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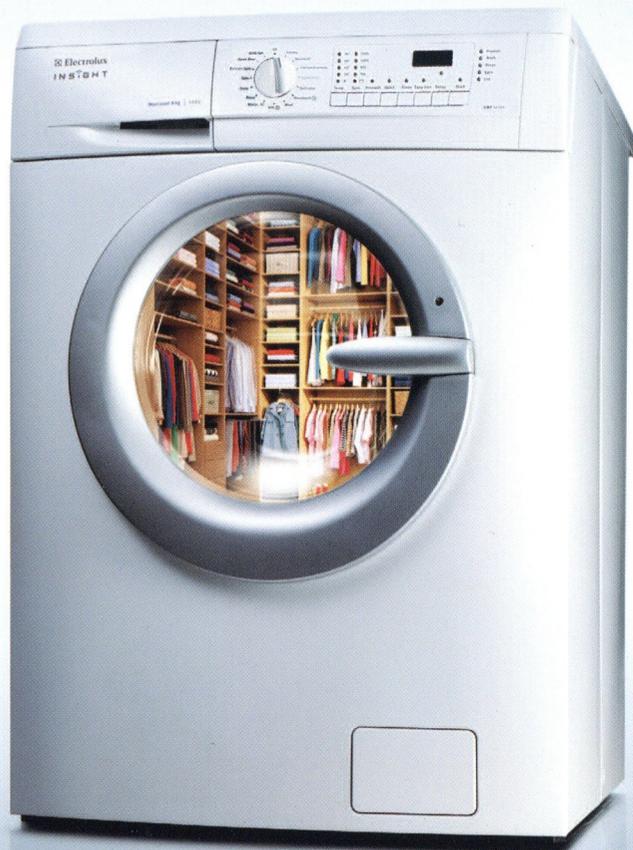
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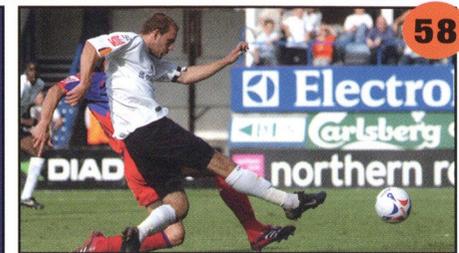
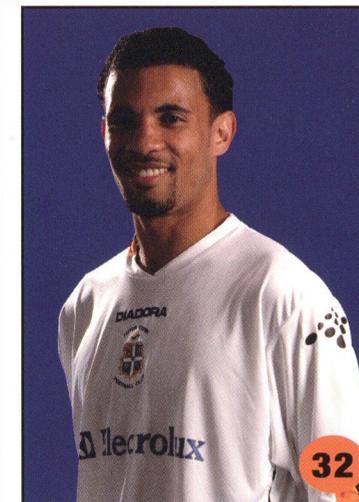
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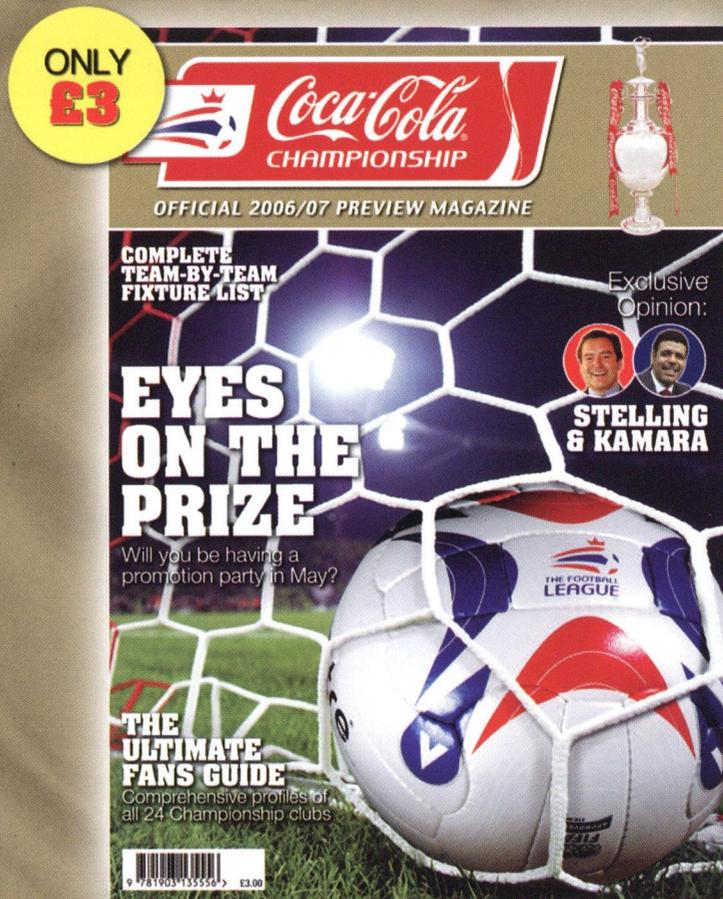
Welcome back to our first home Championship evening fixture of the season. We have another bumper programme for you this evening as Carlos Edwards is next up in our player profile pages as he reflects back on his time at the World Cup, and the constant speculation regarding his future at Kenilworth Road. As well as an interview with our Trinidad & Tobago midfielder, we also talk to new signing Sam Parkin, who talks about his ambitions at Kenilworth Road and his decision to join the club. A number of our normal features remain, such as a look back over the last six days in the Championship and our preview of today's visitors. Also, today's edition of the matchday programme sees Chris Coyne write his first sets of notes as First Team captain.

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STEVEN DOVE, EDITOR

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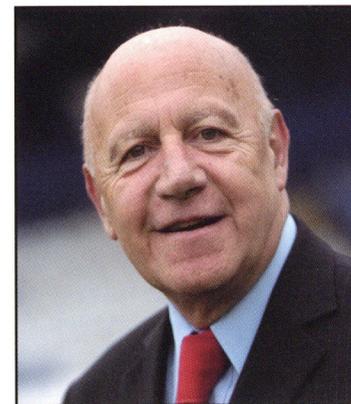
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From the Chairman

Bill Tomlins



Bill Tomlins
Luton Town FC Chairman

Good evening and a warm welcome to all our supporters to tonight's Championship game against Colchester United, and to all their Directors, Management, Players and Supporters.

This is my first public opportunity to congratulate Peter Heard, Chairman of Colchester United, and his Board of Directors on their team's success last season in achieving automatic promotion to The Championship.

The visitor's dugout tonight sees the return of Mick Harford to Kenilworth Road as assistant manager to Geraint Williams. It is always nice to meet up again with past Town players, although in Mick's case, he was also previously a coach and more recently the Club's Director of Football. I am sure we all wish him well with his new club, but with the exception of tonight's game and the return match at Layer Road in December!

This is our second Championship home match in four days following Saturday's excellent result against Crystal Palace, which took us to sixth place in the table. I said in Saturday's programme notes it would be a game not to be missed, and it turned out to be just that.

Naturally, at this time of the season

holidays impact on our attendances, and there was a shortfall on Saturday of 1065 below our capacity. However, the vocal support for our players was tremendous, creating an incredible atmosphere that does make a difference to the team.

A number of supporters who arrived early last Saturday may have wondered why our Head Groundsman Richard Bird, and his assistant Mark Panter, were in discussion with the match referee, Paul Armstrong. They were inspecting a temporary repair to a leaking pipe feeding our new sprinkler system. The system was shut down, but not before it had damaged a small area of the pitch. The temporary repair was approved. However, on what was a very hot day, the opportunity to water the pitch before the game, and at half time, was not possible. The repair was completed satisfactorily on Monday.

I am pleased to confirm another change to our fixtures with Sky Sports selecting our away game against Birmingham City on December 29th for live coverage.

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Enjoy the game

Bill



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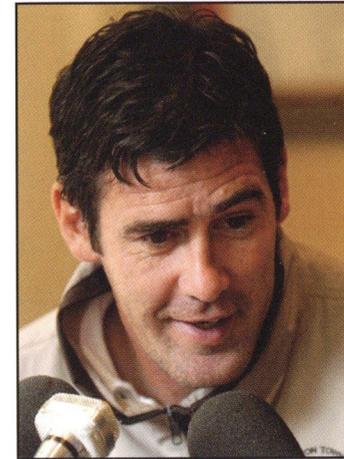
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From the Manager

Mike Newell



Mike Newell
Luton Town Manager

Hello and welcome to tonight's game against Colchester United.

Welcome also to Geraint Williams, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from Layer Road.

Colchester had a fine campaign last season and, after taking a few games to find their feet, they have had two very good wins, so we will not be taking anything for granted.

Saturday's win over Crystal Palace was very pleasing. We have a good record against them, having won three out of three since returning to the Championship. For whatever reason, and I am not sure why, there are teams that you just have good runs against.

Whatever you do in this game though, it seems it is never enough for some people. I was asked in the post match press conference, or rather a statement was made to me, that if we hadn't beaten Palace on Saturday it would have been four games without a win, including the Bristol Rovers Carling Cup game, which, apparently, we only man-

aged to go through on penalties.

My answer was: "Well, we did win. And, as far as I know, we won at Bristol as well, because in the newspaper the morning after it said 'Luton win on penalties.'"

So, that means we had gone one game without a win, which makes it four wins and a draw out of seven games so far this season, which in anyone's book - even the harshest critics or doom mongers - is not a bad start.

Players don't reach peak fitness until nine or ten games into the season so we believe there is a lot more to come, and we also have certain players who haven't really figured yet who are chomping at the bit for a starting place, or even a seat on the bench.

That can only be healthy for competition in the long run, although my office door is taking a bit of a battering at the moment.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads

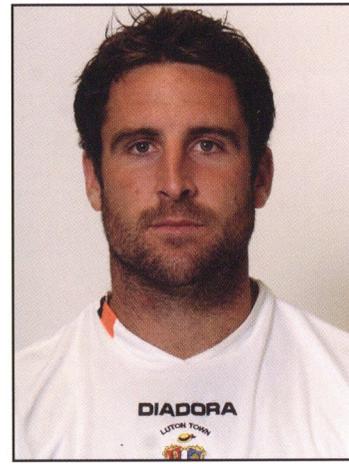
Mike



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From the Skipper
Chris Coyne



Chris Coyne
 Club Captain

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for tonight's game with Colchester United. As these are my first notes of the season, I want to take a quick opportunity to say how delighted and honoured I am to have been given the captain's armband this season. Having enjoyed so many happy years at Kenilworth Road, I am now looking forward to my new role within the Club.

Saturday's win over Crystal Palace was a thoroughly deserved victory

for the lads, and I felt we played well in spells.

We scored two excellent goals and played some good football, but, like in previous seasons, we were unable to kill the game off - something which we are keen to address.

With two home games in the space of four days, it was important to get three points on Saturday and return to winning ways after our defeat to Wolves a fortnight ago.

However, if people believe that we don't have an even trickier test this evening, then they are in for a surprise.

You can never take any game for granted and if we don't perform to the standards we have set then we could be in for some problems.

The three points we worked so hard for on Saturday will count for nothing if we don't follow that up with a similar result and performance this evening.

We have introduced four new

faces over the summer, and the signings of Lewis Emanuel, Richard Langley, Adam Boyd and Sam Parkin have all strengthened the squad. Parkin is a player I have played against during my career and although nobody is expecting him to replace Steve Howard, it is good to have another target man up front.

As for myself, I am probably another week from returning. During the Carling Cup game against Bristol Rovers, I sustained a completely different injury to the one that kept me out at the beginning of the season.

It has been a very frustrating start to the season, but I am hopeful that I can put that to one side once I make a return.

The start to the campaign has been very encouraging for everyone at the club and is a great platform for us to build on as we enter a difficult period of the season.

Enjoy the Game

Chris Coyne



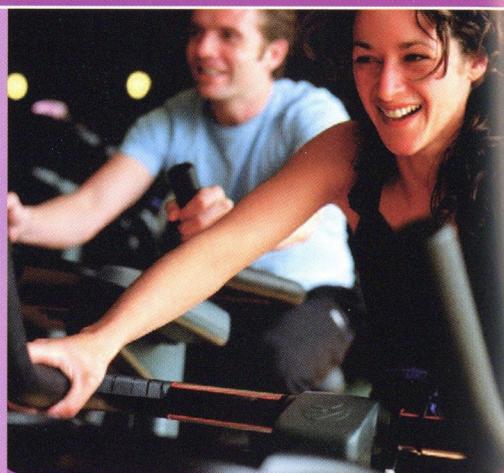
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Today's Mascots



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Junior Hatters Quiz

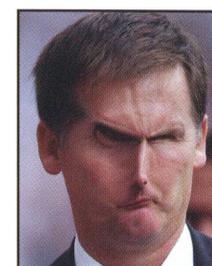
Can you identify these well known Premiership managers. The answers can be found below.



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Fill in the blanks to make up the surnames of these top Premiership footballers?

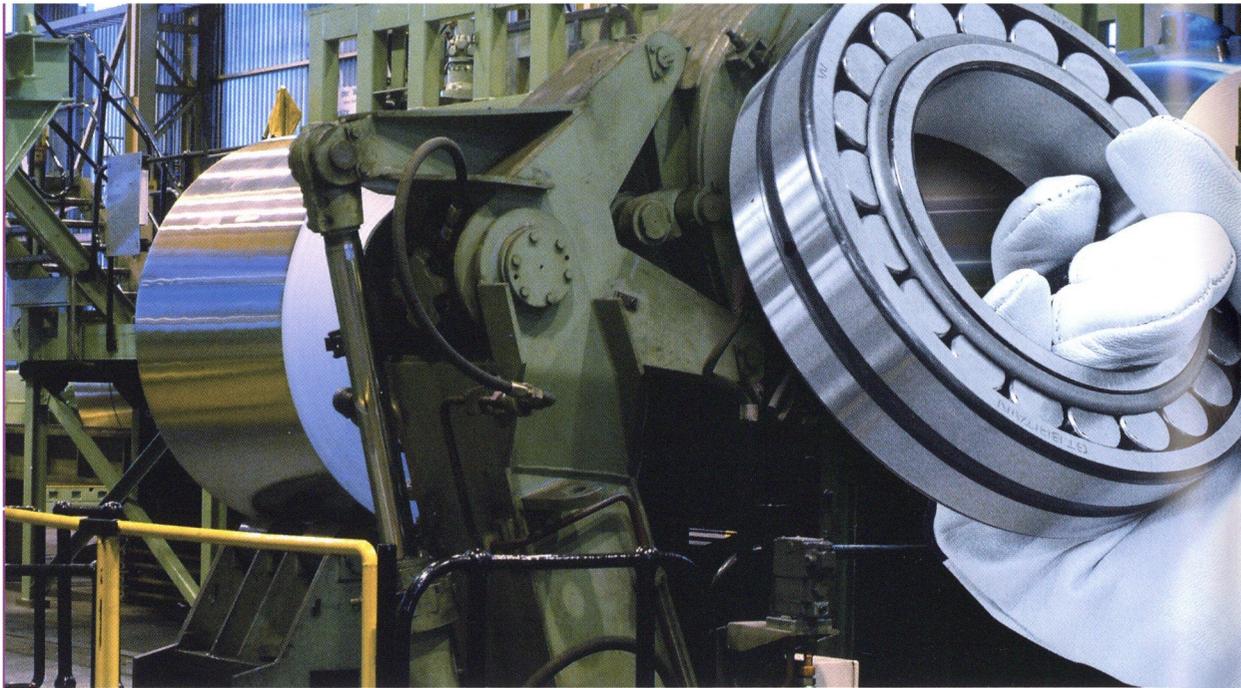
The answers can be found below.

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ANSWERS - GUESS WHO: Sam Allardyce, Steve Coppell and Glenn Roeder
FILL IN THE BLANKS: Cristiano RONALDO, Steven GERRARD, Thierry HENRY, Paul ROBINSON

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Welcome to

Colchester United

Having secured recent victories over Burnley and Derby County, Colchester United are quickly adapting to life in the Championship. Geraint Williams and former Hatter Mick Harford have the tough job of keeping a relatively small squad in this division, but as Stewart Curtis explains, this is a club with big ambition.

