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**Wednesday at Home**  
Last Win: 15/4/06, 1-0 v Norwich City  
Last Draw: 22/4/06, 1-1 v Reading  
Last Defeat: 18/2/06, 1-2 Sheffield United

**Luton Away**  
Last Win: 17/4/06, 2-1 v Plymouth Argyle  
Last Draw: 30/4/06, 1-1 v Burnley  
Last Defeat: 4/3/06, 1-2 v Millwall

**Top Scorer 05/06**  
SWFC: Chris Brunt (7 goals)  
LTFC: Steve Howard (14 goals)

**Highest Attendance 05/06**  
SWFC: 33,439, 18/2/06 v Sheff United  
LTFC: 10,248 on five occasions

**Average Attendance 05/06**  
SWFC: 24,853  
LTFC: 9,139

**League Position**  
SWFC: 19th (Championship)  
LTFC: 10th (Championship)

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## We've got Paul Sturrock...

Nick and everyone at **Classic Business Forms** are delighted to sponsor Paul Sturrock's programme notes.

Encouraged by our depleted squad's point at Preston on Saturday, the manager hopes for another positive performance this evening.

**G**ood evening and welcome to Hillsborough for our first home league game of the season.

We return here having earned ourselves a creditable point under the circumstances at Preston. Going down to ten men is difficult at any time, but to go away from home against one of last season's top six teams and get a draw in those conditions was very pleasing. We deserved it as well – in fact, at half-time I was getting a little bit greedy and thinking we could go on to win the game. I felt Chris Brunt was very hard done by to have his 'goal' disallowed on the stroke of half-time and we had created several other half-chances too. Obviously it became a different game after Lee Bullen's sending off but our work rate and attitude deserved the point. Perhaps more than anything else I was pleased with the players' discipline in sticking to

the game plan. In the past I've accused them of being too cavalier but our shape and organisation were spot on last Saturday.

As I write these notes, we were still deciding whether or not to appeal against Bully's sending off. I thought it was a soft dismissal but, because of the fees involved, we had to consider whether it was worth it. You don't see too many red cards for violent conduct

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rescinded and we've been looking at the videos to see whether they give a clear view of the incident. Having to make do without Lee for three matches would be the last thing we need in view of our

injury situation. I've been very happy with our summer signings and I'm expecting the players who remain here from last year to improve for the new season. Without the injury front I would be very confident that we have the competition for places which would serve us well in this league.

One area in which that was apparent on Saturday was the central midfield positions. It may have surprised

people that I decided to go with Yoann Folly and Glenn Whelan instead of Kenny Lunt but I pick what I see and, based on their pre-season performances, Yoann and Glenn deserved to get the nod. They were

absolutely outstanding at Preston and the threat of having Kenny on the bench may have had something to do with it. Kenny will get his opportunity – he's got a big part to play for us over the course of the season.

In contrast, we are struggling for numbers up front and that may affect us more at home than it does away. This evening we have to be the aggressors and so our players will have to

roll their sleeves up and be as positive as we can. Set pieces could play a major part for us and we've been working very hard on those over the last day or two.

Luton came here last



Outstanding... Yoann Folly was a key figure in midfield at Preston on Saturday

season and won 2-0 and, although people were saying they had let two important players go in the summer, they started the season very well on Saturday. They are very solid at the back and they have pace to burn down the sides and through the middle. It's a difficult task for us but it's important we look positively on the challenge and show our character, as we did on Saturday. Over the past couple of weeks I've tasted a bit of apprehension amongst our supporter base because of the injury situation and our long wait to bring a goalkeeper in. However, it's a brand new season and we have to be buoyant about our

opportunity to progress as a football club. I was misquoted in a national newspaper as saying we will be "in the mire" for the first ten matches – what I was actually saying was that the injuries mean we will have to bite and scratch for every single point in these opening games. As the squad gets healthier, so we'll get stronger as a unit.

The support we received from the fans at Preston was absolutely tremendous, as it always is away from home, and I'm hoping for a similar level of backing from you all on our return to Hillsborough this evening.

Enjoy the game.

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## The Chairman

The Owls chairman looks forward to a brand new season by setting out his targets for the coming months.

**I'd like to bid you all a warm welcome back to Hillsborough for our first home Championship game of 2006-07.**

There has been plenty of transfer activity at the club over the summer months and, like me, I'm sure you are looking forward to seeing our three new faces in competitive action. Wade Small has come in from MK Dons, Kenny Lunt from Crewe and Madjid Bougherra from French football. Added to the permanent signing of Yoann Folly from Southampton, we should see a definite improvement to the squad for this season. The budget I've made available to Paul is commensurate with the teams who were halfway up last season's Championship table, and similar to that which enabled Reading and Watford to get promoted.

I'm looking forward to a steady campaign and I've made it very clear to Paul Sturrock and the supporters what I am expecting from our results. I expect us to be in mid-table or above and to enjoy a decent Cup run in at least one of the two major competitions. From a financial point of view, an extended Cup run is needed.

I've been heartened see the likes of Tommy Spurr and Sean McAllister coming through the academy and reserve teams to make an impact at senior level. I wasn't able to get to the Burton Albion game last Monday but I am reliably informed that the young

goalkeeper Richard O'Donnell also showed superb ability. There are one or two others among the youth team who have some promise and that is credit to the academy manager, Sean McAuley.

If the system works properly, there should be a clear progression from academy to reserves, then from reserves to first team – then the club doesn't have to continue to go out and sign players on loan. To be honest, if I was in the reserve team and couldn't break into the first team I would be frustrated. That's why it is important that Paul Sturrock, Kevin Summerfield and Sean McAuley have a very close working relationship, to identify potential talent and work hard to improve it for the benefit of the club.

Off the pitch, the backroom staff at the club have worked very hard over the summer, their efforts going unseen by most. I would like to pass on my thanks to them all for their commitment. Finally, I send my congratulations to our groundsman, Steve Kiddy, who has prepared a pitch that looks better than at any time since I've been here. Regardless of the weather, any pitch needs some TLC and Steve has provided that perfectly.

Finally I hope we can quickly get into winning mode. Then we can all enjoy the football here at Hillsborough.

**Dave Allen**




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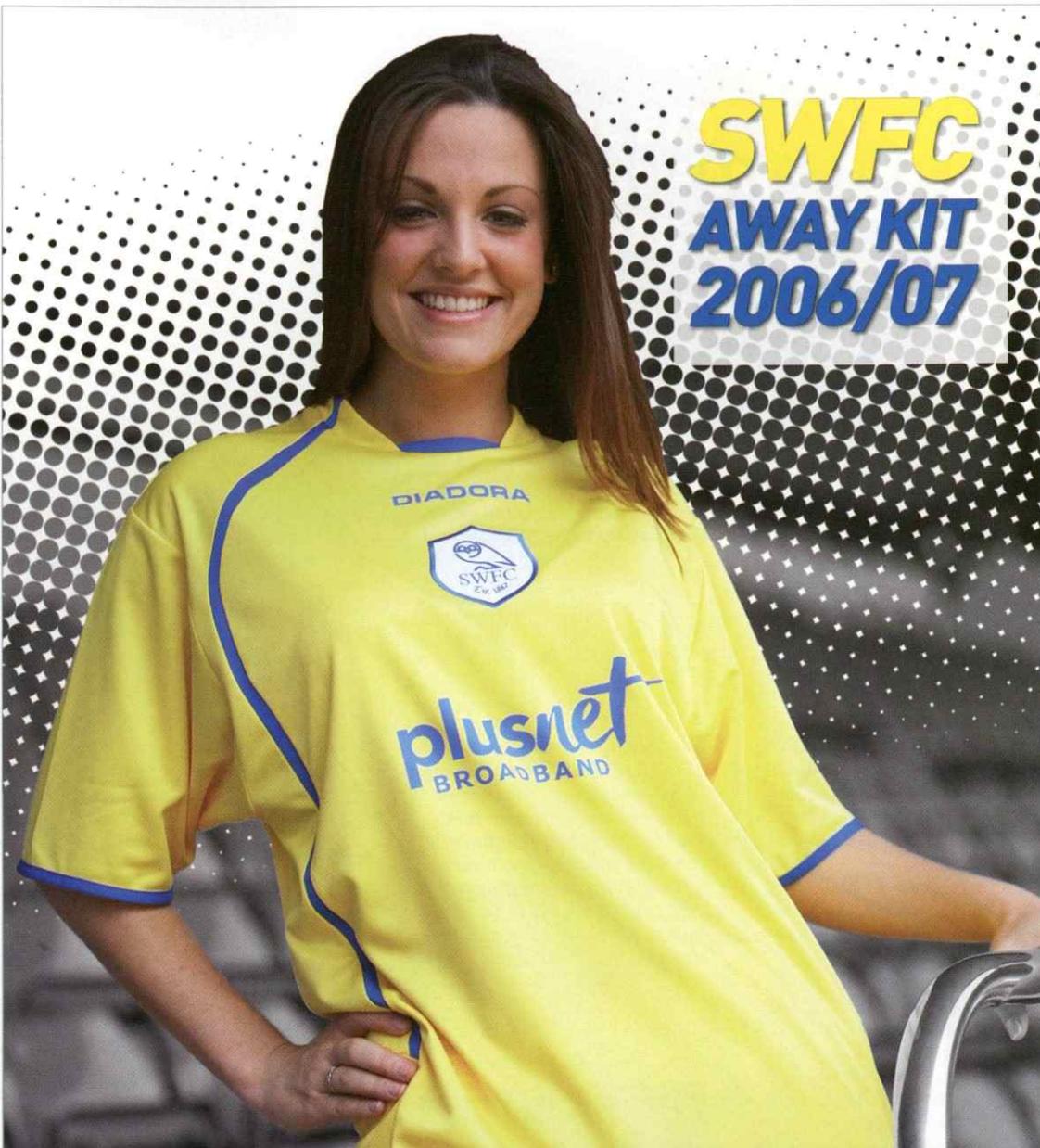


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## No Act Of Folly

*Yoann Folly's performances last season have made him a popular summer signing. Having made his SWFC debut against Luton in January, tonight his first home League match as a fully-fledged Owl comes against the same opposition.*

**T**he acquisition of a ball-winning midfielder was always high on Paul Sturrock's transfer wish-list over the summer.

Courtesy of a loan move last season for tough-tackling Southampton star Yoann Folly - and his own stint at St Mary's as boss - the Owls'

chief was well attuned to the credentials of the Frenchman and following a good deal of uncertainty, the gaffer finally got his man. An undisclosed fee

changed hands between the two Championship clubs in mid-July, with both parties expressing great satisfaction as Folly inked a one-year Hillsborough contract.

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"I'm very pleased," enthused Sturrock upon sealing the 21-year-old's signature. "Yoann is a manager's type of player. He does everything effectively, is a good passer and has a knowledge about the game."

The dust has now settled on his S6 switch but Yoann is still buzzing having nailed the move he craved. The midfielder man started 14 games in the SWFC engine room during our successful late fight against relegation - proving himself a popular performer along the way - and now cannot mask his pleasure over joining the club on a permanent basis.

He begins: "Yes, it was a little frustrating for everyone really over the summer, obviously we wanted everything

end of last season so it was a big relief when the deal was agreed."

Folly was out of contract at Southampton but because he is under the age of 24, a compensation figure had to be agreed before he could sign and link up with Wednesday for the pre-season tour of America. Yoann confirms he was offered a new contract on the south coast and also reveals admiring glances from suitors across the Channel in his native France. But such was the player's desire for a third stint under Sturrock, Wednesday always occupied the box seat and indeed went on win the race.

"There was interest from other clubs," he explains. "But I was at Sheffield Wednesday for three months last season and I



himself as an Owls regular under the watchful and familiar eye of Sturrock. The Wednesday

slipped down the pecking order and in fact only made two more first team starts. Brief, indifferent loan spells with Nottingham Forest and Preston followed before Sturrock came calling in January of this year. And Folly hardly needed persuading to head north to Hillsborough.

"I have a lot of respect for the manager here," he continues. "He talks to me a lot, he tells me what I need to do to become a better player...obviously he tells me when I am bad and when I am good! But I think it is very important to have an honest manger. There are some managers who may not be so

*"There was interest from other clubs...but this is the move I wanted and thankfully I got it."*

sorted in time for the trip to America so I could join the other players. Of course, the deal eventually went through and I was delighted to sign for Sheffield Wednesday, they were always my number one choice. I had really been looking forward to hopefully signing for Wednesday since the

really enjoyed myself here. So I was set on coming back here if I had the opportunity. I had some interest from clubs in France and Southampton also made an offer to keep me there but this is the move I wanted and thankfully I got it."

Folly is now looking forward to establishing

gaffer handed Yoann 10 Premiership appearances during his spell at the St Mary's helm after previous Saints boss Gordon Strachan paid Le Championnat giants St Etienne £250,000 for the midfielder's services. But after Sturrock departed Southampton in August 2004, Folly

Feature Interview

honest and do not pay the same attention to detail. Maybe then you don't get the chances that you should but the manager here always talks to the players and we are very lucky to have that."

So what exactly will Folly bring to the table during the course of the new term? Well, for starters, he is a French Under-21 international and can count World Cup 2006 star Franck Ribery amongst his former consorts. Following in the footsteps of Ribery all the way to the full international stage

may seem a distant proposition at this moment in time but Yoann is a confident character who seems to

I know I have a lot of room for improvement. I could be better in the air and I would like to more involved

I stay at the club, but basically if I am good enough over the season I might be able to get a longer contract. It is

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have the requisite belief - and willingness to learn - to maximise his potential. "I like to think I am strong in the tackle but I can also make good use of the ball. Passing and tackling are my strengths. But

throughout games than when I was here the first time. But those things are all part of the challenge of joining Sheffield Wednesday. I see my time here as a real challenge. The manager will be the one who decides how long

my job now to prove myself to the manager and the fans of Sheffield Wednesday that I am the man for the job." Folly is also an adaptable performer, a trait on which he needed to draw after swapping the south

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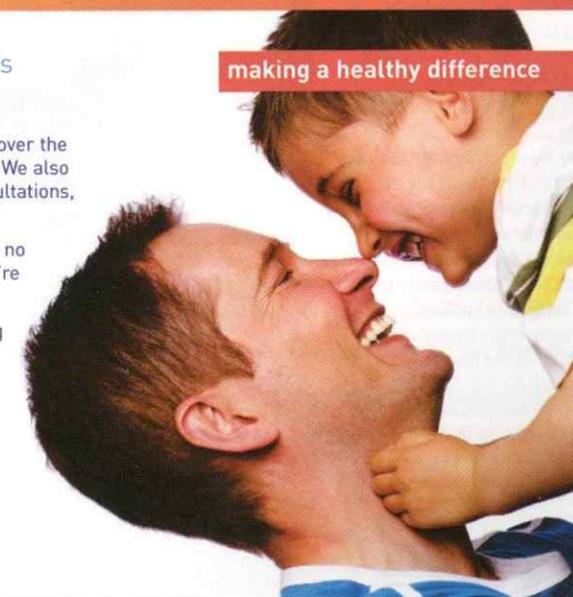
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coast of France for its English counterpart. Twenty-two miles or so might separate the countries, but the respective styles of football are worlds apart.

