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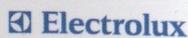


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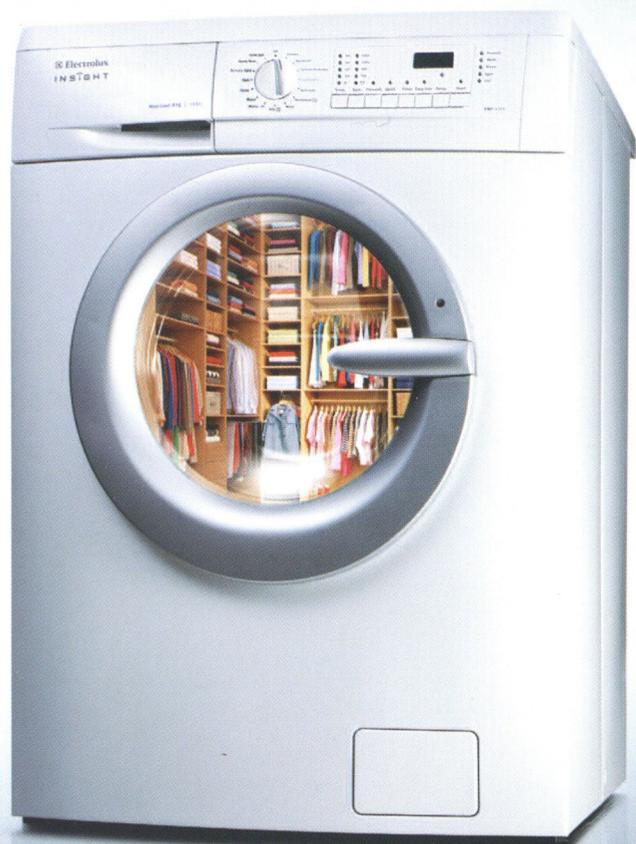
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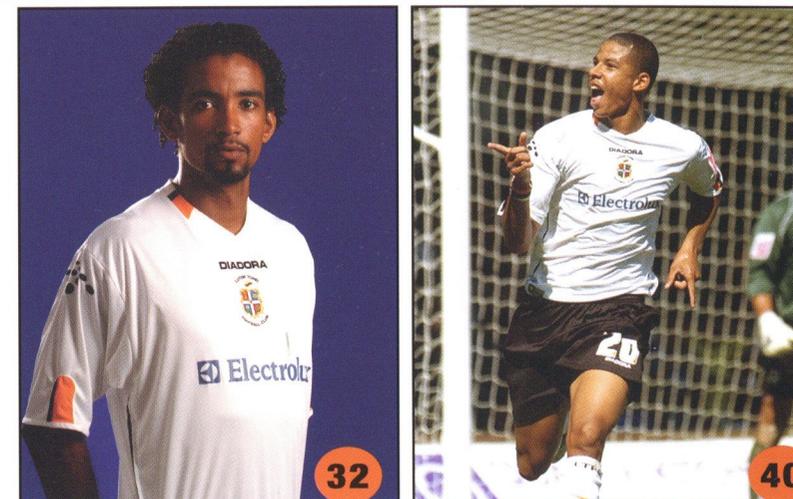
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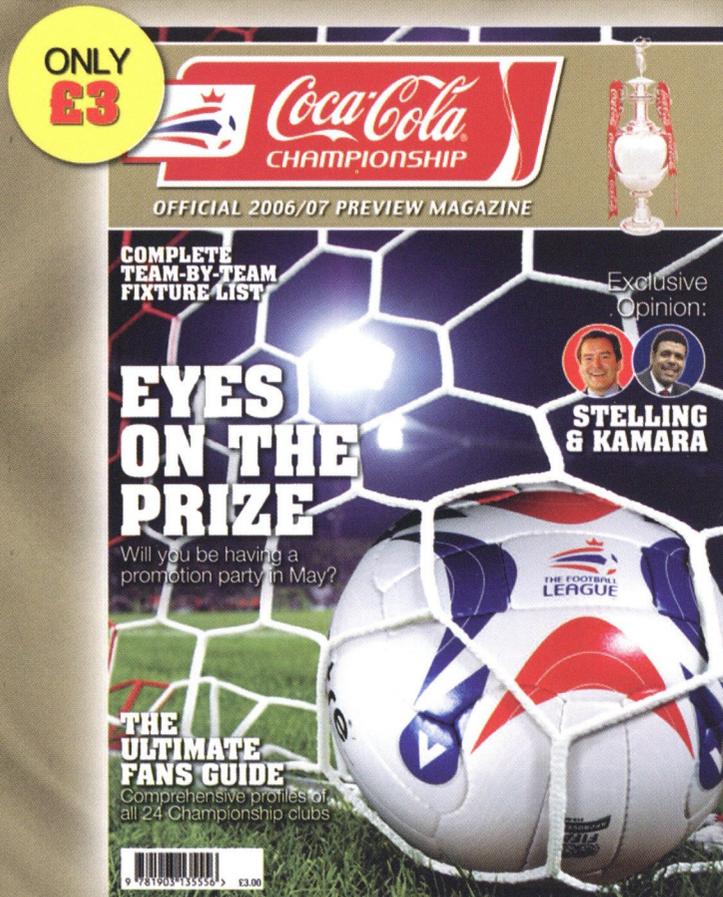
FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's important Championship fixture against West Bromwich Albion. Today sees the return of two former Luton players, both making their first returns to Kenilworth Road since departing for pastures new. John Hartson and Curtis Davies have spoken exclusively to today's matchday programme and I would like to thank both players for taking time out of their busy schedules to speak to us. I would also like to thank John Simpson, Media Manager at West Bromwich Albion, and Jenna Hadley, Press Office Administrator, for arranging the interviews with both players. This feature can be found on page 40. We also chat to Richard Langley, who talks about life at Kenilworth Road. Along with the recent news from the Youth and Ladies teams, there's also the latest action from the First Team. We also have all our usual features in another bumper edition of your matchday programme. Remember, you can contact us at programme@lutontown.co.uk for any ideas or improvements to this publication.

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From the Chairman

Bill Tomlins



Bill Tomlins
Luton Town FC Chairman

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to all our supporters to Kenilworth Road and to our visitors West Bromwich Albion, their Directors, Management, Players and Supporters.

I know many of us were looking forward to seeing Curtis Davies returning to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. Unfortunately, his injury has prevented that but, I am sure like me, you all wish Curtis a speedy recovery.

It is becoming clear, after only eight league games, that the Championship table is much tighter than last season and, therefore, more competitive. Three points separate ten clubs, including ourselves, from a third place position.

At present, the points difference from top to bottom is a run of four straight wins. If other results go for you or against you, the change in league position can appear very dramatic.

Everybody in football learns how to handle a win, a defeat or a draw. However, last Saturday's Championship game against Cardiff City did stretch that belief from my standpoint, not against our opponents, but the decision to rule Lewis Emanuel's handball as deliberate. The knock on effect of a penalty, a dismissal and a one match suspension

was really frustrating. In the end, that sending off completely changed the opportunity for our Manager and the team to get something out of the game.

As always I would like to say a special thank you to all of our travelling supporters, particularly as the long journey to Cardiff, for many of us, was delayed by the temporary closure of three junctions on the motorway. Everyone connected with the club really appreciated your support.

Our Carling Cup second round match away to Brentford on Tuesday, when the team produced an excellent and a very professional result was not without incident. Three red cards were issued, which included a Brentford player, their manager and a decision against Leon Barnett, who was adjudged to be the last man after a tackle just outside our penalty area. However, it was clear from our view that two of our players were behind Leon when the incident occurred. With the support of video evidence, the Club successfully appealed against that decision. In the meantime, we are now all looking forward to the third round draw at noon today.

Enjoy the game.

Bill

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Grzegorz Rasiak	Southampton	6	0	6
Robert Earnshaw	Norwich	6	0	6
Michael Chopra	Cardiff	6	0	6
Freddy Eastwood	Southend	3	2	5
Jon Parkin	Hull	5	0	5
Marc Richards	Barnsley	4	0	4
Barry Hayles	Plymouth	4	0	4
Paul Hayes	Barnsley	4	0	4
Jamie Cureton	Colchester	4	0	4

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Total number of goals scored on each ground - All competitions

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Carrow Road	Norwich	4	14	3.50
Layer Road Ground	Colchester	4	14	3.50
Home Park	Plymouth	4	13	3.25
St Andrews	Birmingham	4	13	3.25
The KC Stadium	Hull	4	12	3.00
Oakwell Stadium	Barnsley	4	12	3.00
Loftus Road Stadium	QPR	4	12	3.00
Turf Moor	Burnley	4	12	3.00
Roots Hall	Southend	4	11	2.75
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	4	11	2.75
Selhurst Park	Crystal Pal	4	11	2.75
Stadium of Light	Sunderland	4	10	2.50
Ninian Park	Cardiff	4	10	2.50
Portman Road	Ipswich	4	9	2.25
Pride Park Stadium	Derby	4	9	2.25
The Hawthorns	West Brom	4	9	2.25
Molineux Stadium	Wolves	4	7	1.75
Ricoh Arena	Coventry	4	7	1.75
The Walkers Stadium	Leicester	4	7	1.75
Deepdale	Preston	4	6	1.50
Elland Road	Leeds	4	6	1.50
Hillsborough	Sheff Wed	4	6	1.50
St Marys Stadium	Southamptn	4	5	1.25
Britannia Stadium	Stoke	4	5	1.25

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most... shots on target 63 Barnsley. shots off target 65 Norwich. corners 60 Preston. hit woodwork 5 Sheff Wed. offsides 42 Cardiff. fouls 137 Plymouth. yellow cards 19 Leeds. red cards 3 Birmingham.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most... Shots 44 Robert Earnshaw (Norwich). Shots on target 17 Robert Earnshaw (Norwich). Shots off target 27 Robert Earnshaw (Norwich). Assists 4 Micah Hyde (Burnley). Crosses 53 Lee Croft (Norwich). Offsides 23 Matt Fryatt (Leicester). Fouls 37 Barry Hayles (Plymouth). Free-kicks won 22 Gavin Williams (Ipswich).

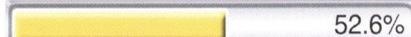


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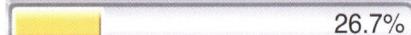


GOAL COUNTER 232

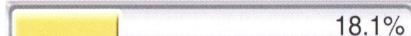
RIGHT FOOT 122 goals



LEFT FOOT 62 goals



HEADERS 42 goals



Own goals 6 (2.6%), Other body part 0 (0%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

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

By a substitute after coming on
Patrick Agyemang (Preston vs Cardiff) 2:23

DISCIPLINARY



3.1 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE BOOKINGS

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

By a substitute after coming on
Andrew Surman (Southampton vs Ipswich) 1:30

SUB TOTALS

Subs used485

Offsides609

Corners.....1109

Shots Off Target1055

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

0 3 3

*up to and including 16/09/2006

In the Coca Cola Championship this season there have been 1059 shots on target, goals constitute 21.9% of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on 55 occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Leicester 6). There have been 29 penalties awarded this season and of those 24 have been scored (a success rate of 82.8%). Sheff Wed have been awarded most penalties - 3. Stoke have given most penalties away 4. The team to score the most penalties is Sheff Wed 3. Colchester missed 1 penalty in the Coca Cola Championship this season.

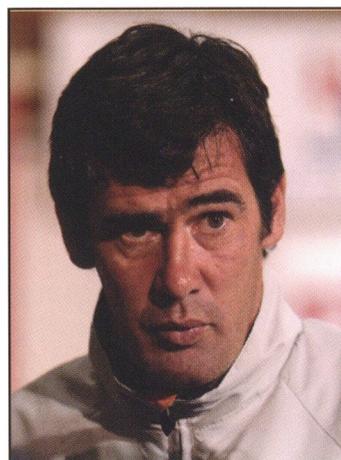
RESULTS

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

0-0	7
1-0	11
2-0	10
3-0	1
4-0	-
5-0	-
0-1	13
0-2	2
0-3	1
0-4	-
0-5	-
1-1	12
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2-4	-
2-5	-
3-3	2
4-3	1
5-3	-
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-4	-
5-4	-
4-5	-
5-5	-

From the Manager

Mike Newell



Mike Newell
Luton Town Manager

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against West Bromwich Albion. Welcome also to their Caretaker Manager Nigel Pearson, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from the Hawthorns. They have been able to keep a lot of their best players from the squad of last season and also add a couple of full internationals, including one of our old boys John Hartson, so it will be a very difficult game for us.

I was looking forward to seeing Bryan Robson, who I have great respect for, but he parted company this week and it is a reminder of the demanding nature of this job and the pressure that it can

bring at times.

Someone who will be here, although not playing thankfully, is Curtis Davies. We are all delighted at the continued progress that he has made and it is no surprise that he is being linked with the top clubs in the Premiership. He was fantastic for us in the eighteen months that he played, but more than that he is a proper young man who wants to learn and keep improving, a real credit to his parents.

Last Saturday's result was an obvious disappointment, but we were always going to be up against it after the eighth minute loss of Lewis and conceding a penalty. Unfortunately referees will very often apply the letter of the law without taking into consideration the circumstances or using any common sense.

The lads responded well on Tuesday night with a good performance at Brentford. Getting through to the next round was always the objective and it was achieved quite comfortably in the end. We also managed to get Leon's red card rescinded after a successful appeal, which was another bonus. I then dreamt we won the Carling Cup on Thursday night. You never know.

In the aftermath of the Panorama programme on Tuesday night I

have been inundated with demands to comment. As yet, I haven't seen it as we were busy, but I really don't want to be the first port of call for reporters everytime there is another revelation. It is interesting that this investigation began over twelve months ago, well before I said anything in January, so somebody obviously showed the same concerns as me.

One high profile Chairman, who shall remain nameless because it will annoy him, actually implied that I had made the comments in the first place and subsequently since to promote myself. I have been in this game not for two minutes, but for twenty odd years, and I am in it because I love football.

I feel very fortunate and privileged that I was able to play at the highest level, with and against some of the best players in the world. The same goes for management, it is all I wanted to do when I was growing up. Fame or celebrity status was never on the agenda and never will be. I don't do egos or self promotion.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads

Mike

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From the Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery



Good afternoon and welcome to everyone for what has been designated as FIFA World Fair Play Day 2006. This year's World Fair Play Day is linked to another special celebration, the United Nations International Day of Peace - an invitation to all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities around the world. Our Community department has invited children to share with us this World Fair Play Day and they will acknowledge the teams as they come onto the pitch today.

I would like to remind you that our Pontin's Combination League match away to Southend will now take place next Tuesday 26th September, kick off 2.00 pm.

This change is due to our involve-

ment in the second round of the Carling Cup last Tuesday, when the Reserve match was originally scheduled to be played.

The draw for the third round took place at lunchtime today and I, like you, am hoping for a good home draw.

Another change of date for your diary is for the Annual Carol Service, which will now take place on Thursday 21st December, commencing at 7.30pm, and not as previously advertised for Thursday 14th December. This change is due to our Championship match with Southend United being screened live on SKY Sports on Friday 15th December, kick off 7.45pm.

The licensed Hatters Bar at half-time under the Kenilworth Stand continues to work well, almost too well, and we are looking at ways to improve this area for supporters, so please bear with us. It was good to have feedback from supporters using the catering unit under the Main Stand in that they were able to get both hot food and drink at half-time at the last two home games. This is another area we are looking to improve.

Supporters will note that the match officials today are wearing either green or yellow shirts and

black arm bands. This is a mark of respect for Peter Foakes, a former Football League and Premier League referee and Professional Game Match Official Referee Coach, who died suddenly last Monday evening. I had known Peter for many years and he will be sadly missed around the football world.

Supporters will have noticed that the Ticket Office has now gone live with credit/debit card transactions, speeding up the processing of tickets, and taking us one step further to online ticket sales on the web, which is still scheduled for the end of the month.