Considering this evenings visitors Colchester United were playing non-league football as recently as 1991-92, the club has performed a minor miracle to reach the level they have in such a short time. Having finished runners-up in last seasons League One, behind Essex rivals Southend, they will be looking to make an impression on their debut season in English football's second flight.

Having formed relatively late in comparison with most current league clubs (1937), the U's most notable result was upsetting Don Revie's all-conquering Leeds United side in the 1971 FA Cup, going onto reach the quarter-final stage that year.

A chaotic summer of ins and outs at Layer Road resulted in manager Phil Parkinson heading north to take up the reigns at Hull City. A series of players fol-

lowed suit, with midfielder Neil Danns' £500k transfer to Birmingham City coming as a real blow to the club. Others to leave included defender Liam Chilvers on a Bosman to Preston, Stephen Hunt to Nott's County, and ex-Luton front man Tony Thorpe to Stevenage Borough.

Bouncing back in true U's fashion, the club decided to promote from within by offering Geraint Williams (previous assistant) the opportunity to step into the manager's seat. New faces soon arrived on the pitch, including the early summer appearance of striker Jamie Cureton, after a successful loan spell from Swindon last season. Arrivals from Premier League opposition were the next in, with Lawrie Wilson and Johnnie Jackson incoming from Charlton and Tottenham respectively.

With the transfer window looming, Williams continued to bolster the squad,

with Kevin McLeod from Swansea City and Chris Barker arriving on a season long loan deal from Cardiff City. He also managed to keep hold of wantaway England Under-20 midfielder Greg Halford, much to the delight of the Colchester faithful.

The dream start hasn't quite arrived yet, with the bookmakers tipping them for the drop in pre-season. The club are already flirting with the possibility of a tough season down at the bottom. They were unlucky not to take something from the opening day defeat away to Birmingham City. However, a recent 4-3 win at home to Derby County may have given the players the required confidence boost, as they head to Kenilworth Road looking to gain their second away win of the season.





The Opponents

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

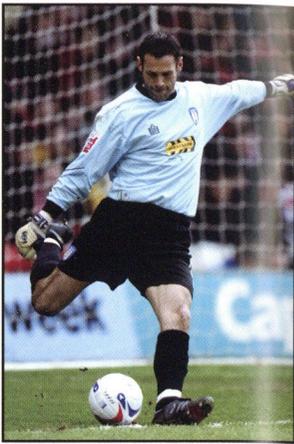
The Manager



As a player, Geraint Williams gained two Welsh caps at Ipswich to add to the eleven he acquired as a Derby County player. These two appearances came a few years apart, in the 1992/93 season he played against the Republic of Ireland and in the 1995/96 season against Germany as a substitute. Also represented Wales at Youth and Under-21 levels. (2002-12-24). Williams spent much of his playing career at Bristol Rovers, Derby County and Ipswich before moving to Colchester. The 44-year-old, former Town midfielder, was handed the managers job at Colchester earlier this year after he had been in temporary charge at Layer Road for almost two months following Phil Parkinson's exit to Hull City. The Welshman appointed for Hatters striker Mick Harford as his assistant earlier this season.

The Goalkeepers

AIDAN DAVISON is a vastly experienced goalkeeper who has had a big say in the high quality of Colchester's defensive record over the last couple of seasons. Rather like our own man between the sticks up the other end of the pitch, Aidan is ripe in years and has enjoyed a career at many clubs up and down the country. Having only been at Layer Road since July 2004, he's already nudging 100 appearances, which is another measure of how important it is for a 'keeper' to keep himself in prime condition. **DEAN GERKEN** is a highly-rated young shot-stopper who made his debut for the U's as a 17-year-old more than three years ago. Gerken enjoyed three separate runs in the team during the 2004/05 season, clocking up over 20 appearances. His solitary appearance this season was in the Carling Cup defeat at MK Dons. You can expect Dean to be on the U's bench today.



The Defenders

GREG HALFORD (Pictured) is one of this season's rising stars in the Championship, although, much to the U's dismay, has been coveted by some bigger clubs in not just this division, but also Premiership side West Ham. Colchester will be happy to have hung on to Halford (at least until January) after he handed in a transfer request in August. Although primarily a right back, the expression 'utility player' was invented for this tall 21-year-old, as Halford has also played at centre half, central midfield and right midfield. He also once enjoyed a successful spell up front, where he scored six goals in nine games during the 2004/05 season. **WAYNE BROWN** is a combative defender who many non-U's fans will remember for his sterling performance in last season's dramatic FA Cup tie at Chelsea. Colchester fans love him for his bravery - often sticking his head in where most wouldn't even risk a foot! After impressing on loan from Watford during the 2003/04 season, Colchester snapped him up on a free transfer and he's been an ever-present ever since. **PAT BALDWIN** is an ex-Chelsea trainee who had a brief spell on loan at St Albans before establishing himself in the Colchester side. Pat is another player appreciated by the U's fans, and has won many end-of-season awards for his efforts.



Colchester United's All Time Records

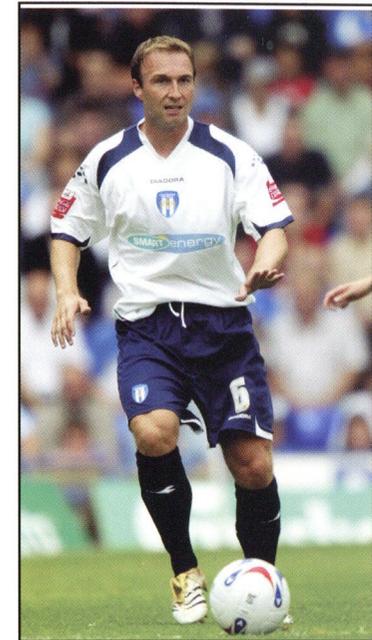
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Best league win: 9 - 1: vs Bradford City 30/12/1961 Division 4
Worst league loss: 0 - 8: vs Leyton Orient 15/10/1989 Division 4
Best cup win: 7 - 1: vs Yeovil Town 11/12/1958 FA CUP R2
League appearances: Micky Cook: 613 1969/84

League goals: Martyn King: 131 1959/65
Goals in a season: Bobby Hunt: 37 1961/62 Division 4
Transfer fee received: £2,250,000: Lomano Tresor Lua Lua Newcastle U September 2000
Transfer fee paid: £50,000 Neil Gregory Ipswich March 1998

The Midfielders

Experienced playmaker **KEVIN WATSON (pictured)** has easily adapted to life back in the Championship with the U's this season, having previously representing Rotherham, Reading and Swindon at this level. A hard working midfielder with an eye for the killer pass, Watson has often been described as the heartbeat of the Colchester team. However, averaging just one goal a season, Hatters fans will be pleased to know that he's already hit his target for the season with a goal in an impressive 2-1 win at Burnley last weekend. **KARL DUGUID** is Colchester's longest-serving player, having joined them as a trainee in the summer of 1996. It's rarity for a player to spend his entire career at one

club, but Duguid really is Mr Colchester, having not even going out on loan as the U's moved up and down the leagues. Born in Hitchin, Duguid has clocked up over 400 appearances for his club, and is now reaping his due reward as an ever-present in the team this season. **KEM IZZET** is a tenacious midfielder who has also featured in all of the U's games this season. Signed from Charlton in April 2001, Izzet has already surpassed the 200 appearance milestone, despite missing virtually the whole of the 2004/05 season with a serious ankle injury. Kem's brother is former Premiership star Muzzy Izzet, who is currently nursing a long-term injury at fellow Championship newcomers (albeit coming from the other direction!), Birmingham City.



The Strikers

JAMIE CURETON is a colourful, much-travelled striker who has a very reliable scoring record at almost every club he's played at. An absolute hero at Bristol Rovers and Reading, Cureton kind of lost his way at the end of the 2002/03 season when he bizarrely left the Royals to play for Pusan Icons in South Korea! His South-east Asian adventure came to an abrupt halt the following February, when he returned to the more familiar climate of the Championship, turning out for QPR. Cureton struggled to find his form at first, scoring just twice, although he was mainly on the bench, in the rest of the

season. After a relatively unsuccessful spell at Loftus Road the following year, Cureton dropped down a division to play for Swindon, and the goals started to flow once more. He's amongst the top scorers in the Championship this season, having already cracked in three goals. Australian-born **RICHARD GARCIA** scored in the opening game of the season in a 2-1 defeat at Birmingham, and is another of the U's side who shone so brightly in their brave FA Cup efforts at Stamford Bridge last season. The ex-West ham trainee also had a spell at Leyton Orient.



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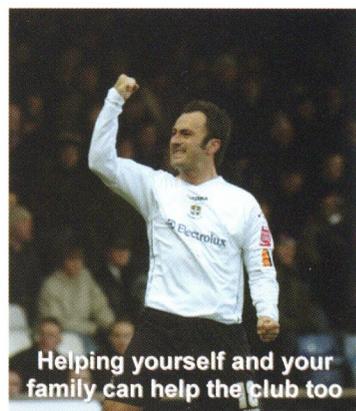
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View from the **Opposition**

Evening Gazette Sports Reporter John Pakey in conversation with Chris Rivett

How have Colchester found life in the Championship following their promotion?

Colchester may have lost their first four matches in the Championship, but the results don't show the whole story. The team has pulled off some great performances but their finishing at time was woeful. Against Derby County it all came together, though. And the goalscoring heroics in the 4-3 win matched the performances which have been on display.



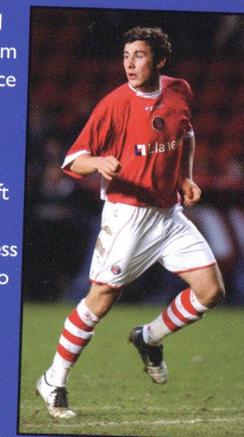
How important was it to hold on to Greg Halford on deadline day?

Greg Halford proved on the first day against Birmingham City that he could cut it in the Championship. He was up with the speed and the skill of the game and he certainly has plenty about him. He is a big asset to the team with his ability to play in a number of positions.



What will Geraint Williams' signings Kevin McLeod, Chris Barker and Lawrie Wilson bring to the squad?

Chris Barker is a solid and dependable left-back. A calm and assured head in defence which will be vital for this season. Kevin McLeod appears to have plenty of potential as an attacking left winger, and if U's boss Geraint Williams can harness that it will be a big bonus to have threat on both flanks. Youngster Lawrie Wilson (pictured) looked good in pre-season and he provides an extra option at right-back.



Who should Luton fans look out for this afternoon in the U's squad?

Kevin Watson. The U's midfielder is a masterclass in play-making at times. He pulls the strings perfectly. But you should not forget Halford and the tidy Jamie Cureton up front.

What are Colchester's aims for this season?

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Five to **Remember**

Roger Wash takes a look back at five classic encounters between Luton Town and Colchester United

25th January 1964 Luton Town 3 Colchester United 1 Attendance: 4,726

The Town were sinking fast, and with only one win from the previous 11 games, their first ever league clash with Colchester became a 'must win' contest.

Harry Walden gave the Hatters a surprise early lead but, when Bobby Hunt levelled for the 'U's, heads dropped - apart from that of teenager John O'Rourke, whose youthful exuberance was about to save the day.

His clever flick with his back to the goal with 11 minutes left put the Town back into the lead, and after he was brought down in the area in the final seconds, veteran Gordon Turner stepped up to net from the spot.



☐ Matt Taylor thrashes in the winner at Kenilworth Road in April 2000.

26th August 1964 Luton Town 3 Colchester United 1 Attendance: 9,897

The Town escaped the drop at the death the previous season but missing from this early campaign re-match was John O'Rourke, injured the Saturday before.

Taking his place in the forward line was new £8,000 signing from Nottingham Forest, David Pleat. The new man led the Colchester defence a merry dance, with the result that two players had to be assigned to him.

This left space for the other forwards to exploit, which they did, with Tom McKechnie opening the scoring. Although Colchester levelled through future Hatter Billy Stark, the game was made safe courtesy of a further strike from McKechnie and, with ten minutes left, Gordon Riddick.

8th April 1966 Colchester United 2 Luton Town 2 Attendance: 10,200

Both sides suffered the drop at the end of the previous campaign but, by the time of their next clash, the teams were neck and neck in the promotion race.

After the start was delayed because a large hole had suddenly appeared in the Luton penalty area it did not take long for Dick Edwards to fire the Town into the lead.

When Ray Whittaker converted from the spot when he was brought down by Duncan Forbes soon after the break, a vital win seemed on the cards, but complacency allowed Reg Stratton in to reduce the deficit.

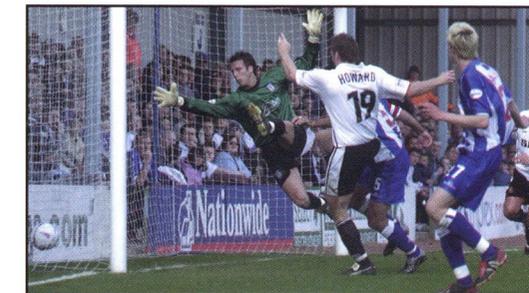
The Hatters seemed to have weathered the storm but another defensive lapse let in Stratton again with two minutes left to allow the home side to win an unlikely point.

1st April 2000 Luton Town 3 Colchester United 2 Attendance: 5,125

Kenilworth Road was the place to see goals that season with more scored than at any other league venue in the country. The Hatters and the 'U's contributed to another thriller with Julian Watts opening the scoring with a header from Matthew Spring's free-kick.

After dominating play, though, the Town suddenly found themselves behind when defensive errors put in Steve McGavin and Tony Lock in the space of seven minutes.

Back came the Hatters in this roller-coaster contest with Gary Doherty sliding in the equaliser and then Matthew Taylor, from a seemingly offside position, slamming in the winner with eight minutes to go.



☐ Steve Howard heads home during the 5-0 win at Layer Road in 2003.

21st April 2003 Colchester United 0 Luton Town 5 Attendance: 3,967

Colchester, unbeaten in eight games, are destroyed in the Steve Howard show as the big man nets a hat-trick and generally leads the 'U's defence a merry dance all afternoon.

The Colchester goalkeeper, Richard McKinney, is blamed for two of the goals as the Town surge into a 4-0 half-time lead, fumbling the ball to gift the fit-again Carl Griffiths, (his first in almost two years) and then bringing down the same man for a penalty.

The Town ease off in the second period, leaving young Robert Beckwith in the Luton goal to deny Dean Morgan but Howard sneaks in during added time to secure the second match ball of his Luton career.



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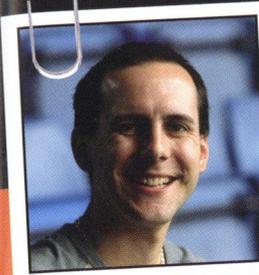


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Stat Attack

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

There have only been nine previous league meetings between the sides, and Luton have won five of those. Colchester have won twice, in 2000/01 and 2002/03, and there have been two draws, in 1965/66 and 2004/05. Luton have scored 16 goals and conceded 12, therefore an average of over three goals per game! The sides have only met once in cup competition at Kenilworth Road, and that ended in a 1-1 League Cup 1st Round, 2nd Leg draw.

This is the first time that the two sides have met at this level of the Football League.



The Hatters have provided Colchester with a few players in recent years, particularly during the 1990's with the likes of Tony Adcock, David Greene, Efe Sodje (pictured), Alan White all heading east. Adcock, bought from Peterborough for £20,000 only lasted just three appearances before his free transfer. David Greene made 23 appearances for Luton

from 1992-1995, including an FA Cup tie at Premiership West Ham, before his move, again on a free transfer. Efe Sodje was loaned to Colchester towards the end of his first season at Luton after just 14 appearances. Although he only played three games for the Essex side, Sodje actually featured for them against Luton! Alan White was another player to play against his former side, having played 92 times, scoring three goals for Luton, he moved in July 2000, having had a successful spell on loan earlier in the season.



Billy Rickett was the first player to move from Colchester to Luton, but he only played once for the Hatters, in the opening game of the 1930/31 season. Aaron Skelton (pictured) is the only other player to have made the move, which was actually a return to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2001 after being sold to Colchester in 1997.

