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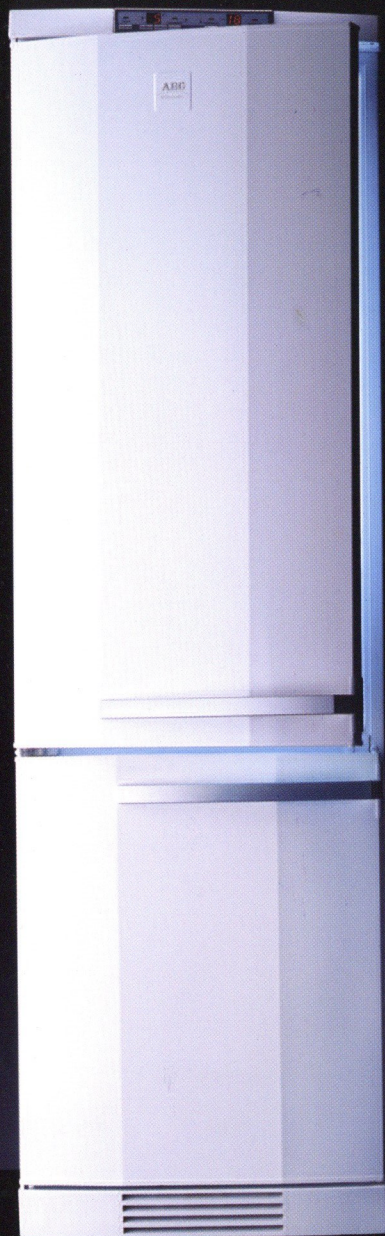


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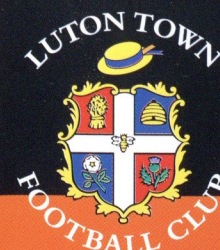
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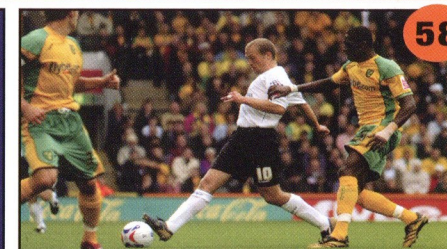
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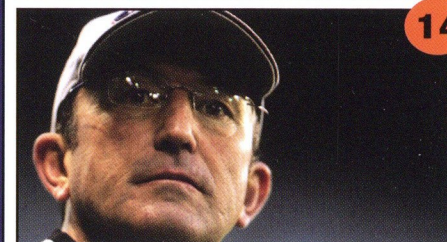
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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. I would like to thank our supporters who took time to send feedback on the new look programme following our match with Leicester City. We gained some really positive response to our new look publication, along with some ideas which we believe we help improve the programme. One feature of the programme which supporters were keen to see make a return this year was the boxes on the back page. This enables supporters to mark who has played and scored on a match-to-match basis. We have received plenty more e-mails, and we will be looking at them closely to see if any more improvements can be made. Remember, if you would like to suggest an idea or make some comment on the programme, then drop us an e-mail at programme@lutontown.co.uk

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STEVEN DOVE, EDITOR

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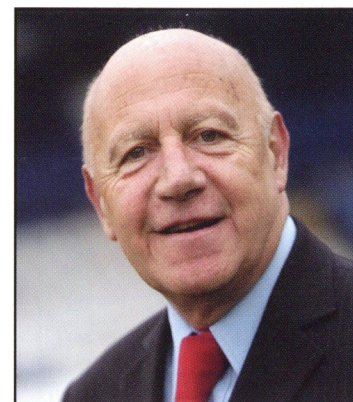
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From the Chairman

Bill Tomlins



Bill Tomlins
Luton Town FC Chairman

"If any group or individual prove they can take the club to the next level quicker than we can, the Board and I would look at it very seriously, but it would have to be for purely football reasons and not just for any property deal"

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to all our supporters for today's

Championship game against our visitors Stoke City, and to their Directors, Management, Players and Supporters.

The general opinion is that the Championship is even stronger than last season, with Sunderland, West Brom and Birmingham determined to make an immediate return to the Premiership. It may all sound familiar, but as the Championship proved last season, no-one can predict with any certainty where any of the clubs will finish at the end of the season. It certainly makes for another exciting campaign.

Whilst we all know it is a long season, our start has again been excellent, so all credit must go to the players and our manager and his staff.

Everyone felt we deserved more from last Saturday's away match at Carrow Road, but, taking nothing away from an excellent football match, the injuries to Carlos, Markus and Lewis did have an impact on the outcome. However, six points from a possible nine speaks volumes.

There has been a lot of speculation over the possibility of potential new

investors, and increasing rumours of a club takeover - hence my comments in Thursday's Herald & Post

We have had phone calls recently and interest has been shown, but that happens when you are successful. It's part and parcel of football.

The Board are only interested in what is right for the club.

If any group or individual prove they can take the club to the next level quicker than we can, the Board and I would look at it very seriously, but it would have to be for purely football reasons and not just for any property deal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who travelled to support the team at Hillsborough last Tuesday, and for your support at Norwich last Saturday, especially after the horrendous four hour journey that most of us encountered travelling to Carrow Road.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads

Bill

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jon Parkin	Hull	3	0	3
Robert Earnshaw	Norwich	2	0	2
John Hartson	West Brom	2	0	2
David Nugent	Preston	2	0	2
Brian Howard	Barnsley	2	0	2
Jay Bothroyd	Wolverhampton	2	0	2
Freddy Eastwood	Southend	2	0	2
Barry Hayles	Plymouth	2	0	2
Gareth Bale	Southampton	2	0	2

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Total number of goals scored on each ground - All competitions

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
KC Stadium	Hull	2	8	4.00
Pride Park Stadium	Derby	1	4	4.00
Carrow Road	Norwich	2	7	3.50
Stadium of Light	Sunderland	2	6	3.00
Oakwell Stadium	Barnsley	1	3	3.00
Portman Road	Ipswich	1	3	3.00
Loftus Road Stadium	QPR	2	6	3.00
Ricoh Arena	Coventry	1	3	3.00
St Andrews Stadium	Birmingham	1	3	3.00
Molineux Stadium	Wolves	2	5	2.50
Selhurst Park	Crystal Pal	2	5	2.50
The Walkers Stadium	Leicester	2	5	2.50
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	1	2	2.00
Turf Moor	Burnley	1	2	2.00
The Hawthorns	West Brom	1	2	2.00
Home Park	Plymouth	1	2	2.00
Layer Road Ground	Colchester	2	4	2.00
Ninian Park	Cardiff	2	3	1.50
Hillsborough	Sheff Wed	2	3	1.50
Britannia Stadium	Stoke	2	2	1.00
Elland Road	Leeds	1	1	1.00
Roots Hall	Southend	1	1	1.00
St. Mary's Stadium	Southampton	2	2	1.00
Deepdale	Preston	1	0	0.00

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..
shots on target 24 QPR. **shots off target** 30 Southampton. **corners** 24 Plymouth. **hit woodwork** 3 Norwich. **offsides** 23 Cardiff. **assists** 52 Plymouth. **yellow cards** 9 Preston. **red cards** 1 Leeds.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 15 Robert Earnshaw (Norwich). **Shots on target** 7 Marc Richards (Barnsley). **Shots off target** 9 Michael Chopra (Cardiff). **Assists** 2 Nigel Quashie (West Brom). **Crosses** 20 Lee Croft (Norwich). **Offsides** 11 Matt Fryatt (Leicester). **Fouls** 14 Barry Hayles (Plymouth). **Free-kicks won** 10 Geoff Horsfield (Leeds).



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STATS

GOAL COUNTER 82

RIGHT FOOT 43 goals

52.4%

LEFT FOOT 24 goals

29.3%

HEADERS 13 goals

15.9%

Own goals 2 (2.4%). Other body part 0 (0%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match
Daryl Murphy (Sunderland vs Plymouth) 0:31

By a substitute after coming on
J. O'Connor (Burnley vs Sheff Wed) 5:22

DISCIPLINARY



3.1 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE BOOKINGS

From the start of a match
Dexter Blackstock (QPR vs Southend) 0:15

By a substitute after coming on
Bradley Wright-Phillips (Southampton vs Derby) 2:43

SUB TOTALS

Subs used191

Offsides255

Corners388

Shots Off Target376

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

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*up to and including 13/08/2006

In the Coca Cola Championship this season there have been 387 shots on target, goals constitute 21.2% of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on 21 occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Leicester 4). There have been 11 penalties awarded this season and of those 8 have been scored (a success rate of 72.7%). Birmingham have been awarded most penalties - 2. Stoke have given most penalties away 2. The team to score the most penalties is Sheff Wed 1. Barnsley missed penalties in the Coca Cola Championship this season.

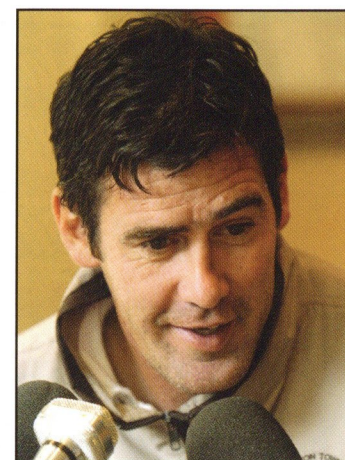
RESULTS

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

0-0	3
1-0	5
2-0	7
3-0	-
4-0	-
5-0	-
0-1	4
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From the Manager

Mike Newell



"The signing of Gary McSheffrey by Birmingham City this week puts what we are competing against into perspective. We had Gary on loan, on a couple of occasions and were looking to try and get 175 to 200 thousand together to try and make it permanent."

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game with Stoke City. Welcome also to Tony Pulis, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from the Britannia Stadium. Stoke took points off us last season and Tony's teams are always well organised, so it will be another test for us today.

We have to be pleased with the start we have made, having taken maximum points from the first two games, and then having been 2-0 up at Norwich. That defeat was hard to stomach after the way we had played, and the quality of the goals we had scored. Some of our football has been very bright at a stage when you might not expect it and the signs are very promising.

We are still looking to add to the squad before the end of the month. We have missed out on a couple of targets, but do believe we will be able to make a couple of signings in the next week or so.

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Gary on loan, on a couple of occasions, and were looking to try and get 175 to 200 thousand together to try and make it permanent.

There is a very big prize on offer to anyone who can win promotion from this league and so the stakes are rising all the time. We need to make sure we have a good hand therefore, because there is no way we can afford to play blind or bluff anyone.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Mike



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From the Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery



Good afternoon and welcome to everyone for this, our second home Championship match of the season.

It was good to see so many supporters here last Tuesday, for our Pontin's Holiday Combination reserve league match against Leyton Orient, which ended in a very entertaining 2-2 draw.

Our next home reserve match is on Tuesday 29th August, with a 2.00pm kick-off, when we play Milton Keynes Dons. Entry is via the Press Gate and is free for season ticket holders, on production of their season ticket book, £3 for adults and £1 for concessions. Please do come and support the reserve team.

Next Tuesday sees us playing in the

First Round of the Carling Cup at Bristol Rovers, for ticket details please see page 64. I have been asked by several supporters for the draw dates for the other rounds and they are as follows:

Round Two Saturday 26th August, Round Three Saturday 23rd September; Round Four Wednesday 25th October; Round Five Saturday 11th November and the Semi Finals Saturday 23rd December.

The Saturday draws take place on the SKY Soccer Saturday programme, around lunchtime, with the Forth Round draw taking place on the Wednesday evening, following the live coverage of one of the third round ties.

Here are two other dates for your diaries and although they seem a long way off - they will be here before we know it! The 10th Annual Christmas Carol Service will take place on Thursday 14th December at Luton St Mary's Parish Church with a 7.30pm start.

The Official Supporters Club Annual Presentation Evening will take place on Sunday 29th May - further details will follow.

We would like to wish our Club

Chaplain, the Reverend Chandy Perera, a speedy recovery and we hope to see her back at Kenilworth Stadium very soon.

We are currently looking for match day staff in the following areas. Dave Keeling, our Turnstile Supervisor, urgently requires an Assistant Supervisor and we also need a Matchday Car Park Supervisor. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact me either by telephone or e-mail for full details.

Finally, I was sorry to learn of the passing of Fred Allen, who had followed the Town for well over 50 years. He travelled to the majority of away games on Bobbers Travel, prior to his illness, and will be missed by all his friends. We send sincere condolences to his family at this time.

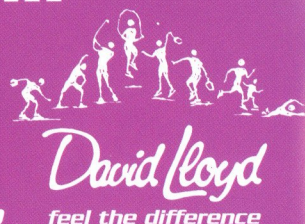
As always get behind the team and enjoy the match.

Cherry

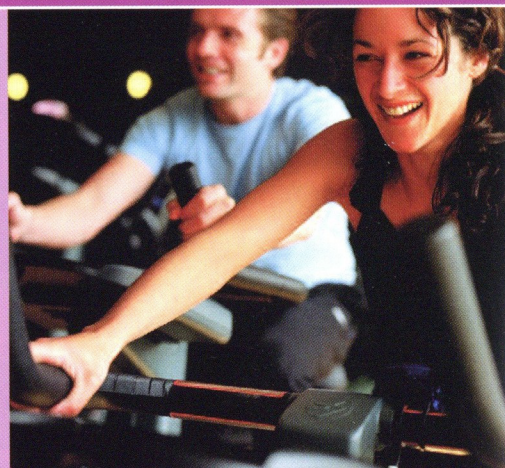


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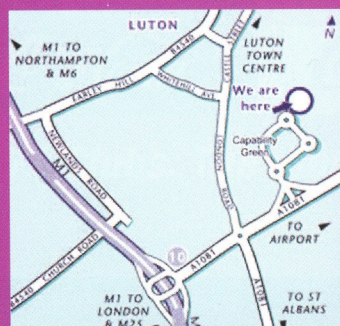
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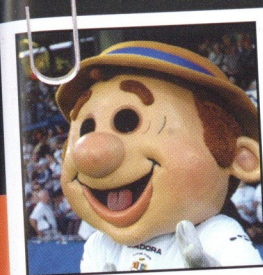
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Junior Hatters

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

Recent Mascots



Nico Ashton and Isaac Galliford were mascots at our last game at Kenilworth Road, against Leicester City. They are pictured above with both team captains and officials prior to the match.

Saturday Club to return

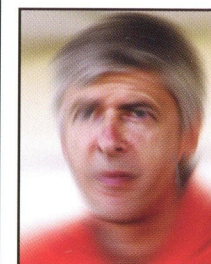
Our popular Saturday Club is returning this season when Crystal Palace are the visitors to Kenilworth Road on Saturday 9th August.

The Saturday Club is a great opportunity for all our Junior Hatters to meet new people and join in plenty of activities throughout the day.