Finally, a reminder for those students with season tickets who have still not provided the Ticket Office with a letter from their school or university confirming your status, that you only have until 30th September to provide them, after which time the season ticket will convert to a fully priced ticket. If you have a problem please contact the Ticket Office, who will be happy to assist you.

As always enjoy the game

Cherry

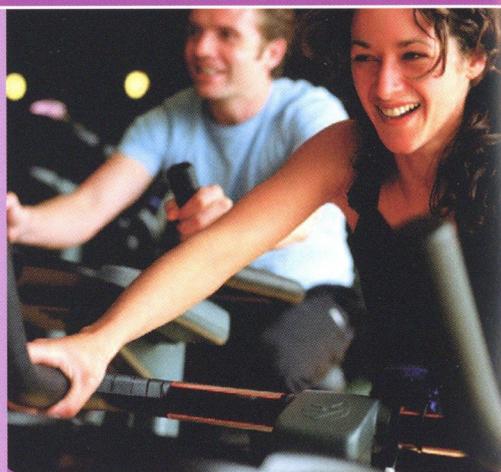


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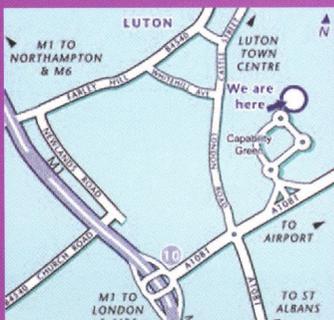
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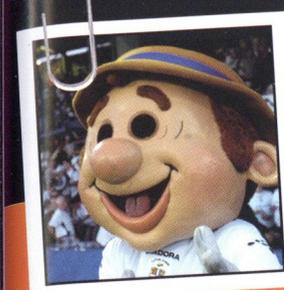
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Marco Cortese was mascot at our last game at Kenilworth Road, against Colchester United. He is pictured above with both team captains and officials prior to the match.

Today's Mascots



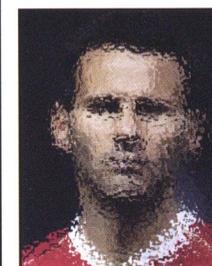
Name: Freya Nicholson
Age: 13
Favourite Player: Carlos Edwards
School Attended: Lea Manor
Hobbies: Netball, music and football



Name: Connor Alldritt
Age: 7
Favourite Players: John Hartson and Jonathan Greening

Junior Hatters Quiz

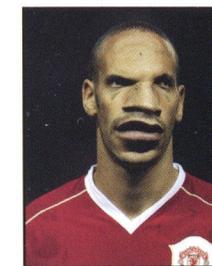
Can you identify these Manchester United footballers?
The answers can be found below.



ANSWER



ANSWER



ANSWER

Fill in the blanks to make up the names of these Championship football clubs?

The answers can be found below.

C-V-N-R-
-P-
-O-C--S-T-R
P--M-U-T-H

ANSWERS - GUESS WHO: Ryan Giggs, Cristiano Ronaldo and Rio Ferdinand
FILL IN THE BLANKS: Coventry, QPR, Colchester, Plymouth

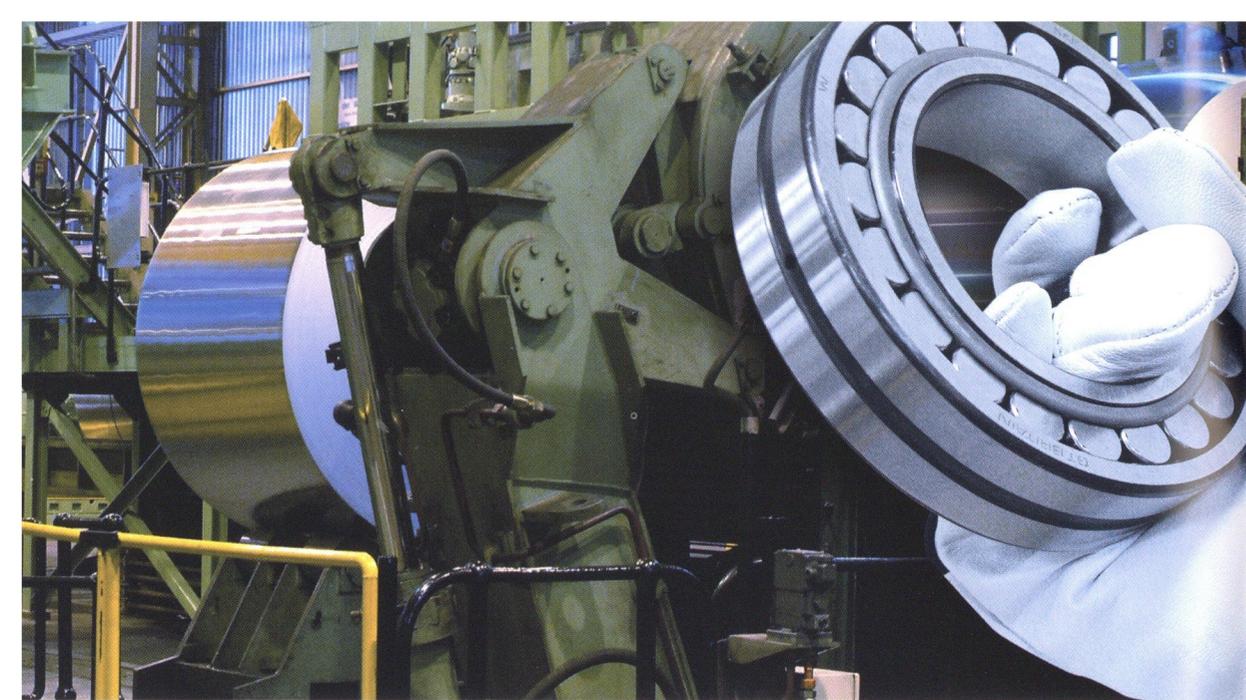
Ballboy/girl

Luke Griffin is today's ballboy and his favourite player is Zac Barrett. Megan Thomas is today's ball-girl and her favourite player is Ahmet Brkovic

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Welcome to

West Bromwich Albion

The Baggies may be managerless for this afternoon's game, but they're certainly not short of a bit of talent in the playing department. Caretaker boss Nigel Pearson has a wealth of experience and quality to draw from, so GEOFF KNOX urges you to sit back and enjoy another ride on the Championship rollercoaster.

Pretty much most peoples tip for promotion this season, pretty much most people will turn out to be right.

The sacking of Bryan Robson has left the football world reeling during a week when it was fairly difficult to make headlines ahead of a certain television programme.

The usual speculation regarding Robson's replacement is well underway, and it's looking like a straight race between Alan Curbishley and Adrian Chiles. You can measure a club's status by the calibre of names linked to their vacant manager's post, so we might as well throw in Martin O'Neill as well.

The West Brom Board have gone as far as advertising the position on their club website, so it could take a while to sift through the more mischievous applications before the new man is in

place.

No matter who is in charge for the remainder of the season, though, West Brom have arguably the strongest squad in the division, and let's face it, they haven't exactly had a disastrous start.

This time last season, newly-relegated Norwich, Southampton and Palace were getting their fingers burned, not points, as they struggled to cope with the drop. The Baggies seem well placed to learn from other teams' mistakes by having the right personnel in situ.

Can you imagine John Hartson prancing around in this league like a big-time Charlie? No, neither can we.

West Brom haven't even had any really bad results this season. They've had very difficult away games but have

cleaned up at The Hawthorns.

They've also made a stealthy progression in the Carling Cup.

Baggies fans could argue that 1-1 at home to Southend isn't good enough, but they didn't lose the game and, to put that fixture in perspective, this time last year newly-promoted Luton had beaten all three of the relegated Premiership clubs.

Most of the West Brom squad know all about the life outside the Championship, having excelled there to the degree that they were cherry picked by Premiership clubs.

They've got international players, famous players, pace, power, guts and skill, with a couple of ex-Hatters thrown in for good measure.

Life at the Hawthorns can't be all that bad.



The Opponents

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

The Manager



Nigel Pearson took temporary charge of first team affairs after the departure of Bryan Robson as manager on September 18, 2006. Despite helping Robson guide Albion to the 'Great Escape' 12 months earlier, the double-act could not prevent the Baggies being relegated from the Barclays Premiership at the end of a frustrating 2005/06 campaign. Pearson was appointed by Robson as his No.2 on the same day he took charge at The Hawthorns on November 9, 2004. Persuaded to leave his post as England Under-20 coach he, like Robson, penned a 12 month rolling contract - six months before helping the Baggies re-write history. Alongside Robson, he ensured Albion became the first club bottom of the Barclays Premiership at Christmas to avoid relegation. After a spell as first team coach at Stoke City, Pearson managed Carlisle United for six months from December 1998 to May 1999. He saved them from relegation from the Football League thanks to another memorable dramatic last-day escape when goalkeeper Jimmy Glass scored a last-minute winner in a 2-1 victory against Plymouth to keep United up by one point. Prior to joining the Baggies, he was a national coach at the FA for two-and-a-half years. As a player, Pearson's career spanned 20 years - representing Heanor Town, Shrewsbury Town, Sheffield Wednesday and Middlesbrough - before hanging up his boots in May, 1998. The commanding centre-half helped Boro win promotion to the Premiership under the then boss Robson in the 1994/95 season. Robson also made Pearson captain at The Riverside and he earned runners-up medals in the 1997 League Cup and FA Cup finals, losing to Leicester and Chelsea, respectively.

The Goalkeepers

Following the loan move of **TOMASZ KUSCZAK** to Manchester United, West Bromwich Albion have handed the number one jersey to Switzerland born goalkeeper **PASCAL ZUBERBUHLER**. The 35-year-old shot-stopper joined Albion in July 2006 on a free transfer from Swiss club Basel, putting pen to paper on a two-year deal. The stopper arrived at the Black Country club with a wealth of international, Champions League and UEFA Cup experience. Zuberbuhler has spent most of his career with Basel and set a World Cup record in 2006 when he played 390 minutes without conceding a goal. **RUSSELL HOULT** (pictured) is a firm favourite with the West Bromwich Albion faithful and holds a club record of the most clean sheets in one season - 27. Holt has enjoyed spells at Leicester, Derby and Portsmouth, but it is at the Hawthorns where he has really made a name for himself, making almost 200 appearances for the club.



The Defenders

One name that needs no introduction to Luton supporters is **CURTIS DAVIES**. The centre back played an important part in our League One title campaign before he got his dream move to the Premiership to join West Bromwich Albion in a £3 million deal. Davies was named Albion's new captain for 2006/07 after an impressive first season at the club. The signing of **CHRIS PERRY** was a real coup for the Albion, who joined on a Bosman in July 2006, putting pen to paper on a two-year deal. Despite making 30 starts for Charlton during 2005/06, Perry was released following the arrival of new boss Iain Dowie in May 2006. Prior to joining Albion, he had played in the top flight throughout his 13-year career and was touted for an England call-up on several occasions during his Wimbledon days. **PAUL ROBINSON**, who spent eight seasons at Watford, recently signed a new three year contract at the club and is another key figure of the West Bromwich Albion side. **NEIL CLEMENT** (pictured) is currently Albion's longest-serving player and penned a five-and-a-half year deal in January 2005. As vice captain during 2005/06, he skippered Albion on several occasions, partnering Davies, at the heart of the Baggies defence. The versatile defender has missed the start of the 2006/07 campaign as he recuperated from the knee operation he underwent at the end of the previous season. A familiar name in the West Bromwich Albion is **RONNIE WALLWORK**, who has played in the top flight with Manchester United, whilst **JARED HODGKISS** and **JEFF FORSYTH** are both promising players who have progressed from the Albion youth ranks.



West Bromwich Albion's All Time Records

Record Att: 64815: vs Arsenal 06/03/1937 FA Cup R6
Gate receipts: £244501: vs Coventry City 18/01/1995 FA Cup R3
Best league win: 12 - 0: vs Darwen 04/04/1892 Division I
Worst league loss: 3 - 10: vs Stoke City 04/02/1937 Division I
Best cup win: 10 - 1: vs Chatham 02/03/1889 FA Cup R3
League appearances: Tony Brown: 574

League goals: Tony Brown: 218
Goals in a season: William Ginger Richardson: 39 1935/36 Division I
Transfer fee received: £5,000,000: Lee Hughes Coventry, 8 August 2001
Transfer fee paid: £3,000,000: Rob Earnshaw Cardiff 30 August 2004

The Midfielders

NIGEL QUASHIE (pictured) joined Albion from Southampton for an initial £1.2million, with scope to rise by a further £200,000 subject to performance-related add-ons, on transfer deadline day in January 2006. Quashie made his professional debut as a 17-year-old with the then Premiership side QPR. After establishing himself at Loftus Road, he joined Nottingham Forest for £2.5million in August 1998. Two years later, Portsmouth paid £600,000 for his services as Quashie joined forces with manager Harry Redknapp. Another player with plenty of experience in top flight football is **JONATHAN GREENING**, who joined Albion from Middlesbrough for an initial £1.25million in July 2004, penning a three-year deal with a further one year option in the club's favour. Greening made over 100 appearances for Middlesbrough after signing at the Riverside club from Manchester United, where he failed to establish a regular first

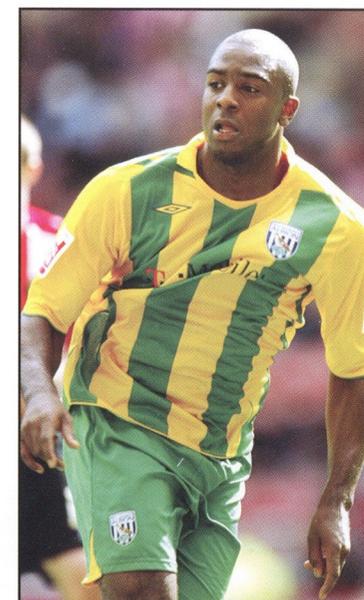
team place. **RICHARD CHAPLOW** will be hoping to earn an established run in the side this season, having made only 12 appearances since signing for the club from Burnley in January 2005. **DARREN CARTER** is a former England Under-20 international who signed from Birmingham. The talented midfielder impressed during a loan spell with Sunderland during the 2004/05 season, but couldn't hold a regular first team spot at Birmingham, prompting former boss Bryan Robson to splash out £1.5 million for his services. **JASON KOUMAS** has yet to make a league start for West Bromwich Albion this season, despite impressing on-loan at Cardiff City last season. Koumas' spell at Ninian Park had been a successful one, scoring 13 times in 44 starts and three substitute appearances. However the talented midfielder, who has a keen eye for goal, ended weeks of speculation about his Hawthorns future by signing a new three-year Albion deal, recently.