Skelton started as a Luton trainee and made 13 appearances for the Club before his free transfer to Layer Road, where he made 146 appearances, scoring 17 goals. Joe Kinnear brought him back to Luton at the start of the promotion season of 2001/02, and in the next two seasons he made a further 19 appearances, and scored twice before moving to Havant & Waterlooville in the summer of 2003.

There has never been a goalless draw in this fixture, and Luton have only failed to score once, the 3-0 defeat in 2000/01.

Both sides finished on 56 points at the end of the 1965/66 season, so perhaps it will come as no surprise that both games ended in a draw! Dick Edwards scored the only goal of his Luton career in the 2-2 draw at Layer Road, with Whittaker netting the other from the penalty spot. The fixture at Kenilworth Road saw Gordon Riddick score in a 1-1 draw, in front of our biggest crowd for this fixture, 15,309.

The first league encounter at Kenilworth Road was in Division 3, back in January 1964, when the Hatters won 3-1, courtesy of goals from Harry Walden, John O'Rourke and record goal scorer Gordon Turner. It was the same scoreline at the beginning of the following season, a brace from Tommy McKechnie and a goal from Gordon Riddick gave the Hatters maximum points once more. The Town were to do the double that season, winning again just 5 days later, with Ray Whittaker scoring the only goal of the game. Both sides were to be relegated that season, and after Luton won promotion in 1967/68, Whittaker played one more season for the Hatters before his transfer to Colchester prior to the 1969/70 season, which turned out to be another promotion year for the Hatters!

Action Replay

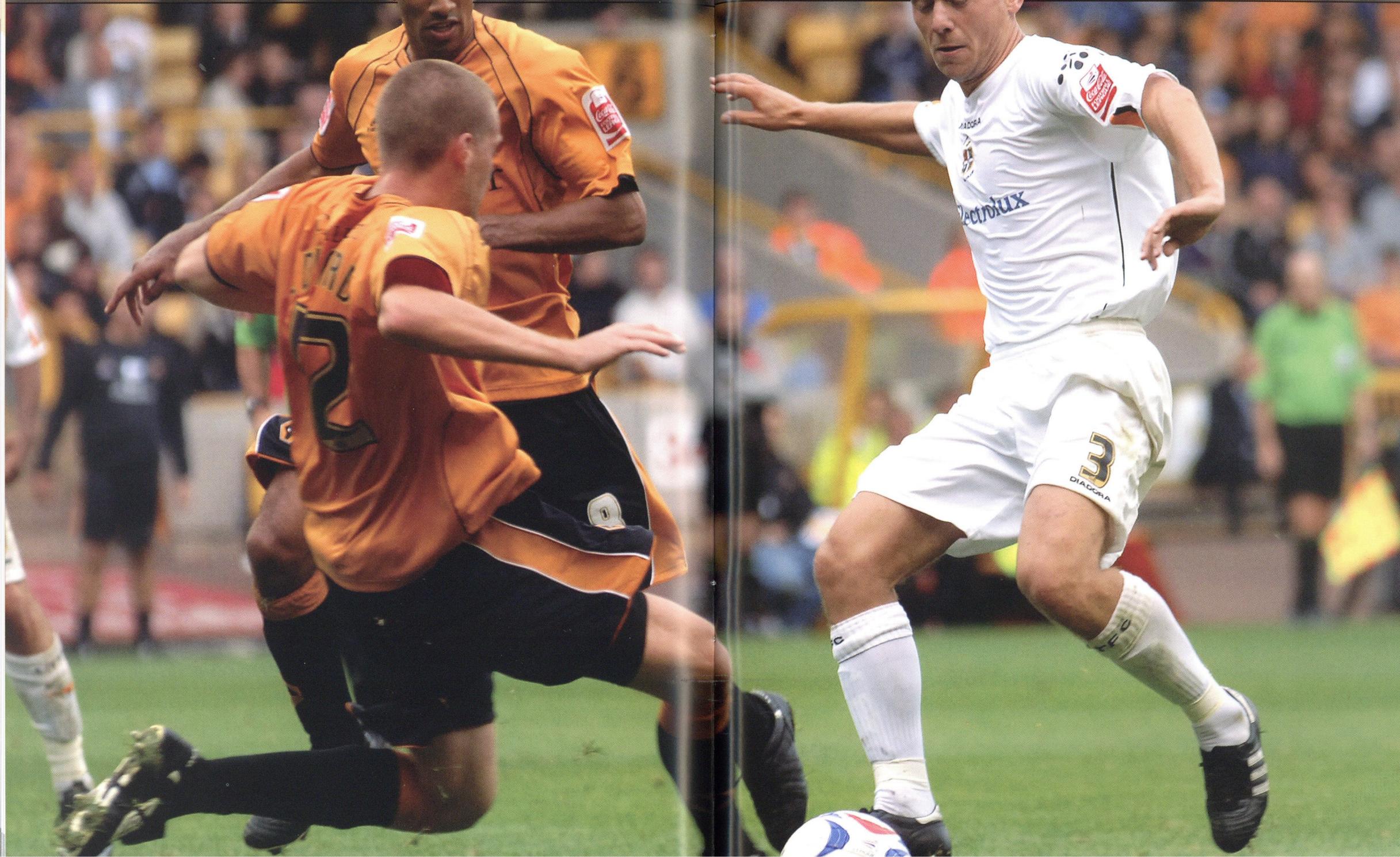
*vs Wolverhampton Wanderers,
Saturday 26th August 2006*



WOLVES 1 LUTON 0

Attendance: 19,378

Picture: Luton defender
Sol Davis tries to get the
better of two Wolves
players during the 1-0
defeat at Molineux





Luton: Beresford; Foley, Heikkinen, Barnett, Davis; Edwards, Robinson, Langley, Emanuel (Morgan 67); Feeney (Parkin 67), Vine.

Subs not used: Brill, Bell, Keane

Bookings: None

Sent-Off: None.



Wolves: Murray (Ikeme 86); Edwards, Breen, Craddock, Clapham; Potter (Ricketts 66), Henry, Olofinjana, Jones; Johnson (Clarke 90), Cort.

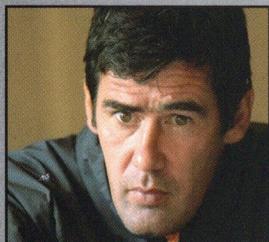
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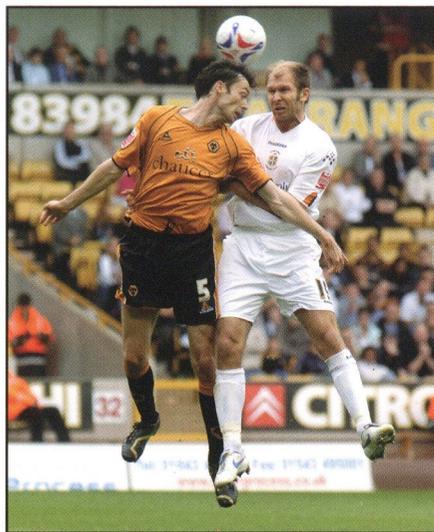
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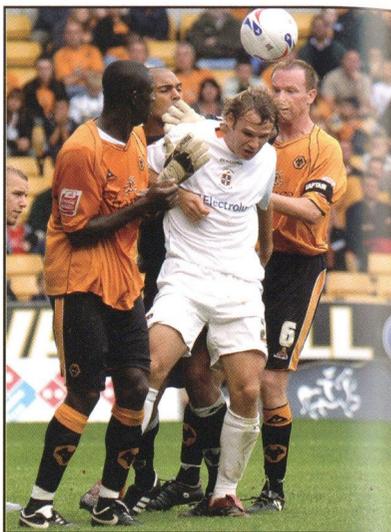
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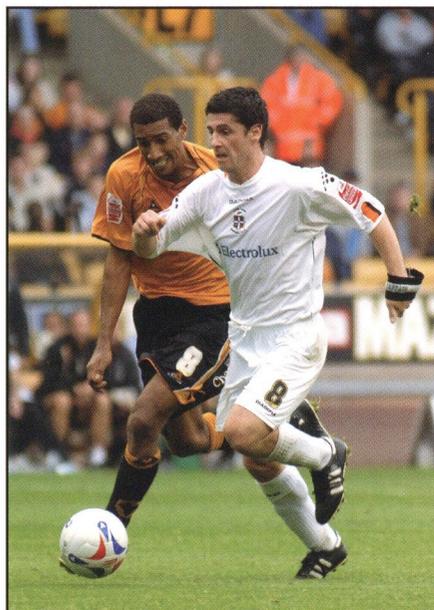
"We finished the game quite strongly and if we'd have got something out of it, it wouldn't have been undeserved. We were caught cold at the start of the second half, but they've never put us under any sustained pressure. But we've lost the game and we've got nothing to show for it, again."



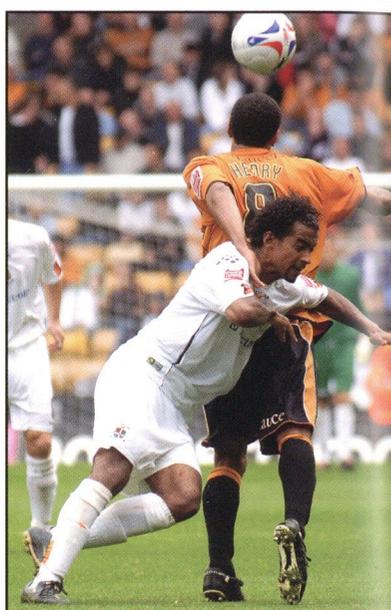
Sam Parkin made his Luton debut at Wolves



Markus Heikkinen is sandwiched by the Wolves defence



Steve Robinson runs past the Wolves defence



Richard Langley goes to ground

WOLVES 1 LUTON TOWN 0

A moment of class from Wolves new boy Jermal Johnson consigned Hatters to defeat in the West Midlands.

The tricky frontman hit his second goal in as many games for Mick McCarthy's men, two minutes into the second-half, as Town went down to a second loss of the season on the road.

A goalless first period had seen each side enjoy a period of dominance, but it was the hosts who took control after the interval before Hatters rallied late on with new recruit Sam Parkin and Trinidad & Tobago man Carlos Edwards both going close.

The result was the first time in 2006 that Luton had failed to register a goal, although the Hatters had a

number of worthwhile opportunities throughout the game.

In pouring rain at Molineux it was the home side that started by far the brighter forcing Town on to the backfoot with Carl Cort having the first shot on target in the sixth minute from the edge of the area.

Warren Feeney had claims for a penalty waved away in the first half before Lewis Emanuel had the visitors' best chance with a 26th minute effort that stuck to the gloves of Matt Murray.

Wolves scored the only goal of the game through Johnson, rifling home left-footed in off the post from 24 yards.



Lewis Emanuel shields the ball away from Wolves midfielder Seyi George Olofinjana



Rowan Vine tries to get the better of Wolves midfielder Karl Henry

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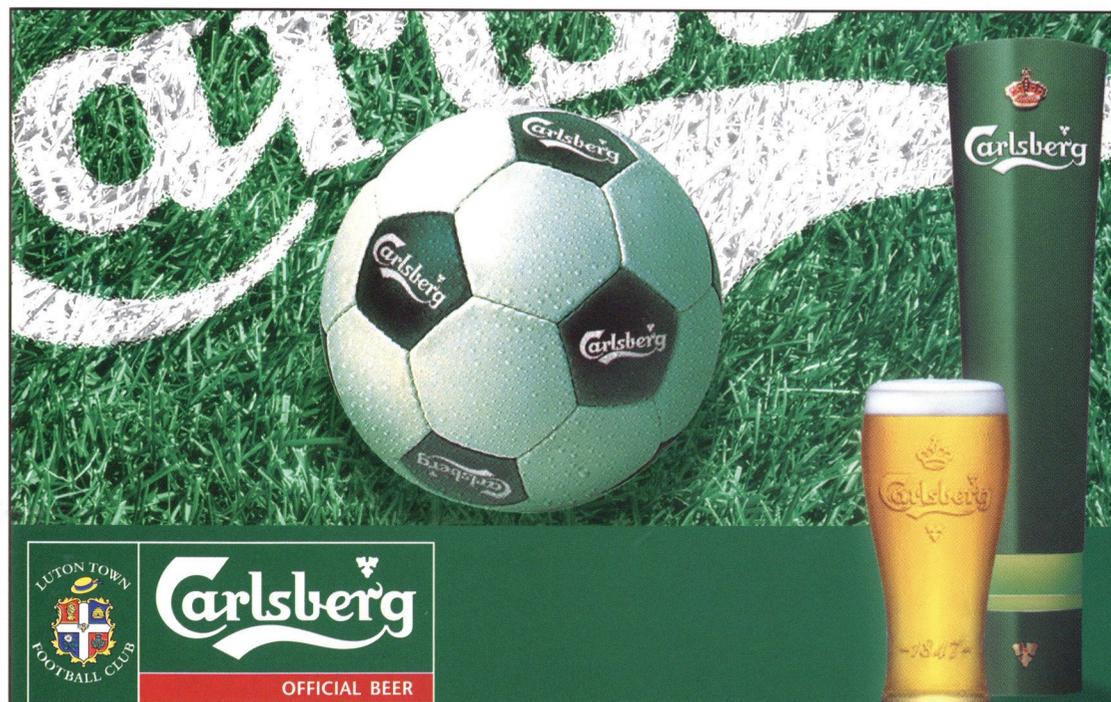
1. Who was the first player to score a hat-trick in the Premiership?
2. Who are the only team to concede more than 100 goals in the Premiership?
3. 'The Daggers' is the nickname of which Conference club?
4. What is the name of the England women's team manager?
5. Who scored a hat-trick for Northern Ireland in their recent European Championship Qualifying match against Spain?
6. What club does the above player play for in the Championship?
7. Where will the Champions League Final take place this season?
8. Which English club qualified for this years UEFA Cup via the Intertoto Cup?
9. Tottenham's Dimitar Berbatov joined the club from which side in July 2006?
10. The Cobblers are the nickname for which club?

Name that Ground



Name the teams
that play at these
grounds

The answer to all
these questions
can be found on
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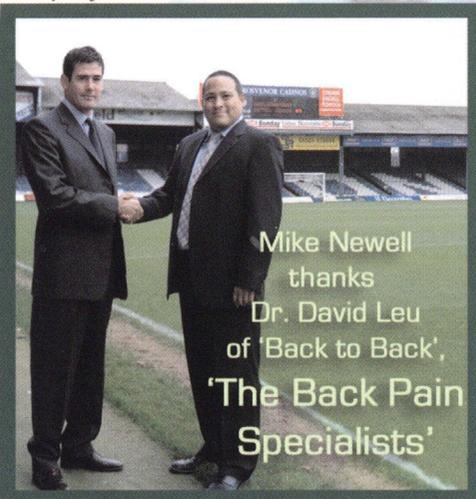
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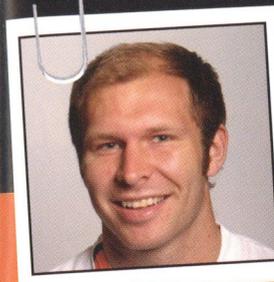
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Welcome to

Sam Parkin

GEOFF KNOX speaks to Luton's latest recruit Sam Parkin who joined prior to transfer deadline day from Ipswich Town

New Hatters signing Sam Parkin has just about had time to catch his breath after a busy start to his Luton career to talk exclusively to www.lutontown.co.uk.

The ink had scarcely dried on his contract before he was bundled onto the team bus bound for the West Midlands, with scarcely time to pack his toothbrush.

"It was a bit of a whirlwind after signing on the Friday and getting straight on the coach for my first game at Wolves. I didn't have a chance to catch my breath!

"But now we are in a two week break, so it's given me a chance to do a bit of training and get to know the lads.

"It also gives me the opportunity to get a bit fitter, to get sharper and get ready for the next game."

Parkin was the subject of much transfer speculation after making it clear he wanted to leave Ipswich Town, and admits that it was a difficult choice to make at such a crucial stage of his career.

"I was also speaking to Preston, which everyone is aware of, and I was very impressed with what their manager had to say as well. But I weighed up my options and decided that Luton would be the best club for me.