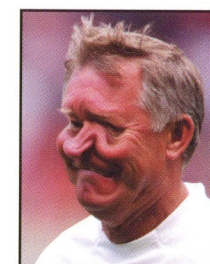
This event was extremely popular last season so to reserve your space, or to find out more information, why not the Junior Hatters Headquarters on 01582 391927

Junior Hatters Quiz

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



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ANSWER



ANSWER

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

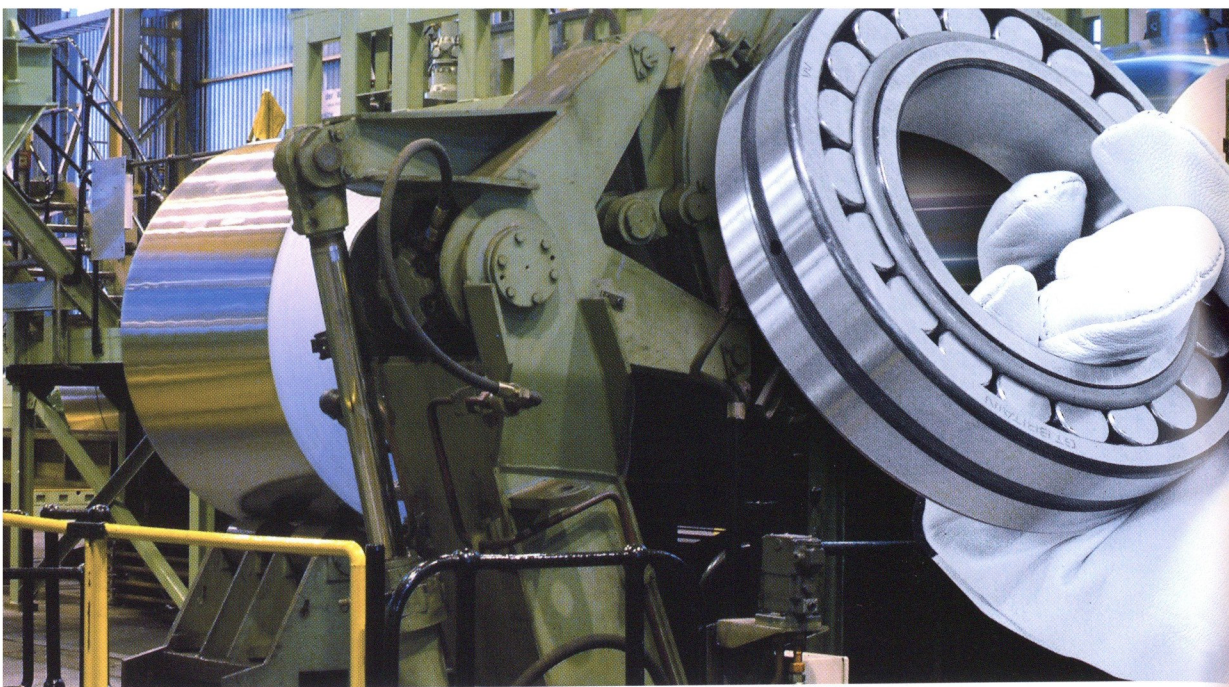
W--F-O-D
R-E--I--
-H-A--T-N
B-A--B-R-

ANSWERS - GUESS WHO: Arsenal Wenger, Alex Ferguson and David Moyes
FILL IN THE BLANKS: Watford, Reading, Charlton and Blackburn

JOKE CORNER

- Q: How many balls of string would it take to reach the moon?
A: Just one if it's long enough
- Q: What cheese is made backwards?
A: Edam
- Q: How do we know that the Earth won't come to an end?
A: Because it's round

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Welcome to Stoke City

Having claimed the double against Luton last season, Stoke will fancy their chances of taking three points back to the Britannia Stadium this afternoon. Tony Pulis is back at the helm, after a summer of change, and will be looking to continue where he left off. STEWART CURTIS introduces today's visitors to Kenilworth Road

It has been an eventful summer at the Britannia Stadium. Former Chairman Peter Coates regained control of the club, after selling up to an Icelandic consortium in 2000. Following the sale of Mr Coates' internet betting company Bet365, he purchased the club for a second time, with the vision of reaching the big time once again. This also saw a change in management, and another return, as Tony Pulis stepped into the Staffordshire club's hot seat once again.

Well documented changes off the pitch led to a quiet summer in the transfer market, with the £225,000 signing of defender Danny Higginbotham the only newcomer as yet. Having said that, Karl Henry and Peter Kopteff were the only

two departures, leaving for Wolves and FC Utrecht, respectively.

Stoke make the journey south on the back of two great performances against rival opposition. Following an opening day defeat away to Southend, the Potters bounced back in creditable fashion, comfortably disposing of Derby County 2-0 to claim a winning home return for Pulis.

The Britannia Stadium then played host to a West Midlands derby, as promotion favourites Birmingham City arrived for an early kick-off last Saturday. The game ended goalless, as Stoke claimed the majority of the possession, and were unlucky not to take all three points.

Pulis later commented "To come off 0-0 was a travesty. I think it was a smashing

performance, especially in the first half. We played well and at a good tempo. It was just disappointing not to score a goal".

Stoke City's history consists of glory days in English football's top tier, with the likes of Sir Stanley Matthews, Sir Geoff Hurst and Gordon Banks to name but a few of their past heroes. Although the current squad is no match for these previous legends of the game, Pulis still has a squad boasting ex-Premier League players such as striker Vincent Pericard, and former Manchester United youth player Luke Chadwick at his disposal, and will be hoping to push them higher than their 13th place finish last term.

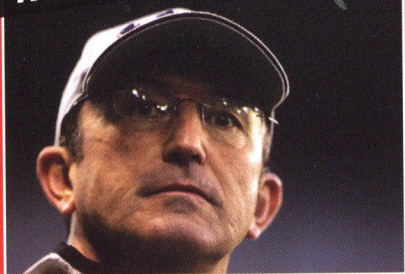
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The Opponents

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

The Manager



Tony Pulis began his managerial career at Bournemouth, where he spent two seasons. He then moved to Gillingham, whom he managed for a further four seasons, turning a team that had struggled at the very bottom of the Football League into a promotion winning side in his first season, and laying the foundations for the club's eventual elevation to the First Division for the first time in their history. After the 1999 Play-Off Final, which saw the Gills defeated by Manchester City, he was controversially sacked by the club amidst claims of gross misconduct. He later brought an unsuccessful court case against Gills chairman Paul Scally. Pulis was appointed manager of Bristol City for the 2000/01 season, but left the following January to become manager of Portsmouth. Unfortunately, he was not a success at Fratton Park, lasting only 10 months in the job. After taking a two-year break, Pulis took over from the departing Steve Cotterill at Stoke in November 2002, where he remained until parting company with the club on 28 June 2005. After taking over as manager at Championship side Plymouth Argyle, Pulis managed to turn a floundering team into one that, with the right investment, could challenge for a top half/play off place next season. Plymouth Argyle ended the season 14th in the Championship table. In May 2006 he was the subject of an approach from previous club Stoke, who had recently parted company with manager Johan Boskamp, following Peter Coates' takeover of the club. Plymouth initially turned down the approach. However, on June 14th 2006 it was announced that Pulis would indeed be returning as manager of Stoke City.

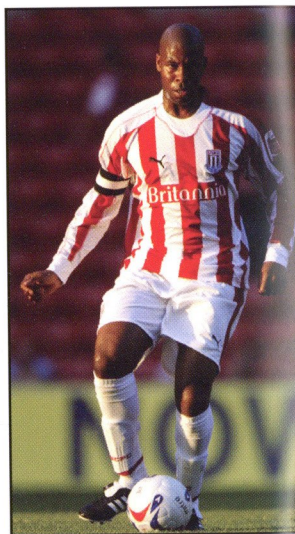
The Goalkeepers

Stoke's **STEVE SIMONSEN** (pictured) is an experienced goalkeeper who has played in the Premiership with Everton. City's undisputed number one missed just one game during another superb season, which ended with him being voted Players' Player of the Year. A former England Youth and Under-21 international, Simonsen began his career at Tranmere before moving across the Mersey to join Everton in 1998 for a fee £3.3 million - a British record for a goalkeeper. However, a change of managers at Goodison Park hindered his progress and a free transfer to the Potters followed in 2004. Waiting patiently in the wings is **ROBERT DUGGAN**, an agile young goalkeeper signed from Irish outfit Lourdes Celtic on scholarship terms in 2004.



The Defenders

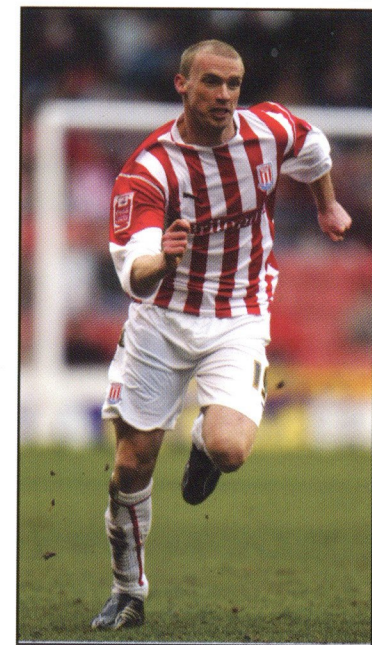
With **MARLON BROOMES**, **MICHAEL DUBERRY** (pictured) and **DANNY HIGINBOTHAM** amongst the Stoke ranks this season, the Potters have plenty of experience in defence. Broomes, a scorer against Luton last season, is a former England Under-21 international defender, who proved a useful addition to the squad after signing from Preston in a swap deal involving Lewis Neal. Duberry is a player who has played in the Premiership with Chelsea and Leeds and is the current Stoke captain. Meanwhile, Higginbotham, who started his career at Manchester United, has enjoyed successful spells at Southampton and Derby, before joining Stoke in the summer. International experience is also within the Stoke ranks. **CARL HOEFKENS** is a Belgium international who capped a magnificent debut season in English football by picking up the Fans' Player of the Year Award last season. **LEWIS BUXTON** is a young defender who is continuing to make progress with several steady performances at right-back and left-back last season. Buxton started his career with Portsmouth and has also enjoyed a spell with Bournemouth. An encouraging addition to the first-team squad in 2005/06 season, young **CARL DICKINSON** shrugged off the agony of a broken leg to make five senior appearances for City.



The Midfielders

DAREL RUSSELL surpassed 100 appearances for the Potters last season with another energetic campaign at the heart of midfield. The former England Youth international, signed from Norwich City for £125,000 during the summer of 2003, weighed in with three goals and cemented a permanent spot in the side. A tireless worker, Darel is strong in the tackle, good on the ball and extremely versatile, being able to fill central and right-sided midfield roles, as well as at wing-back. Luton fans will remember the name **DAVE BRAMMER** for his match-winning goal against the Hatters last season. His 30-yard screamer, in Stoke's 2-1 win against the Hatters at the beginning of last season, won Stoke's Goal of the Season. Brammer is only one of three players to represent all three local clubs in the Stoke area, having moved to Port Vale from Wrexham, and then signing for Crewe

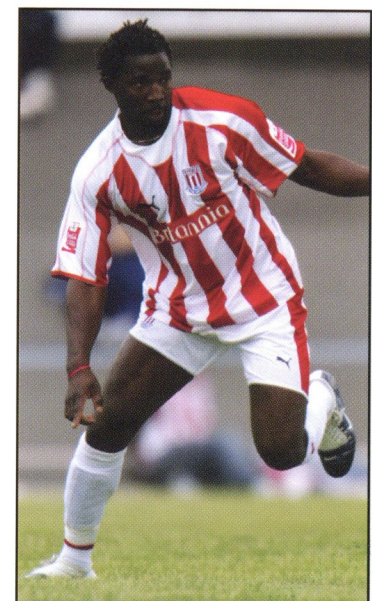
Alexandra. After heavily impressing during a six-month loan spell from West Ham, **LUKE CHADWICK** (pictured) joined the Potters for £100,000 in January 2006, signing a two-and-a-half year contract at the Britannia Stadium. Luke is a speedy and exciting right-sided winger. Chadwick began his career at Arsenal as a youth player before linking up with Manchester United, making his Premiership debut in 2000. He gained Champions League experience during his time with the Reds and added a further 53 appearances to his name during loan spells with Reading and Burnley. **KEVIN HARPER** will be hoping to enjoy a more successful season than last, having suffered a series of injuries that hindered his campaign. **ANTHONY PULIS** and **PETER KOPTEFF** both made a handful of appearances last season and will be hoping to have extended runs in the team this time around.



The Strikers

VINCENT PERICARD (pictured) has made an instant impression at the Britannia Stadium, scoring on his home debut against Derby. A quick and powerful striker, Vincent became Tony Pulis' first signing since returning as City manager when he signed a three-year deal with the Potters after leaving Portsmouth in June 2006. Vincent has enjoyed Champions League experience with Italian giants Juventus, the club where he started his career. **SAMBEGOU BANGOURA** made a blistering start to last season, scoring eight goals in his opening ten matches. Unfortunately, the Guinean was unable to keep that momentum going, scoring only once in 15 games. Bangoura, who went to the African Nations Cup last season, is arguably one of the most natural finishers outside the Premiership. A powerful, imposing striker, **MAMADY SIDIBE** weighed in with seven goals in his debut

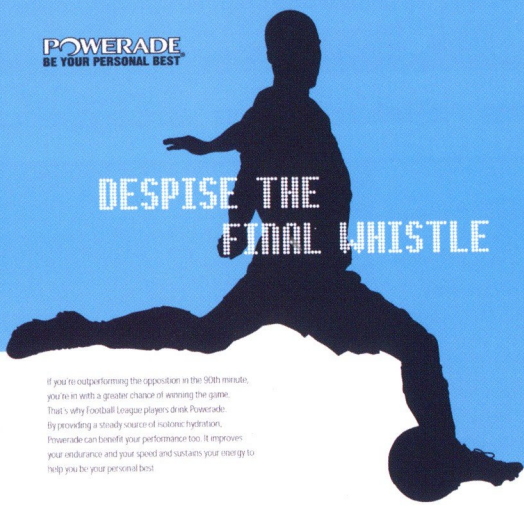

season at the Britannia Stadium. The Mali international, signed on a free transfer from Gillingham in the summer of 2005, missed only a handful of games and proved an excellent foil for main goal-getters Paul Gallagher and Sam Bangoura. **ADAM ROONEY** capped a remarkable season by netting his first senior hat-trick on the final day of the campaign against Brighton. The young Dubliner's treble came on only his second start for the club. Rooney had opened his first-team account with a solitary strike against champions Reading a fortnight before. Promising young striker **MARTIN PATERSON** graduated through the City schoolboy and Academy ranks to make his senior debut as a substitute in April 2005. Two first-team starts against Leeds and Coventry followed in 2005/06 for a player who boasts a prolific scoring record at both academy and reserve team levels.



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View from the Opposition

Stoke City's Media and Public Relations Manager Ian Bayley in conversation with Chris Rivett

With four points from three games, has this been a fair reflection of Stoke's season so far?

Well, the players felt they were a little hard done by at Southend on the opening day, when they lost 1-0 to a penalty, so you could add on an extra point there, and they also thought they should have beaten Birmingham last weekend. After the game goalkeeper Steve Simonsen said the general feeling in the dressing room was that six rather than four points from the first three fixtures would have been a fairer reflection.





What will Tony Pulis' new signings bring to the squad?

Two players have been added to the squad so far - defender Danny Higginbotham (ex-Southampton and Derby), who has played in the Premiership and adds experience, and Vincent Pericard, a forward with a great deal of physical strength who is proving a real handful for defenders. Tony Pulis has been close to signing other players, but the deals haven't quite come off for a variety of reasons, and this season is all about the gradual building up of a strong squad rather than any rush out and buy for the sake of it sort of mentality.

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

Defensively, Clint Hill and Michael Duberry have started well as a centre-back pairing, but as it's usually attacking players who catch the eye I would say look out for Pericard and our left winger, Peter Sweeney, who had an exceptional game against Birmingham last Saturday.





What are Stoke's aims for this season?

