if the 1961 League champions were back in play-off contention with four wins from five games in February, but a run of three defeats and a draw in March has cost them dear. However, in a season that has been blight-

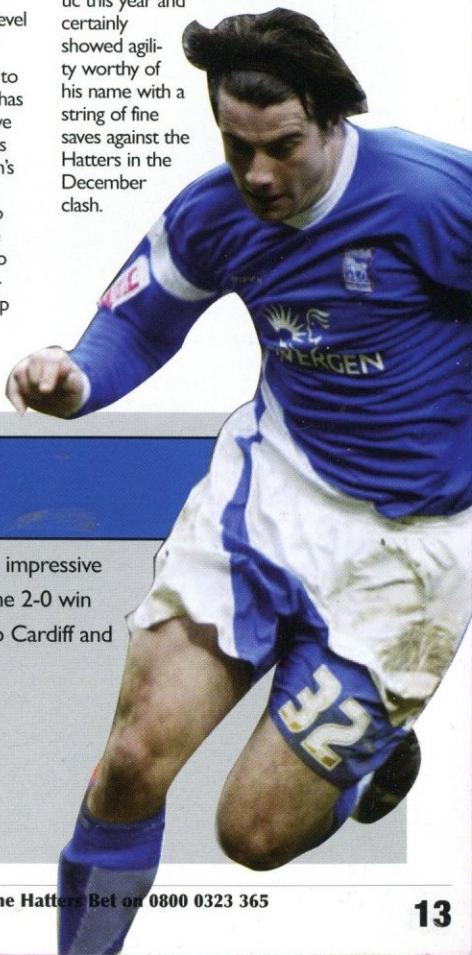
ed by injuries, Blues fans might be happy to settle for finishing above local rivals Norwich, with who they are currently level on points.

Unusually, goals have been a little hard to come by for Ipswich this year. Alan Lee has been exceptional up front since his move from Cardiff in January, but his four goals mean that he is only one behind Ipswich's joint top scorers for the season, the injured Sam Parkin and on-loan Monaco man Jimmy Juan. Although Juan could be back from injury today and Parkin is also heading towards full fitness, finding a hit-man will probably still be near to the top of Royle's summer spending priorities.

Despite his advancing years, former

Northern Ireland midfielder Jim Magilton remains key to Ipswich's fluent passing game. Alongside him, Owen Garvan, a graduate of the Portman Road academy, is a stylish performer who can deliver quality crosses into the box, particularly from deadball situations. Down the wing, journeyman Darren Currie is always likely to cause fullbacks problems with his pace and guile.

At the back, Fabian Wilnis, a veteran of the Ipswich team that finished fifth in the Premiership in 2001, is still playing well at right wing-back and Jason de Vos remains a steady influence in the middle. Young goalkeeper Shane Supple has also been fantastic this year and certainly showed agility worthy of his name with a string of fine saves against the Hatters in the December clash.



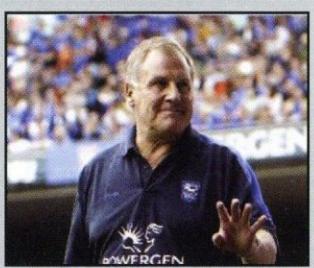
## Dangerman: Alan Lee

An energetic striker, Alan Lee recently signed from Cardiff City. Made a impressive debut against Sheff Utd and then scored his first goals for the club in the 2-0 win at Southampton. At Aston Villa, Burnley and Rotherham before move to Cardiff and has won eight caps for the Republic of Ireland.

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# About IPSWICH TOWN Manager

## Goalkeeper Skipper



**Joe Royle**

Joe Royle began his managerial career at Oldham Athletic. He spent twelve years in charge at Boundary Park, turning an average Second Division club into a Premiership outfit by 1991. After relegation to the First Division in 1994, Royle resigned from Oldham. He soon replaced Mike Walker as manager of Everton and in his only full season as manager at Goodison Park he took Everton to sixth in the Premiership, and narrowly missed out on a UEFA Cup place. The highlight of his career at Everton was winning the FA Cup in 1995. After 11 months out of the game, he accepted the challenge to manage Manchester City in February 1998. When Joe arrived the club was deep in the relegation zone and even though he could not save the club from relegation from the First division. The next season they were promoted through the play offs and a year later were promoted to the Premiership. Manchester City only spent one season in the top division leading to Royle being sacked. One year later he replaced George Burley at Ipswich Town. His first job was to hold the team together as 2 players left on cut price deals due to the club being in administration. In his first season Ipswich narrowly missed out on the play offs despite the exodus and a year later lost out in the play off semi final to West Ham United. At the half-way stage of the 2005-06 season however, his job is under threat as a disastrous campaign has seen Ipswich slip to 17th place.



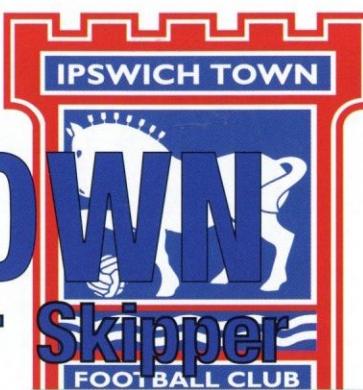
**Shane Supple**

One of a number of Republic of Ireland youngsters at the Club's Academy, Shane was in goal when Town beat Southampton to lift the FA Youth Cup Final in 2004. Capped by his country at various youth levels, he was on the first-team bench 12 times for Town last season. A keen Gaelic football fan. Currently holds the first-team jersey. Made his Town debut at Leicester in August



**Jim Magilton**

Started his career as an apprentice at Liverpool before moving on to Oxford, where he scored 34 goals in 150 League games. Joined Southampton in the Premiership in the 1993/94 season, going on to make 130 League appearances for them. A two year spell at Sheffield Wednesday followed before he arrived at Town in early 1999. Scored the only hat-trick of his career in Town's Play-Off Semi-Final win over Bolton at Portman Road the following season. Handed the captaincy at Town after Matt Holland's departure in the summer of 2003. Won 52 caps for Northern Ireland and also skippered his country. Signed a new one year contract in the summer but says this will be his last year as a player at the Club and is currently studying for his UEFA coaching badges.



## Defenders

### Fabian Wilnis

Played in Holland with NAC Breda and de Graafschap before arriving at Portman Road in January 1999. A regular in the side last season, he passed the 250 appearance milestone for the Club at the end of the 2004/05 campaign. Happy as an orthodox full-back or as an attacking wing-back, he signed a new one year deal in the summer. Plans to move into PR work when his playing career is over.

### Matthew Richards

A product of the Academy and the youngest player to represent the Club in European football when he made his debut against Avenir Beggen in the UEFA Cup in August 2002 aged 17. Scored his first Town goal in the live televised win over Stoke at Portman Road in the 2003/04 season. Capped by England at U21 level, making his debut against Ukraine in August 2004.

### Jason De Vos

Arrived in England from Canada's Montreal Impact in 1996, signing for Darlington where he made 52 appearances, scoring six goals. He headed north to Scotland two years later, joining Dundee United in a £400,000 deal and became a popular figure at Tannadice, clocking up 111 appearances for the club. Wigan paid £500,000 for him in 2001 and he was soon installed as skipper at the JJB Stadium, playing a prominent part in the Latics' Second Division Championship campaign in 2002/03. Joined Town on a free transfer in the summer of 2004 and skippered Blues on occasions last season in the absence of Jim Magilton.

### Castro Sito

Was at Deportivo La Coruna for two years until aged 19, he moved to Spanish Second Division Club Lugo. Spent four years there before joining Racing Ferrol. Arrived at Portman Road three years later, initially on trial and played in two pre-season friendlies before being offered and signing a one year contract. Can play at full-back on either side of the defence. Made his debut v QPR in August.

## Midfielders

### Ian Westlake

Signed his first professional contract with Town in June 2002. A revelation in his first full season in League football, 2003/04, picking up the Supporters' Player of the Year award as well as the John Kerridge trophy for the most improved player as determined by the coaching staff. Was named in England's U21 squad at the start of the 2004/05 season but yet to make his debut at that level. Signed a new contract to keep him at Town until 2008.

### Jimmy Juan

Signed on loan from Monaco for the season after impressing on loan last term. Made four appearances for the French club in 2004/05, including a run out as substitute in the Champions' League defeat by Liverpool at Anfield. Free-kick expert, scoring against Cardiff and Sheffield United.

### Owen Garvan

Academy product who got his first taste of the senior side last term when aged 16, he was named as substitute for the win over Brighton in November. Capped by the Republic of Ireland from U15-17 levels. Was a regular in Town's FA Youth Cup success last season but unfortunately missed the decisive second-leg of the Final against Southampton after being rushed into hospital with a virus on the eve of the game. Made his Town debut v Cardiff in August.

### Darren Currie

Darren joined Shrewsbury in February 1996 before moving on to Plymouth in March 1998 on a short term deal, making seven appearances. Joined Barnet that summer and became a favourite with the Bees fans, scoring 19 goals in 127 League games before Wycombe paid out £200,000 for him in July 2001. He spent three years at Adams Park, clocking up close on 150 games for the club before being released following the Chairboys' relegation to League Two. Won a year's contract at Brighton after impressing on a two week trial in the summer and was a virtual ever present in their side until Town paid out £250,000 for the wide player in December 2004, the first cash signing by the Club in three years. Marked his debut against QPR 24 hours after signing by scoring in a 4-2 win at Loftus Road.

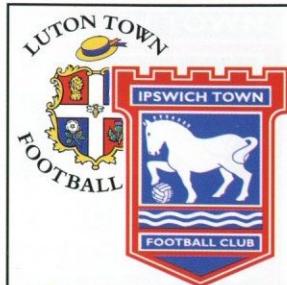
## Strikers

### Sam Parkin

One of the most highly rated players outside the top two divisions last season with Norwich, Watford and Crewe amongst a number of clubs watching his progress before Town swooped to sign him in the summer on a four year deal. Started his career with Chelsea, progressing through the youth ranks and was on the fringes of the first-team on occasions. Was loaned out to Millwall in 2000 and scored four goals in seven appearances for the Lions, then had similar short spells at Wycombe and Oldham before spending a year long loan at Northampton. Joined Swindon in 2002 after missing out on a breakthrough at Stamford Bridge and averaged over a goal every two games for the Robins, with 67 strikes in 124 games. Currently out of action with a broken ankle.

### Ricardo Fuller

Fuller began his career with Tivoli Gardens before moving to English club Crystal Palace in February 2001 for £1million. Fuller spent the next season (2001/02) on loan at Scottish club Hearts. Fuller had an instant impact, scoring ten goals in 29 appearances. However, the Edinburgh-based club couldn't afford to sign Fuller on a permanent basis, and so English league side Preston North End stepped in to sign the striker, paying £500,000. Fuller scored on his Preston debut, a 2-1 defeat at home to old club Crystal Palace, and soon became a vital team player. He had an explosive scoring rate, but unfortunately he suffered knee ligament damage in early December, which ended his season prematurely. He had scored 11 goals in only 20 appearances for the club. A fit again Fuller began the 2003/04 season on fire, including a run of six goals in five games, but his form tailed off as his knee troubled him once more. Despite this, he still scored 19 goals that season.



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# Classic Match

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



□ Ipswich v Luton action from 1984, with Frank Bunn being unloaded by Terry Butcher at Portman Road.

Following a 3-0 win at Notts County on Boxing Day 1983 the Town were sitting pretty in third spot in the old Division One and this, the club's second season back in the top flight, looked certain to be less fraught than the previous campaign when safety from the drop was only secured in the last game.

Unfortunately, as the supporters looked forward to a place in Europe at the very least, form took a dive and by the time of the visit of Ipswich to Kenilworth Road in mid March the Town had won only once, against doomed Wolves, in ten games and they were in free-fall down the division.

Long term injuries to the influential Ricky Hill and David Moss, and constant transfer speculation involving Paul Walsh which affected his form, led to

the downturn in fortune and with youngsters pushed into the side before they were ready meant that the supporters looking at the bottom of the table once more.

Ipswich were also going through a bad spell and had lost five games in row before coming to a snowy, wintry Kenilworth Road where only 8,776 braved the elements.

The Blues were not a patch on the side that had battered the Hatters at Kenilworth Road in the FA Cup two years before and it was perhaps fortunate that they were not as skipper and talisman Brian Horton was also injured.

The makeshift Luton defence and midfield was never severely tested as Walsh, Brian Stein and Trevor Aylott up

front gave the Ipswich back-line a torrid time. It was Aylott, showing skill that the supporters did not know he possessed, who opened the scoring on 39 minutes. Turning the statuesque Ipswich defender Russell Osman on the edge of the box, Aylott chipped the ball over goalkeeper Paul Cooper for a goal of quality. Ipswich manager Bobby Ferguson later blamed Cooper for the goal but that would have been unfair on Aylott.

