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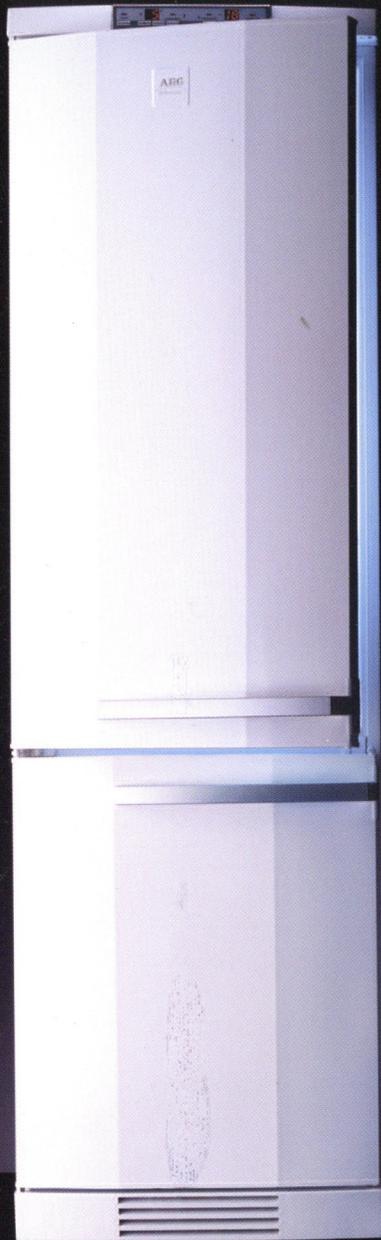


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## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome back to another season of Championship football and a slightly new look programme. We have tried to make a number of improvements to this year's publication and the most significant change has been the increase in pages - rising from 64 to 72 pages. Another notable change is the more in-depth articles, particularly with the players. Kevin Foley opens the new season with an exclusive interview as he talks about his international aspirations and thoughts ahead of the new season. A number of our regular, and most popular, features remain with Dave Baker looking at the latest news from the Luton Ladies and Marvin Johnson rounding up the news from the Youth Team. We would appreciate any feedback you have on this year's publication. Just send us an email at [programme@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:programme@lutontown.co.uk)

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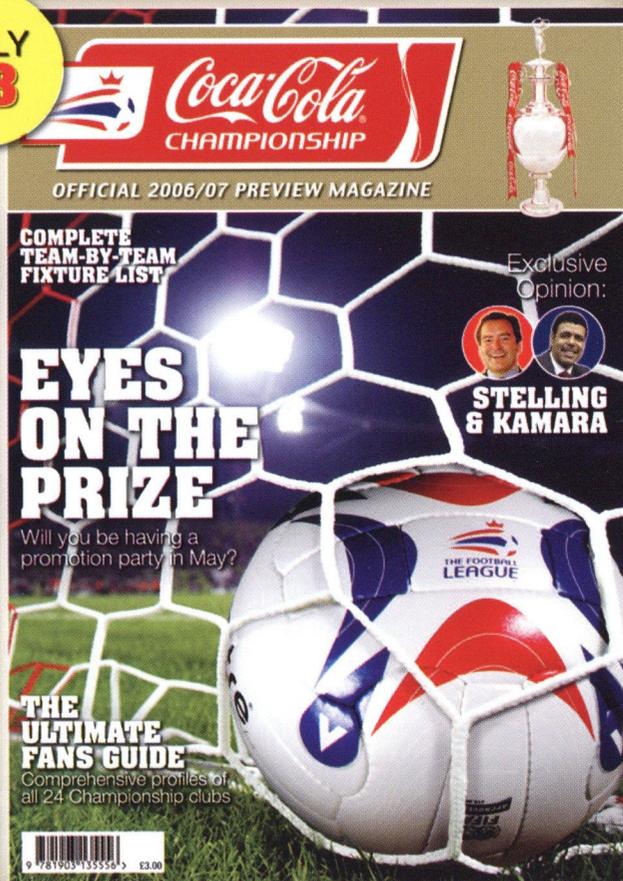
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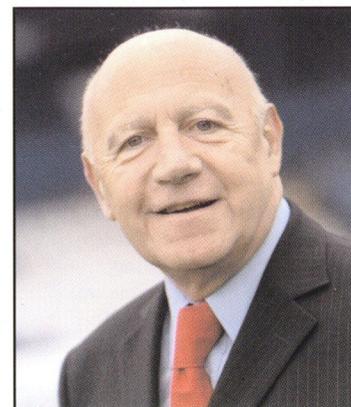
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From the Chairman

## Bill Tomlins



Bill Tomlins  
Luton Town FC Chairman

*"I would like to to take this opportunity to publicly thank Roger Taylor, the Managing Director of our shirt sponsors Electrolux, for their sponsorship of the team's pre-season tour to Sweden."*

May I extend a warm welcome to all our supporters as we all look forward to the start of another exciting Championship season.

Today's live Sky TV coverage says something about our campaign last season and we welcome their team to Kenilworth Road this afternoon, and of course, our visitors' Leicester City, their Directors, Management, Players and Supporters.

The close season for every club is always busy and eventful, as players move on, as was the case with the transfers of Steve Howard and Kevin Nicholls. Their contribution to this club was immense and we wish them both well in their new challenges.

Whilst the manager has ensured that their departure was good business for the club, new players have also arrived. Richard Langley, Lewis Emanuel and Adam Boyd have joined us to strengthen the team. On behalf of the Board we wish Adam, Lewis and Richard every success in their decision to further their football ambitions with Luton.

One of the additional, but just as crucial, signings for the long-term future of the club was the board's decision to sign a legally binding agreement on its relocation. Having investigated, dis-

cussed and exhausted all other possible sites inside and outside the Town's boundaries with the Leader and Officers of Luton Borough Council, including representatives from the supporters, the Club will now, with its architect, the landowner and developer start the serious progress of the club's relocation. The plan is to achieve a new twenty thousand-seater stadium on a thirty-acre freehold site at Old Park Farm, south of Junction 12 of the M1 motorway.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Roger Taylor, the Managing Director and Vice President of our shirt sponsors Electrolux, for their sponsorship of the team's pre-season tour to Sweden.

Our investment in laying a new fibre-sand pitch has now settled in well. Richard Bird, our Head Groundsman, is confident that, like many fibre-sand pitches in the Championship and Premiership, the real benefits will become clearer later in the season.

As always your vocal support does make a difference.

Enjoy the game.

Bill

## From the Manager

# Mike Newell

Mike Newell looks ahead to today's game with Leicester City and introduces his new look squad for the forthcoming Championship season.

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Leicester. Welcome also to Rob Kelly, his staff, players, directors and supporters from the Walkers Stadium. Leicester finished the campaign strongly last season and will be looking to make a bigger impact this time around, so we can expect a difficult start.

There have been a few changes here on the playing side with the departures of Steve Howard and Kevin Nicholls and the arrival of Lewis Emanuel, Richard Langley and Adam Boyd. Howie and Nico were big players for us and served us well so we take this opportunity to thank them

***"We would like to add a couple more players before the end of August"***

both and wish them well in the future.

Unfortunately, we will always be viewed as a selling club and we would hope that the £1.7m we received for the two players will make us stronger

in the long run. We certainly see it as good business considering the stage of their careers, and it will have raised a few eyebrows with the people who only valued them at half the price. On the players that we have added, they are all of a good age and full of promise. They have also settled very quickly, thanks to the rest of the lads.

We would also like to add a couple more before the end of August. With the funds that have come in and are pending, we would like to keep improving the squad in a sensible manner, both football wise and business wise.

Regarding myself, I hope to have signed a new contract before the season kicks off. I decided during the summer that I wanted to commit myself to the club and end the speculation. I have told many people private-

ly that this group of players will keep improving and it is because of that belief that I am staying. I have had many people tell me that you can only get so far with limited resources. They may be right, because a lot of them are experienced in football but only time will tell and, after all, I do have a very stubborn streak and a massive desire to be successful and prove people wrong.

I also believe that there is a bit of light at the end of tunnel in terms of the direction the club is going, and the response and communication I am not getting from the board. There will always be doubters and pessimists, but I am sure that even the biggest of them could not fail to recognise the progression that has been made on the pitch here in the last three years.

With your belief and your support, I am sure we can keep that progression going.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads

Mike





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From the Secretary

# Cherry Newbery



Good afternoon and welcome everyone for the start of the new 2006-07 Championship campaign. We are pleased to welcome everyone from SKY TV here today and hope this will be the first of many visits to Kenilworth Road during the season.

With The Football League being the sole focus of attention for the first fortnight of the new season, the search is on for the loudest and most passionate supporters in the country.

Today, and next Saturday, they will be measuring the decibel levels as the teams emerge from the tunnel, so please, as always welcome the teams with the loudest "Real Football Roar" possible so that we can try to win the honour of being the loudest fans in The Coca-Cola Championship.

Congratulations to Marvin Johnson

and his team on winning the Bedfordshire FA Premier Cup Final last Tuesday evening at Biggleswade Town. Our thanks must also go to all of the fans who supported the team.

We have entered a new competition for our Under 18's in the Beds. FA Under 18 Floodlit Cup and have received a bye in the first round. We have been drawn away to Crawley Green in the second round, with the match to be played in the week commencing 4th December. Full details of the competition can be found on our website [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk)

I have been asked by The Football League to make supporters aware of the Disabled Facilities at Football League Grounds Guide which is available on their website at [www.football-league.co.uk](http://www.football-league.co.uk).

A reminder that in the interests of everyone's health and safety, following full discussions with the Safety Advisory Group, the Main Stand complex has been made a smoke-free zone.

However, we will be providing a "smoking section" at half-time, which will be the area between the Ticket Office and Club Shop. An additional catering unit will be provided in this area to assist supporters. I would emphasise that this is on a trial basis and we would be pleased to receive

any comments or observations.

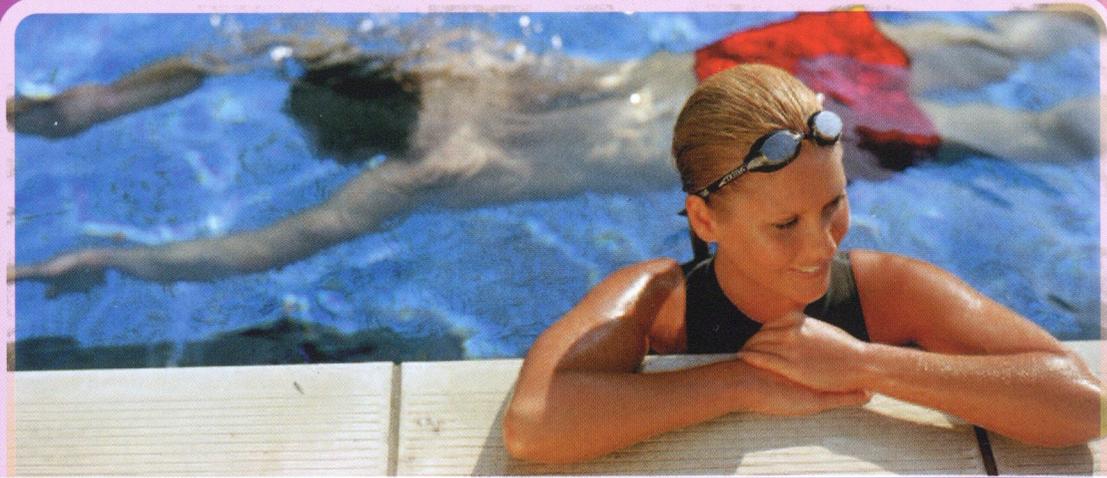
The Catering Department are looking at ways to speed up the service and reduce the queues at the food kiosks at half-time by introducing a voucher system, whereby you pre-purchase your half-time food and drink – and then simply produce your voucher at the collection point to receive your order. This service is initially being offered in the Main Stand, Family Stand and Enclosure and, if successful, will be extended to all areas of the stadium.

Additionally, supporters will now also be able to purchase beer at half-time from the Hatters Bar in the Kenilworth Road Stand.

Finally, a reminder that the Pontin's Reserve League starts here at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 15th August when we play Leyton Orient, kick-off 2.00pm. Entry is via the Press Gate at Kenilworth Road and is free for season ticket holders (on production of season ticket book), £3 for adults, £1 for concessions or juniors.

As always enjoy the game.

Cherry Newbery



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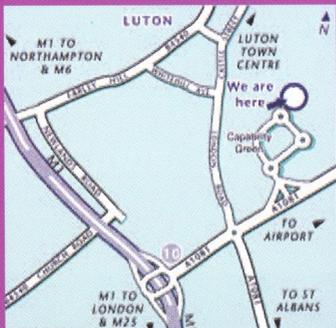
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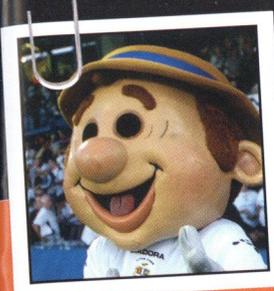


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**Junior Hatters**

We would like to welcome all our Junior Hatters members to Kenilworth Road this afternoon

**The Mascot**



We are delighted to welcome back as today's Commercial Mascots, Nico Ashton son of one of the club's staunchest and charismatic supporters, John Ashton, together with his good friend Isaac Galliford. Nico attends Wigmore Primary School here in Luton and counts Carlos Edwards as one of his favourite Town players. Nico's hobbies, which include Cricket and PS2, are only overshadowed by his love of football, where Nico's ambitions are being developed by his attendance at Rushden & Diamonds Academy. Isaac attends the Meads here in Luton and plays for our own Luton Town under ten's and his favourite "Town" player is Leon Barnett. May we take the opportunity of hoping that Nico and Isaac and their family have a great afternoon with us and take further opportunity of thanking John Ashton for all his support and commitment to the Club

**The Birthdays**

The following Junior Hatters have celebrated their birthdays in July.

George Kiely, Adam Cummins, Aaron Hall, Daniel Barnes, Justin Baker, Emily Newns, Daniel Kennedy, Conor Danes, Ryan Essah, Chris Brennan, George Dunne, Charlie Poulton, Thomas Harkin, Kieran Robbins, Alex Peapell, Jack Cook, Katy Pearson, Lisa McCabe

**Junior Hatters Quiz**

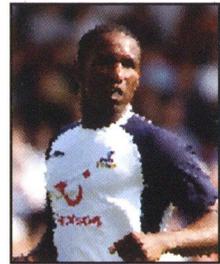
Can you identify these well known Premiership players below. The answers can be found below.



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Fill in the blanks to make up the names of these Premiership clubs? The answers can be found below.

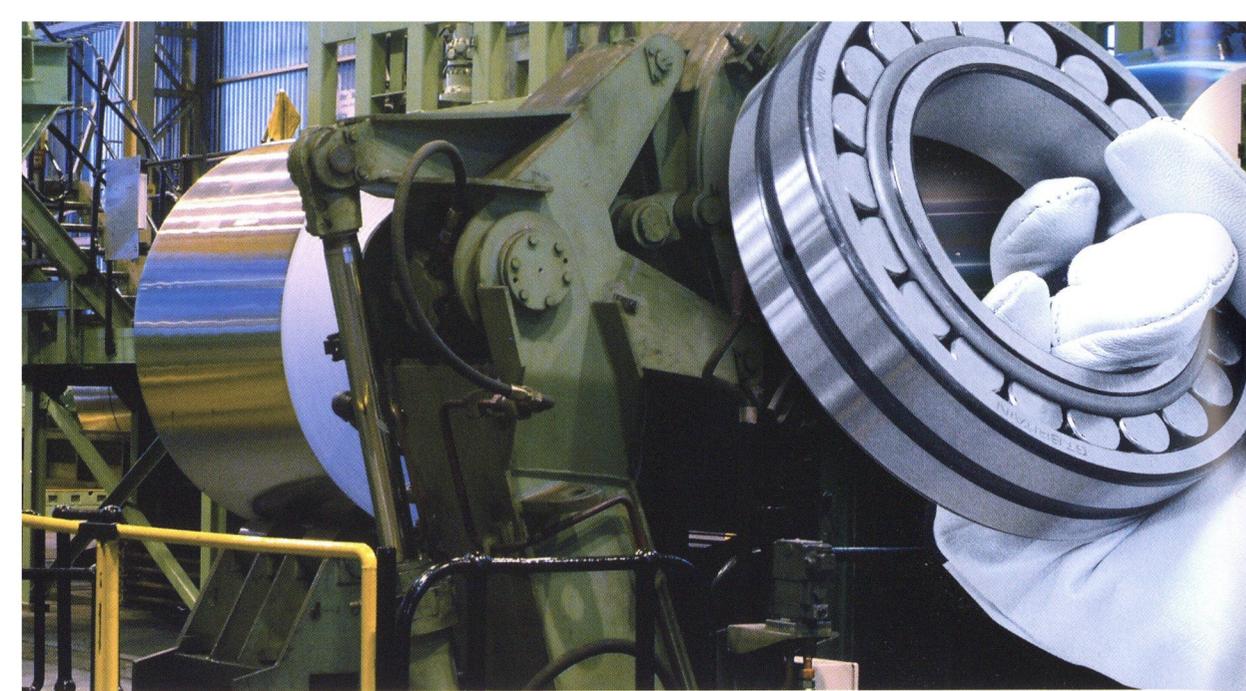
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ANSWERS - GUESS WHO: Wayne Rooney, Frank Lampard and Jermaine De Foe  
FILL IN THE BLANKS: Everton, Liverpool, Bolton and Tottenham

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- Q: What are prehistoric monsters called when they sleep?
- A: dinosnore!
- Q: Why did the stupid racing driver make ten pitstops during the race?
- A: He was asking for directions!
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- A: Just one if it's long enough!

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## Welcome to Leicester City

**Rob Kelly maybe somewhat of an unknown quality on the managerial circuit. However, the Leicester boss has certainly made an impressive start at the Walkers Stadium after being offered the job on a permanent basis, following his caretaker spell last season. CHRIS RIVETT welcomes our visitors to Kenilworth Road today.**

Leicester City arrive at Kenilworth Road to raise the curtain on the new Championship season and start a campaign that they hope will see them improve on last season's 16th position.

The 2006/07 campaign will represent Manager Rob Kelly's first full season in charge of the Foxes and he will hope that Leicester can carry on where they left off last year. After taking caretaker charge of the Walker Stadium outfit at the end of January, he only suffered four defeats in his seventeen matches at the helm.