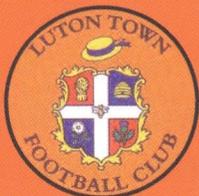
The Strikers

JOHN HARTSON and **KEVIN PHILLIPS** are both recent additions to the West Bromwich Albion squad as the club looked to strengthen in their bid to immediately return to the Premiership. Hartson, who joined Arsenal from Luton in 1995, has more recently been enjoying success with Celtic, where he won three league titles, two FA Cups and one League Cup during his time north of the border. Hartson has also picked up a UEFA Cup Winners Cup runners-up medal whilst at Arsenal, and has accumulated over 40 caps for Wales. Albion pulled off a major coup when they snapped up Phillips from Villa in a £700,000 deal in August 2006. The ex-England international signed a two-year Hawthorns contract after turning down a move to former club Sunderland. He made his Baggies debut two days later in a 3-0 Carling Cup victory at Leyton Orient before making his first league appearance for his new club the following week as a sub - ironically in a 2-0 defeat at

Sunderland. Phillips has also enjoyed spells at Southampton and Watford. **NATHAN ELLINGTON** (pictured) enjoyed a successful spell with current League Two side Bristol Rovers before moving to Wigan Athletic in March 2002. Ellington proved a prolific buy, scoring 67 goals in just 141 starts for the North West outfit, before moving to West Bromwich Albion in August 2005. **ZOLTAN GERA** is a Hungarian midfielder, who joined Albion from Ferencvaros in a £1.5million deal in July 2004, fresh from winning the domestic league and cup double with his former club. The Baggies beat off competition from several top European clubs to land the attacking midfielder, who penned a three-year contract. **STUART NICHOLSON** is a product of Albion's youth system and signed pro forms in January 2006, winning Young Player of the Year in his first year in the first team. **ROB ELVINS** is another promising young striker, currently on-loan at Cheltenham Town



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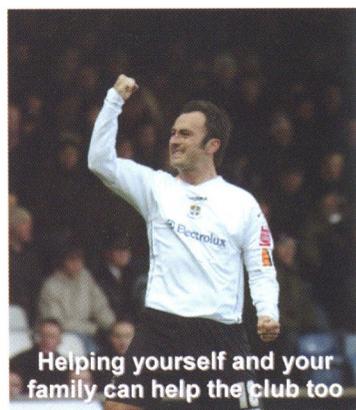
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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Mike Newell	Bryan Robson
Played 146 Won 66 Drawn 38 Lost 42	Played 72 Won 15 Drawn 22 Lost 35
For 233 Against 193	For 64 Against 103
Av Pts/game 1.62	Av Pts/game 0.93
Biggest Win(s) Luton 5 Bristol City 0 (05/03/2005). Biggest Loss(es) Preston 5 Luton 1 (11/02/2006).	Biggest Win(s) West Brom 4 Everton 0 (19/11/2005). Biggest Loss(es) Fulham 6 West Brom 1 (11/02/2006).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..1	Mike Newell.....1	Bryan Robson0
Draws ..0	Goals 2	Goals 1

Player with the most...	Luton Town Football Club	West Bromwich Albion	Player with the most...
shots	Rowan Vine 21	Zoltan Gera 18	shots
shots on target	Rowan Vine 13	Nathan Ellington 13	shots on target
shots off target	Rowan Vine 8	Zoltan Gera 10	shots off target
assists	Lewis Emanuel 2	Nigel Quashie 2	assists
crosses	Carlos Edwards 25	Paul Robinson 20	crosses
fouls	Rowan Vine 17	John Hartson 27	fouls
free-kicks-won	Rowan Vine 13	Nigel Quashie 16	free-kicks-won

SHARP SHOOTERS

Luton	CCFC Cup	Tot	West Brom	CCFC Cup	Tot	
Rowan Vine	3	0	3	2	0	2
Carlos Edwards	2	0	2	2	0	2
Leon Barnett	2	0	2	1	0	1

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played.....36	Luton wins.....10	West Brom wins.....19
Draws.....7	Goals 37 (1.0 per game)	Goals 55 (1.5 per game)
0-0's.....2	Times failed to score 16	Times failed to score 6

Biggest League win at Luton for each team:
14/12/1957 Luton 5-1 West Brom
01/12/1973 & 24/09/1955 Luton 0-2 West Brom



2006/07 LEAGUE STATS

	12	Position	9	
	8	Played	8	
	3	Won	3	
	2	Drawn	3	
	3	Lost	2	
	11	Goals For	8	
	12	Goals Against	6	
	11	Points	12	

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	0	3	14	0	2	1	19

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	2	0	11	3	1	1	7

Record When Scoring First

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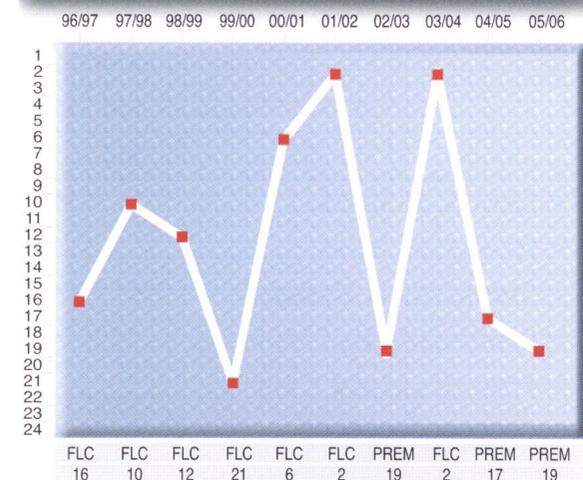
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0	1	2	23	0	0	2	36

Match Scores

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

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Five to Remember

Roger Wash takes a look back at five classic encounters between Luton Town and West Bromwich Albion

27th April 1974 West Bromwich Albion 1 Luton Town 1 Attendance: 13,164

The Town needed one point to be sure of a return to the top flight for the first time since 1960, and several thousand nervous Luton supporters made their way to the Hawthorns where the home side had seen their own promotion hopes blown the previous week.

Barry Butlin helped settle the nerves with a header after five minutes and from then on it was only strong-arm tactics from the Baggies that prevented a rout.

A concussed John Faulkner was one of four Luton players needing lengthy treatment and was injured again when Albion winger Willie Johnston ran in to him in the area with 17 minutes to go, leading to a penalty, which was netted by Tony Brown.

The Town managed to hang on, however, for a point that seemed like a victory!



Andy King (out of picture) nets against the Albion in 1975.

13th December 1975 Luton Town 2 West Bromwich Albion 1 Attendance: 10,203

In this, the first home game since the directors had announced that the club was in dire financial straights leading to the cut price sale of Peter Anderson, the players could not have picked on stronger opposition than West Brom, flying high having won five of their previous six games.

Fortune favoured the Town though, with Baggies player-manager John Giles being dismissed early on for a foul on Ron Futcher. This led to Andy King getting the breakthrough just before the interval.

West Brom came out fighting in the second half with Mick Martin levelling before John Aston punished the tiring Baggies with the eventual winner.

This victory prefaced a run of four straight wins.

1st April 1986 Luton Town 3 West Bromwich Albion 0 Attendance: 9,226

For the first time since the Town returned to the top flight in 1982 they were not looking over their shoulders and had hit the magic 50 point mark a month before. The Baggies, on the other hand, were rock bottom and destined for relegation.

The Hatters were so much on top that the players were falling over each other in their attempts to score but the anxiety was eased when Mike Newell netted with a delicate header from a David Preece free-kick.

Further goals from Mick Harford, with a penalty, and Ricky Hill sealed a comfortable victory in a game that had seen the Town have 25 attempts at goal.



Goalmouth action during the 3-0 win over the Baggies in 1986

3rd May 1994 Luton Town 3 West Bromwich Albion 2 Attendance: 10,053

In a roller-coaster game, which both sides needed to win to avoid the drop, the Town eventually emerged narrow victors.

On a heavily watered pitch, the Hatters were totally dominant in the first half but had only one goal to show for their efforts, scored by David Preece. As feared, the Baggies were a different team in the second period and levelled through Bob Taylor before, incredibly, both goalkeepers had to retire through injury.

Efforts from Julian James and John Hartson seemed to have made the game safe but Lee Ashcroft reduced the arrears to ensure a grandstand finish which was enlivened even further in injury time with the double dismissal of Gary Strodder and Mitchell Thomas for fighting.

2nd April 1996 West Bromwich Albion 0 Luton Town 2 Attendance: 15,130

The Hatters were sinking rapidly towards relegation having gone nine games without a win and it was therefore vital that three points were picked up at fellow strugglers West Brom.

Albion opened promisingly, but gradually the Town got more into the game. A 22nd minute header by Bontcho Guentchev, from a Tony Thorpe cross, which put the away side ahead stunned the home crowd, as well as the Luton supporters!

The Town put nine men behind the ball in the second period and managed to keep Albion at bay by riding their luck, allied to brilliant goalkeeping from Ian Feuer.

With six minutes to go Kim Grant, on the break, netted from a Guentchev pass to seal a remarkable victory.



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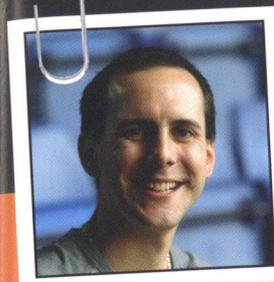


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Stat Attack

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

With just 18 league matches played at Kenilworth Road between the two sides, the stats are fairly even. Luton have won seven, there's been five draws and the visitors have won six times. The Hatters have scored 25 goals and conceded 18.



Hartson joined Davies at West Brom.

Curtis Davies made 62 appearances for the Hatters, and scored twice, before his £3million transfer to the Baggies during the August transfer window last season. Another big money mover out of Luton was John Hartson, to Arsenal, back in January 1995, after 63 appearances and 13 goals for the Hatters. Nearly £15million in combined transfer fees was accumulated before

Whilst West Brom have never scored more than two goals in this fixture, Luton have done so four times, with the biggest win of 5-1 coming in December 1957. Having lost the previous three encounters between the two sides at Kenilworth Road, Luton were keen to end this poor run and did so in style! Gordon Turner scored a brace with Jimmy Adam and Allan Brown also finding the net, along with an own goal.



Luton four times, 1948/49, 55/56, 56/57, and 84/85.

Luton have only done the double over West Brom twice, first in 1946/47 with 2-1 and 2-0 wins. The only other season was in the 1985/86 campaign when Marc North and Mick Harford scored in a 2-1 win at the Hawthorns. Harford also scored in the reverse fixture, this time from the penalty spot. Current Luton manager Mike Newell and Ricky Hill also scored in a 3-0 win. West Brom, meanwhile, have recorded the double over

Tony Godden is the last player to have moved from The Hawthorns to Luton, albeit on loan to replace the injured Jake Findlay, and he played in the final 12 games of the 1982/83 season. Godden may have only kept two clean sheets during his spell, but one of them came in the final, and relegation saving, match at Manchester City.

Eddie Connelly actually moved from Luton to West Brom, and then back again either side of WWII. Having made 51 appearances and scoring 16 goals between 1937-39, Connelly moved to the West Midlands Club, but then returned south in time for the opening game of the 1946/47 season, adding a further 39 appearances and eight goals over two more seasons.

This fixture dates back to Christmas Eve 1938, when the Hatters won 3-1, but a continual theme is there being nearly a decade between matches on occasions, and this is typified with the statistic that the last league match here was in October 1995 when Richard Harvey scored in a 2-1 defeat. Other "gaps" in fixtures include, 1959/60 to 1973/74, 75/76 to 82/83 and 85/86 to 93/94.

The difference between the two biggest attendances for this fixture is just 15 fans! On the opening day of 1958/59, 24,425 supporters saw a 1-1 draw, Gordon Turner scored from the penalty spot, but this was just shy of the 24,440 that saw the visitors win 2-0 in 1955/56. This was Luton's first home defeat in the top flight, having previously beaten Tottenham, Preston and Newcastle! Although West Brom were to do the double over Luton that season the Hatters finished the campaign in 10th place with 42 points, 3 places and 1 point better than the Baggies! The lowest crowd also saw a West Brom win, 2-1 in December 1984. The attendance was just 7,286 for the match on 18th December 1984, and Luton took the lead with Steve Fosters only league goal of the season, before the visitors scored twice in the second half.

Action Replay

*vs Cardiff City,
Saturday 16th
September 2006*



CARDIFF 4 LUTON 1

Attendance: 14,108
Luton Scorer: Vine (45)

Picture: Rowan Vine gave a tireless performance in attack during our defeat against Cardiff City. The striker is pictured scoring his third goal of the season as he beats Cardiff's Glenn Loovens to the ball.



Luton: Beresford, Foley, Davis (Coyne 23), Heikkinen, Robinson, Langley, Emanuel, Edwards, Vine, Parkin (Morgan 46)

Subs not used: Brill, Brkovic, Feeney

Bookings: Langley (9), Vine (17), Edwards (45)

Sent-Off: Emanuel (8)

Goal: Vine (45).



Cardiff: Alexander, Gilbert, McNaughton (Kamara 76), Purse, Loovens, Chopra, Thompson (Glombard 87), McPhail, Parry (Flood 83), Ledley, Scimeca

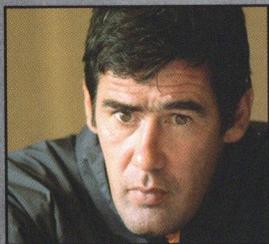
Subs not used: Johnson, Campbell.

Bookings: Purse (13)

Sent-Off: None.

Goals Purse 10 (pen), Parry 30, Chopra 58 & 77

From the Manager



I was disappointed that we didn't score more goals, but it was always going to be difficult with ten men. But we showed character and we tried to keep playing football. Anybody that watched the game would still say that we competed with ten men, but we've got beat 4-1 at the end of the day.



□ Rowan Vine watches on as Cardiff goalkeeper Neil Alexander tips a shot over the crossbar

CARDIFF CITY 4 LUTON 1

A controversial incident, which saw Lewis Emanuel sent-off after nine minutes, condemned Luton to their third defeat of the season, as Cardiff preserved their unbeaten run at Ninian Park in the Championship.

The Luton midfielder was shown a straight red card after he apparently handled Riccardo Scimeca's header off the line.

Referee Paul Melin allowed play to continue, when the Cardiff man connected with Joe Ledley's corner, only for his assistant to intervene and deem that Emanuel had used his arms to prevent a goal.

Darren Purse scored from the spot to put Cardiff in front and from then on in, the home-side always looked in control as Paul Parry, and a brace from Michael Chopra, helped seal all three points for the home-side.

Rowan Vine gave Luton a fighting chance when he struck his third goal of the season, just before half-time, but it was too much for the Hatters, despite a

valiant effort in the second-half.

After taking an early lead, Cardiff were in control and doubled their advantage through some impressive build-up play on 30 minutes, that was neatly finished off by Parry's side footed shot that found its way into the net via the inside of Marlon Beresford's post.

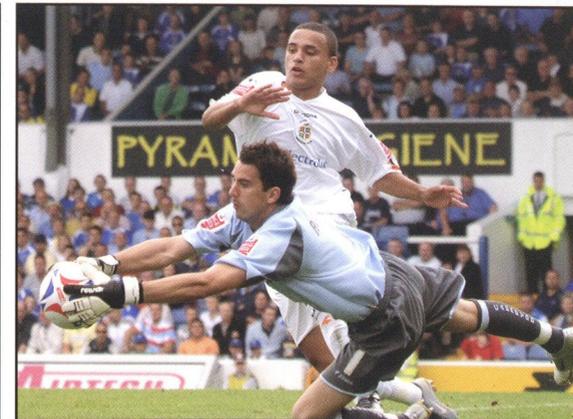
Vine gave Luton a fighting chance to salvage something from the game on the stroke of half-time, when he battled past two Cardiff defenders to unleash a low drive past Neil Alexander's near post.

However, the ten men of Luton, who had lost Sol Davis and Sam Parkin through injury, began to run out of steam as Chopra's second-half show secured the points.

Firstly, the striker pounced on a mistake in the Luton defence to fire home from close range, before wrapping up victory on 77 minutes, connecting with Malvin Kamara's cross.



□ Sam Parkin can't get the better of Darren Purse



□ Neil Alexander beats Dean Morgan to the loose ball



□ Kevin Foley sends Cardiff's Kevin McNaughton tumbling to the ground

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6. Who scored the last goal at the 'old' Wembley Stadium?
7. Dean Court is the former ground name of which current League One club?
8. Before moving to Everton, which club did David Moyes previously manage?
9. Who were the runners-up of the European Championships in 1996, which was staged in England?
10. What nationality is former Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar?

Name that Ground



Name the teams that play at these grounds

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



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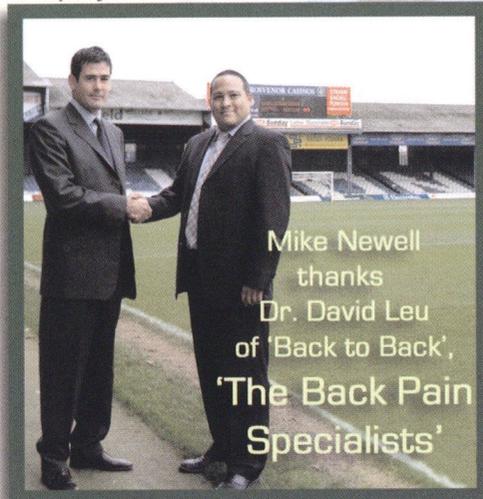
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On the **Website**

CHRIS RIVETT looks at a free brand new service available to all readers of www.lutontown.co.uk

After twice promising the launch of the desktop news alert service in previous programme notes, only for the project to be delayed due to further testing, I am pleased to report that Luton Town were amongst the first clubs in the country to launch the new software.