The Town's second goal came after 53 minutes after Clive Goodyear broke from defence before supplying Aylott. The big forward pushed the ball through to Frank Bunn, who was through on goal, but he was upended by Osman for a cast-iron penalty which was stroked home by Aylott.

Chances were then spurned which would have put the game out of reach but the extravagance almost caught up with the Town when Ipswich pulled a goal back with seven minutes left. Alan Sunderland, on loan from Arsenal, and John Wark led a counter attack which ended with Trevor Putney being presented with an open goal.

Panic set in for a couple of minutes until it was realised that Ipswich were unable to exert the necessary pressure for an equaliser and the Town eventually finished comfortable winners.

Luton Town: Sealey, Stephens, Thomas, Antic, Elliott, Goodyear, Donaghy, Stein, Walsh, Aylott, Bunn.

Ipswich Town: Cooper, Burley, Osman, Butcher, Barnes, Putney, Wark, McCall, Gates, Turner (Dozzell), Sunderland.



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# Match Guide

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

## Head 2 Head



Chris Coyne v Richard Naylor

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

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

Ipswich's longest serving player enjoyed an outstanding 2004/05 season, becoming a regular in the centre of defence after Joe Royle switched him there from his striker's role. 'Bam Bam' signed a new two year contract in July 2004 and will celebrate 10 years as a professional at Portman Road this summer. Won the John Kerridge Award last season as the most improved player at the Club. Progressed through the youth ranks.

FORM GUIDE  
Luton: D,W,L,L  
Brighton 1 Luton 1  
Luton 1 Derby 0  
Luton 1 Leicester 2  
Millwall 2 Luton 1  
Leeds United 2 Luton 1



□ Carlos Edwards fires in a shot at Portman Road earlier this season

Who can forget the last time Luton entertained Ipswich at Kenilworth Road? In some peoples eyes, the match goes down as an all-time classic.

Trailing 2-1 from the first leg of a League Cup tie in 1998, Luton produced a tremendous fightback in the return match at Kenilworth Road to seal their passage into round three of the competition.

When David Johnson hit a 35th minute goal, there seemed no way back for Luton, but goals from Andrew Fotiadis and Stuart Douglas, six minutes from time, sent the game into extra time.

With then 30 additional minutes of sheer turnaround in emotions as Steve Davis put Luton into the lead, the first time they had taken the lead in the two games.

Luton were heading for victory until

Davis scored an own goal in the 118th minute which would have put Ipswich through on the away goals rule. Hatters fans were heading for the exit when, out of nowhere, Marvin Johnson scored a rare goal, a minute later, to send Luton supporters into jubilation.

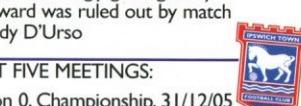
Other classic encounters between the two sides include a Hatters 1-0 victory in 1995 when David Oldfield scored the only goal of the game.

Luton will be looking to gain some justice this afternoon after slipping to a disappointing defeat at Portman Road on New Years Eve.

Ian Westlake's goal was enough to separate the two sides but Luton felt hard done by as a seemingly good goal by Steve Howard was ruled out by match official Andy D'Urso

## LAST FIVE MEETINGS:

Ipswich 1 Luton 0, Championship, 31/12/05  
Luton 4 Ipswich 2, League Cup, 22/09/98  
Ipswich 2 Luton 1, League Cup, 15/09/98  
Luton 1 Ipswich 2, Division One, 30/03/96  
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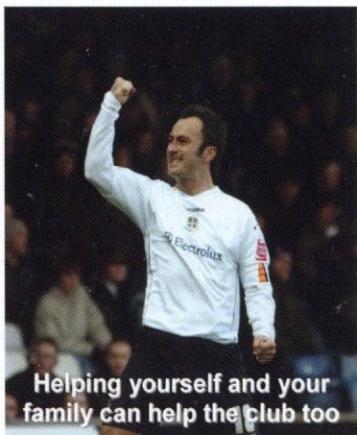
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# Match Action

PHILIP FRANCIS reports from Kenilworth Road as Luton kept their play-off hopes alive thanks to Steve Howard's 14th goal of the season



## LUTON TOWN 1 DERBY 0



▀ Paul Underwood gets the better of Derby's Inigo Idiakoz

### Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



"I think we deserved it overall, they came to make it very difficult for us with five in midfield and we played better stuff and created chances, but the most pleasing thing is the clean sheet. The pitch isn't the best it has been and it is a little bit difficult at times when we are looking for the perfect opportunity and things to sit right, and sometimes you can't afford to, so we said at half time to just take a chance. We played some decent football, created a lot of chances and kept a clean sheet so it was pleasing all round."

A Steve Howard goal, twenty minutes from time, separated the two sides and ended Luton's run of three consecutive defeats.

The game saw Terry Westley and Michael McIndoe return back to Kenilworth Road as Derby were looking for maximum points in their bid to fight off relegation from the Championship.

The first half consisted of a catalogue of missed chances as Luton constantly bombarded the Derby goal to no avail. Warren Feeney and Ahmet Brkovic missed opportunities to open the scoring as the visitors offered nothing but resolute defending as survival became their order of the day.

Steve Robinson, playing his first game since January, replaced the injured Kevin Nicholls and was in fine form as the Luton midfield took command.

The second half started in the same vein with more chances being scored and frustration began to fill Kenilworth Road. However, not for the first time this season, Howard became the Hatters saviour: Carlos Edwards was the instigator providing the Luton striker with the chance to fire in his 14th goal of the season.

Derby, now sensing defeat, were forced to come out of their shell, but resolute defending saw Luton gain the three points and keep their slender play off hopes alive.



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## LUTON'S STARTING LINE-UP

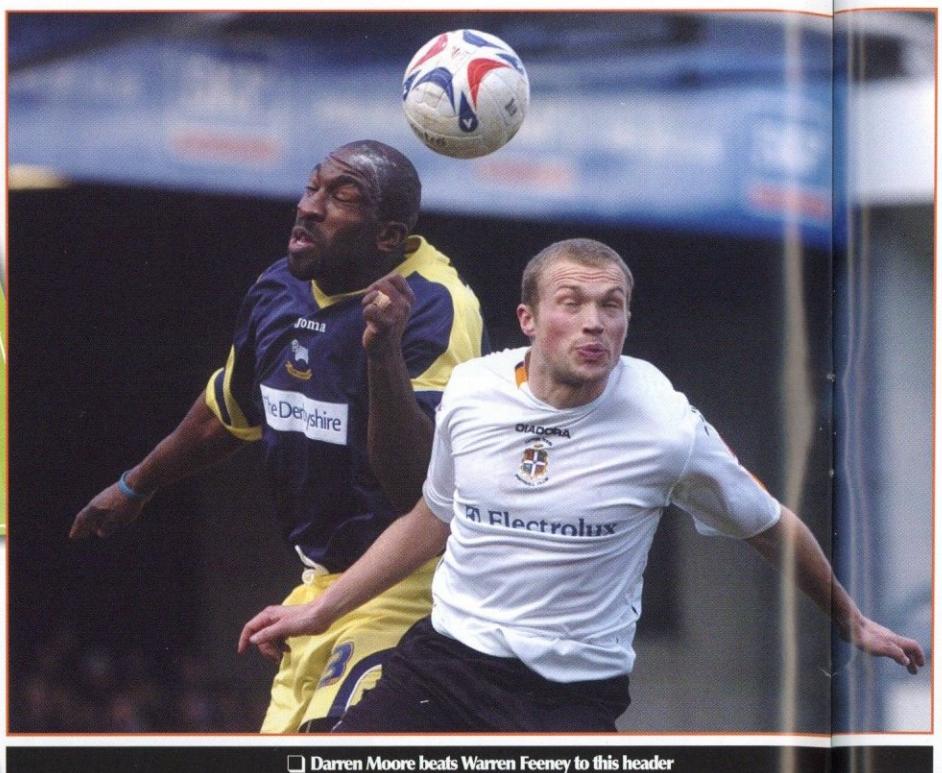


## DERBY'S STARTING LINE-UP

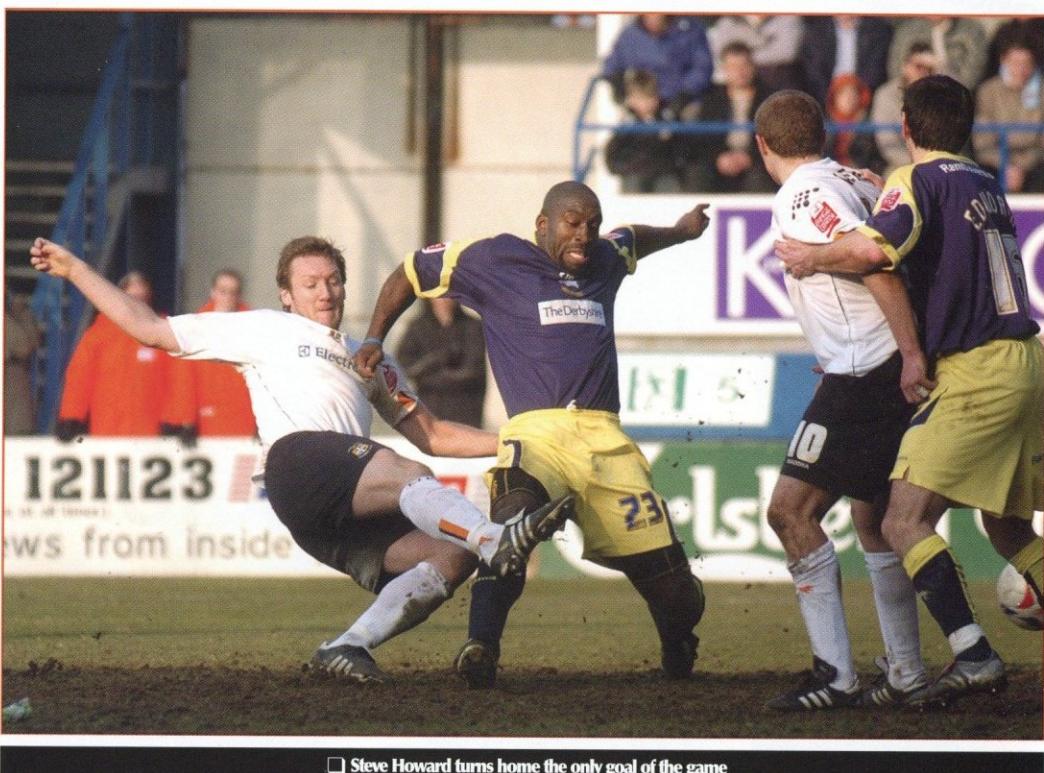


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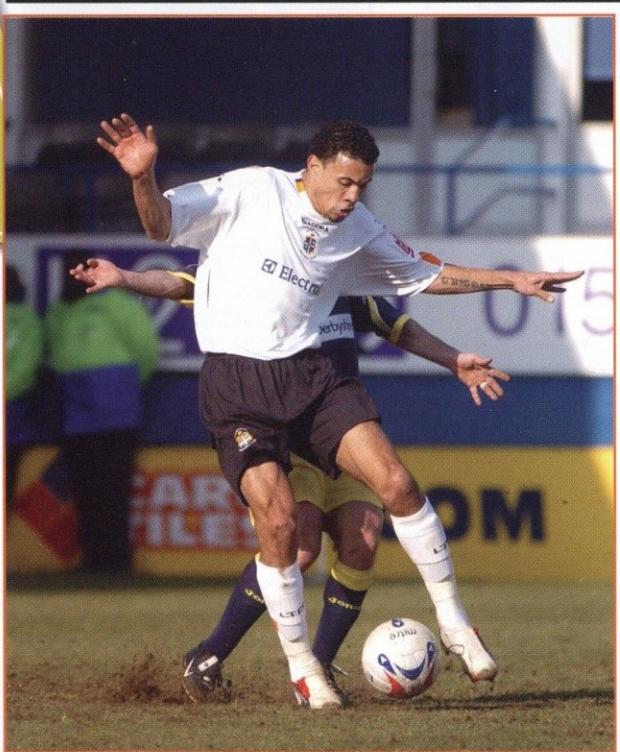
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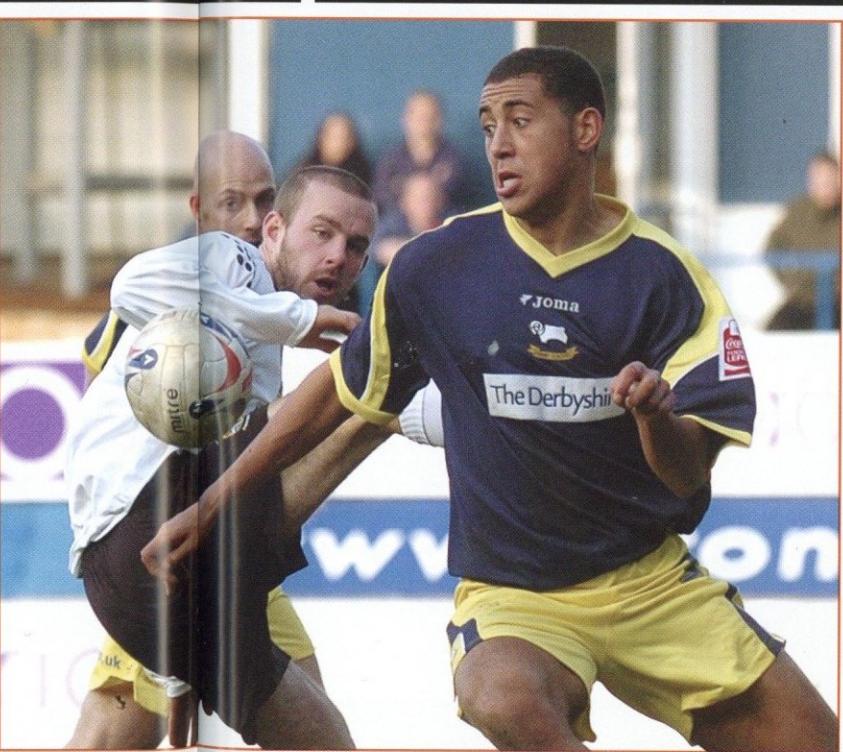
□ Darren Moore beats Warren Feeney to this header