"There were a number of reasons why I chose Luton. I am a Southern boy, so that was a big factor and I also knew a lot of the lads from previous encounters.

"I felt it was important for me to get back enjoying my football again and hopefully get amongst the goals, which is something I love to do."

It also seems that it's 'so far, so good' as far as first impressions go for Sam.

"I'm delighted to be here and I'm really excited about our prospects for this season."

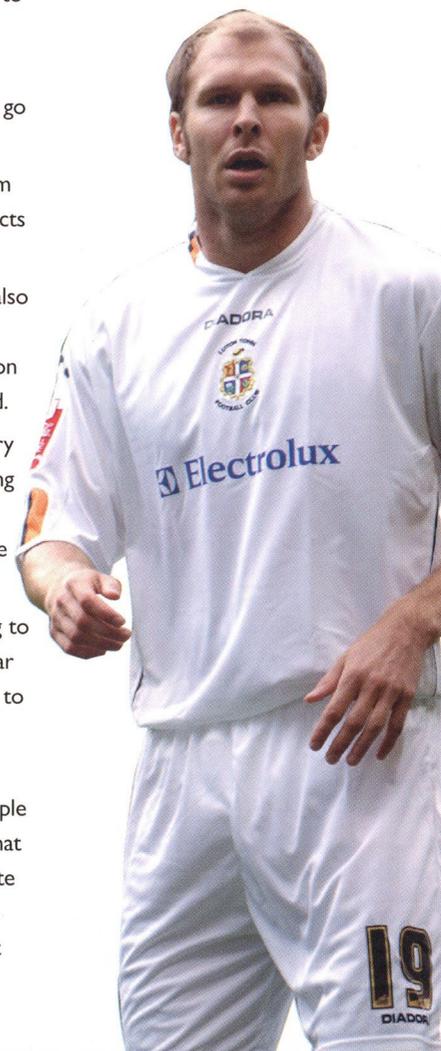
The former Chelsea trainee is also relishing the challenges that lie ahead with the extra competition for places his arrival has created.

"You're going to get that at every club playing at this level. I'm going to keep working hard, and the best players in the best form are going to play on the Saturday.

"I'm under no illusions, it's going to be difficult to command a regular place in the side. You've just got to be focused."

Recreating the best form he showed at Swindon Town a couple of seasons ago is an objective that lies ahead, but Parkin's immediate priority is finding his feet in the Championship after a stop-start season last time around.

"I had three seasons at Swindon scoring 20-plus goals but now I'm stepping up a level and coming to new surroundings, so it's just important I get playing and scoring goals again."





MONDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Barnsley boss planning loan raid

Barnsley boss Andy Ritchie plans to exploit the loan market as soon as possible to reinforce his squad.

Football League clubs are permitted to make loan signings between Friday, 8th September and Thursday, 23rd November.

"We will still be looking at bringing in new faces on loan," the Tykes manager told his club's website.

"It was disappointing to miss out on the ones we went for before Thursday's deadline, but we will have to go with the players who have done well so far."



ALSO... Wales international Rhys Weston has his contract terminated at Cardiff City by mutual consent.....Sunderland defender Nyron Nosworthy is relieved to have shaken off an abdominal injury in time to impress new manager Roy Keane.

TUESDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Lowe rubbishes Cherries takeover

Former Southampton chairman Rupert Lowe has denied rumours that he is lining up a possible takeover of south coast neighbours Bournemouth.

Lowe, who left St Mary's in June after 10 years in charge, told BBC Radio Solent that the newspaper reports were "complete rubbish".

Bournemouth chairman Peter Phillips stepped down last week.

Former vice-chairman Abdul Jaffer has since taken over as chairman of the Cherries on a temporary basis.

Meanwhile, Polish goalkeeper Bartosz Bialkowski played 90 minutes for Southampton's reserves as they triumphed 2-0 at Fulham.

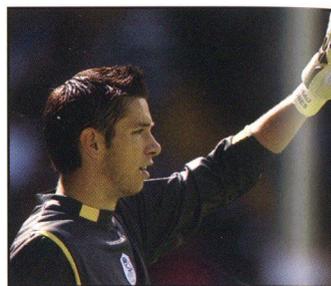
The shot-stopper has not featured in competitive action since injuring his knee in last season's FA Cup clash at Newcastle.



ALSO... A strong Shrewsbury side, featuring several first team players, claimed a 3-1 victory over a West Brom team, which included Jason Koumas.....Defender Marcel Seip admits he is keen to earn himself a longer contract at Plymouth.....Former Wolves midfielder Darren Anderton ponders a move to League One side Bournemouth

WEDNESDAY
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Owls keeper wins red card appeal



Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper Brad Jones has won an appeal against the red card he picked up against Leeds.

He was dismissed during the 1-0 defeat on 27th August for a foul on David Healy.

The Football Association were meant to hear the Owls' appeal last Thursday but the video of the incident was damaged in transit.

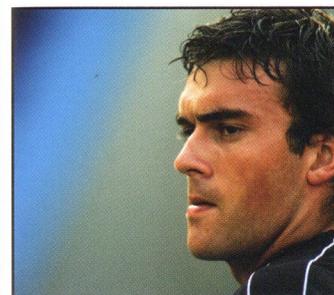
But the decision was made when the FA appeals panel reconvened on Tuesday. Jones would have been banned for the trip to Southend on 9th September.

Wednesday boss Paul Sturrock was unhappy with referee Steve Bennett's performance in the defeat by Leeds at Hillsborough.

ALSO... Leeds midfielder Gylfi Einarsson undergoes an operation on Wednesday to remove floating bone from his hip.....Former Southampton Director of Football Sir Clive Woodward is appointed as the new Director of Elite Performance at the British Olympic Association.

THURSDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Camp close to Norwich move



Derby goalkeeper Lee Camp is set to join Norwich on a three month loan.

Norwich are keen to sign the England Under-21 international to solve their goal-keeping worries after Joe Lewis fractured a cheekbone.

"With the injury to Joe, we needed to bring in experienced cover for Paul Gallacher," Norwich boss Nigel Worthington told the club's website.

"If a deal is finalised it will be a chance for Lee to come in and challenge Paul for the number one position."

ALSO... Carlisle look set to land midfielder Paul Thirlwell on a three month loan from Championship side Derby.....Coventry striker Kevin Kyle tells the club's fans he cannot wait to get fully fit and prove his worth.....West Brom striker Diomansy Kamara returns to training after stepping up his recovery from a broken foot.... Shrewsbury snap up teenage winger Chris Humphrey from West Brom.

FRIDAY
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Ricketts return will have to wait

Southend United striker Michael Ricketts could still be a few weeks away from a first team return according to assistant manager Paul Brush.

The former Leeds United striker played 45 minutes for Southend's reserve side yesterday as the Blues beat Northampton Town 2-0.

However, with the 27-year-old still feeling the effects of an Achilles injury that has blighted his Southend career thus far, Brush admits that he saw enough yesterday to know Ricketts will be a 'mouth watering' prospect on his return.

"Michael did ok with the few chances he had, but he still has a long way to go because he is still feeling a bit of discomfort with his Achilles.

"We didn't think this injury was going to take that long but we felt that it was right to take him off at half-time and not risk it"



ALSO... Tony Pulis insists new signing Ricardo Fuller is the real deal - but refuses to throw him into the first team for the trip to Barnsley on Saturday.....Wolves' Keith Lowe looks set to join Cheltenham Town on loan.....Norwich goalkeeper Joe Lewis is out of action for three weeks after fracturing his cheekbone in a match against Leyton Orient.

SATURDAY
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Yorke happy at Sunderland - Keane

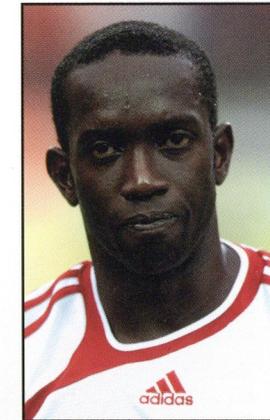
Sunderland boss Roy Keane has made light of comments from new signing Dwight Yorke that he was "devastated" not to have stayed with Sydney FC.

Yorke, 34, joined Sunderland last week after cash-strapped Sydney decided against offering him a new deal.

But Keane said Yorke's comments had been taken out of context.

"It's the way they want to spin things. From the first time I spoke to Dwight everything's been positive," Keane told the club's official website.

ALSO... Cardiff City manager Dave Jones questions why Joe Ledley played for Wales during their friendly defeat to Brazil at White Hart Lane, despite having a toe infection.....Leicester defender Alan Sheehan looks set to join Mansfield Town on a month's loan.





Still living the dream

Three months ago, Luton's flying winger Carlos Edwards literally had the world at his feet. Having now fulfilled his boyhood dream of playing in a World Cup, is the Trinidad and Tobago international finally ready to move on. Not bloody likely!

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

The World Cup may seem like a distant memory to many, but, while England fans still contemplate the disappointment of their trip to Germany, others still reflect on the joyous scenes and carnival atmosphere generated by the countries who were just happy to be there - those who could play without fear.

Although their adventure lasted only ten days, Trinidad and Tobago will never forget their trip to the 2006 tournament, particularly Luton midfielder Carlos Edwards, who reminisced about his experiences in Germany by talking exclusively to tonight's matchday programme.

They may have only collected just one point from a possible nine, finishing bottom of Group B, but Trinidad & Tobago's players returned from the World Cup as heroes, and their style of play was applauded by a world wide audience.

For Edwards, the World Cup in Germany was a dream come true, and the midfielder admits that he still remembers the tournament and his experiences as if they were yesterday.

"It is still fresh in my mind," admitted the former Wrexham player. "It feels like just the other day when I was out in Germany. I am glad to be back playing for my club, but the whole World Cup experience was amazing for me."

"The whole nation was happy with the way we played at the World Cup. We were looking for that one goal, but I think we are already concentrating on building towards our next major competition.

"We just hope that things can progress in the right way."

Carlos was also aware of how much he and his teammates contributed to the feel-good factor in his homeland.

"The Trinidad public will find somewhere to party anywhere they go, and the World Cup was no exception. They wanted to watch the football but win, lose or draw, I think the Trinidad public were just out to enjoy themselves."

T&T's qualification for the World Cup left the football world reeling, particularly as they had rubbed shoulders with some very strong sides during the qualifying stages, such as Mexico and the USA.

"We were the smallest country to qualify for the World Cup and our fans brought an extra spice to the competition with the way they portrayed themselves.

"I think the German public, and the whole world, accepted our performance at the World Cup and that was what pleased us more than anything.

"The players and the fans enjoyed themselves immensely and although we didn't get a win, I think we did ourselves justice.

"Before the England game, I remember Chris Birchall giving me a nudge and he actually told me there were a few Luton flags in the stadium. I was happy to see so many people out there to support me. I want to thank those fans who came out because it meant a lot to me."



Carlos also did well to keep his feet on the floor and his mind on the job in hand when it finally dawned on him who was standing on the other side of the tunnel as the teams prepared for battle.

"The experience of playing against England will always be a big part of me because they are the type of games you want to be playing in.

"When you go up against John Terry, David Beckham, Frank Lampard and Steven Gerrard, you know you have to be at your best, and you are getting the opportunity to test yourselves against the best players in the world.

"Not many players will get the opportunity to play against the best players who play in the best league in the world. I have had that opportunity and I will always savour that moment."

Despite the daunting level of opposition and his relative inexperience even at Championship level, Carlos was as relieved as he was excited to have cut the mustard in the world's showpiece tournament.

"I was delighted with the way I played at the World Cup. It is the biggest stage of the world, playing in a World Cup, and that is where you want to be playing."

Consequently, Carlos' gain in stature threatened to become the Hatters' loss, when his sparkling performances in international colours alerted other clubs who happened to be in the market for a flying winger who, if asked, wasn't half bad at defending either.

Alarmingly, the most notable approach for his services came from the most unwelcome of sources, when arch-rivals Watford put in a bid for his services at the beginning of August.

Did you know?

During his spell with current League Two side Wrexham, Carlos Edwards was named in the Professional Football Association's Team of the Year for two consecutive seasons. He was named on the PFA Third Division Team of the Year after the 2002-03 season and the PFA Second Division Team of the Year for the 2003-04 season.

Question Time



Before joining Wrexham in July 2000, Carlos Edwards spent just over a year playing football in his native Trinidad. Can you name the side which Carlos began his career with?

"There are going to be a lot of people watching you because you are at the World Cup. There are always big transfers after the tournament when a lot of people getting big moves, but I was never really concerning myself with that.

"It is always nice to be linked to other clubs, but sometimes it can be a bit nagging because people prolong it so much. Every week, people keep talking about it, but the transfer window has closed now and I want to get on with playing football.

Thankfully, Watford's bid fell well short of the Club's valuation of the

player, and with the transfer window now slammed shut until January, Carlos can get down to the business of continuing his early season good form.

"I have always been concentrating on my football and I refused to get carried away by all the transfer speculation and rumours. I am just happy to be playing for Luton Town and do my best for the team."

"I am happy with the way I have started this season, but I still think I can do better. It was a long, hectic summer for me so to come back straight away and perform to the standards which I have done so far

is very pleasing.

"I thought it would have taken me a little longer to get going this season, but the manager has kept faith with me and hopefully I can continue to keep that momentum going throughout the season.

Carlos has also set his own target for the season - to get on the scoresheet more often!

"I am always eager to score more goals, but I don't think I am a selfish player. At the end of the day you always want to score lots of goals, but if I can chip in with a few assists then I will be more than happy."

Edwards' opinion on...

The Champions League draw



I just had a feeling that Chelsea would draw Barcelona. The Champions League is like the World Cup because you want to be playing in these types of games. I think both Chelsea and Barcelona could both win the trophy this year; although I am hoping that AC Milan can do it because I have always supported them as a kid.

The signing of Andriy Shevchenko by Chelsea



I think he will score a lot of goals in the Premiership. A lot of people have made big moves in their careers and have failed to live up to the potential, but he is a player who has proved it on the big stage, year-in year-out. He is undoubtedly one of the best strikers in the world and he will be a handful for most Premiership defenders this season.

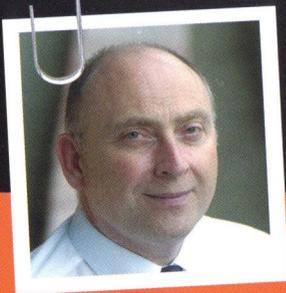
Who is best equipped for life in the Premiership - Reading, Watford or Sheffield United



I think Reading will have the best chance of surviving. They have a lovely ground and have a good squad of players. They probably have more potential and the finishing touch to survive than the other two teams.

CARLOS EDWARDS





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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William (Billy) Henry BATES

Billy was spotted by the Town while playing local football for Eaton Bray. A strong and fast winger he played regularly for the Hatters during the war years as well as turning out once for Watford after they had arrived at Kenilworth Road a man short!

His only league appearance for Luton came in a 0-2 defeat at Millwall in October 1946 and, with his chances of first team football dwindling, he moved to Vicarage Road to pick up from where he left off during the war and made 13 league appearances in 1948/49.

He finished his football career at Dunstable and lived in the town until his death in 1997.

David Anthony BAYLISS

Liverpool born Dave joined Rochdale from school and made over 200 first team appearances for the Spotlands side as a tough tackling, no-nonsense central defender.

His refusal to sign a new contract at Rochdale worked to his advantage as Luton manager Joe Kinneir, suffering from an injury crisis and desperately looking for defensive cover, snapped him up in December 2001 and he helped the Hatters to immediate promotion from Division Three.

Sadly, Dave was then hit by a succession of injuries and after returning to full fitness was unable to command a regular first team place. He was firstly loaned to Chester in 2004 and then transferred to Wrexham the following year.



Ronald (Ron) Leslie BAYNHAM

Ron did not take up goalkeeping seriously until his stint in the army on national service and declined a trial at Wolves because he did not think himself good enough.

After starring at Worcester City he now felt confident in accepting a move to Luton in 1951 and then spent the next four years sharing the goalkeeping duties with Bernard Streten before making the position his own.

Extremely brave and an expert cross taker, Ron won three caps for England and appeared for the Hatters in the 1959 FA Cup final before presiding over the club's drop to Division Four.