That form has continued into pre-season with Leicester going six warm-up games without defeat, including a creditable 0-0 draw at home to Real Sociedad and, more importantly, these results were achieved without any major injury worries, meaning the Leicester boss should

have a full strength squad to choose from for this afternoon's match.

Speaking earlier this week, Kelly told Leicester's official website: "We are where we wanted to be at this stage, but the real work starts now. The excitement now mounts towards Saturday. Friendly results are not too important but you always want to win the games, or at least not lose them. We have done that too so I am pleased with what we have done so far.

"This week will be spent on going over the details, set-pieces and fine tuning so that everything will hopefully be right when we take to the field at Kenilworth Road."

Leicester have four new faces in the squad with the vastly experienced mid-fielder Andy Johnson the pick of the bunch. The former Welsh international

arrives at the Walkers Stadium from West Bromwich Albion, with over 300 games under his belt. He is joined by Darren Kenton who enjoyed a successful loan spell from Southampton at the end of last season. Pacy winger Josh Low makes the step up from the basement division having been promoted last season with Northampton Town, as does Gareth McAuley, who was also plying his trade in League Two last term with Lincoln City.

There wasn't too much to choose between the teams when they met last year, with both teams claiming three points on the opposition's territory and it is expected to be another tight match between the two sides this afternoon, who will be hoping to build on their reputations as difficult teams to play against over the coming months.

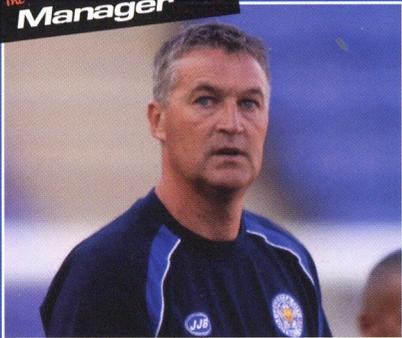
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# The Opponents

We take a look at the players who will be on show at Kenilworth Road this afternoon

## The Manager



Rob Kelly was appointed caretaker manager of Leicester City on the 13th February 2006, until the end of the 2005-06 season. Following a successful run, he signed a one-year rolling contract, confirming his status as manager, on the 14 April 2006

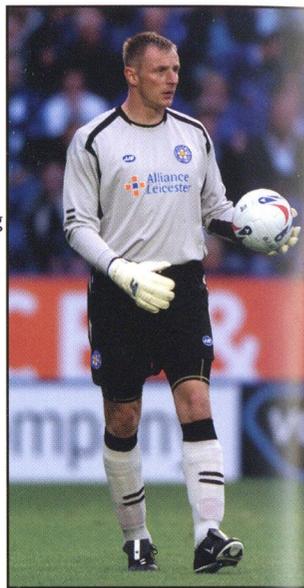
In his first ten games in charge, his team took 21 points from a possible 30, steering the side up the Championship table and away from the threat of relegation to League One. In recognition of his achievements, Kelly was awarded the Championship Manager of the Month award for March 2006. This followed wins over relegation rivals Hull City and Millwall, as well as victory against Luton Town and a creditable draw against Premiership-bound Reading.

Kelly was previously Assistant manager to Craig Levein, who had been in charge at the club for just 18 months before being sacked. His playing career as a midfielder was fairly brief, being cut short by a back injury in 1990. It did, however, include time spent at Leicester in the early 1980s. Before moving to Leicester as an assistant, he had been involved in the coaching set up at Blackburn Rovers, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Watford.

Following his injury he left football for a while and spent time working as a journalist for the Express & Star evening newspaper in Wolverhampton, before returning to football in a coaching role.

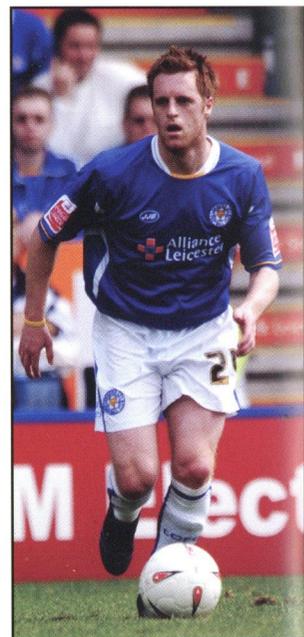
## The Goalkeepers

Such is the importance of good shot-stoppers in the Championship, manager Rob Kelly has decided to have two number ones as opposed to the usual top man-deputy-reserve formula. Scottish international **RAB DOUGLAS (pictured)** can think himself a bit unlucky, however, if he's not between the sticks today. He arrived at the Walkers Stadium on a free transfer from Celtic in June 2005, after enjoying a five-year spell under Martin O'Neill that had brought him trophies galore. However, after sustaining a thigh injury against Derby County in February he never regained his place in the side, due to the excellent form of Sydney-born **PAUL HENDERSON**. The highly-rated Aussie, a relative newcomer to English football, signed for the Foxes at the same time as Douglas (also on a free) after making forty appearances for Bradford City in the 2004/05 season. Former Republic of Ireland U18 international **CONRAD LOGAN** could figure today, although he has yet to make his debut for the Foxes.



## The Defenders

There is also plenty of competition for places in the Leicester defence. Previous manager Craig Levein brought **ALAN MAYBURY (pictured)** and Aussie international **PATRICK KISNORBO** across the border with him when he left Hearts, but Rob Kelly has just signed a couple of players of his own that could re-shape the Foxes back four. **DARREN KENTON** played for Southampton in their televised home win against the Hatters last December, but could not cement a regular place in the Saints line-up. Former Norwich-man Kenton has just signed a two-year deal at Leicester and will be hoping to feature at some stage today. **GARETH MCAULEY** is another big central defender who caught many a scout's eye over the last two seasons whilst playing for Lincoln City. He made his full international debut for Northern Ireland in a home friendly against Germany in 2005, so he'll be hoping to raise his profile with Lawrie Sanchez with a few good performances in the Championship.



## The Midfielders

A summer signing from West Brom, **ANDY JOHNSON** is one of those players who you could say has had a good career. For a start, he's always played for big clubs, making his debut for Norwich City in the old Division 1 in the 1991/92 season. It took some years before he established himself as a first-team regular, however, which persuaded Nottingham Forest to pay £2.2m for him in 1997. Johnson has also got fifteen caps for Wales and made eight games in the Premiership for the Baggies last season. Known more as a grafter than a goal-scorer (which, by definition, means he's going to bang one in today!), Johnson will add experience to an emerging Leicester side. **STEPHEN HUGHES** made over 100 appearances for his only former club, Glasgow Rangers, before he signed for the Foxes in January 2005. His first goal for his new club came in a 2-2 draw against Watford. He played in

over half of Leicester's games last season, including their 2-1 win here at Kenilworth Road in March. Hughes' fondest memory from the last campaign, however, would be his equalising goal against Spurs in a thrilling FA Cup third round tie, which the Foxes went on to win 3-2. **DANNY TIATTO (pictured)** joined Leicester from Manchester City in 2004. Although a firm favourite with the fans, injuries and suspensions have thus far prevented the Championship from seeing the best of him. An Australian international, Tiatto is known as a danger man (in equal measures) for his ferocious tackling as much as his energetic displays on the left side of Leicester's midfield. Tiatto has just signed a one-year extension to his contract, and will be hoping for an injury-free start to the season. **GARETH WILLIAMS** was another regular in the Leicester squad last season whilst **JAMES WESOLOWSKI** is regarded as one for the future.



## The Strikers

**MATT FRYATT** is the main man up front for the Foxes. Signed during the last January transfer window for an undisclosed fee, twenty-year-old Fryatt arrived at the Walkers Stadium with bags of goals under his belt for his former club, Walsall. Whatever the transfer fee was, it was a bargain. Fryatt banged in another six goals for his new club, one of which was here against the Hatters in March. Scoring his first goal for Leicester that day was another bright young prospect, **CHRIS O'GRADY**. Previously a prolific marksman for the youth and reserve teams, O'Grady has been carefully groomed for the future by gaining first team experience with loan spells at Notts County and Rushden and Diamonds. With all of his appearances thus far for the Foxes coming from the bench, O'Grady will want to push on and get a few starts under his belt over

the forthcoming season. **IAIN HUME (pictured)**, at twenty-two, is the old man of the strike force. Signed from Tranmere Rovers in August last year for £500,000, Hume should be well-known to Hatters fans for his regular visits to Kenilworth Road with his former club, which included a particularly painful FA Cup defeat for the Hatters in the 2003/04 season. Canadian international Hume was a shining beacon of quality in League One, and was a constant source of transfer speculation. His nine-goal return in twenty-eight starts for the Foxes last season should convince Leicester fans that he has plenty offer in the Championship. **MARK DE VRIES** is a former Hearts striker who moved to Leicester in 2004. **LOUIS DODDS** is a free-scoring striker at Academy level. Dodds has been consistently on target for City at both under 17 and under 18 levels. The young forward has achieved international recognition for England Youth.



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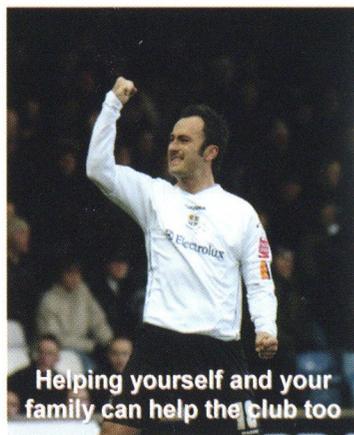
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## View from the **Opposition**

With Bill Anderson, Chief Leicester City Football Writer for the Leicester Mercury

### How has Leicester's pre-season gone?

Pre-season has gone very well both on and off the field. We have managed reasonable results with wins at Boston, Macclesfield and Stockport and a healthy warning sign at Lincoln when, 3-0 down at the break, they perked up for a 3-3 draw. We then had a goal-less draw against Real Sociedad (pictured). Unlike last season, Leicester will begin the new campaign with no major injury problems, a big boost for a young and relatively small squad.



### Who should Luton fans look out for this afternoon in the Leicester squad?

The home fans should see what they saw in this fixture last season, a settled, committed side proving hard to beat and being competitive enough to take advantage of anything that might come their way. Team ethic and hard work are going to be the hallmarks of City this season and no-one should find them an easy touch.



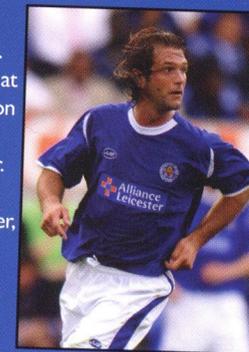
### What are Leicester's aims for this season?

The way they finished the final 16 games under Kelly last time has, of course, raised expectations but the manager is not daft enough to take much from that great run which dragged them out of the bottom three. The next sensible step is to make sure they are not involved in the lower reaches this time and realistically it would be wrong to look too much further than that.



### What will Rob Kelly's new signing's bring to the Foxes squad?

The four new men will mainly boost competition. Darren Kenton, who was at the club on loan the season before last, can play anywhere along the back four. Winger Josh Low has strength and running power, centre-back Gareth McAuley slots in very well but the fourth, Andy Johnson (pictured) from West Brom, is the only one likely to be a regular starter, bringing leadership and determination to the midfield.



### Who do you think will get promoted to the Premiership this season?

Of those who came down from the top flight, Birmingham City look the best bets to bounce back but filling the other two places is hard to guess. Crystal Palace were close last time and will be up there while we at Leicester know how good a boss Micky Adams is so I think Coventry could make some waves.



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# Five to Remember

Roger Wash takes a look back at five classic encounters between Luton Town and Leicester City

## 12th April 1975 Luton 3 Leicester 0 Attendance: 18,298

The Town were putting up a glorious late fight to avoid relegation from Division One and the visit of the Foxes offered the chance of two points and revenge for an embarrassing 0-4 defeat in the FA Cup the previous season.

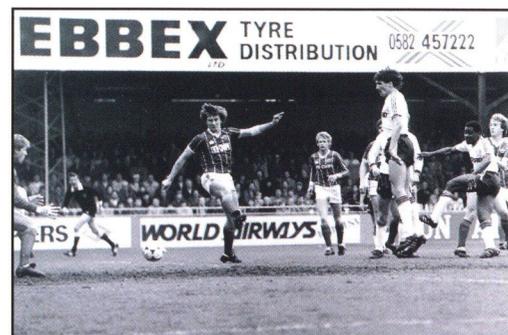
Ample retribution was gained in a 3-0 victory with Australian international Adrian Alston scoring the first, frightening Leicester's Keith Weller into putting through his own goal and then laying on the third for Jimmy Husband.

Weller's exquisite 25 yard own goal has now been televised more times than his brilliant effort in the FA Cup clash the year before.

## 1st September 1979 Leicester 1 Luton 3 Attendance: 16,241

David Pleat's Hatters had narrowly avoided relegation the previous season and the first three games of the next campaign did not indicate that lessons had been learnt.

This all changed in front of the 'Match of the Day' cameras at Filbert Street with the Town taking a deserved 2-0 interval lead through a David Moss penalty and a Ricky Hill header. With Leicester threatening a grandstand finish after Larry May had pulled a goal back it was the Hatters who had the last word when Moss fired a pearler into the top corner in the final minute. Pleat's army was on the march!



Emeka Nwajobi tries his luck against the Foxes in 1984/85.

## 11 May 1985 Luton 4 Leicester 0 Attendance: 11,802

Having looked relegation certainties at Christmas a remarkable turnaround, aided by some astute signings, meant that a win over the Foxes would secure safety from the drop with two games to go.

The Town were up for it from the first whistle and a Meka Nwajobi header followed by a David Preece belter from 20 yards gave the home side a comfortable half-time lead.

The game was put beyond Leicester soon after the interval when Brian Stein cracked home number three leaving big Mick Harford to seal a remarkable victory at the end of a roller coaster season.



Mick Harford heads in his hat-trick goal against Leicester in 1985/86.

## 1st January 1986 Luton 3 Leicester 1 Attendance: 10,917

For once the Town are not struggling at the wrong end of the Division One table and it shows as Mick Harford, with two shots and a header, bags the first Luton hat-trick since Paul Walsh fired in three against Swansea three years before.

No-one on the terraces knew, though, that Harford was playing through the pain barrier and needed knee surgery which would be carried out a week later.

His temporary replacement in the Luton attack was to be 20 year old new boy Mike Newell, an £85,000 capture from Wigan!

## 6th February 1993 Luton 2 Leicester 0 Attendance: 9,140

The Town are bottom of the table at the start of the game but only one defeat from the previous six matches means that better times are ahead.

Promotion chasing Leicester are made to look second best by a Hatters side that has discovered how to stop conceding goals and is bright and inventive at the other end.

Marvin Johnson powerfully heads a Scott Oakes cross home in the 40th minute – only his second goal for the Town – and Phil Gray carefully strokes in a David Preece through ball to seal a vital victory.

Leicester's misery is compounded when Colin Gibson is dismissed in the dying minutes.



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**Attack**

Simon Pitts takes a look at some interesting stats between this afternoon's two sides.

Luton's first ever football league match was actually against Leicester Fosse on 4th September 1897, it finished in a 1-1 draw.



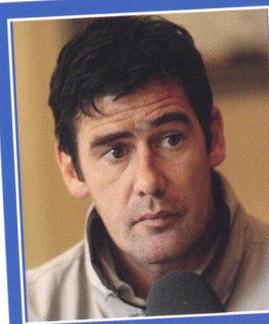
The last player to be transferred from Leicester to Luton was David Oldfield prior to the start of the 1995/96 season.

The first meeting between the two sides at Kenilworth Road was on October 5th 1946, when the visitors won 2-1. Horace Gager scored his second (and last goal) for Luton in this game.



The last player to make the move up the M1 was Steve Thompson, who after only seven appearances for the Hatters, went to Leicester in a swap deal involving Des Linton and Scott Oakes (pictured).

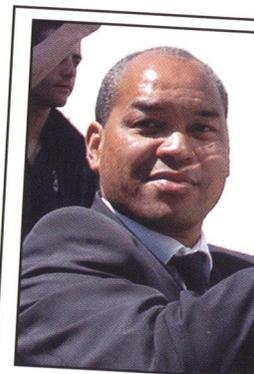
The first FA Cup tie between the sides, 5th Round in February 1949, was an amazing 5-5 draw, the highest draw in Luton's history!



The most noticeable move from Luton to Leicester is of course current Hatters manager Mike Newell who moved to Filbert Street in 1987/88.

Luton and Leicester were in the same division in 1959/60, but they weren't to meet again until 1970/71.

Since the war the two sides have met at Kenilworth Road 24 times, with Luton winning 12 and losing seven. Of the five draws only one, in March 1984, has ended goal-less.



In May 1985 the Hatters won 4-0, with goals from Brian Stein (pictured), Mick Harford, Emeka Nwajjioji and David Preece who happened to be wearing shirt numbers 8,9,10 and 11! This is also Luton's biggest victory against Leicester: It should also be mentioned that a certain Gary Lineker was in the visiting team that day!

The two sides have never met outside of the top two divisions.

Luton were unbeaten in the six home fixtures between the sides in the 1980's!