The brand new Luton Town desktop news alert service was launched in the build up to our trip to Cardiff City last week and going forward, all the latest news and features from Kenilworth Road will be sent direct to your desktop.

Hatters SMS subscribers will still get the news before anyone else and for those of you who won't

always be in front of a computer, this is still the best way to keep in touch with all the latest Luton Town stories. However, if you are in a position where you have regular access to a computer with an internet connection throughout the day, then you can be sure you will be amongst the first to know the news that matters to you.

And the great beauty of this service is that you can choose how and when you receive the alerts, so it really is like having your own Luton Town channel on your pc.

The desktop news alert tool – which you may hear referred to as the 'Luton Town DNA' - can be run in three different formats and you can choose your preference by right clicking on the icon in your system tray, once you have downloaded the software.

In 'Full Mode' each story is shown on a page of its own. However if you would prefer something more discreet, 'Ticker Mode' displays the headlines on a clickable scrolling ticker and 'Hidden Mode' will just disturb you every time an important story is launched via a small pop-up window.

So if you are fed up with people telling you all the latest news from the club before you have had a chance to visit the official website, you won't have to worry about it

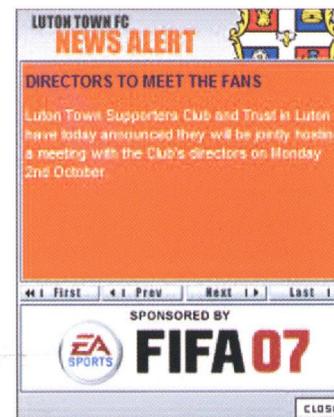
happening again. We won't send you any irrelevant stories either, just the important ones that we know you want.

I would also add that the Luton Town desktop news alerts do not carry viruses, adware or spyware and will not affect the performance of your computer.

For more information about the Luton Town desktop news alert service please log on to the official website. There are full instructions of how to download and install the software, as well as a help guide incase you have any problems.

A quick link to the software is located on the 'Downloads' page in the 'Fans' section of lutontown.co.uk. Amongst our popular downloads section, you will also find the Luton Town screensaver which is proving very popular, and the team photo desktop wallpaper.

Having previously worked for Luton Town as Programme & Website editor, Chris Rivett now runs his own website consultancy business, Uptonaway Media and continues to assist the Club. If you would like to find out how he could help your business, please visit www.uptonaway.co.uk.

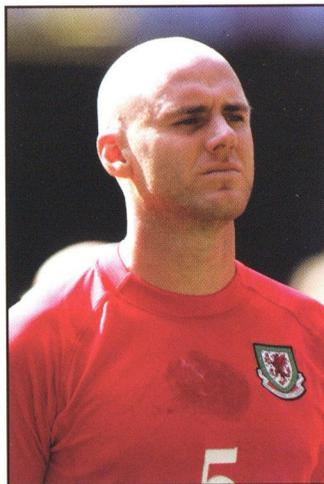


The new desktop news alert system, which is free to download from our website - www.lutontown.co.uk, will allow supporters to get the latest news delivered straight to their computers.



MONDAY
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Page extends Coventry stay.



Defender Robert Page has signed a deal to keep him at Coventry for at least another year with the option to stay until the end of the 2008-09 campaign.

The Welsh international, 32, moved from Cardiff to the Sky Blues in February 2005.

Page said: "Since moving to the club I've seen how big it is, the potential it has to progress and the great set-up it has here with the stadium.

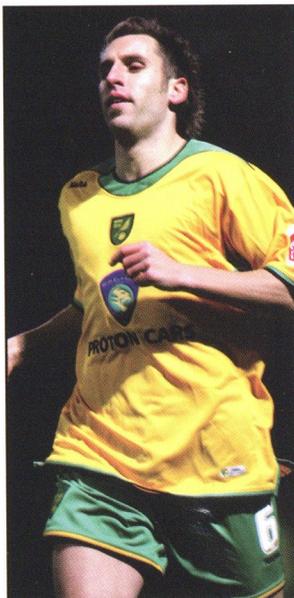
"I had this season left on my existing deal and it's good to have it sorted."

Page has also enjoyed spells at Watford and Sheffield United.

ALSO... Sheffield Wednesday defender Richard Wood extends his contract with the club to run until June 2009.....Leeds manager Kevin Blackwell reveals that the club will be almost debt-free within a year.

TUESDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Huckerby optimistic over injury



Norwich striker Darren Huckerby is confident that his groin injury is not as serious as was first feared.

The 30-year-old, an integral player for City since signing from Manchester City in 2003, was taken off in Saturday's 3-0 defeat at former club Coventry.

"After two or three minutes I was struggling, but I wanted to carry on," he told the club website.

"But it's not that bad. It's only a grade one or two tear so hopefully within three weeks I'll be back."

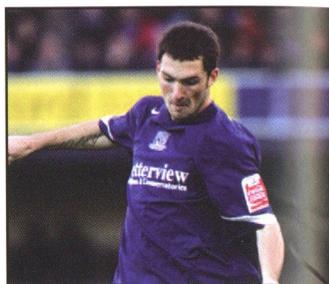
It was originally estimated that Huckerby would be sidelined for at least a month, the longest spell on the sidelines since arriving from a loan spell at Nottingham Forest three years ago.

"Sometimes your muscles are tight and the feeling just goes away during the match but there is a little tear on one of the muscles."

ALSO... Sunderland boss Roy Keane's hopes of adding Brian Kidd to his staff are dashed as the ex-Manchester United coach agrees to join Sheffield United.....Preston midfielder Brian Stock joins Doncaster Rovers on a one-month loan deal.....Sam Bangoura's future at Stoke is thrown into doubt after the striker went absent from the club.

WEDNESDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Cole signs deal with Cobblers



Northampton have signed Southend winger Mitchell Cole on a month's loan.

The 19-year-old former Grays man has made just two substitute appearances for the Shrimpers this season.

"We didn't want him to go, but Mitchell feels he needs games at this moment, which we can't guarantee," manager Steve Tilson told Southend's website.

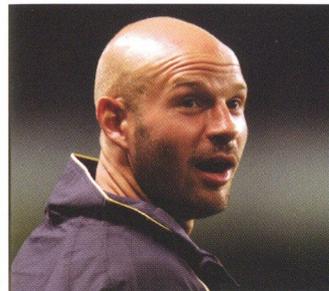
"He's going for a month, we will monitor the situation and hopefully he can come back ready to push for the first team again.

Cole's loan move is currently due to run until October 13, after which Southend can recall the winger or extend it for a further period.

ALSO... Gillingham sign Crystal Palace goalkeeper Scott Flinders on a month's loan.....Cardiff City striker Andrea Ferretti returns to the Bluebirds after the end of his one-month loan spell with Scunthorpe United.....The new owners of Derby County have said they have reduced the club's debt by more than £40m.

THURSDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Mills agrees loan move to Hull



Former England right-back Danny Mills has joined Hull on a two-month loan deal from Manchester City.

The 29-year-old has lost his place at City to Micah Richards, with Hatem Traore providing suitable cover for the England Under-21 defender.

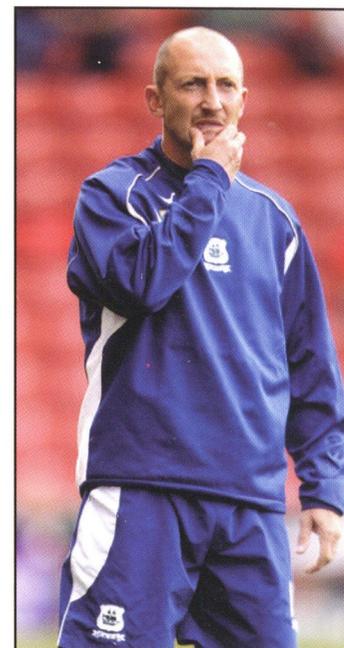
Hull chairman Adam Pearson told the Yorkshire Post: "I know Danny from my time at Leeds. It is a big move for us. He has a wealth of experience."

Mills joined City in July 2004 on a free transfer from Leeds.

ALSO... Crystal Palace midfielder Tom Soares faces several months on the sidelines after injuring his ankle. The 20-year-old England Under-21 international limped off at half-time in Palace's 2-0 defeat by Southampton.....Norwich manager Nigel Worthington reveals that his attempt to sign Portsmouth defender Andy O'Brien on loan has stalled for the time being.....West Brom striker Diomansy Kamara returns to training after stepping up his recovery from a broken foot.

FRIDAY
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SEPTEMBER

Holloway hopeful on coaching duo



Plymouth manager Ian

Holloway is hopeful that he may finally be able to add Tim Breacker and Gary Penrice to his coaching staff soon.

The pair previously served under Holloway at Queens Park Rangers.

And Holloway, who moved to Plymouth after a spell at Loftus Road, is keen to bring both men to Home Park.

Argyle's website states that Penrice and Breacker have been negotiating a settlement with QPR.

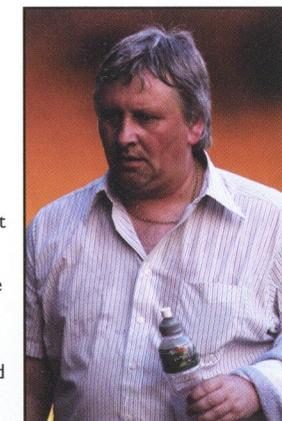
"I will have to wait until at least next week, but I am very optimistic and there are not a lot of things that get me down," Holloway said.

Breacker is known well to Luton fans having played for the club during the late eighties and early nineties.

ALSO... Leeds director Peter Lorimer gives his backing to under fire boss Kevin Blackwell.....Birmingham City midfielder Fabrice Muamba is called-up by England Under-19s for their forthcoming UEFA friendly tournament in Austria.Coventry City sign Spanish goalkeeper Rafael Gonzales Robles on a four month contract

SATURDAY
16
SEPTEMBER

Sturrock signs new Owls deal



Sheffield Wednesday manager Paul Sturrock has signed an extension to his current contract.

The 49-year-old joined the Owls in 2004 and his initial contract would have expired at the end of this season.

But the former Southampton boss has now committed to the Hillsborough club until the summer of 2010.

Sturrock started his managerial career in Scotland with St Johnstone and Dundee United before spells with Plymouth and Southampton.

ALSO... Plymouth's Hasney Aljofree is given the all-clear to return to action despite being substituted against Southampton with a head injury.....Ipswich Town are hoping to tie up a deal for Bury Town defender Ian Miller over the next couple of days.....

The boy from The Bush

As a player with the thankless task of replacing the former Hatters hero Kevin Nicholls, you would think that Richard Langley should have the world on his shoulders, but when the matchday programme staff caught up with the Jamaican international earlier this week, we found a man who is relishing the challenge.

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

Richard Langley is once again enjoying life in the Championship, and enjoying life at Luton Town.

The 26-year-old Londoner seems to have had a much-travelled career, but in fact, Luton is only his third club.

After signing for his local team, QPR, as a trainee in 1996, his career was relatively stable until he decided to break away from London for the green, green grass of Cardiff – although, despite the frequent warblings of South Wales' favourite son Tom Jones - was not a place Langley could call home.

“Coming to any new club is difficult for any player, but being at Cardiff was probably the worst experience for me because I was so far away from my family.”

On returning to Ninian Park for the first time in Luton colours last weekend, Langley was not too surprised that his former supporters hadn't rolled out a red carpet littered with rose petals in his honour.

“It was tough on Saturday, especially the way the game started. I knew I was going to get booed and all the rubbish that came with it but, to be honest, it didn't really bother me at all.

“I felt I dealt with the stick and abuse I got really well, and it didn't affect my game. It is difficult going back to any of your old clubs, but particularly Cardiff, because their fans can be particularly hostile even at the best of times.”

A fired-up Langley gave arguably his best performance of the season, although it was to no avail on a luckless day in the valleys for the Hatters, as the early dismissal

of Lewis Emanuel had Luton on the ropes before the game was ten minutes old.

“I thought I gave a focused performance and I gave it my all. It was just very unfortunate that the referee chose to give the penalty and the sending off, but that is the way football goes at times.”

In his previous matches, Langley had been handed the unenviable task of stepping into the position vacated by former Luton captain Kevin Nicholls, although Langley is a different type of player who needs the Hatters fans to understand his own style of play.

“I know there is more to come from me and from the team this season, but that will come when we all have a better understanding between the new players and the ones who were here last season.

“It's not easy when you play with someone like Robbo in one game and then Holmsey in another, but we all train together. It is not an excuse to why we may have lost certain matches, though, because I think we are a talented squad.”

Langley is referring to some of the games in which Luton have failed to capitalise when in good positions, although three straight defeats away from home in the Championship has not dismantled the team spirit in the dressing room.

“These are games which we know we should have taken maximum points from, but we are a confident group of lads and we are trying to push on from where we are at the moment.





"We have had a few disappointing results recently, but with regards to settling in and how everything has gone since I have arrived, it has been fantastic. I couldn't have asked for any more."

Langley has also taken to the area like a duck to water, and has already made many new friends around the Club.

"Moving to Luton was so much easier for me because of the mixture of being close to my family

and having a great bunch of lads in the dressing room, which has added up to me being very happy.

"I feel as though I have settled in very quickly, to be honest, and the reason why it has been so quick is because the lads have made it easy for me. It is one of the quickest spells I have had settling in at any club and I think that has helped me on the pitch."

If you ask any former Hatters player, the dressing room banter at Kenilworth Road is written in football folklore, and the ex-QPR man has been on the end of some practical jokes already this season – and from some unlikely sources!

"Every day you come to the Club and you know that there will be someone, somewhere who will be throwing some pranks about, namely Sol Davis. Nobody goes overboard but I am enjoying it."

However, joking apart, Langley also knows that when Saturday comes, it's time for the lads to knuckle down and focus on the task in hand.

"The aim since I have got here is to try and improve from last season and get into that top six.

"I still think I have the potential to go on and do well with Luton. I am with a lot of players who want to

Did you know?

Richard Langley has played against some of the world's greatest players. In October 2003, Langley was in the Jamaica side which narrowly lost to Brazil at the Walkers Stadium, Leicester. In the team for Brazil that day were the likes of Roberto Carlos, Ronaldo, Rivaldo, Kaka and Cafu. Langley played 75 minutes of that game, with Carlos scoring the only goal.

Question Time



Richard Langley has represented Jamaica at international level. The midfielder helped guide his country to the finals of the CONCACAF Gold Cup, but what do the letters CONCACAF stand for?

do the same thing, so it would be great if we could all do that together with this club."

In life, they say you should never go back. In football, things are often different, and you can pretty much make the rules up as you can go along.

Returning to QPR after his spell at Cardiff may have initially seemed like home from home, but things did not work out for Langley second time around.

The boys from The Bush had a traumatic season both on and off the pitch, to say the least.

As if barely avoiding relegation and

losing their talismanic manager Ian Holloway wasn't bad enough, the boardroom shenanigans that followed resembled an old episode of Minder.

Langley decided he was on his bike, and an offer from Luton manager Mike Newell proved too much to resist.

"There wasn't much thinking to be honest. I knew Luton were the right club for me and it was an instant decision to make the move.

"Mike showed interest in me straight away, and that is always good to know. He has had the faith and confidence in me to come to

the Club and do a job."

As Newell was amongst his biggest fans, Langley would have breathed a huge sigh of relief when the Hatters manager put pen to paper on his own four-year contract just before the season started.

"Mike has got a great reputation throughout the league and I have said before in interviews that he is a very much sought-after person."

Langley's opinion on...

The appointment of Steve McLaren at England



I was surprised to see England go for Steve. Sven Goran Eriksson had been involved with England for five years and Steve was involved with him all the way. I just thought the FA would start afresh and go with someone totally new to be honest.