Ron was a welcome visitor to Kenilworth Road in September 2005 as part of the ground's centenary celebrations.

Douglas (Doug) Frederick BEACH

Spotted by Luton Town manager George Martin, while partnering another future Hatter Billy Cooke in an army representative match, Doug was a regular full-back at Kenilworth Road during the last war-time season as well as the first peacetime campaign.

A tough full-back who could play on either flank, Doug was transferred to Southend in July 1947 after the Hatters signed the expensive Billy Hughes and from then he moved to non-League sides Colchester, Chelmsford and Biggleswade.

After leaving the game, Watford born Doug became a private gardener at Bricket Wood and after retiring in 1985 settled in Callington, Cornwall.

David Alan BEAUMONT

After understudying Scottish International pair David Narey and Paul Hegarty at Dundee United, Edinburgh born David accepted a £150,000 move to Luton in January 1989 and stepped straight into the Hatters side that beat West Ham 3-0 in a Littlewoods Cup semi-final first leg.

Such was his assured performance that day at the heart of the Luton defence alongside Steve Foster he became a regular in the side for over two top-flight seasons at Kenilworth Road.

After losing his place during the relegation season of 1991/92 he moved on to Hibernian for £110,000 where he graced the Scottish Premier League for three more years.

David is now a police officer in Fife.

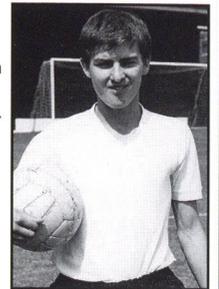


Kenneth (Ken) BEAVEN

Early in the 1967/68 Fourth Division promotion season the Hatters suffered a mini injury crisis with wingers Ray Whittaker and Graham French both sidelined. For the important midweek trip to Southend, manager Allan Brown decided to blood 17-year-old apprentice Ken Beaven, based on several outstanding wing performances for the reserve side.

The Town went down 0-3 to a strong Shrimpers side and Ken, without much support, showed up better on the left. This was to be his sole first team appearance and he was eventually released and joined Chesham United.

Ken now lives in Hemel Hempstead, close to his Bovingdon birthplace.



Robert (Rob) BECKWITH

With Luton goalkeeper Mark Owendale injured in the warm-up before a clash with Bristol City at Kenilworth Road in April 2003, 18 year old Rob Beckwith was thrust in at the deep end.

Acquitting himself well, he held on to the goalkeeping slot for the remainder of that season and suddenly, in view of the Hatters' receivership, found himself the senior goalkeeper at the club that summer!

The London born shot-stopper, who had been at Luton since leaving school, was eventually replaced by Marlon Beresford and, following a serious knee injury, found himself way down the pecking order, leading to his release in the summer of 2006.

Ian Tracey BENJAMIN

Ian Benjamin scored goals for twelve league clubs over a long career and would probably class his ten months at Luton Town as one of the least successful of his time in the game.

He will, however, hold a place in the hearts of Hatters' fans due to scoring against Watford, in a 2-0 victory, in only his second game for the club!

Ian enjoyed his greatest successes at Northampton and Southend, but Luton, needing a replacement for Steve Claridge, paid £50,000 for his services from the latter in November 1992.

Unfortunately, he was unable to build upon his goalscoring start, and moved on to Brentford before finishing his career at Wigan.

Ian is now manager of Soham Town Rangers.



Edgar William BENNETT

Outside right Edgar contested a first team slot with Mick Cullen and Roy Davies whilst at Luton Town. Initially with local junior side West Park, he then played for Vauxhall Motors in the Spartan League and gained representative honours.

He joined the Hatters in September 1952 whilst on national service based in Gainsborough, and made his solitary Second Division appearance in the Town's 2-1 victory at Notts County in October 1953. After spending the 1954/55 promotion campaign in the reserves, he joined Dunstable in July 1955 and worked as a jig and tool fitter for Vauxhall Motors until retirement. Edgar still lives in Luton.

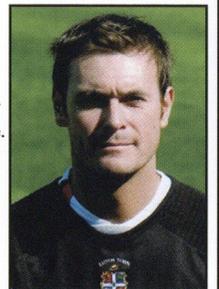
Marlon BERESFORD

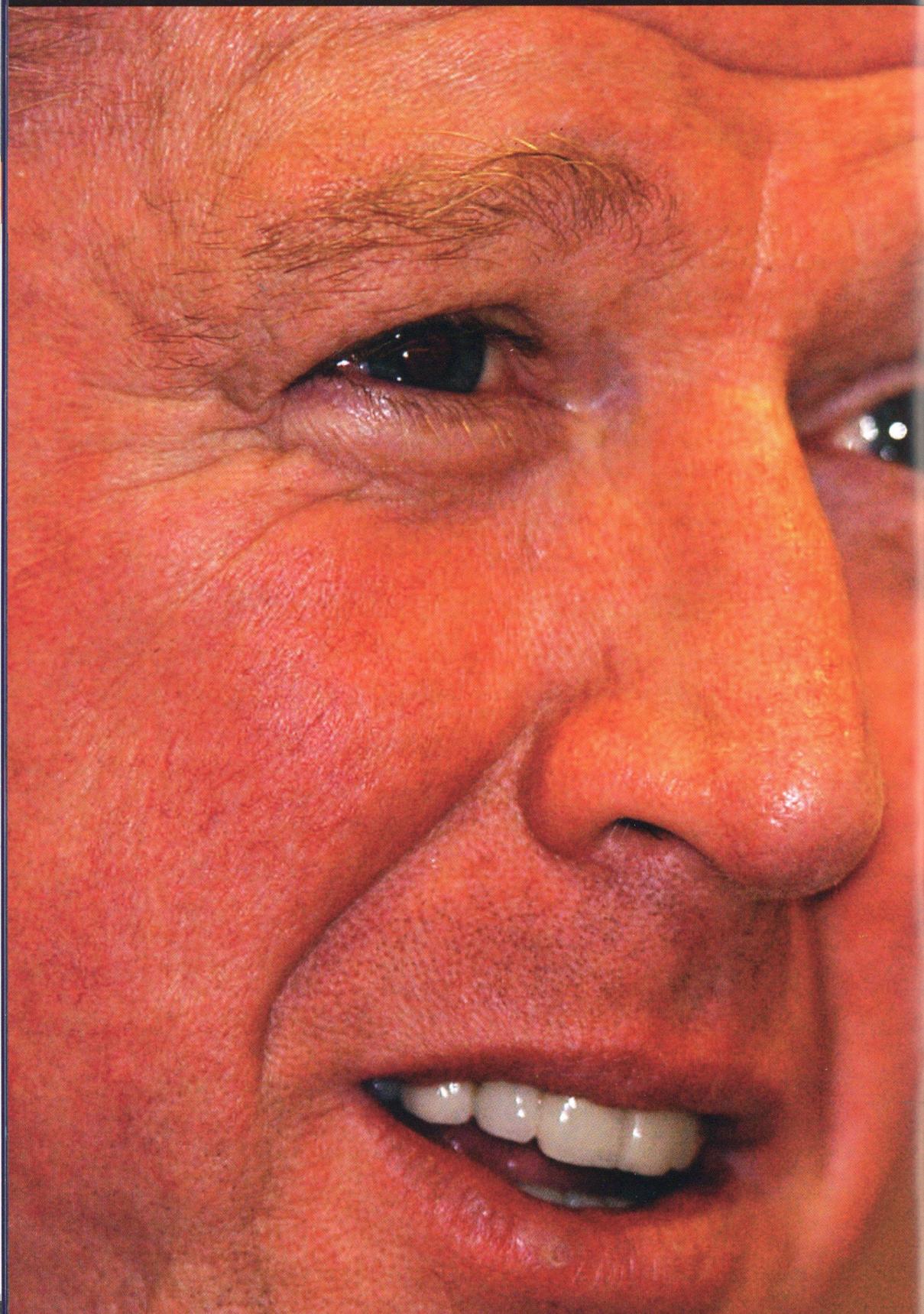
Marlon now holds the distinction of being the oldest goalkeeper to turn out for the Hatters in League football.

In a career that has seen him appear between the sticks for ten clubs, including 240 league starts for Burnley, he seems as good as ever and his experience gives a calming influence to the Luton defence.

Born in Lincoln, Marlon started off as a youth trainee at Sheffield Wednesday before making his first appearance in the league whilst on loan at Bury in August 1989. A transfer to Burnley saw him become a cult hero at Turf Moor, before he tasted Premiership action at Middlesbrough after a fee of £400,000 enticed him away.

Now in his second spell at Kenilworth Road after initially joining the club in October 2003.





The man with the plan

Steve McClaren has made a bright start to his England career as manager. Two wins from two games in their bid to qualify for the European Championships in 2008 has given the country a lift. STEVEN DOVE asks, 'Did the FA really get their man?'

Is Steve McClaren really the right man to lead England's brave lions to the World Cup in South Africa in four year's time?

Early signs have been positive – a 4-0 victory over European Champions Greece, combined with wins in our opening two qualification fixtures against Macedonia and Andorra, has given England fans something to be cheer about following their disappointment in Germany.

However, if you look at last season's Premiership table, there were five English managers who guided their teams to a higher position in the league, than McClaren did with his former club Middlesbrough.

Sam Allardyce and Alan Curbishley, two men who were strongly linked with the England job after Sven Goran Eriksson stepped down, enjoyed fantastic seasons with Bolton and Charlton respectively, whilst Glenn Roeder, Paul Jewell and Alan Pardew all steered their sides to better finishes than McClaren.

Not that too much should be read into that, of course. Good English managers are thin on the ground nowadays, with many of the promising young coaches coming from outside the elite division in football.

It's hard to fathom why the Football Association were so obsessed with naming the successor to Eriksson before the World Cup tournament in Germany.

One of the reasons given for the rush to get a high profile signature was that the FA didn't want Eriksson to endure constant media speculation, and continually face questions relating to who his successor may or may not be during the tournament.

However, their clumsy chase of Big Phil Scolari generated tons of negative media coverage, just at the wrong time. Whether the FA got their man is probably a question that will take time to answer, and now it's time for England to move forward, and not look back.

McClaren's credentials are decent, and the start he has made so far to his England career has given everybody a healthy lift. But it is trophies that will win over England followers – and that is a massive task for any international manager.

Speaking at his first ever press conference as England manager, McClaren said: "Looking to the future, I will look to make a few changes and freshen a few things up."



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Steve McClaren has been applauded by many for making changes to the England squad since taking over from Sven Goran Eriksson. The arrival of Terry Venables as his assistant (pictured top) was his first change, quickly followed by John Terry's appointment as captain

And that is certainly what he did when he dropped David Beckham from his first squad against Greece and installed John Terry as captain.

The debate on whether Beckham should have been dropped is likely to rumble on for several more months, but McClaren has already been applauded by many for bringing in new ideas.

Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson, who worked with McClaren at Old Trafford, has backed his former assistant to do well for England and believes he will be able to bring out the best in the squad.

Ferguson said: "Steve will do well, he has a fantastic group of players and he will get the best out of them."

"I used to think Jock Stein was the perfect age to be an international manager because he had all that expe-

rience. But, you see younger men like Frank Rijkaard and Marco van Basten making a success of it and I am sure Steve will do equally as well."

Ferguson also recalled the early days in his relationship with McClaren at Old Trafford: "Steve was hungry and he wanted to learn. The progress he made with us was phenomenal. From the day he arrived he was always asking questions."

Frank Lampard is another who believes McClaren was the right choice. The Chelsea midfielder believes the new England boss can deliver the goods for the long suffering fans.

He told www.thefa.com: "Steve is a very good coach, when he speaks he makes sense straight away. It is a great thing when you work under someone like that because you always feel like you are working."

"What we are looking for is the best manager for the job - not just for myself, but for the good of the team."

"He has a massive input on the training ground and in the dressing room where, if something needs to be said, he will say it."

Despite bringing in new ideas, McClaren has already reverted to the 'good old days', by appointing former England boss Terry Venables as his number two. The former Tottenham boss guided England to a semi-final spot in the 1996 European Championships, so is likely to prove an influential assistant.

Speaking at an FA press conference, Venables said: "It is obviously different to what I've done before. I can lend my experience and leadership qualities to Steve and make his job easier."

"I think the two of us together and the rest of the staff have got a great chance to go forward."

"I am not looking to be a rival. I am looking to help Steve. We will get the balance right. I will give him my feelings straight out and then it's up to him to come up with the answers. He's the head coach."

Only time will tell whether the new England set-up is finally going to deliver success. England fans have always backed the national team through thick and thin, and now the time has come for the players to deliver.

England are already installed as 5/1 second favourites to win the European Championships in 2008, leaving plenty of pressure on McClaren and his team to produce the goods.



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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



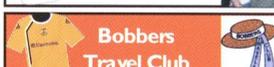
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 01-11-84
Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002
2005/06 App: 39*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



03 ^{Shaun} 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: Lymington
Last Club: Cardiff
2005/06 App: 12*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



06 ^{Faiz} Underwood



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*



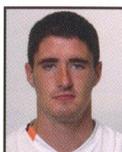
09 ^{Ronan} Vine



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



15 ^{Stephen} O'Leary



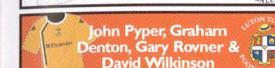
Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 02/02/85
Place Of Birth: London
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2001
Last Club: Ipswich (loan)
2005/06 App: 1*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



19 ^{Sam} Parkin



Position: Striker
Date Of Birth: 14/03/81
Place Of Birth: Roehampton
Date Signed: Aug 2006
Last Club: Ipswich Town
2005/06 App: 20
2005/06 Goals: 5



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*



29 ^{Calvin} Andrew



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



^{Brian} Stein



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



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*



16 ^{Lewis} Emanuel



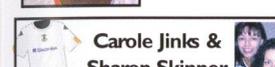
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 14-10-83
Place Of Birth: Bradford
Date Signed: July 2006
First Club: Bradford
Last Club: Bradford
2005/06 App: 43
2005/06 Goals: 2



20 ^{Adam} Boyd



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



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*



33 ^{Dean} Brill



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



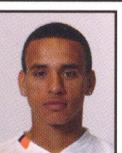
^{Marvin} Johnson



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



11 ^{Dean} Morgan



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



17 ^{Richard} Langley



Position: Midfielder
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~



21 ^{Keith} Keane



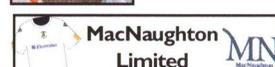
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 20-11-86
Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2003
2005/06 App: 12*
2005/06 Goals: 1*



27 ^{Peter} Holmes



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



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*



^{Steve} Sedgley



Position: Youth Team Coach
Date Of Birth: 26-05-64
Previous Manager: Kings, Tottenham, Ipswich and Wokingham/Wandsworth



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*



14 ^{Michael} Leary



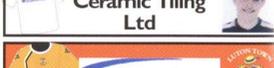
Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 17-04-83
Place Of Birth: Ealing
Date Signed: Progressed from Trainee in 2002
Last Club: Walsall (loan)
2005/06 App: 1*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



18 ^{Ahmet} Brkovic



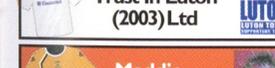
Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 23-09-74
Place Of Birth: Dubrovnik
Date Signed: October 2001
First Club: HNK Dubrovnik
Last Club: Leyton Orient
2005/06 App: 44*
2005/06 Goals: 8*



22 ^{Danny} Stevens



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



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*



^{Mike} Newell



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



^{Mark} Ridgway



Position: Youth Development Officer
Place Of Birth: London



12 ^{Warren} Feeney



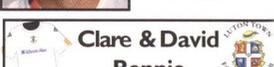
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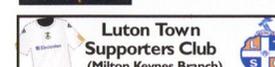
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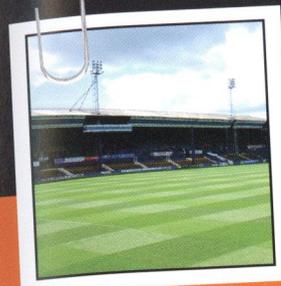
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Around the Ground

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



The Man in the Middle

Name: Kevin Friend
From: Leicestershire
Matches this season: 5
Number of Yellow Cards: 14
Numbers of Red Cards: 1
Last game at Kenilworth Road: Vs Hull City Feb 2006

Luton Town would like to welcome today's match referee Kevin Friend, and all the officials, to Kenilworth Road this evening.