Yoann says: "In England the play is much quicker and more direct but that suits me as a footballer. It is more tactical I guess in France, you see less goals in the French game. Here in England there are plenty of goals, a lot of chances and a lot of shots. But to be honest you know, I prefer the English game because it is more exciting for the players and for the fans."

With a good, solid pre-season under the belt - save a niggling knock sustained in the Hillsborough friendly against Middlesbrough - Folly is ready and waiting for the season to unfold in earnest. He gave an excellent account of himself against the Teesside outfit before succumbing to the knee injury that triggered his early departure and, at the time of writing, he was confident of making the cut for the curtain-raiser at Deepdale on Saturday. The quietly spoken Frenchman signed off by lauding the benefits of the club's trip Stateside in preparation for the real thing of the Championship on home soil.

"It was a really good experience to go to America and play against teams that we

don't normally face. It was good also to train and play in the sun. It was really hot and hard work, difficult at times, but it definitely set the players up well for the early part of the season in England. We came home feeling satisfied with the way that we

played in America but obviously we were then disappointed to lose at Mansfield. But that wasn't the real Sheffield Wednesday, we were feeling the effects of the long trip. We wanted a fresh start against

Middlesbrough and I think we played well against a Premiership side. But the league is what matters now and if we play like we did towards the end of last season then we can do well. We need to get as many points as possible early on then we can hopefully avoid another battle against relegation."



# Player of the Year Awards 2005/6



At the EAD sponsored **Player of the Year Awards**, congratulations went to **Graham Coughlan** who won the coveted Player of the Season Award - a reward for his impressive performances throughout the season. **Chris Brunt** won the Goal of the Season Award for his fantastic goal v Coventry (Oct 1st), while **Sean McAllister** who made his first team debut this year, won the Young Player of Season Award. All the awards are voted for by you - the fans, so look out for details on how to vote for your favourite player each month.

Pictured above: Garry Dickinson of EAD with the Award winners, Chris Brunt, Graham Coughlan and Sean McAllister

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VIP Mascot pics



A warm welcome to the first of today's VIP Mascots, **Amelia Wainwright**. Amelia is 10 years old and attends Nook Lane Junior School and her favourite player is Chris Brunt.



Our second VIP Mascot of the day is 13 year old **Bradley Green**. Bradley attends Meadowhead School, his hobbies are football and his Playstation and his favourite player is also Chris Brunt.

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Season	League	Pos	FAC	LC
05/06	Championship	10th	R3	R2
04/05	League One	1st	R3	R1
03/04	League One	10th	R4	R2
02/03	League One	9th	R2	R2
01/02	League Two	2nd	R1	R1

Date	Venue	F-A	Att.
31.01.06	Hillsborough	0-2	23,965
23.09.05	Kenilworth Rd	2-2	8,267
01.01.05	Kenilworth Rd	1-1	9,500
04.09.04	Hillsborough	0-0	20,806
01.05.04	Kenilworth Rd	2-3	7,157

Date	Opponents	H/A	Score
30.04.06	Burnley	A	D 1-1
22.04.06	Sheff Utd	H	D 1-1
17.04.06	Plymouth	A	W 2-1
15.04.06	Coventry	H	L 1-2
09.04.06	Watford	A	D 1-1

Player	From	Date
Adam Boyd	Hartlepool	28.07.06
Lewis Emmanuel	Bradford	22.07.06
Richard Langley	QPR	11.07.06
David Bell	Rushden	12.07.06
Markus Heikkinen	Aberdeen	22.07.05

Player	To	Date
Kevin Nicholls	Leeds	26.07.06
Steve Howard	Derby	22.07.06
Enoch Showunmi	Bristol City	12.06.06
Paul Hughes	Released	31.05.06
Robert Beckwith	Released	31.05.06



## Luton Town

With two club stalwarts having departed Luton this summer, the new term is a new start in more ways than one for the Hatters.

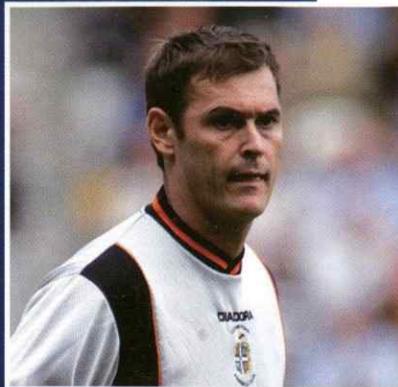
Captain Kevin Nicholls and striker Steve Howard both played pivotal roles in our visitors' more recent rise to prominence and inevitably, such pedigree alerted potential suitors. After much speculation, Howard signed for Derby and Nicholls left for Leeds, with each deal unfolding, ironically, within four days of the other.

Manager Mike Newell wasted little time in recruiting a new hitman, Hartlepool's Adam Boyd joining just under a week after Howard headed for Derby. Boyd may not have the towering physical presence of Howard but he does have an impressive strike ratio of a goal every other game to back up his boss' belief that he can make an impression in the Championship.

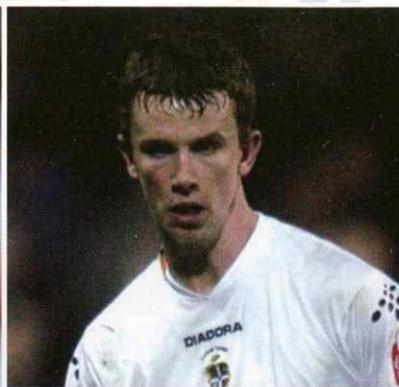
While the pressure will be on Boyd

at one end to deliver the goods, the same can be said for the defenders at the other. Despite finishing in a very respectable 10th place last term after promotion from League One the previous season, Luton lost too many goals for comfort. In fact, outside of the drop zone, not a single team conceded more heavily, hence the Hatters are fully aware of the area in which they need to improve this time around.

But with the popular figure of Newell at the helm, Luton fans are confident their club will build on the generally firm foundations already laid. The erstwhile England B international has underlined his credentials of late as one of the brightest young managers in the country, so much so that he invariably finds himself linked with the more desirable Championship jobs upon their availability. However, the feeling remains in Bedfordshire that Newell will stay to pursue the dream of leading Luton all the way to the Premiership.



Marlon Beresford



Kevin Foley



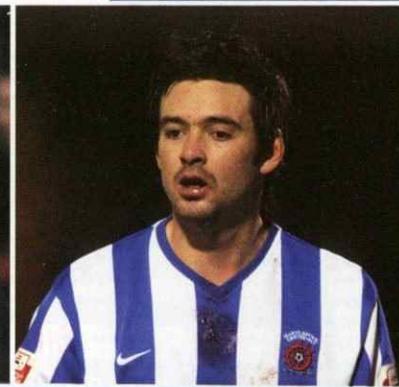
Paul Underwood



Carlos Edwards



Ahmet Brkovic



Adam Boyd

# Luton Town

## Previous Line-Up

v Barnet (a) 1-2 - 29 July 2006:

**Subs:** Heikkinen (for Davis) h-t; Coyne, Bell and Andrew (for Perrett, Morgan and Feeney) 71; Holmes and Brkovic (for Langley and Vine) 82.



**MARLON BERESFORD**  
GOALKEEPER

The former Owl is the number one at Kenilworth Road, having made over 100 appearances in his two stints with the Hatters. The much-travelled keeper started his career at Wednesday as a trainee, but moved to Burnley after failing to break into the Owls first team. Returned to Hillsborough on a month's loan in 2001. Aged 36.

**CHRIS COYNE**  
DEFENDER

The 27-year-old Australian international has become a regular at the heart of the Luton defence since joining on a free transfer from Dundee in 2000. At 6'1 he has a big physical presence at the back, and

is also a threat from set pieces.

**LEWIS EMANUEL**  
DEFENDER

The former Bradford defender signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road this summer. The 22-year-old full-back, who can also play on the left side of midfield, amassed over 150 appearances for Bradford City after his debut in the 2001-02 season.

**PAUL UNDERWOOD**  
DEFENDER

The 32-year-old joined on a free transfer from Rushden & Diamonds in 2004. Underwood made over 200 appearances for the Nene Park club, helping them out of the Conference and into League One. His debut for

Luton was short lived, with an injury forcing him off after 20 minutes against QPR in 2004, but he has since established himself as a key part of the Town defence.

**KEVIN FOLEY**  
DEFENDER

The 21-year-old defender came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road after signing as a trainee in 2002. By the following season Foley was regularly competing for a place in the first team and has now made over 100 appearances for the club.

**MARKUS HEIKKINEN**  
DEFENDER

The 27-year-old Finnish international was signed from Aberdeen on a free transfer in

2005. The centre-half firmly established himself as a key figure in the Luton side, making almost 50 appearances during his first season at the club.

**SOL DAVIS**  
DEFENDER

The Cheltenham-born defender has amassed over 150 appearances for the Hatters, since his £60,000 move from Swindon in 2002. He was a near ever-present in the side to help Luton secure the League One title in 2005, but a high injury limited him to 21 league appearances during the 2005-06 campaign.

**AHMET BRKOVIC**  
MIDFIELDER

The Croatian international was signed from Leyton Orient on a free transfer in 2001, becoming a prominent figure in Luton's midfield. Aged 32, he has now amassed almost 200 appearances for the Hatters and scored 35 goals for the club.

**PETER HOLMES**  
MIDFIELDER

Another former Wednesday trainee, Peter Holmes, is Luton's longest serving player, making over 100 outings for the Hatters after being released by the Owls in 2001. The Bishop Auckland-product is aged 25.

**RICHARD LANGLEY**  
MIDFIELDER

The 26-year-old midfielder became Mike Newell's second signing at Kenilworth Road this summer, following his release from QPR. During two separate spells at the London club, Langley amassed more than 160 appearances, scoring 24 goals. He also spent two seasons at Cardiff, making 66 appearances and scoring eight times for the Welsh side.

**CARLOS EDWARDS**  
MIDFIELDER

The 27-year-old became an integral part of the Luton midfield after joining on a free transfer from Wrexham in 2005. He made almost 50 appearances on the Hatters's right-wing last term and was ever-present in Trinidad & Tobago's three World Cup fixtures this summer.

**STEVE ROBINSON**  
MIDFIELDER

The former Tottenham Hotspur trainee has made over 100 appearances for the Hatters since his £50,000 move from Preston North End in 2002. Aged 31, the Northern Ireland international made his name in a six-season spell at Bournemouth.

**DEAN MORGAN**  
MIDFIELDER

The 22-year-old was signed from Reading on a free transfer in 2005

- joining as a striker but figuring mostly for the Hatters on the wing. During his first season at Kenilworth Road he played in 38 games, scoring six goals. Dean began his career at Colchester.

**ROWAN VINE**  
FORWARD

The 23-year-old striker was signed for £250,000 from Portsmouth in 2005, following a successful loan spell during the 2004-05 season. Vine finished the club's second highest scorer in each of the last two seasons. He was previously also loaned to Brentford and Colchester.

**WARREN FEENEY**  
FORWARD

The 25-year-old Northern Ireland international was signed from Stockport for £1.5m in 2005. Feeney had good scoring pedigree in the lower leagues with 17 goals in 33 games for Stockport and one goal every three appearances for Bournemouth. The striker hit the net seven times last season for the Hatters.

**ADAM BOYD**  
FORWARD

A 24-year-old summer signing who last figured against the Owls as a Hartlepool player in the League One play-off final. Had scored 28 goals that season but his last term at Victoria Park was ruined after picking up a knee infection. Now reunited with former Pools boss Mike Newell.

### MANAGERIAL RECORDS

<b>Paul Sturrock</b> Played 83 Won 29 Drawn 25 Lost 29 For 105 Against 98 Av Pts/game 1.35 Biggest Win(s) Won 4-0 on 2 occasions Biggest Loss(es) Lost 3-0 on 3 occasions	<b>Mike Newell</b> Played 138 Won 63 Drawn 36 Lost 39 For 222 Against 181 Av Pts/game 1.63 Biggest Win(s) Luton 5 Bristol City 0 (05/03/2005). Biggest Loss(es) Sheff Utd 4 Luton 0 (01/11/2005).
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### MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played .....4	Paul Sturrock.....1	Mike Newell.....5
Draws .....2	Goals 6	Goals 5

### Player with the most...

#### shots

Chris Brunt 95

#### shots on target

Chris Brunt 42

#### shots off target

Chris Brunt 53

#### assists

Glenn Whelan 3

#### crosses

Chris Brunt 115

#### fouls

Graham 3

#### free-kicks-won

Frank Simek 48

### Player with the most...

#### shots

Steve Howard 118

#### shots on target

Steve Howard 61

#### shots off target

Steve Howard 57

#### assists

Kevin Nicholls 8

#### crosses

Kevin Nicholls 88

#### fouls

Steve Howard 106

#### free-kicks-won

Steve Howard 90

### SHARP SHOOTERS

Sheff Wed	CCFC Cup	Tot	Luton	CCFC Cup	Tot	
Chris Brunt	8	0	8	14	1	15
Marcus Tudgay	5	0	5	10	0	10
Graham Coughlan	4	0	4	8	0	8

### TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played .....54	Sheff Wed wins .....20	Luton wins .....14
Draws .....20	Goals 87 (1.6 per game)	Goals 70 (1.3 per game)
0-0's .....6	Times failed to score 13	Times failed to score 19

### Biggest League win at Sheff Wed for each team:

02/12/1899 Sheff Wed 6-0 Luton  
10/10/1970 Sheff Wed 1-5 Luton



### 2005/06 LEAGUE STATS

19 Position	10
46 Played	46
13 Won	17
13 Drawn	10
20 Lost	19
39 Goals For	66
52 Goals Against	67
52 Points	61

### Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	5	13	12	7	5	10	9

### Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
7	8	7	19	10	5	9	13

### Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
11	5	0	18	13	5	4	11

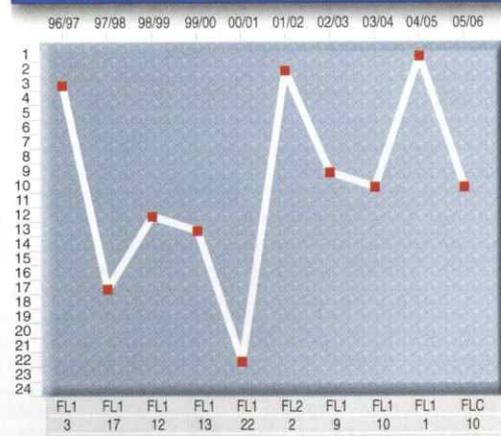
### Record When Conceding First

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2	2	20	18	4	4	15	6

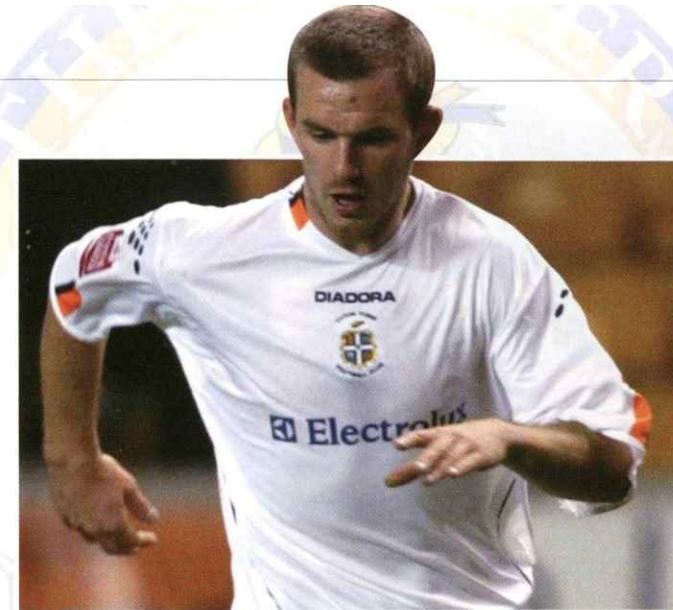
### Match Scores

Wins: 1-0(4), 2-0(3), 2-1(3), 3-0(1), 3-1(1), 3-2(1), Losses: 0-1(5), 0-2(7), 0-3(2), 1-2(5), 1-3(1), Draws: 0-0(6), 1-1(6), 2-2(1)  
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(4), 0-2(1), 0-3(1), 0-4(1), 1-2(7), 1-3(1), 1-5(1), 2-3(3), Draws: 0-0(1), 1-1(7), 2-2(1), 3-3(1)

### LUTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



stats not including 2006/2007 season



## Vine's Career

Player Profile	
Name:	Rowan Vine
Height:	6' 01"
Weight:	11st 12lbs
DOB:	21/09/1982
Current Club	
Currently playing for:	Luton Town
Signed on:	05/07/2005
Fee:	£250,000
Squad number:	10
Playing Career	
Date	
Portsmouth	01/08/00 - 05/07/05
Luton	05/07/05 - Present
Brentford, Colchester, Luton (loan)	

## Luton Town's Star Man - Rowan Vine

The Basingstoke-born 23-year-old forward will be looking to stake his claim to be Luton's number one striker following the departure of Steve Howard to Derby County.

spell at Luton during the 2004-05 season, in which he scored nine goals to help the Hatters clinch the League One title, Vine finally left Fratton Park in a £250,000 deal.

striker helping Howard to 32 goals during his two seasons at Kenilworth Road.

Vine began his career as a trainee with Portsmouth, but with competition up front from the likes of Steve Claridge, it was no surprise to see him move on loan to Brentford, Colchester and Luton. Following that successful

Although he may not be a prolific goal scorer, having scored 19 goals in his two seasons with the Hatters, Vine is still an invaluable asset to the club. The Luton News newspaper labelled him the 'King of Assists', with the

Vine missed the start of the 2005-06 campaign with a back injury, but managed to find the net ten times to finish the club's second highest scorer, only four behind Howard. One of those was the winner in Luton's 2-0 victory at Hillsborough last season, lashing a dipping shot into the Wednesday net from 25 yards out.

## The Gaffer - Mike Newell



The Luton boss has transformed the Hatters' fortunes, taking them from mid-table in League One to the divisional title (by 12 clear points) within 20 months of his arrival in the Kenilworth Road hotseat. A tenth-placed finish in his maiden Championship season confirmed the managerial promise initially shown when leading Hartlepool to promotion from League Two before a controversial departure from Victoria Park.

Newell had also played for the Hatters, during a 14-club playing career, starting at junior level with Liverpool. He moved to Bedfordshire in 1986, scoring 18 goals in 63 appearances but his heyday came when providing the perfect foil to Alan Shearer in Blackburn's Premiership-winning season of 1994-95. Overall, Newell made over 500 league appearances in English football, scoring 120 goals.



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# Visitors Head to Head

Date: 27.08.88

**Wednesday** 1  
 Luton Town 0

Mel Sterland was the main talking point as the Owls kicked off the 1988-89 season with a single-goal victory against Luton (below left). With Lee Chapman having left in the summer, Howard Wilkinson opted to use right-back Sterland in his boyhood role of striker and the move paid off as he headed the winner from Siggı Jonsson's cross in the 58th minute. Indeed Sterland could have opened the scoring in the first half but saw his spot kick saved by Les Sealey (32mins) and he also struck the post late in the game.



Date: 28.09.85

**Wednesday** 3  
 Luton Town 2

Wednesday ran out victors from a thrilling Hillsborough contest as they triumphed by the odd goal in five. The game came to life just before the interval with Brian Marwood sparking three goals in a matter of moments



with a 44th minute lob (below right), as Mick Harford levelled immediately for the Hatters only for Lee Chapman to ensure the Owls' half-time advantage with a header from Marwood's cross in first-half stoppage time. Marwood stretched the lead with a 62nd minute penalty but Harford tapped in two minutes later to set up a tense finish.

Date: 26.09.59

**Wednesday** 2  
 Luton Town 0

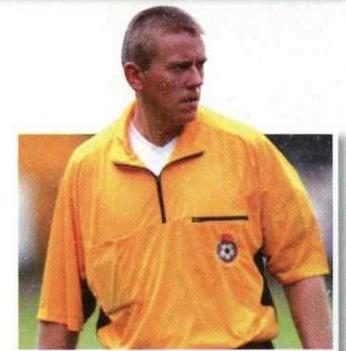
A goal each side of half-time enabled Wednesday to overcome their Hertfordshire visitors, who included future Northern Ireland boss Billy Bingham in their ranks. Norman Curtis set the Owls on their way with an eighth minute penalty after Seamus Dunne upended Alan Finney and SWFC were quick off the mark in the second period with John Fantham driving in off a post just a minute after the restart, before a nasty clash of heads occurred between John Martin and Town's Ken Hawkes as they challenged for the ball.

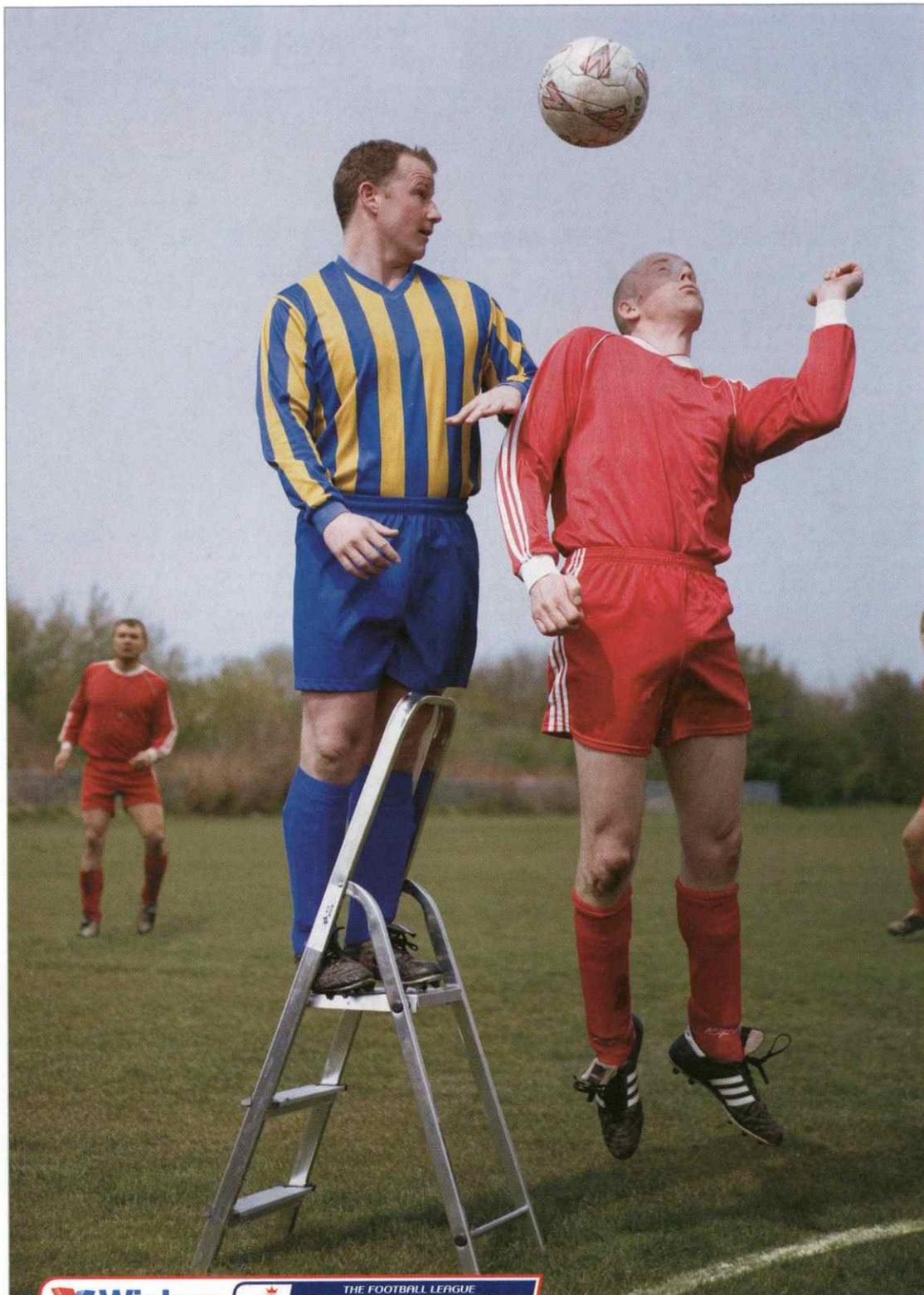
## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Wednesday's home record v Luton:	P28	W15	D10	L3	F57	A29
Wednesday's overall record v Luton:	P56	W22	D20	L14	F92	A74

## ▶ The Referee - **Tony Bates**

Mr Bates progressed to the Football League referees list in 1996, which, all things said, developed into a hugely successful year for tonight's man in the middle. In June, he ran the line at the European Championship game between Germany and the Czech Republic - less than a month after assisting Dermot Gallagher for the Manchester United v Liverpool FA Cup final. The Staffordshire official has taken charge of five Wednesday games down the years in league and cup competition, from which SWFC have emerged completely unscathed.





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## 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).



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 STATS

## GOAL COUNTER 1343

**RIGHT FOOT** 701 goals  
 52.2%

**LEFT FOOT** 285 goals  
 21.2%

**HEADERS** 301 goals  
 22.4%

Own goals 50 (3.7%), Other body part 6 (0.6%)

## QUICK-FIRE GOALS

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 yellow cards, 90 red cards  
 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

Subs used .....2665  
 Offsides .....3488  
 Corners .....5509  
 Shots Off Target .....5176

## RESULTS

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.

Score	Count
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	-

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## Mark Of Respect

Fulham midfielder Mark Pembridge has spent over one-third of his professional career at either Wednesday or Luton. Here, he reflects on his happy memories of the two clubs.

**I**t would be difficult to measure the amount of effort expanded by the hard-grafting Mark Pembridge in the 16 years since he made the first of the 473 senior appearances to date.

Fulham are the fifth and latest club to benefit from his ability and industry - Pembridge is set to kick off his 17th season of league football with the Cottagers - and his skills have also been sampled by Wednesday and tonight's visitors Luton Town along the way. Mark spent three years at Hillsborough from 1995, having begun his career with the Hatters after developing successively in their youth ranks. Scouted by a Luton talent spotter in his native South Wales, he penned schoolboy forms at 13 and served a two-year apprenticeship, a time of 'fantastic' memories. "I loved it there," he beams. "I couldn't wait to get there during school holidays. Everyone was friendly, it was a homely club where everybody knew everybody. I went to watch them last

season and the staff are still the same now." David Pleat held the Town reins when Pembridge was first tied to the club and the Hatters became tough top-flight opposition before Pleat's 1986 move to Tottenham after eight years at Kenilworth Road. Numerous managerial changes then transpired as Pembridge learnt his trade - John Moore and Ray Harford having spells in charge - Jim Ryan gave him his debut

We had to beat Derby to stay up and managed to do so in a great atmosphere - we always liked playing the top teams like Liverpool and Manchester United too. "Luton relied on bringing through youth team players such as Matthew Jackson and Kingsley Black who were sold on. Though Luton were in the top-flight, the ground wasn't that big so they were a selling club. We got relegated in my final

Rams contract expired after three years so Pembridge was delighted to be re-acquainted with the newly-appointed Pleat at Hillsborough, gaining an immediate benefit following a £900,000 transfer. "I felt my career had stood still for a while and I needed a change. It was great to get back in the Premier League with Wednesday - with a tremendous following who got behind the team," he recalls.

*"You have to have a believe in yourself and be determined to overcome criticism. I think the only way to do it is to try and prove them wrong..."*

in 1990-91 before Pleat's return via White Hart Lane and Leicester City. The future Owls boss couldn't prevent Luton's decade in football's highest tier coming to a close in 1992, sparking a switch to Derby County for Mark after being associated with LTFC for nine happy years. "The final game of my first season stands out.

game which was a major disappointment. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there and didn't want to leave but was told they needed the money, so I had to go." His destination was a Derby side looking for a Premiership return after dropping into the second rung of the league ladder. That target still hadn't materialised when his

"People like Chris Waddle, David Hirst and John Sheridan were still there which helped you a lot - you could take so much from them. Their experience was vital for people like myself and the youngsters coming through, you saw the way they trained and played which set a benchmark for you to follow." His home debut saw

Mark make an instant impression with a late winner as Wednesday sunk a Blackburn side who had lifted the Premiership trophy three months previously. That first S6 outing also revealed to him a previously unnoticed plus point to playing at Hillsborough, even if he felt his display that night left room for improvement. "I didn't play too well, had I not scored I'd have been disappointed with my performance that day. The goal it capped it off and we got a win against the then-champions. What surprised me was the size of the pitch. It was big, wide and proved a bit of an advantage to us as you get used to it playing on it week-in, week-out."

Following a term which saw the Owls flirt with a relegation battle without ever really being dragged into the dogfight, expectations from some quarters were for more of the same ahead of 1996-97. But Wednesday sat pretty at the top of the Premiership after maximum 12-point return from their opening quartet of matches and they narrowly missed out on a UEFA Cup spot after a stuttering last leg saw them finish seventh. It was a campaign in which opinions on Pembridge also came to be reassessed. The left-sider took the Player of the Season prize despite coming under criticism from a section of the crowd as Wednesday's fortunes levelled off a little following their 100 per cent start. He

reveals that unwelcome response was one of two main motivating factors that catalysed his rich vein of form from autumn onwards. "We'd bought Regi Blinker from Holland who, like me, played on the left," Mark explains. "I started the season quite well and kept my place, there was a lot of determination on my part to do that. I knew that if I had a couple of bad games, I could be on the sidelines for the rest of the season so that spurred me on. "As for the criticism, you have to have a believe in yourself and be determined to overcome that. I think the only way to do it is to try and prove them wrong as much as you can. Once they are back on your side, it does help you bring your game on."