As I say, the gradual building up of a strong squad. The ultimate aim of new chairman Peter Coates, who bought the club in the summer, is the Premiership and if that could be achieved this season then it would be a pleasant bonus.

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

I have no idea, no idea at all. Everyone is talking about the clubs who came down from the Premiership last May being strong, but everyone was saying the same thing this time last season and in the end Reading, Sheff Utd and Watford went up. So what can we deduce from that? Not to make any predictions just yet, I'd say!

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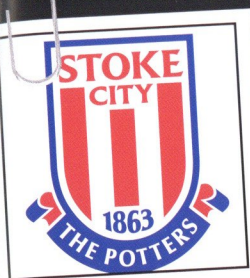
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Five to Remember

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



□ Brian Stein and Paul Walsh go for goal at Stoke during the 4-4 clash in 1982.

25th September 1982.
Stoke City 4 Luton Town 4.
Attendance: 18,475.

The Town, back in Division One for the first time since 1975, scored 16 goals in their first six games and became the darlings of the television companies who followed them up to Victoria Park.

They were not disappointed as the game flowed from end to end with George Berry twice putting the home side ahead. Stoke's goalkeeper, Peter Fox, was then controversially dismissed leading to the Town eventually taking a 4-3 lead in a breathless contest.

Battling Stoke fought back to level but seemed to have lost the points when the Hatters were awarded a penalty in the final minute, but the normally deadly David Moss hit the post.

8th April 1985.
Stoke City 0 Luton Town 4.
Attendance: 7,108.

For the trip to already doomed Stoke, Luton manager, David Pleat, was worried that his own relegation threatened side would have one eye turned towards their forthcoming FA Cup semi-final against Everton.

He need not have worried though, as the Town made full use of the wings on a boggy pitch to cruise to victory. The Potters defence was unable to control big Mick Harford who netted twice, but the biggest cheer of the afternoon was reserved for the veteran David Moss, who came on as a substitute for Ricky Hill, and scores a typical goal.

The win took the Hatters out of the bottom three for the first time since Christmas.

27th November 1993.
Luton Town 6 Stoke City 2.
Attendance: 7,384.

Struggling Luton had five defenders out through injury or suspension, and it looked like a game to forget when the Potters took an

early two goal lead.

Inexplicably, the game was then turned on its head when efforts from Kerry Dixon, Ceri Hughes and Scott Oakes put the Town, who could suddenly do no wrong, in the driving seat by the interval.

In the second period Stoke pushed the Hatters back but Dixon netted twice in eight minutes to make the game safe, his first hat-trick for the club, with substitute John Hartson's last minute tap-in the icing on the cake.



□ John Hartson signals his goal during the 6-2 home win in 1993/94.

9th October 1994.
Stoke City 1 Luton Town 2.
Attendance: 11,682.

It was a match to forget for ex-Hatters stalwart John Dreyer, who was unable to control the pacy Luton forward Dwight Marshall.

A live television audience watched as Dreyer let Marshall in for the first Town goal, fouled him for a penalty (that was missed) and then was sent off for wrestling him to the floor.

Martin Carruthers seemed to have saved a point for an undeserving home side with a scrappy leveller, but David Preece atoned for his earlier penalty miss with a scrambled 81st minute winner.

2nd December 2000.
Stoke City 1 Luton Town 3.
Attendance: 12,389.

The Town had won only two games during a dismal season, and the previous week had been thrashed 0-4 at Stoke's neighbours Port Vale.

The promotion chasing Potters were therefore anticipating an easy victory but the Town players, who had received a stern talking to from manager Lil Fuccillo, had other ideas, as proved by Paul McLaren's 30 yard piledriver which opened the scoring.

Stoke did manage an equaliser but the rest of the game turned into the Peter Thomson show. Thomson, signed earlier in the campaign for £100,000, had been looking increasingly like an expensive misfit but a mis-hit shot and a chipped cross, that somehow found its way into the top corner, turned him into a hero!



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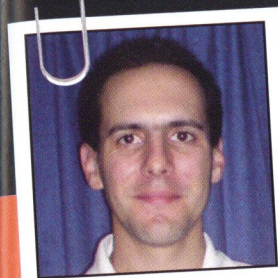


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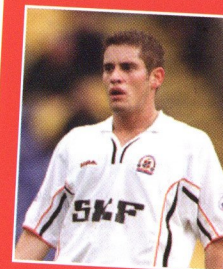
Simon Pitts takes a look at some interesting stats between this afternoon's two sides.

The biggest attendance for this fixture is 19894, who saw a 0-0 draw in 1974/75, the first time Luton played host to Stoke in the top flight. The lowest league attendance is 5221 from 1998/99, although this was "bettered" by an attendance of 4580 for a Simod Cup tie in 1987/88!

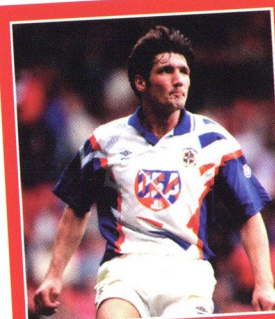
Amazingly, these two teams have met on the same date in different years, May 7th in both 1984 and 1995. Unfortunately, Luton lost 1-0 and 3-2 respectively!



On November 27th 1993 Stoke took a 2-0 lead at Luton, but by half time the Hatters were 3-2 up, and by the end of 90 minutes it was 6-2! Kerry Dixon scored a hat trick, with Ceri Hughes, Scott Oakes and John Hartson (pictured adding the others.



The last player to join the Hatters from Stoke City was Dean Crowe (pictured), who went on to make 79 appearances and score 17 goals for Luton. David Oldfield, who made 178 appearances and scored 32 goals in two spells at the Club, is the last player to move in the other direction.



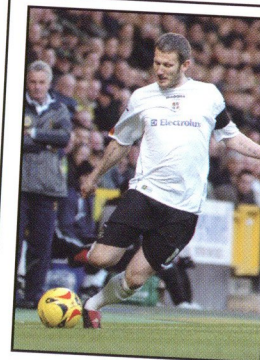
Luton's only double over Stoke came in the 1984/85 season, after the Hatters had won 2-0 on the opening day they went on to win 4-0 on April 8th. Mick Harford (pictured) scored twice with Ernaka Nwajobi and David Moss also scoring.

The two sides have only met in the top flight during four seasons, 1974-75 and 1982-85, and they've never met in the lowest division of the Football League.

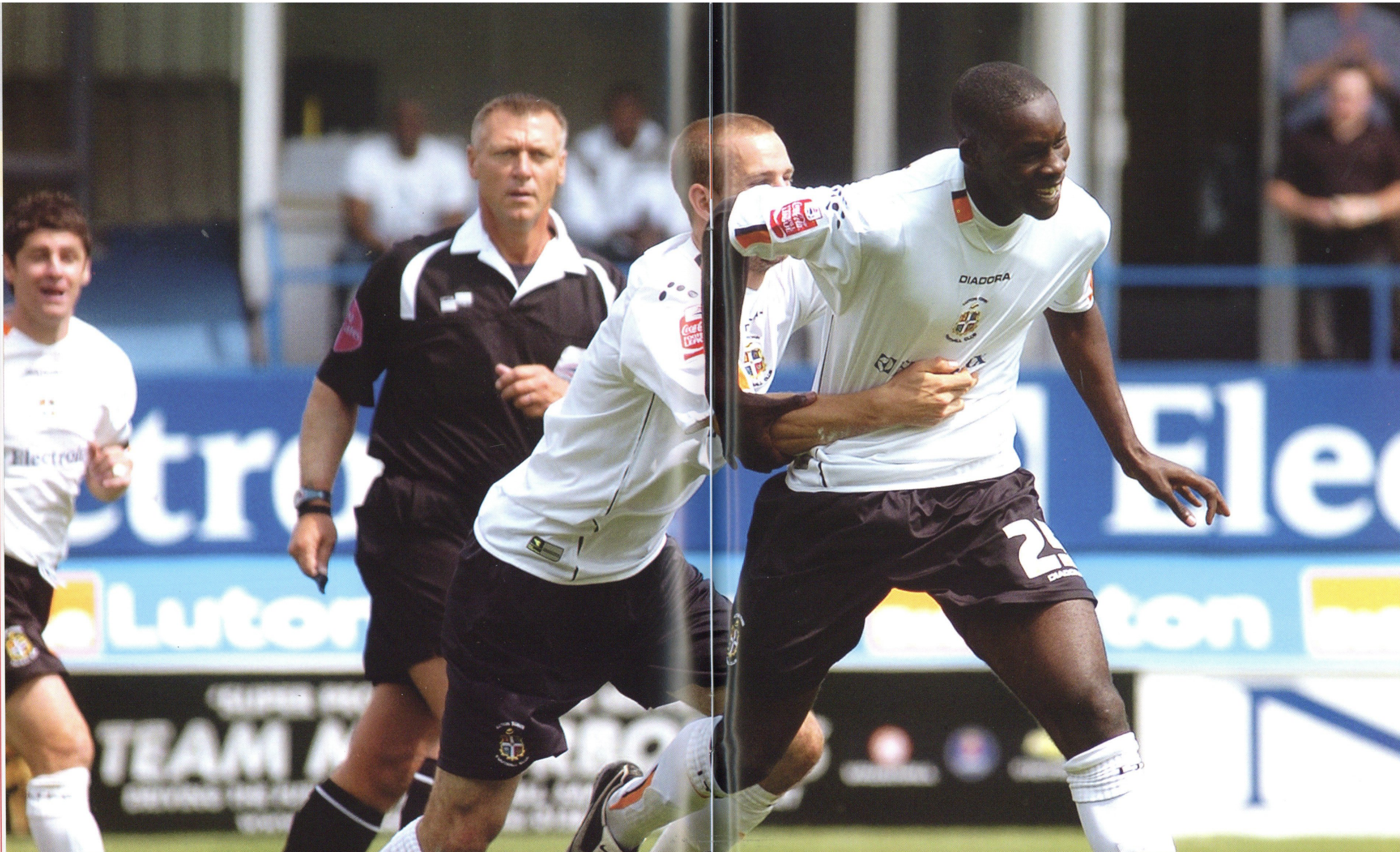
On 19th November 1977 Stoke won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road, with Steve Buckley netting a rare goal, and a certain Brian Stein made only his second substitute appearance for the Luton after a move from non-league Edgware Town! There was to be a further 494 appearances and 154 goals for the current Hatters' assistant manager.

All of the 5 draws at Kenilworth Road between the sides have ended goal less! Other than these draws Stoke have only failed to score in one of the other 15 league and cup fixtures, a 2-0 defeat on the opening day of the 1984/85 season. Paul Elliott and Frankie Bunn were the scorers.

Goal scoring legend Gordon Turner was the hero once again when on 23rd February 1961 he scored all the goals in a 4-1 win! It was Turner's only hat-trick of the season, but he finished with figures of 26 goals from 37 league appearances, and is still the Club's top scorer with 276 goals from 450 appearances!



Luton have won only once in the last six meetings at Kenilworth Road, a 2-1 win in 1999/2000, with both goals scored by Phil Gray. Stoke won this fixture 3-2 last season. Ahmet Brkovic put the Hatters into the lead, before Paul Gallagher, on loan from Blackburn, scored twice. Kevin Nicholls (pictured) equalised from the penalty spot with just minutes remaining, but an injury time own goal from Chris Coyne gave the visitors the three points.



Action Replay

vs Leicester City,
Saturday 5th August 2006



LUTON 2 LEICESTER 0

Luton Scorers: Barnett 8, Edwards 79
Attendance: 8,131 (1,198 away)

Picture: Leon Barnett scores the first goal of the 2006/07 season against Leicester City with an eighth minute header and then celebrates his first senior goal with Rowan Vine.



Luton: Beresford, Foley, Davis (Morgan 73), Edwards, Robinson, Vine (Boyd 62), Feeney, Emanuel, Langley, Barnett, Heikkinen.

Subs not used: Perrett, Brkovic, Barrett.

Bookings: Vine, Emanuel.

Sent-Off: None.

Goals Barnett (8), Edwards (79)



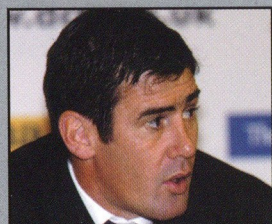
Leicester: Henderson, Maybury (O'Grady 74), Kenton, McCarthy, Hume (Hammond 55), Williams, Johnson, Tiatto (Hughes 66), Fryatt, Johansson, Johansson, Stearman.

Subs not used: Adamson, McClements.

Bookings: McCarthy, Maybury, Tiatto.

Sent-Off: None.

From the Manager



Two goals, a clean sheet - I couldn't ask for more! The players were nervous going into the new season and some people were already writing us off. Taking into consideration the heat and how demanding the game was on the players, I am happy to have the three points on the board."



Warren Feeney gets past a challenge from Leicester's Patrick McCarthy



Lewis Emanuel almost gives Luton the perfect start but this fourth minute effort rebounds off a post

LUTON 2 LEICESTER 0

The eagerly awaited start to the season began with trepidation in the air, as how Luton would perform without the departed Kevin Nicholls and Steve Howard became a big topic of conversation prior to the game.

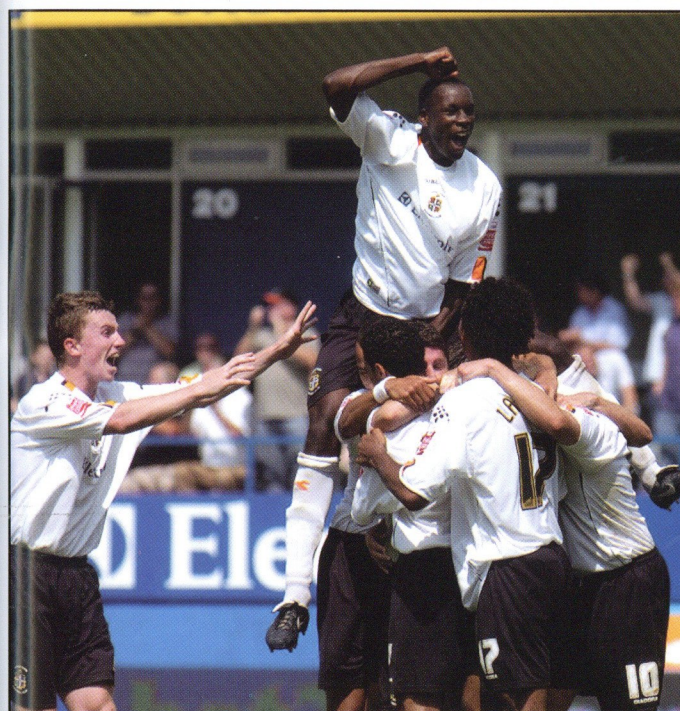
After a tentative start, Luton took the lead on eight minutes when a corner was met with a firm header from Leon Barnett who gave Paul Henderson, in the Leicester goal, no chance. The visitors offered very little in the way of attack and looked content to try and hold the ball and slow down the pace of the game but the Luton players had other ideas. Quick interchanging passing from Kevin Foley, Steve Robinson and Carlos Edwards caused all sorts of problems as Leicester were pulled constantly out of

position. The second period continued in the same vein as Luton went in search of the second goal that would virtually settle the outcome of the game. The only real surprise being that the goal took until the 79th minute to arrive. A run from the impressive Warren Feeney resulted in Edwards receiving the ball in the penalty area, quickly turning inside and calmly beating the exposed Henderson to put the game out of the Foxes reach.