□ Steve Howard turns home the only goal of the game



□ Carlos Edwards uses his trickery to mount a Luton attack



□ Derby's Levin Nyatanga gets the better of Rowan Vine, despite the striker's best efforts



□ Russell Perrett in the thick of the action

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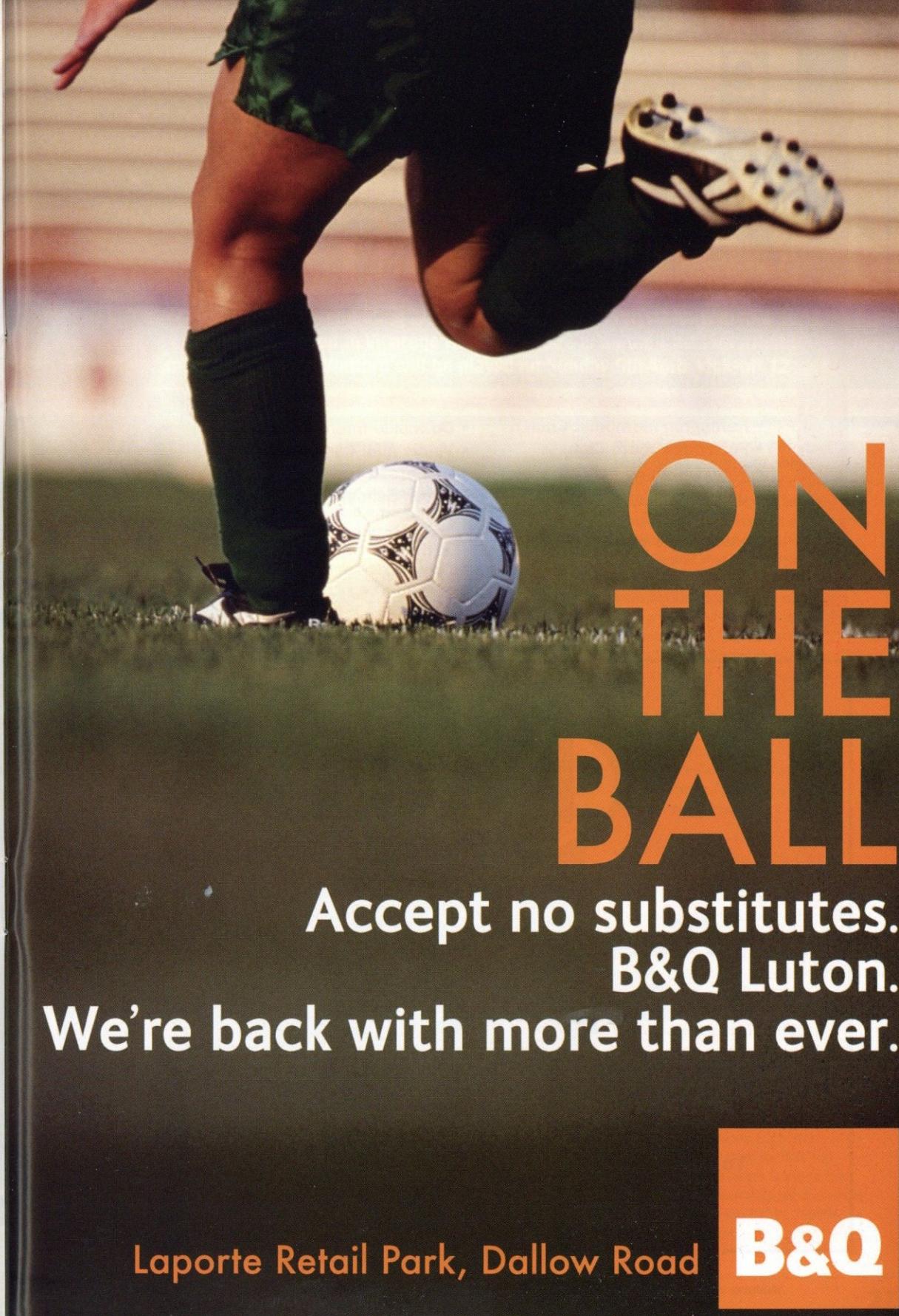
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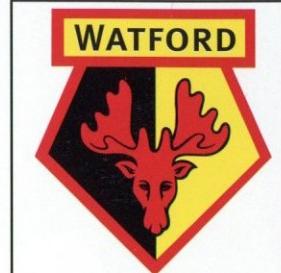
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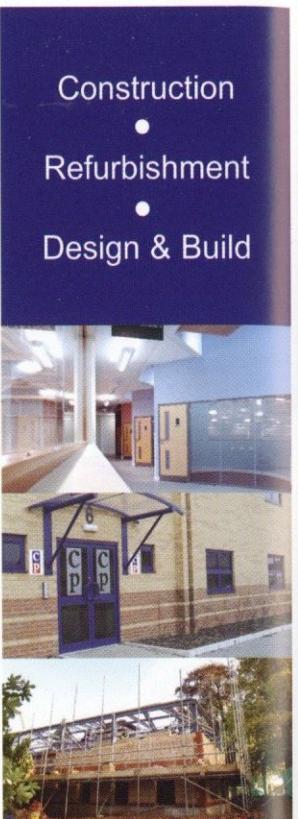
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We are sure no Luton fan needs reminding but we have a small trip to Watford to look forward to next week and if you have never been to Vicarage Road then here is all the travel information you need.

Remember the game at Watford will be played on Sunday 9th April, kick-off 12 noon

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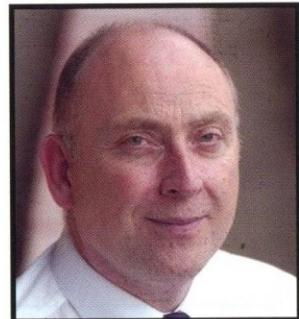


Vicarage Road - Watford Football Club

of the Rous stand. Both ends are large single tiered stands, with some strange looking floodlights perched on the roof. There is just one side that lets the ground down. The East Stand is a mish mash of a couple of old stands and an open seated area in one corner. Otherwise there is a vast improvement from the Vicarage Road of old. Away supporters used to have a long walk to the away end as you had to walk around some allotments. However this is no longer the case, as away fans are now housed in the Vicarage Road Stand, previously the home end, at the opposite end of the ground. There is a large video screen in the corner between the Rous & Vicarage Road Stands. Vicarage Road is shared with Saracens rugby club.

**BY COACH WITH TOWN ON TOUR:** Departs from Luton Central Train Station at 10:15pm. The fare for supporters is £5 and the club are strongly advising fans to travel on official supporters club coaches for this fixture. Bookings and payment must be made in advance and you can reserve your ticket by contacting 07960 567465 or you can book online by visiting the fans section of [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk).

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1969  
1970

From the 1969-70 season, Roger Wash looks back at a year when the Town made very hard work of promotion back to Division Two.



Alan Slough nets against Shrewsbury on the way to promotion.

Following the disappointment of failure to win promotion from Division Three in 1968/69 the supporters were handed another shock when top scorer Bruce Rioch was sold to Aston Villa for £100,000. Supporters were not sure whether the sale of the club's gems would enable another attempt at promotion to be made, especially when the names of the summer purchases were announced.

John Collins from Reading and John Ryan from Fulham the supporters had just about heard of but spending £17,500 on a 19 year old full-back from Fulham by the name of Malcolm

# Roger Wash

placing the ball into the net with his left foot.

A 3-2 home win over Orient followed, before Halifax escaped with a point in a 1-1 draw at a rainsoaked Kenilworth Road.

Stock had been keeping the Rioch money to one side waiting for the right moment to buy. He saw in Halifax stopper Chris Nicholl someone for the future, especially as he had effectively blotted out Macdonald and immediately paid £35,000 for the player and then went out and paid Charlton £25,000 for Matt Tees to provide the stealth and guile to go alongside Macdonald's blood and thunder.

Both Tees and Nicholl made their debuts in a 2-0 win at Gillingham to be followed up by a 4-0 home victory over Bristol Rovers as the Town strode away at the top of the table.

The Hatters in fact went undefeated in the first 13 games before losing 0-2 at Doncaster but they did bounce back by winning 2-1 at highly fancied Brighton the following week to put the promotion train back on the rails.

After the 5-0 demolition of Bradford City at Kenilworth Road in mid-December, the Town's fortunes inexplicably took a dive with four straight defeats. Firstly, on Boxing Day, Orient beat the Hatters 1-0 on a quagmire of a pitch at Brisbane Road followed by the loss of an undefeated home run stretching back 18 months when lowly Gillingham won 2-1 at Kenilworth

Macdonald seemed madness.

With injury problems cropping up during the pre-season friendly games, Macdonald was forced firstly on to the wing and then up front where manager Alec Stock realised that the club might have uncovered another diamond.

Macdonald was in the forward line for the opening day 3-0 home win over Barrow and was on the scoresheet for the first time in the 1-0 victory at Bournemouth the following week. The execution of that goal was to become a Macdonald speciality over the next two seasons- racing clear of the defence to be first to a through ball, drifting round the goalkeeper before

## LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1) Orient	46	25	12	9	67	36	62
<b>2) LUTON</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>60</b>
3) Bristol Rovers	46	20	16	10	80	59	56
4) Fulham	46	20	15	11	81	55	55
5) Brighton	46	23	9	14	57	43	55
6) Mansfield	46	21	11	14	70	49	53
7) Barnsley	46	19	15	12	68	59	53
8) Reading	46	21	11	14	87	77	53

Rotherham and Reading.

The Town were then thrashed 1-5 at Shrewsbury and the 0-2 home defeat at the hands of Plymouth was far more comprehensive than the scoreline suggested as witnessed by the BBC cameras.

It was now a case of clawing back up the league table and a little pride was restored in a 3-1 win at Bury where winger Graham French could do no wrong. This win, however, was fairly isolated and following a series of draws and defeats Luton had to travel to Reading for a genuine 'four pointer'. A crowd of 18,783, stood soaked to the skin but enthralled by a highly entertaining game settled by a last minute Macdonald goal.

The Town lived to fight another day but spoiled it by drawing their next two games and then losing at lowly Tranmere before giving the supporters more false hope with home wins over

## Elsewhere in football

- ✿ Everton win the League title by nine points from Leeds.
- ✿ Manchester City pick up the League Cup, beating Wolves in the final, as well as winning the Cup Winners Cup.
- ✿ Arsenal beat Anderlecht over two legs to pick up the Fairs Cup.
- ✿ Chelsea are triumphant in the F.A.Cup beating Leeds in the first final replay for 50 years.
- ✿ Martin Peters breaks the transfer fee record between British clubs when he is valued at £200,000 in his move from West Ham to Tottenham. Jimmy Greaves moves the other way as part of the deal.
- ✿ England have to give up their hold on the World Cup when they lose to Germany in the quarter-finals of Mexico 1970.
- ✿ George Best scores six of Manchester United's eight goals in their win at Northampton in the F.A.Cup.

# 1969/70

Manager: Alec Stock

Top Scorer: Malcolm Macdonald

League Position: 2nd

FA Cup: 2nd Round

League Cup: 3rd Round

Memorable Match: Vs Southport - W1-0

left to young striker Viv Busby to break the stalemate with a spectacular shot that dipped under the crossbar at the last second.

