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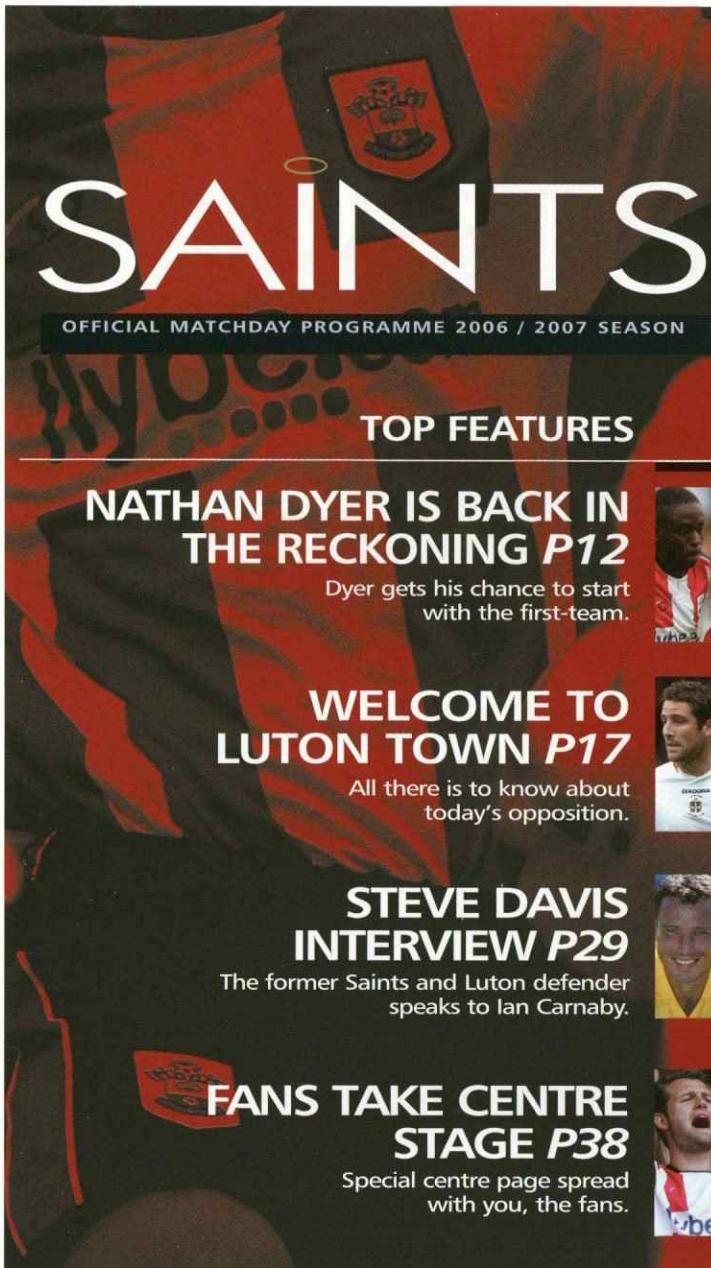
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WE ARE BACK ON TRACK

Two very good performances in the last two away games have put us back on track and I feel we are now in a very good position to challenge for promotion.

The 3-0 win at Leeds was in sharp contrast to several other away matches, where we've dominated without putting the ball in the back of the net. I thought we were fairly comfortable in the first half at Elland Road and deserved to be in front, but we came under quite strong pressure for about 20 minutes afterwards.

At certain times you have to change things so I brought on Jhon Viafara because he has the energy and pace to break into space on the right and push the opposition back. It put Leeds on the back foot and, of course, he was involved in the second goal.

My teams have played different systems over the years - 4-3-3 can work very well sometimes - and we have the players here to change things without too much difficulty.

It's a good squad, I'm happy with it and fitness levels have improved. But it still takes time for things to gel properly, and that's been the story of the season so far. All things considered, we're quite well placed.

Greg Rasiak shook off his troublesome rib injury and scored twice at Leeds. He is a very experienced striker who has the knack of finding

space in and around the box. That's something I want to see the younger strikers and midfield players doing, as well.

We haven't scored enough goals, especially at home, and we need to be more ruthless. But the young lads, Bradley Wright-Phillips, Kenwyne Jones and David McGoldrick, are learning all the time and it'll come.

We should have won at Sunderland, as well. It was a blow to concede a goal from a free-kick and in the end we needed Gareth Bale's late strike to earn a point. But quite a lot of stoppage time was played and Roy Keane admitted to me afterwards that he was mighty relieved when the final whistle went because he thought we'd go on and win it.

Again, we played well with a lot of strikes on goal but didn't take our chances. I've thought all along that if we just kept playing like that the rewards would come eventually and the Leeds result was a big step in the right direction.

The travelling supporters made their presence felt, as always, and what pleased me most of all was that they had something to celebrate on the long journey home. The support has been simply fantastic and we all appreciate it.

The results last weekend underlined the point that a lot of teams have a chance of promotion from this division. Several of us seem to put a few good results together and then put up with some bumpy ones.

All you can do is keep your beliefs through the ups and downs, keep working hard, find the right formula and stick to it. When you think of all the new players arriving here, some of them from abroad, much has been achieved and confidence is high as we approach two very important home games. We'd dearly love to get six points under our belt.