Although it might be a bit premature to predict the coming season, the performances of Barnett and Heikkinen, coupled with the impressive debuts of Richard Langley and Lewis Emanuel, looked promising for another tough year in the Championship.



Adam Boyd made his Luton Town debut against Leicester City



Carlos Edwards is mobbed as his goal seals the win for Luton



Leon Barnett outjumps Leicester's Iain Hume



Rowan Vine is pictured in the thick of the action

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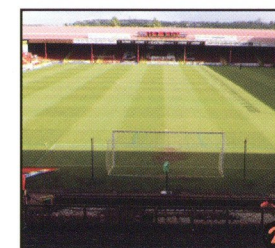
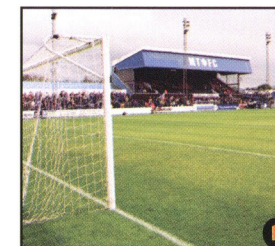
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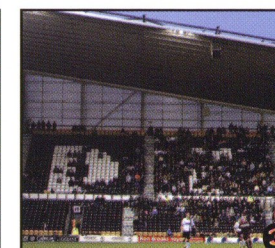
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6. Who finished bottom of the four English leagues last season?
7.and who finished top?
8. As things currently stand, who will be the youngest manager in next season's Premiership?
9. Who were the first professional women's team in this country – recently disbanded due to lack of money?
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Action Replay

vs Sheffield Wednesday,
Tuesday 8th August 2006



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Luton Scorer: Emanuel 45
Attendance: 22,613 (719 away)

Picture: Carlos Edwards
skips over a challenge
from Sheffield
Wednesday goalkeeper
Brad Jones. The Trinidad
and Tobago midfielder
was instrumental in the
win against Hillsborough



Luton: Beresford, Foley, Davis (Coyne 86), Edwards, Robinson, Vine (Boyd 86), Feeney, Emanuel, Langley, Barnett, Heikkinen

Subs not used: Brill, Perrett, Morgan

Bookings: Barnett (4), Emanuel (88)

Sent-Off: None

Goals Emanuel 45



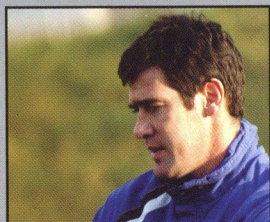
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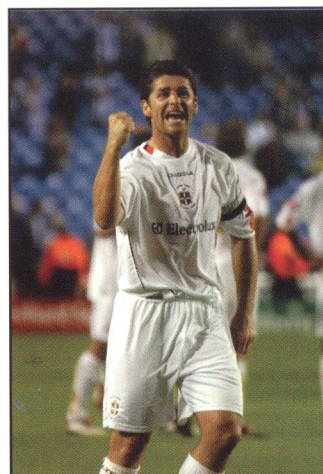
Bookings: None

Sent-Off: None

From the Manager



"We talked in pre-season about the fact that we didn't get as many points as what we should have done away from home last season. If that means that we are a little bit more defensive at times then that is what we are going to have to do. Sometimes you have to grind out results and it may not always be pretty or good to watch. However, I would rather come away from a place saying that we have won, then someone saying that we have played well and deserved more than what we have got."



□ Steve Robinson celebrates a job well done



□ Lewis Emanuel fires over a cross from the left flank at Hillsborough.



□ Rowan Vine mounts an attack for Luton

SHEFF WED 0 LUTON 1

Lewis Emanuel scored his debut goal for Luton Town as Mike Newell's side continued their perfect start to the Championship season with a hard-earned win over Sheffield Wednesday.

The midfielder, signed from Bradford in the summer, scored on the stroke of half-time as the Hatters kept their second clean sheet in succession.

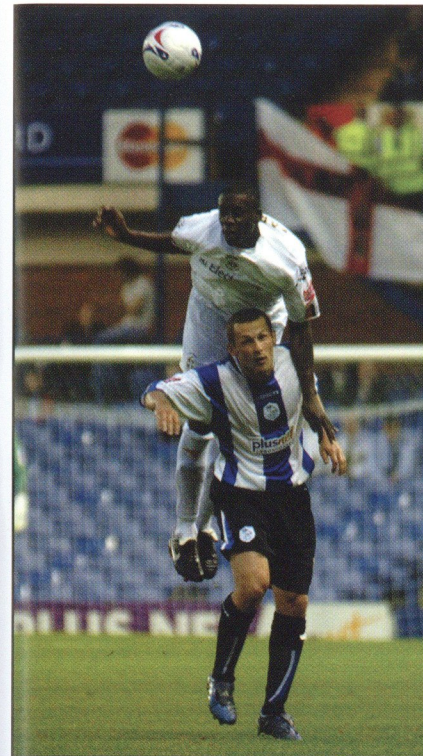
Despite a late bombardment of pressure and four additional minutes of play in the second-half, Luton managed to keep Wednesday at bay, as The Owls continued to search for their first goal of the season.

Luton had been in control of proceedings from the

start with Warren Feeney having a shot cleared off the line and Carlos Edwards also going close in the opening ten minutes.

Sheffield Wednesday had a number of chances of their own, but they caught Marlon Beresford in fine form, making a vital save from Burton O'Brien just four minutes before half-time.

The second-half saw Sheffield Wednesday throw bodies forward as Luton defended in numbers. The Owls had a penalty appeal waved away in stoppage time, as Graham Coughlan was seemingly brought to ground by Markus Heikkinen.



□ Leon Barnett wins this header



□ Warren Feeney wins the ball ahead of Sheffield Wednesday's Tommy Spurr



□ Lewis Emanuel (out of shot) sees his shot find the back of the net



A long way from home

Luton's recent signing Adam Boyd had to move the length of the country to fulfil his dream of playing at a higher level. Not only has it been a long journey, Adam also knows that it won't be an easy ride in the Championship this season. The striker talks exclusively to today's matchday programme about his decision to journey south in search of success.

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

Leaving the football club you grew up with is not easy, especially when it's your hometown club.

However, Adam Boyd is a man with ambition, and success rarely comes knocking on your door. He's a man who knows you have to get out there and find it.

No matter how hard it may have seemed to uproot, Adam grasped the nettle and bade farewell to Hartlepool United and the North East of England for the sunny surroundings of Bedfordshire.

"I'd been at the club since I was twelve years old. I've always been really well treated by the club, the staff and especially, the fans. They all helped me along and I owe them a big thank you."

And it was a big thank you the club, the staff and especially, the fans got.

Within hours of Boyd signing for the Hatters, Hartlepool United's website had published two heartfelt farewell statements from their prodigal son, as well as a glowing tribute dedicated to him from the club.

"But, in a football career you rarely stay at one club. With the league set-up being so big, as with any player, I wanted to test myself at a higher level. So when the chance came up again to come to Luton I was happy to take it."

Boyd was a transfer target for the Hatters last season, but Hartlepool, who were fighting for their League One lives, turned away any enquiries for the striker who had scored 29 goals for them during the previous season.

A serious knee injury, further complicated by contracting a blood infection, then put Boyd out of action for the best part of five months.

When he finally returned to action in February this year, the remainder of the season became little more than rehab and fitness training.

Hartlepool fell short of survival by just two lousy points, leaving their supporters to ponder over the summer the what-ifs and wherefores, and how different things could have been.

It's almost unthinkable that Hartlepool wouldn't have stayed up had Boyd been fit all season, but down they went and the club were forced to listen to offers for the 24-year-old striker.

Boyd arrives at Kenilworth Road to join a squad which, even having lost two of its most influential players to bigger clubs, is arguably better equipped for life in the Championship this time around.

Manager Mike Newell has reiterated his desire to have a younger squad packed with players that he can improve, and his summer signings have reflected that.

Although Adam scored just two goals for his manager during his seven month reign at Hartlepool in the 2002/03 season, Mike Newell saw enough raw talent in the youngster to track his progress ever since.

"He did a really good job at 'Pool. He's a great manager and I'm really looking forward to working with him over the course of the season."





Steady progress was made indeed. After a quiet start to the season under new manager Neale Cooper, Boyd was farmed out on loan to League Two newcomers Boston United to find his goalscoring touch.

He found his touch, alright.

As the goals started to flow he was recalled from his loan spell and went straight back into the League One side, going on to crack in sixteen goals that season, including two against the Hatters.

Some Hatters fans will have painful memories of that long trip to the North-East on a Tuesday night in April 2004.

Curtis Davies conceded a last minute penalty, and Boyd slammed home his second goal of the night from the spot to hand the Pools a 4-3 victory.

If the 2003/04 season was a successful party for Adam, then 2004/05 was the Jubilee, Millennium and all his Christmases rolled into one.

Boyd scored half of his total career tally of goals in that season, although Hatters fans may have been too busy enjoying their own promotion party to remember.

Despite many writing off Luton's chances of making it in the Championship, Boyd was adamant that he wasn't one of the doubters.

"I wasn't surprised to be honest. From the outside looking in, they looked a really strong side when we played them in League One, so I didn't think they'd struggle in the Championship."

Following the sale of crowd favourite Steve Howard to Derby County, Boyd had the misfortune to become the next forward signed by Luton, immediately and unfairly earning him the unwanted label of 'the new Howie'.

Did you know?

Adam Boyd's talents as a footballer were spotted by his school's headmaster and PE Coach, who selected him to play for Grange Primary School's Year Six side, despite being only seven-years-old. He then attended the Hartlepool Manor School of Technology and his talent was once again recognised by the school's headmaster, Alan White, a teacher who had previously taught Steve Harper and Paul Kitson. Hartlepool, the team he and his Dad supported and regularly watched, then captured his services.

Boyd has quickly, and correctly, moved to distance himself from any such marker:

"I don't think there's much of a comparison between me and Stevie. We are different types of players. I'd imagine that we'd try and play a different type of football now to when Stevie was here.

"One of the strongest parts of my game is linking the front line to the midfield, slipping people in and creating chances."

And Adam was also quick to go on record to state that he doesn't feel any the extra pressure provided by

Luton's history and tradition of quality centre forwards.

"Playing up front there is always pressure to score and, hopefully, I'll be able to relieve that in the first few weeks. There's pressure on every man on the pitch, though. But all players want to do the best they can."

Boyd has had to watch the opening exchanges from the bench thus far, as Rowan Vine and Warren Feeney have been the manager's preferred front two in the first three games of the season.

Falling behind in his pre-season training due to his transfer, and the

Question Time



During the 2004/05 season, Adam Boyd scored 29 goals in Hartlepool's run to the League One play-off final in Cardiff. But which current Championship club beat Hartlepool in the final?

upheaval of commuting from the North-East while he's house hunting in the Luton area, has put paid to a flying start in Hatters colours.

After stroking in a penalty in a hastily arranged behind-closed-doors practice match against Northampton Town, Boyd is eager to kick start his Hatters career for real.

Just three substitute appearances so far have yet to yield the goal Boyd craves, but his objectives remain clear:

"I'm looking for a start and then I'm after plenty of goals. I'm hoping to push Luton on so we can reach the play-offs."

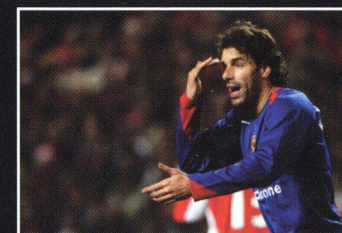
Boyd's opinion on...

Who will win the Premiership this season



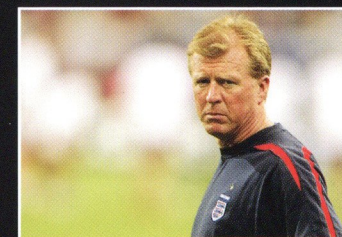
I don't think you can look any further than Chelsea at the moment to be honest. They have the strongest squad in the Premiership and they have added to that. Chelsea looked pretty comfortable last year and I don't think anybody else has the strength in depth that Chelsea have got.

The sale of Ruud van Nistleroy to Real Madrid



Ruud will be a big loss to English football. His goal scoring record is the best around Europe at the moment. He is a clinical finisher and Real Madrid have got themselves a great signing. He will continue to score goals in Spain and I am sure he will do well for Madrid.

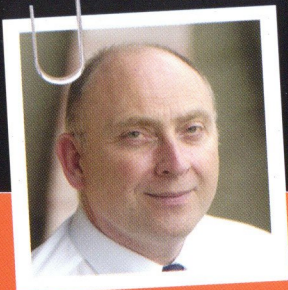
The appointment of Steve McClaren as England manager



I think his appointment makes sense. To have an Englishman back in charge is what we needed. He has been with the set-up for a number of years so that will help. We have had a disappointing World Cup, but I don't see any reason why we can't bounce back quickly.

ADAM BOYD





The A to Z of Luton Town

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

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Keith ALLEN

The fourth of seven sons who all played football at various levels, Keith was not given a first team chance at his local club Portsmouth, but made his name at Stockport where he was a mainstay in the side that walked away with Division Four in 1967.

Surprisingly transferred to Luton in exchange for forward Derek Kevan he never regretted the move as he became an instant terrace hero at Kenilworth Road with his 100% all-action style of play.

'Spider' became the perfect foil to both Bruce Rioch and Malcolm Macdonald as the Hatters won two promotions in three seasons before leaving on a free transfer to Plymouth.

Keith is now back on his native Isle of Wight.



Paul Kevin ALLEN

Busy midfielder Paul was part of the Allen clan that has produced so many footballers since the War.

Famous for becoming the youngest player to appear in the FA Cup final, when turning out for his first club West Ham, he subsequently enjoyed a long stay at Tottenham, followed by a less successful time at Southampton.

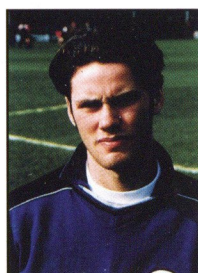
It was while at the Dell that he was encouraged to come to David Pleat's Luton on loan in December 1994, when he made four appearances. He then wound down his career at Swindon, Bristol City and Millwall before working for the PFA, subsequently coaching at Tottenham's academy.

Rory William ALLEN

The Hatters were struggling at the wrong end of the Division Two table as the 1997/98 season drew to a close when ex-manager David Pleat offered one of his Tottenham youngsters on loan.

Rory Allen was recovering from a serious ankle injury and Luton were a little reluctant to take on a crock. It was a good job they did as he was a revelation, and his six goals in eight appearances ensured our survival.

Unable to stake a regular first team place at White Hart Lane, Rory was transferred to Portsmouth for £1 million but a succession of injuries cut short his career.



Ian James Robert ALLINSON

Hitchin born Ian had racked up over 300 appearances for Colchester, who he had joined from school, when he was amazingly snapped up by Arsenal on a free transfer in 1983.

Although never a regular at Highbury he made over a century of appearances for the Gunners before moving to Stoke and then on to Luton in October 1987.

A clever footballer, Ian weighed in with some vital goals for the Hatters but was sadly cup-tied for the successful Littlewoods Cup run.

After returning to Colchester to finish his league career, Ian managed Baldock Town and Stotfold and is now director of football at Borehamwood.

Timothy John ALLPRESS

Hitchin born Tim came through the youth ranks at Kenilworth Road before making his league debut for the Hatters alongside Ceri Hughes and Neil Poutch in an injury ravaged side at Aston Villa, in March 1990.

Unable to dislodge Richard Harvey from the Luton defence, Tim enjoyed a loan spell at Preston and a period in Germany before moving to Colchester United in 1993. After two years at Layer Road the tall full-back had three separate spells at Hitchin Town wrapped around interludes in Hong Kong and St Albans.