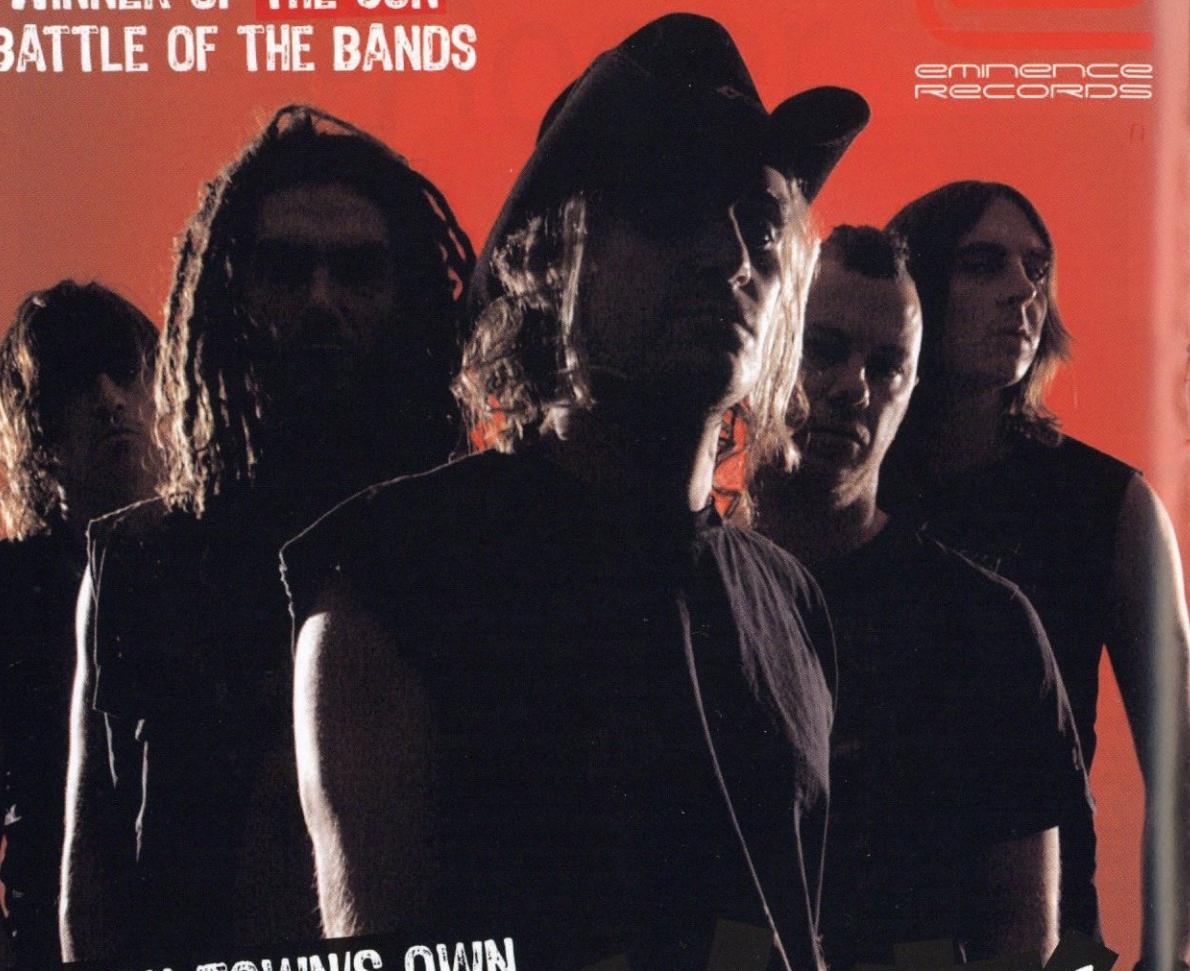
News that Bristol Rovers had lost at home to Gillingham meant that the Town needed just one point from their final two games to clinch promotion back to a Division Two that they had left seven years before.

Many Luton supporters made the mid-week trip to Mansfield to witness a poor excuse for a game of football with the Town determined to hang on to the point that they started with. The Hatters followers did not care a jot that the game finished 0-0, as they raced on the pitch at the end the chair off their heroes. The Town were up but, boy, had they made hard work of it!



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# League Round-Up

SIMON GOVER looks at the milestones which have been achieved in the Championship throughout the current season

When Steve Howard achieved his 100th Luton Town goal against Leeds recently, he joined a number of other Championship players who reached a personal milestone throughout the current campaign.

Luton fans who made the long trip to Elland Road recently will have undoubtedly noticed that full-back Gary Kelly reached the fantastic achievement of playing 500 league games, all for one club. This sort of loyalty is very rarely seen in the modern day footballer and Gary has enjoyed a string of success at Elland Road, which has included the taste of Champions League football. He also received his 50th international cap



Crewe boss Dario Gradi

during the course of the season and has amazingly scored as many goals for his country as he has league goals for Leeds (two for both).

Premiership bound Reading seem set to break all sorts of records this year and some of the squad are achieving some milestones too. Steve Coppell's side have already achieved the feat of becoming the quickest side to secure promotion to the Premiership, since the reformation of top flight football.

Meanwhile, leading goalscorer Dave Kitson played his 150th League game during this season and is averaging better than a goal every two games in his career so far. Dave, who was born in Hitchin, is still only 26 and if he continues at this rate, he will be up to 100 league goals by the end of next season. His strike partner for most of the season, Leroy Lita, has also passed the 50-goal career mark during the season.

Sheffield United's success has been based on using the largest number of centre forwards in the league. During the season, Ade Akinbiyi moved from Burnley and promptly scored for his 11th League Club in the last nine years. Experienced defender Chris Morgan also made it to 100 league games for Sheffield United recently in their 3-2 defeat by Queens Park Rangers.

Some of the more experienced Championship players have also proved they have more to offer the game with both Paul Ince and Dennis Wise passing 550 career league appearances during the season and both are threatening to

continue into next season and potentially making it on to 600 games.

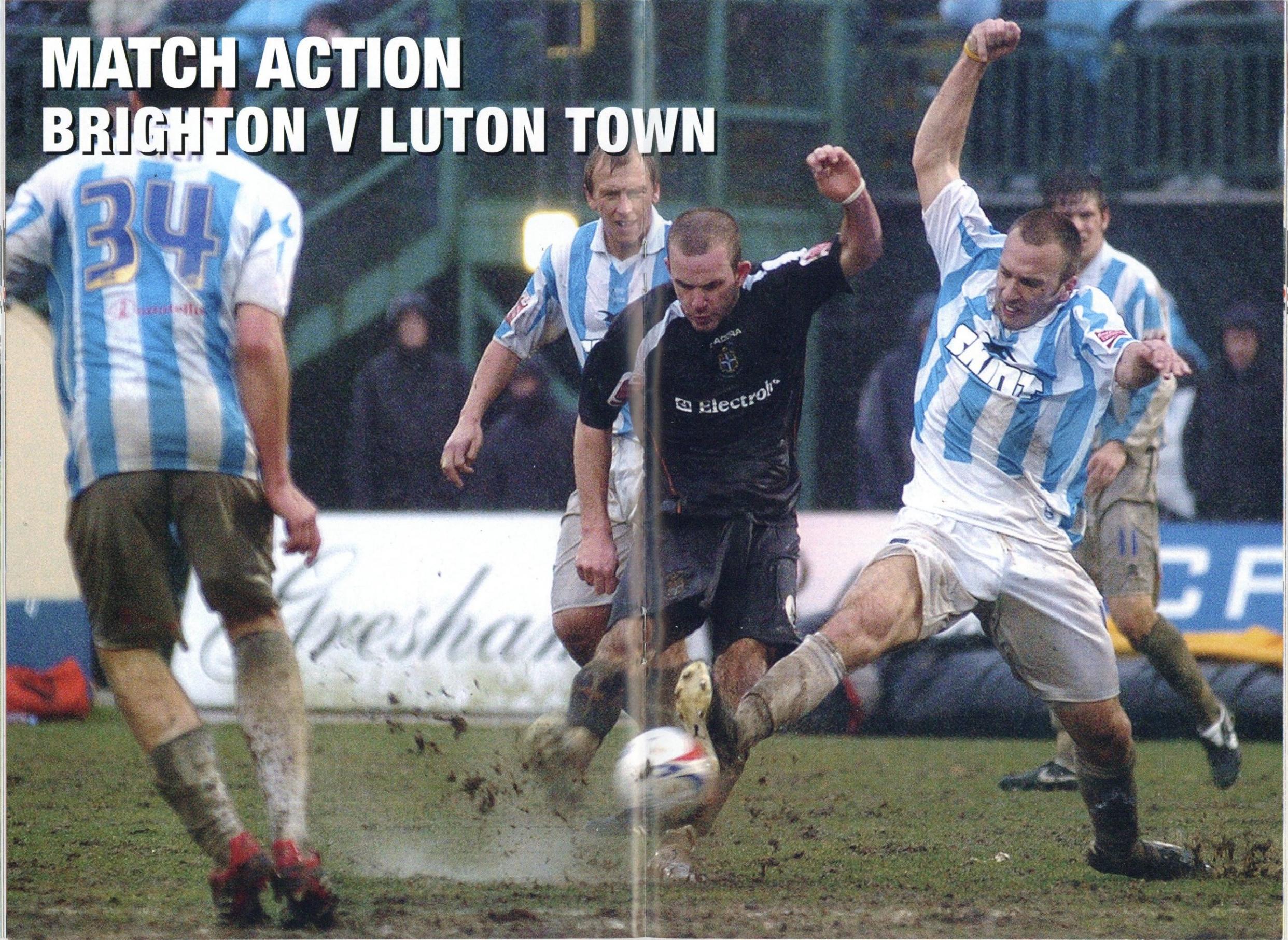
Some ex-Hatters have also passed special milestones this season. Mathew Spring played his 250th league game earlier on in the season. After making 243 appearances at Kenilworth Road, Spring was expected to achieve 250 appearances when he moved to Elland Road but had been stuck on 249 before joining our near-neighbours. Gary McSheffrey became a favourite here at Kenilworth Road during his two loan spell and he recently continued his fine goal scoring form by scoring in Coventry's draw with Leeds which saw him score his 50th league goal.

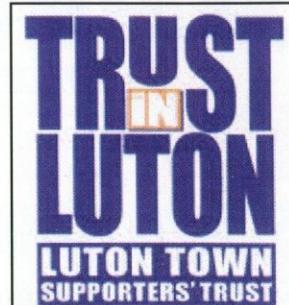
Howard is not the only Luton player to reach a personal milestone this season. Chris Coyne, who joined Kenilworth Road from Dundee in September 2001, recently surpassed 200 appearances for Luton Town whilst Ahmet Brkovic has now made over 200 appearances in English football since moving from Croatia in October 1999.

When talking about long successful careers in football, one name that should never be missed is Dario Gradi who, at the end of this season, will have accumulated over 1150 games in a managerial hot-seat at Crewe Alexandra, which has spanned over 22 years. For a current day football manager to do all this with one club is almost unheard of and with Dario likely to leave his position when he decides he wants to, he could potentially continue to add to his impressive statistic.

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# Trust In Luton

**KELVIN DUNN, the fans representative on the board, talks to the matchday programme about the latest work which is being carried out by Trust In Luton**

**T**he Withean isn't really my idea of a great day out - seats about half a mile from the pitch and no cover at all. That's OK if it's a fine day but not so good if, like last week, it teems with rain the whole afternoon. And all this for 22 quid!

Kenilworth Road has its critics. We celebrated 100 years playing at Kenilworth Road in September 2005, but at least we don't have the additional premium of having to buy red plastic capes to keep off the worst of the weather! If you'd like to add your name to Trust In Luton's petition calling for all involved parties to support the Board in their relocation plans then you can log on to

[www.trustinluton.com](http://www.trustinluton.com) or pop in to the

Herald and Post reception area to do so.

Trust In Luton recently held a quiz night at the Bricklayers Arms in High Town, with Ian Pearce of BBC Three Counties Radio as quizmaster. The event raised over £100 but it wasn't all about the money. The night was very enjoyable and made even more so by the appearance of our President John Moore, who joined one of the teams. Thanks are due to Alison Taylor of the Bricks for hosting the event at her pub and for her continued support of the trust.

We're aiming to have another quiz at the beginning of June. Because of the timing it will have a World Cup theme. Do come along and have a bit of fun whilst at the same time raising a few pounds

for the trust.

You may have read in the local papers last week about the unveiling of the trust's "welcome" board at Luton railway station. The board is situated in a prominent location and satisfies Trust In Luton's aim of raising the profile of the club in the community.

It took months of work to make it happen and Trust In Luton would like to thank Alan Corkhill of Regal Litho (printers of this programme!) for sponsoring the board. Andy Norris, Station Manager at Luton, offered us unlimited support and assistance - and he's a QPR supporter! Finally, thanks to our very own John Pyper who designed the board.

If you're at the station you may also see the two trust poster cases at the top of the stairs. Again, Andy Norris was instrumental in obtaining these and we are using them to display details of events and other news. If you regularly pass through Luton station check them out to update yourself on what the trust are doing and what events are planned.

Finally, on the subject of Luton station, using the station car parks on matchdays costs just £1. It's a short walk to the ground from there and could save you a lot of hassle in looking for off-street parking.

That's all for now - come on you Hatters!