A warm welcome to Mike Newell and everyone from Luton Town. They've been through a very rocky patch just lately but then, so have quite a few other teams since the season began. It'll make them even more determined to get back on track this afternoon and we must make sure it doesn't happen.

Enjoy the game and get behind us as you always do.

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LETS PUSH ON UP

A warm welcome to Luton for the first of two successive home games which give us a chance to get right back in the promotion mix.

A solid draw at Sunderland and a very impressive win at Leeds have put us within touching distance of the play-off places and it is vital that we now build on that and push on into the top six.

There is a good feeling about the place with a strong squad and we are still confident of mounting a concerted challenge to get back into the Premiership. Consistency is the key.

You may have read some misleading headlines suggesting we are looking to sell Gareth Bale in the January transfer window. This is not the case. We do not intend to let Gareth go in January, and even if some fringe players do move on, it will only be if it is what the manager wants.

That is not something we are contemplating right now as we look to continue developing a squad capable of taking us back to the top flight.

We will, as always, need your backing and I hope there will be a good uptake on half season tickets which have just gone one sale. Apart from saving you money and the hassle of booking match by match, it also guarantees a seat for any big cup-ties here and for the Premier League if we achieve our goal of promotion. Full details are on page 11.

The half season ticket takes effect from the December 30 home game against Leicester when all season ticket holders will be able to take advantage of a special discount enabling them to have hospitality for just £60 plus VAT.

And from next Friday (December 1) members and season ticket holders will be able to buy tickets for all our remaining home games.

I was very impressed by the support we received in two very long and arduous away trips at Leeds

and Sunderland where it was good to see so many of our corporate sponsors who had made the trip on a special Flybe flight.

The players had poppies embroidered onto their shirts which were auctioned off in aid of the Royal British Legion and I must thank Amanda Lane for all her hard work setting up and policing the auction. I was delighted to see more than £7,000 raised for a very good cause and we welcome the winning bidders to today's game.

We also welcome former Saints Steve Moran, Mick Mills, Bob McCarthy and Hugh Fisher to Lawrie McMenemy's Ambassadors Club which is growing in popularity every week.

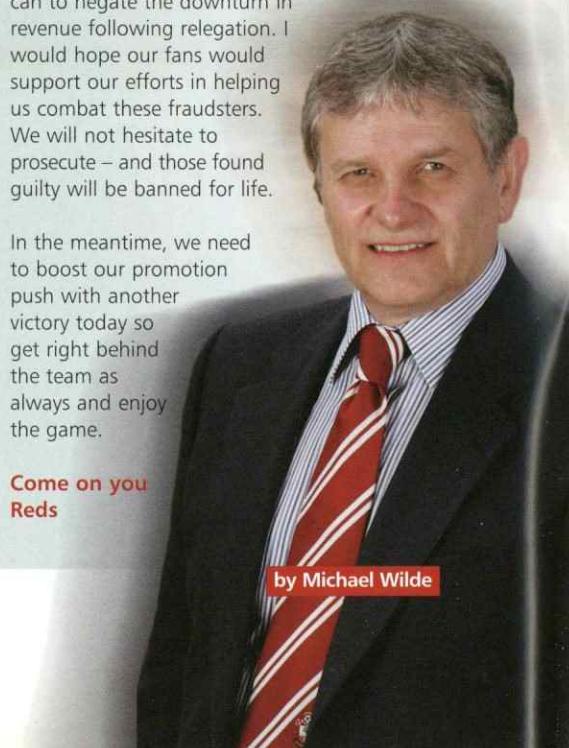
It may well be that a lot of fans have experienced delays coming into the stadium this afternoon because of increased security checks. We apologise to those who have been inconvenienced but unfortunately we have had a serious problem with people using forged season tickets in recent weeks. There is a major Health and Safety risk if there are spectators – you cannot call them supporters – who have not been accounted for.

This deception is also taking money away from the Club at a time when we are doing all we can to negate the downturn in revenue following relegation. I would hope our fans would support our efforts in helping us combat these fraudsters. We will not hesitate to prosecute – and those found guilty will be banned for life.

In the meantime, we need to boost our promotion push with another victory today so get right behind the team as always and enjoy the game.

Come on you Reds

by Michael Wilde



CLAUS CHATS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM YOUR CAPTAIN

The really good thing about taking four points from the last two away matches is that it made up for the goalless draw at home to Hull. We didn't really fire that day, although there were still some very near misses.

We're playing very well on our travels and the big plus at Leeds was that we took our chances. It was great to have Grzegorz Rasiak back in the side and fully fit because he is a natural goal scorer and that makes all the difference. He just manages to find space somehow and that first goal at Elland Road, the looped header, was perfectly placed. It wasn't the first time he's done it this season and it won't be the last. The whole team played well and we went on to win comfortably enough after weathering early pressure in the second half.

I thought we should have won at Sunderland, as well, but it took Gareth Bale's late strike to earn a point. The last couple of games he has been on fire with some non-stop attacking down the left and it was good to hear Roy Keane praising him afterwards. I think we all know what a talent Gareth is and the sky is the limit for him.