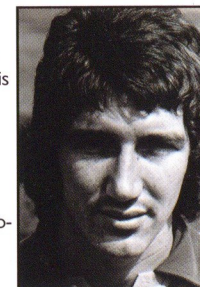
Tim is now a police officer stationed in Hitchin.

Adrian ALSTON

Going nowhere at Preston and working in an egg packing factory, it did not take much persuasion for Adrian to try his luck in Australia, where he became a great success, culminating in playing for his adopted country in the 1974 World Cup finals.

Adrian was about to sign for Hertha Berlin that summer, but Luton stepped in and the tricky forward starred as the Hatters made a brave, but unsuccessful, attempt to avoid relegation from Division One.

Surprisingly transferred to Cardiff for £20,000 in October 1975, Adrian helped the Bluebirds to promotion before joining the exodus to the USA, where a knee injury ended his career.

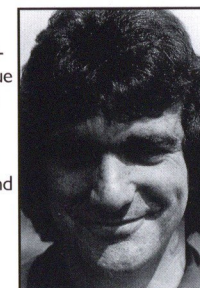


Peter Thomas ANDERSON

Trained chartered accountant Peter was happily playing for Hendon when he was given the opportunity to go full-time at Kenilworth Road. He did not regret the decision though, making 181 league appearances for the Hatters as a tenacious and competitive midfielder and helping his side to promotion to Division One in 1974.

As Christmas 1975 approached, the Town were in dire financial straits and the transfer of Peter to Antwerp saved the club from liquidation. On returning, Peter turned out for Sheffield United and had spells in the USA.

A surprise choice as player-manager at Millwall, Peter lasted two years at the Den. He is now a sportswear representative in Newcastle.



Calvin ANDREW

Local youngster Calvin came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road before making his league debut at Brentford in December 2004.

Loaned out to Grimsby at the start of the 2005/06 season he scored his first league goal, against Barnet, and played against mighty Newcastle in the Carling Cup for the Mariners. Another loan spell followed, this time at Bristol City, before he returned to Luton, coming on as substitute at Plymouth in April and netting the winner.

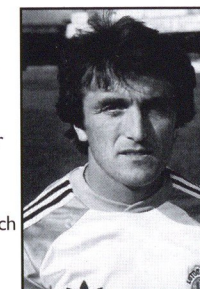
Much is expected of the tall, rangy striker at Kenilworth Road.

Radomir (Raddy) ANTIC

Raddy will always go down in Kenilworth Road folklore for his magical goal at Maine Road on the final day of the 1982/1983 season which kept the Hatters in Division One.

David Pleat's first foray into the foreign transfer market brought the Yugoslav international sweeper to Bedfordshire, but as the Hatter's manager rarely played with a sweeper, Raddy's cultured play, superb technical skills and powerful shot graced the Luton midfield instead.

After retiring from playing in 1984, Raddy arguably built up an even greater career as manager/coach of, amongst others, Real Zaragoza, Celta Vigo, Atletico Madrid, Barcelona and Real Madrid.



Joseph William (Billy) ARNISON

South African-born Billy first came to prominence with Glasgow Rangers, from whom the Hatters paid £8,000 for his services in 1948. Scoring a hat-trick in the 3-0 home win over Cardiff in only his fourth game, Billy soon became a crowd favourite, finishing as top scorer in 1948/49 - despite missing a large part of the season with a knee injury.

Because of this injury, Billy was never able to repeat his scoring feats and, after three major operations, decided to call it a day at the age of 27.

After a well deserved testimonial, Billy returned to South Africa where he practised as a physiotherapist.



MONDAY
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Harford teams up with U's

Colchester United boss Geraint Williams has appointed former Luton striker Mick Harford as his

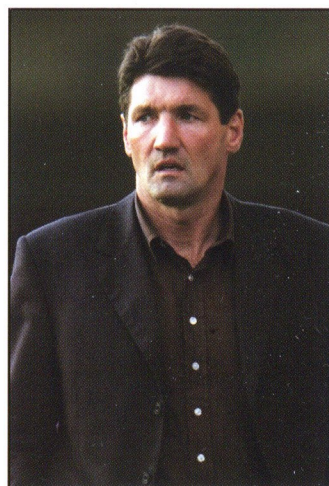
assistant manager.

Harford, 47, has been out of football since he was sacked as Rotherham manager in December 2005.

Harford, a former assistant manager at Luton, had previously been assistant boss at Swindon and Nottingham Forest, and has also coached at Wimbledon.

Harford and Williams were former team-mates at Derby County.

He also had a spell as caretaker manager for Forest in December 2004, following Joe Kinnear's resignation.



ALSO... Southend sign Hull City's Billy Paynter on a three-year deal....Wales Under-21 keeper Kyle Letheren signs a one-year contract at Barnsley, with the option to extend his stay....Wales striker Craig Davies completes his switch to Wolves on a season-long loan from Verona.

TUESDAY
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Derry signs in at Leeds

Leeds United midfielder Shaun Derry has signed a two-year contract extension to keep him at Elland Road

until 2009.

The 28-year-old has started his second full season with the club after moving from Crystal Palace in February 2005.

The much-travelled player has also previously played for Nottingham Forest, Notts County, Portsmouth and Sheffield United.

Derry made his 50th Championship appearance for United at Queens Park Rangers on Tuesday evening.

Leeds were also boosted by the news that Hayden Foxe is back in training.

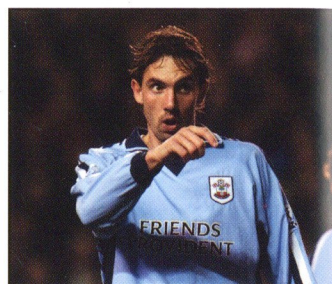
Manager Kevin Blackwell commented: "Hayden has trained with us and it's nice to have him back. He's had some scans on his foot and he is fine."



ALSO... Highly-rated Tottenham winger Mark Yeates joins Hull City on a season-long loan, reuniting him with former Colchester boss Phil Parkinson....Peterborough re-sign former defender Stuart Wall on a 12-month deal after his release from Coventry....New Derby County signing Matthew Oakley is named team captain.

WEDNESDAY
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Injury blow for Saints Lundekvam



Southampton manager George Burley has received a major blow after skipper Claus Lundekvam was ruled out for up to two months with an ankle injury.

The defender was stretchered off in the sixth minute of Sunday's game against Derby and taken to hospital.

And despite hopes the injury was not as serious as first feared, scans have revealed he has torn ligaments.

Physio Andy Barr said: "It's hard to put an exact time on it, but it's maybe two months. He needs to see a specialist."

Burley can at least take comfort in the fact that the ankle was not broken, while the head injury the 33-year-old Norwegian sustained in the same incident is not serious.

ALSO... Dexter Blackstock joins QPR for an undisclosed fee from Southampton....Scunthorpe United sign Italian striker Andrea Ferretti on a one month loan deal from Cardiff City....Birmingham decided not to appeal against Cameron Jerome's red card against Colchester.

THURSDAY
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Celtic eye Wolves defender Naylor



Wolves manager Mick McCarthy has revealed that Scottish champions Celtic have enquired about 26-year-old left-back Lee Naylor.

"There has been a bit of interest but I don't know what level it has gone to," McCarthy told the club website.

"I would be reluctant to see him sold on but the other side of the coin is that he's only got one year left on his current contract.

"He's been offered a new deal and I'd love him to sign it."

ALSO... Celtic manager Gordon Strachan has slapped a "not for sale" sign on midfielder Stephen Pearson after a £600,000 bid from Derby County....Wolves' physiotherapist Steve Kemp leaves the club to become the new senior physio at Preston....Barnsley complete the signing of Republic of Ireland international Colin Healy on a one-year deal.

FRIDAY
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Camara joins Derby

Guinea-born left-back Mo Camara has signed a three-year contract with Derby County after being allowed to

leave Scottish champions Celtic.

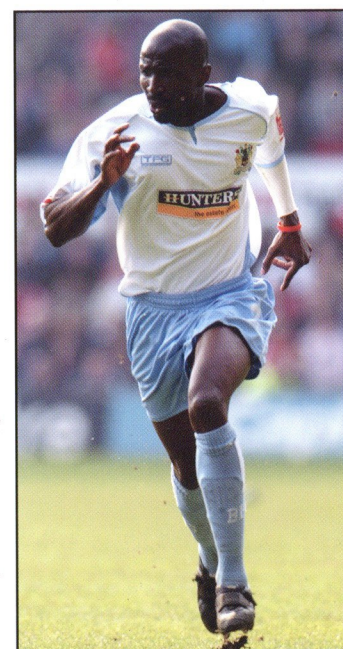
Camara had spent the earlier part of the week on trial with Derby's English Championship rivals Leeds United.

Leeds had been confident of landing the 31-year-old on a season-long loan.

But his time at Celtic, who he joined from Burnley in 2004, came to a permanent end after he failed to convince in 24 appearances.

He becomes Derby manager Billy Davies' second addition to his defence this week.

Camara, who began his career at Beauvais before moving to Le Havre then Wolverhampton Wanderers, was impressive in Celtic's opening-day 4-1 defeat of Kilmarnock.



ALSO... Bristol City boss Gary Johnson signs Wolves keeper Wayne Hennessy on a month's loan....Manchester United insist keeper Tomasz Kuszczak has signed a four-year deal with them, despite the first season being spent on loan from West Brom....

SATURDAY
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Gera going nowhere, says Robson

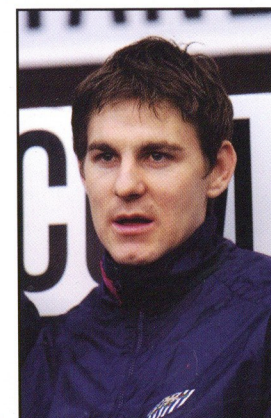
West Brom boss Bryan Robson is adamant international midfielder Zoltan Gera will not be leaving the club.

The Hungarian playmaker, 27, has said he wants to follow goal-keeper Tomasz Kuszczak in moving to the Premiership.

But Robson said: "Zoltan has two years on his contract and I can guarantee he is going nowhere

"Tomasz was always going to be a problem once he knew Manchester United were in for him but he will be the only movement out." Gera put in a transfer request earlier in the summer following West Brom's relegation from the Premiership

ALSO... Wolves hand trials to Wycombe defender Danny Senda and Blackburn Rovers striker Jermal Johnson....Derby County sign West Ham goalkeeper Stephen Bywater on an initial emergency loan deal....Norwich reveal that they are in talks with Charlton over the transfer of keeper Robert Green to The Valley



Luton Town Football Club 2006-07



Back Row (l-r): Jon Bowden (Physiotherapist), Calvin Andrew, Leon Barnett, Keith Keane, Michael Leary, Kevin Foley, Paul Underwood, Carlos Edwards, Danny Stevens, Marvin Johnson (Reserve/Youth Team Coach).

Middle Row (l-r): Bob Catlin (Kitman), Dmitri Kharine (Goalkeeping Coach), Peter Holmes, Rowan Vine, Stephen O'Leary, David Bell, Marlon Beresford, Zac Barrett, Dean Brill, Adam Boyd, Lewis Emanuel, Richard Langley, Chris Pendelton, Steve Sedgley (Youth team Coach), John Murray (Physiotherapist)

Front Row (l-r): Markus Heikkinen, Dean Morgan, Ahmet Brkovic, Steve Robinson, Mike Newell (Manager), Brian Stein (Assistant Manager), Chris Coyne, Russell Perrett, Sol Davis, Warren Feeney.



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Stats for Adam Boyd, Lewis Emanuel and Richard Langley are for their respective clubs last season

Plus Facts and Figures



01 Marlon Beresford



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



02 Kevin Foley



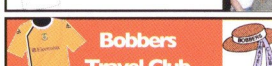
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 01-11-84
Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002
2005/06 App: 39*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



03 Sol Davis



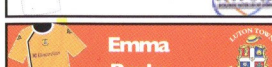
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 04-09-79
Place Of Birth: Cheltenham
Date Signed: August 2002
First Club: Swindon Town
Last Club: Swindon Town
2005/06 App: 23*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



04 Chris Coyne



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



05 Russell Perrett



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



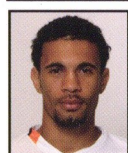
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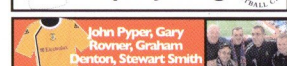
Position: Defender/Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 16-08-73
Place Of Birth: Wimbledon
Date Signed: March 2004
First Club: Enfield
Last Club: Rushden & Diam
2005/06 App: 30*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



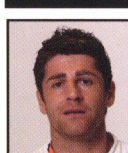
07 Carlos Edwards



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



08 Steve Robinson



Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 10-12-74
Place Of Birth: Lismore
Date Signed: June 2002
First Club: Tottenham
Last Club: Bristol City
2005/06 App: 37*
2005/06 Goals: 3*



09 Rowan Vine



Position: Striker
Date Of Birth: 21-09-82
Place Of Birth: Middlesbrough
Date Signed: July 2005
First Club: Portsmouth
Last Club: Colchester (loan)
2005/06 App: 1*
2005/06 Goals: 10*



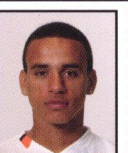
10 Warren Feeney



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



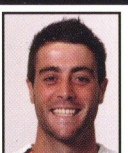
11 Dean Morgan



Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 03-10-83
Place Of Birth: Enfield
Date Signed: July 2005
First Club: Colchester
Last Club: QPR (Resigned)
2005/06 App: 34*
2005/06 Goals: 6*



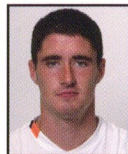
14 Michael Leary



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



15 Stephen O'Leary



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



16 Lewis Emanuel



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



17 Richard Langley



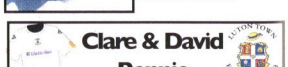
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Date Of Birth: 27-12-79
Place Of Birth: London
Date Signed: July 2006
First Club: QPR
Last Club: QPR (Resigned)
2005/06 App: 34*
2005/06 Goals: 3~



18 Annet Brkovic



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



20 Adam Boyd



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



21 Keith Keane



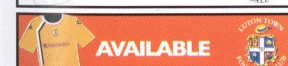
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Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2003
2005/06 App: 12*
2005/06 Goals: 1*



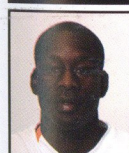
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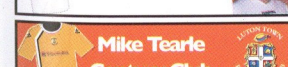
Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 26-11-86
Place Of Birth: Enfield
Date Signed: September 2005
First Club: Tottenham
Last Club: Tottenham
2005/06 App: 1*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



25 Leon Barnett



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



26 Markus Heikkinen



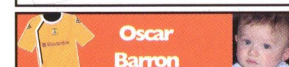
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 13-10-78
Place Of Birth: Katrineholm
Date Signed: July 2005
First Club: HJK Helsinki
Last Club: Aberdeen
2005/06 App: 40*
2005/06 Goals: 2*



27 Peter Holmes



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



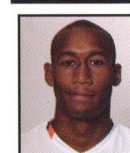
28 David Bell



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



29 Calvin Andrew



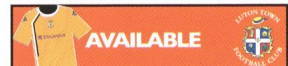
Position: Striker
Date Of Birth: 19-12-86
Place Of Birth: Bristol City (loan)
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2004
Last Club: Bristol City (loan)
2005/06 App: 1*
2005/06 Goals: 1*



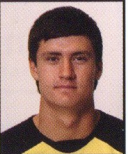
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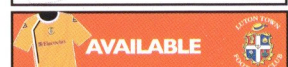
Position: Goalkeeper
Date Of Birth: 02-12-85
Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002
2005/06 App: 6*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



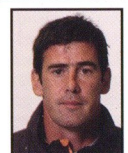
34 Zac Barrett



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



Mike Newell



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



Brian Stein



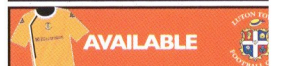
Position: First Team Coach
Place Of Birth: Cape Town
Playing Career: Barnet, Arney, Caen, Luton Town, Edgeware Town



Marvin Johnson



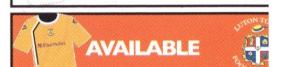
Position: Reserve/Youth Team Coach
Place Of Birth: Wembley
Playing Career: Luton Town



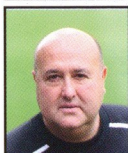
Steve Sedgley



Position: Youth Team Coach
Date Of Birth: 26-05-68
Previous Manager: Kings, Tottenham, Ipswich and Wolverhampton Wanderers



Mark Ridgway



Position: Youth Development Officer
Place Of Birth: London



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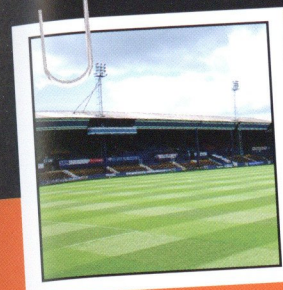
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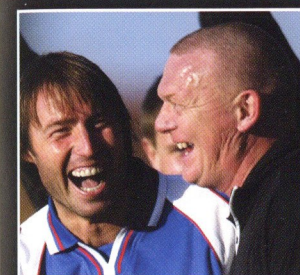
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Pick up a leaflet and join today



Around the Ground

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



Name: Gary Sutton
From: Lincolnshire
Matches this season: 2
Number of Yellow Cards: 2
Numbers of Red Cards: 0
Last game at Kenilworth Road: This is Gary's first visit

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

Sutton, from Lincolnshire, officiated in 33 games last season, producing 68 yellow cards and six red cards.