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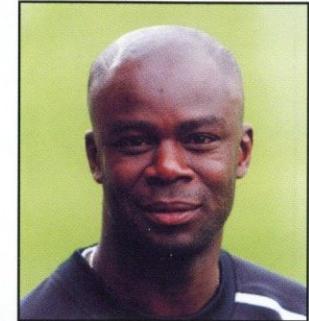
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# Luton's Youth

MARVIN JOHNSON looks back at the performance from his side during the 1-0 defeat by title-chasing Rushden & Diamonds



"However, I was pleased with our performance because I thought we were the better team for large periods of the game, and it was as a result of a mistake, that we conceded a goal, which was disappointing.

"The highlight of the day was the return of Chris Pendleton. Chris is a first year scholar, who broke his leg in a friendly against Aylesbury two years ago. There has been complications with his injury after the break, which is why it has taken him so long to get back in action.

Johnson's side were looking to complete their first double of the season, having defeated their Northamptonshire opponents earlier in the season.

However despite a spirited performance from the Hatters, it was Rushden who continued their chase for the Youth Alliance Championship title with a much-needed win that keeps the pressure on league-leaders Brighton.

Although this was Luton's sixth consecutive defeat, there was some encouraging news for Johnson's team with Chris Pendleton making his first appearance for nearly two years after recovering from a broken leg.

Johnson said: "It was a good performance from the lads in an evenly fought contest but we probably lacked a bit of firepower in attack to really threaten the game.

"Age wise, Rushden are probably the strongest team in the division. They had four 3rd year scholars in their side so we knew we were always going to be up against it.

## LTFC YOUTHS

Date	Opponent	KO/Result
August Sat 13	Leyton Orient	W 2-1
Aug Sat 20	<b>Rushden</b>	<b>W 1-0</b>
September Sat 03	Wycombe	D 1-1
Sat 17	Cambridge United	L 1-3
Sat 24	Plymouth Argyle (Yth Cup)	L 1-2
October Sat 01	<b>Exeter City (Yth Cup)</b>	<b>D 2-2</b>
Sat 08	Colchester United	L 0-4
Sat 15	<b>Brighton</b>	<b>L 0-1</b>
Sat 22	<b>Brighton (Yth Cup)</b>	<b>W 2-1</b>
November Sat 05	Newport (Yth Cup)	P-P
Sat 11	<b>Swansea City</b>	<b>W 2-1</b>
Sat 19	QPR	W 3-1
Sat 26	<b>Brentford</b>	<b>L 0-1</b>
December Sat 03	Northampton	L 0-2
Sat 10	<b>Southend United</b>	<b>P-P</b>
Sat 17	<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>W 3-1</b>
January Sat 07	Gillingham	W 1-0
Sat 14	<b>Colchester United</b>	<b>L 1-3</b>
Sat 21	Brighton	L 0-2
February Sat 04	QPR	L 0-2
Sat 11	Brentford	W 7-1
Sat 18	<b>Northampton</b>	<b>L 1-3</b>
Sat 25 March	Southend United	L 0-2
Sat 04	Portsmouth	L 1-2
Sat 11	<b>Gillingham</b>	<b>L 1-2</b>
Sat 18	<b>Leyton Orient</b>	<b>L 0-1</b>
Sat 25 April	Rushden & Diamonds	L 0-1
Sat 01	<b>Wycombe</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
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Colchester	18 7 4 7 26 25 25	
Southend Utd	20 7 3 10 25 28 24	
Brentford	19 6 6 7 19 31 24	
Northampton	18 7 2 9 24 29 23	
Leyton Orient	18 6 4 8 25 29 22	
<b>LUTON</b>	<b>20 6 1 13 22 31 19</b>	
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Following his resignation from the South East Conference, Cambridge United's results have been expunged



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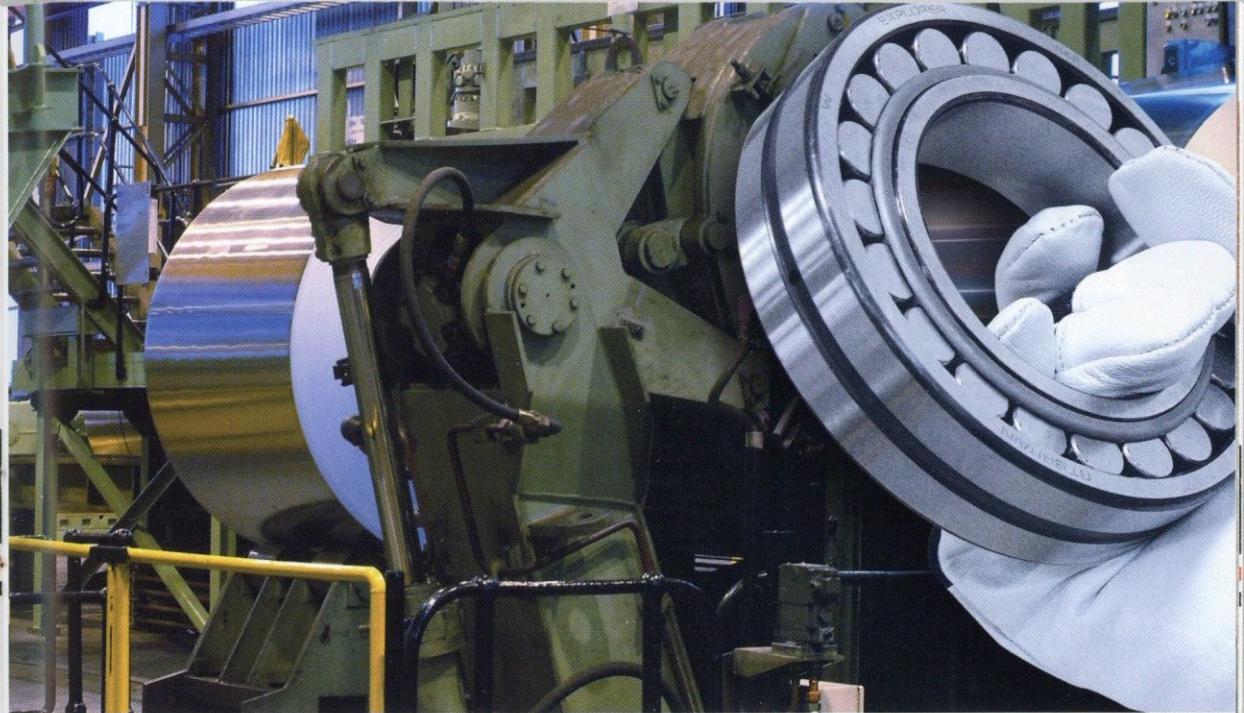
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# The Spin Doctor

**Luton welcome a very special guest to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. Monty Panesar has been hitting the headlines over the past couple of weeks when he became the first Sikh (and Luton born) cricketer to play Test cricket for England. GEOFF KNOX speaks to Luton's latest sporting discovery on all things bat and ball.**

Eighteen years ago, in front of a packed Wembley crowd, Luton Town stood on the brink of defeat in the Littlewoods Cup Final. Already trailing 2-1 to Arsenal, the Gunners' left-back Nigel Winterburn strode forward to convert what would surely have been a match-winning penalty.

Only the hands of Hatters' goalkeeper Andy Dibble stood in his way. If, somehow, he could save this penalty, then there was still hope for the Hatters.

Ten days ago, in the hot, heaving sweatbox of the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, England's bowlers toiled under the burning sun attempting to remove the remaining two recognised Indian batsmen, thus securing their first Test victory in the country for twenty-one years.

Winterburn strikes, Dibble goes down to his left and saves, leaving the Hatters clutching onto their cup final dream. With less than ten minutes remaining, goals from Danny Wilson and Brian Stein sent the Luton faithful into raptures and secured our greatest win in living memory.

Shaun Udal prepares to bowl to Dhoni, Yuvraj Singh is still up the other end. A potentially dangerous partnership could yet put the kibosh on an England victory with just a session-and-a-half to go. Dhoni goes for the big shot. The ball is in orbit. Monty Panesar positions himself underneath the ball as it re-enters the stratosphere. This time he holds on!

The first ever Sikh, as well as the first ever Luton-born player, to play Test cricket for England was well aware of the pressure in taking that catch in the cauldron of noise and dust that surrounded him - particularly after losing sight of an identical shot just three balls earlier.

"It wasn't in my mind at all, I was just determined to catch

the ball no matter what. There was no relief, I saw it all the way," insisted Panesar.

Less than four overs later, England wrap up victory and a cult hero is born.

Around the halfway mark in between these two historic victories, a young Stopsley High School pupil picked up a bat and ball for the first time and played his first competitive cricket match.

Monty's talents were quickly noticed by leading local crick-

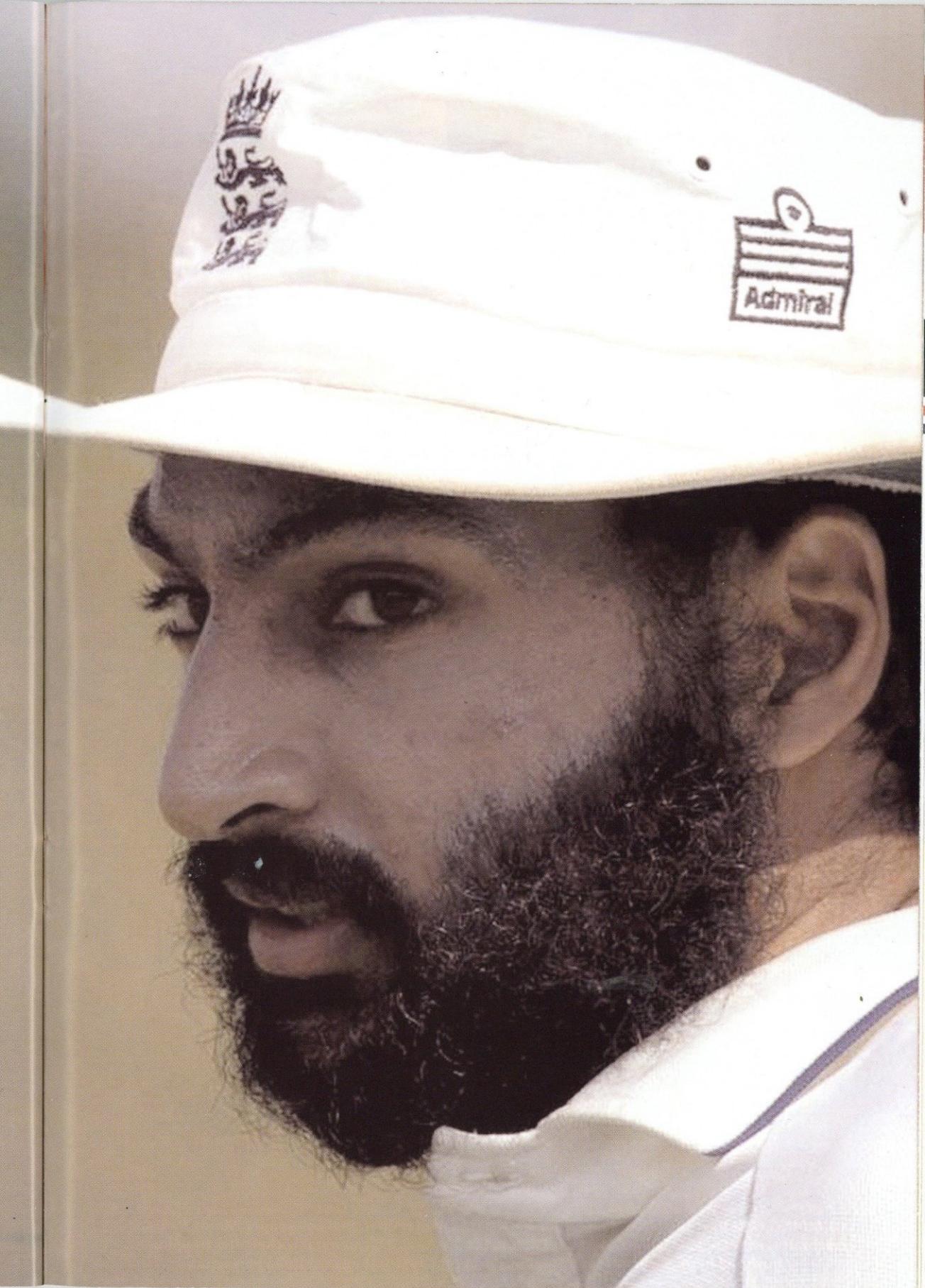
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et club, Luton Town and Indians, where the skills that would one day serve his parents' adoptive country underwent their first fine-tuning.

Despite rising through the local ranks and playing for the England U-19 side and becoming a regular in the Northamptonshire side last season, Monty is determined to keep encouraging the youngsters at his local club in Luton - no matter how hectic his schedule may become.

"I definitely want to help continue the good work Luton Town and Indians Cricket Club has done over the years. I owe them a lot and I think it's important to put something back into the game at the grass roots level."

Despite competition from other sports, Monty is upbeat about the state of local cricket - even for those growing up in a town that's dominated by football.