What we must do now is reproduce our away form at St. Mary's, where we haven't scored nearly as many goals. Of course, teams make it that much harder for you and I haven't the slightest doubt that Luton will try to close us down today, but it's vital that we get three more points on the board.

So much depends on an early goal. If we can manage that, or at least knock one in before half-time, it means the opposition has to come out and play. With the quality players we have here that would suit us fine.

The other thing is to get more people on the scoresheet. Greg has come back and done well – with 10 goals he's half-way to his best tally at Derby – but others have to chip in. Let's hope it starts this afternoon.

There were a couple of surprises in the Coca-Cola Championship over the weekend, including Cardiff's defeat at home to QPR. I know people were tipping Cardiff even before the season began, but I'm not sure they have the squad, the strength in depth, to see it right through to the end. To me, Birmingham and West Brom are the biggest dangers and that's why our home

match against the Blues next week is so important. It's all going to be very tight but we're still handily placed and I remain quietly confident.

I haven't had much time for anything apart from football just lately and it'll probably be a bit embarrassing when I set foot on the golf course again! But it's been a good week, with a great atmosphere at the training ground and plenty of optimism around the place.

Supporters are very kind when asking about the serious ankle injury I sustained so early in the season. The good news is that I don't feel it at all during matches but sometimes get the occasional twinge when training.

As long as we're up there pushing for promotion, I can put up with that.

Enjoy the match.

Claus Lundekvam

NEXT UP

BIRMINGHAM CITY

WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

by Kevin Palmer



Birmingham City manager Steve Bruce would be the first to confirm that a month is a long time in football.

With his job apparently hanging by a thread after his Blues side suffered back-to-back defeats against Luton and Norwich in mid-October, most observers came to the conclusion that the former Manchester United defender would soon be seeking alternative employment.

Yet a run of battling victories propelled the Blues up the table so Bruce should be coming to St Mary's Stadium on Wednesday evening in good heart. "I know all about the pressure that goes with this job, but I have never been the type to panic and I'm determined to do all I can to get Birmingham back into the Premiership," he states.

"I went away and thought about what went wrong as we suffered relegation last season, but after speaking to the owners of the club, we decided to move forward together. I'm relishing the challenge in this Championship and remain convinced we can be successful this season."

Recent wins against West Bromwich Albion, Coventry, Plymouth and Barnsley lifted the pressure on Bruce

and he is urging his side to remain focused on the job of living up to their pre-season billing as promotion favourites.

"We have had a decent few weeks, but only a quarter of the season gone and we have to make sure we don't get carried away with the idea that a corner has been turned," he adds. "The signs have been good in the last few weeks and we have become a tough team to beat again, but this is a tight league and you can slip out of form as quickly as we have found some.

"The mistake we made at the start of this season may have been that we focused on trying to score goals, as that was a problem for us last season. Unfortunately, we were not strong enough at the back and it was a question of finding the right balance.

"That's coming now and we have got ourselves back on track after a wobbly period. Now comes the challenge of building on our recent solid form and it will not be easy."

Steve Bruce and Birmingham City come to St Mary's Stadium for one of the key clashes of the Coca-Cola Championship season on Wednesday night – don't miss it.

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HULL V SAINTS

Saturday December 2, kick-off 3pm (Saints in red)

Saints have received an initial 1,550 tickets priced £23 for adults and £14 for those aged Under 16 or over 60. We also have eight wheelchair and enabler pairs priced at £10. Tickets are now on sale to season ticket holders and members and on general sale from November 27.

Travel will also be available, leaving at 7.45am. Departures from the Stadium, Winchester, Eastleigh and Chichester Services are priced at £21. The Fareham pick-up is priced at £22.50. Details and bookings on 0800 280 0050.

SOUTHEND V SAINTS

Saturday December 9, kick-off 3pm (Saints in red)

Saints have received 1,950 tickets priced £20 for adults, £12 for those aged 60 and over and £10 for those aged 16 and under. They are now on sale to season ticket holders and available to members on November 27 and on general sale on December 4. Sales will cease at 4.00pm Friday 8 December 2006. Tickets can be posted out until Wednesday 6 December 2006, when we will start collection only either from St. Marys or Southend.

Travel is priced £15 from the stadium, Eastleigh Fleming Park, Winchester and Fleet Services or £16.50 from Fareham West Street, opposite the charity furniture shop. Coaches will leave St Marys at 10.30 am and Fareham at 10.15 am. Details and bookings on 0800 280 0050.

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Saturday December 16, kick-off 3pm



Tickets are now on sale to members and season ticket holders and on general sale from Monday December 4. There is no limit on the number of tickets any supporter can purchase. This is a gold game so centre stand seats cost £28. The wings and behind the goals cost £26 for adults, £19 for teens and seniors and £13 for juniors. The family enclosure costs £24 per adult, £18 for teens and seniors and £12 for juniors or £31 for a pair. Book online at www.saintsfc.co.uk

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY V SAINTS

Saturday December 23, kick-off 3pm (Saints in black)



Tickets are going on sale earlier than normal to enable fans to plan ahead for Christmas. Saints have received an initial allocation of 2,000 tickets priced at £19 for adults £19 and £10 for Under 16's and over 60's. In an effort to allow supporters to plan their time in advance, Sheffield Wednesday have kindly allowed us to put the tickets on sale earlier than normal. This will hopefully allow more supporters the opportunity of attending. Therefore, tickets are now on sale to season ticket holders from and members and on general sale from Monday November 27.