Sutton will be officiating in his first Championship game this season

The Man in the Middle

2006/07 Matchday Admission

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

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

Golden Gamble

It was a great day for Gary France from Shefford who, not only saw his side beat Leicester City 2-0, but also walked away with £800 after his number was picked out at half-time, by Chris Coyne, in our Golden Gamble draw. Remember, you can win a big cash prize this afternoon by buying a ticket from our sellers around the ground, priced at £1.



Town Teaser

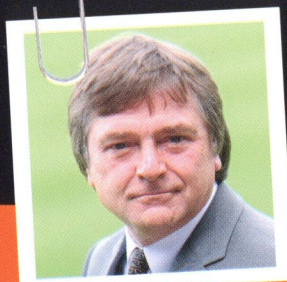
Here is your chance to win a pair of match tickets to a Luton Town game at Kenilworth Road this season.

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

Which former Luton striker, now manager at Dunstable Town, scored a hat-trick against Stoke in November 1993, during a 6-2 win at Kenilworth Road.



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Commercial news with **Peter Davis**

Peter Davis welcomes today's sponsors to Kenilworth Road

Welcome to all of our commercial partners, and today's match sponsors, to our second home fixture of the Coca-Cola Championship football season.

VIP & Kit Sponsors Trip to Leicester City.

It's with great pleasure that we announce that our Kit Sponsors away hospitality trip has now been confirmed as Leicester City on the 3rd February. In addition, this visit will also be available to other VIP guests who wish to join the party. Included within the day will be continental breakfast here at Kenilworth Road, executive coach return trip to the Walkers Stadium, VIP lunch, executive seats in the West Stand, plus programme and team sheet. The cost of this trip for Kit sponsors guests, or individuals, is £95.00 inclusive of VAT per person. Places are extremely limited, which is why we are advertising this tremendous package so early. Therefore please

contact the commercial department as soon as possible to secure your place.

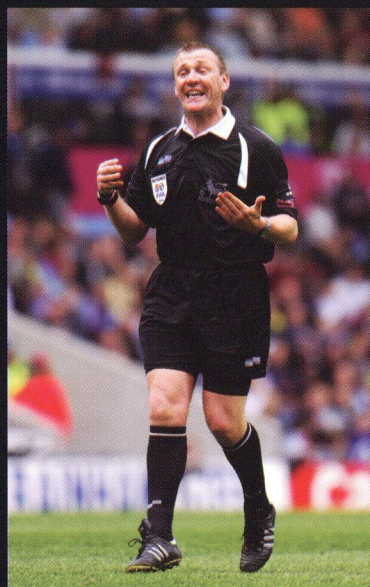
Lionel Tomkins Signs

The club would like to express their thanks to Paul Tomkins of Lionel Tomkins Signs for all of their hard work during the close season and in particular over the last few weeks, for their sterling efforts in producing and installing all of our brand new stadium advertising. Paul and his team have worked with the Club for over twelve years and by the very nature of the speed, to which we require them to respond, Lionel Tomkins Signs have always shown the ability to work with us, as well as keep to very exacting time scales and always to the highest standards of manufacture. Lionel Tomkins Signs can be reached on 01525 210243

Enjoy the game

Peter

Poll to visit Luton



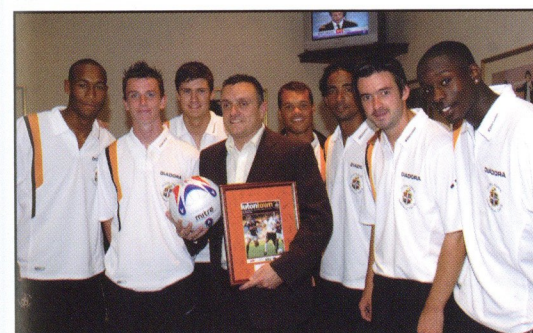
The Commercial Department are delighted to announce that, for our first Sporting Dinner of the season, we have secured the services of International and Premiership referee Graham Poll. Sometimes controversial, as the World Cup in Germany proved, but guaranteed always to be highly entertaining, Graham will be entertaining us on the night with his tremendous repertoire of stories of his experiences controlling some of the biggest names in world and domestic football. Joining Graham on the night will be one of the funniest men on the after dinner circuit, cockney Micky Pue, and the evening will be hosted by our now resident Master of Ceremonies the irrepressible Barry Williams. We are again back at the Chiltern Hotel for the night and included within your ticket price will be a three course meal with wine. The cost for a table of ten will be £500.00 plus VAT or individual tickets on a shared table are available at £52.50 plus VAT. This fabulous evening is, like all of our dinners, guaranteed to sell out extremely quickly, therefore please contact the Commercial Department without delay to insure that you, and your guests, are part of this memorable evening.

Today's Matchday Sponsor: Freelance Environmental Services Limited

It's with a very warm welcome that we say good afternoon to our match sponsor, Freelance Environmental Services and its Managing Director, Fred Dann. Fred is no stranger to the club and has been an active commercial partner for many years. Currently advertising within the stadium, as well as being an Executive Boxholder, Fred is also a member of our Millennium Club. Freelance Environmental Services specialise in the removal of asbestos from buildings and his contracts take his company all over the country, working for councils, construction companies, demolition firms as well as private individuals. Freelance Environmental Services can be contacted on 01582 450512. We all at the Club, hope that Fred and his guests have a great afternoon with us.



□ David Shave Matchball sponsor and his guests on the pitch pre kick off against Leicester City



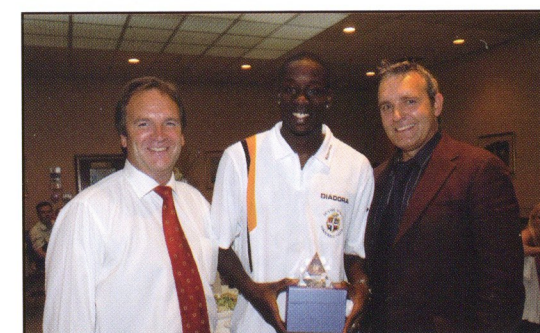
□ The Match Ball and Certificate of sponsorship, being presented to David Shave, who was also celebrating his 40th Birthday with us.

Today's Commercial Mascots: Jake Botterell & Daniel Murphy

We are pleased to announce our Mascots this afternoon are, six year old Jake Botterell and ten year old Daniel Murphy. Jake joins us all the way from Corvallis, Oregon in the USA, whilst Daniel is a little more local, living here in Luton. Both lads love their football, with Jake playing regularly for his school team. Meanwhile, Daniel has an ambition to represent the Hatters when he is older and hopes to be playing on the right wing for Luton Town in eight years time. We welcome both lads to Kenilworth Road and hope that they have a fabulous afternoon with us.



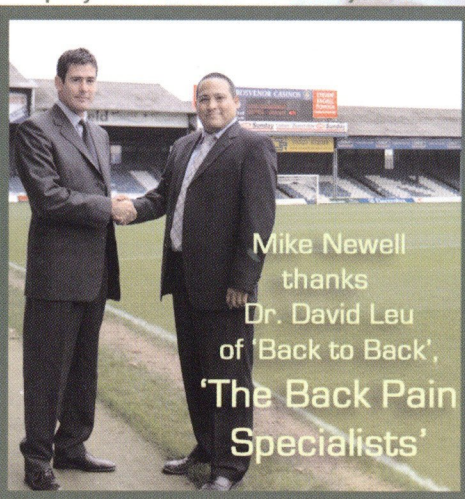
□ Commercial Mascots Nico Ashton and Isaac Galliford receiving their awards from squad members



□ Presentation to Leon Barnett of the Man of the Match award by Match Sponsors Eminence Leisure

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Luton's
Reserves

GEOFF KNOX reports from Kenilworth Road on the reserve side's 2-2 draw with Leyton Orient

Pontin's Holiday Combination
Eastern Division
Tuesday 15th August 2006
Luton Town 2 Leyton Orient 2
(Brkovic, Morgan)

Luton failed to get their Pontin's Holiday Combination League campaign off to a winning start as they were held to a 2-2 draw by Leyton Orient at Kenilworth Road.

Despite Reserve Team Coach Marvin Johnson fielding a very strong side, which included new summer signing Adam Boyd and first team regulars Dean Morgan and Ahmet Brkovic, the Hatters faced a determined Orient side full of running and unafraid to take the game to Luton.

And it was the Eastenders who got off to a flying start when Peter Holmes was unfortunate to flick on an O's near post corner straight into the path of the onrushing Nathan Pepra Annan, who nodded in from six yards.

As Orient gained in confidence, bustling forward Paul Connor was making a nuisance of himself and it took some desperate defending from Russell Perrett to prevent him adding to their lead in the eighth minute.

From the resulting corner, the influential Justin Miller was left unmarked for a free header, but Perrett was on hand once again

to block his goal bound effort.

Luton finally got to grips with the game, with David Bell starting to look dangerous, and it was his shot that was blocked on the line after Danny Stevens had teed him up on 13 minutes.

Morgan, playing alongside Adam Boyd in a new look forward line, was also starting to look menacing and was involved in much of Luton's approach work.

Orient 'keeper Glenn Morris was called into action on 25 minutes when he parried a fierce Morgan shot. However, Stevens' attempt to turn in the rebound was thwarted by a great goal line clearance from Pepra Annan.

Despite the Hatters' growing threat to the Orient goal, it took a mistake by O's defender Aiden Palmer to finally gift Morgan the equaliser he deserved.

On 28 minutes, Bell's deep cross should have been cleared by Palmer at the far post, but his attempt to chest the ball down went horribly wrong and the ball bounced off him straight to Stevens, who turned the ball back across the goal to Morgan, who gratefully volleyed home.

The highlight of the game came on 36 minutes, however, when Brkovic fed Boyd just inside the area. Boyd, with his back to goal, brilliantly teed the ball up and hooked a return pass over his own shoulder for the

Croatian Sensation to smash home from ten yards.

Brkovic's joy was short-lived, however, when five minutes later he was caught in possession at the back, giving Ibehre a free run on goal. Town 'keeper Zac Barrett saved well, but Adam Chambers was on hand to drive the rebound into the net to make it two apiece.

Bell was soon back in the thick of it when his free kick on the right side of the penalty area was headed over by Perrett, followed up by another two blocked shots in as many minutes, as the former Rushden & Diamonds midfielder enjoyed more and more space on the right flank.

Substitute Calvin Andrew had a chance to put the Hatters in front on 73 minutes, but couldn't capitalise on a misplaced pass in the Orient back four.

On 83 minutes, Boyd finally showed the crowd a glimpse of what he can do when he made space on the edge of the Orient area and curled a beautiful shot against Morris' far post.

LUTON RES: Barrett, Brkovic (Asafu-Adjaye, 45), Pendleton (Andrew, 67), O'Leary, Perrett (Ross, 65), Keane, Bell, Holmes (c), Morgan, Boyd, Stevens

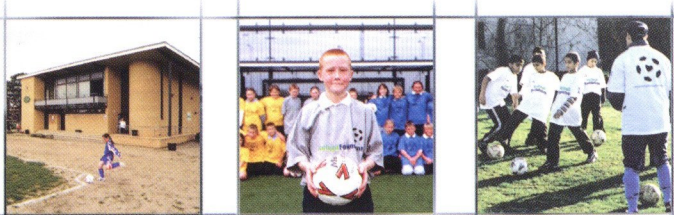
GOALS: Morgan (28), Brkovic (36)

LTFC RESERVES

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



□ Dean Morgan was on target for the reserves against Leyton Orient



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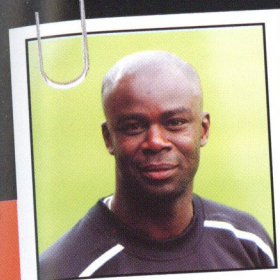
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Luton Town's Youth Team

Marvin Johnson looks back at the youth team's opening day defeat against Southend United

**Puma Youth Alliance South East Conference Division
Saturday 12th August 2006
Luton Town 2 Southend Utd 3
(Harrison-Barker, Osborne-Ricketts)**

Despite falling to a 3-2 defeat against Southend United, in their opening fixture in the Puma Youth Alliance Division, Youth Coach Marvin Johnson was happy with his side's performance at Newlands Road.

Despite fighting back to level the scores after being 2-0 down, the young Hatters went down to a late winner.

A goal less first half saw Luton enjoy the lion's share of possession, but Southend's counter attacking style of play paid dividends in the second half, and they soon raced into a two-goal lead thanks to a superb solo run from Rhys Henry and an own goal.

Luton were soon back on level terms with goals from Ashley Harrison-Barker and Elliot Osborne-Ricketts, but a second strike from Henry snatched the points for the Shrimpers.

Johnson said: "I was very pleased with the performance. It was probably the best performance I have seen from our youth team for about a year.

"I was just disappointing for the lads that they didn't get the result their performance had deserved.

"In the first half we dominated the game and we had numerous chances to have taken then lead. Although we didn't open the scoring, what pleased

me was the good football we played.

"We played very similar football in the second half and we dominated again, creating more good chances.

"I was disappointed with the goals we conceded. Southend's first goal came from one of our corners, in which they broke down the other end to score.

"Five minutes later Southend scored again from a corner, and we were disappointed in the manner of which the goal was conceded.

"Despite being two goals down, I was still encouraged that if we were to get a goal ourselves, then we would have a fighting chance, which ended up being the case.