# Action Replay

*vs Fulham, Friday 21st July 2006*

**LUTON 1 FULHAM 2**

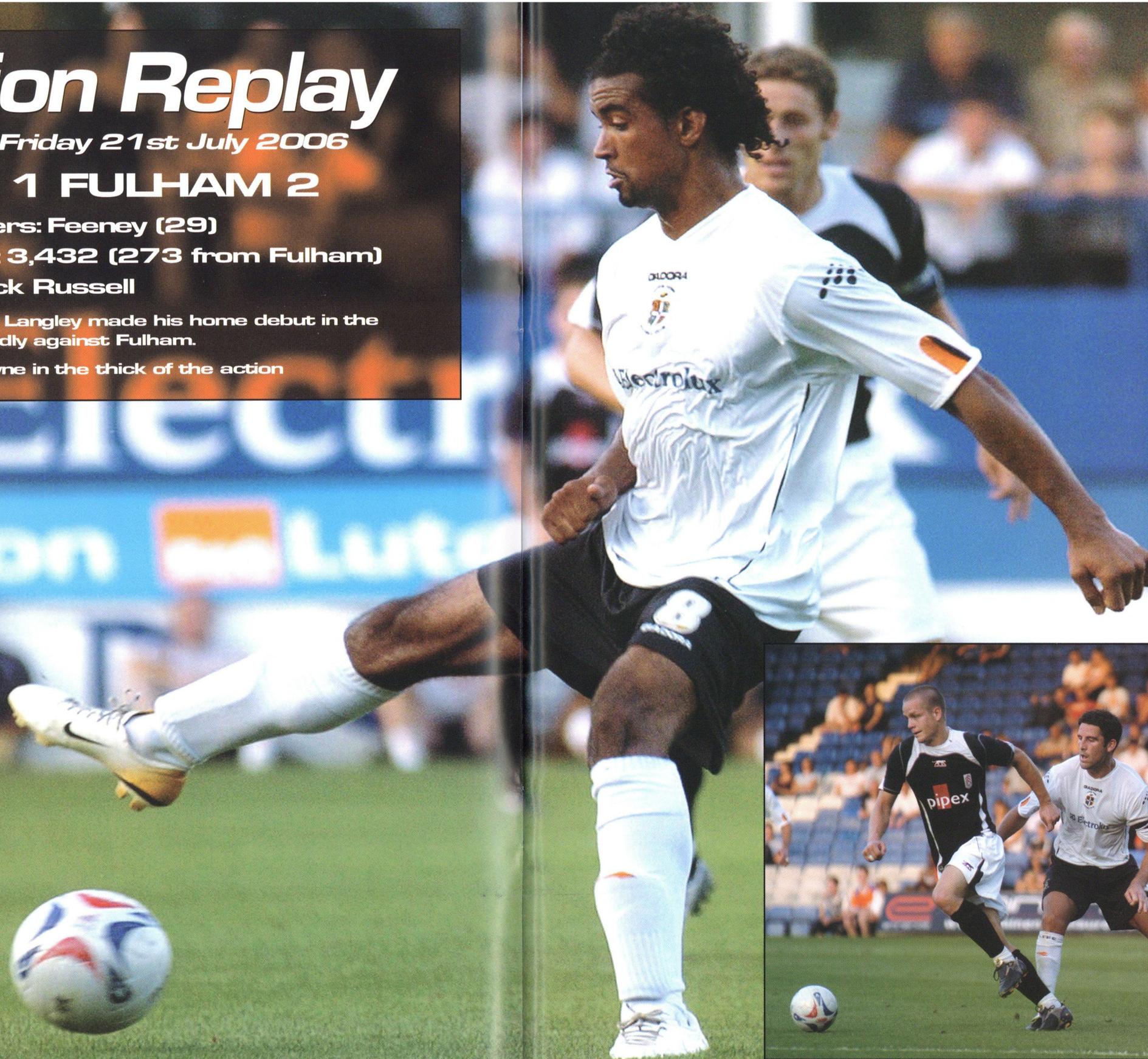
**Luton Scorers: Feeney (29)**

**Attendance: 3,432 (273 from Fulham)**

**Referee: Mick Russell**

**Picture: Richard Langley made his home debut in the pre-season friendly against Fulham.**

**Insert: Chris Coyne in the thick of the action**



**Luton:** Beresford (Brill 76), Foley (Keane 70), Coyne (Barnett 62), Perrett, Davis (Emanuel 49), Edwards (Bell 62), Robinson (Holmes 62), Langley (Nicholls 62), Brkovic (Morgan 62), Vine (O'Leary 76), Feeney (Andrew 70)

**Scorer:** Feeney 29  
**Bookings:** None  
**Sent-Off:** None



**Fulham:** Niemi (Crossley 46), Rosenior (Volz 67), Christanval (Zakuane 67), Pearce (Knight 67), Jensen (Unidentified 67), Brown (Ehui 61), Bullard (Elliott 65), Diop (Jensen 65), Timlin (Collins 67), Helguson (Radzinski 61), John (Runstorm 61)

**Scorer:** John 12, Helguson 48  
**Bookings:** None  
**Sent-Off:** None

**Key Moments**



Collins John plays a one-two with strike partner Heidar Helguson and finds the bottom corner of the net to give Fulham the lead

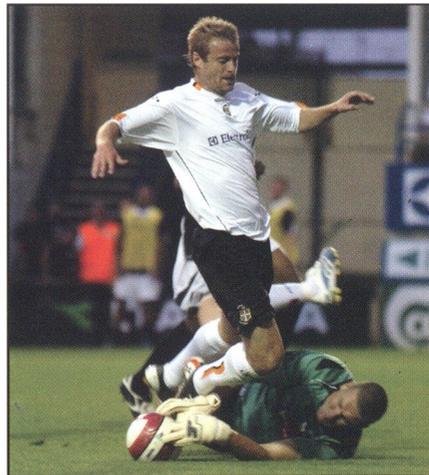
Fulham the lead



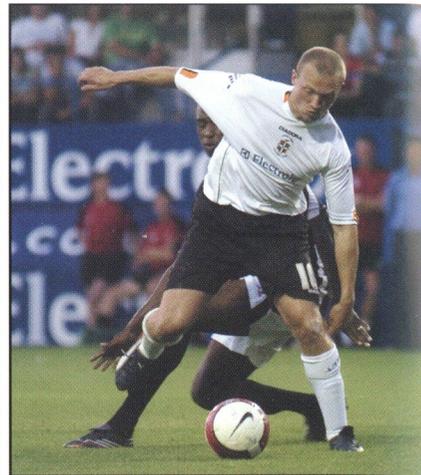
Russell Perrett's half-hit shot is slammed home by Warren Feeney from close range to get Luton back on level terms



Fulham make the perfect start to the second-half as former Watford striker Heidar Helguson hit home the rebound after Marlon Beresford saved from Liam Rosenior



□ Peter Holmes goes down under the challenge of Fulham's goalkeeper Mark Crossley



□ Warren Feeney gains possession for Luton



□ Jimmy Bullard shields the ball from Ahmet Brkovic as Sol Davis looks on

**LUTON 1 FULHAM 2**

In terms of importance, this may have been a meaningless match, but Luton still showed signs of the football that earned them a top ten finish in the Championship last season, as Premiership Fulham secured a narrow win at Kenilworth Road.

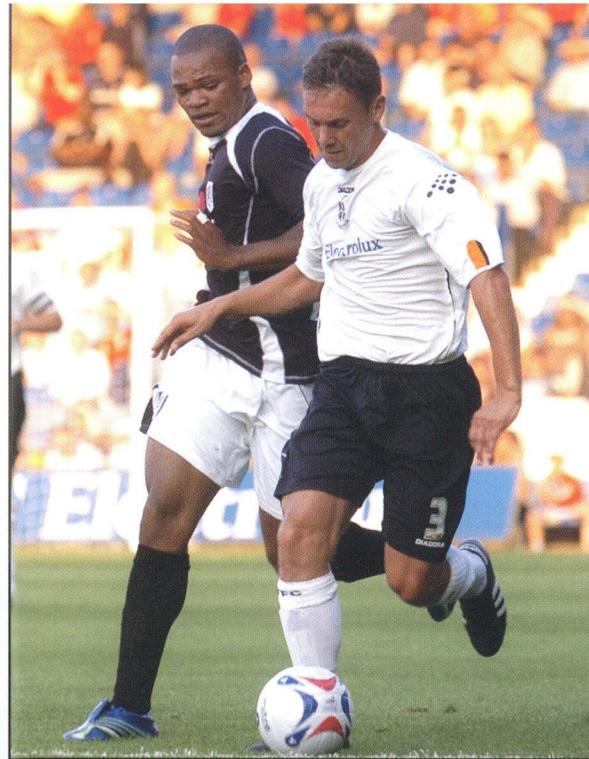
On a humid Friday evening, Luton gave Chris Coleman's team a stern test, but Collins John and Heidar Helguson both found the target for the visitors, either side of the interval, to give the Premiership side a hard-earned win.

Northern Ireland striker Warren Feeney scored his third pre-season goal in four matches, which brought

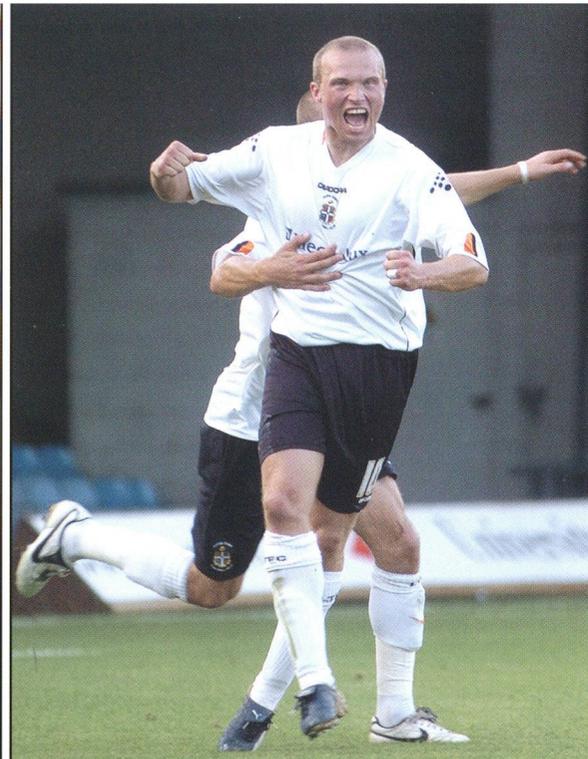
the home side back on level terms, whilst there was also encouraging news for Luton supporters as Chris Coyne, Sol Davis and Leon Barnett all returned from injury.

Richard Langley, who signed from QPR, played his first match on home soil and looked impressive, whilst Carlos Edwards looked at his very best after his World Cup adventures in Germany.

The scoreline could have made dismal reading for Luton supporters has it not been for the heroic display from Hatters goalkeeper Marlon Beresford, who made a number of key saves throughout the game.



□ Sol Davis gets the better of Fulham's Collins John



□ Warren Feeney shows his joy at getting Luton back on level terms



□ Rowan Vine chases a loose ball as Luton go in search of an equaliser late in the second-half

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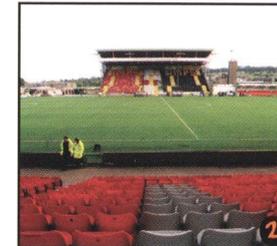
1. What is Stoke City's nickname?
2. Who was voted World Player of the Year in 2003?
3. Which club did Alan Pardew manage before he departed to West Ham United?
4. What football club did Roy Keane play for before his successful spell at Manchester United?
5. Which club was promoted as Champions via the Conference division last season?
6. And which club was promoted as play-off winners last season via the Conference?
7. Which Spanish club did Mark Hughes play for?
8. Who won the last country to win the World Cup in their own country?
9. Who beat Celtic in the 2003 UEFA Cup Final?
10. Where will the European Championships be staged in 2008?

## Name that Ground



Name the teams that play at these grounds

The answer to all these questions can be found on page 69



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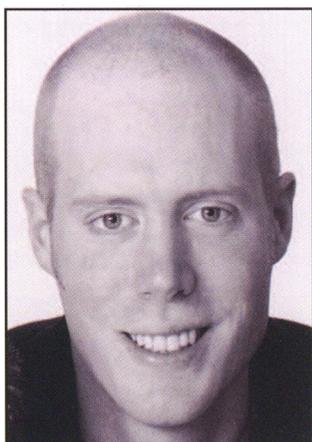
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# Football in the Community

Stuart Smith brings us the latest news from the Community Department



**G**ood afternoon and welcome to a new season at Kenilworth Road. During the close season there has been a new addition to the Full Time Community Staff and a brand new series of activities instigated.



First of all I would like to welcome to the Department Gregg Broughton (pictured) who has joined us as our full-time Football Development Officer:

Gregg's remit is mainly to instigate a Player Development Programme for both boys and girls. In addition to this he will assist in the day-to-day running of the department and expand our current Community activities.

The first step in this process has been to introduce new Summer Holiday Courses venues in Leighton Buzzard, Sandy and Bedford.

What I am anxious to achieve with this new appointment is to expand the Community work we are offering to all corners of the county and, consequently, give all our young supporters the opportunity to engage in our activities, subsequently increasing the profile of Luton Town FC.

The boys PDC programme will run under the name of TIPS (Talent Identification Programme Season 2006/07). This project has been generously sponsored for the first

year by LLOYDS BANK and SPECSAVERS.



TIPS also signifies the aspects we would be looking for from the successful player in this programme.

The four key elements we are looking for are:

### Technique, Insight, Personality, Speed

Boys Development Centres will be introduced throughout Bedfordshire and North Herts. The programme in Year 1 will involve four Player Development Centres based in Luton, Dunstable, Bedford and Hitchin, aimed at players from 8 to 15 years old. Throughout the first year the centres will be two tiered, providing a base (Soccer Centre) and higher level of performance.



The Luton Town Girls Academy will allow girls the opportunity to receive top class coaching and to allow them to play with girls of similar ability

Over the period of the programme the children in the Performance Centres will be given the opportunity to play in games and tours while still committed to their own junior clubs.

The Development Centres will allow all the children to receive extra top quality coaching in addition to the guidance they receive in their clubs. The cherry on the cake is that the very best players may earn themselves the opportunity to have trials with the Luton Town FC Centre of Excellence.

The employment of Gregg has also helped provide a windfall for the department. TRUST IN LUTON, having heard about the Development Centres and being impressed at how well their Sponsorship of the Community Adult Disability Programme has developed, has offered Sponsorship to FITC to set up a similar programme for Girls.

The department have accepted this offer and have recently held the trials for the project. The project will be called the Luton Town FC Girls Academy, and will pick up perfectly from the Development Centres run over the last 2 years by Beds FA and Active Sport.

The Girls Academy will work in a different manner to the boys centres with the four trials days in Luton, Sandy, Bedford and Ampthill providing 16 players at each of the Under 10, 12, 14 and 16 years age groups being offered the chance to participate in the Academy, based in Luton for the whole of the next season. The aim of the Academy is to offer the best girls in the County the chance to improve under the guidance of Level 3 coaches, without any cost to them in the first year. Also, they will have the opportunity to play games against high standard opposition from Centre of Excellences at other professional clubs.

We have been extremely fortunate to be able to attract an officer of the experience and calibre of Gregg to the department. I think this speaks volumes for what we have achieved over the last four and a half years. Gregg, like myself, is also a lifelong Luton fan, so I don't think the department could be in safer hands.

Its fantastic that the Trust continues to feel that the activities we provide are worthy of their sponsorship, and we can assure them that their money will be well spent developing a really worthwhile project. Girls football is the



The aim of the Luton Town FC Girls Academy is to offer the best girls in the County the chance to improve under the guidance of Level Three Coaches

biggest growing sport in the country and it is vital for us that the girls receive exactly the same opportunities as the boys. We hope that the extra coaching and the games programme they receive will benefit their clubs when they play for them every weekend. Our long term goal with this programme is to obtain a Girls Centre of Excellence Licence for the club.

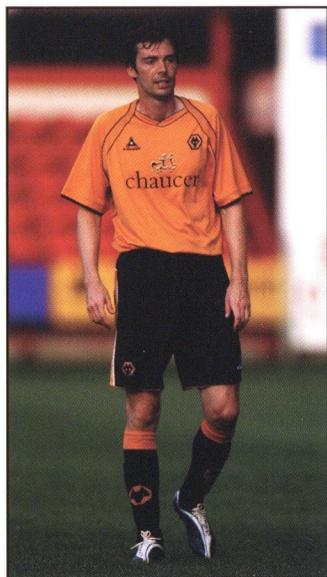
Enjoy the game.  
Stuart Smith



**MONDAY**  
**24**  
**JULY**

## Breen Pens Wolves Deal

Wolves strengthened their squad by completing the signing of former Sunderland defender Gary Breen.



The 32-year-old Irish international put pen-to-paper on a two-year deal. The player was a free agent after parting company with the Black Cats in May.

"Talks have been ongoing throughout the summer," Breen revealed. "I am happy it's now been completed and I can get down to things."

"Things are different for Wolves at this time, and a lot like they were at Sunderland two years ago when a lot of the experienced players left and young players were brought into the side, along with players from the lower leagues."

"I don't really know any of the boys at Wolves, although I have played against several of them, and I played against Jody Craddock in schoolboy and youth football, as young professionals."

**ALSO...** Kenny Cunningham joins Sunderland on a one-year deal...Leicester boss Rob Kelly confirms that Patrick McCarthy will skipper the side for the forthcoming campaign...Cardiff draw 0-0 with Canadian side Vancouver Whitecaps...Ipswich midfielder Gavin Williams returns to full training.

**TUESDAY**  
**25**  
**JULY**

## Bignot wants QPR stay

Transfer-listed QPR defender Marcus Bignot insists he has no intentions of leaving QPR.



Bignot has made over 150 appearances during two spells at Loftus Road.

But he was one of a number of players put up for sale by boss Gary Waddock at the end of last season.

"I have got no intentions of leaving unless Juventus want me to help them get back into Serie A," joked Bignot.

"I'm not going anywhere. I want to stay and I don't just mean until my contract expires at the end of the season."

"I'm going to carry on being professional and hopefully the manager will want me."

**ALSO...** Sheffield Wednesday boss Paul Sturrock admits that Liverpool goalkeeper Scott Carson is unlikely to be returning to Hillsborough...Plymouth are boosted by the news that keeper Romain Larrieu is nearing a return to training...Norwich defender Matthieu Louis-Jean returns to training.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**26**  
**JULY**

## Pennant makes Liverpool move



Liverpool today signed Birmingham City winger Jermaine Pennant in a £6.7 million deal.

The price for the 23-year-old winger, who has joined on a four-year contract, could rise to £8 million with add-ons.

The Blues initially turned down a £3.5 million offer and negotiated a higher fee as they have to give Pennant's old club Arsenal 25% of the cash received.

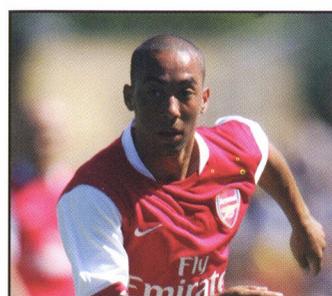
Pennant said: "I've dreamt about this since I was a little boy so to actually be here and to be able to wear a Liverpool shirt and play at Anfield is a dream come true."

"My best will come at this club because I am playing alongside top quality players who will only help me develop my game."

**ALSO...** Kevin Nicholls joins Leeds United for £700,000 after he agrees a four-year deal with the Elland Road club...Julio Arca makes the move from Sunderland to Premiership side Middlesbrough...Ian Bennett moves to Sheffield United from Leeds United for an undisclosed fee.