Armstrong, from Leicestershire, officiated in 21 games last season, producing 45 yellow cards and two red cards.

Sutton will be officiating in his second Championship game this season, having overseen QPR's 2-2 draw with

Leeds

Sutton has officiated in five games so far this season, producing 14 yellow cards and one red card

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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
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Concessions	£12.00	£14.00
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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

Bobbers Travel Club

Further to the announcement of the death of Paul Deason, would Bobbers Travel Club members please note that they should call 01234 856542 in future to make bookings for Bobbers Travel Club coaches.

Bookings can still be made on the return journey from previous matches, or at the Travel Club kiosk in Kenilworth Road. All other arrangements will continue as before.

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

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Commercial news with **Peter Davis**

Peter Davis welcomes tonight's sponsors to Kenilworth Road

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second time in four days, as we play host to newly-promoted Colchester United. I am having to write our commercial notes earlier than usual, because of programme printing deadlines, therefore I hope we are now sitting on 10 points after having maintained our 100% record against Crystal Palace since our promotion to the Coca-Cola Championship.

Sky Sports Live Digital Advertising

The tremendous announcement that our home match against Southend has been selected for live Sky Sports presentation on the 15th December has coincided with the commercial department welcoming back our Digital Advertising presentation. Since we launched this brand new concept at our live TV game against Leicester on the 5th August, the interest from both exist-

ing and potentially new advertisers at Kenilworth Road has been phenomenal. To recap, you can have your company name, logo and promotional message, displayed inactively in 30 second bursts over a 200ft span in full camera view during the live transmission of the match. The proven statistics of this fabulous new concept have shown that your company's name and message are visible to the viewing audience at least four times as much as a standard static advertising board during the game, based on three minutes transmission time. Therefore, whether you are an existing advertiser who wishes to take even more advantage of live TV, or a newcomer to Kenilworth Road wanting to advertise for the first time on national television, contact the Commercial Department on 01582 411622 or commercial@lutontown.co.uk for further details on costs and transmission space available.

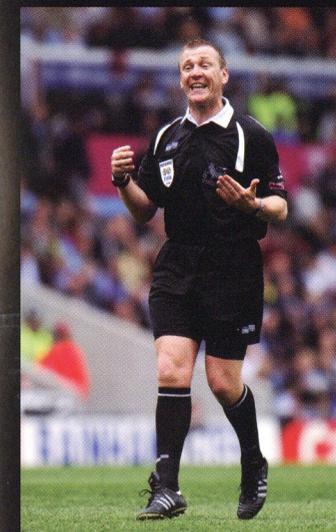
Match Sponsors – Friends and Family of Luton Town

We are delighted to have been able to turn over our Eric Morecambe Lounge this evening, to a brand new sponsorship concept, the Friends & Family of Luton Town. Rather than restrict tonight's presentation to commercial clients only, we felt that the chance to be able to offer the opportunity to small family groups to go behind the scenes of the Club, enjoy our full match hospitality and meet the players, was an opportunity not to be missed. This has been a great success, therefore it is definitely something that we will run again in the future. We would like to take opportunity of thanking everyone who has joined us this evening and hope that you enjoy the game.

Thank you for your support

Peter

Poll to visit Luton

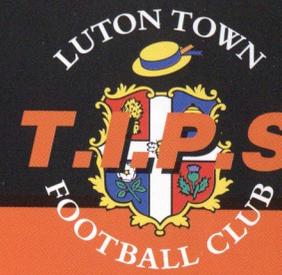


The Commercial Department are delighted to announce that we have secured the services of the famous international and Premiership referee, Graham Poll, for our first Sporting Dinner of the season on Thursday November 2nd. Sometimes controversial (as the World Cup in Germany proved!), but always guaranteed to be highly entertaining, Graham will be sharing with us his tremendous repertoire of stories about his experiences controlling some of the biggest names in domestic and world football. Joining Graham on the night will be one of the funniest men on the After Dinner circuit, the cockney comedian Micky Pugh, and the evening will be hosted by our resident Master of Ceremonies, the irrepressible Barry Williams. Once again, we are back at the Chiltern Hotel for the occasion, and the entertainment begins at 7:30PM. The cost for a table for ten is £500.00 plus VAT, or individual tickets on a shared table basis are available at £52.50 plus VAT per head. Included within your ticket price will be a fine three-course meal with a choice of wines. This fabulous evening, like all of our dinners, is guaranteed to sell out extremely quickly, therefore please contact the Commercial Department on 01582 411622 without delay to ensure that you and your guests are part of this fantastic and memorable evening.

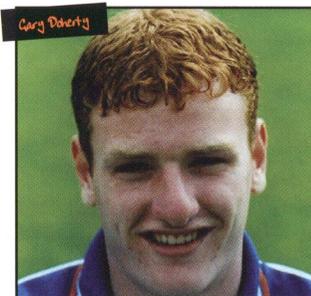
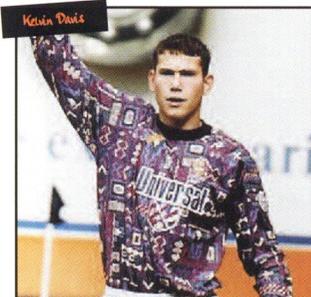
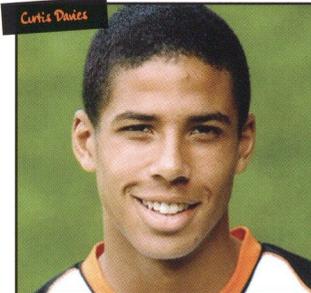
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Luton Town's Football in the Community



Stuart Smith brings us the latest news from the Community Department



Good evening and welcome to today's game. As you saw in the Crystal Palace programme, the first dates of our T.I.P.S. soccer programme will soon be upon us. We would like to use today's programme pages to give you another opportunity to secure your place on this exciting new project.

Our TIPS Programme (Talent Identification Programme Season 2006/07) is generously sponsored for the first year by LLOYDS BANK and SPECSAVERS.

TIPS also signifies the aspects we would be looking for from the successful player in this programme. The four key elements we are looking for are:

Technique, Insight, Personality, Speed

The entry level is the Soccer Centre. If successful, the players will have the opportunity to progress to the Performance Centre and beyond.

This new programme gives us now two strands to our football programme. We have the Soccer Schools which will remain as a more informal, fun based activity which is an excellent grounding for newcomers to the game, and is a relaxing contrast to the more serious coaching offered within the TIPS Programme.

On our pages today, I have outlined, hopefully, everything you could wish to know about the Development Centre Programme.

To book on the Programme call Gregg or Stuart on 01582 391927. Call now as places are limited.

SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE VENUES:

- Luton:** PlayFootball.Net, Stopsley High Sch. Thomas' Rd, Luton, LU2 7UX
- Dunstable:** Dunstable Leisure Centre, Court Drive, Dunstable, LU5 4JD
- Bedford:** Dame Alice Harpur School, Cardington Rd, Bedford, MK42 0BX
- Hitchin:** Hitchin Boys' School, Grammar School Walk, Hitchin, SG5 1JB

SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE DAYS AND TIMES:

Venue	Day	School Yrs 2/3	School Yrs 4/5	School Yrs 6/7	School Yrs 8/9	School Yrs 10/11
LUTON	FRIDAY	17:30 - 18:30	17:30 - 18:30	18:30 - 19:30	18:30 - 19:30	18:30 - 19:30
DUNSTABLE	MONDAY	18:00 - 19:00	18:00 - 19:00	18:00 - 19:00	18:00 - 19:00	N/A
BEDFORD	TUESDAY	18:00 - 19:00	18:00 - 19:00	18:00 - 19:00	18:00 - 19:00	18:00 - 19:00
HITCHIN	WEDNESDAY	18:00 - 19:00	18:00 - 19:00	18:00 - 19:00	18:00 - 19:00	N/A

SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE DAYS AND TIMES:

- Term 1: 25th September - 20th November
- Term 2*: 27th November - 5th February
- Term 3*: 19 February - 30th April
- Saturday 4th November
- Saturday 27th January
- Saturday 21st April

- You don't have to have attended previous terms to join Term 2 or 3.
- You can pay for one term at a time or all three terms at once.
- Times and venues for match TBC
- There is NO training at Xmas/Easter or Feb Half-Term.
- There IS training at Oct half-term.

Happy 8th Birthday to Mitchell Howe, who celebrating his birthday with us at today's game

SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE CONTACT DETAILS

For more details call 01582 391927 or email gregg.ltfc@hotmail.co.uk

WHAT ARE LUTON TOWN SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CENTRES?

Soccer Development Centres are the entry level into our Talent Identification Programme (TIPS). They are held at four venues throughout Beds and North Herts and are open to:

- Ambitious players wishing to progress towards becoming a pro footballer.
- Established club players wishing to improve their ability.
- Newcomers wishing to master the basics.

WHAT IS THE COST AND WHAT WILL I GAIN FROM ATTENDING?

The cost is £35 for ten practical sessions (nine training and one match). You will receive training from excellent coaches at great facilities, a comprehensive written assessment and the opportunity to fulfil your potential as a footballer.

I AM AN EXPERIENCED PLAYER, IS THE SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE SUITABLE FOR ME?

Yes. Where numbers allow we will put experienced players together and ensure that the coaching pushes you as a player. Likewise, for players who are less experienced, training will target their needs.

WHAT WILL WE WORK ON IN TRAINING?

The four elements we feel are vital in making it as a professional footballer:

Technique - Insight - Personality - Speed

WHO WILL MY COACH BE?

All staff will be have an enhanced CRB (police record) check, a first aid qualification and will hold a minimum of the Level 2 FA Coaching Certificate. There will also be an involvement from Centre of Excellence staff to enhance the assessment procedure.

CAN I PLAY FOR MY SCHOOL AND CLUB DURING MY TIME AT THE CENTRE?

Yes. The only commitment we ask you to make is to do your best to attend training and matches.

HOW WILL MY PROGRESS BE ASSESSED AND COMMUNICATED?

You will receive a written assessment and the opportunity to discuss this with your coach at the end of each term.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO WELL?

If your coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during or at the end of the term, you will be given the opportunity to progress to the Performance Centre/ Centre of Excellence. Players who display particular talent can be moved up through the programme after a few weeks, whilst the system also caters for those who wish to progress at a slower rate.

WHAT IS THE PERFORMANCE CENTRE?

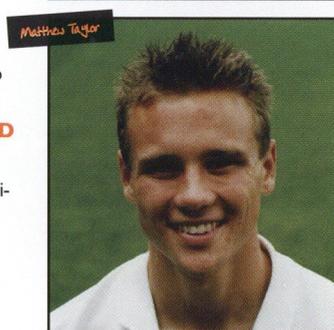
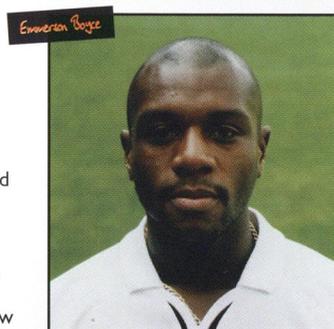
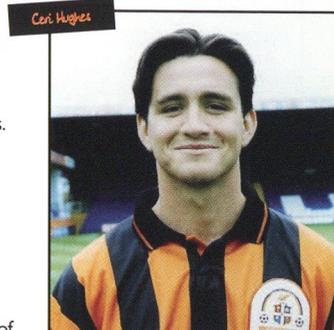
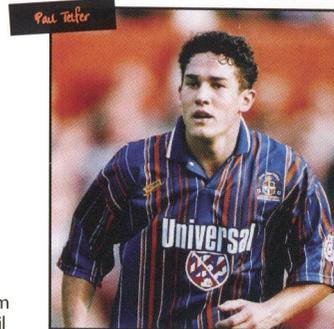
The Performance Centre is the middle level fitting into our Talent Identification Programme. The top level is the Centre of Excellence, the entry level is the Soccer Development Centre.

BY ATTENDING THE SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AM I GUARANTEED TO GET A CHANCE AT A HIGHER LEVEL

No. There is no guarantee of moving to a higher level. However, all players showing the required ability and attitude are guaranteed to be given this opportunity

Enjoy the Game

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News from

Trust in Luton

Trust In Luton are preparing for their fundraising football match, which will take place this weekend

It's almost time for Trust in Luton's fundraising football game – and a posse of top pop stars are ready to pull their boots on and face a team of your favourite ex-Hatters.

The likes of Scott Oakes, Kingsley Black and Phil Gray are set to turn back the clock and give the celebrities a run for their money – and TiL president and Luton legend John Moore will be kicking the game off.

Dunstable Town's Creasey Park will be hosting, Kenzie, formerly of Blazin' Squad and famous for his turn in Celebrity Big Brother, who has confirmed his appearance along with his Friday Hill bandmate Mus.

Randy and J Rock from the chart-topping Big Brovaz will also be there, taking

time out of their busy schedule of publicising their new single.

Not only that, but Mikey Scott, previously of Popstars: The Rivals runners-up Phixx, will also be lining up for one of the two all-star teams.

There'll be Fenton Gee and Jonathan Howard from Sky One's Dream Team, as well as professional darts player Alex Roy, and BBC 3CR's Ian Stringer and Justin Dealey. Their colleague Ian Pearce will be on the sidelines, providing the PA for the day.

The game is raising money for a girls' coaching development centre in the area, and Keech Cottage Children's Hospice will be another major beneficiary, with their staff running the day's raffle and sideshows.

You can buy souvenir programmes, printed by match sponsors Regal Litho, in advance for £3, entitling you to entry to the game, or you can pay £5 on the day and receive a free programme (under 12s half price). Get your programme by sending a cheque payable to Trust in Luton c/o The Luton News, Media House, 39 Upper George Street, Luton LU1 2ND.

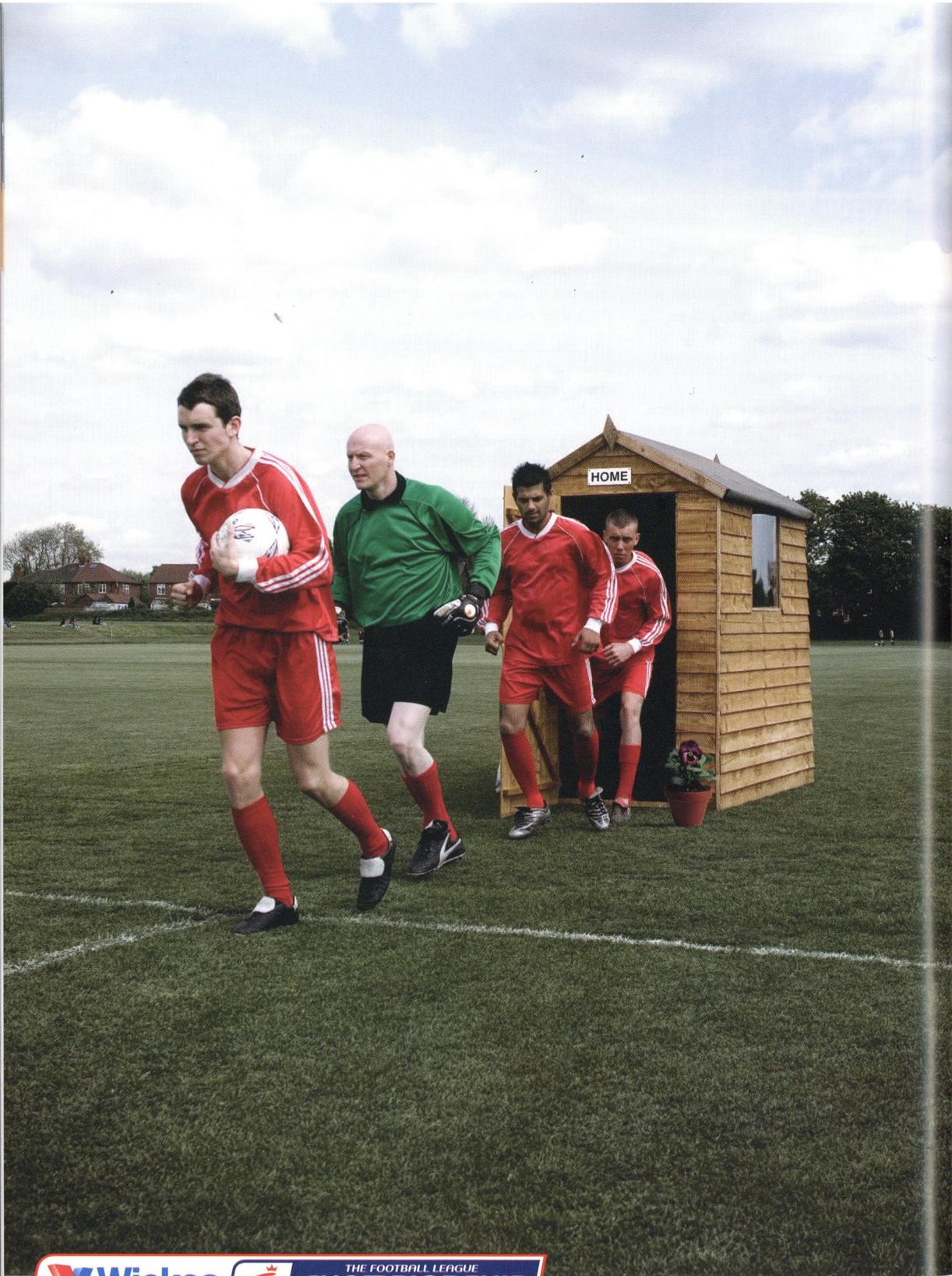
Co-sponsors of the game are long-standing Luton fans and Trust supporters the Bricklayers' Arms, of High Town, Luton Town Financial Services, and Premier Bodysshops, of Bilton Way. TiL would also like to thank Clipper Teas, who will be providing complimentary hot drinks for the players on the day.