"That season was good for me personally with the Player of the Year award. Many people said we'd struggle in our first four games, we ended up winning the lot including a match at Leeds - I didn't have a chance to play a competitive derby against Sheffield United so it was always nice to beat Leeds. "We just missed out on getting into Europe, which was disappointing. We had win our last game against Liverpool, who also needed three points to get into the Champions League, so the eventual draw was no good to anyone." In the aftermath of that

narrow brush with European competition, the onset of the following term saw Wednesday struggling to pick up where they had left off and Pleat was dismissed after only two victories from the first baker's dozen of league dates. In came Ron Atkinson and it seemed Pembridge could be heading straight out in exchange for future Owl David Burrows, then of Coventry City. But Mark's desire was to remain with Wednesday which he did until his contact ended in the summer of 1998, after which he joined Benfica with the

Owls still occupying a place in his heart. "Ron came in and there was speculation about my contract finishing at the end of the season. It was never my intention to go to Coventry, I spoke to them out of politeness really. "I'd have loved to have stayed. My career was moving forward, there weren't many clubs in the Premiership bigger than Wednesday and my family and I were settled and happy there. We made lots of friends in Sheffield and didn't want to move but it wasn't to be."



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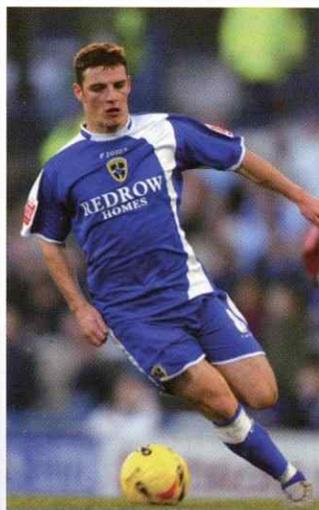
Big Brother? Pah! World Cup? Yawn. Superman Returns? Get over it. Proper football's back, and that's all you'll need to talk about for the next nine months. Here's James Oldfield with a run-down of tonight's top clashes...

## CARDIFF V WEST BROM



These two have been at loggerheads for months thanks to an increasingly bitter transfer wrangle over Jason Koumas, so there'll doubtless be some scowls and snide remarks exchanged over pre-match G&T's in the boardroom. And even if the Bluebirds haven't coughed up the asking price for Albion's talented Welsh midfielder by the time you read this, they're still likely to field at least one Hawthorns old boy with a point to prove tonight – having snapped up veteran centre forward Kevin Campbell on a free transfer last week. That swoop underlined Dave Jones' status as the close season's busiest boss in the transfer market, with no fewer than 11 new arrivals at Ninian Park, including promising Newcastle striker Michael Chopra, young Man City winger Willo Flood and one-time Owls target Kevin McNaughton from Aberdeen. Campbell's place in the West Brom front line, meanwhile, has been taken by the hulking figure of John Hartson as the Baggies plumped for experience in their recruitment policy, also taking on Charlton centre back Chris Perry and beanpole 'keeper Pascal Zuberbuhler (part of the Swiss side which made history this

summer as the first team ever to be eliminated from a World Cup without conceding a goal). Predictably, the bookies have installed Albion as second favourites for the title (behind Midlands rivals Birmingham), and indeed, Bryan Robson does have a track record of success in this division, having taken Middlesbrough up twice in the 1990s. But the era of relegated Premiership sides being dead certs for the following season's promotion race looks to be fading; of last year's ex-top flighters, only Palace even made it as far as the play-offs.



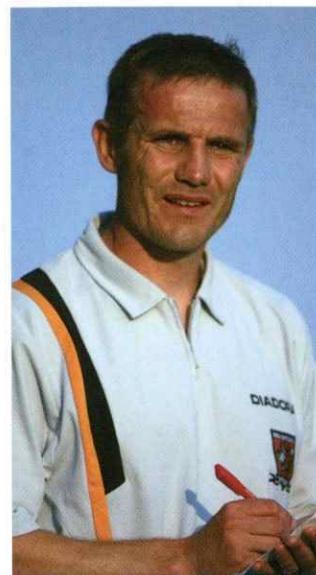
*Tug of war...but which side will Jason Koumas be on at Ninian Park this evening?*

Able to call on the creativity of Hungarian livewire Zoltan Gera and Jesus lookalike Jonathan Greening, West Brom boast a useful first eleven but appear to lack strength in depth, particularly in attacking areas – Robson's outfit managed just three goals in the final seven games of last term as they slid through the trapdoor. Their hosts this evening also concluded their 2005-06 campaign with a whimper, failing to win any of their last seven matches after remaining in serious play-off contention well into March. Cardiff finished up about five victories shy of the top six, and might have to settle for an even more modest mid-table placing this time around without the 20-goal input of Cameron Jerome (a £4m acquisition for Birmingham) to build on... especially if Koumas' capture hasn't been rubber-stamped by the time the August transfer window slams shut.

## HULL V BARNLEY



Like Wednesday, last season was all about survival for the Tigers and they finished strongly after accomplishing that task, losing only one of their final nine games. The departure of Peter Taylor (who had previously guided them to consecutive



*Point made...new Tigers boss Phil Parkinson's achievements at Colchester were duly noted at the KC Stadium*

promotions), therefore, will have been a hammer blow, even if Phil Parkinson – fresh from leading unfancied Colchester into the Championship – should eventually prove a suitable replacement. Play-off champs Barnley, on the other hand, find themselves in exactly the same situation as SWFC did twelve months ago: back in this division a little ahead of schedule and with less time to strengthen than their rivals. Andy Ritchie's side had one of the tightest defences in League One last term (only 44 goals conceded) but will come under more intense pressure this time around.

## LEICESTER V BURNLEY



This pair finished smack dab next

to each other in last year's final table (16th and 17th respectively) and could be on for another close encounter this term. Both experienced a season of two halves, with Leicester looking relegation candidates until they were revitalised by rookie boss Rob Kelly – beaten only four times during his 15-game caretaker spell. The loss of goalscoring midfielder Joey Gudjonsson is a setback though, and they'll need a decent showing from their exciting but inexperienced strike partnership of Matty Fryatt and Iain Hume. Burnley, meanwhile, occupied a top six slot at Christmas, but collapsed alarmingly after winning only three out of 21 games in the New Year. Undoubtedly, the sale of leading scorer Ade Akinbiyi was an instrumental factor, with Sunderland's Andy Gray brought in (after an encouraging loan stint) to restore some cutting edge. Tonight's also their first chance to improve on a woeful away record; with just 15 points from 23 journeys, only relegated Crewe fared worse on the road last term.

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## Cocko's Corner

Welcome to Hillsborough for this evening's game as we get our home programme for the season up and running against Luton Town.

It was a decent point for us at Preston on Saturday after what I felt was a terrific team performance. Preston are a play-off team and have been for a number of years now, they've been unlucky not to make the Premiership on a couple of occasions.

It was a mature performance from us and goes to show what the gaffer's been preaching over the last 12 months. It would be unfair to pick out individuals, all the boys did really well. I also have to pay tribute to the supporters who were magnificent again, I can't speak highly enough of them. The referee from Saturday has promised to review the video and have a look at Lee's sending off, so hopefully we should have good news on that front. I think he may have just got caught up in the

moment as Frank Simek had just made a great tackle so the crowd was up, like they are when honest challenges take place. The referee has been man enough to say he'll

will be tough tonight. I know Mike Newell personally and, for me, he's one of the best managers in the division and it only a matter of time before he

*"I also have to pay tribute to the supporters who were magnificent again, I can't speak highly enough of them."*

have another look so you can't ask for more than that really. It will be a different format, style and approach from us against Luton this evening. Naturally our home crowd will expect us to go forward while Luton might do what we did at Preston. We're bouncing off a good result on Saturday but it

ends up in the Premiership. All his teams play football and they have great experience in a squad which contains honest, hard-working boys. He knows the league inside-out so we're expecting a really hard match.

Enjoy the game.



Controversial...the Owls are hoping referee Peter Walton agrees to overturn Lee Bullen's red card

## GETTING STARTED

We had five or six weeks of pre-season training, during which time we went away to the USA, so you just want to get the season underway. It was a decent confidence booster to go somewhere like Preston and take a point from the first game. The injury situation does get people down so the result on Saturday will have picked peoples' chins up and shown that we mean business.



# Sheffield Wednesday 2006-07



**TOP ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** PETER GILBERT, RORY MCARDLE, MADJID BOUGHERRA, BARRY CORR, RICHARD WOOD, TOMMY SPURR, CHRIS BRUNT

**MIDDLE ROW:** RONNIE EVANS (ASS. PHYSIO), KEVIN SUMMERFIELD (ASS. MANAGER), STEVE ADAMS, DREW TALBOT, GLENN WHELAN, YOANN FOLLY, CHRIS ADAMSON,  
DAVID GRAHAM (ON LOAN TO BRADFORD), BURTON O'BRIEN, DEON BURTON, MARCUS TUDGAY, BILLY MERCER (GK COACH),  
JOHN BLACKLEY (DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR).

**BOTTOM ROW:** ADAM OWEN (FITNESS COACH), SEAN MCALLISTER, STEVE MACLEAN, JOHN HILLS, GRAHAM COUGHLAN, PAUL STURROCK (MANAGER), LEE BULLEN, WADE SMALL,  
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## SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY CLUB HONOURS

**Division One Champions:**  
1902-03, 1903-04, 1928-29, 1929-30

**Runners-Up:**  
1960-61

**Division Two Champions:**  
1899-1900, 1925-26, 1951-52, 1955-56, 1958-59

**Runners-Up:**  
1949-50, 1983-84

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**Division Three Promoted:**  
1979-80

**League One Play-Off Winners:**  
2004-05

**FA Cup Winners:**  
1896, 1907, 1935

**Runners-Up:**  
1890, 1966, 1993

**League Cup Winners:**  
1991

**Runners-Up:**  
1993



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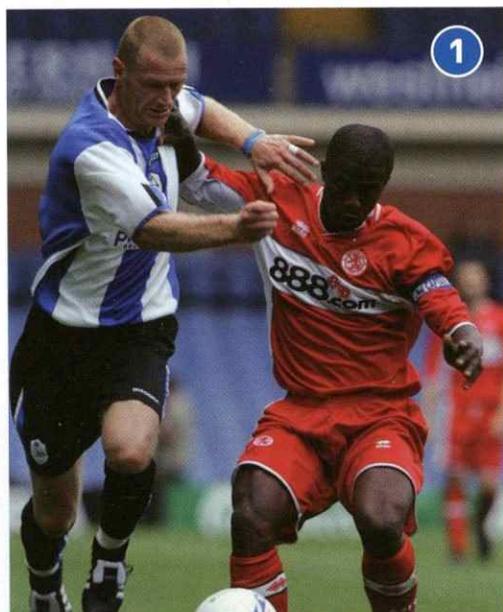


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Our pre-season friendly against Middlesbrough comes to the boil as Steven MacLean and Boro defender Seb Hines exchange warm words.

# MatchReview



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**Wednesday** v *Middlesbrough*  
 Kick Off: 3.00pm  
 Saturday 29th July 2006,  
**Hillsborough**

## SWFC 1-2 Middlesbrough

Wednesday were defeated by the odd goal in three against Gareth Southgate's side, despite former Boro trainee Chris Brunt twice striking the woodwork as well as scoring from the spot.

The Premiership outfit missed an early chance to get their noses in front when Chris Adamson guessed correctly to save Yakubu's 16th penalty spot kick, after the striker was ruled to have been pushed in the area by Graham Coughlan. However Boro did break the deadlock when Malcolm Christie finished well nine minutes before the break.

Brunt levelled from 12 yards in the 48th minute after Steven MacLean was fouled by Ray Parlour and the winger – having rattled the crossbar in the first half – struck the far post with a bending free-kick soon after. But the visitors weren't to be denied and Yakubu steered in the winner on the hour.

**Wednesday (4-4-1-1):** Adamson; Simek, Coughlan (Capt), Bougherra, Spurr (Hills 73); Bullen, Folly (McAllister 49), O'Brien (Whelan 45), Brunt; Lunt (MacLean 45); Burton. **Unused subs:** O'Donnell, Boden, McClements.

**Goal:** Brunt (pen) 48

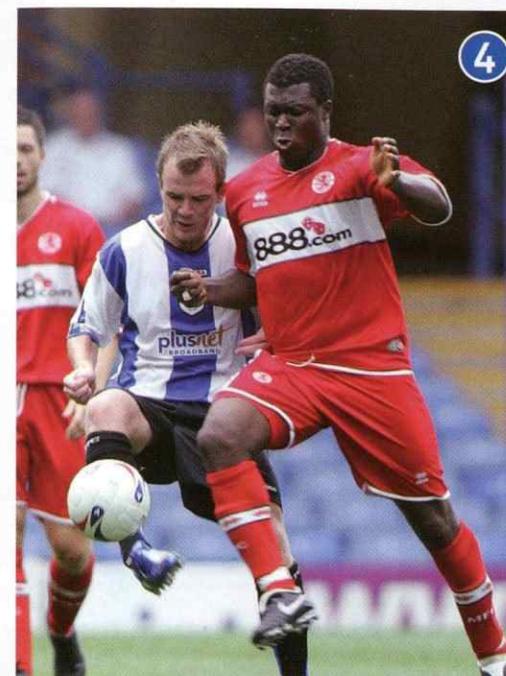
**Middlesbrough:** Turnbull, Parnaby (Williams 70), Arca (Goulton 76), Ehiogu (Hines 20), Bates, Cattermole (Walker 45), Boateng (Owens 82), Parlour, Yakubu, Christie, Taylor. **Unused sub:** Knight.

**Goal:** Christie 36, Yakubu 60



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## PictureCaptions



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1 Lee Bullen, playing on the right side of midfield, bursts past Boateng

2 Young left-back Spurr holds off the challenge of Boro scorer Yakubu

3 Madjid Bougherra leaves Boro midfield pair George Boateng (left) and Ray Parlour trailing in his wake

4 Substitute Glenn Whelan gets in on the action against Yakubu

5 Deon Burton and Tommy Spurr watch as Chris Brunt's curling free-kick strikes the far post



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## Marcus Tudgay

The Wednesday striker looks to get back from a pre-season accident that will doubtless be added high onto any future list of "Football's Freak Injuries".

**W**hile the Owls squad are getting themselves prepared for their first home match of the campaign against Luton Town this evening following on from Saturday's season opener at Deepdale, Marcus Tudgay is forced to play a waiting game.

The striker is sidelined after collecting a bizarre injury during pre-season, damaging his foot by stepping on a glass at a family barbecue just a few days after returning to training following the summer break.

up his fitness. That has meant spending time in the gym working on his strength and also getting stuck into the cardiovascular training he is able to do without risking damage to his foot. "I have seen the foot surgeon and he wants it to heal, so it is currently a waiting process," he said. "At the moment, I'm coming in and having treatment to massage the foot so it doesn't stiffen up. I'm also doing upper body weights and working to keep the lungs and heart going. "We'd been back in training for a week and

The enforced lay-off has only increased Tudgay's determination to build on last year's work - a term that saw him finish in good form with a vital headed goal against Norwich City and a final day strike at former club Derby County. His goal is to see the team climbing up the standings. "I want to score goals and we want to do better than last year, that's what we're going to work



*"It is one of those things that is part of football, though the physio said he'd never come across it before and it was a new one for me."*

His projected comeback date is in October and allowing time for the problem to heal up means that Marcus is restricted in terms of his training routine, being forced to simply do what he can to top

pre-season was going well. My fitness felt good but it is one of those things that is part of football, though the physio said he'd never come across it before and it was a new one for me."

towards achieving. We finished last season strongly, it was a good performance when I went back to Derby both for the team and myself. I want to carry that on and, as a team, we want to be up the table."