Who will win the Premiership



I have to say Manchester United. The football they play is fantastic, really good to watch. I also like the football Arsenal play, but Manchester United seem to be the more consistent.

Who will win the Champions League



Barcelona are my tip this season. They have been far the strongest team in Europe and, on their day, they can beat anybody.



RICHARD LANGLEY





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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Cedric BERTHELIN

Luton Town used six goalkeepers over the course of the 2002/03 season with probably the best being big Frenchman Cedric Berthelin.

Signed initially on a two month contract, the ex-Lens shot stopper made a shaky Hatters debut in a 3-2 win at Stockport but eight games later had done enough for manager Joe Kinnear to offer him an 18 month deal.

Unfortunately, finances dictated that the offer had to be withdrawn with Cedric then moving on to Crystal Palace where he starred in an epic win at Liverpool in the FA Cup.

Cedric moved to Belgian side Mons in October 2004 and is now their manager.

Wayne BIGGINS

A strong and powerful striker; Sheffield born Wayne scored goals for nine league clubs, as well as making a surprise move to Glasgow Celtic, over a long playing career.

It was while at Stoke that Wayne enjoyed his most prolific scoring run and it was from that club, while in his second spell there, that he came to Luton Town in January 1995 on loan.

Signed to strengthen the Luton forward line following the sale of John Hartson to Arsenal, Wayne scored once in seven appearances before returning to Stoke after the Hatters signed John Taylor on a permanent deal.

Wayne then turned out for a variety of non-league clubs and finally hung up his boots only three years ago. He now runs a pallet business.



Hugh John Richard BILLINGTON

Although born in Ampthill, Hugh was raised in Luton and was picked up by the Hatters from Waterlows (Dunstable) for whom he had scored over 80 goals in the 1937/38 season.

He then banged in 14 goals in 15 reserve team games for the Town at the start of the following campaign before scoring twice on his league debut at Tranmere and finishing up with 28 strikes from 27 Division Two matches. A truly remarkable record!

Sadly, the war then took away the best of his playing days although he did net regularly for the Hatters over the first two post-war seasons before transferring to Chelsea for £8,000.

Hugh remained in Luton until his death in 1988.



William (Billy) Laurence BINGHAM

The Hatters tried to sign Belfast boy Billy in 1950 but he opted to go to Division One Sunderland instead. When the Rokermen were relegated eight years later the Town got their man for £15,000 and he proved a revelation on the right wing in the 1958/59 season as the Town fought through to the FA Cup final.

Fast, clever and elusive, Northern Ireland international Billy could not save Luton from relegation from Division One on his own the following season and he moved to Everton in 1960 where he won a League Championship medal.

Billy's second career came in management when he oversaw, amongst others, Plymouth and Everton as well as his country.

Alan John BIRCHENALL

Much travelled midfielder Alan came to Luton in the twilight of his career; brought in by rookie manager David Pleat for his experience, as the Hatters fought against the drop to Division Three in 1979.

Alan calmed things down during his ten games at Kenilworth Road and, with his job done, moved on to Hereford, his last league club.

Starting with Sheffield United and then on to Chelsea and Crystal Palace, Alan probably enjoyed his greatest success at Leicester where his cultured left foot helped make the Foxes one of the most attractive sides of the mid-1970's.

Alan is still involved at the Walkers Stadium in his role as on-pitch announcer.

Kingsley Terence BLACK

Local boy Kingsley signed on for Luton Town after leaving college, and after a series of brilliant displays on the left wing for the reserves he was awarded a league debut at QPR in September 1987 while still only 19.

Seven months later he starred as the Hatters lifted the Littlewoods Cup leading to a fight between Billy Bingham of Northern Ireland and Bobby Robson of England for his international services. He chose the former and eventually earned 30 caps for the country of his father.

An inevitable big money move to Nottingham Forest in 1991 was never entirely successful, leading to a drifting down through the divisions. Kingsley now owns tanning studios in Luton.



Matthew (Matt) David BLINKHORN

Signing professional for his home town side, Blackpool, in June 2003, striker Matt featured in the Tangerine's 2004 LDV Vans Trophy final triumph.

Remembered by Luton manager Mike Newell from his spell at Bloomfield Road, Matt went on loan to the Hatters at the start of 2004/05 but could not displace Steve Howard and Rowan Vine. He made only two substitute appearances, at Hull and at home to Bradford City, before returning to Blackpool where a shoulder injury virtually ended his season.

Matt is still at Bloomfield Road where he had made 42 league appearances scoring five goals by the end of last season.

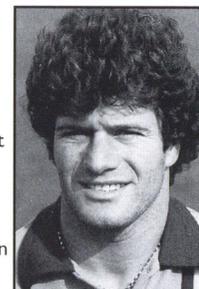
Phillip (Phil) BOERSMA

After signing professional for Liverpool in 1966, midfielder Phil helped the Reds to lift the League Championship and UEFA Cup in 1972/73 before moving to Middlesbrough for £72,000 in December 1975.

Luton Town manager Harry Haslam lost out to Boro that time but eventually got his man in August 1977 in exchange for £35,000. A quick and skilful player; Phil netted some memorable goals for the Hatters, non more so that the diving header which saw off Brighton in front of the 'Match of the Day' cameras in December 1977.

After one season with Luton, new manager David Pleat transferred Phil to Swansea where a broken ankle ended his career.

In recent times Phil has assisted Graeme Souness at various clubs.

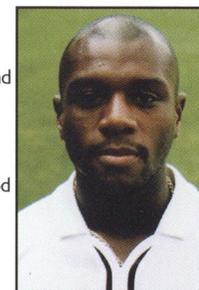


Emmerson Orlando BOYCE

Aylesbury born Emmerson was one of the many players to come through Luton Town's schools and youth development programme prior to signing YTS forms in the summer of 1995.

He made the breakthrough into the Hatters' league side at home to Lincoln in April 1999 before becoming a regular and crowd favourite during the following season. A fast and reliable overlapping right back, 'Boycie' saw an offer from Premiership Crystal Palace in the summer of 2004 as too good to turn down. He found himself catapulted into the first team earlier than expected following a series of injuries to established regulars, and held on to his place.

Emmerson made a big money move to Wigan during the close season.



Adam Mark BOYD

Adam signed his first professional contract for his home town club Hartlepool United in 1999 and was gradually introduced to the first team after making his debut at home to Barnet in November of that year.

A change of manager saw Adam loaned out to Boston in 2003 but, fortunately, a proposed transfer fell through and on his return to Victoria Park he could not stop scoring, his goals helping Pool to the play-offs.

He finished top scorer the following season as Hartlepool reached the play-offs once more but during the last campaign a bad knee injury severely limited his appearances.

Now over his injury problems he was subject to a big money move to the Hatters over the summer of 2006.

Welcome back

Today sees the return of two players who made their big breakthrough at Luton Town. John Hartson and Curtis Davies both make their first return since leaving Kenilworth Road. STEVEN DOVE speaks exclusively to both players as they give us their views on today's big game

Luton have always had a real knack of unearthing promising young talent. Today sees the return of two of their greatest finds. One has reached the highest level, both on the international scenes and domestically, whilst the other is bound for stardom, as he continues to reap the plaudits from some of the games biggest names.

John Hartson, a bustling, powerful centre forward who always had an eye for goal, even at a young age, makes his first return to Kenilworth Road this afternoon, after leaving Bedfordshire 11 years ago, as a promising teenager to Arsenal, in a £2.5 million deal.

In contrast, even many of Luton's most optimistic fans probably didn't predict we would see the return of Curtis Davies quite so soon. A tireless worker, whose confidence and ability grew after ever match, Davies was simply the rock at the heart of Luton's defence.

Along with all the qualities needed to make it to the top level of the game, Davies was a true gentlemen off the field and never let speculation get the better of him, a quality that earned him praise from his former manager, Mike Newell.

Both players, in their own ways, had their unique attributes which were always remembered by Luton fans. They both had the desire to succeed and their commitment to the club was second to none.

Another similarity, even to this day, is their love for Luton Town. Both players will never forget the stepping stone Kenilworth Road provided them in their bids to reach their ultimate goals.

"I look out for the results of all my former clubs," Hartson said. "My time at Luton will always be a special for me, it was the club I started my career with and I enjoyed many good times.

"I still have plenty of friends at Luton. I still speak to the likes of Tony Thorpe and some of the other lads I played with and I recently got together with Darren Salton and talked for hours about the good old days."

Davies' love for Luton has always been evident. The central defender has been a visitor to Reserve games at Kenilworth Road, since signing for West Bromwich Albion, and was a spectator for our recent Championship league defeat at Wolves.

"I didn't really know where to sit," commented Davies, when asked about his appearance at Molineux. "Obviously West Brom and Wolves are rivals, but, because of my injury, I wanted to go down and see the match.

"I love Luton and I was delighted when I got a good response from the Luton fans at Wolves. I always look out for Luton's results. It's one of the first things I do, each Saturday, when I finish a match."

Davies' love for the Club became even more apparent during my telephone conversation with him earlier this week.

Talking from his home in the Midlands, Davies said: "I'm gutted about missing the match this afternoon, totally and utterly gutted. I would have rather missed a trip to Old Trafford than miss out on a return to Kenilworth Road."

The youngster, who recently signed a four-year contract at The Hawthorns, sustained a foot injury during the West Brom's Carling Cup victory over Leyton Orient. Such as his character, Davies played in the Baggies next match, but unfortunately aggravated it further, leaving him now on the sidelines for several weeks.

"I currently have a stress fracture of the fifth metatarsal," continued Davies. "I'm looking at about another three to four weeks time in getting back to some kind of action, but I am seeing specialists and will go for some scans.

"Following the game with Orient, I didn't really feel that comfortable, but I played in our following game with Sunderland and I felt it again when I went in for a tackle. The injury hasn't come at a good time for me, but I am confident I can come back soon."

Although frustrated at being forced to sit this one out, Davies admits he is looking forward to returning this afternoon and meeting up with his old team-





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□ Curtis Davies played a vital role in our League One championship campaign during the 2004/05 season. The central defender is pictured celebrating his last goal for the club during a fixture with Millwall at Kenilworth Road

mates and friends from the club.

Davies continued: "It was the first match I looked out for when the fixtures were released in June. I spoke to most of the lads at Wolves, but to go back with my new club is something I am looking forward to.

"It will be a good day for me, just frustrating to be sitting in the stands. I still keep in contact with a lot of the lads and I will try and speak with them on Saturday.

"It should be an interesting game because both teams have made good starts to the season. There is still a good team spirit in the dressing room at West Brom, despite relegation last season, but we know how much of a difficult match this will be. Luton are a good side and Kenilworth Road is never an easy place to come."

Davies' career has gone from strength to strength since leaving the Hatters in August 2005. He had an impressive first season for West Brom, making 35 starts and scoring two goals, being nominated for the PFA Young Player of the Year.

The following season, the 21-year-old defender was named club captain and took the armband for Albion's trip to Manchester United, the team he had always supported as a youngster.

"I was buzzing that day," recalled Davies. "It was a real honour for me to captain the club and it was a moment I will always remember, one of the greatest highlights I have had at throughout my

career.

"I think I took to playing in the Premiership very well. I knew it was never going to be easy, but it was always reassuring when you hear other people say good things about your performance.

"When you go up against the like of Thierry Henry, people are expecting him to turn me over, but I don't think that was the case in every game I played in whilst we were in the Premiership. It was a tremendous learning curve for me.

"Relegation was obviously a big disappointment last season, but we truly believe we can return immediately. The club have said from the moment we were relegated that they wanted to keep all their players, and they have done so, which is why I am happy to remain at West Brom."

Davies' performance for West Brom has earned him rave reviews from a variety of people. Another name added to that ever growing list is Hartson, who admitted he was astounded by his level of maturity and willingness to listen and learn.

Hartson, who signed for West Brom from Scottish Premiership side Celtic during the close season, said: "Curtis has been great. I have been really impressed with his performances this season, and the fantastic aspect as far as I am concerned is that he always wants to improve.

"He has got the size and authority to become a top central defender. There is

no doubt in my mind that Curtis will go on and play for England one day, he is one of the best young players around at the moment."

As a ginger mop-haired striker, Hartson shot to fame with Luton during the club's 1994 FA Cup run to the semi-finals when, in front of a national television audience, he was on target during a fourth round replay win against Newcastle United.

Although remembering that moment as one of his fondest memories, Hartson also reflected on many more happy times at Kenilworth Road.

"I will always remember that goal against Newcastle, but that is not my only memory from my time with Luton," said Hartson.

"I remember the plastic pitch which we used to train on when I was a youngster, cleaning the boots of the pros, being an apprentice and earning £30 a week, and training on the pitches behind Electrolux. There were so many good times at Luton.

"It's amazing that I have never been back in all those years since I left the club. I was due to come back for Marvin Johnson's testimonial game, but I was sent off for West Ham and the FA never allowed me to play.

"I'm looking forward to going back to be honest. I still have a lot of good memories about Luton, but now I have a job to do for West Brom, although we know it will be a difficult match."

Hartson has been impressed with Luton's start to the current season and the Welsh international believes Newell will continue to deliver the goods at Kenilworth Road.

Hartson continued: "Losing Steve Howard and Kevin Nicholls was a blow, but I am still not surprised by the start to the season Luton have had. Going to Kenilworth Road is never easy, because it is such a tight pitch. Mike has done incredibly well at Luton and he has assembled a good squad."

On his move to West Brom, the striker added: "Everything is OK at the moment with West Brom. I am enjoying my football, but I have been picking up some niggling injuries, which has been frustrating.

"I had a year left on my contract with Celtic, but I felt the time was right to move. The club have the ambition to return to the Premiership as quickly as possible, so I was always happy to sign for the club."



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Plus Facts and figures



* All appearances and goals are those for Luton Town only. All appearances include substitute appearances
Stats for Adam Boyd, Lewis Emanuel, Richard Langley and Sam Parkin are for their respective clubs last season

01 ^{Marlon} Beresford



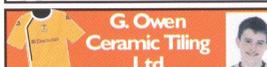
Position: Goalkeeper
Date Of Birth: 02-09-69
Place Of Birth: Lincoln
Date Signed: June 2004
First Club: Sheffield Wed
Previous Club: Barnsley
2005/06 App: 43*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



02 ^{Kevin} Foley



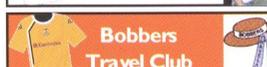
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 01-11-84
Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002
2005/06 App: 39*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



03 ^{Sal} Davis



Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 04-09-79
Place Of Birth: Chesham
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



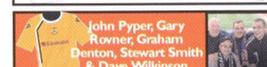
Position: Defender/Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 16-08-73
Place Of Birth: Wimbledon
Date Signed: March 2004
First Club: Enfield
Last Club: Rushden & Diam
2005/06 App: 30*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



07 ^{Carlos} Edwards



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



08 ^{Steve} Robison



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



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*



10 ^{Warren} Feeney



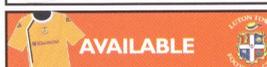
Position: Striker
Date Of Birth: 17-01-81
Place Of Birth: Belfast
Date Signed: March 2005
First Club: Leeds United
Last Club: Stockport
2005/06 App: 45*
2005/06 Goals: 7*



11 ^{Dean} Morgan



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



14 ^{Michael} Leary



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



15 ^{Stephen} O'Leary



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



16 ^{Lesia} Emanuel



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



17 ^{Richard} Langley



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-



18 ^{Arnet} Brkovic



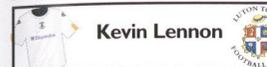
Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 23-09-74
Place Of Birth: Dubrovnik
Date Signed: October 2001
First Club: HNK Dubrovnik
Last Club: Leyton Orient
2005/06 App: 44*
2005/06 Goals: 8*



19 ^{Sam} Parkin



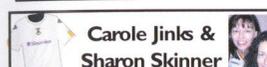
Position: Striker
Date Of Birth: 14/03/81
Place Of Birth: Roehampton
Date Signed: Aug 2006
Last Club: Ipswich Town
2005/06 App: 20
2005/06 Goals: 5



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



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*



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*



25 ^{Leon} Barnett



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



26 ^{Markus} Heikkinen



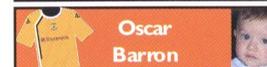
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 13-10-78
Place Of Birth: Katrineholm
Date Signed: July 2005
First Club: HJK Helsinki
Last Club: Aberdeen
2005/06 App: 40*
2005/06 Goals: 2*



27 ^{Peter} Holmes



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



28 ^{David} Bell



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



29 ^{Calvin} Andrew



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



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*



34 ^{Zac} Barrett



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



Mike Newell



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



Brian Stein



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



Marvin Johnson



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



Steve Sedgley



Position: Youth Team Coach
Date Of Birth: 26-05-68
Previous Manager: King's Lynn
Playing Career: Coventry, Tottenham, Ipswich and Wolverhampton Wanderers



Mark Ridgway



Position: Youth Development Officer
Place Of Birth: London



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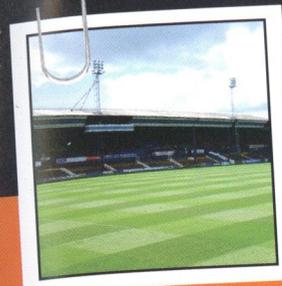
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Around the Ground

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



The Man in the Middle

Name: Phil Dowd
From: Staffordshire
Matches this season: 6
Number of Yellow Cards: 15
Numbers of Red Cards: 0
Last game at Kenilworth Road: Vs Lincoln Apr 1999

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

Dowd, from Staffordshire, officiated in 46 games last season, producing 183 yellow cards and eight red cards.