"Southend feel that they will be up the top end of the table at the end of the season, but I am not concerning myself with other teams. I am just looking at our boys performing to the best of their ability.

Meanwhile, Joe Selby and Jamie McGuinness are still ruled out for approximately another month after sustaining serious injuries in a pre-season friendly against Aldershot Town.

The Youth Team were hoping to get their first win of the season when they travelled to Colchester United this morning.

They then begin their Puma Cup campaign on Saturday 2nd September with Hereford the visitors to Bedfordshire.

With no first-team fixture that weekend, Marvin Johnson's side would like to see plenty of fans at

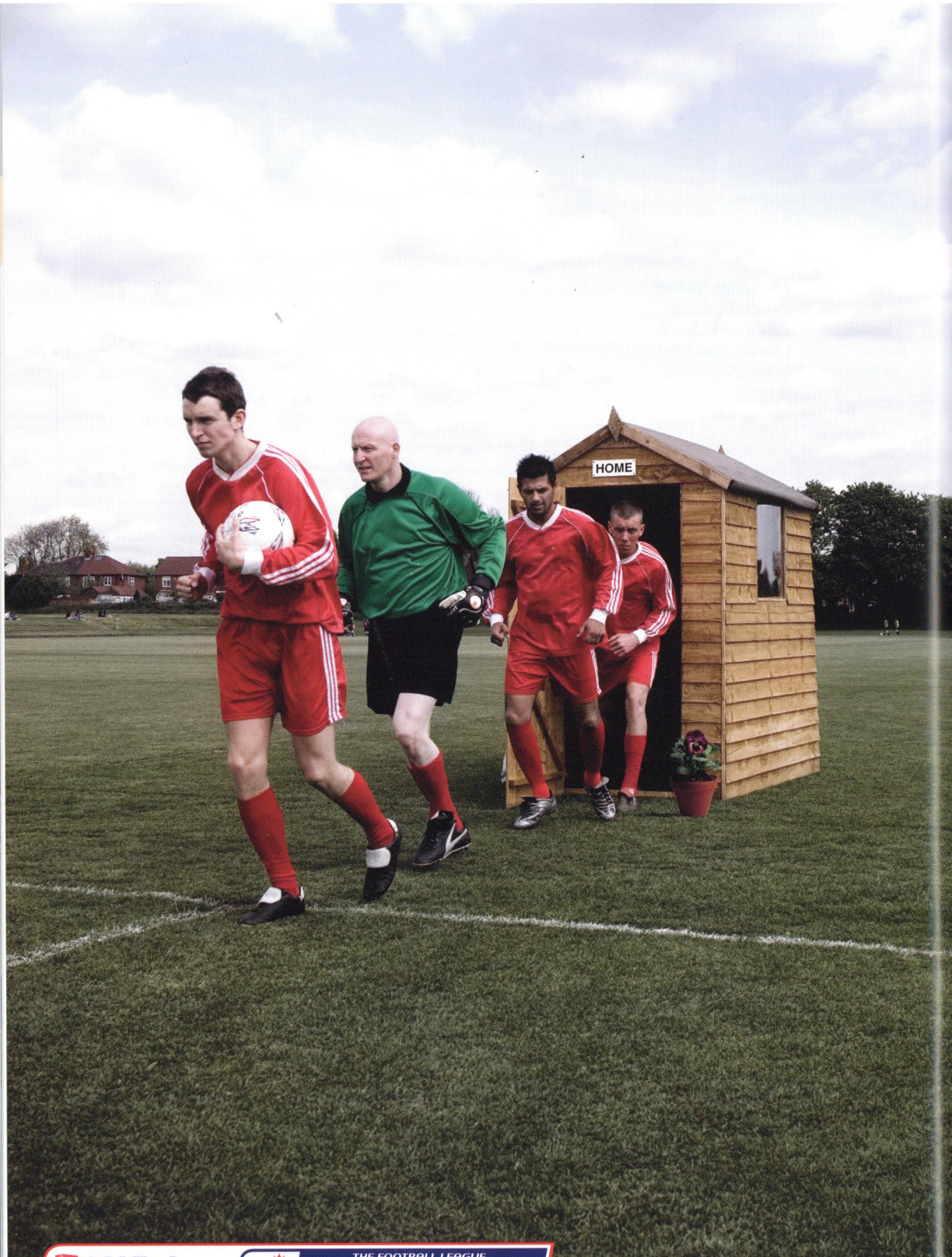
Newlands Road.

Remember, supporters can gain free admission to the game. Kick-off is at 11:00am

LTFC YOUTH

Date	Opponent	KO/Result
August		
Sat 12	Southend United	L - 2-3
Sat 19	Colchester United	11:00am
September		
Sat 2	Hereford United (PY)	11:00am
Sat 9	Bristol Rovers (PY)	11:00am
Sat 16	Leyton Orient (PY)	11:00am
Sat 23	Leyton Orient	11:00am
Sat 30	Portsmouth	11:00am
October		
Sat 7	Rushden & Diam (PY)	11:00am
Sat 21	QPR	11:00am
Sat 28	Wycombe Wanderers	11:00am
November		
Sat 04	Northampton Town	11:00am
Sat 11	Cheltenham Town (PY)	11:00am
Sat 18	Northampton Town (PY)	11:00am
Sat 25	Gillingham	11:00am
December		
Sat 9	Brighton & Hove Albion	11:00am
Sat 16	Brentford	11:00am
January		
Sat 6	Rushden & Diam	11:00am
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February		
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Sat 24	Wycombe Wanderers	11:00am
March		
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Sat 24	Brighton & Hove Albion	11:00am
Sat 31	Brentford	11:00am
April		
Sat 14	Rushden & Diam	11:00am

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gillingham	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Colchester U	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Southend U	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Brighton	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
QPR	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Northampton	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Wycombe W	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
LUTON T	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Portsmouth	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Brentford	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Rushden & D	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Leyton Orient	1	0	0	1	1	4	0



MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Mike Newell	Tony Pulis
Played 141 Won 65 Drawn 36 Lost 40 For 227 Against 184 Av Pts/game 1.64 Biggest Win(s) Luton 5 Bristol City 0 (05/03/2005). Biggest Loss(es) Sheff Utd 4 Luton 0 (01/11/2005).	Played 3 Won 1 Drawn 1 Lost 1 For 2 Against 1 Av Pts/game 1.33 Biggest Win(s) Stoke 2 Derby 0 (08/08/2006). Biggest Loss(es) Southend 1 Stoke 0 (05/08/2006).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..2	Mike Newell.....1	Tony Pulis0
Draws ..1	Goals 3	Goals 2

Player with the most...	shots	shots on target	shots off target	assists	crosses	fouls	free-kicks-won
Richard Langley	6	Warren Feeney 4	Richard Langley 5	Rowan Vine 1	Carlos Edwards 11	Leon Barnett 8	Warren Feeney 7
Player with the most...	shots	shots on target	shots off target	assists	crosses	fouls	free-kicks-won
Mamady Sidibe	8	Mamady Sidibe 6	Peter Sweeney 4	Vincent Pericard 1	Peter Sweeney 11	Clint Hill 8	Mamady Sidibe 7

SHARP SHOOTERS

Luton	CCFC Cup	Tot	Stoke	CCFC Cup	Tot
Carlos Edwards	1	0	Darel Russell	1	0
Dean Morgan	1	0	Vincent Pericard	1	0
Leon Barnett	1	0	Anthony Pulis	0	0

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played36	Luton wins.....9	Stoke wins.....16
Draws11	Goals 51 (1.4 per game)	Goals 55 (1.5 per game)
0-0's8	Times failed to score 13	Times failed to score 10

Biggest League win at Luton for each team:
27/11/1993 Luton 6-2 Stoke
17/12/2005 & 07/05/1995 Luton 2-3 Stoke

2006/07 LEAGUE STATS

6	Position	11
3	Played	3
2	Won	1
0	Drawn	1
1	Lost	1
5	Goals For	2
3	Goals Against	1
6	Points	4

Record Against Top Half of Table			
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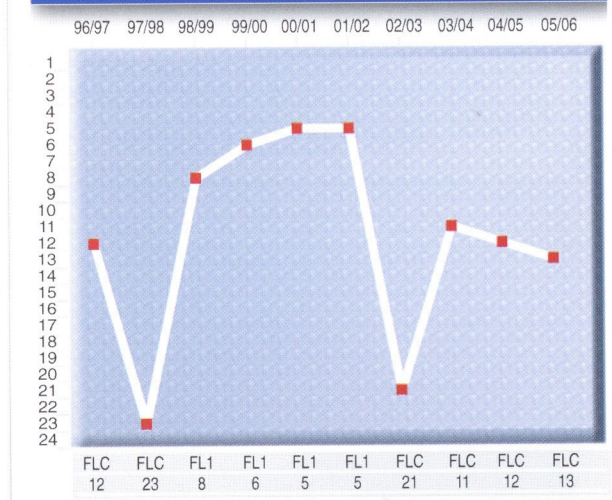
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W	D	L	RANK
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Match Scores	
Wins: 1-0[1], 2-0[1], Losses: 2-3[1]	Wins: 2-0[1], Losses: 0-1[1], Draws: 0-0[1]

STOKE - TEN SEASON RECORD



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Football in the Community

Stuart Smith brings us the latest news from the Community Department



Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's game. Our Summer Holiday Soccer Courses are in full swing with courses taking place in Luton, Dunstable, Amptill, Bedford, Sandy and Leighton Buzzard. Over the course of the six week period we will be providing fun football activities for over 600 different children.

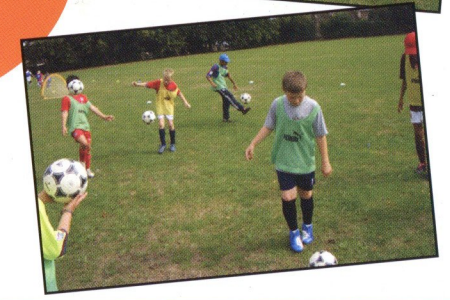
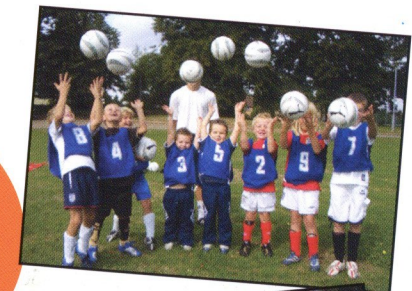
It's still not too late to book up on our remaining course for the holidays, which are listed below. The photos below were taken at our Barnfield and Sandy Soccer Courses.



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21st to 25th August**

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28th August to
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There are still a small number of places available for this tournament taking place at Barnfield College, New Bedford Road, Luton.

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WELCOME SACRED HEART GIRLS

We would like to welcome today's Saturday Matchday Club Guests SACRED HEART GIRLS UNDER 11's and their manager, Scott Brand.

The girls will be participating in a half time six-a-side game on the pitch. We hope you all have a good day with Luton Town.

Enjoy the game

Stuart Smith



Action Replay

vs Norwich City,
Saturday 12th August 2006



NORWICH 3 LUTON 2

Luton Scorer: Vine 15, Morgan 52

Attendance: 23,863

Picture: Dean Morgan is mobbed after his strike gives Luton a two goal advantage. Morgan, along with his teammates celebrate in front of joyous Luton fans, who made the trip to Carrow Road



Luton: Beresford, Foley, Davis, Edwards (Morgan 48), Robinson, Vine, Feeney, Emanuel (Boyd 61), Langley, Barnett, Heikkinen (Coyne 46)

Subs not used: Brill, Perrett.

Bookings: Barnett

Sent-Off: None.

Goals: Vine (15), Morgan (52)



Norwich: Gallacher, Drury, Shackell, Huckerby, Croft (McVeigh 73), Earnshaw (McKenzie 89), Safri, Etuhu, Colin (Fleming 86), Doherty, Robinson

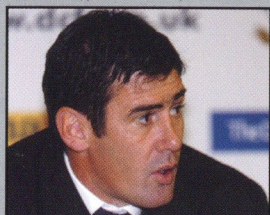
Subs not used: Lewis, Thorne.

Bookings: Croft, Shackell

Sent-Off: None.

Goals: Huckerby (57), Croft (67), Earnshaw (71)

From the Manager



We invited the pressure on ourselves and it was individual errors from normally reliable players that cost us. Sol had a good game up until the short pass that led to their second goal and Kevin couldn't get his back pass away for their first one. We have to get these individual errors out of our game. It was the only way I felt Norwich were going to get back into it because they weren't really hurting us. If a team goes 2-0 down at home you have to get back into it as quickly as possible and the goal gave them that chance and the lift they needed.



GOAL - Rowan Vine beats Gary Doherty as his 25-yard wonder strike finds the net



GOAL - Dean Morgan doubles Luton's advantage with his first goal of the season

NORWICH 3 LUTON 2

Luton's unbeaten start to the new season came to an abrupt halt at Carrow Road last Saturday as Norwich recovered from a two goal deficit to snatch the points in an entertaining game.

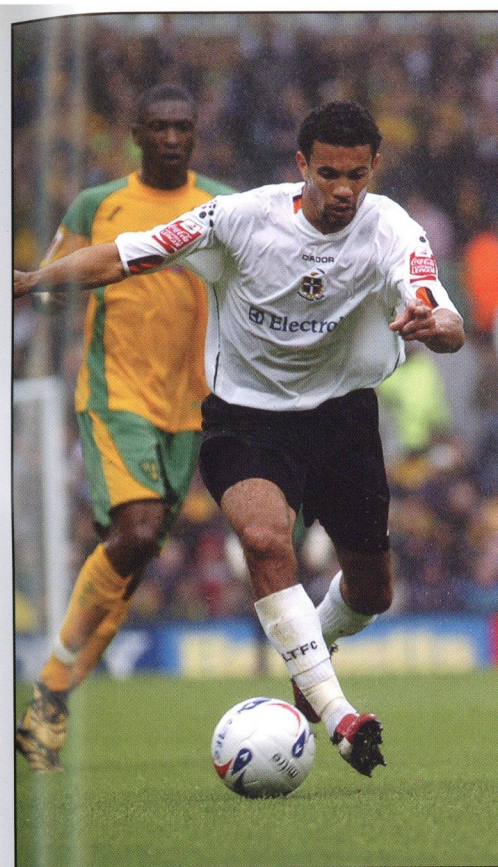
The Luton line up remained unchanged for the third game in succession and started brightly, Norwich rarely threatened as the visitors took control of the early exchanges. On the quarter of an hour mark, Vine cut in from the left to unleash an unstoppable shot into the corner of the net. The lead spurred Luton on and Norwich looked second best. Marlon Beresford had very little to do as the visitors went in search of a second goal.