# The Nearly Men

*This season Jason Dickinson is chronicling the players who didn't quite make a competitive appearance for the Owls - but came close to doing so.*



David Billington

**DAVID BILLINGTON**

When the Owls paid Peterborough United £500,000 in March 1997 for David Billington they bought the services of an outstanding young talent who had yet to sign a professional contract with the Posh (he was tied to a one-year trainee contract having been on Norwich City's books as a schoolboy). The two-footed, stylish midfielder had appeared in seven

senior games for Peterborough - making his bow aged just 16 years, eight months and three days in a League Cup tie at Southampton in September 1996. He arrived at Hillsborough along with fellow teenager Mark McKeever; the pair having been recommended by David Pleat's backroom assistant Lil Fuccillo who had been assistant manager at Peterborough. Several clubs were said to be in the hunt

for Billington's signature but it was probably the Owls' offer of a lucrative five-year contract that persuaded the Oxford-born teenager to move north to Hillsborough. His debut came in the reserve home game against Birmingham City in April 1997 and such was his tender years that Billington would appear in over a dozen youth team fixtures over the next two seasons, whilst also making occasional second-string starts. Unfortunately his appearances at either level became more and more infrequent and sadly, for Wednesday and for Billington, injury would wreck his senior career - he was eventually forced to retire from professional football after making the Owls subs' bench on only one occasion - at home to Blackburn Rovers in a Division One fixture in August 2000. A month later he actually returned to Peterborough on loan but broke down in his final reserve team game and virtually admitted that a series of cruciate knee ligament problems had ended his hopes at senior level - he subsequently joined home town club Oxford City on a free transfer a few days later.

Any fans who were lucky enough to see Billington play were left in no doubt of his tremendous quality but during his time at Wednesday he would start only 17 reserve team games - he did enjoy the occasional

period of fitness (even winning an Eire U-21 cap against Greece on 24th April 2000) but returned home to Oxfordshire after having failed to make the hoped-for breakthrough into the big time. After gaining a semblance of fitness in semi-professional football - his knee could only withstand part-time training - he moved up the pyramid to sign for Southern League Premier Division club Banbury United in the summer of 2003. He was a regular for a season but, sadly, in 2004 pre-season training he suffered a severe cruciate knee ligament tear, which is believed to have ended his playing days.

**TOM ARMITAGE**

A 1920s utility defender whose brother, Len, played first team

football for Wednesday. Tom was a reserve regular at Wednesday for two seasons before he was seriously injured in a local cup-tie against Rotherham County on Christmas Day 1923. Tragically, although he was operated on immediately, he suffered a relapse and died on 30th December, aged just 24.

**RONNIE RADFORD**

Midfield player who was an amateur at Wednesday in the early 1960s but signed his first pro contract at Leeds United. He later played in non-league soccer and achieved nationwide fame when his incredible goal for Hereford United helped knocked the Geordies out of the FA Cup. The long-range

goal effectively launched the commentating career of John Motson and was voted 'goal of the season' on Match of the Day.

**LEN DUNERDALE**

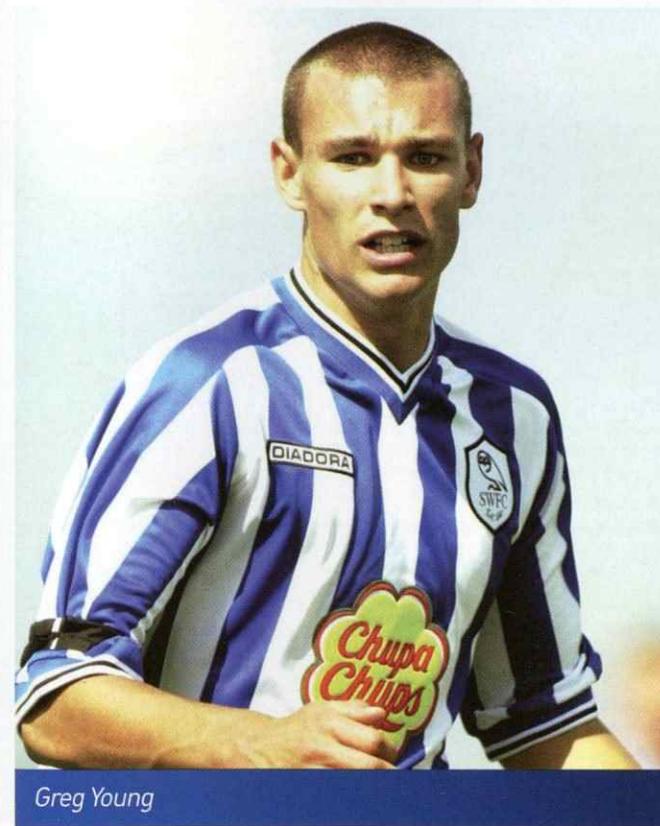
Len Dunderdale made a big impact in his early days at Wednesday, netting three hat tricks in a four-game spell at 'A' team level during the early part of the 1934-35 Yorkshire League campaign. However the powerful centre forward would make only a solitary reserve team appearance for the club and enjoyed greater success elsewhere, appearing in 109 league games for the likes of Walsall, Leeds United and Watford. He later scouted for the Hornets and while a player once netted seven times in a reserve team game while at Walsall.

**GREG YOUNG**

Released by Wednesday in the summer of 2002 after the club decided against offering the utility defender a professional contract. Grimsby Town duly signed him and after breaking into the Mariners first team the strapping six-footer became a regular in their first team squad, signing a new one-year contract in the summer of 2004. He dropped into Conference football at Halifax Town in 2005 and was in the side that reached play-off final in 2006.

**FRED MARLOW**

Fred Marlow was snatched by Arsenal from under the noses of Wednesday when he was signed from Hillsborough Boys Club. However he proved unable to break into the Arsenal team and after three years in the capital returned to Sheffield to sign for the Owls. Unfortunately his fortunes fared little better at Hillsborough and he was again confined to reserve team soccer before finally making a league bow while at Grimsby Town. He later added 24 appearances for York City to his CV before hanging up his boots.



Greg Young

# MEN IN BLACK SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

## SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY FC SPORTSMAN'S DINNER WITH REFEREE'S JEFF WINTER & KEVIN LYNCH AND TOP IMPRESSIONIST MIKE MAGUIRE THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST 2006

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**JEFF WINTER** - was a regular Premiership referee for nine seasons, before reaching the standard FA retirement age of 48. He had arrived in the top flight after a number of years as one of the country's top linesmen and spent six seasons as a Football League referee's assistant, before graduating to gain full control of matches. Amongst some of Jeff's major League appointments are Chelsea v Leeds Utd 6 times, Man Utd v Leeds Utd x 2 (including return of Rio), Man Utd v Arsenal (Cup tie from Hell, should have played it in Baghdad) and many more. Jeff now works with local and national TV, Radio and newspapers.

**KEVIN LYNCH** In May 2000 retired from refereeing Association Football after a career lasting 33 years. For the last 15 years, he officiated at Professional Level, the last 8 of which were spent as a Football League Referee. **KEVIN WAS PROBABLY THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL REFEREE SEEN IN THIS COUNTRY FOR MANY YEARS** During his career, he acted as Assistant Referee at the Semi-Finals of both the FA and Football League Cups, and amongst many appointments overseas as a FIFA Assistant Referee, the highlight was the 1992 UEFA Cup Final between Torino and Ajax. In 1999, Kevin was the Fourth Official at the Football League Centenary Challenge Match between Sunderland and Liverpool He officiated on 3 occasions at Wembley: 4th Official at the 1989 FA Charity Shield - Arsenal versus Liverpool; Assistant Referee at the 1992 4th Division Play-Off Final - Blackpool versus Scunthorpe United.

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# S6 Latest

## Match Day Ticket Restrictions For Owls Fans

**S**heffield Wednesday have been forced to accept restrictions on ticket sales in designated areas of the North and South stands, following concerns raised by the club's Safety Advisory Group and South Yorkshire Police.

The Owls have agreed not to sell tickets on match days in the three blocks towards the Leppings Lane end of both stands in a move to persuade the two bodies not to close the areas concerned. Around 500 seats at the end of the North Stand have been withdrawn from sale completely, with around 2,200 further seats across the two stands to be used only for existing season ticket holders and traceable club complementaries.

Owls operations manager Alan Roberts explained: "Last season we suffered from anti-social behaviour at that end of the North Stand on several occasions. The matter was brought to a head by the serious crowd issues at the Sheffield derby match."

After initially being faced with having to close the entire area to supporters, the club negotiated the new ticket sales arrangements, which affect only the areas concerned.

Mr Roberts added: "We are not entirely happy with the restrictions but we appreciate the necessity of some course

of action. We apologise to supporters affected but also recognise that this decision will benefit existing season ticket holders in the designated areas - they will doubtless be glad their Saturday afternoons will no longer be spoilt by this undesirable element."

South Yorkshire Police Superintendent Martin Hemingway said: "The response from Sheffield Wednesday to our concerns has been superb - this is a real safety issue needing positive action and that is what the club have done."

The club is aware that the people participating in this anti-social behaviour may attempt to relocate to other areas of the stadium - hence the closure of a similar part of the South Stand - but Mr Roberts

said: "These are the least-populated areas of the ground so it has been easy for unruly spectators to congregate there in the past. We will be stepping up our efforts to refuse admission to those involved where possible and all other areas of the ground are well populated with season ticket holders. Therefore it will be more difficult for large threatening groups to sit together and easier for police and stewards to deal with."

**\*Ticket restrictions come into effect immediately, starting with tonight's match at home to Luton Town. The areas in which tickets will no longer be sold on match days are: North Stand blocks T and South Stand blocks AA and FF. Tickets for all other parts of the ground will be available over the turnstiles as usual, subject to availability.**



## Trio Earn Pro Deals

**A**cademy youngsters Rory McArdle, Sean McAllister (pictured) and Tommy Spurr each agreed one-year professional contracts at Hillsborough over the summer.

Boss Paul Sturrock confirmed the promising trio will stay at the club after making their respective league debuts

during last season. Centre-back McArdle made 20 appearances for League Two outfit Rochdale, scoring once, in an eight-month spell at Spotland. Midfielder McAllister took his Owls bow as a substitute at Southampton and began the season-ending win at Derby, while defender Spurr started the final two matches of the season, against Reading and the Rams.



## brad to **be here**

**W**e are sure all Wednesdayites here this evening will give a warm Hillsborough reception to our new loan signing, Brad Jones.

The 24-year-old finally ended Paul Sturrock's long summer search for a goalkeeper on Friday when he put pen to paper on a three-month loan deal, making him available up to and including our match at home to Leicester City on November 4th.

Sturrock cited Jones' big-match

experience as a major factor in his signing and asked Owls fans not to make comparisons between the Aussie and former SWFC loanee Scott Carson. The gaffer said: "Brad has good presence and important experience - last season he played 16 Premiership games and two European ties. But I would ask fans to judge Brad by his own standards and not compare him to anyone else."

Jones says he jumped at the chance to get regular first-team football: "It didn't take long [to decide] when a big



club like this came in and I'm grateful to have the chance. Although I haven't played in many games, I've been involved in some big ones. Hopefully I can show what I can do."

## bantams move **for graham**

**W**ednesday striker David Graham has joined League One side Bradford City on loan following his successful spell with their neighbours Huddersfield Town at the end of last season.

The 27-year-old actually turned down a permanent move to Blackpool before opting to join the Valley Parade outfit for the remainder of 2006. Graham had notched nine goals in 18 outings while

on loan at the Terriers after enduring a difficult spell at Hillsborough since arriving one year ago. They reached the play-offs in League One after Graham formed a successful strike partnership with another former Owl, Andy Booth, but were beaten by eventual winners Barnsley. Before joining Wednesday, the Edinburgh product had spells with Rangers, Dunfermline and Torquay Utd scoring 45 goals in 98 League starts for the Gulls.



## our **special one**



**I**t's not exactly well documented that Paul Sturrock was once on the assessors' panel responsible for awarding coaching badges to the likes of current Chelsea chief Jose Mourinho.

And it's equally little known that the Wednesday boss helped to nudge the Special One from the top ten of the League Managers Association form table during the back end of last season! The table was devised three years ago, with the intention of managers from

each level of League football testing themselves against one another. Every competitive game counts towards an individual score, with extra points gained for better results away from home. Points for clean sheets and goals-scored also accumulate throughout the season. Last time out, thanks to our excellent run of form during the latter stages of the term, Sturrock finished the quarterly table in a very respectable ninth place from the whole country... while Jose was punted down to 15th. All together now: 'Who needs Mourinho....!!'

## simply **the best**

**O**ur congratulations are extended to SWFC club photographer Steve Ellis, who scooped the Sports Photographer of the Year prize at the Regional Press Awards this summer.

Steve, who has covered the Owls since 1976, travels hundreds of miles every season following the lads up

and down the country in pursuit of the super snaps published in our matchday programme and on the club's official website. His photos of the Owls' Millennium Stadium triumph in May 2005 were also compiled in the successful Kings of Cardiff book. For the record, this is the third time Steve has won the award and everyone at the club shares his delight once more.



Picture courtesy of Sheffield Newspapers.

## obituaries

### Alan Jennings

All at Sheffield Wednesday were sorry to hear of the passing of Alan Jennings, a long-standing supporter in the North Stand disabled enclosure, on July 26th.

### Albert Pell

The Owls were also extremely saddened to receive news that 86-year-old Albert Pell, a lifelong supporter, passed away on June 15th.

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of both Alan and Albert at this sad time.

## Congratulations



Happy 21st Birthday **Joseph!** Hope you have a great day, thanks for everything! Love Lydia and Ozzy. xx



Happy 18th Birthday **Abby.** Love from Mum, Dad, all the family, Joey, Ruby, Hannah and Ashley. xxx



Happy 2nd Birthday to **Jack Hackleton.** Love from Mummy, Daddy, Nannan, Grandad, Auntie Angela and Uncle Jez.



Happy 2nd Birthday **Joel Ryan Fox** for August 9th. All our love from Mummy, Daddy and big brother Sam. xxx



Meet the Bramley Boyz. Twins **Redford and Rowan**, four months. Live in Northallerton and are Wednesday's latest young guns!



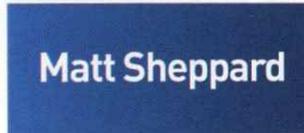
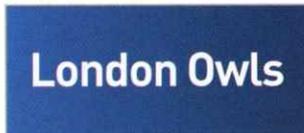
Two new SWFC supporters, **Rhys and Riley Davies**, became Junior Owls members at seven hours old on Thursday 20 July.



Happy 12th Birthday **Jade Goodwin.** Lots of love from Mum, Billy, Grandma, Grandad, Big Sister Leah and Heyman, Have a great day.