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Weekend

Round-Up

We take a look back at the action from the Championship over the weekend

Roy Keane celebrated his first win as Sunderland manager after his side came from a goal down to defeat Derby County 2-1.

Pride Park was the scene for the former Manchester United captain's baptism of fire, as The Black Cats aimed to overcome their slow start to the season.

Things did not look good by the half-time whistle, as Billy Davies's attack-minded side claimed the lead just before the break through Matthew Oakley.

However, two goals in two second half minutes turned the game on its head, as The Black Cats levelled through Chris Brown (62) before Ross Wallace's half-volleyed strike (64) gave Keane his first win in football management.

Cardiff City remain top of the table, despite losing their first game of the season after a 2-1 reverse at Preston North End.

The only moments of note in the first half were either side having a man sent off at Deepdale, with Cardiff's Glenn Loovens given his marching orders after ten minutes for a professional foul.

The numbers were evened up, as Preston striker David Nugent was also sent off for a second bookable offence ten minutes before the break.

The goals came after the break, as

Patrick Agyemang (48) gave Preston the lead before Michael Chopra equalised three minutes later for The Bluebirds.

The Lilywhites claimed all three points, as Danny Pugh (65) scored his first goal for the club for the home win.

Cardiff's defeat allowed Birmingham City to move level on points with Dave Jones's side with a 2-1 home win over bottom club Hull City.

DJ Campbell struck the Blues in front just after a quarter of an hour after converting a Gary McSheffrey cross.

Steve Bruce's side doubled their lead, as on-loan Nicklas Bendtner (53) headed home from a Birmingham corner to make it 2-0.

David Livermore (67) pulled a goal back for The Tigers, but it proved not enough, as Phil Parkinson's side had striker Jon Parkin sent off for a second bookable offence.

Coventry City are up to eighth after a creditable 3-0 home win over Norwich City at The Ricoh Arena.

Trinidad & Tobago World Cup star Chris Birchall (12) gave Micky Adams's side the lead with a strike from 20 yards.

Scotland international Kevin Kyle doubled Coventry's advantage on 63 minutes when he headed home from close

range, before Stern John (67) completed a fine victory for The Sky Blues.

Plymouth Argyle came from a goal down to earn a 1-1 draw with Queens Park Rangers at Home Park.

Dexter Blackstock (17) gave QPR the lead when he took a Lee Cook pass before converting his chance for the West Londoners.

However, Pilgrims boss Ian Holloway took a point off his old club when Sylvan Ebanks-Blake (31) scored from a tight angle for a share of the spoils in Devon.

Colchester United claimed their second win of the season with an impressive 2-1 success at Burnley.

Kevin Watson (26) gave The U's the lead when he converted a Jamie Cureton cross before a Chris Iwelumo penalty (54) made it a successful trip to Lancashire for the Essex outfit.

Andy Gray's late strike for The Clarets proved not enough for the home side.

Barnsley did ever so well to come back from two goals down to draw 2-2 with Stoke City at Oakwell.

The Potters made the early running by claiming a two-goal lead, as Clint Hill (3) flicked home Peter Sweeney's corner with his head.

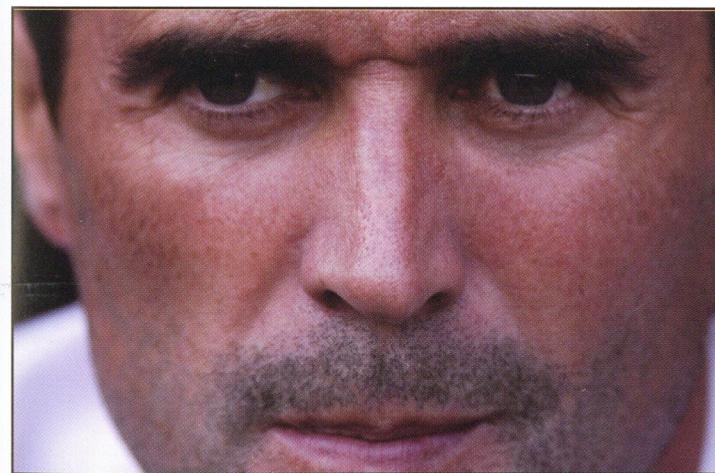
Luke Chadwick (23) doubled Stoke's advantage when he converted Vincent Pericard's headed knockdown after Sweeney played in a deep cross.

To their credit, The Tykes fought back with two goals in three second-half minutes, as substitute Tommy Wright (73) struck home a low left-foot shot before Paul Hayes (76) earned the home side a share of the spoils.

Ipswich Town came from a goal down to defeat Southampton 2-1 at Portman Road.

Kenwyne Jones gave Saints the lead after three minutes when he made the most of a Grzegorz Rasiak pull back.

Ipswich turned the match around, however, as a Simon Walton penalty (67) levelled the scores before a Billy Clarke header (78) gave Jim Magilton's side the win.



□ Roy Keane got his first win as Sunderland boss



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Ladies

Dave Baker looks back on the latest news from the Luton Town Ladies side

After a successful pre season perennial league runners up Chesham United were the visitors and the Town were desperate to get off to a flyer.

So with five minutes gone of the new season a near post mix up was the last thing required as a harmless cross was sliced into the net via two Town defenders to give the visitors the advantage. Chesham continued to play their short passing game but Luton did not let them get into their rhythm closing down quickly and forcing errors. A wave of attacks rained in on the United goal but their luck was certainly in as the keeper pushed a Fay Howell shot onto

the crossbar and then watched as a Rebecca Kane shot thudded back of the post. Twice Kane was sent tumbling in the area without a penalty being awarded as the front three between them contrived to miss a whole host of good chances. Just when it looked like a goal would never come one came in the shape of a 35 yard looping shot from out wide by Janine Daly that sailed over the helpless keeper into the net. Level at half time but with more composed finishing the points should already have been in the bag.

Another fine move down the right wing saw Michelle Byrne cross to the near post and Kane swept the ball into the net almost effortlessly

from 12 yards. Town held the lead well with Carly Cowell outstanding the centre of defence using her pace to repel the ball over the top. Keeper Alice Burbury then pulled off an outstanding save from a close range effort pushing the ball over the bar when an equaliser looked certain. The equaliser came a short while later from the penalty spot and in spite of making a valiant attempt to win all three points the match ended 2-2. It is perhaps a measure of our progress in recent months that we were disappointed not to have taken all three points from a game that a point would have been a good result from in the recent past. The only negative so far this season is our apparent inability to convert the large number of goal scoring opportunities that our football creates and we must finish off teams when the chances present themselves or always be in danger of dropping vital points. Next opponents are Forest Green Rovers who we visit on 10th September.

As the youth teams season prepares to begin we are especially seeking players aged from 7 to 10 years and also U14/U15's to play in our newly formed U15 squad. For details please ring Dave on 01582 896140.



Action from the Under-13's pre-season friendly against Nottingham Forest as goalkeeper Thea Fraser makes a vital save

Action Replay

vs Crystal Palace

Saturday 9th September 2006



LUTON 2 CRYSTAL PALACE 1

Luton Scorer: Edwards (2), Vine (61)

Attendance: 9,187 (1,800 from Palace)

Picture: Lewis Emanuel battles with two Crystal Palace players during our 2-1 win over the Eagles at Kenilworth Road on Saturday afternoon





Luton: Beresford, Foley, Davis, Edwards, Robinson, Vine (Feeney 82), Emanuel, Langley, Parkin, Barnett, Heikkinen.

Subs not used: Morgan, Brkovic, Keane, Brill

Bookings: None

Sent-Off: None.

Goal: Edwards (2), Vine (61)



Crystal Palace: Kiraly, Granville, Hudson, Cort, McAnuff, Scowcroft, Kennedy, Soares, Butterfield (Freedman 63), Fletcher (Hughes 38), Kuqi (Morrison 63).

Subs not used: Lawrence, Speroni.

Bookings: Scowcroft (77)

Sent-Off: None.

Goal: Scowcroft (90 + 4)



GOAL - Rowan Vine extends Luton's lead



GOAL - Carlos Edwards opens the Luton scoring for the Hatters after 65 seconds.

LUTON 2 CRYSTAL PALACE 1

Luton returned to winning ways against high-flying Crystal Palace thanks to goals from Carlos Edwards and Rowan Vine at Kenilworth Road.

It was Luton's third straight win over the Eagles in recent seasons, as many of Palace's big money signings failed to impress.

Shefki Kuqi, a £2.5 million pound signing from Blackburn, looked far from his best whilst James Scowcroft, a recent signing from Coventry, flattered to deceive.

A standard first half saw few chances, although Luton had the ball in the net after just 65 seconds as Edwards grabbed his second goal of the season.

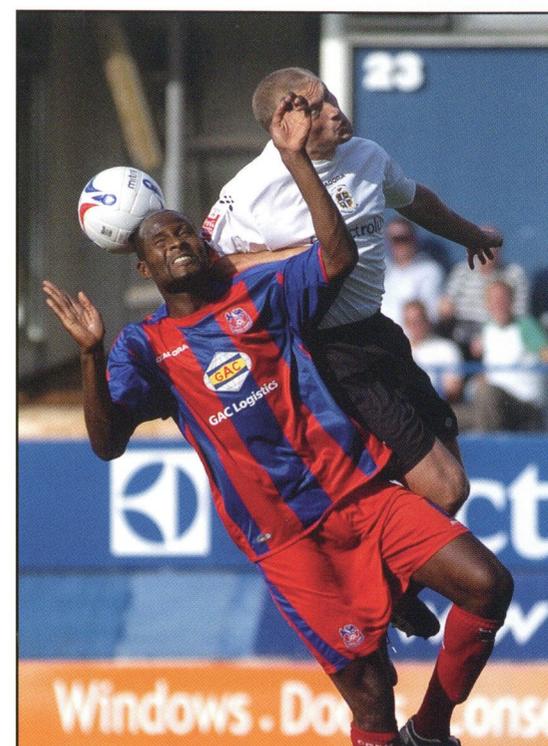
The second half provided more entertainment, and Luton sealed all three points thanks to Vine's second goal of the season when his shot from an acute angle beat Palace's Hungarian goalkeeper Gabor Kiraly.

Palace did manage a late consolation through Scowcroft, but the Eagles flew back to South London empty handed.

The result pushed Luton into the top six of the Championship table, one place below Palace, who have seen their encouraging start to the season slip in recent weeks.



Leon Barnett and Shefki Kuqi jump for the ball



Leon Cort gets the better of Warren Feeney



Carlos Edwards celebrates his second goal of the season

From the Manager



"We started very well. We got a great start with the goal. For 10 or 15 minutes we looked quite bright but then we handed the initiative to Palace. I think we could do better keeping the ball and hitting teams on the break when we get ahead at home.



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Actim Index

We take a look at the first Actim Index Team of the Month from the Championship, compiled by PA

August's stats are in and the first Actim Team of the Month for the Coca-Cola Championship combines a mixture of youth and experience in a formidable line-up. Southampton's highly-rated left-back Gareth Bale, ranked 8th overall, is the youngest member of the team at 17, while in contrast Plymouth's 34 year-old veteran striker Barry Hayles, ranked 2nd overall, is the top scorer with three goals.

The Actim Team of the Month has been compiled by calculating the highest-ranked players in August from each position in the Actim Index - the Official Player Ratings of the Coca-Cola Championship and Barclays Premiership.

Actim Stats show that between the 11 Actim Team of the Month players there has been 17 goals scored, 106 tackles, 443 passes, 71 dribbles, and 108 crosses. Wolves goalkeeper

Matthew Murray has also made an impressive 43 saves, keeping three clean sheets.

The Actim Index uses Actim Stats to rank players according to their performance, both by position and overall.

It is calculated using a unique mathematical formula that rates each player's contribution be it goals, shots, passes, dribbles, tackles, crosses, saves, clearances, blocks, interceptions, time on the pitch or number of points gained by the team with marks deducted for red and yellow cards. Two additional calculations, which take account of player assists and goalkeeper's clean sheets, have been added for the new season to increase the amount of variables a player is now measured by.

Analysis of all Championship games will take place throughout the sea-

son and the Team of the Month for August is:

Goalkeeper

Matthew Murray - Wolverhampton Wanderers - 14th - 88 points

Defence

- Riccardo Scimeca - Cardiff City - 4th - 103 points
- Gareth Bale - Southampton - 8th - 92 points
- Mark Hudson - Crystal Palace - 16th - 87 points
- Patrick Kisnorbo - Leicester City - 18th - 84 points

Midfield

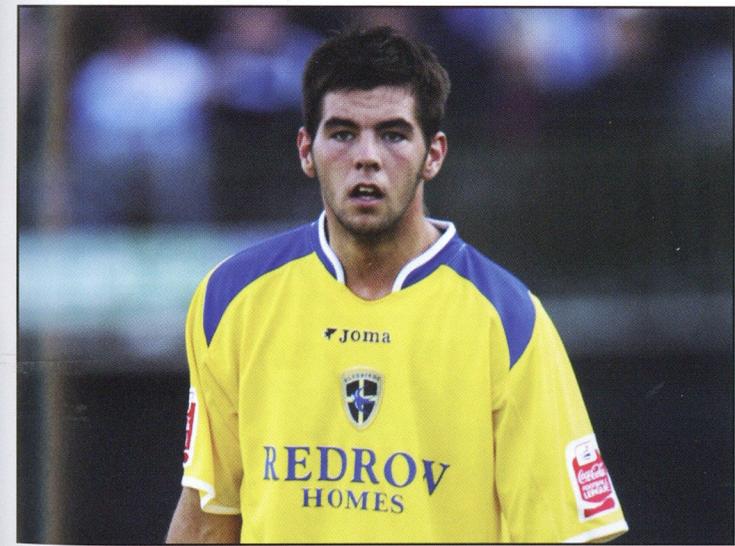
- Lee Croft - Norwich City - 3rd - 108 points
- Joe Ledley - Cardiff City - 1st - 117 points
- Mark Kennedy - Crystal Palace - 7th - 92 points
- Jobi McAnuff - Crystal Palace - 9th - 91 points

Strikers

- Darren Huckerby - Norwich City - 5th - 103
- Barry Hayles - Plymouth Argyle - 2nd - 116

Leon Barnett is currently Luton's leading player in the Actim Stats, sitting inside the top 30.

The list of the Top 100 players and Top 5 players by position will be available free of charge from the Actim website: http://www.pa-sport.com/en/products/actim_championship.html which will be updated during the football season every Thursday for The Coca-Cola Championship.