**JUMPING FOR JOY:** The photo that hit the back pages of every national newspaper. Monty Panesar celebrates, with England skipper Andrew Flintoff, his first ever international wicket after trapping his boyhood hero, Sachin Tendulkar, lbw during the first Test against India in Nagpur.

"Facilities around here are a lot better now than when I started playing, and LT&L especially have moved cricket on in the area, providing many county players along the way," enthused Monty. "You never know, we might even provide one or two more England stars, as there are a couple of really outstanding talents I'm helping at the moment."

Although unsure about what the England selectors have in store for him this summer, Monty is determined to keep on impressing them.

"All I can do is to continue working at my game, keep improving and then I'll just have to wait and see."

After taking five wickets during the gruelling three-match tour, there was no soul searching needed when it came to naming his favourite scalp.

"That's easy, Sachin Tendulkar! Not because he was my first Test wicket, but because he's been my hero ever since I was a child. That was very special to me."

Monty also enjoyed the support of his proud family, some of whom had made the trip out to India to support him - although he was quick to add there were no split loyalties.

"My parents were so blown away just being there watching me. They just wanted me and my team to do well," said the spinner, adding, "Which obviously meant supporting England."

Monty's affection for the Hatters stretches back beyond the 1995-96

He said: "It's definitely a big thumbs

up for what Mike Newell's done for the club. We're eleventh in the table and that's not bad at all in our first season up. I just wish I could get here more often, but it's just not possible."

That's why I'm really looking forward to today," he enthused. Monty was also dismayed to read some negative comments from some quarters when the focus of the media turned its attention to the manager's bung allegations.

"I think Mike Newell was very brave to stand up and be counted and say what he said," believed Monty.

Asked about his England team mates, Monty admitted he gets more stick about coming from Luton than the exploits of the football team.

"Most of the other players support Premiership clubs so there hasn't really been too much banter regarding the Hatters. Although recently, one of my former coaches at Northamptonshire, Nick Cook, was on my case by text as soon as we lost to Leicester!"

Monty's feet have hardly touched the ground since he returned to his family home after last week's final Test in Mumbai.

The subsequent multitude of media interviews included a landmark appearance on Sky Sports' Soccer AM (adding to our seasons tally of Mike Newell, Warren Feeney and Marlon Beresford) - which is not bad for a cricketer!

Although his busy county schedule gets underway shortly, Monty will still have one eye on this summer's FIFA World Cup in Germany.

"I definitely think England have a great chance of winning. Obviously, Wayne Rooney is the main man, but England have a good young squad of great players. You could say that they mirror the cricket team in that way."



Monty Panesar is mobbed by waiting journalists as England touch-down ahead of their tour of India

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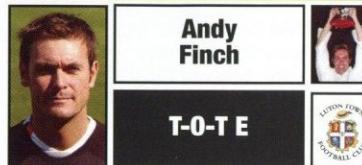


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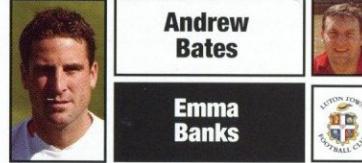
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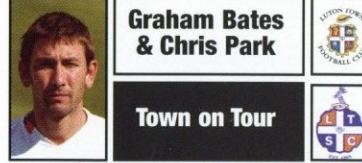
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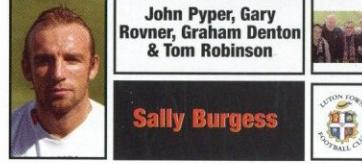
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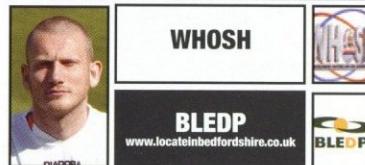
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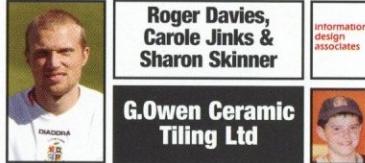
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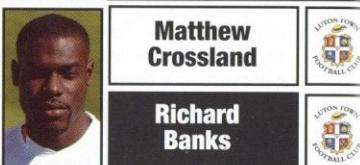
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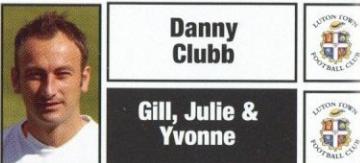
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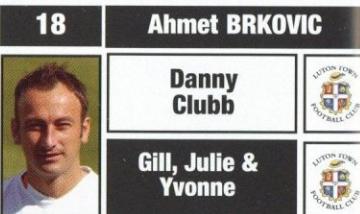
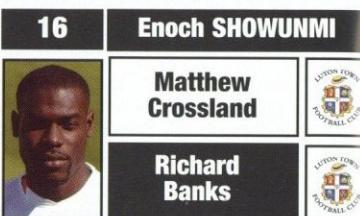
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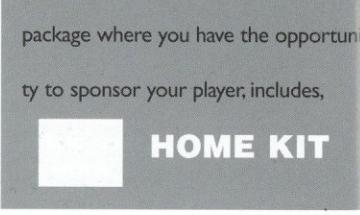
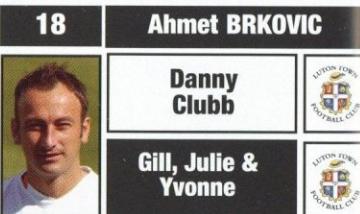
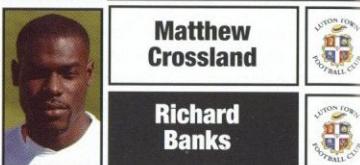
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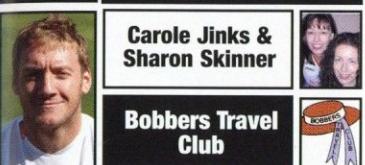


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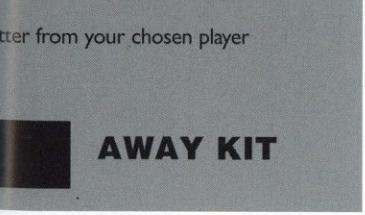
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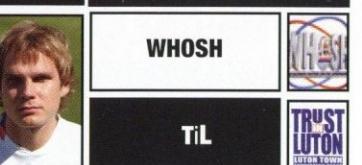
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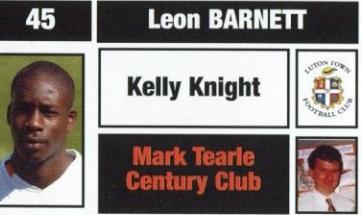
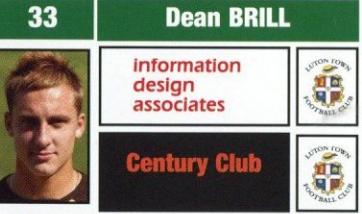
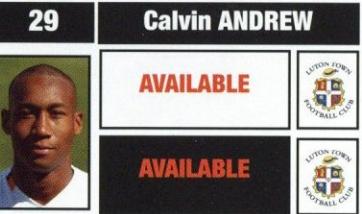
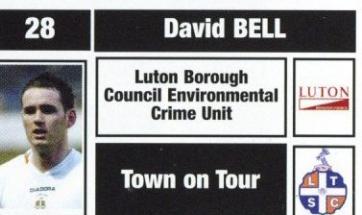
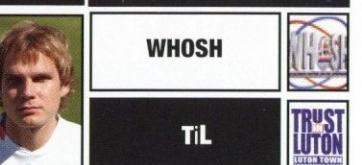
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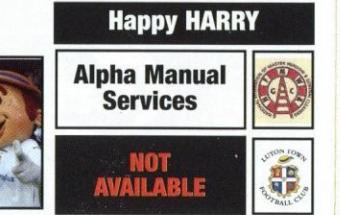
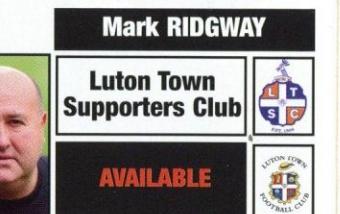
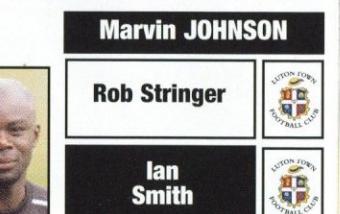
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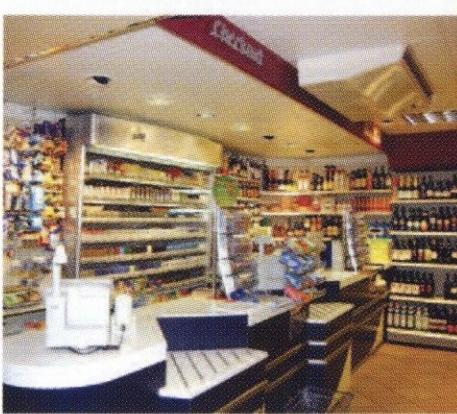
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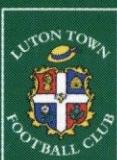
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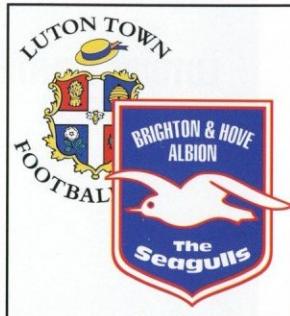


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# Match Action

STEVEN DOVE reports from a rain soaked Withdean Stadium as Luton secure their first points on the road in four games.

## Press Conference

Hatters boss Mike Newell



"Brighton are in a perilous position and are playing without confidence, but it wasn't to be for us. It's a point gained because you have nothing when you step off the bus. The first thing we want to do is stop getting beaten away from home. If the away form was anything like our home form we'd be up at the top of the table which is too much to expect as we've just come into a new league. We try and win games wherever we go, but sometimes we need to be a bit more negative."

## BRIGHTON 1 LUTON 1



Luton fans out in the rain at the Withdean Stadium

Luton salvaged a point against Brighton in a game that was ruined by the weather as torrential downpours played havoc to the football all afternoon at the Withdean Stadium.

It was a spirited second half fight back from Luton, who had fallen behind in the first half to a header from former Watford striker Gifton Noel-Williams.

Luton upped the tempo in the second half and responded with a goal credited to Steve Robinson, although Brighton's Paul McShane looked to have applied the finishing touch after Warren Feeney's cross into the box.

In truth, the game failed to gain any real tempo as both sides struggled to play any free flowing football. However the point

will have warmed the hearts of Luton's travelling contingent who endured the heavy rainfall in the open terraces all afternoon.

Some slack Luton defending allowed Brighton to open the scoring on 17 minutes as Adam Hinshelwood was allowed to whip over a cross for Williams to steal in front of his marker, Chris Coyne, and guide a header past Marlon Beresford.

Luton looked more promising in the second half and got their equaliser on 61 minutes. Warren Feeney's surging run into the penalty area saw the striker's weak cross palmed by Seagulls goalkeeper Wayne Henderson into the path of McShane, who deflected the ball into his own net, with Robinson in close attendance.