Dowd will be officiating in his first Championship game this season. Dowd refereed Portsmouth's 1-0 victory

away at Charlton last week.

Dowd has officiated in six games so far this season, producing 15 yellow cards and no red card



Meet our newest fan

Say hello to one of Luton's youngest fans. Luca Giuseppe Geraci is the son of lifelong Hatters fan Gino, who is hoping his new arrival will follow in the footsteps and be an avid fan as well. Luca was born on the 14th July in Stevenage, weighing 7lb 9oz.

Everyone at Luton Town would like to congratulate the Geraci family on their new arrival.

If you have any pictures that you would like to be considered for insertion in any future matchday programme, then drop a photograph and some details in the post, to the editor. Our postal address can be found at the front of this programme.

Directors to meet fans

Luton Town Supporters Club and Trust in Luton will be jointly hosting a meeting with the Club's directors on Monday 2nd October.

Attendees will include Bill Tomlins, Kelvin Dunn, Martin King and Richard Bagehot, as well as former director John Mitchell.

The event will be held at the Vauxhall Recreation Centre in Gipsy Lane, beginning at 7.30pm. The evening will be hosted by BBC Three Counties Radio.

Entry is by ticket only, priced at £3 per person, with all proceeds going to Keech Cottage Children's Hospice. Tickets will be available from the Luton Town Supporters Club kiosk, before and after today's game.

Golden Gamble Winner

Mr J Kelly was the latest winner of our Golden Gamble draw. Mr Kelly, who is an executive box holder at Kenilworth Road, may have not seen his side beat Colchester United last week, but he did have something to celebrate at half-time when his number was draw and scooped the £815 prize. Remember, you can buy a ticket from around the ground for just £1.

Town Teaser

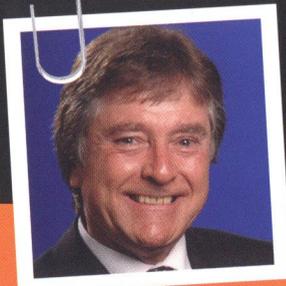
Here is your chance to win a pair of match tickets to a Luton Town game at Kenilworth Road this season.

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Commercial news with **Peter Davis**

Peter Davis welcomes this afternoon's sponsors to Kenilworth Road

Good afternoon and welcome to our commercial sponsors, plus sponsoring partners, with specific reference to today's Match Sponsors and Match Ball Sponsors, Steve Ayres and David Lindsay. It is also a great pleasure to welcome West Bromwich Albion back to Kenilworth Road for the first time since September 1997 when we met in a League Cup match that produced a 1-1 draw.

George Jones - Happy 90th Birthday on the 4th October

It is not an everyday occurrence when we have the opportunity of wishing a Luton Town supporter of 77 years, a very happy 90th Birthday, least of all a supporter who has introduced a son and subsequently a nephew. These three gentlemen, who between the three of them, can boast 165 years of club support. This

amazing statistic, which George, together with son Graham and nephew Steve Tattam, have produced, has over the years demonstrated many examples of their commitment to Luton Town, with their commercial sponsorships of matches, the matchballs and support to our sporting dinners, as well as VIP membership of our Century Club. I know that I speak for everyone associated with Luton Town, as well as thousands of our supporters, when we wish George every possible good wish for his birthday and thank him, Graham and Steve for all their loyalty and support.

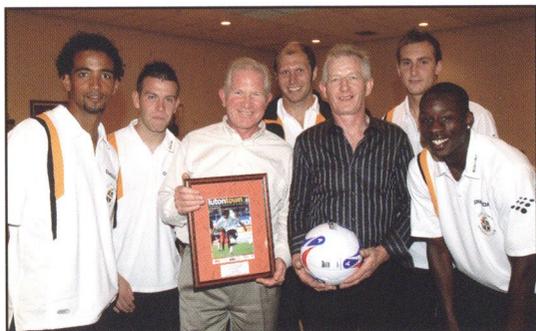
Luton Town Financial Services now on line.

Following our successful launch of the clubs Financial Services operation earlier this year, I am delighted to announce that we have now provided a direct link from

our website straight to this club service. Just go to the club's home page at www.lutontown.co.uk. The new link button sits on the right hand side of the page and click on to lutontownfs.co.uk and you will go straight to the new service. Check out how our appointed advisor can offer advice and support for your new mortgage, pension plans, life insurance, or just take you through a financial health check. For any business generated by you switching to this club approved service, not only will you enjoy the best deals available, tailor made to suit your own personal circumstances, but the club will also receive a commission as an acknowledgement of your support.

Have a great afternoon and thank you for your support

Peter



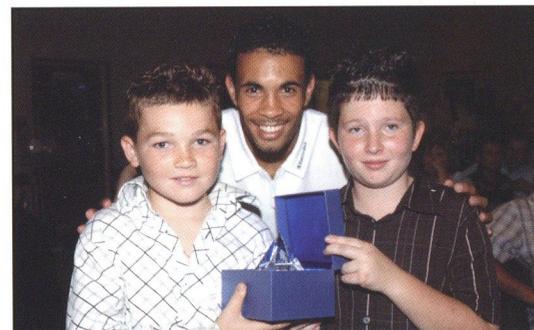
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Man of the Match Award being presented to Carlos Edwards by our young VIP guests following our game with Colchester

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We welcome this afternoon, to his first sponsorship of the season, a long standing commercial partner Mr Steve Ayres, a highly successful local building contractor who is based in Studham. Steve has been an avid Hatters supporter for many years and joins us this afternoon with his party of close friends and business associates. Football has always played an important part in Steve's life, with him playing himself in local leagues from an early age. Today though he contents himself from watching his son play for his local village team Studham Tigers and of course Luton Town. Steve Ayres can be contacted on 01582 873390.

**Today's Matchball Sponsor:
David Lindsay – 50th Birthday Celebrations**

It's not everyday that you reach your half century and it's certainly not everyday that the club has the opportunity to support those celebrations. Therefore, it is our privilege to welcome this afternoon the Lindsay family and in particular David Lindsay as our Match Ball sponsors. David has been an avid "Town" fan since 1969 when his father Ronald introduced him to his first match at Kenilworth Road. David together with his wife Bev are season ticket holders in the Kenilworth Upper Tier and his children Christopher and Sarah also attend as many matches as they can. David's brother Steve, together with his son Paul, are also lifelong fans and are also with us today. We all at the club wish David a very happy birthday and hope that they have a memorable time with us today.

**Today's Commercial Mascot:
Nico Ashton Cotton & Isaac Galliford**



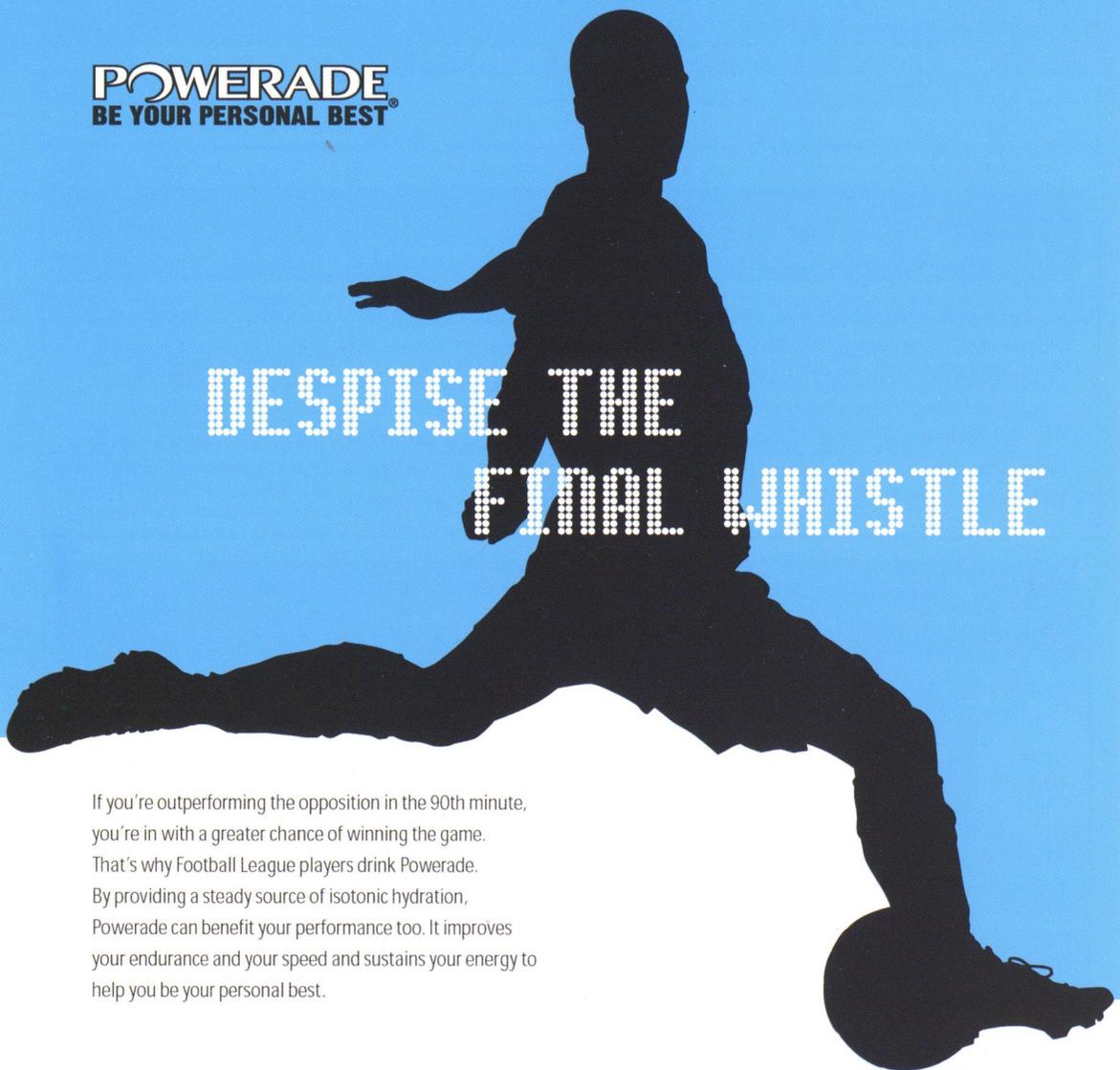
For the second time this season we welcome firm friends Nico Ashton Cotton & Isaac Galliford into the sponsors lounge as commercial mascots. Both will be celebrating 10th birthdays on the 4th and the 24th October respectively. Nico attends Wigmore Primary School in Luton and names Carlos Edwards as his favourite town player. His hobbies include cricket and PS2, but football remains his passion with his talents being developed by the Rushden & Diamonds Academy. Isaac attends the Meads in Luton and plays football for our own Luton Town under 10's with his football inspiration being taken from our very own Leon Barnett. We all hope that the lads and their family have a great time with us today.

**Today's Commercial Mascot:
Amy Leaning**



Just to keep the Nico & Isaac company over lunch, what could be better than to provide a little lady commercial mascot in the person of six year old Amy Leaning. Attending Moorlands School, Amy's hobbies include ballet, jazz, dancing and swimming, with her favourite Town player being Marlon Beresford. Amy regularly comes to Kenilworth Road, accompanied by mum, dad, brother and sister. This being the first time in our sponsors lounge, we all welcome Amy and her family and hope that they have a memorable day with us.

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Football in the Community

Stuart Smith brings us the latest news from the Community Department



Good afternoon and welcome to today's game. Sunday 3rd September saw the inaugural Luton Town Football in the Community Pre Season Tournament held at Barnfield College.

We decided to hold competitions at all ages, from Under 8's to Under 14's with both Mini soccer and 11 v 11 games being played.

A total of 65 different clubs entered the tournament providing games of the highest standard throughout the day.

Below is the Role of Honour for the day.

- Under 8's Mini Soccer Winners: Earls Barton FC
- Under 8's Mini Soccer Runner Up: Stevenage Boro
- Under 9's Mini Soccer Winners: St Josephs
- Under 9's Mini Soccer Runner Up: Stevenage Boro
- Under 10's Mini Soccer Winners: Panshanger Yellows
- Under 10's Mini Soccer Runner Up: AFC Dunstable
- Under 11's 11 v 11 Winners: Knebworth FC
- Under 11's 11 v 11 Runner Up: Luton Borough

- Under 12's 11 v 11 Winners; Welwyn Pegasus
- Under 12's 11 v 11 Runner Up; Earls Barton FC
- Under 13's 11 v 11 Winners; Knebworth FC
- Under 13's 11 v 11 Runner Up; Leighton United
- Under 14's 11 v 11 Winners; Welwyn Pegasus
- Under 14's 11 v 11 Runner Up; Leighton United

The success of the tournament has made it possible for Luton Town Football in the Community to donate a cheque for £500 to the Pasque Hospice.

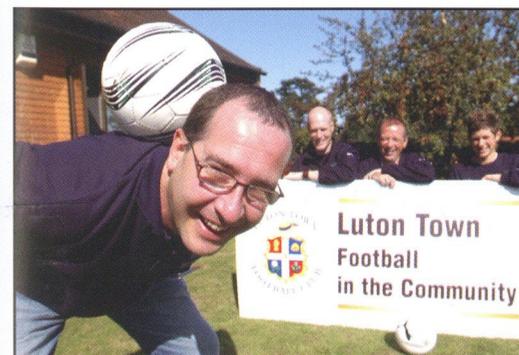
I would like to thank all the clubs for their support of our tournament, which has made this donation possible. The conduct of the players, managers and supporters throughout the day was exemplary. This has always been a highlight of our tournaments and long may it continue. Hopefully the clubs will have enjoyed the day sufficiently to come back and play in future tournaments. If this is the case then we would look to continue to support the fantastic work the Hospice does on an annual basis.

I would also like to thank Gregg Broughton and all Community staff, Steve Patterson, Alex Patterson and Elliott Smith for their tireless work over an incredibly long day.

Our picture shows the Luton Town Community staff visiting the Hospice to present the cheque and also trying to improve the footballing skills of Mark Relf, the Keech and Pasque Hospices Community Fund Raiser for Luton and South Bedfordshire.