# Academy Patrons 06-07

We would like to thank the following Patrons of the Sheffield Wednesday academy:



## Reserves Round Up

Wednesday will be aiming to emulate their achievements of last season at reserve level this time around, with the Pontin's Holidays League programme due to start in a week's time. The Owls won Division One central last season only to lose out to Doncaster Rovers in the play-offs and they will remain in the same division this campaign, although a number of their opponents will be new to the division. The reserves start their programme against Stoke City at Hillsborough next Tuesday - 15 August - and over

the season will face Barnsley, Birmingham City, Bradford City, Huddersfield Town, Leeds United, Nottingham Forest, Port Vale, Shrewsbury Town, Walsall and West Bromwich Albion. Meanwhile the draw for the Pontin's Holidays League Cup has pitted Wednesday against Huddersfield, Rotherham United and WBA. The Owls will travel to Rotherham in the week beginning 25 September and to WBA in the last week of November, while entertaining Town in the week beginning 23 October.



Owls reserves skipper Chris Adamson receives the Division One Central spoils from Pontins League president and former Owls director Ernest Barron.

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## Ladies Round Up

After suffering relegation the previous campaign, the SWFC Ladies narrowly missed out on promotion last term, finishing two points shy of elevation from the Northern Combination. So the brief this time out for boss Christine McCann is clear - gaining top-flight status back. "We always knew last season would be a learning curve for us," says the Wednesday chief. "Unfortunately we fell short in the later stages. But the players really gelled and we are determined to win promotion this season." The squad has been bolstered by the addition of several new recruits: Shelley Donohue and

Sarah Hobson from Leeds United, Michelle Wyles from Raith Rovers, Rachel Skeemer from Chesterfield and Lisa Sandys has returned from Liverpool. Jo Torr and Laura Humphries coming back from long-term injury will also give McCann a boost. "Pre-season has gone ever so well, the girls are working harder than ever," Christine continues. "The competition for places has added an extra edge. We have friendlies coming up against two of the top teams in the country - Doncaster Belles and Leeds - and that will help us see if the hard summer work has paid off."



Wednesday Ladies are going for promotion in 2006-07

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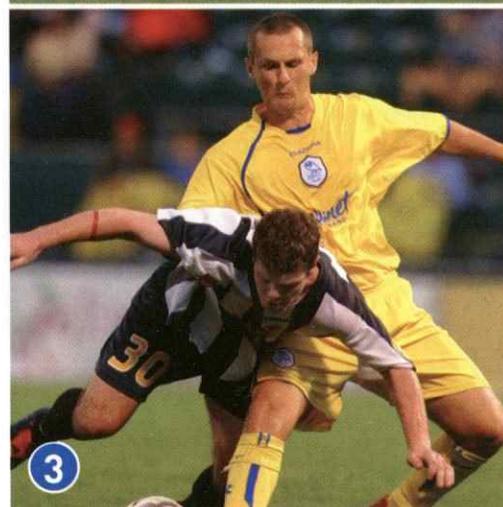
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Rochester Rhinos v **Wednesday**  
 Kick Off: 8.05pm  
 Saturday 22nd July 2006  
**PAETEC Park**

## Wilmington 0 - 2 SWFC

The USA tour ended with victory as Steven MacLean grabbed a brace to sink Rochester Raging Rhinos, sending the Owls back across the Atlantic unbeaten.

The Scot struck his first goals from open play since his return from a broken leg, finding the target either side of half-time.

His first came after determined work from Madjid Bougherra, who won two tackles allowing MacLean to angle a shot across the keeper into the top corner. He also struck a post in the first-half before netting his second 14 minutes from time, converting at the far upright from Tommy Spurr's deep cross.

The Owls also used a 3-1-4-2 to good effect before the interval, switching to a more familiar 4-4-2 in the second period.

**Rochester (4-4-2):** Vallow (Hannigan 45), Taylor (Sanfilippo 45), Bonseu, Palguta, Craft; Dombrowski (Lines 45), Ambersley (Bolton 45) Steele, Ball (Kramer 45); Gbeka (Delicate 45), Edozien (Martinez 45). **Unused subs:** Menyongar.

**Wednesday (3-1-4-2):** Adamson; Coughlan, Simek, Spurr; Bougherra (McAllister 83); Bullen, Lunt (Folly 62), Whelan, Brunt (O'Brien 69); MacLean, Burton (Boden 86). **Unused subs:** O'Donnell.

**Goal:** MacLean 10, 76

## PictureCaptions

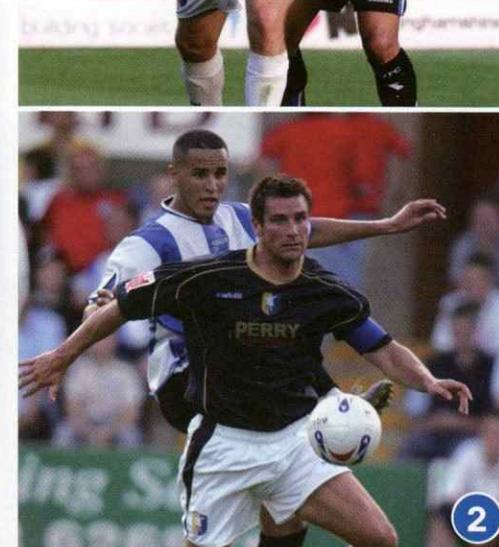
- 1 The brand new 13,500 capacity PAETEC Park, home of the Rochester Rhinos
- 2 Goal creator Madjid Bougherra shrugs off the challenge of Rhinos 26, Nate Craft
- 3 Fellow former Crewe man Kenny Lunt in the thick of the midfield tussle against Mike Ambersley

\*Pictures courtesy of Rochester Rhinos and 20 Toe Photo.

# MatchReview



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Mansfield v **Wednesday**  
 Kick Off: 7.30pm  
 Wednesday 26th July 2006,  
**Field Mill**

## Mansfield 4-0 SWFC

The Owls suffered a shock on their return to English soil with a heavy reversal at Field Mill, after a late Stags goal blitz.

Wednesday came close through Steven MacLean and Lee Bullen but were on the back foot after former SWFC trainee Richie Barker netted a 23rd minute penalty after Deon Burton pushed ex-Owl Matt Hamshaw in the area.

Chris Adamson made a number of smart stops to repel the hosts before Steven Dawson put the knife into the Owls, breaking free to fire past Adamson with 12 minutes left on the watch, and Barker claimed his second with a header six minutes from time.

A miserable night was capped off when Jonathan D'Laryea pounced to score after Wednesday failed to clear their lines.

**Mansfield (4-3-3):** Muggleton; Mullins, Hjelde (Buxton 64), John-Baptiste, Jelleyman; Hamshaw (Beardsley 85), D'Laryea, Coke (Dawson 72); Brown (Reet 83), Barker (Lloyd 85), Boulding (Birchall 67).

**Goal:** Barker 23 (pen), 84; Dawson 78, D'Laryea 88

**Wednesday (4-4-2):** Adamson, Simek, Coughlan, Bougherra (Spurr 59), Bullen; Brunt, Lunt (McAllister 74), Folly, O'Brien (Whelan 59); MacLean, Burton (Graham 59). **Unused subs:** O'Donnell, McArdle, Boden.

## PictureCaptions

- 1 Former Owl Matthew Hamshaw shields the ball from Deon Burton, who fouled the winger for the penalty opener
- 2 Double-scorer Richie Barker holds off Madjid Bougherra's challenge
- 3 Lee Bullen climbs above Hamshaw, watched by Graham Coughlan

Player Interview

# Lee Bullen

The Owls' club captain explains why he was happy to accept the offer of a new one-year Hillsborough contract.



**Once more, this close season saw fan-power play its part in Lee Bullen's decision to pen a one-year deal with the Owls.**

Lee signed a new contract for the second successive summer after helping SWFC retain the Championship status earned by promotion in 2004-05. The popular Scot confesses that the two-way regard between the supporters and himself played a major part in his remaining at

states. "In me, I think they know they don't have a Ronaldinho on their hands but someone who'll give 110 per cent every week. Sometimes they appreciate that first and foremost, then it's down to the ability players to take you forward.

"It is a team game and everyone has their strengths. We also have a very young squad so having older lads can help younger players along, as we can absorb some of the

his foot on the first rung of the coaching ladder also played an instrumental role in that decision.

"Kerry was happy enough to go with it and understands the situation - the years are ticking by. The playing side is first and foremost but, as you get older, you aspire to stay in the game. I knew that if everyone was fit and on form, I probably wouldn't be first choice, although that can change.

"I asked, if I was in that situation, whether there'd be a chance of me getting involved with the academy with the coaching side of things as I'm doing my UEFA 'A' licence. The fact the manager wanted me to stay meant I was

happy to make the decision."



*"I have always had a good rapport with the fans. That was part and parcel of my staying last summer and it was the same this year."*

Hillsborough to supply his experience to what is a youthful Wednesday squad.

"I have always had a good rapport with the fans. That was part and parcel of my staying last summer and it was the same this year," he

pressure." The Owls club captain lives away from his family home in Scotland while on Wednesday duty, therefore he and his wife Kerry had to come to agreement over his staying at S6. Bullen also reveals that the prospect of getting

## Ticket Prices

### LEAGUE MATCHES ONLY

**Windsor Foodservice South Stand**  
Pre-matchday £24 adults, £14 concessions  
Matchday £25 adults, £15 concessions

**Sheffield Assay Office North Stand**  
Pre-matchday £22 adults, £13 concessions  
Matchday £23 adults, £14 concessions

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Pre-matchday £19 adults, £10 concessions  
Matchday £20 adults, £10 concessions

**Family Enclosure\***  
Pre-matchday £19 adults, £10 concessions  
Matchday £20 adults, £10 concessions

\*Note: the Family Enclosure is a members-only area. Non-members are required to pay a £3 matchday membership.



## Ticket Information

### OPENING HOURS

Mon-Fri 9.00-5.00  
Sat 9.00-12.00.  
On matchdays the ticket office is open until kick-off, then for 30 minutes after the game. On the morning following a midweek match it opens at 10.00am.

### CONTACT DETAILS

Tel: 0870 999 1867 (option 2).  
Fax: 0114 221 2401.  
Address: Sheffield Wednesday FC Ltd, Hillsborough, Sheffield, S6 1SW.

### PAYMENT

We accept cash, cheques (made payable to 'SWFC Ltd'), postal orders and major credit cards. Our preferred credit card is the Sheffield Wednesday MasterCard which offers fans the option to pay for their season ticket interest free over six months. Owls MasterCard holders pay no booking fee when purchasing match tickets and benefit from away ticket priority and monthly free prize draws.

### TICKET STUBS

Where tickets for away matches are in short supply we may prioritise fans who have attended designated matches earlier in the season. Therefore we advise supporters to keep all ticket stubs, especially from away games.

### PRIORITY BOOKING

Fans should note that where ticket priority is requested it is one ticket per season ticket/membership/Owls Mastercard/Owls Foundation.

## Next up at Hillsborough



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Wednesday's generally promising recent record against Burnley has been under-mined by their inability to beat the Clarets in any of their last three Hillsborough meetings. Away it's a different story however, with the Owls running out winners on their last three visits to Turf Moor including the 7-2 thumping in 2003.

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Steve Cotterill did well to add former Blades striker Andy Gray and mercurial midfielder Alan Mahon, from Wigan, to his squad at the end of last season and his team ended a dismal run of six losses to finish two points ahead of the Owls.

Over the summer Burnley recruited defender Stephen Foster from Crewe, who will find himself up against former teammates Madjid Bougherra and Kenny Lunt at Hillsborough on Saturday.

The Owls will have to keep a watchful eye on forward Gifton Noel-Williams and with experienced defenders like Frank Sinclair and Jon Hartley, the Clarets will be a tough side to break down.

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### Saturday's Opponents - Burnley

#### They need to improve their away form this season don't they?

Certainly do. Not a single side in the Championship suffered more defeats on the road than Burnley last time out. Thankfully, the Clarets boasted a very healthy return in front of their own supporters and that effectively saw off any lingering threat of relegation.

#### So selling their top scorer to the Blades had an adverse effect?

Yes. Burnley entered into something of a goal drought once Adi Akinbiyi was sacrificed in the January transfer window. Ironically, boss Steve Cotterill will be looking for goals this season from a former Blade - Andy Gray, who Burnley have bought on a permanent basis from Sunderland under the conditions of an initial loan deal brokered back in March.

#### Don't the Owls have an impressive recent record against Burnley?

You could say that, particularly across the Pennines at their Turf Moor home, where Wednesday have won each of their last three encounters. At home the Owls have won 25 of their 45 meetings with the Clarets in all competitions.



Sheffield Wednesday's Chris Brunt and Burnley's Graham Branch battle for the ball



### Ticket info...



**Match:** Burnley  
**Venue:** Hillsborough  
**Date:** Saturday 12 August  
**Kick-off:** 3.00pm  
**On sale dates:** Now on general sale



**Match:** Plymouth Argyle  
**Venue:** Home Park  
**Date:** Saturday 19 August  
**Kick-off:** 3.00pm  
**On sale dates:**  
**Members with ID cards and Owls Foundation members:** NOW  
**Owls MasterCard holders:**  
Wednesday 9 August  
**General sale:** Friday 11 August  
**Prices:** Adult £22; Students with NUS and Over-65's £15; Under 16s £6  
**Inter City Owl departs:** 7.00am.  
**Prices:** Adult members £25;  
Junior members £23; Non members £28



**Match:** Wrexham (Carling Cup)  
**Venue:** Hillsborough  
**Date:** Wednesday 23 August  
**Kick-off:** 7.45pm  
**On sale dates:** Now on general sale  
Season ticket holders have until 5pm on Monday 14 August to claim their usual seat  
**Prices:** Adult £10; Concessions £5



**\*Note - the Grandstand will be closed for this game. Cup tie season ticket holders in the Grandstand will be contacted regarding relocation**



**Match:** Leeds United (Sky)  
**Venue:** Hillsborough  
**Date:** Sunday 27 August  
**Kick-off:** 1.15pm  
**On sale dates:** Now on general sale



# SWFC Community Programme



## SWFC V LUTON

Welcome to tonight's game.

During the past few months lots of changes have taken place within FITC. Julian Winter left to take up a similar role at Watford FC. Steven Taylor was promoted to Community Officer. Steve Adams (pic on ISDN) - 'Ado', as he is affectionately known, left recently. Ado was employed by FITC for nine years and oversaw many changes within the organisation. He had a heart of gold and would help anyone and worked tirelessly on behalf of SWFC. Whenever a group from any walk of life had spent time with him at the club they were always full of praise for his enthusiasm and his efforts in making their experience an enjoyable and fulfilling one. From playing Father Xmas, serving food at the old folk's home and visiting sick children Ado would always be the first to volunteer. Ado is a fantastic coach and a person who brought laughter and fun to and everyone. I would personally like to thank him for all his efforts wish him all the very best for the future.



## HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN 4 ALL

SWFC Community Programme will be delivering a busy programme of "Holiday Football Fun 4 All" during the summer holiday period. The courses are open to all ability levels and provide professional coaching in excellent settings for children to enjoy the game of football and develop their skills.

### TIMES AND DATES

Dates	Venue	Time	Price	Age	Open To
24/7 to 1/9	Training Ground	10am to 3pm	£45.00	6 to 13**	Mixed
31/7 to 4/8 14/8 to 18/8 29/8 to 1/9	HSBC Sports Ground - Dore	10am to 3pm	£45.00	6 to 13	Mixed
24/7 to 28/7 7/8 to 11/8 21/8/25/8	Workshop Leisure Centre	10am to 3pm	£45.00	6 to 13	Mixed
Until 25/8	Goals Soccer Centre	10am to 3pm	£30.00	6 to 13	Mixed
29/8 to 31/8	SWFC Sports Hall	10am to 12pm 1pm to 3pm	£5.00 £5.00	4 to 7 8 to 11	Mixed Multi Sport Sessions

**\*PLEASE NOTE - CHILDREN ATTENDING THE CAMP AT THE GOODWIN SPORTS CENTRE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN TENNIS/CLIMBING WALL/STREET DANCE AND AEROBICS ON SELECTED DAYS**

\*\* Childcare facilities are available for the courses at the Training Ground - for children aged 8 to 13, charged at £5.00 per day. The facility enables parents to drop off their children at SWFC Sports Hall at 8am and collect at 6pm. You can ring the Community Office on 0114 221 2215 or email: community@sheffieldwednesday.co.uk for details and a booking form.

## AFTER SCHOOL - FOOTBALL FUN 4 ALL

ALL SESSIONS ARE NOW FINISHED UNTIL SEPTEMBER

## BIRTHDAY FOOTBALL FUN 4 ALL

The SWFC Community Programme operates a range of birthday party opportunities for boys and girls. Parties include football coaching, fun games, competitions, prizes and lots more. Different packages are available. Please ring the Community Office on 0114 221 2215 - to book a party or receive the information regarding all the birthday offers.



## NON MATCH DAY SATURDAY CLUB

The club takes place in SWFC Sports Hall between 10am and 12.00noon on every Saturday when SWFC are NOT at home - for 6 to 11 year olds - £3.50 per week.

**Please ring - 0114 221 2215 - to receive a booking form or register.**

**Marcus Brameld - Community Manager**



## MCDONALD'S MATCHDAY CLUB RESTARTS V BURNLEY

To book a place please contact the Community office on 0114 221 2215.

## COMING SOON - STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Mini Owls - taster sessions for children aged 3-5 - for further details contact Steve on 221 2013

## REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

### SWFC ABILITY COUNTS CLUB

The Sheffield Wednesday Ability Counts Club provides football opportunities for people with special needs and disabilities. For more information contact Ryan Smith at the Community Office on - 0114 221 2215.



### STUDY SUPPORT CENTRE - PUPIL PROFILE

**Name:** Kristyna  
**Age:** 10  
**School:** Hallam  
**Class:** 5H  
**Favourite subject:** Maths, P.E.  
**Favourite footballer:** Wayne Rooney  
**Favourite team:** Wednesday

**Favourite music:** Hip Hop  
**About me:** My hobby is playing football. I have an older sister called Michaela and a baby sister called Nellie.  
**What activities do you enjoy at the Study Centre:** We play great games and I can't wait for the tour of the ground.

## SODA

SWFC now has a well established disabled supporters club, SODA (Sheffield Owls Disabled Association). The group has been created with its own constitution and clear aims and objectives to enhance the experience of disabled supporters at SWFC

Anyone interested in being part of SODA should contact Pauline Bronks at SWFC on 0870 999 1867.

## TODAY'S MASCOT



**Name:** Stefan Payne  
**Age:** 7  
**School:** Catcliffe Primary  
**Favourite players:** Lee Bullen, Marcus Tudgay, Deon Burton  
**Hobbies:** Playing Football, swimming, watching Sheffield Wednesday

## OUR MASCOT AT PRESTON



**Name:** Jack Crisp  
**Age:** 11  
**School:** Wisewood Primary School  
**Favourite players:** Chris Brunt  
**Hobbies:** Football, golf

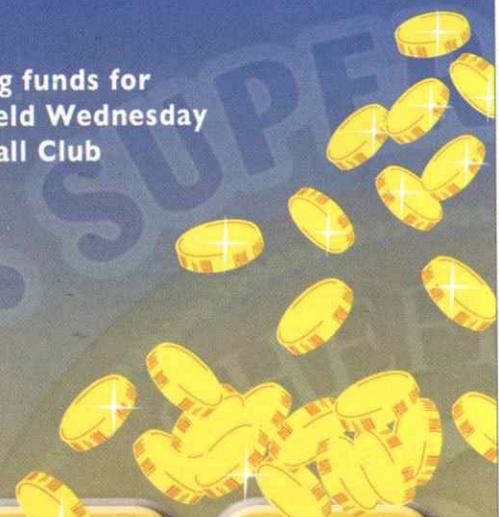


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ASSISTANT ACADEMY MANAGER: Neville Burbeary

Kyle Jordan

## The Apprentice

Our youth academy profile this week is of 17-year-old striker Kyle Jordan.



**Date and place of birth:**  
15/09/88 - Sheffield

**Age joined SWFC:** 16

**How did you come to join SWFC?:**  
A scout came to watch me playing for my school

**Previous clubs (if any):** None

**Position:** Centre forward

**Club supported as a boy:**  
Sheffield Wednesday

**Boyhood footballing hero:** David Hirst, he was doing what I've always wanted to do

**Favourite player in your position:**  
Wayne Rooney

**Your biggest strengths as a player:**  
Running into the channels and at defenders

**Main areas of game to work upon:**  
Holding the ball up and heading

**What is your usual pre-match meal?:** Beans on toast

**What is your favourite TV show?:**  
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**Which three people living or dead would you invite to dinner?**  
John Terry, Kiefer Sutherland and Glenn McGrath (pictured right)

**Hobbies away from football:**  
Cricket, snooker and driving

**Most memorable moment of your career so far and why:** The last-minute winner for the reserves against Sheffield United. It was my first ever game at Hillsborough and the goal was at the Kop end where I used to sit

**Biggest influence on your career and why:** Probably my dad, I'd never have been able to play without him helping with transport etc.

**Main ambition in your career:**  
To play in the SWFC first team

**Where you will be in ten years' time:**  
Still at Wednesday, back in the Premiership



### Latest Action

**Wednesday 26 July**  
Rotherham United  
**WEDNESDAY**

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**Friday 28 July**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Hull City

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Owls academy manager Sean McAuley felt there was plenty to learn

from these heavy pre-season friendly defeats. Wednesday fielded a large number of trialists, giving McAuley the opportunity to assess whether they had the potential to make the grade. He said: "These games gave us an opportunity to play all the trialists we've been looking at, so the results were of very little importance. It was a case of seeing how fit the trialists were and whether or not they could fit in with our scholars - this proved a good assessment."

# OWLS AGAINST RACISM

## OAR mission statement...

**"SWFC opposes racism in all its forms and will actively seek to involve all communities in the life of the Club"**

Owls Against Racism (OAR) is a steering group set up with the following agreed aims & objectives -

- To advise SWFC on anti racism and anti discrimination policy.
- To advise SWFC in the monitoring of its anti racism and anti discrimination policy, procedures and training.
- To encourage more people (especially children) of ethnic minority background to play football.
- To encourage more people (especially children) of ethnic minority background to watch football.
- To develop closer links between SWFC and ethnic minority communities.
- To encourage more people of ethnic minority background to become interested in and support SWFC
- To encourage more people of ethnic minority background to utilise the facilities at SWFC.
- To utilise the game of football as a vehicle for improvements, for people of ethnic background, in education, health and social inclusion.
- To promote inclusive football initiatives to all regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or ability.
- To ensure that issues of racism become an 'everybody' issue.

Contact Marcus Brameld (Community Manager) on 0114 221 2152 to find out more about the group and how you can make a difference.

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Leon Barnett (left)



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### Championship 2006/07

	P	W	L	D	F	A	PTS
Burnley	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Luton Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
WBA	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Birmingham	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Cardiff City	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Coventry City	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Crystal Palace	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Leeds United	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Southend	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Derby County	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Southampton	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Plymouth	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Wolves	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Preston	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Barnsley	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Colchester	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Ipswich Town	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Sunderland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Norwich City	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Stoke City	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Hull City	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Leicester City	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
QPR	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

### Reserves Fixtures 2006/07

Date	Opposition	Score
Tue 15 Aug	Stoke City	H
Mon 21 Aug	Barnsley	A
Tue 29 Aug	Nottingham Forest	A
Tue 5 Sep	Walsall	H
Mon 18 Sep	Birmingham City	A
<b>Wed 27 Sep</b>	<b>League Cup 1</b>	
Tue 3 Oct	Port Vale (2.00)	H
Tue 10 Oct	Shrewsbury Town (2.00)	H
Wed 18 Oct	Leeds United	A
<b>Wed 25 Oct</b>	<b>League Cup 2</b>	
Tue 7 Nov	West Bromwich Albion (2.00)	H
Tue 14 Nov	Bradford City (2.00)	A
Tue 21 Nov	Huddersfield Town (2.00)	H
Wed 29 Nov	League Cup 3	
Wed 6 Dec	Walsall (2.00)	A
Tue 12 Dec	Nottingham Forest (2.00)	H
Wed 10 Jan	Stoke City (2.00)	A
Tue 23 Jan	Barnsley (2.00)	H
Wed 31 Jan	League Cup QF	
Mon 5 Feb	Port Vale	A
<b>Wed 21 Feb</b>	<b>Birmingham City</b>	<b>H</b>
Mon 5 Mar	Shrewsbury Town	A
Tue 20 Mar	Leeds United	H
<b>Wed 28 Mar</b>	<b>League Cup SF</b>	
Mon 2 Apr	West Bromwich Albion	A
Tue 10 Apr	Bradford City	H
Wed 25 Apr	Huddersfield Town	A

All matches kick off at 7.00pm unless stated  
Admission is free to home matches - children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Reserves Table 2005/06

Division One Central	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wednesday	18	10	5	3	26	13	35
Huddersfield Town	18	10	4	4	24	16	34
Oldham Athletic	18	9	5	4	29	17	32
Sheffield United A	18	9	3	6	42	28	30
Nottingham Forest	18	6	5	7	34	27	23
Stoke City	18	7	2	9	22	30	23
Barnsley	18	6	4	8	26	33	22
Walsall	18	6	3	9	29	41	21
Rotherham United	18	3	8	7	26	30	17
Bradford City	18	3	3	12	19	42	12

### Championship Quickest Goals 2006-07

Player	Time
Leon Barnett (Luton v Leicester)	8 mins
Freddie Eastwood (Southend v Stoke)	14 mins
Joe Ledley (Cardiff v Barnsley)	19 mins
Steven Thompson (Cardiff v Barnsley)	22 mins

### Under 18's Fixtures 2006/07

Date	Opposition	Score
Sat 19 Aug	Crystal Palace	H
Sat 26 Aug	Chelsea	A
Sat 2 Sep	West Bromwich Albion	H
Sat 9 Sep	Manchester City	A
Sat 16 Sep	Crewe Alexandra	H
Sat 23 Sep	Leeds United	H
Sat 30 Sep	Sheffield United	A
Sat 7 Oct	Sunderland	H
Sat 14 Oct	Middlesbrough	A
Sat 21 Oct	Barnsley	H
Sat 4 Nov	Huddersfield Town	A
Sat 11 Nov	Newcastle United	H
Sat 18 Nov	Nottingham Forest	H
Sat 2 Dec	Derby County	A
Sat 9 Dec	Middlesbrough	H
Sat 6 Jan	Barnsley	A
Sat 13 Jan	Huddersfield Town	H
Sat 20 Jan	Newcastle United	A
Sat 3 Feb	Nottingham Forest	A
Sat 10 Feb	Derby County	H
Sat 17 Feb	Leeds United	A
Sat 24 Feb	Sheffield United	H
Sat 3 Mar	Sunderland	A
Sat 10 Mar	Stoke City	H
Sat 17 Mar	Liverpool	A
Sat 24 Mar	Blackburn Rovers	H
Sat 14 Apr	Everton	A
Sat 21 Apr	Bolton Wanderers	A

All matches kick off at 11am unless stated - home games at Middlewood Road. All fixtures are subject to change, sometimes at late notice.

### Under 18's Table 2005/06

Division One Central	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby County	28	16	7	5	49	26	55
Leeds United	28	16	5	7	51	26	53
Newcastle United	28	12	5	11	37	37	41
Nottingham Forest	28	9	7	12	32	34	34
Sunderland	28	10	4	13	31	37	34
Middlesbrough	28	9	6	13	33	48	33
Sheffield United	28	8	8	12	32	40	32
Barnsley	28	7	7	14	22	42	28
Wednesday	28	7	4	17	29	55	25
Huddersfield Town	28	5	6	17	26	60	21

### Championship Highest Attendances 2006-07

Player	Attendance
Ipswich v Crystal Palace	25,413
Birmingham v Colchester	24,238
Leeds v Norwich	22,417
Coventry v Sunderland	22,366
Derby v Southampton	21,939

### Ladies Fixtures 2006/07

Date	Opposition	Score
Sun 3 Sep	South Durham Royals	H
Sun 10 Sep	Leeds City Wivens	A
Sun 17 Sep	Blackpool Wren Rovers	A
Sun 24 Sep	Doncaster Parklands	H
Sun 1 Oct	Scunthorpe United	A
Sun 8 Oct	Chester City	H
Sun 15 Oct	Hull City	A
Sun 22 Oct	Caernarfon Town	H
Sun 5 Nov	Stretford Victoria	H
Sun 19 Nov	Middlesbrough	A
Sun 26 Nov	Peterlee Town	H
Sun 3 Dec	South Durham Royals	A
Sun 10 Dec	Leeds City Wivens	H
Sun 17 Dec	Blackpool Wren Rovers	H
Sun 7 Jan	Doncaster Parklands	A
Sun 14 Jan	Scunthorpe United	H
Sun 21 Jan	Chester City	A
Sun 28 Jan	Hull City	H
Sun 4 Feb	Caernarfon Town	A
Sun 11 Feb	Stetford Victoria	A
Sun 18 Feb	Middlesbrough	H
Sun 25 Feb	Peterlee Town	A

Games kick off at 2.00pm at Bawtry Road, Sheffield

### Ladies Table 2005/06

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Preston North End	20	17	1	2	52
Leeds City Wivens	20	17	1	2	52
Wednesday	19	14	2	3	44
Chester-le-Street	18	9	1	8	28
Caernarfon Town	17	9	0	8	27
Blackpool Wren Rovers	19	7	4	8	25
Chester City	18	7	2	9	23
Scunthorpe United	19	5	4	10	19
South Durham Royals	18	5	0	13	15
Doncaster Parkland Rovers	20	3	2	15	11
Garswood Saints	18	1	1	16	4