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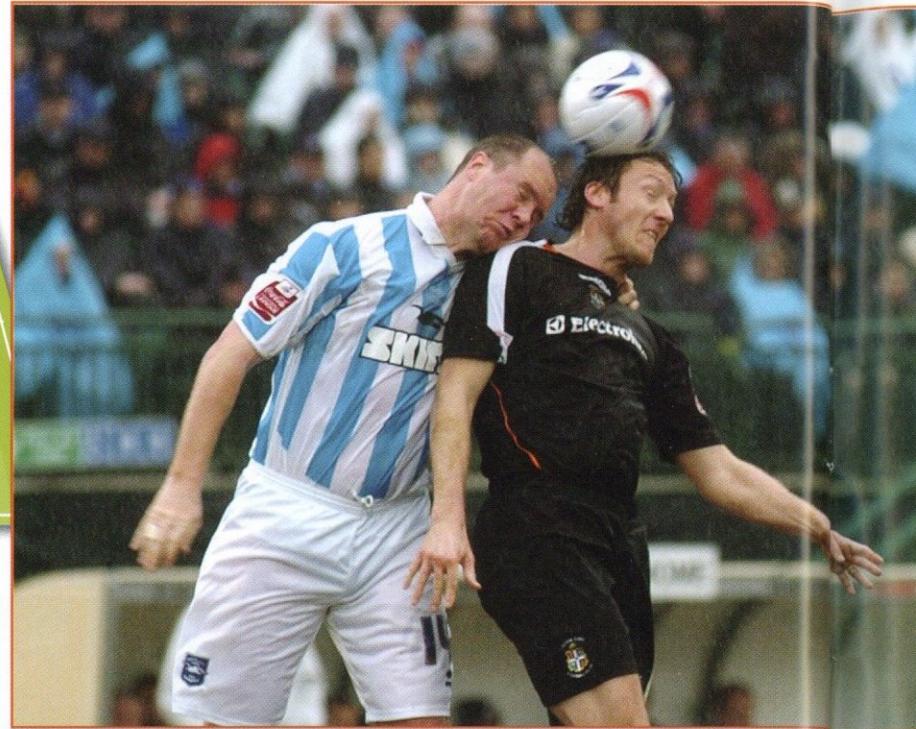


## BRIGHTON'S STARTING LINE-UP



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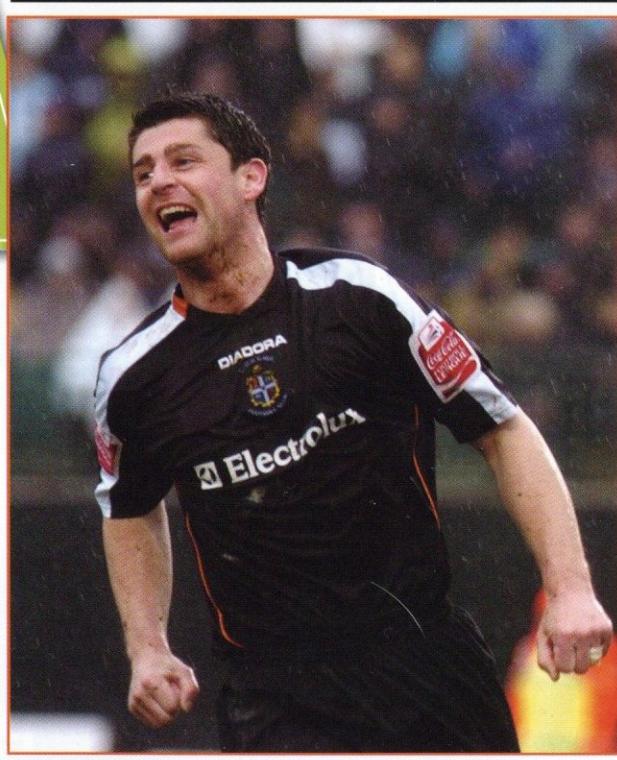
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Yellow Cards :	1
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Scorers :	Noel-Williams 17 McShane (og) 61



□ Steve Howard and Guy Buttens do battle



□ Ahmet Brkovic mounts a Luton attack in the rain at Withdean



□ Steve Robinson celebrates Luton's equaliser



□ Paul Underwood suffered a broken arm during the match against Brighton



□ Brighton's Richard Carpenter tries to get the better of Sol Davis

# A STRONG FINISH

**Despite being hampered by injury this season, Sol Davis has still enjoyed a consistent season. The Luton full-back has bounced back to form following a knee injury that kept him out for 13 weeks of the season. Davis talks to today's matchday programme about his injury and the importance of finishing the current season on a high**

**S**ol Davis may have been hoping for a more enjoyable debut season in the Championship.

Performances from the Luton full-back this season have been nothing short of what Hatters fans have come to expect but a knee injury sustained in October hampered his run in the first team as he spent a considerable number of weeks on the sidelines.

Since arriving at Kenilworth Road from Swindon Town in August 2002, Davis has always enjoyed injury free campaigns and his 13 weeks on the sidelines was the first time Luton have had to do without his services for a sustained period of time.

"I don't want to have to go through that again," admitted the Luton defender. "The injury took a lot longer to come back from than it was first anticipated and it was difficult watching from the sidelines every week."

"Injuries are never good at any stage of the season but having missed out on the start of the season and then missing out again due to injury again midway through the campaign has been a massive blow."

"To be honest, I want to put the whole injury behind me now and concentrate on playing football. I am now feeling fit and hopefully I can

**“The fans can play an important role when we play Watford. We want our fans to go there and enjoy the game and do everything they can to make sure the day is remembered for football”**

continue to stay injury free throughout the current season."

Despite seeing their play-off hopes fade in recent weeks, Davis knows how important a good run-in to the season can be and is determined for the club to continue a push up the Championship table.

Davis continued: "The play-offs do look out of our reach now but we have to keep going and win as many games as possible."

"We don't want to see the season fizzle out and finish in the bottom half of the table because we know that we are better than that. If we can finish this season strongly then it will stand us in good stead for next season."

"We want to send everyone away happy. We have obviously got a big game against Watford to look forward to and I know that is a match that everyone, including the players, wants to win."

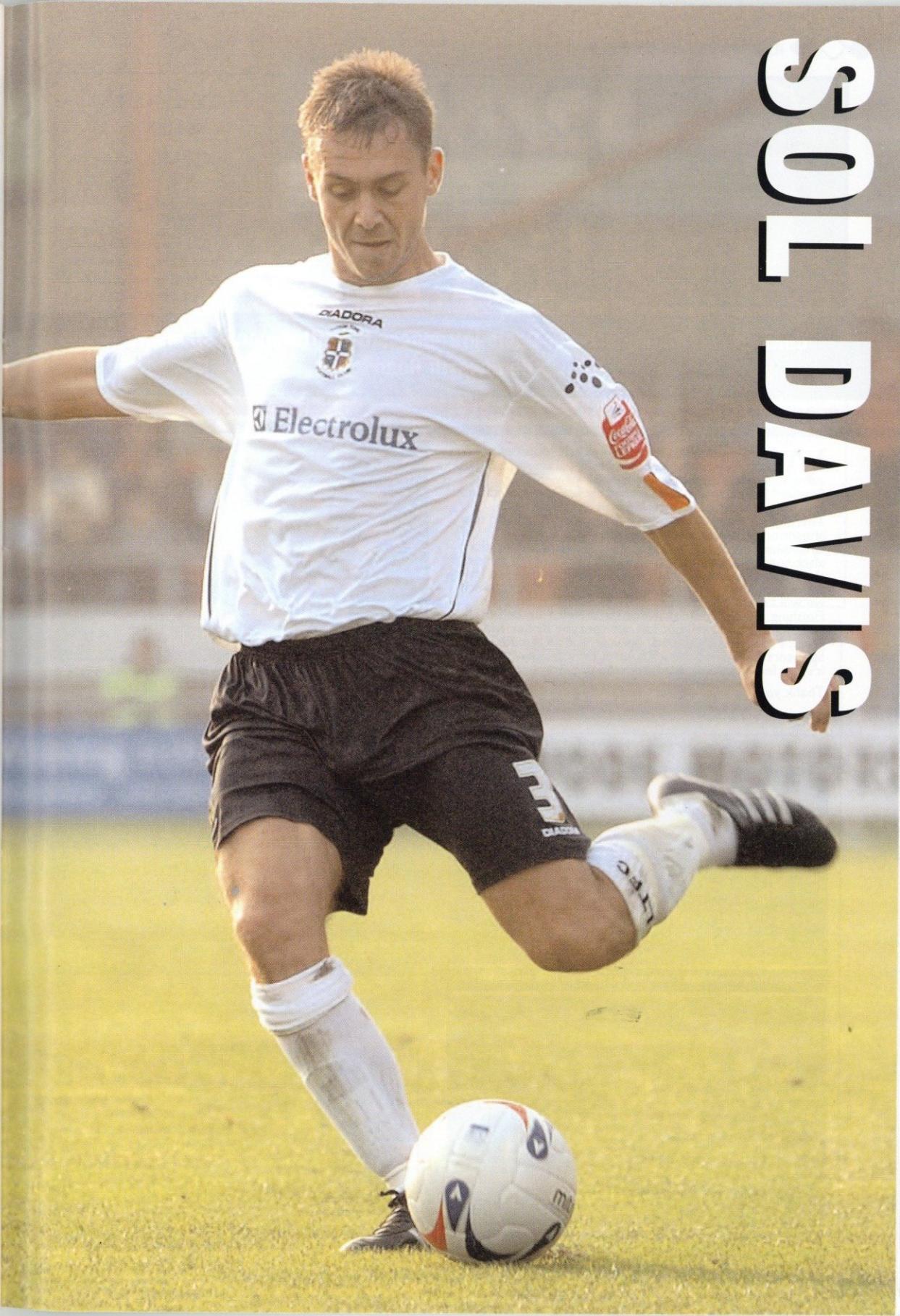
"I missed out on the last game with Watford but still have fond memories of our League Cup win from a few seasons ago. It will be a result and a performance we would love to repeat."

Davis is also calling for common sense to prevail next Sunday as we make the short trip down to Vicarage Road.

"The fans can play an important role when we play Watford," concluded Davis. "We want our fans to go there and enjoy the game and do everything they can to make sure the day is remembered for football."

"I know it's a fixture that everyone looks forward to and it was the first fixture I looked out for first."

"However we have an important game this afternoon and if we can take all three points then it will set us up nicely for Watford."



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# Peter Davis

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

Welcome to this afternoon's match sponsors, together with our commercial partners, to our eagerly awaited game against Ipswich Town. Season 1995/96 was the last time that we last entertained Ipswich in the league, which incidentally we lost 1-2. Therefore the opportunity to put the record straight this afternoon, in our first season in the Coca Cola Championship, is well overdue. It's difficult to believe that after today, we are down to only two more home games, the season has more than flown by. Commercially we have almost completed our planning for the new season, which we will be actively marketing to you all very shortly. Finishing the commercial season on a high, I am delighted to confirm a total sell out for our sporting dinner with Frank McLintock on the 6th April, as well as our Kit Sponsors Dinner on the 25th April, which is now down to its last few remaining guest tickets.

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Peter



□ Associate sponsor Nick Owen and his party on their pre match tour



□ Match sponsors Cargo Tiles, meeting squad members in the sponsors lounge

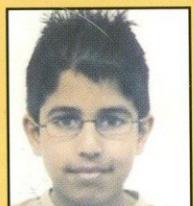


□ Gibbs & Dandy, Match Ball sponsor for Derby receiving their awards from squad members



□ Commercial Mascot Joe Kwarcinski receiving his certificate at our game with Derby County

## COMMERCIAL MASCOT.....



We welcome eleven year old Kishan Patel as this afternoon's commercial mascot. Kishan, son of Kishor Patel, today's associate sponsor as well as sponsor of our Luton Town Supporters Lottery is a regular visitor to Kenilworth Road. Attending Bedford Modern School, Kishan is a devout Football and Cricket fan, with Kevin Nicholls and Rowan Vine singled out as favourite Luton Town players. We all at the club hope that Kishan and family have a tremendous day with us.

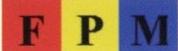
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School: Dullochhill Lower  
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Where to you normally sit: Kenilworth Road Upper



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

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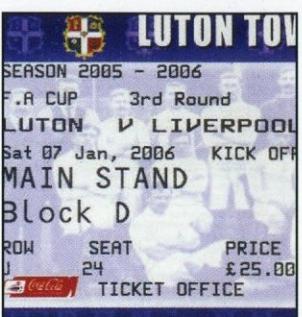
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SATURDAY 15TH APRIL 2006, KICK-OFF 3:00PM

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



**PLYMOUTH ARGYLE V LUTON TOWN**  
MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2006, KICK-OFF 3:00PM

**THIS MATCH IS INITIALLY AN ALL TICKET GAME.**

We have initially been allocated 1,132 seats for the above fixture.  
Tickets are now on sale to Season Ticket Holders and Members until Saturday 1st April 2006.  
1 ticket per Season Ticket Holder/Member

Tickets will go on general sale from Monday 3rd April until 15.00 hrs on 15th April 2006.