Travel will also be available priced at £20 (£21.50 from Fareham), with collections from The Stadium, Winchester, Eastleigh, Fareham and Chichester Services (Newbury). Departure time will be 8.15 am, details and bookings on 0800 280 0050.

PLYMOUTH V SAINTS

Monday 1st January, kick-off 3pm (Saints in red)



Saints have received an initial allocation of 1,122 tickets for the trip to Plymouth on Monday 1 January 2007. These are priced £22 for adults, £15 for seniors and £6 for those under 16 and go on sale to season ticket holders on Monday December 4, to members on Monday December 11 and on general sale on Monday December 18. Wheelchair users must contact 0845 338 7232 to buy their tickets. Ambulant supporters tickets are available through Saints ticket office. The price is £22 for an ambulant/enabler pair or a wheelchair/enabler pair. Sales will cease at 4.00pm Friday 29 December 2006. Tickets can be posted out until Wednesday 27 December 2006, when we will start collection only either from St. Marys or Plymouth.

The Travel Club will be running coaches at cost, priced at £12 from St Marys Stadium, Eastleigh – Fleming Park, Winchester – Opposite the King Alfred Statue, Ringwood Coach Station – The Bus Stop, Meeting House Lane. Coaches will leave St Marys at 9.30 am and Winchester at 9.15 am, then go on to the next pick up point on the route. Details and bookings on 0800 280 0050.



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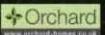
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NATHAN DYER - IS BACK IN THE RECKONING

Bob Brunsell

Lady Luck has played into Nathan Dyer's hands but he's not crowing about it.

The waspish little winger is now firmly back in the reckoning after the loss of Djamel Belmadi until the New Year through a serious knee injury.

"It does create an opening for me," says Dyer, "But not one either me or the team wanted.

"Djamal is such an important player for us. He makes things happen when he's playing and we miss him a lot.

"From my own point of view, I miss what he can teach me. I have learned a lot working with him and watching him.

"It's true I've perhaps got more chance of playing now, but I'd rather it had been through different circumstances."

Like Belmadi, Dyer has the electrifying pace and skill to make things happen. But the teenager from Trowbridge admits he has had to regroup after a disappointing end to what had promised to be a dynamic first season in league football.

He started out like an express train when Harry Redknapp gave him his debut in a Carling Cup tie at Southend early last season.

Dyer ran the Southend defence ragged, scored a goal and got Man of the Match in a dream debut.

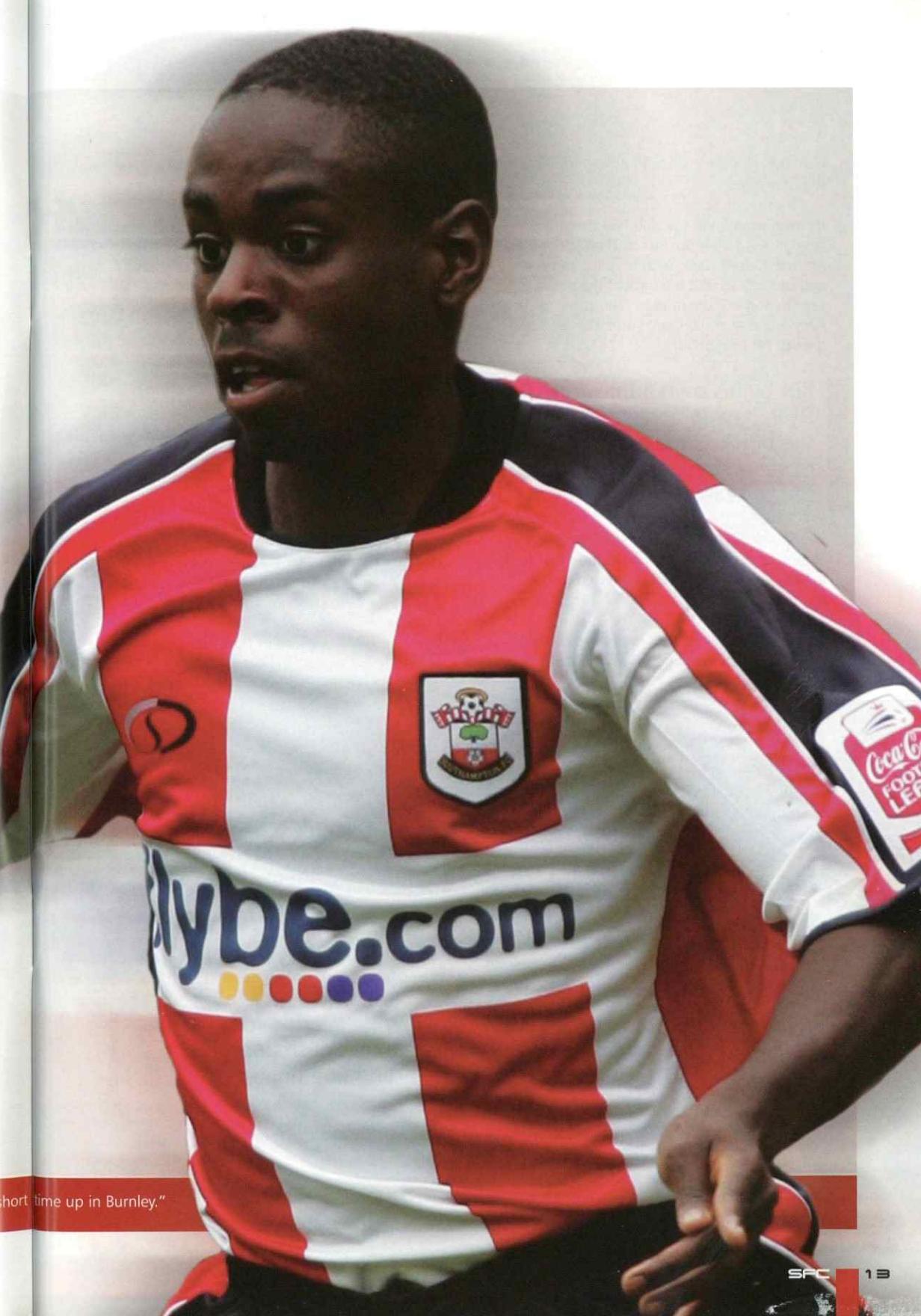
When Redknapp sent him out on loan to Burnley, Dyer didn't disappoint. He made a big impression with the Clarets fans, scoring twice in four games, and seemingly coming on by leaps and bounds before being recalled to St Mary's when George Burley took over as manager.