**THURSDAY**  
**27**  
**JULY**

## Rams set to sign Smith



Derby have agreed an undisclosed fee with Arsenal for England youth international Ryan Smith.

The Rams manager Billy Davies wants the 19-year-old to help strengthen his squad for the forthcoming campaign.

Davies said: "He's a very good young player who we think can bring quality to our side."

"We're hoping to get the deal concluded in the next few days."

"Talks are moving in the right direction. We are just hoping that we can agree terms with the player."

**ALSO...** James Scowcroft joins Crystal Palace from Coventry for £500,000. The 30-year-old striker signed a three-year contract with the Eagles...Legendary Wolves striker Steve Bull MBE has been made an honorary vice-president of the club...Hull defender Sam Ricketts fears he could miss Wales' opening Euro 2008 qualifier against the Czech Republic through injury.

**FRIDAY**  
**28**  
**JULY**

## Boyd signs for Hatters

Luton Town have completed the signing of Hartlepool United striker Adam Boyd in a deal worth £500,000.



The 24-year-old signed a three-year contract at Kenilworth Road.

Boyd scored 60 goals in 169 first-team appearances for Pools. The striker arrives at Kenilworth Road just days after Steve Howard completed his transfer to Derby County.

Newell told www.lutontown.co.uk: "We have been chasing Adam for some time, but losing Howie meant it became important that we got another striker in."

"He is a centre-forward who has a good strike rate. He is decent in the air and scores all types of goals."

"We are not trying to clone another Steve Howard, but Adam Boyd is Adam Boyd and he will cope."

"We need to continue to look to strengthen the squad for the new season."

**ALSO...** Former Luton defender Curtis Davies ends speculation over his future by signing a new four year deal with West Brom...The consortium led by Niall Quinn completed the takeover of Sunderland Football Club...Gianni Paladini challenges Bill Power to come up with a bid to buy QPR.

**SATURDAY**  
**29**  
**JULY**

## Eagles swoop for Hammers Fletcher

Crystal Palace have completed the signing of West Ham United midfielder Carl Fletcher for £400,000.



Fletcher, 26, was a regular in the Hammers side that won promotion to the Premiership in the 2004-05 campaign.

But he struggled to hold down a place in the top flight last season and has dropped down a division to try and get his career back on track.

The Wales international will further boost a Palace central midfield that boasts Ben Watson, Tom Soares and Michael Hughes.

**ALSO...** Colchester United appoint Geraint Williams as their new manager, replacing Phil Parkinson who left for Hull City in June...Plymouth boss Ian Holloway ends his interest in Cercle Bruges striker Ibad Muhamadu after the Belgian side demanded too much money for him.



# When Irish eyes are smiling

**What a summer it has been for Kevin Foley. The Luton Town full-back received a welcomed interruption from his summer holidays after he was called into the senior Republic of Ireland squad for their friendly international with Chile. All this after the youngster scored his first goal in international football for the Under-21 side. The summer has been far from quiet for Kevin Foley.**

**Interview by Steven Dove - Written by Geoff Knox - Photography by Gareth Owen**

While most of his colleagues were putting their feet up and taking a well-earned rest at the end of last season, Hatters full-back Kevin Foley put in another three weeks of shuttles, squat thrusts and general huffing and puffing, when, not for the first time, his country came calling.

After rounding off his Championship campaign in the 1-1 draw at Burnley at the end of April, Foley was called into the Republic of Ireland U-21 squad to pay in a two-legged UEFA U-21 European Championship preliminary round against Azerbaijan.

Not content just being on the pitch and helping the Irish defence keep things tight in a 5-1 aggregate win, Foley even chipped in with a goal.

Forever fresh in his memory, Foley gave us a by now well-worn account of how he got on the scoresheet.

"It was in the second half of the second leg against Azerbaijan. I played a one-two and found myself in the box. I normally get a nosebleed when I get that far up the pitch, but I got on the end of it and scored with a header!"

His two impressive performances didn't go unnoticed by the powers that be, and late withdrawals from the senior squad left the door open just wide enough for Foley to slip through the gap and into the full squad.

"There were a few injuries to some senior players so Steve Staunton asked Don Givens (the U-21 head coach) for a few recommendations. He put myself and Jay Tabb forward -who's a good little player who has just signed for

Coventry. We didn't really know what to expect but it was a really good experience."

Any initial nervy moments were quickly dispelled, however, as the Luton-born defender was welcomed with open arms by his new team mates.

"They all made me feel very comfortable and welcome. Robbie Keane was the captain and he was really good to me. Just to see the standard of players there, like Damien Duff and Stephen Reid, was really good."

Having already been with the U-21's for two weeks, another week at the full squad's summer training camp in Portugal enabled Foley to turn a few more heads.

"I learned a lot from the players and even got on the bench for the friendly against Chile. It was good experience for me. I don't think I'll ever forget it."

With more senior players returning from injuries and some important matches coming up, Foley will be well aware that he may have to bide his time before he reaches such dizzying heights again.

Qualification for the UEFA U-21 European Championships is a long, laborious journey, set over multiple levels before the final stages of the tournament actually kicks off for real, in The Netherlands in June 2007.

A tournament, incidentally, that could yet again deny Foley his two weeks in Great Yarmouth with a bucket and spade at the end of this season.



Having progressed from the preliminary stages to the Qualifying Round, the competition takes the form of numerous three-team groups. The Republic of Ireland have been drawn with Belgium and Greece, and must win the group to progress.

The two-legged knockout Play-Off stages await the group winners in October, and these will determine which seven other countries will join host nation Holland.

Pushing on with the Under-21's and helping them achieve qualification covers Foley's immediate international aspirations, although he is entitled to have ever-increasingly realistic ambitions to represent his country at full international level.

Kevin, modesty personified, refuses to get carried away, though.

He added: "That would be a bonus. I've just got to concentrate on my club football and, hopefully, everything else will take care of itself.

"Ever since we won League One, my career has gone up and up. Playing a whole season in the Championship last year was a good stepping stone in my career and has helped to give me experience."

Foley, leaning forward with the same self-assured manner with how he strokes the ball around the pitch, added: "This year I'm even more confident because I know what it's all about. I'm really looking forward to it."

Foley's maturity belies his years. A fresh-faced, lean and softly spoken young man, Kevin would not have looked out of place scrumping apples and playing knock-out ginger around your street during the summer; rather than preparing himself for the

### Did you know?

Kevin Foley was skipper of local school side Cardinal Newman RC School that won the Heinz Ketchup Cup - the schools' equivalent of the FA Cup - against Swindon's Kingsdown School at Highbury. Foley was presented with the trophy at the North London ground by former Arsenal and Tottenham defender Sol Campbell.

### Question Time



Kevin Foley scored his first professional goal for Luton Town in a League Cup game in August 2003. On that day, Luton were comfortable 4-1 winners, but who were the opposition at Kenilworth Road? Answer on page 69

cauldrons of noise that await him this coming season.

Yet, Foley is one of the longest serving players in the current Hatters squad, and seems to have been around even longer.

"Some of the lads joke that I'm due a testimonial soon!"

A Luton-born lad who remains close to his family, Kevin is determined to keep his feet planted firmly on the ground, and he is well aware of the pitfalls that have blighted the careers of others who have struggled to cope after crossing the threshold of fame.

"There's no point in getting carried

away. You see it a lot with other players. They just go off on one. That will never happen to me."

Foley's resolve will be tested, that's for sure. The boy who has grown into a man under the watchful eyes of the Kenilworth faithful is well aware that tough times are never more than ninety minutes away.

Foley almost betrays his gentle demeanor when reminded about the treatment Luton received from some quarters this time last year, despite having won the League One Championship by a country mile.

His flesh-toned face took on a steely hue and his eyes narrowed slightly as

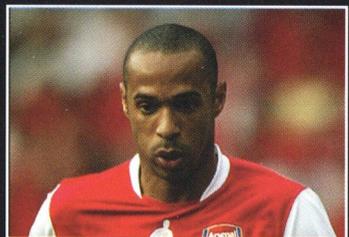
he recalled: "Some clubs took us lightly last year, especially Crystal Palace in the first game of the season. A lot of things were said."

Some unwieldy comments in the media from within Selhurst Park had only served to ease the players' nerves, and the Hatters duly returned to Bedfordshire with all three points in the bag.

"I think this time around we'll be a force to be reckoned with. We've got a tough start again but that won't faze us. We don't want to think about anything else except making the Play-offs."

### Foley's opinion on...

Who will win the Premiership this season



I have a feeling that Arsenal might do it this season. Chelsea have got so many stars, but I just have a sneaky feeling that Arsene Wenger will bring out the best in Arsenal. Keeping Thierry Henry this season is a massive bonus, he'll score plenty of goals again. Liverpool and Manchester United will be strong, but I still think they need a few more new players.

The sending off of Zinedine Zidane in the World Cup Final



I thought it was a shame because it was his last game. But, if he was really taking the abuse like people said he was, then he doesn't have to say sorry to anyone. He has done what he has done and fair play to him. I think Materazzi's let himself down.

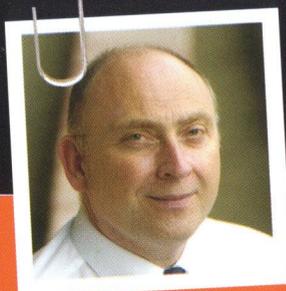
Republic of Ireland's chances of qualifying for Euro 2008



It was a real let down when we didn't qualify for the World Cup, everyone knows that. But it was a tough group with good teams in it. It was so tight all the way through. Steve Staunton is here now and he wants to push on with the younger players and I think we have got the squad to qualify for the European Championships.



KEVIN FOLEY



# The A to Z of Luton Town

In a brand new series, Roger Wash looks back on every post war player to have appeared for Luton Town

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## Nathanael (Nathan) ABBEY

Islington-born Nathan joined the Hatters as a trainee before signing professional forms in May 1996. After making his league debut in goal at Burnley, and playing a blinder, in February 1999, he became the regular goalkeeper the following season, after the departure of Kelvin Davis.

Nathan was dropped after a 1-4 home defeat at the hands of Bristol Rovers in February 2000 but bounced back during the relegation season of 2000/01.

Joining the mass departure from Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2001 Nathan has subsequently turned out for Chesterfield, Northampton and Boston. Last season he was on the books of Leyton Orient and Bristol City.

## James (Jimmy) ADAM.

Scot Jimmy Adam was spotted by the Town whilst playing for Spennymoor and, despite fierce opposition from several top flight clubs, they got their man to sign on the dotted line in July 1953.

Enjoying skill in abundance and able to play on either wing, his only fault was his lack of finishing power, which meant that he had long spells out of the side. Miffed at not being part of the 1959 Cup final team he left Luton that summer for Aston Villa. From then on he went to Stoke and Falkirk, before emigrating to Australia, where he played for his adopted country as well as becoming a successful coach.

Now retired in Australia, Jimmy was recently a welcome guest of the club alongside his Luton born wife Enid.



## Terence (Terry) ADAMSON

After appearing for Sunderland in the 1966 Youth Cup final, Terry was not retained by the Roker Park outfit and was snapped up, along with Brian Johnson, by Luton manager George Martin in July 1966 as cover for full-backs Bobby Thomson and Fred Jardine.

Terry made his Luton debut nine months later in a 1-1 home draw with Port Vale, and made one further appearance that season, a 0-2 defeat at Southend, before moving on to Hartlepool United that summer.

Linking up with his older brother Keith at Scarborough soon afterwards, he then played for South Shields and spent 12 seasons with Murton. He is now an upholstery supplier based in Sunderland.

## Anthony (Tony) Charles ADCOCK

Bethnal Green born Tony was an experienced goalscorer with two good feet and a respectable strike rate who was signed by Luton manager David Pleat in the summer of 1994 for £20,000.

Unfortunately, a series of injuries meant that he was restricted to only two substitute appearances. At Notts County and at home to Charlton, in 1994/95. He was allowed to leave that summer, returning to Colchester with whom he had started his career in 1981.

After being released by Colchester in 1999, Tony wound down his football career at Heybridge Swifts.

## Thomas (Bud) AHERNE

Although born in Limerick, Bud moved to the North in 1946, after leaving the army, to turn out for Belfast Celtic.

Following the infamous riot in 1949, which ended with Belfast Celtic being thrown out of the Irish League, the Hatters were first to offer the established international full-back terms.

Bud gave the Town ten years service with many cultured and reliable displays and was proud of the fact that he was always able to keep wing maestro Stanley Matthews quiet each time they met.

After retiring from the professional game he looked after the Town's youth side for a while and still continued to play for Luton Celtic until well into his forties.



## Mark AIZLEWOOD

Born only a stone's throw from Somerton Park, Newport, Mark joined his local club straight from school before making his league debut as a 16-year-old in March 1976.

Luton manager David Pleat paid £50,000 for his services two years later. He made 98 league appearances for the Hatters in a variety of defensive and midfield roles, before losing his place to Richard Money in 1982.

He moved to Charlton that summer and then enjoyed relatively big money moves to Leeds and Bradford City before winding down at Bristol City and Cardiff, having racked up over 500 league appearances in a magnificent career.

After a variety of coaching roles, Mark was assisting Ian Rush at Chester last season.

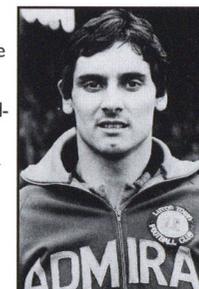


## Milija Antony ALEKSIC

Born of a Yugoslav father, Milija made his goalkeeping name with Stafford Rangers, leading to a move to Plymouth in February 1973.

His bravery and sharp reflexes came to the attention of Hatters manager Harry Haslam who needed a replacement for the injured Keith Barber. After signing for Luton in December 1976, he remained a virtual ever-present for two years, earning the nickname 'Elastic' along the way, before a big money offer from Tottenham became too good to turn down.

Unfortunately, he was beset with injuries while at White Hart Lane and, although appearing in the 1981 FA Cup final, the signing of Ray Clemence meant his relegation and after a short loan spell back at Luton he drifted off to South Africa, where he sells golf equipment.



## Graham ALEXANDER

Coventry-born Graham signed on for Scunthorpe in March 1990 from youth trainee and made his league debut the following season.

After making over 150 league appearances for the Iron he became one of ill-fated Luton manager Terry Westley's signings over the summer of 1995. The £100,000 was well spent, however; as Alexander soon displayed sound defensive qualities as well as showing he was the best dead ball kicker at the club.

Sadly, finances dictated that the Hatters had to accept a cut-price £50,000 offer from Preston in March 1999. The full-back has gone on to become a crowd favourite at Deepdale, as well as picking up caps for Scotland.



## Derrick (Sos) Sydney ALLEN

Although born in Luton, Sos was playing for Alton Town when he was spotted by Hatters scouts and invited to Kenilworth Road where he signed on as an amateur whilst still keeping up a day job as a driver.

After signing full time he made only one appearance, on the wing, in a midweek game at Derby during the Town's promotion season of 1954/55.

Realising his chances at Luton were limited, he played six games for Watford before moving back into non-league. He was still playing Sunday football right up until his death in 1978.

## Christopher (Chris) Anthony ALLEN

Chris signed professional forms for his local club, Oxford United, in May 1991 and soon made a name for himself as a speedy winger, leading to England under-21 caps and a big money move to Nottingham Forest.

Unfortunately, he lost his way at the City Ground, leading to a loan spell at Lennie Lawrence's Luton where he failed to pull up any trees, scoring once in 14 appearances.

After failing to win back a first team slot at Forest, Chris moved to Port Vale and then Stockport before dropping down to Slough, Dover and Aldershot Town.

# The Men In

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**Referees have come under intense pressure in recent years with every decision made analysed by pundits and supporters. STEVEN DOVE looks at the demands made on referees in the modern game and examines the performances from the men in the middle at this year's World Cup.**



It is probably the most thankless task in football. Ninety minutes of making important, on-the-spot decisions that you know someone, somewhere will disagree on.

Love them or hate them, football referees are an important part of this sport that so many of us enjoy. Without them, our beautiful game would not exist, or, if it did, it certainly would not run so smoothly.

Nowadays, the pressure on referees to make important decisions correctly has become imperative, with so much riding on every game. The financial disparity between each of the domestic league divisions means that a wrong decision from a referee or linesman (or referee's assistant)

could cost a club dearly.

Everyone seems to have a different opinion on what constitutes a foul, a booking or even a sending off, but the task of every referee, at any level, is to try and follow the laws of the game.

Fifa, the world's governing body of football, currently have 17 different laws in football consisting of rules we take for granted, such as the number of players and the field of play, to much more in-depth topics such as the offside rule, fouls and misconduct.

However it seems that the present rules of football, which were introduced in 1937, are ever-changing. Fifa revised the laws of the game in 1997 and it seems referees are

getting tougher every year. The recent World Cup highlighted this, with a record-breaking 28 red cards shown by referees during the tournament, smashing the previous highest total set in 1998, which was 22.

Portugal's explosive second round win over Holland saw Russian official Valentin Ivanov issue a record-equalling 16 yellow cards and four red cards. Ivanov's performance in that game was even questioned by Fifa President Sepp Blatter:

Blatter told Portugal's SIC television channel: "I consider the referee was not at the same level as the participants, the players. I think there could have been a yellow card for the referee."



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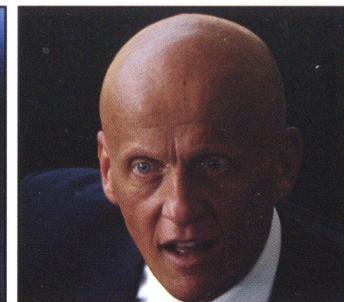
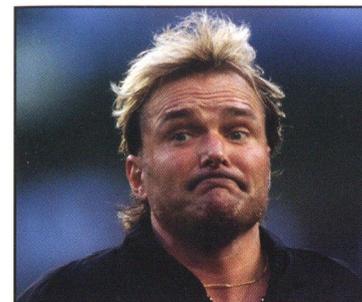
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Anders Frisk (top left) quit refereeing amid pressure due to death threats made against him and his family following a Champions League encounter against Chelsea and Barcelona in March 2005. Pierluigi Collina (top right) has been regarded as the best referee ever in international football. Russian official Valentin Ivanov (above) showed 16 yellows and 4 red cards during a World Cup match between Holland and Portugal.