**Brad Jones** **01**



Position Goalkeeper  
Height 6ft 3" Weight 12st 3lbs  
D.O.B 19/02/82 Armadale (AUS)  
Date Signed 04/08/06 from Middlesbrough (loan)  
Other Clubs Stockport, Blackpool (both loan)  
SWFC Career Apps 1 Goals 0

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**Lee Bullen** **02**



Position Defender  
Height 6ft 1" Weight 12st 7lbs  
D.O.B 29/03/71 - Edinburgh  
Date Signed 01/07/04 from Dunfermline  
Other Clubs Meadowbank Thistle, Steinhilfshaus, Kalamata (IRE), Kulan, South China, Golden A'Fall HK, Shanmire and Wollongong (both AUS)  
SWFC Career Apps 83 Goals 7

Matthew Ensor  
Revive - Broomhill

**Peter Gilbert** **03**



Position Defender  
Height 5ft 11" Weight 12st 13lbs  
D.O.B 31/07/83 - Newcastle  
Date Signed 25/11/05 from Leicester City  
Other Clubs Plymouth Argyle  
SWFC Career Apps 14 Goals 0

James, Robert and Laura Pennington  
John Nicholson Auctioneers

**Kenny Lunt** **04**



Position Midfielder  
Height 5ft 9" Weight 11st  
D.O.B 20/11/79 - Runcorn  
Date Signed 01/07/06 from Crewe Alex  
Other Clubs -  
SWFC Career Apps 0 Goals 0

Owlsonline.com - The Fans Forum  
'Buttyman' - Kilner Way

**Graham Coughlan** **05**



Position Defender  
Height 6ft 2" Weight 13st 7lbs  
D.O.B 18/07/74 - Dublin (IRE)  
Date Signed 11/07/05 from Plymouth  
Other Clubs Livingston, Swindon Town (loan), Blackburn Rovers  
SWFC Career Apps 37 Goals 5

The Royal  
London Owls

**Glenn Whelan** **06**



Position Midfielder  
Height 5ft 10" Weight 11st 4lbs  
D.O.B 13/01/84 - Dublin  
Date Signed 01/07/04 from Man City  
Other Clubs Bury (loan)  
SWFC Career Apps 89 Goals 5

Tom Culley  
Tom Culley

**Marcus Tudgay** **07**



Position Striker  
Height 5ft 9" Weight 11st 7lbs  
D.O.B 03/02/83 - Shoreham  
Date Signed 01/01/06 from Derby County  
Other Clubs -  
SWFC Career Apps 19 Goals 5

Peter Bland Opticians  
CTW Hardfacing

**Burton O'Brien** **08**



Position Midfielder  
Height 5ft 10" Weight 11st 9lbs  
D.O.B 10/06/81 - South Africa  
Date Signed 14/07/05 from Livingston  
Other Clubs St Mirren, Blackburn Rovers  
SWFC Career Apps 48 Goals 2

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Sheffield Assay Office

**Steven MacLean** **09**



Position Striker  
Height 5ft 11" Weight 12st 6lbs  
D.O.B 23/08/82 - Edinburgh  
Date Signed 07/07/04 - Rangers  
Other Clubs Scunthorpe United (loan)  
SWFC Career Apps 48 Goals 22

David Johnson Ventilation  
Specsavers

**Deon Burton** **10**



Position Striker  
Height 5ft 10" Weight 11st 9lbs  
D.O.B 25/10/75 - Ashford  
Date Signed 01/01/06 from Rotherham  
Other Clubs Portsmouth, Derby, Brentford. Plus loans at Cardiff, Barnsley, Stoke, Walsall, Swindon  
SWFC Career Apps 17 Goals 3

Amelia Wainwright  
Phil Cracknell

**Chris Brunt** **11**



Position Midfielder  
Height 6ft 1" Weight 13st 4lbs  
D.O.B 14/12/84 - Belfast  
Date Signed 02/03/04 from Middlesbrough  
Other Clubs -  
SWFC Career Apps 106 Goals 14

Bethany Wainwright  
Sheffield Assay Office

**Steve Adams** **12**



Position Midfielder  
Height 6ft Weight 12st 3lb  
D.O.B 25/09/80 - Plymouth  
Date Signed 09/03/05 from Plymouth  
Other Clubs -  
SWFC Career Apps 18 Goals 0

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Isabell & Lucas Beardsall

**John Hills** **14**



Position Defender  
Height 5ft 9" Weight 12st 8lbs  
D.O.B 21/04/78 - Blackpool  
Date Signed 28/06/05 from Gillingham  
Other Clubs Blackpool, Everton, Swansea City (loan)  
SWFC Career Apps 30 Goals 0

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**Wade Small** **15**



Position Midfielder  
Height 5ft 7" Weight 11st  
D.O.B 23/04/84 - Croydon  
Date Signed 01/07/06 from MK Dons  
Other Clubs -  
SWFC Career Apps 1 Goals 0

Tim & Oliver Wardman  
Sheffield Assay Office

**Richard Wood** **16**



Position Defender  
Height 6ft 3" Weight 12st 13lbs  
D.O.B 05/07/85 - Ossett  
Date Signed Trainee  
Other Clubs -  
SWFC Career Apps 91 Goals 4

Mick Ransford  
Bessemer Engineering 0114 256 0300

**Frank Simek** **20**



Position Defender  
Height 6ft 0" Weight 11st 6lbs  
D.O.B 13/10/84 - St Louis (USA)  
Date Signed 27/07/05 from Arsenal  
Other Clubs  
QPR, Bournemouth (both loan)  
SWFC Career Apps 46 Goals 1

Craig & Nicola Metcalfe  
www.blundells.com

**Madjid Bougherra** **21**



Position Defender  
Height 6ft 2" Weight 14st  
D.O.B 07/10/82 - Longvic (FRA)  
Date Signed 01/07/06 - FC Gueugnon (FRA)  
Other Clubs Crewe Alexandra (loan)  
SWFC Career Apps 1 Goals 0

Lewis Carder  
Thomas Carder

**Chris Adamson** **22**



Position Goalkeeper  
Height 6ft 2" Weight 13st 7lbs  
D.O.B 04/11/78 - Ashington  
Date Signed 28/01/05 - Unattached  
Other Clubs IK Brage (NOR), Mansfield T, Halifax Town, Plymouth Argyle (all loan), West Bromwich Albion, St Patricks (IRE)  
SWFC Career Apps 7 Goals 0

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**Drew Talbot** **25**



Position Striker  
Height 5ft 10" Weight 11st 4lbs  
D.O.B 19/07/86 - Barnsley  
Date Signed Trainee  
Other Clubs -  
SWFC Career Apps 25 Goals 5

Rich Designs  
James, Robert and Laura Pennington

**Barry Corr** **26**



Position Striker  
Height 6ft 3" Weight 12st 7lbs  
D.O.B 02/04/85 - County Wicklow (IRE)  
Date Signed 19/04/05 from Leeds Utd  
Other Clubs -  
SWFC Career Apps 18 Goals 0

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**Luke Boden** **27**



Position Striker  
Height 6ft 1" Weight 12st 12st  
D.O.B 26/11/88 - Sheffield  
Date Signed Trainee  
Other Clubs -  
SWFC Career Apps 0 Goals 0

**David Graham** **30**



Position Striker  
Height 5ft 11" Weight 12st 7lbs  
D.O.B 06/10/78 - Edinburgh  
Date Signed 11/08/05 from Wigan Athletic  
Other Clubs Rangers, Dunfermline Ath., Inverness CT (loan), Torquay United  
SWFC Career Apps 26 Goals 3

(on loan to Bradford City)

**Yoann Folly** **31**



Position Midfielder  
Height 5ft 10" Weight 11st  
D.O.B 06/06/85 - Paris (FRA)  
Date Signed 31/01/06 from So'lon (loan)  
Other Clubs St Etienne (FRA), Nottingham Forest, Preston North End (both loan)  
SWFC Career Apps 15 Goals 0

Tom Culley  
Tom Culley

**Tommy Spurr** **32**



Position Defender  
Height 6ft 1" Weight 11st 5lbs  
D.O.B 13/09/87 - Leeds  
Date Signed 01/07/06 from trainee  
Other Clubs -  
SWFC Career Apps 2 Goals 0

Sponsorship Available  
Sponsorship Available

**Sean McAllister** **33**



Position Midfielder  
Height 5ft 8" Weight 10st 7lbs  
D.O.B 15/08/87 - Bolton  
Date Signed 01/07/07 from Trainee  
Other Clubs -  
SWFC Career Apps 3 Goals 0

Sponsorship Available  
Sponsorship Available




**Paul Sturrock** **-**



Manager  
D.O.B 10/10/56 - Ellon, Aberdeenshire

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**Kevin Summerfield** **-**



Assistant Manager  
D.O.B 07/01/59 - Walsall

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**Barney Owl** **-**



Wednesday Mascot

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## Dream Team

It's one of the most popular games we play, naming our best ever England XI. So we asked Sheffield Wednesday keeper Chris Adamson to cast his mind back to make his selection for the best national side of all time.

**PETER SHILTON**  
GOALKEEPER

He had so many years at the top level. For someone to have played over 1000 games like he has, you have to be doing something right. I felt really sorry for him in Italia 90 when the team went out on penalties.

**GARY NEVILLE**  
RIGHT BACK

Gary is a natural solid right back, everything you want in a defender. He has been an international for over 10 years and doesn't get injured much, a reliable player.

**STUART PEARCE**  
LEFT BACK

His whole attitude to every game was unbelievable and he had such a presence about him. When he was on the pitch he was a warrior and the opposition were scared of him. Obviously he is a leader as well, an inspiration to his teammates.

**JACK CHARLTON**  
CENTRE BACK

Although I'm not old enough to have seen him play, everyone knows about Jack Charlton. Outspoken on the field and incredibly tough in the tackle, again other teams would not want to be playing against him.

**TONY ADAMS**  
CENTRE BACK

He was part of that superb back line for Arsenal. They were the tightest defence in recent years and he always reproduced his

form for England. His agility and tackling ability were unbelievable and he was another player who led by example. Imagine having to play against Adams and Charlton!

**DAVID BECKHAM**  
RIGHT MIDFIELD

I can't think of a player with the same ability to cross a ball as Beckham. When him and Shearer were playing together they were an awesome combination. His work rate is superb and obviously he's one of the best free kick takers in the world. He has a sheer will to win as well, important to any team of course.

**PAUL GASCOIGNE**  
MIDFIELD

What can you say about Gazza? He was the complete midfielder: running everywhere, getting on the ball, passing and striking. He was absolutely fantastic in Italia 90, a great character and always showed how much he loved his football.

**STEVEN GERRARD**  
MIDFIELD

At this moment in time Gerrard is the best midfielder in the country, if not in Europe. He covers the entire field, tackling hard and no one can see a long pass like he can. He is a phenomenal player and drives the team on.

**CHRIS WADDLE**  
LEFT MIDFIELD

His goalscoring record is second to none and he is still only 22. A

fantastic player who has great potential to get even better.

**ALAN SHEARER**  
STRIKER

He is probably my all time favourite player. His attitude on and off the field is top class and he is a great role model for any professional. I'm sure England would love to have another striker with his strength and power in the air. His scoring record speaks for itself and I will always remember his goals against Holland in Euro 96.

**GARY LINEKER**  
STRIKER

He was my idol when I was younger. Anyone who has been top scorer in two World Cups is obviously a big time player and he'd complement Shearer well. When you talk about a player as a role model there's no better than Lineker: never booked or sent off once in his career.



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# Today's Teams

## Sheffield Wednesday



MANAGER  
Paul **STURROCK**

- 1 Brad **JONES**
- 2 Lee **BULLEN**
- 3 Peter **GILBERT**
- 4 Kenny **LUNT**
- 5 Graham **COUGHLAN**
- 6 Glenn **WHELAN**
- 7 Marcus **TUDGAY**
- 8 Burton **O'BRIEN**
- 9 Steven **MACLEAN**
- 10 Deon **BURTON**
- 11 Chris **BRUNT**
- 12 Steve **ADAMS**
- 14 John **HILLS**
- 15 Wade **SMALL**
- 16 Richard **WOOD**
- 20 Frank **SIMEK**
- 21 Madjid **BOUGHERRA**
- 22 Chris **ADAMSON**
- 25 Drew **TALBOT**
- 26 Barry **CORR**
- 31 Yoann **FOLLY**
- 32 Tommy **SPURR**
- 33 Sean **MCALLISTER**
- 38 Simon **HODGKINSON**  
(swfc.co.uk auction winner)
- 39 Liam **MOORHOUSE**  
(swfc gala dinner auction winner)

## Luton Town



MANAGER  
Mike **NEWELL**

- 1 Marlon **BERESFORD**
- 2 Kevin **FOLEY**
- 3 Sol **DAVIS**
- 4 Chris **COYNE**
- 5 Russell **PERRETT**
- 6 Paul **UNDERWOOD**
- 7 Carlos **EDWARDS**
- 8 Steve **ROBINSON**
- 9 Rowan **VINE**
- 10 Warren **FEENEY**
- 11 Dean **MORGAN**
- 14 Michael **LEARY**
- 15 Stephen **O'LEARY**
- 16 Lewis **EMANUEL**
- 17 Richard **LANGLEY**
- 18 Ahmet **BRKOVIC**
- 20 Adam **BOYD**
- 21 Keith **KEANE**
- 22 Danny **STEVENS**
- 25 Leon **BARNETT**
- 26 Markus **HEIKKINEN**
- 27 Peter **HOLMES**
- 28 David **BELL**
- 29 Calvin **ANDREW**
- 33 Dean **BRILL**

## Next Games at Hillsborough



Official Coca-Cola Championship  
Burnley  
Saturday 12 August 06  
Kick Off 3.00pm



Reserves v Stoke  
Tuesday 15 August 06  
Kick-off 7.00pm

## REPORT AN INCIDENT NOW

You can report any incident of anti-social behaviour at a Sheffield Wednesday match to operations manager Alan Roberts. Include as much information as possible including row and seat numbers and names/descriptions if available.

Text **07963 138580** on the day of the game.  
Or call **0114 221 2361**.

Or contact South Yorkshire Police on **0114 296 4531**.

Racist-related incidents may also be reported free to Kick Racism Out Of Football on **0800 169 9414**.

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Sheffield Wednesday Football Club has significantly enhanced security measures to ensure your safety, comfort and enjoyment. However, an incident may occur which is beyond our control and it is important you are aware of how we intend to look after you in the event of an emergency. As part of our safety management, we have employed professionally trained and experienced stewards who are located at various points throughout the stadium. In the event of a situation which requires a partial or full evacuation of the stands, announcements will be broadcast and stewards will undertake the responsibility of ushering you to a place of safety; it is essential that you follow their instructions. Please take your belongings with you and proceed quickly and quietly under the guidance of the stewards. The evacuation procedures have been carefully planned to lead you to a safe area. It may give you some peace of mind if you pre-plan and agree a meeting place, just in case you become separated from your party. If we are unable to re-occupy the stands for any reason, you will be advised immediately, and, if it is considered safe to do so, you will be invited to return to your car or coach. The departure from club parking areas will be under the direction of the Police. These details are purely precautionary and we trust the procedures will not be required.

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Assistant Ref  
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