Dyer recalls: "I really enjoyed my short time up in Burnley. I got a feel for Championship football and got caught up in the passion they have for football up there.

"They worked us hard at Turf Moor and that was no bad thing. I learned a lot in the short time I was there."

Burley, though, was anxious to have a look at all his playing resources at St. Mary's and like everyone

Nathan Dyer: "I really enjoyed my short time up in Burnley."



else, Dyer got the chance to prove himself to the new manager.

His own position in the club had seemingly strengthened after the loss of Theo Walcott to Arsenal. Indeed, Dyer, with his pace and trickery and capacity to find the back of the net, was seen by some Southampton fans as being every bit as good as the brilliant youngster who had headed off to Highbury.

But by his own admission, Dyer, having come out of the blocks so fast, ran out of steam over the latter part of the season.

He explained: "I made a couple of mistakes in games, one which led to a goal, the other to a penalty. And to be honest it affected my confidence.

"But you have to learn by your mistakes, take them on the chin and get on with it. My career

did stall a bit, but I feel I'm back on track again and ready to kick on again."

Dyer was part of the wonderful Saints academy side of two years ago who reached the final of the FA Youth Cup (to eventually lose out to Ipswich Town) and won the southern section of the FA Premier Academy only to lose out in the play-off finals.

"A few of that side went on to play league football the following season," says Dyer, who was only 17 when he made his debut at Southend and who later this month celebrates his 19th birthday.

He scored his second goal for Saints in this season's 5-2 Carling Cup win over Yeovil at St Mary's and although more noted for his creative skills from the wing he reveals that there was a time earlier in his teens when his peers at the Saints Academy saw him more a front-runner and played him as an out and out striker.

Dyer was born and bred in Trowbridge and played junior football for the town side in the Wiltshire League before Saints picked up him at the tender age of eight.

He was spotted by Rod Ruddick and joined other hopefuls like Gareth Bale, Martin Cranie and Lloyd James at the club's west-country Academy base.

Dyer's promise has already earned him England caps at Under 18 and Under 19 level. He played for the Under 19s in the European Championship.

Now he'd settle for a regular berth in Southampton's starting line-up.

Nathan Dyer: "My strength is running with the ball."



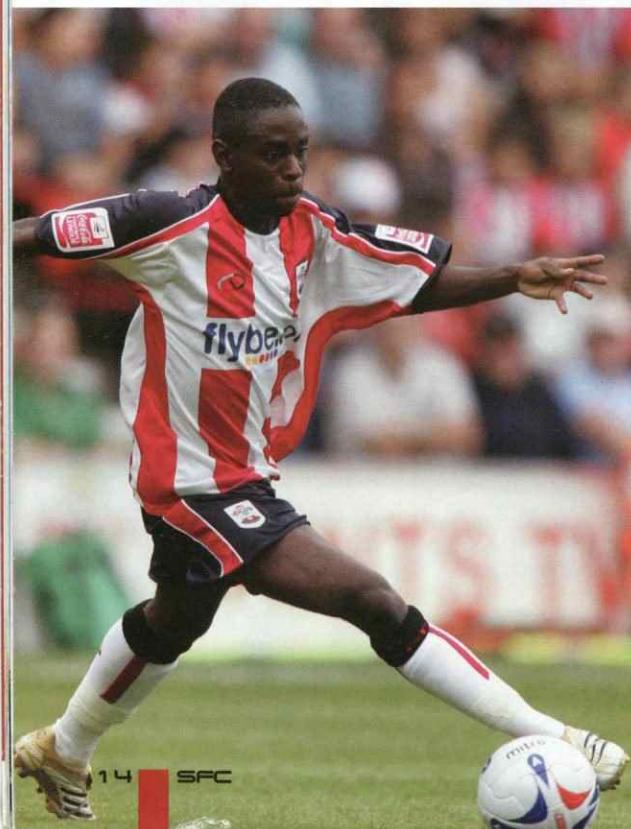
But as he strives for that goal, he accepts he's still learning the ropes and that there are aspects of his game that he needs to polish.