But the mammoth number of red cards dished out by referees at the World Cup has got people asking 'Where does the blame lie?'. Although the sending off of a player sometimes makes the game more interesting, some people would argue that red cards can spoil the flow of the match.

BBC Radio Five Live summariser and former England international Chris Waddle, who played in the 1986 and 1990 World Cup Finals, insists there is no question that FIFA were at fault for the large number of red cards at this year's tournament.

After watching Italy beat Australia in a second round match with a controversial last minute penalty, Waddle told the BBC: "This game is getting to be an absolute farce."

"I'm a fan like anyone else, but the officials are spoiling football. This is the greatest tournament in the world, and it is becoming a shambles.

"But it is not the referees' fault - they are under orders. Blatter and Fifa have set all these rules and it has taken common sense out of the process. It's killing the game."

Waddle also dismissed suggestions that the players should be held to account for the

rash of bookings and dismissals. The World Cup in Germany was littered with occasions of simulation and bad tackles, but Waddle believes that this is part and parcel of the game.

The former Tottenham winger added: "It's up to the referees to punish these things, it is what they are there for. If everyone watching the game can see someone cheating or a bad tackle, why can't the referee see it?"

"It's because they are not allowed to. They're under so much pressure they much judge everything according to the letter of the law of the game."

Some people may agree with former Premiership referee Jeff Winter, who argues that the players at the World Cup had to take their fair share of responsibility.

"The balance of the blame has to lay with the player," Winter told BBC Sport.

Despite the card frenzy at the World Cup, Fifa believe that referees got it about right in Germany.

Speaking after the second round matches, Fifa spokesperson Markus Siegler said: "You

could say that if the referees were not active, it could have turned out into a more unfair tournament.

"I'm convinced that because the referees are applying rules consistently, and the players have been warned from the beginning, the tournament actually has been quite fair."

The pressure on officials came to light in March 2005, when one of world's leading referees, Anders Frisk, was forced into early retirement under intense pressure, due to death threats made against him and his family.

It is alleged that those death threats were made by Chelsea fans as result of Frisk sending off Didier Drogba in the first leg of their UEFA Champions League against FC Barcelona.

However, refereeing can be an enjoyable experience and a great way to learn more about the game. The Bedfordshire FA run courses throughout the year for people who are interested in becoming referees.

The Football Association are always looking for new referees. Football, along with many other sports, will always need officials as they are an important part of what makes the game so enjoyable.

### DO YOU KNOW THE LAWS

- 1) Must an offence be deliberate before it can be penalised - Yes or No?
- 2) May the defending team goalkeeper compete for a drop-ball - Yes or No?
- 3) As soon as the referee blows his whistle for a penalty kick to be taken, can the goalkeeper move off his goal line - Yes or No?
- 4) Must a penalty be a shot at goal - Yes or No?
- 5) A player taking a throw in touches the ball for a second time without it having been touched by another player. What is the correct decision - Indirect free kick or Direct free kick?

### ANSWERS

- 1) No; 2) Yes; 3) No (The goalkeeper must remain on his goal line, facing the kicker, between the posts until the ball has been kicked.); 4) No (Although the ball must be kicked and moved forward); 5) Indirect free-kick



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## Plus Facts and figures



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### 01 <sup>Marlon</sup> Beresford



**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**Date Of Birth:** 02-09-69  
**Place Of Birth:** Lincoln  
**Date Signed:** June 2004  
**First Club:** Sheffield Wed  
**Previous Club:** Barnsley  
**2005/06 App:** 43\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 0\*

**Andy Finch**

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### 02 <sup>Kevin</sup> Foley



**Position:** Defender  
**Date Of Birth:** 01-11-84  
**Place Of Birth:** Luton  
**Date Signed:** Progressed from trainee in 2002  
**2005/06 App:** 39\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 0\*

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### 03 <sup>Seb</sup> Davis



**Position:** Defender  
**Date Of Birth:** 04-09-79  
**Place Of Birth:** Cheltenham  
**Date Signed:** May 2005  
**First Club:** Swindon Town  
**Last Club:** Swindon Town  
**2005/06 App:** 23\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 0\*

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### 04 <sup>Chris</sup> Coyne



**Position:** Defender  
**Date Of Birth:** 28-12-78  
**Place Of Birth:** Brisbane  
**Date Signed:** Sept 01  
**First Club:** West Ham Utd  
**Last Club:** Dundee  
**2005/06 App:** 33\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 3\*

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**Emma Banks**

### 05 <sup>Russell</sup> Perrett



**Position:** Defender  
**Date Of Birth:** 18-06-73  
**Place Of Birth:** Barton on Sea  
**Date Signed:** Aug 2001  
**First Club:** Lymington  
**Last Club:** Cardiff  
**2005/06 App:** 12\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 0\*

**Graham Bates & Chris Park**

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### 06 <sup>Paul</sup> Underwood



**Position:** Defender/Midfielder  
**Date Of Birth:** 16-08-73  
**Place Of Birth:** Wembleton  
**Date Signed:** March 2004  
**First Club:** Enfield  
**Last Club:** Rushden & Diam  
**2005/06 App:** 30\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 0\*

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### 07 <sup>Carlos</sup> Edwards



**Position:** Midfielder  
**Date Of Birth:** 24-10-78  
**Place Of Birth:** Port of Spain  
**Date Signed:** July 2005  
**First Club:** Defence Force  
**Last Club:** Wrexham  
**2005/06 App:** 45\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 2\*

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### 08 <sup>Steve</sup> Robinson



**Position:** Midfielder  
**Date Of Birth:** 10-12-74  
**Place Of Birth:** Lisburn  
**Date Signed:** June 2002  
**First Club:** Tottenham  
**Last Club:** Bristol City  
**2005/06 App:** 27\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 3\*

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### 09 <sup>Ross</sup> Vine



**Position:** Striker  
**Date Of Birth:** 21-09-82  
**Place Of Birth:** Middlesbrough  
**Date Signed:** July 2005  
**First Club:** Portsmouth  
**Last Club:** Colchester (loan)  
**2005/06 App:** 32\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 10\*

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### 10 <sup>Warren</sup> Feeney



**Position:** Striker  
**Date Of Birth:** 17-01-81  
**Place Of Birth:** Belfast  
**Date Signed:** March 2005  
**First Club:** Leeds United  
**Last Club:** Stockport  
**2005/06 App:** 45\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 7\*

**Roger Davies, Carole Jinks & Sharon Skinner**

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### 11 <sup>Dean</sup> Morgan



**Position:** Midfielder  
**Date Of Birth:** 03-10-83  
**Place Of Birth:** Enfield  
**Date Signed:** July 2005  
**First Club:** Colchester  
**Last Club:** Reading  
**2005/06 App:** 38\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 6\*

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### 14 <sup>Michael</sup> Leary



**Position:** Midfielder  
**Date Of Birth:** 17-04-83  
**Place Of Birth:** Ealing  
**Date Signed:** Progressed from Trainee in 2002  
**First Club:** HNK Dubrovnik  
**Last Club:** Walsall (loan)  
**2005/06 App:** 1\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 0\*

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### 15 <sup>Stephen</sup> O'Leary



**Position:** Midfielder  
**Date Of Birth:** 02/02/85  
**Place Of Birth:** London  
**Date Signed:** Progressed from trainee in 2001  
**First Club:** Tranmere (loan)  
**Last Club:** Tranmere (loan)  
**2005/06 App:** 1\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 0\*

**Brian Hall**

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### 16 <sup>Lewis</sup> Emanuel



**Position:** Defender  
**Date Of Birth:** 14-10-83  
**Place Of Birth:** Bradford  
**Date Signed:** July 2006  
**First Club:** Bradford  
**Last Club:** Bradford  
**2005/06 App:** 43  
**2005/06 Goals:** 2

**Matthew Crossland**

**AVAILABLE**

### 17 <sup>Richard</sup> Langley



**Position:** Midfielder  
**Date Of Birth:** 27-12-79  
**Place Of Birth:** London  
**Date Signed:** July 2007  
**First Club:** QPR  
**Last Club:** Tottenham  
**2005/06 App:** 34\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 3~

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### 18 <sup>Arnet</sup> Brkovic



**Position:** Midfielder  
**Date Of Birth:** 23-09-74  
**Place Of Birth:** Dubrovnik  
**Date Signed:** October 2001  
**First Club:** HNK Dubrovnik  
**Last Club:** Leyton Orient  
**2005/06 App:** 44\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 8\*

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**Gill, Julie & Yvonne**

### 20 <sup>Adam</sup> Boyd



**Position:** Striker  
**Date Of Birth:** 25-08-82  
**Place Of Birth:** Hartlepool  
**Date Signed:** July 2006  
**First Club:** HJK Helsinki  
**Last Club:** Hartlepool  
**2005/06 App:** 22  
**2005/06 Goals:** 4

**Carole Jinks & Sharon Skinner**

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### 21 <sup>Keith</sup> Keane



**Position:** Defender  
**Date Of Birth:** 20-11-86  
**Place Of Birth:** Luton  
**Date Signed:** Progressed from trainee in 2003  
**2005/06 App:** 12\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 1\*

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**Maddie Knight**

### 22 <sup>Danny</sup> Stevens



**Position:** Midfielder  
**Date Of Birth:** 26-11-86  
**Place Of Birth:** Enfield  
**Date Signed:** September 2005  
**First Club:** Tottenham  
**Last Club:** Tottenham  
**2005/06 App:** 1\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 0\*

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### 25 <sup>Leon</sup> Barnett



**Position:** Defender  
**Date Of Birth:** 30-11-85  
**Place Of Birth:** Luton  
**Date Signed:** Progressed from trainee in 2002  
**First Club:** Aylesbury (loan)  
**Last Club:** Aylesbury (loan)  
**2005/06 App:** 22\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 0\*

**Kelly Knight**

**Mike Tearle Century Club**

### 26 <sup>Markus</sup> Heikkinen



**Position:** Defender  
**Date Of Birth:** 13-10-78  
**Place Of Birth:** Katrineholm  
**Date Signed:** July 2005  
**First Club:** HJK Helsinki  
**Last Club:** Aberdeen  
**2005/06 App:** 40\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 2\*

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### 27 <sup>Peter</sup> Holmes



**Position:** Midfielder  
**Date Of Birth:** 18-11-80  
**Place Of Birth:** Bishop Auckland  
**Date Signed:** Aug 2000  
**First Club:** Sheff Wed  
**Last Club:** Sheff Wed  
**2005/06 App:** 25\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 2\*

**MacNaughton Limited**

**Oscar Barron**

### 28 <sup>David</sup> Bell



**Position:** Midfielder  
**Date Of Birth:** 21-01-84  
**Place Of Birth:** Kettering  
**Date Signed:** January 2006  
**First Club:** Rushden & Diam  
**Last Club:** Rushden & Diam  
**2005/06 App:** 9\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 0\*

**AVAILABLE**

**Town on Tour**

### 29 <sup>Calvin</sup> Andrew



**Position:** Striker  
**Date Of Birth:** 19-12-86  
**Place Of Birth:** Luton  
**Date Signed:** Progressed from trainee in 2004  
**First Club:** Bristol City (loan)  
**Last Club:** Bristol City (loan)  
**2005/06 App:** 1\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 1\*

**AVAILABLE**

**AVAILABLE**

### 33 <sup>Dean</sup> Brill



**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**Date Of Birth:** 02-12-85  
**Place Of Birth:** Luton  
**Date Signed:** Progressed from trainee in 2002  
**2005/06 App:** 6\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 0\*

**information design associates**

**AVAILABLE**

### 34 <sup>Zach</sup> Barrett



**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**Date Of Birth:** 25-5-88  
**Place Of Birth:** Steverage  
**Date Signed:** Progressed from trainee in 2006  
**2005/06 App:** 0\*  
**2005/06 Goals:** 0\*

**Bargad (Electrical) Ltd.**

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### <sup>Mike</sup> Newell



**Position:** Manager  
**Place Of Birth:** Liverpool  
**Arrived:** 2003  
**Previous Manager:** Hartsfield  
**Playing Career:** Liverpool, Crewe, Wigan, Luton, Leicester, Everton, Blackburn, Birmingham, West Ham, Aberdeen, Bradford, Crewe, Doncaster and Blackpool

**Luton Town Supporters Club (Milton Keynes Branch)**

**Hitchin Hatters**

### <sup>Brian</sup> Stein



**Position:** First Team Coach  
**Place Of Birth:** Cape Town  
**Playing Career:** Barnes, Anney, Caen, Luton Town, Edgeware Town,

**Elsie Clubb**

**AVAILABLE**

### <sup>Marvin</sup> Johnson



**Position:** Reserve/Youth Team Coach  
**Place Of Birth:** Wembley  
**Playing Career:** Luton Town

**Rob Stringer**

**AVAILABLE**

### <sup>Steve</sup> Sedgley



**Position:** Youth Team Coach  
**Date Of Birth:** 26-05-64  
**Previous Manager:** Kingsley  
**Playing Career:** Coventry, Tottenham, Ipswich and Wokingham Wanderers

**AVAILABLE**

**AVAILABLE**

### <sup>Mark</sup> Ridgway



**Position:** Youth Development Officer  
**Place Of Birth:** London

**Luton Town Supporters Club**

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# The Luton Town Supporters Lottery

supporting Youth Development at Luton Town



So why not Sign up today and become an in2winner

*Marvin*

Marvin Johnson, Youth Team Manager - Luton Town Football Club

As football fans we are all aware of the rising number of young players throughout the country who are making the grade - direct from youth team football straight into the first team.

As a Club we are doing our utmost to ensure that the next crop of Luton Town stars include many of our talented young players.

That is why we are committed to ensuring Youth Development at Luton Town is suitably funded to allow the Club to develop our future footballing talent to its best potential.

You too can play your part by joining the **Luton Town Supporters Lottery**

All monies generated from the Lottery will provide additional funding for Youth Development at Luton Town.

For only £2 per week you will be helping contribute to the footballing future of the club you love, and be in with a chance of winning a host of fantastic Club, sponsor and cash prizes.

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

Justin Boon - in2win membership No.108

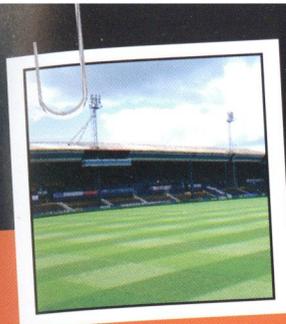
*As one of the inaugural winners, my family and I were treated to a VIP day at the Club's game against Hull City and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. We were made to feel very special on the day and it is one that we will never forget. Its proof that if you're in it, you can win it and at the same time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

Chris Smith - in2win membership No.64

**Some of the prizes you can look forward to as a member... Golden Boots from your favourite Luton Town player... in2win mascot packages... VIP matchday exclusives... Join the Directors for a matchday... Be the ambassador for the Youth Team at an away game... Win tickets for the End of Season Kit Sponsors Dinner... Watch Luton Town FREE next season, Season Ticket packages to be won... Tickets for the Luton Town Sporting Dinners... Signed exclusive Match Shirts... Cash prizes throughout the season... UK weekend breaks... Sponsor prizes... Restaurant meals... Win a European Five Star Holiday... Unique memorabilia from our top games... London Theatre Weekend breaks... and much more besides! so sign up today and be an in2winner.**

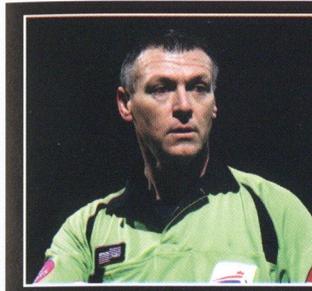
Prizewinners announced on home matchdays, prizewinners will be notified. Full lists of winners can be found online at [www.Lutontown.co.uk](http://www.Lutontown.co.uk)

**Pick up a leaflet and join today**



## Around the Ground

We take a look at the latest news from around Kenilworth Road



### The Man in the Middle

**Name:** Clive Penton  
**From:** Sussex  
**Matches this season:** 0  
**Number of Yellow Cards:** 0  
**Numbers of Red Cards:** 0  
**Last game at Kenilworth Road:** Luton 3 v 0 Preston - Sept 05

Luton Town would like to welcome today's match referee Clive Penton, and all the officials, to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Penton, from Sussex, officiated in 39 games last season, producing 125 yellow cards and nine red cards.

Penton was last a visitor at Kenilworth Road for our 3-0 victory against Preston North End last season.

### 2006/07 Matchday Admission

Below are the 2006/07 Matchday Admission prices. To buy tickets, call in at the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road, or phone 0870 0170656. The latest ticket news can be found on page 64 & 65.

Stand	Pre-Match Day ticket purchase price	Match Day ticket purchase price
<b>Main Stand A - E</b>		
Adults	£26.00	£28.00
Concessions	£15.00	£17.00
<b>Main Stand F</b>		
Adults	£21.50	£23.50
Concessions	£14.00	£16.00
<b>Main Stand G Restricted View</b>		
Adults	£15.00	£17.00
Concessions	£12.00	£14.00
<b>Main Stand Enclosure C-G</b>		
Adults	£21.50	£23.50
Concessions	£14.00	£16.00
<b>Restricted View Blocks A, B, H, J</b>		
Adults	£15.00	£17.00
Concessions	£12.00	£14.00
<b>Kenilworth Lower Tier</b>		
Adults	£21.50	£23.50
Concessions	£14.00	£16.00
<b>Kenilworth Upper Tier</b>		
Adults	£21.50	£23.50
Concessions	£14.00	£16.00
<b>Family Stand (minimum purchase to qualify: 1 adult &amp; 1 junior)</b>		
Adults	£17.50	£19.50
Concessions	£11.00	£13.50

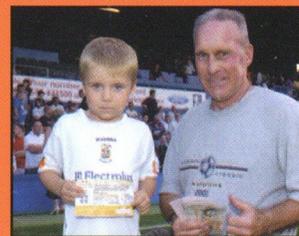
### Stella Clements

Luton Town would like to send their condolences to the family of Stella Clements, a life long fan of the club, who passed away in June.

### Golden Gamble

It was worth the trip for one lucky visitors to Kenilworth Road at our recent pre-season game with Fulham. Bill Merello is from St Louis, Missouri and picked the winning ticket in Golden Gamble draw, scooping a prize of £240.

Remember, you can win a big cash prize this afternoon by buying a ticket from our sellers around the ground, priced at £1.