Enjoy the game

Stuart Smith



Picture by Jane Russell, courtesy of The Luton News and Herald&Post

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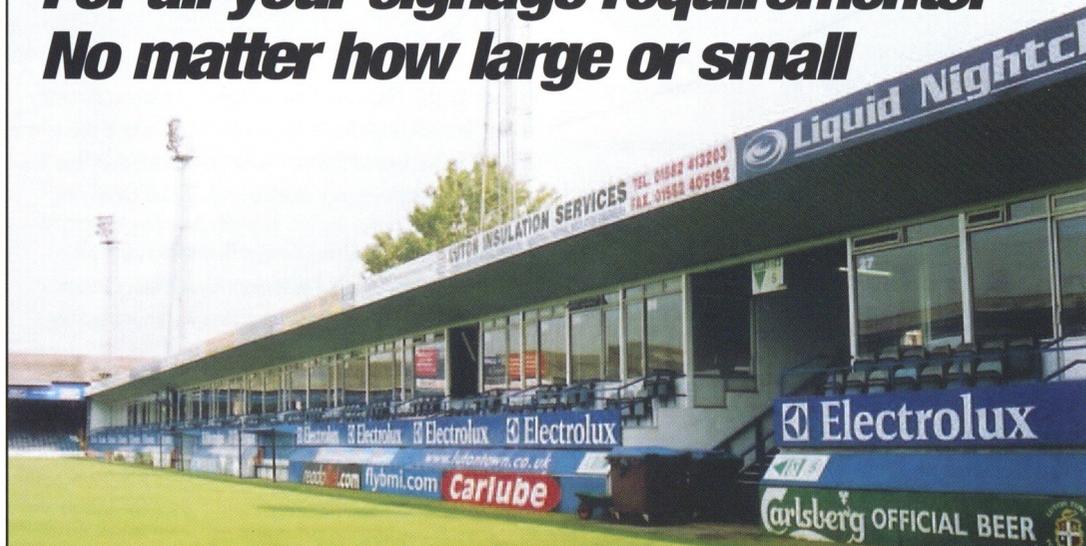
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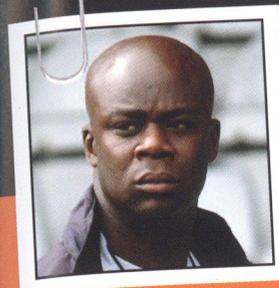
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Luton Town's

Youth Team

Marvin Johnson looks back at the youth teams defeat by Leyton Orient in the Puma Youth Cup

Puma Youth Alliance Cup Saturday 16th September 06 Luton Town 0 Leyton Orient 2

Luton's youngsters face an uphill task to qualify for the next stages of the Puma Youth Alliance Cup following a disappointing 2-0 defeat to Leyton Orient at week-end.

Two second half goals from the visitors condemned Luton to their first defeat in the competition.

It could have been all so different for the Hatters had they taken a number of first half chances, but missed opportunities saw the visitors pick up the win.

Talking to this afternoon's match-day programme, Johnson said: "Performance wise, it was disappointing. We didn't play as well as what we could have played.

"However, the strange aspect of the game was that we could have been three goals in front at half time. Ashley Harrison-Barker had a close range shot which their goalkeeper blocked, Mark Farthing had a close range header from six yards out and then Ryan Charles had a good effort.

"Orient didn't really create enough in the first half and we should have been in front at half time, without particularly playing well.

"The second half wasn't too much dissimilar from the first half, apart from the fact we didn't really create any chances. It was a disappointing performance, but we have spoken to the lads about the game and they know what we want from them.

"We were due to play Leyton Orient in the league this morning so you would thought that it would make us more determined to make amends. Orient were not a footballing team, but were very physical and energetic.

"The result has probably dented our chances of progressing in the tournament, but you never know what can happen in cup games and we wont be throwing in the towel.

"It may not be in our own hands, bur we still expect the boys to perform to the ability we know they can and maybe we can still sneak in."

Luton were hoping to gain their first league win of the season this morning against Orient. The youngsters then make the long trip to Portsmouth the following week before entertaining Rushden & Diamonds in the Puma Youth Cup.

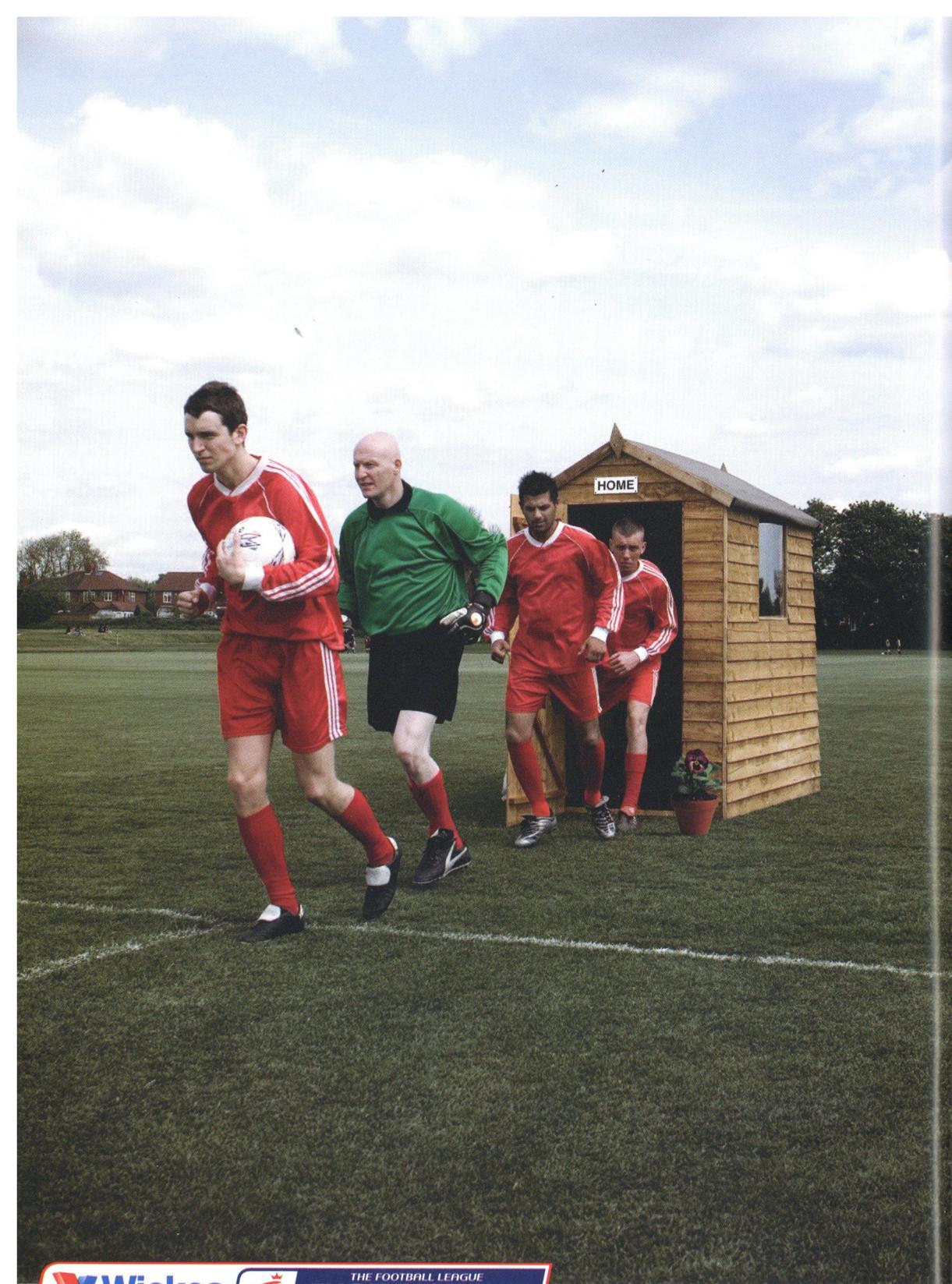
With no first team fixture on the day of the Rushden game, supporters could attend this match at

Newlands Road. The game gets underway at 11:00am and entry is FREE for all supporters.

LTFC YOUTH

Date	Opponent	KO/Result
August		
Sat 12	Southend United	L - 2-3
Sat 19	Colchester United	D - 1-1
September		
Sat 2	Hereford United (PY)	W - 7-0
Sat 9	Bristol Rovers (PY)	D - 1-1
Sat 16	Leyton Orient (PY)	L - 0-2
Sat 23	Leyton Orient	11:00am
Sat 30	Portsmouth	11:00am
October		
Sat 7	Rushden & Diam (PY)	11:00am
Sat 21	QPR	11:00am
Sat 28	Wycombe Wanderers	11:00am
November		
Sat 04	Northampton Town	11:00am
Sat 11	Cheltenham Town (PY)	11:00am
Sat 18	Northampton Town (PY)	11:00am
Sat 25	Gillingham	11:00am
December		
Sat 9	Brighton & Hove Albion	11:00am
Sat 16	Brentford	11:00am
January		
Sat 6	Rushden & Diam	11:00am
Sat 13	Southend United	11:00am
Sat 20	Colchester United	11:00am
February		
Sat 03	Leyton Orient	11:00am
Sat 10	Portsmouth	11:00am
Sat 17	QPR	11:00am
Sat 24	Wycombe Wanderers	11:00am
March		
Sat 03	Northampton Town	11:00am
Sat 17	Gillingham	11:00am
Sat 24	Brighton & Hove Albion	11:00am
Sat 31	Brentford	11:00am
April		
Sat 14	Rushden & Diam	11:00am

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gillingham	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
QPR	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Colchester U	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Wycombe W	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Southend U	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Brighton	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Northampton	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
LUTON T	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Brentford	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Rushden & D	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
Portsmouth	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Leyton Orient	2	0	0	2	1	6	0



Just the job



Weekend Round-Up

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

Cardiff City moved to the top of The Championship after their victory over the Hatters at the weekend. Their return to the top of the division was also helped by Birmingham, who needed an 86th minute left footed drive from David Dunn to rescue a point after twice being behind against an improving Ipswich side.

Alan Lee gave Ipswich a surprise 48th minute lead after capitalising on Dunn's poor touch before DJ Campbell grabbed a leveller, his third goal of the season, from Dunn's delivery.

Simon Walton looked to have grabbed Town a winner twelve minutes from time, in an incident that saw Bruno N'Gotty sent off for an act of violent conduct on Lee - who was upended as he celebrated - only for a busy Dunn to intervene.

Kevin Blackwell lost his job at Elland Road as Leeds fell to another defeat

that renders them firmly lodged in 23rd place.

Although his Leeds side gave their all at Coventry, Stern John's 26th minute neat finish from Jay Tabb's cutback was enough to give City all three points.

Roy Keane marked his first home game in charge of Sunderland with a disappointing 1-1 stalemate with Leicester at The Stadium of Light.

Matty Fryatt gave Leicester an early lead with a curling effort but Sunderland substitute Tobias Hysen stepped up from the bench to grab an equaliser in the 66th minute.

Steve Cotterill enjoyed a fine return to Stoke City as Andy Gray's first minute goal was enough to grant Burnley a welcome away day win.

Southend will be delighted with a 1-1 draw at The Hawthorns as substitute Matt Harrold earned his side a point with a header from a corner in the 82nd minute.

Baggies striker Nathan Ellington had earlier given his side the lead with a beautiful chip just past the hour mark, while Kevin Phillips will rue striking the post at 1-0.

Barnsley finally kept a clean sheet and also took a maximum haul against Wolves at Oakwell thanks to Marc Richards' tenth minute poked finish.

Colchester continue to settle in The Championship in some style as they recorded a 2-1 victory over basement club QPR at Layer Road.

Chris Iwelumo's third goal in four games in the tenth minute was added to eight minutes later when Richard Garcia smashed home.

The U's were always in control but a Wayne Brown own goal in the 76th minute added consternation to the final stages.

Derby boss Billy Davies had to settle for a point against his former club Preston, despite taking the lead through a Steve Howard penalty a minute before the break.

However the Scot will, though, rue his side's lack of concentration as Danny Pugh was allowed time to pick his spot from 20 yards just seconds before the interval.

Grzegorz Rasiak continued his fine goalscoring form as his sixth goal in seven games in the 52nd minute was enough to earn Southampton a 1-0 win over Plymouth.

Shefki Kuqi came off the bench to grab Crystal Palace a last minute winner against an inconsistent Norwich side at Carrow Road.



Kevin Blackwell lost his job at Leeds following a poor run of results in the Championship this season



Luton: Beresford, Foley, Davis, Edwards, Robinson, Vine, Emanuel, Langley, Parkin, Barnett, Heikkinen

Subs not used: Feeney, Morgan, Brkovic, Keane, Brill

Bookings: Davis

Sent Off: None.

Goal: Parkin (32)



Colchester United: Davison, Halford, Brown, Watson, Duguid, Cureton, Izzet, Iwelumo (Guy 81), Baldwin, Garcia (McLeod 65), Barker

Subs not used: Jackson, Gerken, Elokobi

Bookings: Garcia (39), Barker (61)

Sent Off: None.

Goal: Cureton (40)

From the Manager



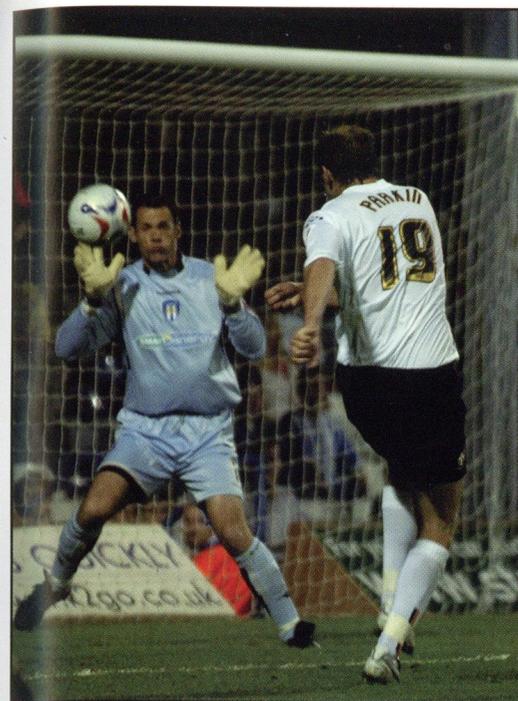
I think in the second half we had a number of opportunities and that's an understatement! We've had chances and created chances on goal. The keeper's had a worldy and we haven't managed to get it in the net. It was just one of those nights. The only worry was when they got a corner at the end that we were going to lose the whole lot.



□ Rowan Vine fires one of many second half shots at the Colchester goal



□ Steve Robinson surges forward



□ Sam Parkin fires in a first half shot



□ Markus Heikkinen fires a header at the Colchester goal



□ Sol Davis takes on Colchester's Kemal Izzet

LUTON 1 COLCHESTER UTD 1

BY PHILIP FRANCIS

The first home night game of the season ended in disappointment and frustration as Luton failed to gain maximum points against Colchester United.

After a quiet opening period in which both sides created few chances, Sam Parkin headed home his first goal of the season. The goal sparked the visitors into life and for the next ten minutes Luton were given a torrid time before Cureton fired past an exposed Beresford.

If the first half had been even, the same could not be said of the second 45 minutes. Apart from rare Colchester breaks the Hatters completely domi-

nated proceedings. Shots rained in from all angles as the visitors goal led a charmed life. Although Langley hit the crossbar from the penalty spot it looked only a matter of time before a breakthrough would arrive.

Aidan Davidson in the U's goal had an inspirational evening saving superbly from Vine, Edwards and Emanuel, and what he missed his defensive colleagues managed to clear. Edwards, with two and sometimes three men marking him, still managed to cause havoc on the right hand side. The game ended with home fans shaking their heads in disbelief. The point gained was scant reward for a game that could and should have been won.

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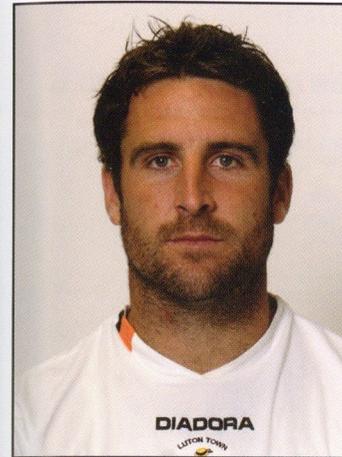
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From the Skipper
Chris Coyne



Chris Coyne
Club Captain

Hello and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's game with West Bromwich Albion. Today presents an opportunity to show what we are capable of, against a team who have strong ambitions to return to the Premiership.