Prices are: Adults £21.00  
Senior Citizens (Over 65) £14.00  
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**LUTON TOWN V SHEFFIELD UNITED**  
SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 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



**LUTON TOWN V BURNLEY**  
SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2006, KICK-OFF 1:30PM

TICKET INFORMATION WILL APPEAR IN OUR NEXT PROGRAMME



	2005/2006 Appearances										International App		Luton Town Career	
	This Season					International App					App	Gls	App	Gls
	League App	Gls	Cup Competitions App	Gls	Total App	Gls	Disciplinary Yel	Red	Nation	Caps	Gls	App	Gls	
1 Marlon BERESFORD	35	0	2	0	37	0	1	0	Rep Ire U21	2	0	118	5	
2 Kevin FOLEY	31(3)	0	1	0	32(3)	0	4	0	Rep Ire U21	2	0	154	2	
3 Sol DAVIS	15(4)	0	2	0	17(4)	0	3	1				204	15	
4 Chris COYNE	27(2)	2	3	1	30(2)	2	5	0				94	8	
5 Russell PERRETT	7(2)	0	0(1)	0	7(3)	0	0	1				69	5	
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	28(1)	0	1	0	29(1)	0	2	0	Trin & Tob	7	0	40	2	
7 Carlos EDWARDS	33(4)	2	3	0	36(4)	2	1	0				185	32	
8 Kevin NICHOLLS	30	5	3	1	33	6	7	1				75	18	
9 Rowan VINE	17(7)	8	1	0	18(7)	6	5	0				44	7	
10 Warren FEENEY	24(12)	6	2(1)	1	26(13)	7	2	0	North Ire	1(5)	2	133	10	
11 Steve ROBINSON	24	1	1	1	25	2	3	0	North Ire	(1)	0	31	3	
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0				27	2	
15 Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0				108	16	
16 Enoch SHOWUNMI	9(26)	1	1(1)	0	10(27)	1	0	0				88	7	
17 Paul HUGHES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				187	33	
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	35(1)	6	2	0	37(1)	6	2	0				222	102	
19 Steve HOWARD	34(3)	13	2	1	36(3)	14	5	1				61	2	
20 Curtis DAVIES	6	1	1	0	7	1	2	0				43	2	
21 Keith KEANE	2(4)	1	1(1)	0	3(5)	1	0	0	Rep Ire U21	4	0	0	0	
22 Danny STEVENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				31	5	
23 Dean MORGAN	20(9)	6	2	0	22(9)	6	1	0				9	0	
25 Dino SEREMET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				36	2	
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	34(1)	2	1	0	35(1)	2	4	0	Finland	8	0	116	12	
27 Peter HOLMES	13(6)	2	1(1)	0	14(7)	2	2	0				5	0	
28 David BELL	1(4)	0	0	0	1(4)	0	0	0				10	0	
29 Calvin ANDREW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				13	0	
33 Dean BRILL	5	0	1	0	6	0	0	0				22	0	
45 Leon BARNETT	8(7)	0	1(1)	0	9(8)	0	2	0				19	0	
47 Rob BECKWITH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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: 39	HEADERS: 16
PENALTIES: 5	OWN GOALS: 4
FREE-KICKS: 0	TOTAL: 64

## OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 20

Opponents score first goal: 22

No goals scored: 1

Luton Town score first and win: 13

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: 16

Opponents score first and draw: 3

Opponents score first and lose: 3

Opponents fail to score: 8

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 17

Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 28

Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 14

Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 19

## A GAME OF TWO HALVES

### FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 43 - W 13 - D 17 - L 13 - F 30 - A 26 PTS 56

### SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 43 - W 15 - D 13 - L 15 - F 35 - A 41 PTS 58

# HATTERS 2005-06 STATS

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

	DATE	Fixture	RES	ATT	AWAY POS	Brill	Foley	Heikkilä	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	Vine	Showunmi	Perrett	Holmes	
Sat 6		Crystal Palace	2-1	21,116	2,474 4	Brill	Foley	Heikkilä	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	Vine	Showunmi	Perrett	Holmes	
Tues 9		Southampton	3-2	9,447	1,799 2	Brill	Foley	Heikkilä	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	Vine	Showunmi	Perrett	Holmes	
Sat 13		Leeds United	0-0	10,102	1,800 1	Brill	Foley	Heikkilä	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	Holmes	Edwards	Showunmi	Perrett	
Sat 20		Stoke City	1-2	18,653	2,224 6	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Edwards	Showunmi	Davis	
Tues 23		Leyton Orient (CCI) *	3-1	2,383	577 -	Beresford	Keane	Coyne	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Brkovic	Perrett	Holmes	O'Leary	
Sat 27		Leicester City	2-0	22,048	2,161 3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Coyne	Davis	Edwards	Holmes	
Mon 29		Millwall	2-1	8,220	777 3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Davies	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Coyne	Davis	Edwards	Holmes	
Sat 10		Wolves	1-1	10,248	1,800 4	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkilä	Coyne	Davies	U'wood	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Morgan	Holmes	Perrett	S'wunmi	
Tues 13		QPR	0-1	13,492	2,037 4	Beresford	Edwards	Coyne	Perrett	Davies	U'wood	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Morgan	Holmes	Perrett	S'wunmi	
Sat 17		Hull City *	1-0	19,184	404 4	Beresford	Edwards	Perrett	Coyne	Davies	Morgan	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Andrew	Holmes	Keane	Barnett	
Tues 20		Reading (CC2)	0-1	6,941	829 -	Brill	Edwards	Barnett	Coyne	Davies	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Seremet	O'Leary	Stevens	Keane	Andrew	
Fri 23		Sheffield Wednesday *	2-2	8,267	750 3	Beresford	Edwards	Perrett	Coyne	Davies	Morgan	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Heikkilä	Keane	Holmes	S'wunmi	
Tues 27		Preston	3-0	7,815	391 3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkilä	Coyne	Davies	Morgan	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Holmes	S'wunmi	Keane	
Sat 1		Cardiff City	2-1	14,657	565 3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkilä	Coyne	Davies	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	U'wood	S'wunmi	Keane	
Sat 15		Crewe Alexandra	1-3	6,604	1,438 3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkilä	Coyne	Davies	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Vine	
Tues 18		Norwich City	4-2	10,248	1,800 3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkilä	Coyne	Davies	Morgan	Robinson	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Vine	
Sat 22		Plymouth	1-1	8,714	806 3	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkilä	Coyne	Davies	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Perrett	Foley	S'wunmi	Robinson	
Sat 29		Coventry City	0-1	22,228	3,928 3	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	Edwards	Morgan	Nicholls	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Keane	S'wunmi	Vine	
Tues 1		Sheffield United	0-4	22,554	1,125 4	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Barnett	Coyne	U'wood	Edwards	Heikkilä	Holmes	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Keane	Morgan	S'wunmi	Vine
Sat 5		Burnley	2-3	8,518	823 4	Beresford	Foley	Perrett	Barnett	U'wood	Edwards	Heikkilä	Holmes	Morgan	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Brkovic	Keane	S'wunmi	Vine	
Sat 19		Norwich	0-2	25,383	2,300 7	Beresford	Foley	Perrett	Heikkilä	U'wood	Morgan	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Holmes	S'wunmi	Vine	
Tues 22		Crewe Alexandra	4-1	7,474	204 5	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Barnett	U'wood	Vine	Nicholls	Robison	Edwards	S'wunmi	Feeney	Brill	Andrew	Brkovic	Keane	Morgan	
Sat 26		Crystal Palace	2-0	10,248	1,800 5	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	U'wood	Morgan	Holmes	Robison	Edwards	Vine	S'wunmi	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Perrett	Howard	
Sat 3		Reading	0-3	19,478	2,158 5	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Perrett	U'wood	Morgan	Holmes	Robison	Edwards	Vine	S'wunmi	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Howard	Nicholls	
Sun 11		Southampton *	0-1	19,086	976 6	Brill	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	U'wood	Edwards	Nicholls	Robison	Brkovic	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Holmes	Vine	
Sat 17		Stoke City	2-3	8,296	754 10	Brill	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robison	Edwards	Vine	S'wunmi	Brill	Beckwith	Barnett	Feeney	Holmes	
Mon 26		Derby County	1-1	26,807	1,574 11	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Robinson	Holm	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Morgan	S'wunmi	
Wed 28		Brighton	3-0	9,429	1,376 8	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Robinson	Nicholls	Edwards	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Morgan	S'wunmi	Vine	
Sat 31		Ipswich Town	0-1	23,957	1,281 10	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robison	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Howard	Morgan	S'wunmi	
Mon 2		Watford	1-2	10,248	1,800 9	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Barnett	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robison	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Feeney	Morgan	Perrett	S'wunmi	
Sat 7		Liverpool (FA3)♦	3-5	10,170	1,800 -	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robison	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Morgan	S'wunmi	
Fri 13		Wolves *	1-2	21,823	585 10	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robison	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Morgan	Perrett	
Sat 21		QPR	2-0	9,797	1,800 9	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Robison	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Morgan	Perrett	
Tues 31		Sheffield Wednesday	2-0	23,965	706 8	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	U'wood	Brkovic	Nicholls	Swuri	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Morgan	Perrett	
Sat 4		Hull City	2-3	8,835	990 8	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	Keane	Brkovic	Nicholls	Swuri	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Morgan	Perrett	
Sat 11		Preston	1-5*	15,237	678 9	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	Keane	Brkovic	Nicholls	Bell	Edwards	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Davis	Morgan	
Tues 14		Cardiff City	3-3*	7,826	447 10	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkilä	Barnett	Davies	Morgan	Nicholls	Fol	Brkovic	Howard	Vine	Brill	Holmes	Perrett	S'wunmi	Stevens	
Fri 17		Reading *	3-2	8,705	1,098 8	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkilä	Barnett	Davies	Morgan	Nicholls	Fol	Brkovic	Howard	Vine	Brill	Feeney	Holmes	Perrett	S'wunmi	
Sat 25		Leeds United	1-2	23,644	1,822 10	Beresford	Edwards	Barnett	Coyne	Davies	Morgan	U'wood	Fol	Brkovic	Howard	Vine	Brill	Feeney	Holmes	Perrett	S'wunmi	
Sat 4		Millwall	1-2	9,871	1,181 11	Beresford	Edwards	Heikkilä	Coyne	U'wood	Foley	Nicholls	Holm	Brkovic	Howard	Vine	Brill	Barnett	Feeney	Morgan	S'wunmi	
Sat 11		Leicester City	1-2	9,783	1,800 12	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Coyne	Davies	Edwards	Nicholls	Holm	U'wood	Howard	Vine	Brill	Bell	Feeney	Perrett	S'wunmi	
Sat 18		Derby County	1-0	9,163	1,528 12	Beresford	Foley	Perrett	Coyne	Davies	Brkovic	Robinson	U'wood	Edwards	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Barnett	Bell	S'wunmi	Vine	
Sat 25		Brighton	1-1*	7,139	tbc 11	Beresford	Foley	Heikkilä	Coyne	Davies	Brkovic	Robinson	U'wood	Edwards	Howard	Feeney	Brill	Bell	Perrett	S'wunmi	Vine	
Sat 1		Ipswich Town	15:00																			
Sun 9		Watford	12:00																			
Sat 15		Coventry City	15:00																			
Mon 17		Plymouth Argyle	15:00																			
Sat 22		Sheffield United	15:00																			
Sun 30		Burnley	13:30																			

## COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME	AWAY																			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts								
Reading	40	16	3	1	48	12	11	8	1	34	14	56	92								
Sheff Utd	40	13	4	3	38	19	10	5	5	30	22	27	78								
Watford	40	10	5	5	36	22	10	7	3	34	24	72									
Leeds	40	12	5	3	33	17	8	7	5	21	16	21	72								
C Palace	40	11	5	4	32	16	8	5	7	28	25	19	67								
Preston	40	8	10	2	25	12	7	9	4												

# Coming Next

Luton Town welcome a former favourite to Kenilworth Road when Coventry provide our next opponents on home soil. JOHN BRADSHAW looks ahead to the big game.

Luton fans are expected to give Gary Mc Sheffrey a warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road when the Sky Blues are our visitors next Saturday. The reception that the Luton supporters gave to "The Sheff" at the Ricoh Arena earlier this season illustrated the success he had here in his two loan spells at the club. Eight goals in eighteen games in the 2003/2004 season kept us on the fringes of the play-off places, and Gary has kicked on with Coventry since then. This season has been his most successful, with fourteen goals to date, often in a wide left role. Gary was, at one point, the youngest player to have played in the Premiership, when he made his debut for Coventry against

Aston Villa aged 16 years and 198 days.

Coventry arrive here with a disappointing away record, with only two successes on the road this season, against QPR and Hull. Only Crewe has conceded more away goals than the Sky Blues, 40 so far this season. Like ourselves, their season has been built around their impressive home form; the Sky Blues are unbeaten at home since a November 2nd defeat against Stoke, a run stretching 13 games.

Micky Adams, the former Brighton and Leicester manager, has been in charge at City since January 2005, when the club was in real danger of relegation. Adams was able to stabilise results and avoided the drop to League One with

a 6-2 win over Derby in the final match at Highfield Road.

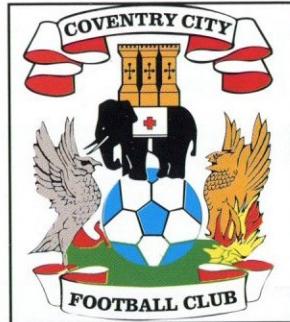
After a mediocre start to the season, Coventry have pushed themselves up the table. The Midlands based club have a really experienced squad and former Chelsea skipper Dennis Wise is someone Luton fans will know a lot about after he visited us with Southampton earlier in the season. Dele Adebola, who scored against Luton when the Hatters were defeated 1-0 at the Ricoh Arena earlier in the season, will certainly be one to watch having hit a rich vein of form in recent weeks with goals against Burnley and promotion-chasing Sheffield. Meanwhile, Luton's Carlos Edwards will have a chance to go up against his Soca Warrior teammate Stern John, who has fired in seven goals this season.

Luton haven't beaten Coventry in the league since a much-needed 1-0 home win in December 1991. Coventry managed to escape relegation that season when a win for us at already relegated Notts County on the final day would have sent them down instead. They were constant flitters with the drop before their impressive 34-year stay in the top flight finally ended in 2001. They will be looking to finish well this season to prepare for a push towards the top six at least next term, and with a bright young manager, a fantastic stadium and a large fan base they have the foundations in place for a return to the Premiership.



□ Carlos Edwards in action against Coventry during our 1-0 defeat earlier in the season

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