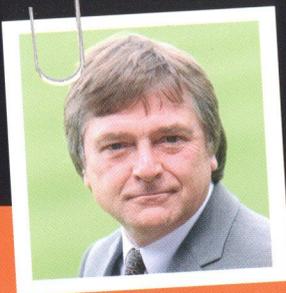


### Town Teaser

Here is your chance to win a pair of match tickets to a Luton Town game at Kenilworth Road this season.

Answer the question below and listen to the PA announcer before kick-off for your chance to have a go

**What was the score between Luton and Leicester last season at Kenilworth Road** ?



# Commercial news with Peter Davis

## Peter Davis welcomes today's sponsors to Kenilworth Road

On behalf of the whole commercial team, may I extend a warm Kenilworth Road welcome to all of our returning, as well as new commercial partners and sponsors, to this brand new season of Coca-Cola Championship Football. I would also like to take the opportunity of introducing to you Geoff Knox, who joined our commercial team during the close season. Geoff is working alongside Steven Dove, our Programme and Website Editor, supporting him in all aspects of the matchday programme and our website. This vital part of the commercial operation and its resulting workload, has grown enormously over the past 18 months and Geoff's knowledge and skill, together with his impetu, will be put to great use in the coming months and seasons.



Keith and Richard Harvey, collecting their Match Ball Sponsors momentos from squad members

As usual, the close season has been extremely hectic commercially, but as ever, most definitely rewarding. All of our Executive Boxes are again sold for the season, all lounges full, almost a complete sell out of stadium advertising and the exciting announcement of our extended shirt sponsorship with our great partners from Electrolux, until at least the end of season 2007/08.

In addition we are also delighted to launch today, for the first time in League Football and only previously seen at top flight Premiership and European matches, Digital Interactive Advertising. This tremendous breakthrough in stadium advertising represents a fabulous opportunity



Match Sponsors F&B Catering guests on the Kenilworth turf pre our final home game of season 2005/06

for all of our advertising partners, to broadcast their message to our matchday and nationwide audience on a 50 metre digital TV span, in 30 second bursts, at up to ten times per game. This innovative high tech communication opportunity will be used at all of our live TV games throughout the season and if you like what you see here today and want to be part of our next presentation, contact the commercial department to discuss how we can involve your company.

Finally, we still need your continuing support with our match sponsorships and VIP hospitality. We have match availability across a variety of fixtures including our games with ex-Premiership clubs West Bromwich Albion and Birmingham City. Prices start at £85.00 plus vat for a great afternoon out, which includes, a stadium tour, four course lunch with wine, main-stand sponsors seating, meet the players and souvenir photographs, representing a great opportunity for you to entertain your business partners and customers, or to celebrate a family special occasion. Contact the commercial department for full details and bookings.

As always enjoy the match

Peter

## Today's Matchday Sponsor: **Eminence Leisure**

We are delighted to welcome back again, as our first Match Sponsors of the season, Luton based, global entertainment company, Eminence Leisure Group. Founded in 2002 the Eminence Leisure Group, is one of the largest suppliers of high street entertainment services available, providing exclusive services to many nightclubs including Liquid, Jumpin Jaks, Chicago Rock Cafes and Oceanas. They also work with global brands such as Wembley London, Disney Village and Disney Resorts. Their record label carries established artists such as internationally acclaimed Alexander O'Neal, plus exciting new rock band, The Imperial Vipers, as

well as, Walkerman and Shugashak. Eminence Leisure, Managing Director, Martin King, is also a main board director of the Club and states that "Eminence are proud to be associated with Luton Town and to have the opportunity to support the club in every capacity they can."



## Today's Matchball Sponsor: **David Shave**

It's with great pleasure, that we welcome for the first time to our sponsors lounge, David Shave, together with his guests, as today's Match Ball Sponsors. David has given the Club the opportunity of helping him celebrate his 40th birthday today, to which we all at the Club wish him a very happy birthday and many happy returns. David is a lifelong

"Hatters Fan" and attends as many matches possible. When not busy he plays the drums in his band, Hi-Energy. Joining David today is his brother Glen, together with other band members John Lordan and Bob Mills, plus best pal, Paul Morbin, fellow Hatter Rob Kennedy and other friends and family.



Gary Clarke and the guests of Associate Sponsor Clarks Construction before our last home game of last season.



Keith Harvey and his party on the Kenilworth Road turf prior to last season's game with Sheffield United



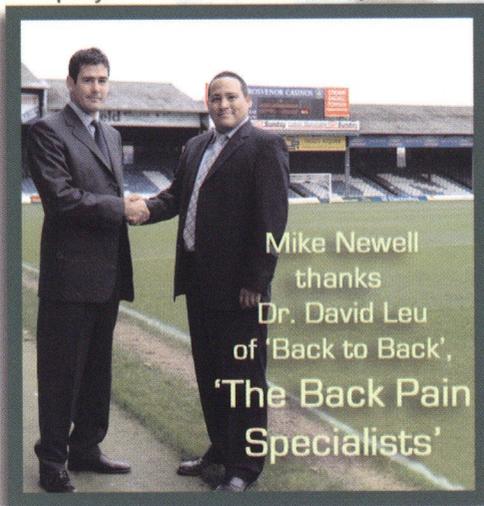
Commercial Mascots Liam Priestnall and Luke Browne collecting their certificates from the first team squad



David Hardware presenting the Man of the Match Award to Steve Howard following our game with Sheffield United

**Why not become a programme subscriber and get all your home, away or both sets of programmes sent to your home address after each game. To subscribe, contact the Commercial Department on 01582 411622**

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## Luton's Reserves

We take a look at who Luton's reserves side's will be facing in the Pontin's Holiday Combination Division

Luton's reserve side will be hoping to match last season's achievements when they topped the Pontin's Holiday Combination South East Division.

However, Marvin Johnson's team face tougher opponents this time around with East Anglian duo Ipswich Town and Norwich City both entering teams in the Eastern Division.

Enoch Showunmi scored an abundance of goals for Luton's reserves last season. His departure may give some of Hatters youngsters the chance to shine at a senior level of football.

The reserves lost only once last season and they will be hoping to make another impressive start with back-

to-back home games, which will kick-off the new season.

The Hatters take on Leyton Orient in their opening game of the new season. The reserves recorded the double over their London opponents last season, so will be firm favourites to open the campaign with a win.

Near neighbours MK Dons provide Luton's second opponents at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 29th August, before the reserves are on the road when they face Southend United.

Luton's second-string side will face evening games this season, against Norwich, Ipswich and Stevenage with the season finishing away at Colchester United on Wednesday

25th April.

The Pontin's Holiday Combination Divisions will be split into three sections this year. Below is a guide as to which teams have been placed in their respective divisions.

Supporters wishing to attend the reserve team matches at Kenilworth Road this season can do so via entry through the press gate. Season ticket holders can gain free admission on proof of their season ticket book. Tickets are otherwise priced at £3 for adults and £1 for concessions.

Remember, supporters can log onto the club's official website - [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) - to get reaction following reserve team games.

### Wales & West Division

Bristol City

Bristol Rovers

Cardiff City

Cheltenham Town

Exeter City

Plymouth Argyle

Swansea City

Swindon Town

Weymouth

Yeovil Town

### Central Division

Bournemouth

Aldershot Town

Brighton & Hove Albion

Crawley Town

Crystal Palace

Millwall

QPR

Southampton

Woking

Wycombe Wanderers

### Eastern Division

Colchester United

Ipswich Town

Leyton Orient

Luton Town

Milton Keynes

Northampton Town

Norwich City

Oxford United

Southend United

Stevenage Borough

### LTFC RESERVES

Date	Opponent	KO/Result
August		
<b>Tue 15</b>	<b>Leyton Orient</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>Tue 29</b>	<b>MK Dons</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
September		
Tue 19	Southend United	2:00pm
October		
Wed 18	Norwich City	7:30pm
<b>Tue 24</b>	<b>Oxford United</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
November		
<b>Tue 07</b>	<b>Stevenage Borough</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>Tue 14</b>	<b>Colchester</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
December		
Tue 5	Ipswich Town	7:00pm
Wed 13	Northampton Town	2:00pm
January		
Tue 9	Leyton Orient	2:00pm
<b>Tues 23</b>	<b>Southend United</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
February		
Mon 5	Oxford United	2:00pm
Wed 21	Stevenage Borough	7:00pm
March		
<b>Tue 6</b>	<b>Norwich City</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
Tue 20	MK Dons	2:00pm
April		
<b>Tue 3</b>	<b>Northampton</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>Tue 10</b>	<b>Ipswich Town</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
Wed 25	Colchester United	2:00pm

**SHARP SHOOTERS**

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Dave Kitson	Reading	18	4	22
Kevin Doyle	Reading	18	1	19
Marlon King	Watford	21	0	21
Stern John	Coventry	10	1	11
Gary McSheffrey	Coventry	15	2	17
David Healy	Leeds	12	2	14
Leroy Lita	Reading	11	4	15
Steve Howard	Luton	14	1	15
Ashley Young	Watford	13	1	14

**WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)**

Total number of goals scored on each ground - All competitions

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	23	78	3.39
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	23	76	3.30
Madejski Stadium	Reading	23	72	3.13
Bramall Lane	Sheff Utd	23	65	2.83
Vicarage Road Stadium	Watford	23	63	2.74
Ricoh Arena	Coventry	23	61	2.66
Portman Road	Ipswich	23	60	2.61
Pride Park Stadium	Derby	23	60	2.61
Carrow Road	Norwich	23	59	2.57
Selhurst Park	Crystal Pal	23	59	2.57
Turf Moor	Burnley	23	56	2.43
Ninian Park	Cardiff	23	56	2.43
Britannia Stadium	Stoke	23	56	2.43
The Walkers Stadium	Leicester	23	55	2.39
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	23	55	2.39
Elland Road	Leeds	23	53	2.30
Loftus Road Stadium	QPR	23	50	2.17
Home Park	Plymouth	23	48	2.09
Hillsborough	Sheff Wed	23	46	2.00
The KC Stadium	Hull	23	45	1.96
St. Mary's Stadium	Southampton	23	43	1.87
Deepdale	Preston	23	43	1.87
Molineux Stadium	Wolves	23	42	1.83
The Den	Millwall	23	40	1.74

**TEAM LEADERS**

Team with the most...  
**shots on target** 293 Watford. **shots off target** 270 Luton. **corners** . hit **woodwork** 6 Hull. **offsides** 216 Luton. **fouls** 655 Luton. **yellow cards** 85 Millwall. **red cards** 12 Millwall.

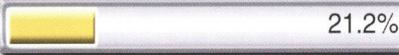
**PLAYER POWER**

Player with the most...  
**Shots** 118 Steve Howard (Luton). **Shots on target** 68 Marlon King (Watford). **Shots off target** 57 Steve Howard (Luton). **Assists** 14 Glen Little (Reading). **Crosses** 212 Darren Currie (Ipswich). **Offsides** 111 Marlon King (Watford). **Fouls** 106 Steve Howard (Luton). **Free-kicks won** 111 David Norris (Plymouth).

**2005/06 SEASON**  
  
**actim**  
**STATS**

**GOAL COUNTER 1343**

**RIGHT FOOT 701 goals**  
 52.2%

**LEFT FOOT 285 goals**  
 21.2%

**HEADERS 301 goals**  
 22.4%

**QUICK-FIRE GOALS**  
**Own goals** 50 (3.7%), **Other body part** 6 (0.6%)  
**From the start of a match**  
 Matt Fryatt (Leicester vs Preston) 0:11  
**By a substitute after coming on**  
 Alan Lee (Cardiff vs Brighton) 1:15

**DISCIPLINARY**  
 1499  
 90  
 2.7 cards per match    0.2 cards per match

**QUICK-FIRE BOOKINGS**  
**From the start of a match**  
 Michael Hughes (Crystal Palace vs Luton) 0:17  
**By a substitute after coming on**  
 Clinton Morrison (Crystal Palace vs Southampton) 0:16

**SUB TOTALS**    **BEAT THE TRAFFIC**  
 Subs used .....2665    Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early  
 Offsides .....3488  
 Corners .....5509    **1    9    6**  
 Shots Off Target .....5176

**RESULTS**

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	54
1-0	53
2-0	50
3-0	19
4-0	4
5-0	2
0-1	35
0-2	22
0-3	9
0-4	3
0-5	-
1-1	87
2-1	55
3-1	20
4-1	6
5-1	4
6-1	2
1-2	44
1-3	12
1-4	3
1-5	-
2-2	25
3-2	9
4-2	3
5-2	-
2-3	10
2-4	-
2-5	1
3-3	5
4-3	-
5-3	-
3-4	3
3-5	-
4-4	-
5-4	-
4-5	-
5-5	-

In the Coca Cola Championship this season there have been **5460** shots on target, goals constitute **24.6%** of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on **47** occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Hull 6). There have been **119** penalties awarded this season and of those **86** have been scored (a success rate of **72.3%**). Reading have been awarded most penalties - **10**. Watford have given most penalties away **9**. The team to score the most penalties is Leeds **9**. Leeds missed **2** penalties in the Coca Cola Championship this season.

**MANAGERIAL RECORDS**

Mike Newell	Rob Kelly
Played 138 Won 63 Drawn 36 Lost 39 For 222 Against 181	Played 15 Won 7 Drawn 4 Lost 4 For 19 Against 17
Av Pts/game 1.63	Av Pts/game 1.67
<b>Biggest Win(s)</b> Luton 5 Bristol City 0 (05/03/2005). <b>Biggest Loss(es)</b> Sheff Utd 4 Luton 0 (01/11/2005).	<b>Biggest Win(s)</b> Leicester 2 Crystal Palace 0 (07/04/2006). <b>Biggest Loss(es)</b> Lost 2-0 on 2 occasions

**MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD**

Played ..1	Mike Newell.....1	Rob Kelly.....0
Draws ..0	Goals 2	Goals 1

**Player with the most... shots**  
 Steve Howard 118  
 

**GAMES SINCE**  
 Steve Howard 61  
 Steve Howard 57  
 Kevin Nicholls 8  
 Kevin Nicholls 88  
 Steve Howard 106  
 Steve Howard 90

**shots on target**  
 Steve Howard 61  
 Steve Howard 57  
 Kevin Nicholls 8  
 Kevin Nicholls 88  
 Steve Howard 106  
 Steve Howard 90

**shots off target**  
 Steve Howard 57  
 Kevin Nicholls 8  
 Kevin Nicholls 88  
 Steve Howard 106  
 Steve Howard 90

**assists**  
 Kevin Nicholls 8  
 Kevin Nicholls 88  
 Steve Howard 106  
 Steve Howard 90

**SHARP SHOOTERS**

Luton	CCFC Cup	Tot	Leicester	CCFC Cup	Tot
Steve Howard	14	1	15	Iain Hume	9
Rowan Vine	10	0	10	Mark De Vries	6
Ahmet Brkovic	8	0	8	Matt Fryatt	6

**TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD**

Played.....54	Luton wins.....16	Leicester wins.....20
Draws.....18	Goals 74 (1.4 per game)	Goals 78 (1.4 per game)
0-0's.....5	Times failed to score 11	Times failed to score 14

**Biggest League win at Luton for each team:**  
 11/05/1985 Luton 4-0 Leicester  
 14/01/1899 Luton 1-6 Leicester

**2005/06 LEAGUE STATS**  
 

10	Position	16
46	Played	46
17	Won	13
10	Drawn	15
19	Lost	18
66	Goals For	51
67	Goals Against	59
61	Points	54

**Record Against Top Half of Table**

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
7	5	10	9	6	7	11	11

**Record Against Bottom Half of Table**

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
10	5	9	13	7	8	7	18

**Record When Scoring First**

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
13	5	4	11	11	4	3	19

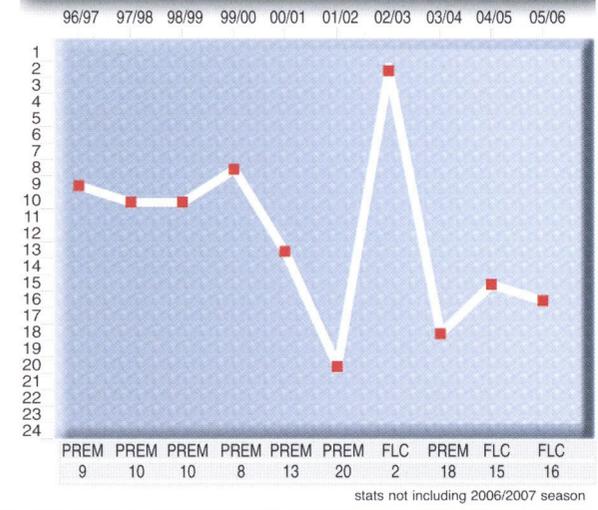
**Record When Conceding First**

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
4	4	15	6	2	6	15	13

**Match Scores**

Wins: 1-0[3], 2-0[4], 2-1[4], 3-0[2], 3-2[2], 4-1[1], 4-2[1], Losses: 0-1[5], 0-2[5], 1-2[6], 0-2[1], 0-3[1], 0-4[1], 1-2[7], 1-3[1], 1-5[1], 2-3[3], Draws: 0-0[5], 1-1[7], 2-2[1], 3-3[1]

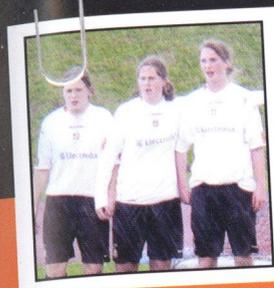
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# Ladies FC

Dave Baker brings us the latest news from the Luton Town Ladies squads.

**W**ith four games left last season, the first team were in a fight to avoid relegation.

Despite winning their previous two games the relegation trap door was still well and truly open. It looked like five points may be enough from the last four games to ensure safety, but all those games were to be played away.

Two consecutive wins became three when The Town returned from the long trip to Devon with a 2-0 win over Newton Abbot thanks to Rebecca Kane's double strike.

The next game was a trip to Clevedon Town, who also needed the points just as much as ourselves. The Town were just a point ahead of Clevedon, who occupied the second relegation spot, with bottom of the table Launton already doomed. So the implications of defeat didn't bare thinking about. As the game drifted into the final minute, with The Town 1-0 down, things did not look too good. But, with one final throw of the dice, Micky Taylor hammered a long range shot into

the Clevedon net to spark off some wild celebrations amongst players and supporters alike. There was barely enough time for the kick-off before the referee blew the final whistle. It had been a close run thing, but the five point target was still attainable.