Cardiff's Joe Ledley is currently the Championship's top player



From the

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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 are currently on general sale 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



CARLING CUP SECOND ROUND BRENTFORD V LUTON TOWN

Tuesday 19th September 2006
Kick-Off 7:45pm



THIS IS AN ALL TICKET GAME

ALLOCATION: We have been allocated 2,656 Ealing Road terrace tickets and 568 Main Stand - Block A Seating tickets.

SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: Tickets are now on General Sale, one ticket per person and will remain on sale until 12 noon on 19/09/2006. (Subject to availability.)

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

(Seating): Adult £19.00 U16's £5.00 Concession (Over 60) £13.00 Students (with valid NUS card) £13.00
(Terrace): Adult £15.00 U16's £5.00 Concession (Over 60) £8.00 Students (with valid NUS card) £8.00

Disabled Supporters should contact Brentford FC on 0845 3456 442 for tickets.



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP LUTON TOWN V WEST BROMWICH ALBION

Saturday 23rd 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 BARNSLEY V LUTON TOWN

Saturday 30th September 2006
Kick-Off 3:00pm



THIS GAME IS PAY ON THE DAY. NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM LUTON TOWN TICKET OFFICE

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

Adults - £20
Concessions (Over 60, Under 18) - £12
Wheelchair Disabled including carer - £20



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP LUTON TOWN V BIRMINGHAM CITY

Saturday 14th October 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.

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

LEEDS UNITED - Saturday 21st October 2006 (All Ticket)
BURNLEY - Tuesday 31st October 2006

TRAVEL GUIDE



Take the M1 southbound to the M25 and then branch off to the turning for the M4. Take the M4, heading towards Reading and Swindon. Exit the M4 Motorway at junction 33 (Signposted Cardiff West/Barry/Penarth/Cardiff Bay) and follow these signs onto the A4232. Turn off after 6.1 miles (Signposted Leckwith Industrial Estate & Athletics Stadium) onto the B4267 - Leckwith Road - following the signs for the 'City Centre'. After 0.5 miles turn right at the traffic lights into Sloper Road. Ninian Park is situated on the left hand side of the road.

SUPPORTERS CLUBS

Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 8:00am. The fare for LTSC members is £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 or via www.lutontownfc.co.uk

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 8:30am and Luton at 9:30am. Costs for this trip is £18.50 adults and £13.50 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk, at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 856542 for further information



Exit M25 at junction 15 (s/p M4, Heathrow Terminals 1, 2 & 3, London (V)) onto the M4 eastbound. After 8.3 miles exit M4 at junction 2 (s/p A4, N and S Circular A406 (A205), Chiswick A315), onto slip road down onto the A4, which runs underneath, and parallel to, the M4. At Chiswick Roundabout after 0.7 miles, take 4th exit (s/p S. Circular A205, A316, M3 Richmond) onto Chiswick High Road/Kew Bridge Road. Straight on for 0.3 miles to junction/lights (Kew Bridge Junction). Here, keep in lane for the A315 and go straight on (s/p Hounslow, Brentford A315), towards 'The Plough'. At lights after 0.5 miles turn right (by McDonalds) into Ealing Road, which runs past Griffin Park.

SUPPORTERS CLUBS

Town on Tour are currently considering travel arrangements for this fixture. Travel will be dependent on sufficient numbers, so to register your interests please contact Town on Tour at 07960 567465. Prices for this trip are £9, £8 concessions and £11 for non-members.

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 3:30pm and Luton at 4:30pm. Costs for this trip is £12 adults and £10 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk, at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 856542 for further information



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2006/2007 Appearances

	This Season				International App		Luton Town Career						
	League App	League Gls	Cup Competitions App	Cup Competitions Gls	Total App	Total Gls	Disciplinary Yel	Disciplinary Red	Nation	Caps	Gls	App	Gls
1 Marlon BERESFORD	6	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	Rep U21	2	0	108	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	6	0	0(1)	0	6(1)	0	0	0				129	5
3 Sol DAVIS	6	0	1	0	7	0	0	0				162	2
4 Chris COYNE	1(2)	0	1	0	2(2)	0	0	0				209	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	6	2	0(1)	0	6(1)	1	0	0				52	4
8 Steve ROBINSON	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0				140	11
9 Rowan VINE	6	2	0(1)	0	6(1)	2	1	0				88	22
10 Warren FEENEY	5(1)	0	0	0	5(1)	0	0	0				N Ireland	(3)
11 Dean MORGAN	0(4)	1	1	0	1(4)	1	0	0	42	7			
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	3			
15 Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	28	2			
16 Lewis EMANUEL	6	1	0	0	6	1	2	0	6	1			
17 Richard LANGLEY	6	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	6	1			
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	194	35			
19 Sam PARKIN	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0	0	0	2	0			
20 Adam BOYD	0(3)	0	1	1	1(3)	1	0	0	4	1			
21 Keith KEANE	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	48	2			
22 Danny STEVENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			
25 Leon BARNETT	6	2	1	0	7	2	2	0	34	2			
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	Finland	2	0	45	2
27 Peter HOLMES	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	122	12			
28 David BELL	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	10	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: **7** HEADERS: **2**
 PENALTIES: **1** OWN GOALS: **0**
 FREE-KICKS: **0** TOTAL: **10**

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED **7** - W **5** - D **1** - L **1** - F **5** - A **1** PTS **16**

SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED **7** - W **3** - D **1** - L **3** - F **6** - A **6** PTS **10**

OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: **5**
 Opponents score first goal: **2**
 No goals scored: **0**

Luton Town score first and win: **3**
 Luton Town score first and draw: **1**
 Luton Town score first and lose: **1**
 Luton Town fail to score: **1**

Opponents score first and win: **1**
 Opponents score first and draw: **1**
 Opponents score first and lose: **0**
 Opponents fail to score: **2**

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: **4**
 Luton goals at the Oak Road End: **2**
 Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: **1**
 Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: **2**



Luton's

2006/07 Stats

THE KEY: Scorer in **Bold** ■ Cautioned; □ Dismissed; *Denotes own goal in Luton's favour
 ◆ Luton win on penalties → First Substitution → Second Substitution → Third Substitution

Match to be shown on Sky Sports, CC = Carling Cup

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

DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS
Sat 5	LEICESTER CITY*	2-0	8,131	1,198	2
Tues 8	Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	22,613	719	3
Sat 12	Norwich City	2-3	22,863	1,221	6
Sat 19	STOKE CITY	2-2	7,727	614	5
Tues 22	Bristol Rovers (CC1)	1-1◆	2,882	275	-
Sat 26	Wolves	0-1	19,378	tbc	10
Sat 9	CRYSTAL PALACE	2-1	9,187	1,800	6
Tues 12	COLCHESTER UNITED	19:45			
Sat 16	Cardiff City	15:00			
Tues 19	Brentford (CC2)	19:45			
Sat 23	WBA	15:00			
Sat 30	Barnsley	15:00			
Sat 14	BIRMINGHAM CITY	15:00			
Tues 17	Hull City	19:45			
Sat 21	LEEDS UNITED	15:00			
Sun 29	Ipswich Town*	13:15			
Tues 31	BURNLEY	19:45			
Sat 4	Preston North End	15:00			
Sat 11	QPR	15:00			
Sat 18	DERBY COUNTY	15:00			
Sat 25	Southampton	15:00			
Tues 28	Plymouth Argyle	19:45			
Sat 02	PRESTON NORTH END	15:00			
Sat 09	Sunderland	15:00			
Fri 15	SOUTHEND UNITED*	19:45			
Sat 23	COVENTRY CITY	15:00			
Tues 26	Colchester United	15:00			
Fri 29	Birmingham City*	19:45			
Mon 1	CARDIFF CITY	15:00			
Sat 6	FA CUP THIRD ROUND	tbc			
Sat 13	WBA	15:00			
Sat 20	BARNLEY	15:00			
Tues 30	Coventry City	19:45			
Sat 3	Leicester City	15:00			
Sat 10	NORWICH CITY	15:00			
Sat 17	Stoke City	15:00			
Tues 20	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	19:45			
Sat 24	Crystal Palace	15:00			
Sat 3	WOLVES	15:00			
Sat 10	Leeds United	15:00			
Tues 13	HULL CITY	19:45			
Sat 17	IPSWICH TOWN	15:00			
Sat 31	Burnley	15:00			
Sat 7	SOUTHAMPTON	15:00			
Mon 9	QPR	15:00			
Sat 14	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	15:00			
Sat 21	Derby County	15:00			
Sat 28	Southend United	15:00			
Sun 6	SUNDERLAND	tbc			

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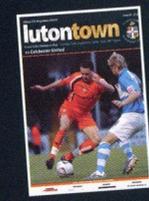
Edwards	Vine	Feeny	Barrett	Boyd	Brkovic	Morgan	Perrett
Edwards	Vine	Feeny	Brill	Boyd	Coyne	Morgan	Perrett
Edwards	Vine	Feeny	Brill	Boyd	Coyne	Morgan	Perrett
Edwards	Vine	Feeny	Brill	Boyd	Brkovic	Keane	Morgan
Bell	Boyd	Morgan	Brill	Edwards	Foley	Stevens	Vine
Edwards	Vine	Feeny	Brill	Bell	Keane	Morgan	Parkin
Edwards	Vine	Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeny	Keane	Morgan

2006/07 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Cardiff	6	2	1	0	4	1	2	0	1	4	3	13
Birmingham	6	3	0	0	6	3	1	1	1	2	13	
Wolves	6	2	0	1	3	3	2	1	0	3	1	13
West Brom	6	3	0	0	6	1	0	2	1	1	3	11
Norwich	6	3	0	0	10	3	0	1	2	0	4	10
C Palace	6	2	1	0	6	3	1	0	2	4	5	10
LUTON	6	2	1	0	6	3	1	0	2	3	4	10
Coventry	6	2	1	0	5	1	1	0	2	1	3	10
Plymouth	6	0	2	1	3	4	2	1	0	5	3	9
Preston	6	1	2	0	3	2	1	1	4	4	9	
Burnley	6	1	0	2	3	3	1	2	0	4	3	8
Barnsley	6	0	2	1	5	6	2	0	1	6	8	8
Southampton	6	1	2	0	3	1	0	2	1	5	6	7
Stoke	6	1	2	0	3	1	0	2	1	4	5	7
Ipswich	6	1	1	1	3	3	1	0	2	4	5	7
Leeds	6	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	3	7
Southend	6	2	1	0	4	1	0	0	3	1	6	7
Leicester	6	2	0	1	4	2	0	1	2	0	4	7
Sheff Wed	6	0	1	2	1	3	1	2	0	2	1	6
Colchester	6	1	0	2	5	6	1	0	2	4	5	6
Sunderland	6	1	0	2	4	4	1	0	2	4	6	6
QPR	6	1	1	1	5	0	2	1	2	4	6	6
Derby	6	0	2	1	3	4	1	0	2	5	7	5
Hull City	6	0	0	3	3	6	0	1	2	1	4	1

TONIGHT'S OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

- Burnley v Barnsley
- C Palace v Southampton
- Ipswich v Coventry
- Leicester v Hull City
- Plymouth v Cardiff
- Preston v West Brom
- QPR v Birmingham
- Sheff Wed v Stoke
- Southend v Norwich
- Wolves v Derby



Luton's Matchday Programme
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Name That Ground: 1) Oldham Athletic, 2) Preston North End, 3) Sheffield Wednesday
Carlos Edwards Quiz: Defence Force

Coming Next

to Kenilworth Road



Luton Town v

West Bromwich Albion

Saturday 23rd September, Kick-Off 3:00pm

By Des O'Donnell

Bryan Robson, the former England Captain (90 caps, 65 as captain) brings his team down from the Black Country for the first time since a league cup meeting in September 1997. On that occasion, Luton drew 1-1 with the Baggies, but subsequently went on to lose the replay at the Hawthorns 4-2. The last time West Brom played here in the league was in the old League Division One in the 1995/96 season. The Baggies won 2-1, but the Hatters had their revenge in the away fixture with an impressive 2-0 win.

The Baggies, so called due to the baggie shorts the team used to wear in the early 1900's, have had a somewhat yo-yo existence the last few seasons, going up to the Premiership in 2002, relegated in 2003, back up in 2004, surviving on the last day of the 2005 season, only to take the drop again in 2006. Bryan Robson said it was his greatest achievement in football when he managed to escape the drop in dramatic fashion on the last day of the 2004/05 season. At the start of what was tagged "Survival Sunday", West Brom were rooted to the bottom of the table. By the final whistle, after a 2-0 win over Portsmouth, they had amazingly finished 17th - sending Norwich, Southampton and Crystal Palace down.

The Baggies, one of the favourites this season for a quick return to the top flight, have started well, losing only one match at struggling Sunderland in their first six games, notching up victories at Hull, Colchester and Leyton Orient and two draws at Cardiff and Southampton.

Robson has an impressive squad which includes some familiar faces to the Luton faithful, although Curtis Davies will miss out on a first appearance back at Kenilworth Road due to a foot injury. The defender joins another ex-Hatter, John Hartson who signed from Celtic in June for an undisclosed amount. Harts, as he is affectionately known, scored 20 goals last season and had an impressive debut for the Baggies, scoring twice against Hull.

Their goal is guarded by Swiss international Pascal Zuberbuhler - Zubi for short - who signed on a free transfer from FC Basel. Zubi managed to play 390 minutes of football at this year's World Cup without his goal being breached. Unfortunately the Swiss exited the competition after a penalty shoot-out, the first time a team has ever left the Cup without conceding a goal!

Another striker to look out for is former Wigan hit man Nathan Ellington (the Duke). After netting 67 goals in 141 starts for Wigan, the Duke has been plagued with niggling injuries since his move to West Brom, only hitting the net eight times last season.

Let's hope this time it's the Hatters bagging the points!



Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draws	WBA
League	10	7	19
FA Cup	0	0	2
League Cup	0	1	.1
Total	10	8	22

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teamsheet



LUTON TOWN

Manager: Mike Newell

Player	Goals	Assists
MARLON BERESFORD	1	0
KEVIN FOLEY	2	0
SOL DAVIS	3	0
CHRIS COYNE	4	0
RUSSELL PERRETT	5	0
PAUL UNDERWOOD	6	0
CARLOS EDWARDS	7	0
STEVE ROBINSON	8	0
ROWAN VINE	9	0
WARREN FEENEY	10	0
DEAN MORGAN	11	0
MICHAEL LEARY	14	0
STEPHEN O'LEARY	15	0
LEWIS EMANUEL	16	0
RICHARD LANGLEY	17	0
AHMET BRKOVIC	18	0
SAM PARKIN	19	0
ADAM BOYD	20	0
KEITH KEANE	21	0
DANNY STEVENS	22	0
LEON BARNETT	25	0
MARKUS HEIKKINEN	26	0
PETER HOLMES	27	0
DAVID BELL	28	0
CALVIN ANDREW	29	0
DEAN BRILL	33	0
ZAC BARRETT	34	0
CHRIS PENDLETON	35	0

COLCHESTER UNITED

Manager: Geraint Williams

Player	Goals	Assists
1 AIDAN DAVISON	1	0
2 GREG HALFORD	2	0
3 JOHN WHITE	3	0
4 JOHNNIE JACKSON	4	0
5 WAYNE BROWN	5	0
6 KEVIN WATSON	6	0
7 KARL DUGUID	7	0
8 JAMIE CURETON	8	0
9 MARINO KEITH	9	0
10 KEMAL IZZET	10	0
11 CHRIS IWELUMO	11	0
12 PAT BALDWIN	12	0
13 DEAN GERKEN	13	0
14 RICHARD GARCIA	14	0
15 JAMIE GUY	15	0
16 GEORGE ELOKOB	16	0
17 LAWRIE WILSON	17	0
18 CHRIS BARKER	18	0
19 GARRY RICHARDS	19	0
20 KEVIN McLEOD	20	0
21 ROBBIE KING	21	0
23 MARK COUSINS	23	0

OFFICIALS

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- Referee -
-  **Mr P W Barnes**
- Assistant 1 -
-  **Mr M Ball**
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