"My strength is running with the ball and at players but my crossing is a bit hit or miss. It's something I'm working hard on," he says.

A mix of starts and stints on the bench are perhaps as much as a youngster can hope for, but Dyer, you feel, will strike a better rhythm once he becomes more established in the starting line up.

He has the armoury, the pace, the trickery and the explosive shooting skills to go on and emulate some great old Southampton wingers of the past, Danny Wallace among them.

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LUTON TOWN

by Kevin Palmer

Luton Town manager Mike Newell has produced plenty of miracles at Kenilworth Road in the last couple of years - not least clinging to his job after his outspoken comments about a female referee's assistant!

Now he is looking for a few more miracles. Working with a limited budget in the confines of a stadium that has long out-lived its use, Newell has transformed the Hatters from League One strugglers into a solid Championship outfit over the course of the last three years.

Losing key striker Steve Howard and the inspiring Kevin Nicholls in the summer led many to believe Luton's star would fall this season, yet Newell's magic hat had a few rabbits left inside.

Victories against Leicester, Crystal Palace, Birmingham and Leeds, among others, proved that their fine efforts of last season were no fluke and talk of a push for the play-offs was in the Bedfordshire air a month ago.

However, a succession of injuries and the alarming news that star defender Sol Davies suffered a stroke en-route to the game at Ipswich in late October put the Hatters on the back foot and their results means Newell is looking to steady his ship here at St Mary's Stadium.



Mike Newell - looking for a few more miracles at Kenilworth Road.

"Everything has gone against us in the last few weeks, but this is when you find out what people are made of," states the former Blackburn and Everton striker. "If you write down the names we have been without in the last few games, it's half a first choice side and a squad of our size is always going to struggle in a situation like this."

"We have lost a few games in the last few weeks, but these spells come along to test you and I firmly believe we have the character in this squad to come through the other side in good shape."

"I know we have the players who will score goals and wins games in this league, so there will be no panic buttons hit here just because we have had a bad run. Everyone understands the reasons behind the defeats we have suffered recently."

Straight talking, innovative and with the ability to get players to work tirelessly for his cause, Newell's success at Luton has been built around their fine form at their aging home ground and he knows they need to find similar consistency on the road.

"We win a lot of games at Kenilworth Road, but cannot rely on home form alone to bring us

success in this league," he continues. "It would be very hard to go through a season just winning home games and not getting anything on our travels so we have to go to Southampton and put in a good performance."

"This game has a habit of turning around very quickly because it was just a few weeks ago that the fans were talking about promotion after we got a great 5-1 win against Leeds. I never got carried away because we were short of cover in a number of positions and a few injuries have caused us a problems of late."

Newell's impressive work at Kenilworth Road has seen him linked with many a top managerial post in the last year or so and after a difficult initial few months at the Luton helm, he is now hoping the club can match his own ambitions by finding a new home in the near future.

The idea of sharing the Milton Keynes Dons' plush new stadium does not sit well with Hatters fans, but it must be an option as the battle to find a suitable site closer to their Luton home continues.

"We need to look to move the club forward and that can only happen if we get a new ground," adds Newell. "There has been a lot of talk about a new stadium in the last couple of years, but nothing seems to be happening and that is frustrating for all of us."

Stabilising in the Championship is the most realistic target Luton Town can hope for until they find a new home and with Mike Newell in charge, such stability should be assured.

DAVIS MAKING A RECOVERY

A story occasionally comes along that shakes the entire football family to its core and news that Luton's Sol Davis had suffered a stroke certainly had that effect.

After falling ill on the Luton team bus as it made its way to Ipswich, Davis' plight put all sporting issues into perspective, but the news is positive as the talented central defender continues to make a speedy recovery.

"I have never come across anything like Sol's situation during all my time in football," says Luton boss, Mike Newell.

"We were sat there playing cards on the coach up to Ipswich and something went wrong. It affected Sol's speech and it was obvious that there was something seriously wrong, so we stopped the bus and he was taken straight to hospital.

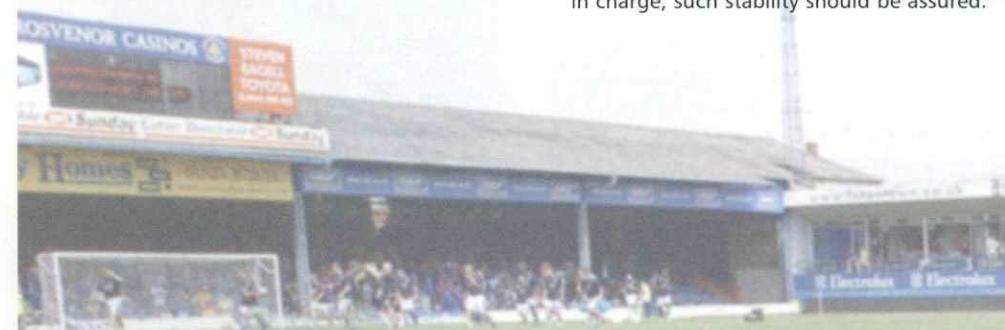
"I know this kind of thing happens every day, but you don't expect to see it with a fit young man who is such a great athlete."