The next game was a trip to Gloucestershire to face Forest Green Rovers, whom The Town had beaten 4-1 at home a month before. By the end of the day it appeared to be mission accomplished with the game ending in a 2-2 draw. Rebecca Kane and Rebecca Duggan scored for The Town, whilst Lisa Mansell, sister of former Luton Town player Lee Mansell, scored one of Rovers goals. For Duggan, it was her first goal for the club after the former Chelsea midfielder had joined The Town on transfer deadline day. With other results going in our favour, we were indeed safe from relegation.

So with the pressure off, The Town went into their final game at QPR determined to extend their unbeaten run. And they

were in for a real treat too. QPR had opened up Loftus Road to their women's and girls teams for a week so they could all stage a home match there. The culmination of the weeks events was to be The Town's match against Rangers. The home team had been amongst the promotion favourites earlier in the season, but their form had declined somewhat. The game then went very much to form as The Town extended their unbeaten run to six games with an emphatic 4-2 victory.

A strange fact to emerge from this game was that all The Towns goals were scored by the back four: Right back Michelle Byrne opened the scoring. Left back Janine Daly added the second goal. Then centre back Stacey Connell scored from the penalty spot, before the other centre back Amy Summerfield completed the scoring. It had been a tough season, but if the team can carry this form into the new season then there will be no worries about possible relegation. The new season kicks-off on August 27th but, before that, Luton face visits to WBA and Tottenham Hotspur in pre-season friendlies. Other pre season action will see the Under 13s and Under 14s take on their Coventry City counterparts

Luton Town Ladies FC can offer football for girls from the age of seven and upwards, and of course for ladies. Our youth teams compete in the re-named Home Counties Girls League, our third team and reserves play in The Greater London League, and the first team play in The South West Combination. If you are interested in playing then email Dave Baker at [lutonbelles@hotmail.com](mailto:lutonbelles@hotmail.com) for details. For more information log on to our website [www.lutontownbelles.com](http://www.lutontownbelles.com)



□ Luton Town Ladies celebrate an impressive 4-2 victory over QPR at Loftus Road



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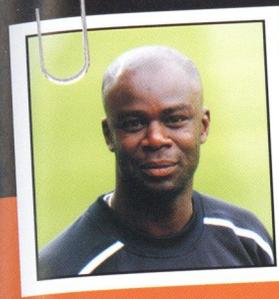
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# Youth Team

Marvin Johnson looks back at the youth team's pre-season campaign and hopes for the new season

Luton's youth team begin their new campaign next Saturday at home to Southend United and Marvin Johnson is optimistic about the forthcoming season.

With ten new apprentices taken on by the club this season, the youth set-up has grown from last season, where plenty of schoolboys were used in competitive matches.

The youth side have endured a difficult pre-season, which accumulated in defeats against Premiership duo Arsenal and Chelsea, although Johnson admits he has been happy with his players attitude this summer.

"The lads have been steady and we have had some tough games," admitted Johnson. "We have been trying to improve the level of fitness of players throughout pre-season and we want to make sure we are ready for the first game of the season on Saturday 12th August.

"I have been pleased with the way training has gone. Pre-season may have been tough this year, but I believe that you gain more from playing better opposition."

The youth side had an unfortunate start to their pre-season campaign when Joe

Selby and Jamie McGuiness suffered serious injuries in a game against Aldershot, which was called-off at half-time, with Luton leading 2-0.

Luton then played a strong Chelsea side, falling to a 3-0 defeat before losing 1-0 to Crystal Palace and 4-0 to Arsenal.

Johnson added: "We were poor against Chelsea and I know the lads can play better than they did on that day.

"Our game against Crystal Palace was a better performance, whilst against Arsenal we played against a side which were physically stronger than us, but I never felt the scoreline reflected how well we did that day."

Luton's youngsters continue their preparations for the new season with a friendly game against MK Dons today and a Luton XI side will travel to Hemel Hempstead on Tuesday.

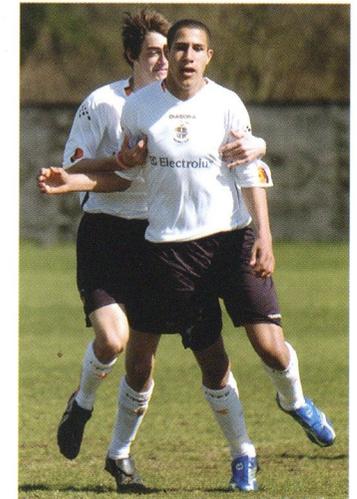
"All the lads are adapting to playing full-time," Johnson added. "A lot of the lads we have taken on were schoolboys from last season. It will help having a stronger set-up of youth players this season because we are able to work on tactics in training."

Luton's youth side will continue to play home games at Newlands Road this sea-

son. Kick-off for the visit of Southend United is 11:00am and all are welcomed to support the potential stars of the future.

The youth side then make the trip to Colchester United on Saturday 19th August before starting their Puma Youth Alliance Cup campaign against Hereford on Saturday 2nd September.

A full fixture list for our youth team will be published inside our next matchday



□ Ryan Charles is a new apprentice

## Hats off to our Under-11's



Luton's youngsters have already enjoyed success this season with the Under-11's winning the prestigious Watford & London International Festival of Football tournament. The Under-11's topped their group, beating the likes of Crystal Palace, Swansea and Reading in the opening stages and drawing 0-0 with an impressive and strong Manhattan side from America.

The talented youngsters then emphatically beat QPR 4-1 in the final of the tournament. Youth Development Officer Mark

Ridgway said: "Every year we are invited to take part in this tournament and we sent team from our Under-9's right through to Under-14's.

"The lads were superb on the day. We played some big teams in the competition and they should be proud of what they have achieved."

The Under-11's are now set to embark on a tour to Holland, where the likes of Anderlecht, PSV Eindhoven and Ajax will be taking part.



# Action Replay

vs Bunkeflo IF, Monday 24th July 2006

vs BK Nasetts, Wednesday 26th July 2006

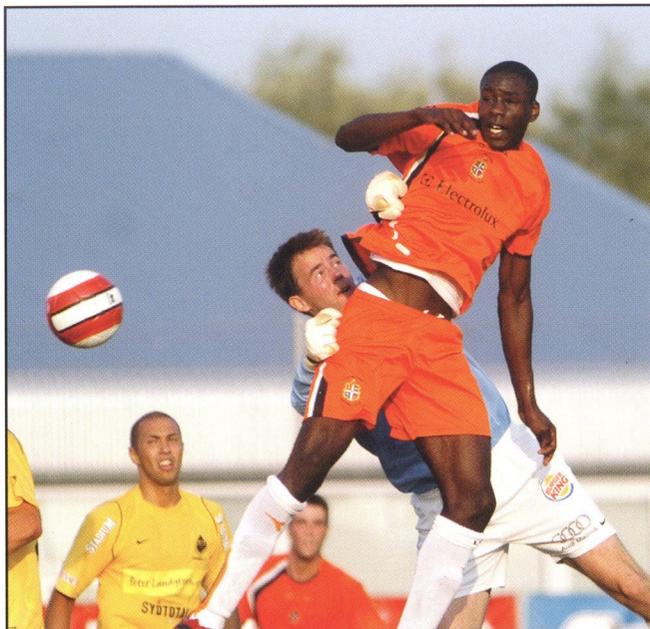
## BUNKEFLO IF 0 LUTON 4

Luton Scorers: Andrew, Morgan, Leary, Stevens

## BK NASETTS 0 LUTON 9

Luton Scorers: Robinson, Emanuel, Andrew, Holm es, Feeney x 2, Morgan x 3

Picture: Don't worry folks, there isn't an injury crisis at Kenilworth Road as Warren Feeney dons the gloves during the pre-match warm-up against Bunkeflo IF



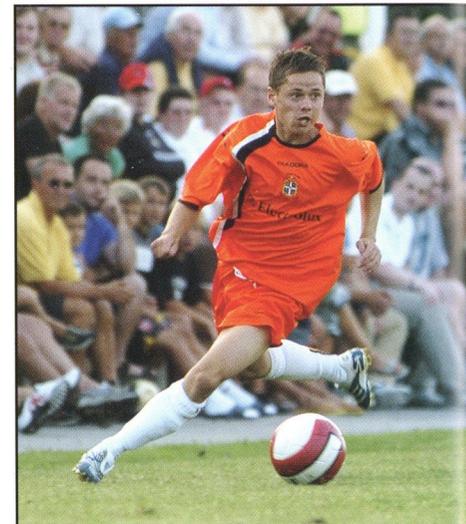
□ Leon Barnett almost finds the back of the net as his header goes inches wide



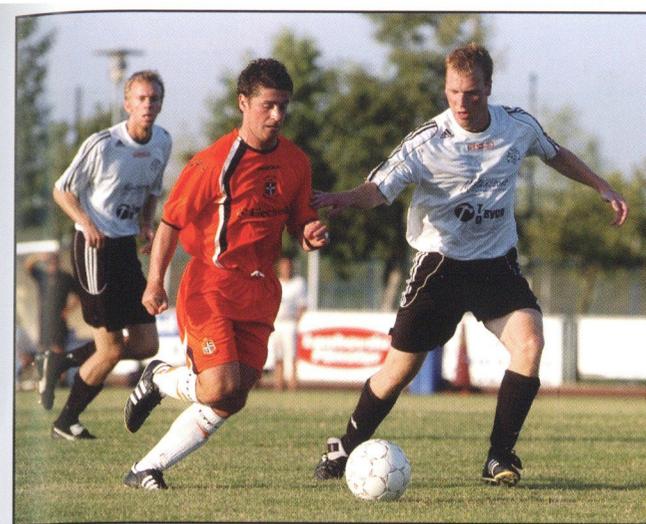
□ Keith Keane surges forward as Luton mount an attack



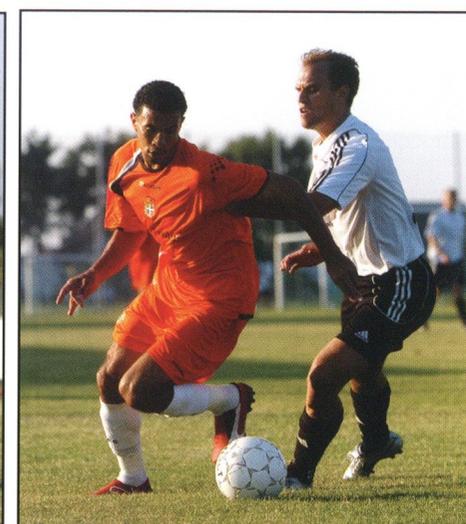
□ Calvin Andrew takes on the Bunkeflo goalkeeper



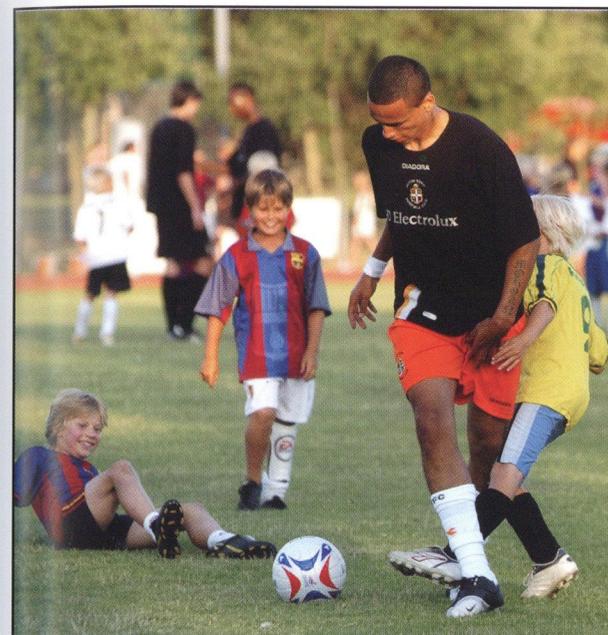
□ Danny Stevens scored against Bunkeflo



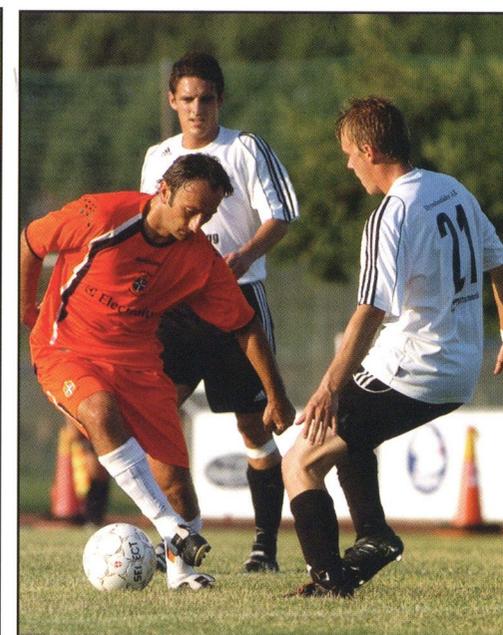
□ Steve Robinson takes on a Naset's defender



□ Carlos Edwards surges forward



□ Dean Morgan takes on the locals at half-time. The Luton midfielder had his own fan club when he appeared for the second-half



□ Ahmet Brkovic shows off his skills in Sweden as he takes on a Naset's defender

## BUNKEFLO IF 0 LUTON 4

Luton kicked off their pre-season tour of Sweden with a comfortable 4-0 win over Division One side Bunkeflo IF.

Calvin Andrew, Dean Morgan, Michael Leary and a first senior Luton goal from Danny Stevens helped secure the victory.

In truth, this was a one sided affair, with Luton dominating proceedings from start to finish.

Played at a stadium that looked more like a training complex, Luton showed much of the early promise as Morgan, operating as

a striker, nearly broke the deadlock on 11 minutes, but failed to find the target after a neat one-two with Leary.

Luton always looked the more likely side to break the deadlock and that arrived on 28 minutes. When Leary missed David Bell's cross from the right flank, the deflection bounced off Martin Larsson and Andrew had the simplest job of tapping home from close range.

Luton doubled their advantage on 38 minutes when Marlon Beresford's quick thinking released Keith Keane. The Luton full-

back played a short pass to Leary, who quickly spotted Bell unmarked on the right flank, whose cross was tucked away by Morgan.

Peter Holmes was the provider of Luton's third goal on 68 minutes when his short pass fell nicely to Michael Leary, who rifled home a low drive from 22-yards.

Stevens finished the rout when, with two minutes remaining, he latched onto Ahmet Brkovic's throughball and calmly rounded Bunkeflo goalkeeper Ola Svensson.

## BK NASETS 0 LUTON 9

Luton romped to victory in the second game of their two match tour of Sweden. An incredible second half saw the Hatters hit the back of the net eight times, with Dean Morgan grabbing a twelve minute hat trick.

This match was played more like a training session as BK Naset's, currently fourth from bottom in the Swedish Third Division, offered little in attack.

The only surprising factor of the game was that the Hatters could only find the net once in the opening 45 minutes, despite dominating possession - as Sol Davis' cross

from the left flank on 16 minutes was knocked down by Warren Feeney, teeing up Steve Robinson, who drilled home from the edge of the area.

Luton went goal crazy in the second half and Lewis Emanuel opened his account for the Hatters on 49 minutes when he rifled home an unstoppable shot from 16-yards.

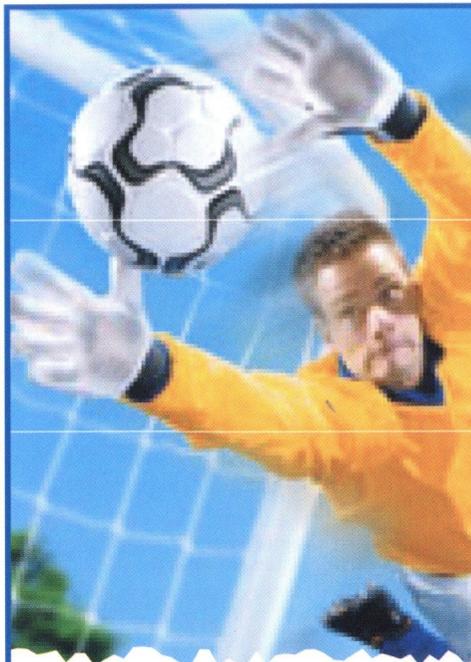
Warren Feeney hit his fourth goal of pre-season on 51 minutes and then added another three minutes later when his shot was deflected past the Naset's goalkeeper.

Morgan scored his first of the game on 72

minutes and then grabbed his second from the penalty spot, just five minutes later; after Russell Perrett's header was handled on the line.

Peter Holmes added Luton's seventh, before Morgan completed his hat trick on 84 minutes with a low drive from 20-yards.

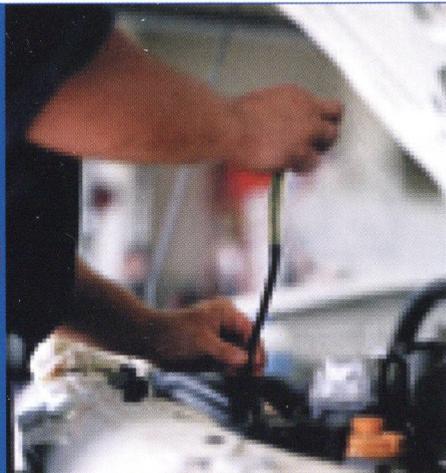
Calvin Andrew completed the rout with just two minutes remaining as the youngster tucked home the rebound after Vine's volley came back off a post.



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## News from the Football League

Football League Chairman Lord Mawhinney looks forward to the new season

The Coca-Cola Football League season will start on a high note as fans up and down the country try to out-shout each other in a bid to win the 'Real Football Roar' award.

Introducing this new award along with the extension of the 'Fans of the Future' initiative, Football League Chairman Lord Mawhinney looked forward to another season of big crowds while also highlighting concerns such as player discipline and the role of agents.

The Football League's attendance figures continue to grow and Lord Mawhinney said: "We've had two successive seasons where over 16 million fans have gone through the gates of Football League clubs.

"When you consider that 20 years ago the figure was eight million fans a season, it's an indication of what good, exciting football is being produced these days in The League and we want to make it three successive seasons with 16 million-plus watching games.

"We'll be building on the success of the 'Fans of the Future' scheme, which saw more than 200,000 youngsters coming to games for free last season. 60 League clubs have committed themselves to the initiative this season, of which, 38 will offer free entry to

youngsters at all games. And the 'Real Football Roar' award will guarantee the season gets off to a rousing start.