Injury forced Markus Hekkinen to be substituted at

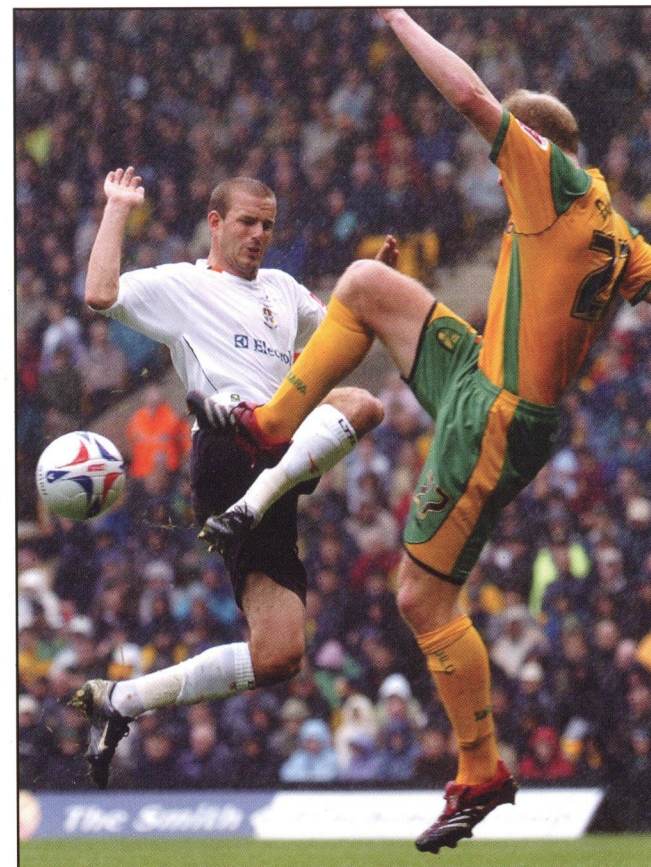
half time, and moments later Carlos Edwards was forced to leave the field after receiving a kick in the face. Edward's replacement Dean Morgan double the lead three minutes later with a well worked goal involving Warren Feeney and Vine

After completely controlling the game for almost an hour, Norwich finally came alive to devastating effect. A rare error by Kevin Foley allowed Darren Huckerby to beat Beresford in a one on one situation. The goal lifted the home team and two more strikes from Lee Croft and Robert Earnshaw gave the Canaries the lead.

Despite coming close on a couple of occasions, Luton were unable to restore parity.



Carlos Edwards surges forward



Former Hatter Gary Doherty beats Rowan Vine to the ball



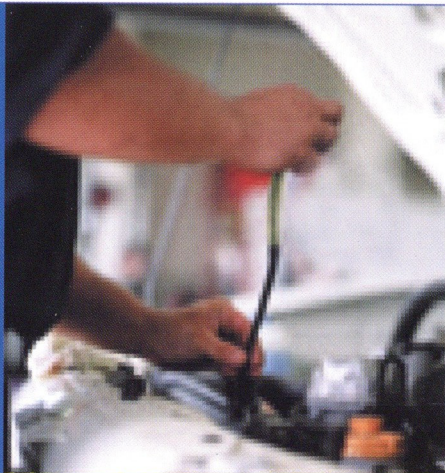
Warren Feeney powers forward past Lee Croft



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Trust In Luton

Kelvin Dunn, the Supporters representative on the Board, brings us the latest news from Trust In Luton

So another season is under way, and I know it'll be the fourth busy year in a row for me, and Trust in Luton.

Obviously the most high-profile campaign at the moment is the relocation project. You may have already read about TiL organising a meeting between all the major parties involved in any potential new ground – the club, the council, the airport and the local MP. We recently held our AGM here at the club, where we were pleased to welcome my fellow directors, Richard Bagehot and Martin King, who answered questions on the stadium project. We continue to collect signatures for our petition calling for collaboration between all the major players – if you've not signed it yet, log on to our website, www.trustinluton.com.

We are still collaborating on the In2win Supporters Lottery with the club, where all proceeds go towards the youth development scheme. Download an entry form from our website, or the club's official website, or pick up a leaflet from the Ticket Office today.

We strive to raise Luton Town's profile in the community, and we're delighted to announce that, in addition to our current sponsorship of the adult disability coaching project, we'll be funding the Club's Football in the Community department's new girls' development centre, which will enable Luton to keep the most talented players in the region rather than them looking further afield to receive the best training and facilities.

That's why we're holding an All-Star

Football Game at Dunstable's Creasey Park on Sunday 17th September, kick-off 3pm, in association with the Football in the Community Manager, Stuart Smith, Regal Litho, the Bricklayers' Arms, Keech Cottage Children's Hospice, and Dunstable Town FC. Programmes in advance, entitling you to free admission, are £3, and entry on the day is £5. Send your cheque to us at Trust in Luton All-Star Football Game, c/o The Luton News, Media House, 39 Upper George Street, Luton LU1 2ND, and we'll send your programme out.

We look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Come on you Hatters!

Kelvin
Kelvin@trustinluton.com



On the Website

Chris Rivett brings us the latest news on Luton Town's official website - www.lutontown.co.uk

It has been a good start to the season so far for the Hatters and this year, we hope the website will progress as rapidly as achievements on the pitch; as we strive to match the improvement that has occurred over the last twelve months.

One of the biggest developments that emerged last season was the launch of the Hatters' Mobile Magazine, allowing you to view the content of the website on your mobile phone, but where it really comes into its own, is the facility for you to enjoy action clips on your phone within 24 hours of the final whistle. If your phone is compatible you can subscribe now by texting 'LUTON2' to

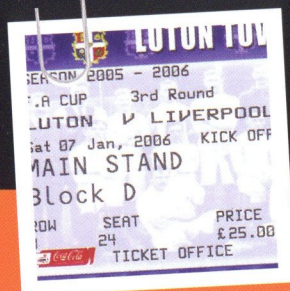
84700. The first magazine is absolutely free and after the first edition you'll pay £1.50 per match.

Those without the latest 3G phones don't need to miss out either; our official SMS service is continuing to increase with subscribers. Texts cost 25p each and as well as receiving exclusive website breaking news, on a matchday you will get the team line-ups before kick off, goal alerts, half and full-time divisional round-ups and post-match quotes. Why not sign up now and see how the service works with this afternoon's game? Simply send a text stating 'LUTON GOLD' to 88442.

Of course, whilst phones are handy for keeping you up-to-date, when you're on the move, you can't beat the quality of following the action online. Hatters World is the most-popular audio subscription site outside of the Premiership and was re-designed and incorporated into the official site last year, to bring you even closer to events at Kenilworth Road. At present, subscription levels are at all time high and for just £34.99, you can enjoy exclusive, behind the scenes interviews and watch match highlights from any game since 2001, as well as listen to live match commentary – all for less than 70p a week.

Chris Rivett

Log onto Hatters World today for exclusive interviews with Luton's players and staff



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CARLING CUP FIRST ROUND
BRISTOL ROVERS V LUTON TOWN
Tuesday 22nd August 2006
Kick-Off 7:45pm



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

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

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

£10 - Adults
£5 - Concessions (65+, U-16 and Students with valid ID)



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS V LUTON TOWN
Saturday 26th August 2006
Kick-Off 3:00pm



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

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

SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: Tickets are currently on sale to members, one per member until 19/08/06. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on 21/08/06 until noon on 25/08/06. (Subject to availability.)

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

Adult 23.00 U17's £13.00
Concession (Over 65) £13.00
Students (with valid ID) £13.00
Wheelchair Bay £13.00 per pair



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
LUTON TOWN V CRYSTAL PALACE
Saturday 9th September 2006
Kick-Off 3:00pm



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

Tickets are now on sale at normal pre-match day prices.



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
LUTON TOWN V COLCHESTER UNITED
Tuesday 12th September 2006
Kick-Off 7:45pm



Tickets are now on sale at normal pre-matchday prices.
Please note that there is a £2 surcharge on tickets purchased on the day of the game



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
CARDIFF CITY V LUTON TOWN
Saturday 16th September 2006
Kick-Off 3:00pm



THIS IS AN ALL TICKET GAME

ALLOCATION: We have been allocated 1400 places in the John Smiths terrace plus 400 seats in the John Smiths seating stand and a limited number of tickets within the disabled area.

SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: Tickets will go on sale one per season ticket holder until 26/08/06, then one per member from 29/08/06 until 09/09/06. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on 11/09/06 until noon on 15/09/06. (Subject to availability.)

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

Adult (terrace and seating) £20.00
U16's £15.00
Concession (Over 60) £15.00
Students (with valid NUS card) £15.00
Disabled: Adults £18.00, Concessions £10.00, Carer free of charge

Tickets are also currently on sale for the following home games:

WEST BROMWICH ALBION - Saturday 23rd September 2006 (All Ticket)
BIRMINGHAM CITY - Saturday 14th October 2006 (All Ticket)

TRAVEL GUIDE



Exit M5 at junction 16 (Signposted Filton) and join the A38 (South) towards Bristol City Centre. The ground is about five miles down the A38. You will pass the large British Aerospace works and further on, you will pass on your left the Royal George and Duke Of York pubs. At the next traffic lights, the Memorial Ground is signposted to the left and is about 100 yards down this road. If you go over the lights you will see the Wellington pub on your right. There is a fair amount of street parking around the sides and back of the pub.

SUPPORTERS CLUBS

Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 3:00pm. The fare for LTSC members has been reduced to £16, £14 concessions and £18 non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 2:00pm and Luton at 3:00pm. Costs for this trip is £16 adults and £13 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Stand, at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 750996 for further information



Take the M1 Northbound to join the M6. Leave the M6 at junction 10 and take the A454 towards Wolverhampton. Continue to follow the A454 right into Wolverhampton. On reaching the traffic island that intersects with the ring road, turn right. As you approach the second set of lights look for the signs for football parking. The ground is over the second set of lights on the right. Alternatively if you turn left into the city centre you may find a space in one of the many council run 'pay & display' car parks. The Civic Hall car park, normally remains open for night matches.

SUPPORTERS CLUBS

Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 11:00am, with a stop due at Milton Keynes Coachway approximately 30 minutes after. The fare for LTSC members is £14, £12 concessions and £16 non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 10:00am and Luton at 11:00am. Costs for this trip is £14.50 adults and £12 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Stand at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground or telephone 01234 750996 for further information



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	League		Cup		Total		Disciplinary		Nation	Caps	Gls	App	Gls
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	Yel	Red					
1 Marlon BERESFORD	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	Rep U21	1	0	104	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0				125	5
3 Sol DAVIS	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0				158	2
4 Chris COYNE	0(2)	0	0	0	0(2)	0	0	0				207	15
5 Russell PERRETT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				96	8
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				69	5
7 Carlos EDWARDS	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	0				48	3
8 Steve ROBINSON	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0				138	11
9 Rowan VINE	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	0				84	21
10 Warren FEENEY	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	N Ireland	(1)	0	53	7
11 Dean MORGAN	0(2)	1	0	0	0(2)	1	0	0				39	7
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				31	3
15 Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				27	2
16 Lewis EMANUEL	3	1	0	0	3	1	2	0				3	1
17 Richard LANGLEY	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0				3	0
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				193	35
20 Adam BOYD	0(3)	0	0	0	0(3)	0	0	0				3	0
21 Keith KEANE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				47	2
22 Danny STEVENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1	0
25 Leon BARNETT	3	1	0	0	3	1	2	0				30	1
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0				43	2
27 Peter HOLMES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				120	12
28 David BELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				9	0
29 Calvin ANDREW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				11	1
33 Dean BRILL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				13	0
34 Zac BARRETT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
35 Chris PENDLETON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

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

ALL THE GOALS

HOW THEY WENT IN:

SHOTS: 4 HEADERS: 1
PENALTIES: 0 OWN GOALS: 0
FREE-KICKS: 0 TOTAL: 5

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD:

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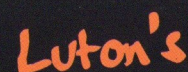
OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 3
Opponents score first goal: 0
No goals scored: 0

Luton Town score first and win: 2
Luton Town score first and draw: 0
Luton Town score first and lose: 1
Luton Town fail to score: 0

Opponents score first and win: 0
Opponents score first and draw: 0
Opponents score first and lose: 0
Opponents fail to score: 0

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 1
Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 1
Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 0
Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 0



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

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Name That Ground: 1) Macclesfield Town, 2) Bristol City, 3) Derby County

Kevin Foley Quiz: Sheffield Wednesday

Coming Next

to Kenilworth Road



Luton Town v Crystal Palace

Saturday 9th September, Kick-Off 3:00pm

By Des O'Donnell

Crystal Palace will be hoping to avenge last season's performances against the Hatters when they succumbed to the Town home and away. The opening match of last season was an unexpected victory for Luton, with goals from Steve Howard and Ahmet Brkovic securing all the spoils at Selhurst Park in a fiercely fought battle. On the return fixture, it was the turn of Markus Heikkinen and Rowan Vine to upset Palace's dreams of an early return to the top flight.

There have been some changes since last season at Palace, and not without controversy. After former Hatter Iain Dowie resigned as manager to spend more time with his family in the north, he subsequently joined Premiership outfit Charlton, just down the road from Selhurst Park. Flamboyant Chairman Simon Jordan did not hide his anger at the move and is still in a bitter argument with Dowie, looking for compensation.

Dowie's replacement is former Hull boss, Peter Taylor. An experienced manager, Taylor is looking to take The Eagles back to the top flight after their fall from the Premiership in 2005. Palace have had a strong start to their 2006/07 campaign, with three wins out of three. Away to Ipswich, on the opening day, they won the game after two goals from Jobi McAnuff and a strike from James Scowcroft, in a three minute spell, left the Tractor Boys reeling. An impressive performance against Southend saw Palace supporters treated to a goal fest, with three goals in nine minutes from Leon Cort, Dougie Freedman and Mark Hudson. To complete the trio of wins, Palace outfought a battling Leeds side and a last gasp extra time goal from Clinton Morrison (pictured) gave The Eagles the perfect start to the season.

Argentinean goalkeeper Julian Speroni, formerly with Dundee, shores up the Eagles defence, with the midfield patrolled by former Liverpool and West Ham players, Mark Kennedy and Michael Hughes. After the sale of Palace's top striker, Andy Johnson, to Everton for £8 million, the strike force is led by Morrison and Scowcroft, the former Leicester City front man who signed for the Eagles in the summer from Coventry City.

Palace will be hoping to keep their current form on track when they visit Kenilworth Road and have proved that they can put in strong performances with sudden goal bursts that surprise opponents. Luton will be looking forward to a competitive match and a repeat of last season's results against the Eagles!



Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draws	Palace
League	16	15	17
FA Cup	1	1	1
League Cup	0	0	1
Total	17	16	19

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LUTON TOWN

Manager: Mike Newell

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

STOKE CITY

Manager: Tony Pulis

Played	Scored		
●	●	STEVE SIMONSEN	1
●	●	CARL HOEFKENS	2
●	●	MARLON BROOMES	3
●	●	JOHN EUSTACE	4
●	●	MICHAEL DUBERRY	5
●	●	CLINT HILL	6
●	●	SAMBEGOU BANGOURA	7
●	●	DAVID BRAMMER	8
●	●	MAMADY SIDIBE	9
●	●	HANNES SIGURDSSON	10
●	●	KEVIN HARPER	11
●	●	PETER SWEENEY	12
●	●	DANNY HIGGINBOTHAM	14
●	●	VINCENT PERICARD	15
●	●	DAREL RUSSELL	17
●	●	LUKE CHADWICK	19
●	●	LEWIS BUXTON	22
●	●	PETER KOPTEFF	25
●	●	ANTHONY PULIS	26
●	●	ANDY WILKINSON	28
●	●	MARTIN PATERSON	30
●	●	CARL DICKINSON	31
●	●	ROBERT DUGGAN	33
●	●	ADAM ROONEY	34
●	●	ROBERT GARRETT	35
●	●	MATTHEW HAZLEY	36
●	●	KEITH THOMAS	37

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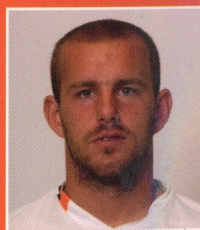
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