Our opponents this afternoon have recently lost their manager, but they recorded an excellent win in the Carling Cup during the week. Despite their relegation last season, West Brom still have many quality players and we know today's match won't be easy.

It will be good to see Curtis Davies back at Kenilworth Road. He was a

well liked and respected individual with the players and the supporters during his time at Kenilworth Road. Although he was a big loss to us at the time, he went on to play at a higher level and everyone here is pleased it has worked out for him at West Brom.

Our last home game against Colchester United should have seen us gain three points. It was one of the best second half performances I have seen at Kenilworth Road since I arrived at the club.

It was nice to see Sam Parkin grab his first goal for the club. It was a good team goal and his addition has brought something extra to the team. Sam has got good ability with the ball at his feet and he is not just the big target man up front.

The decision to send off Lewis Emanuel during our defeat against Cardiff was very harsh in my opinion. You don't always have to agree with the referee's decisions, but you have to accept them. However, it was credit to everybody that we never let our heads drop as we continued to battle on. Rowan Vine has been on fire this season and he took his goal very well. We had a few chances in the second half and if one of them fell our way, it may have been a different result. At 2-1 down

and reduced to ten men, we still went in search of goals, which not many teams would have done at somewhere like Ninian Park

For me, I was pleased to get some minutes under my belt, although the length of time I was on was unexpected. We have been picking up a few niggling injuries in recent weeks, but we have got a good squad of players here at the club.

The result at Brentford, where the Manager made eight changes, showed that we do have players who can come in and do a job. Griffin Park is never an easy place to go and get a result, but we were delighted to come away with the win and we are hoping for a nice tie in the Third Round, when the draw is made this afternoon.

Everybody was pleased to see Warren Feeney get a goal. We have been waiting for one to flick off his back side, because his work effort has warranted a goal.

On behalf of the rest of the lads, I would like to thank the fans who made the trips to Cardiff and Brentford. Your continued support is appreciated.

Enjoy today's game.

Chris Coyne



From the

Ticket Office

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BARNSELY FC



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
BARNSELY V LUTON TOWN
Saturday 30th September 2006
Kick-Off 3:00pm



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

Adults - £20
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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.



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
HULL CITY V LUTON TOWN
Tuesday 17th October 2006
Kick-Off 7:45pm



THIS IS NOT AN ALL TICKET FIXTURE ALTHOUGH WE DO HAVE A SOME TICKETS AVAILABLE AT LUTON TOWN TICKET OFFICE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE

ALLOCATION: We have been given an initial allocation of 590 tickets.

SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: Tickets are currently on sale to members. Tickets are available for 1 per member until 03/10/06. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on 04/10/06 until 5pm on 16/10/06. (Subject to availability.)

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

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COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
LUTON TOWN V LEEDS UNITED
Saturday 21st October 2006
Kick-Off 3:00pm



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COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
LUTON TOWN V BURNLEY
Tuesday 31st October 2006
Kick-Off 7:45pm



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Tickets are now on sale at normal pre-match day prices. There is a £2.00 increase for tickets purchased on the day of the game.

TRAVEL GUIDE



By Car: Take the M1 northbound to junction 37. From this point vehicles should follow the black/white 'Barnsley Football Club' and brown/white 'Football Ground' signs. These signs lead directly to the visitors car park.

By Train: The nearest railway station is Barnsley which is located in the town centre and is only a five minute walk from the stadium.

Parking: A large visitors car/coach park is situated adjacent to the visitors entrances. It can accommodate about five hundred vehicles and a small parking charge involved. Prices for the 2003/2004 season will be determined shortly. All visiting supporters, including the disabled, who are travelling by road should use this car park

SUPPORTERS CLUBS

Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 10:00am with a stop at MK Coachway approximately 30 minutes later. The fare for LTSC members is £17, £15 concessions and £19 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.luton-town.co.uk or via www.lutontownfc.co.uk

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 9:00am and Luton at 10:00am. Costs for this trip is £16.50 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



By Car: Take the M1 northbound to junction 32 of the M18. Take the M18 towards Hull, which will eventually lead to the M62. Leave the M62 at Junction 38 and join the A63, towards Hull. Stay on the A63 and the stadium is clearly signposted (KC Stadium) as you approach Hull. About one mile from the centre of Hull leave the A63 (also signposted for the Hull Royal Infirmary) and take the 2nd exit at the roundabout. Turn left at the lights and then over the flyover, right at the next lights and the ground is down on the right.

By Train: Paragon Railway Station is situated in the center of Hull and is roughly a ten minute walk from the KC Stadium which is signposted.

Parking: The club advise visiting fans to use the 'Park and Ride' facility based at Priory Park. Priory Park is situated next to the Clive Sullivan Way coming into Hull and buses run to and from the KC Stadium every ten minutes. Costing £1.20 return.

SUPPORTERS CLUBS

Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 3:00pm with a stop at MK Coachway approximately 30 minutes later. The fare for LTSC members is £19, £17 concessions and £21 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 1:30pm and Luton at 2:30pm. Costs for this trip is £18.50 adults and £15.00 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.



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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	8	0	2	0	10	0	0	0				111	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	8	0	0(2)	0	8(2)	0	0	0	Rep U21	2	0	132	5
3 Sol DAVIS	8	0	1	0	8	0	1	0				164	2
4 Chris COYNE	1(3)	0	1	0	2(3)	0	0	0				210	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	8	2	1(1)	0	9(1)	1	1	0				53	4
8 Steve ROBINSON	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0				142	11
9 Rowan VINE	8	3	0(2)	1	8(2)	4	2	0				91	24
10 Warren FEENEY	5(1)	0	1	1	5(1)	0	0	0	N Ireland	(3)	0	58	8
11 Dean MORGAN	0(5)	1	2	1	1(4)	2	0	0				44	8
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				31	3
15 Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0				29	2
16 Lewis EMANUEL	8	1	0	0	8	1	2	1				8	1
17 Richard LANGLEY	8	1	1	0	9	1	1	0				9	1
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0				195	35
19 Sam PARKIN	3(1)	1	0	0	3(1)	1	0	0				3	1
20 Adam BOYD	0(3)	0	2	1	2(3)	1	0	0				5	1
21 Keith KEANE	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0				49	2
22 Danny STEVENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1	0
25 Leon BARNETT	8	2	2	0	10	2	3	0				37	2
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	Finland	2	0	47	2
27 Peter HOLMES	1	0	2	0	3	0	1	0				123	12
28 David BELL	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0				11	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: 11

HEADERS: 3

PENALTIES: 1

OWN GOALS: 0

FREE-KICKS: 0

TOTAL: 15

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 10 - W 6 - D 2 - L 2 - F 8 - A 4 PTS 20

SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 10 - W 4 - D 2 - L 4 - F 8 - A 8 PTS 14

OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 7

Opponents score first goal: 3

No goals scored: 0

Luton Town score first and win: 4

Luton Town score first and draw: 2

Luton Town score first and lose: 1

Luton Town fail to score: 1

Opponents score first and win: 2

Opponents score first and draw: 1

Opponents score first and lose: 0

Opponents fail to score: 3

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 4

Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 3

Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 1

Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 3





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

AUG 06

SEPT 06

OCT 06

NOV 06

DEC 06

JAN 07

FEB 07

MAR 07

APR 07

DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS	MATCH REPORT																
Sat 5	LEICESTER CITY*	2-0	8,131	1,198	2	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis →	Emanuel ■	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine → ■	Feeney	Barrett	Boyd →	Brkovic	Morgan →	Perrett	
Tues 8	Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	22,613	719	3	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis →	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine →	Feeney	Brill	Boyd →	Coyne →	Morgan	Perrett	
Sat 12	Norwich City	2-3	22,863	1,221	6	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen →	Davis	Emanuel →	Robinson	Langley	Edwards →	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd →	Coyne →	Morgan	Perrett	
Sat 19	STOKE CITY	2-2	7,727	614	5	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Coyne	Davis	Emanuel	Holmes	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney →	Brill	Boyd	Brkovic	Keane	Morgan →	
Tues 22	Bristol Rovers (CC1)	1-1 ◆	2,882	275	-	Beresford	Keane	Barnett	Coyne	Davis	Brkovic	Holmes →	O'Leary →	Bell	Boyd	Morgan	Brill	Edwards →	Foley →	Stevens	Vine →	
Sat 26	Barnsley	0-1	19,378	1,069	10	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel →	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney →	Brill	Bell	Keane	Morgan →	Parkin →	
Sat 9	CRYSTAL PALACE	2-1	9,187	1,800	6	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine →	Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Keane	Morgan	
Tues 12	COLCHESTER UNITED	1-1	7,609	429	7	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Keane	Morgan	
Sat 16	Cardiff City	1-4	14,108	329	12	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis →	Emanuel ■	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Parkin →	Brill	Brkovic	Coyne →	Feeney	Morgan →	
Tues 19	Brentford (CC2)	3-0	3,005	tbc	-	Beresford	Edwards	Barnett	Keane	Holmes	Morgan	Bell	O'Leary	Brkovic →	Boyd →	Feeney	Brill	Foley →	Langley →	Stevens	Vine	
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																				
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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	BARNSELEY	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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2006/07 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	GD	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
Cardiff	8	3	1	0	8	2	2	1	1	7	6	17	7
Birmingham	8	3	1	0	8	5	2	1	1	3	2	17	4
Burnley	8	2	0	2	7	5	2	2	0	5	3	14	4
Southampton	8	2	2	0	4	1	1	2	1	7	6	13	4
Preston	8	2	2	0	4	2	1	2	1	5	5	13	2
Coventry	8	3	1	0	6	1	1	0	3	2	5	13	2
C Palace	8	2	1	1	6	5	2	0	2	5	5	13	1
Wolves	8	2	0	2	3	4	2	1	1	3	2	13	0
West Brom	8	3	1	0	7	2	0	2	2	1	4	12	2
Norwich	8	3	0	1	10	4	0	2	2	3	7	11	2
Ipswich	8	2	1	1	5	4	1	1	2	6	7	11	0
LUTON	8	2	2	0	7	4	1	0	3	4	8	11	-1
Barnsley	8	1	2	1	6	6	2	0	2	8	12	11	-4
Sunderland	8	1	1	2	5	5	2	0	2	7	6	10	1
Plymouth	8	0	3	1	6	7	2	1	1	5	4	10	0
Colchester	8	2	0	2	7	7	1	1	2	5	6	10	-1
Derby	8	0	3	1	4	5	2	0	2	6	7	9	-2
Southend	8	2	2	0	7	4	0	1	3	2	7	9	-2
Stoke	8	1	2	1	3	2	0	3	1	5	6	8	0
Leicester	8	2	0	2	4	3	0	2	2	1	5	8	-3
Sheff Wed	8	0	2	2	2	4	1	2	1	3	3	7	-2
Hull City	8	1	0	3	5	7	1	1	2	2	4	7	-4
Leeds	8	1	0	3	1	5	1	1	2	3	4	7	-5
QPR	8	1	1	2	5	7	0	2	2	3	6	6	-5

TODAY'S OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

- Burnley v Southampton
- C Palace v Coventry
- Ipswich v Sunderland
- Leeds v Birmingham
- Leicester v Colchester
- Plymouth v Norwich
- QPR v Hull City
- Sheff Wed v Derby
- Wolves v Stoke



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Quiz Answers: 1) QPR, 2) Billy Wright, 3) Thierry Henry, 4) Lincoln City, 5) Northern Ireland, 6) Didier Hamann, 7) Bournemouth, 8) Preston North End 9) Czech Republic, 10) Zimbabwe.
 Name That Ground: 1) Leeds United, 2) Millwall, 3) Wycombe Wanderers
 Richard Langley Quiz: Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football

Coming Next

to Kenilworth Road



Luton Town v Birmingham City

Saturday 14th October, Kick-Off 3:00pm

By Simon Gover

High-flying Birmingham City provide a mouth watering test for Luton Town in three weeks time. Steve Bruce's team are well on their way to making an immediate return to the Premiership and, although there is a long way to go in the Championship season, Birmingham look as though they will be the team everyone will need to catch.

Millions of pounds have been spent on assembling a squad which is capable of making an immediate return to top flight football, after narrowly slipping through the relegation trapdoor last season.

Despite a number of big sales last season, in which Emile Heskey, Jermain Pennant and Kenny Cunningham all moved to pastures new, Birmingham have strengthened their squad with a number of big money signings.

One name that will be familiar to Luton fans is Gary McSheffrey. Birmingham splashed out £4 million for his services in August, and although he is still waiting for his first goal in the Championship with his new club, the striker has already scored twice in Carling Cup competition. McSheffrey enjoyed two loan spells at Kenilworth Road and became a firm favourite with the Hatters faithful.

A further £3 million was paid out to Cardiff City when Cameron Jerome moved to the Midlands during the summer. The Huddersfield-born striker had been scoring plenty of goals for the Welsh club and had been attracting interest from a number of high profile clubs.

Jerome has scored twice in three starting appearances and is already making a name for himself at St Andrews, despite a disappointing start to his career with the Blues when he was sent off in his opening game against Colchester.

A name that is unlikely to be familiar to Luton supporters is Nicklas Bendtner. The on-loan Arsenal striker is quickly becoming one of the signings of the season, after a number of impressive performances.

The Danish striker has scored four times in nine appearances and has become a firm favourite with the Birmingham faithful for his tireless performances and spectacular goals.

He was one of three on-loan Arsenal players Bruce signed during the season as the Birmingham manager did his best to repair the damage of nine departures from the squad during the summer.

It has been over ten years since Birmingham were last at Kenilworth Road. A dire 0-0 draw in front of 7,920 supporters provided little entertainment.

Luton have a miserable recent record against the Midlands club. The Hatters haven't taken three points from Birmingham in ten attempts, their last win coming in 1985 in the old Division One.

Since then, Birmingham have won three times, their last victory being a 4-0 drubbing at St Andrews in 1996.

Undoubtedly, Luton will have to be at their very best to get their Birmingham hoodoo out of their system, in what could be a classic encounter at Kenilworth Road.



Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	B'ham
League	10	15	25
FA Cup	1	0	1
League Cup	0	3	2
Total	11	18	28

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LUTON TOWN

Manager: Mike Newell

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

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

Caretaker Manager: Nigel Pearson

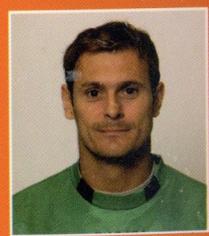
Player	Plays	Goals	Number
PASCAL ZUBERBUHLER	○	○	1
STEVE WATSON	○	○	2
PAUL ROBINSON	○	○	3
CHRIS PERRY	○	○	4
NEIL CLEMENT	○	○	5
CURTIS DAVIES	○	○	6
NIGEL QUASHIE	○	○	7
JONATHAN GREENING	○	○	8
NATHAN ELLINGTON	○	○	9
JOHN HARTSON	○	○	10
ZOLTAN GERA	○	○	11
RICHARD CHAPLOW	○	○	12
LUKE STEELE	○	○	13
MARTIN ALBRECHTSEN	○	○	14
DIOMANSY KAMARA	○	○	15
DARREN CARTER	○	○	17
THOMAS GAARDSOE	○	○	18
JASON KOUMAS	○	○	19
PAUL McSHANE	○	○	20
KEVIN PHILLIPS	○	○	21
STUART NICHOLSON	○	○	22
JEFF FORSYTH	○	○	23
RONNIE WALLWORK	○	○	24
RUSSELL HOULT	○	○	25
ROB DAVIES	○	○	26
ROB ELVINS	○	○	27
JARED HODGKISS	○	○	28
TOMASZ KUSZCZAK	○	○	29
LUKE DANIELS	○	○	30
MICHAEL NARDIELLO	○	○	33

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Marlon Beresford is 2/1 to keep a clean sheet against West Brom this afternoon