The 'Real Football Roar' award will see The League scientifically measuring the decibel levels at every Coca-Cola League match during the first two weekends of the season, with the club whose supporters generate the most noise as the teams emerge from the tunnel being named the loudest fans in The League.

"This is a fans-led idea," pointed out Lord Mawhinney. "In our recent supporter survey, the biggest ever taken in football, fans said the amount of noise at games adds to the spectacle - so now they've got the chance to truly make themselves heard and win an award for their club."

The opinions of fans, said Lord Mawhinney, also played their part in the instigation of moves to improve on-the-pitch discipline - moves which were set in place before the summer's World Cup sadly featured a good deal of ill-discipline.

"The World Cup was riddled with cheating," said The League chairman, "and that highlighted the problem at the highest level of the game.

"Although it was a great festival with

some excellent football, you could see multiple examples (of cheating) in virtually every single game.

"But this issue was raised before the World Cup at The Football League's Annual General Meeting.

"I told club chairmen that I was getting tired of fans complaining to me about behaviour on the field and the cheating that takes place.

"So throughout this season we will be considering what initiatives we might take at Football League level to try and improve behaviour."

While player behaviour is set to come under closer than ever scrutiny by The League, new regulations have already been put in place for agents dealing with The League's players and clubs.

Lord Mawhinney said: "We have made three changes to the regulations and I believe they will have a profound affect.

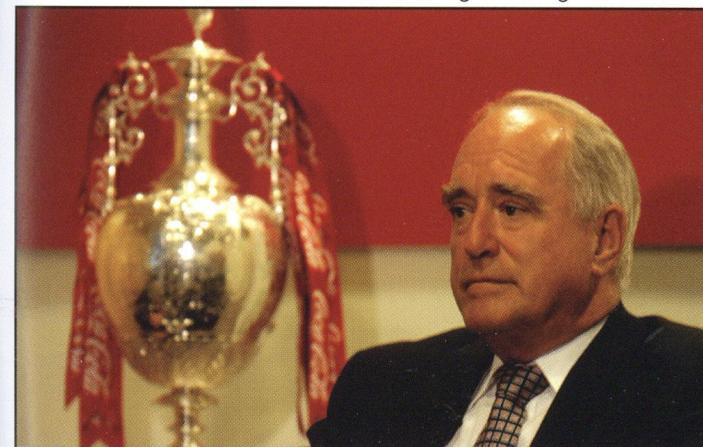
"Firstly, we will not allow dual representation - if a player wants an agent to represent him that's fine, but the same agent will not be able to represent the club.

"FIFA is against dual representation, the FA is against it, but still it's commonplace - now though, Football League clubs are bound by our new regulations and I feel that it may have a significant influence on agents' business.

"Secondly, clubs will not in future be allowed to pay for a player's agent. Frequently, when a player's agent does a deal, the club will pay the player's fees as part of the deal. But that won't happen anymore - if a player wants an agent, he must pay for him.

"The third measure we are bringing in covers representation agreements. At the moment, if an agent says he represents a player he is supposed to have a written representative agreement and have it lodged with the FA.

"But from now on we (The League) have got to see a copy of the agreement - and if we don't see it we simply won't register the player."



Football League Chairman Lord Mawhinney is looking forward to another season of big crowds in the Football League



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## COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY V LUTON TOWN

Tuesday 8th August 2006

Kick-Off 7:45pm



**ALLOCATION:** We have been allocated a maximum of 6000 tickets for the above fixture, of which 1000 tickets are currently on sale

**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS:** Tickets are currently on sale until 12 noon on Monday 7th August 2006.

**TICKET PRICES:** Tickets for this fixture are priced as follows.

**£19 - Adults**  
**£10 - Concessions (Under 16 and Over 60)**

Tickets will be available on the night at Sheffield Wednesday, although Adult ticket prices will increase to £20.00

A limited number of Disabled/Carer tickets are available. In addition a limited number of disabled parking spaces are available at the cost of £2.50. For more information on this please contact the Luton Town Ticket Office on 0870 017 0656



## COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP NORWICH CITY V LUTON TOWN

Saturday 12th August 2006

Kick-Off 3:00pm



**THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET - TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE DAY OF THE GAME**

**ALLOCATION:** We have been allocated 2371 tickets for the above fixture, plus a limited number of tickets within the disabled area.

**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: MEMBERS:** Members will be able to purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability) until close of business today on production of their membership cards

Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on the 7th August to 12 noon on the 11th August (subject to availability)

**TICKET PRICES:** Tickets for this fixture are priced as follows.

**£21 - Adults**  
**£15 - Concessions (Under 16, Over 60 and Students)**  
**£10 - Under 12**



## COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP LUTON TOWN V STOKE CITY

Saturday 19th August 2006

Kick-Off 3:00pm



Tickets are now on sale at normal Pre-Match Day prices.

Please note that there is a £2 surcharge on tickets purchased on the day of the game. For match ticket prices, see page



## CARLING CUP FIRST ROUND BRISTOL ROVERS V LUTON TOWN

Tuesday 22nd August 2006

Kick-Off 7:45pm



**ALLOCATION:** We have been allocated 250 Seats and 1132 terracing tickets for the above fixture.

**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS:** This game is pay on the night. No tickets will be available from the Luton Town Ticket Office

**TICKET PRICES:** Tickets for this fixture are priced as follows.

**£10 - Adults**  
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## COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS V LUTON TOWN

Saturday 26th August 2006

Kick-Off 3:00pm



**THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET - TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE DAY OF THE GAME**

**ALLOCATION:** We have been allocated 1275 seats in the Jack Harris Stand plus a limited number of tickets within the disabled area.

**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS:** Tickets will go on sale 1 per season ticket holder until 12/08/06, then 1 per member from 14/08/06 until 19/08/06. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on 21/08/06 until noon on 25/08/06. (Subject to availability)

**TICKET PRICES:** Tickets for this fixture are priced as follows.

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**The Bobbers Travel Club** will depart from Cranfield at 2:00pm and Luton at 3:00pm. Costs for this trip is £16 adults and £14 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Stand at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground or telephone 01234 750996 for further information



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2 Kevin FOLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				122	5
3 Sol DAVIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				155	2
4 Chris COYNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				205	15
5 Russell PERRETT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				96	8
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				69	5
7 Carlos EDWARDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				45	2
8 Steve ROBINSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				135	11
9 Rowan VINE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				81	20
10 Warren FEENEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				50	7
11 Dean MORGAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				37	6
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				31	3
15 Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				27	2
16 Lewis EMANUEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0
17 Richard LANGLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				193	35
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25 Leon BARNETT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				27	0
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				40	2
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TOTAL: 0

### A GAME OF TWO HALVES

#### FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 0 - W 0 - D 0 - L 0 - F 0 - A 0 PTS 0

#### SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 0 - W 0 - D 0 - L 0 - F 0 - A 0 PTS 0

### OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 0

Opponents score first goal: 0

No goals scored: 0

Luton Town score first and win: 0

Luton Town score first and draw: 0

Luton Town score first and lose: 0

Luton Town fail to score: 0

Opponents score first and win: 0

Opponents score first and draw: 0

Opponents score first and lose: 0

Opponents fail to score: 0

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 0

Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 0

Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 0

Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 0

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

AUG 06  
SEPT 06  
OCT 06  
NOV 06  
DEC 06  
JAN 07  
FEB 07  
MAR 07  
APR 07

DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS
Sat 5	LEICESTER CITY*	12:30			
Tues 8	Sheffield Wednesday	19:45			
Sat 12	Norwich City	15:00			
Sat 19	STOKE CITY	15:00			
Tues 22	Bristol Rovers (CC1)	19:45			
Sat 26	Wolves	15:00			
Sat 9	CRYSTAL PALACE	15:00			
Tues 12	COLCHESTER UNITED	19:45			
Sat 16	Cardiff City	15:00			
Sat 23	WBA	15:00			
Sat 30	Barnsley	15:00			
Sat 14	BIRMINGHAM CITY	15:00			
Tues 17	Hull City	19:45			
Sat 21	LEEDS UNITED	15:00			
Sun 29	Ipswich Town*	13:15			
Tues 31	BURNLEY	19:45			
Sat 4	Preston North End	15:00			
Sat 11	QPR	15:00			
Sat 18	DERBY COUNTY	15:00			
Sat 25	Southampton	15:00			
Tues 28	Plymouth Argyle	19:45			
Sat 02	PRESTON NORTH END	15:00			
Sat 09	Sunderland	15:00			
Sat 16	SOUTHEND UNITED	15:00			
Sat 23	COVENTRY CITY	15:00			
Tues 26	Colchester United	15:00			
Sat 30	Birmingham City	15:00			
Mon 1	CARDIFF CITY	15:00			
Sat 6	FA CUP THIRD ROUND tbc				
Sat 13	WBA	15:00			
Sat 20	BARNLSLEY	15:00			
Tues 30	Coventry City	19:45			
Sat 3	Leicester City	15:00			
Sat 10	NORWICH CITY	15:00			
Sat 17	Stoke City	15:00			
Tues 20	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 19:45				
Sat 24	Crystal Palace	15:00			
Sat 3	WOLVES	15:00			
Sat 10	Leeds United	15:00			
Tues 13	HULL CITY	19:45			
Sat 17	IPSWICH TOWN	15:00			
Sat 31	Burnley	15:00			
Sat 7	SOUTHAMPTON	15:00			
Mon 9	QPR	15:00			
Sat 14	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	15:00			
Sat 21	Derby County	15:00			
Sat 28	Southend United	15:00			
Sun 6	SUNDERLAND	tbc			

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## New away strip details announced

The Club are delighted to announce that Diadora, the official shirt and replica wear supplier to Luton Town, have advised us that we will in be receipt of the fabulous new 'Orange' away strip, as well as a full range of our current home shirt, plus replica bench and training wear, by the 5th August.

The brand new orange strip has been specially introduced for this season and was worn by the squad during their pre-season tour of Sweden.

Prices for the new shirt will be the same as our existing White and Black replicas.

Sm/XXL - £39.99  
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### 2005/06 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
Reading (C)	46	19	3	1	58	14	12	10	1	41	18	+67	106
Sheffield Utd (P)	46	15	5	3	43	22	11	7	5	33	24	+30	90
Watford (P)	46	11	7	5	39	24	11	8	4	38	29	+24	81
Preston	46	11	10	2	31	12	9	10	4	28	18	+29	80
Leeds United	46	13	7	3	35	18	8	8	7	22	20	+19	78
Crystal Palace	46	13	6	4	39	20	8	6	9	28	28	+19	75
Wolves	46	9	10	4	24	18	7	9	7	26	24	+8	67
Coventry City	46	12	7	4	39	22	4	8	11	23	43	-3	63
Norwich City	46	12	4	7	34	25	6	4	13	22	40	-9	62
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>61</b>
Cardiff City	46	10	7	6	32	24	6	5	12	26	35	-1	60
Southampton	46	9	10	4	26	17	4	9	10	23	33	-1	58
Stoke City	46	7	5	11	24	32	10	2	11	30	31	-9	58
Plymouth	46	10	7	6	26	22	3	10	10	13	24	-7	56
Ipswich Town	46	8	8	7	28	32	6	6	11	25	34	-13	56
Leicester City	46	8	9	6	30	25	5	6	12	21	34	-8	54
Burnley	46	11	6	6	34	22	3	6	14	12	32	-8	54
Hull City	46	8	8	7	24	21	4	8	11	25	34	-6	52
Sheffield Wed	46	7	8	8	22	24	6	5	12	17	28	-13	52
Derby County	46	8	10	5	33	27	2	10	11	20	40	-14	50
QPR	46	7	7	9	24	26	5	7	11	26	39	-15	50
Crewe (R)	46	7	7	9	38	40	2	8	13	19	46	-29	42
Millwall (R)	46	4	8	11	13	27	4	8	11	22	35	-27	40
Brighton (R)	46	4	8	11	21	34	3	9	11	18	37	-32	38

### TODAY'S OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

- Barnsley v Cardiff
- Birmingham v Colchester
- Burnley v QPR
- Ipswich v C Palace
- Leeds v Norwich
- Plymouth v Wolves
- Preston v Sheff Wed
- Southend v Stoke
- West Brom v Hull City



**Luton's Matchday Programme**  
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**Quiz Answers:** 1) The Potters, 2) Zinedine Zidane, 3) Reading, 4) Nottingham Forest, 5) Accrington Stanley, 6) Hereford, 7) Barcelona, 8) France 9) Porto, 10) Switzerland and Austria.  
**Name That Ground:** 1) Birmingham City, 2) Rushden & Diamonds, 3) Lincoln City  
**Kevin Foley Quiz:** Yeovil Town

# Coming Next

to Kenilworth Road



## Luton Town v Stoke City

Saturday 19th August, Kick-Off 3:00pm

By Geoff Knox

It's been all change at Stoke City since the end of last season.

A new board have appointed a new chairman, the new chairman has appointed a new manager, and the new manager is gradually starting to reshape his squad.

Ignoring those who say you should never go back, club chairman Peter Coates and manager Tony Pulis have both recently returned to positions they previously held at the club.

The preceding Icelandic owners did not always endear themselves to the Stoke City supporters in their seven years in charge, and consequently, their last choice of manager, Dutchman Johan Boskamp, also struggled to take the club forward.

Stoke City have been entrenched in a seemingly terminal mid-table position in the Championship ever since they just avoided relegation in the 2002/03 season.

Although Pulis was not a popular choice with some sections of the Potters faithful, Coates firmly believes that his direct style of management, and even more direct style of football, offers the best solution to getting Stoke further up the table and competing for promotion and play-off places.

With such a strong line-up of teams in the Championship this season, not too many pundits are tipping Stoke for glory.

However, Hatters fans won't need reminding that absolutely nobody tipped Watford for anything less than the trap door at the same time last year, and it's also worth a mention that Stoke did the double over us in the same season.

The Potters away record last season was phenomenal. Only the promoted sides won more games and scored more goals than Stoke away from home.

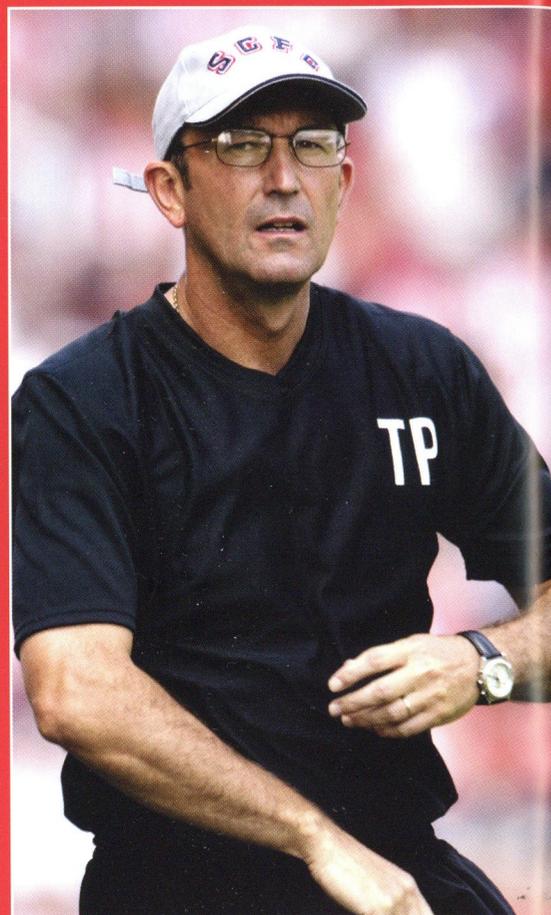
Last season's central defensive partnership of Michael Duberry and Carl Hoefkens gave one of the most resilient and impressive displays seen at Kenilworth Road.

If the full-backs were a slight cause for concern, then the recent acquisition of Danny Higginbotham from Southampton should go some way to addressing the problem.

Higginbotham has played in the Premiership with Manchester United, Derby County and the Saints, and would improve any team in the Championship.

Pulis' first signing of the summer was Vincent Pericard, who has led a somewhat nomadic existence over the last couple of seasons.

A big striker who hasn't quite found a place to call home since becoming surplus to requirements at Portsmouth, Pericard will take comfort from the fact that the Championship offers refuge to players playing his type of game. He should do well for his new manager if given a good run in the team.



### Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draws	Stoke
League	9	11	16
FA Cup	1	1	0
League Cup	0	0	0
Total	10	12	16

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Manager: Mike Newell

MARLON BERESFORD	1
KEVIN FOLEY	2
SOL DAVIS	3
CHRIS COYNE	4
RUSSELL PERRETT	5
PAUL UNDERWOOD	6
CARLOS EDWARDS	7
STEVE ROBINSON	8
ROWAN VINE	9
WARREN FEENEY	10
DEAN MORGAN	11
MICHAEL LEARY	14
STEPHEN O'LEARY	15
LEWIS EMANUEL	16
RICHARD LANGLEY	17
AHMET BRKOVIC	18
ADAM BOYD	20
KEITH KEANE	21
DANNY STEVENS	22
LEON BARNETT	25
MARKUS HEIKKINEN	26
PETER HOLMES	27
DAVID BELL	28
CALVIN ANDREW	29
DEAN BRILL	33
ZAC BARRETT	34
CHRIS PENDLETON	35

## LEICESTER CITY

Manager: Rob Kelly

1	ROBERT DOUGLAS
2	ALAN MAYBURY
3	PATRICK KISNORBO
4	DARREN KENTON
5	PATRICK McCARTHY
6	STEPHEN HUGHES
7	IAIN HUME
8	GARETH WILLIAMS
9	MARK DE VRIES
10	ANDY JOHNSON
11	DANNY TIATTO
12	MATT FRYATT
13	PAUL HENDERSON
14	GARETH McAULEY
15	NILS-ERIC JOHANSSON
16	JOSHUA LOW
17	RICHARD STEARMAN
18	ELVIS HAMMOND
19	CHRIS O'GRADY
20	JAMES WESOLOWSKI
21	ALAN SHEEHAN
22	MOMO SYLLA
23	JOE HAMILL
24	PATRIK GERRBRAND
25	CONRAD LOGAN
26	LOUIS DODDS
29	LEVI PORTER

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- Referee -



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- Assistant 1 -



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Carlos Edwards  
is 14/1 to score  
the first goal  
against  
Leicester City  
this afternoon