"It put everything into perspective and while I would not want to use it as an excuse for our defeat at Ipswich, the situation clearly upset everyone at the club."

"He is out of hospital now and has been around the club in the last few days, which has been great news for everyone. We owe it to Sol to get back to winning ways as quickly as possible and hopefully he makes a full recovery and gets back into action soon."



Sol Davis - hoping to be back in action soon.





LUTON TEAM SHEET

Injuries and illness have halted Luton's impressive progress in the last few weeks.



Manager Mike Newell will be hoping his luck turns as he prepares to enter the most hectic phase of the season.

Yet despite his woes, whatever side he sends into battle against the Saints are certain to display the sort of intensity and determination that is always present in each and every team he selects.

Often outworking their opponents, Newell has managed to turn the Hatters into dogged opponents even though he has lost some key men in recent times.

One mainstay of his success story has been keeper Marlon Beresford, the veteran ex-Burnley keeper who rarely seems to have a bad day. Unfortunate to be sent-off against Preston earlier this month, he will be a formidable last line of defence here this afternoon.



Marlon Beresford



Chris Coyne



Markus Heikkinen



Leon Barnett



Warren Feeney



Steve Robinson

Newell's defensive plans have been disrupted by injury concerns in recent weeks, while Sol Davis' illness has also been a major blow. However, it seems that most of his first choice stars are coming back to their best now and that should allow the Hatters to stabilise at the back.

Irish defender Kevin Foley is a full international in the making, while 20-year-old Leon Barnett and Lewis Emmanuel are defensive stars making waves at Championship level. Finland international Markus Heikkinen adds a touch of experience, as does the reliable and the versatile pair of Russell Perrett and Peter Holmes, but Newell is short of back-up without the stricken Davis.

The star turn of the Luton side this season has undoubtedly been Carlos Edwards, who has taken the fine form he showed with Trinidad and Tobago in last summer's World Cup finals onto the Championship stage. A real threat bursting forward, he has been linked with a move away from Kenilworth Road, but has stayed loyal to the Hatter's cause.

Richard Langley, formerly of QPR, and Steve Robinson, the Northern Ireland international, provide experience and equality in abundance at the heart of this side and the gifted Ahmet

Brkovic is always capable of changing the course of a game by producing a moment of magic.

Youngster David Bell has impressed this season by scoring in the wins against Birmingham and Leeds and 21-year-old Stephen O'Leary has also seen plenty of first-team action so far.

Newell has been full of praise for his forward players this season after the summer exit of Steve Howard to Derby and Rowan Vine, in particular, has stepped up to the plate to provide the goals that any promotion chasing side require. Among the leading scorers in this division, he will be a threat at St Mary's Stadium.

Northern Ireland striker Warren Feeney, along with summer signings Adam Boyd and Sam Parkin will battle it out to partner Vine.

If this unit clicks into gear today, Luton will be a tough nut for the Saints to crack.

THE MEDIA MEN

It may be one of the smallest grounds in the Championship division, yet lifelong Luton Town fan Nick Owen still feels a shiver down his spine as he walks through the gates at Kenilworth Road.

Some way behind the standards of many modern stadia, Luton's 10,300-seater home may lack a touch of luxury, but Nick tells us that he will shed a tear or two if his beloved Hatters eventually manage to find a new base to realise their ambitions.

"I have been fortunate enough to visit most of the finest football stadiums in the world down the years, but I will always have a very soft spot for Kenilworth Road," begins the BBC Midlands Today front man. "At the end of the day, that stadium has so many memories for me, so much history and I will never forget the great occasions I have been a part of there."

"It's obvious that we need to move on to a more modern arena, but we have been talking about this problem for nearly 50 years now and nothing seems to happen. I have to believe it will happen one day soon."



"At the end of the day, the wages Luton can pay with our current income means that we are going to lose some of our star players from time to time. We have seen Curtis Davies, Steve Howard and Kevin Nicholls move on in recent times and I just hope Mike Newell can hang onto his better players for the rest of this season and beyond."

The suggestion of a ground share with the Milton Keynes Dons sends a different kind of shiver down Nick's spine, but he admits the idea of moving into a ready made new stadium may have to be an option at some point.

"Let's dream for a moment and imagine that Mike Newell gets Luton into the Premiership," he continues. "At that point, we would have to look at a new stadium and that's when the Milton Keynes idea may have to be looked at, but I don't like the principle of ground sharing. I hope we can get a new stadium without going down that route."

A fan of Hatters boss Newell, Nick is delighted that he is still at the club after some recent high profile difficulties. "Mike has told me that he is very happy at Luton and I hope that remains the case because he has got the team playing some great football in the last few years," reflects the recent recipient of the prestigious Baird Medal for Outstanding Services to Broadcasting.

"Along with assistant Brian Stein, he has produced a few miracles in the last couple of years and I can understand why he is linked with virtually every job that comes up in the game. He's a top class manager with a great talent for picking up players in the lower leagues and bringing the best out of them."

Nick remembers last season's running of this fixture for the famous goal scored by Theo Walcott and he is hoping for a different result this time around. "I'm not sure if that goal was good news for Southampton in the long run because it raised Walcott's profile so much to the point where he left the club," he adds.

"I'm sure we will give Southampton a good game and with a few of our players coming back to fitness, we should get back to winning ways very soon."

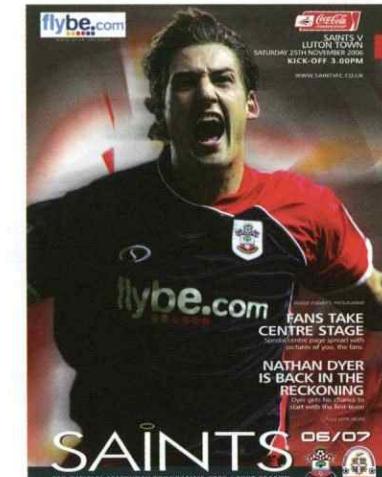
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SANDY DAVIE

Former Scotland U-23 goalkeeper Sandy Davie understudied Eric Martin at Southampton. Initially with Butterburn YC, he joined Dundee United in August 1961 and was sold to Luton Town for £8,000 in October 1968. He starred in their 1969-70 promotion success and moved to The Dell for £12,500 in May 1970. His only First Division appearance was in Saints' 5-1 defeat at Manchester United in February 1971 and he rejoined Dundee United for £8,000 in May 1972. He was a Scottish Cup finalist shortly before emigrating to New Zealand in July 1974, playing for North Shore United and North Auckland Suburbs.

KEVIN DAVIES

England U-21 striker Kevin Davies had two spells at Southampton. Signing professional for Chesterfield in April 1994, he starred in their 1994-95 promotion success and 1996-97 FA Cup run. He joined Saints for £750,000 in May 1997 and was runner-up to Michael Owen as the Premiership's Young Player of the Year in 1997-98, moving to Blackburn Rovers for £7.25m in June 1998. Returning to Saints as part of the Egil Ostenstad deal in August 1999, he netted 19 goals in 107 Premiership games overall and was loaned to Millwall prior to joining Bolton Wanderers in July 2003. He scored for them in the 2004 Carling Cup final.

RON DAVIES

Welsh right-back Ron Davies was ever-present in Southampton's 1959-60 Third Division title success. Starting with Merthyr Tydfil, he joined Cardiff City in October 1952 and gained top-flight experience before Ted Bates paid £7,000 for him in March 1958. He also helped Saints reach the League Cup quarter-finals in 1960-61 and made 161 League appearances prior to joining Aldershot in August 1964. Moving to Andover in June 1967, he ran a sports shop in Totton with his ex-Saints team-mate Ian White, then was manager of Winchester Snooker Centre for 17 years until retiring in January 1997 and still lives locally.

RON DAVIES

Welsh international centre-forward Ron Davies was Southampton's leading marksman in three successive seasons. Signing professional for Chester in July 1959, he moved to Luton Town for £10,000 in October 1962, then Norwich City for £35,000 in September 1963. Ted Bates paid a record £55,000 for him in August 1966 and he scored 134 goals in 240 First Division games for Saints before joining Portsmouth for £45,000 in April 1973. He then had spells with Manchester United, Arcadia Shepherds, Millwall, Los Angeles Aztecs, Dorchester Town, Tulsa Roughnecks and Seattle Sounders, settling in the United States.

KELVIN DAVIS

George Burley spent big to bring Davis to Southampton, snapping him up from Sunderland in the summer of 2006 for a fee which could rise to £1.25million. Born in Bedford he came highly recommended by goalkeeping coach Malcolm Webster who worked with him during his time at Ipswich. He began his playing career at Luton Town, making 91 appearances, and was also sent on loan to Torquay United and Hartlepool in 1994 and 1997 respectively. In 1999 he moved to MK Dons making a total of 131 appearances before securing a move to Ipswich Town in 2003. He spent two years at Portman Road making 84 appearances. He was signed by Mick McCarthy for Sunderland following their promotion to the Premiership and made his Saints league debut in the 2006/7 championship curtain raiser against Derby. He has been an ever-present this season.

RICHARD DAVIS

Young left-back Richard Davis understudied Denis Hollywood while at Southampton. A former Plymouth Argyle apprentice, he turned professional in November 1961 and made his League debut in their 3-2 defeat at Derby County in March 1963. He moved to The Dell in July 1964 and his solitary Second Division appearance was in Saints' 4-0 defeat at Plymouth seven months later. Joining Bristol City in July 1965, he moved to Barrow in March 1969 and was later Falmouth Town's

Norman Dean - helped Saints win promotion in 1965-66.

NORMAN DEAN

Centre-forward Norman Dean helped Southampton win promotion to the top-flight in 1965-66, scoring a hat-trick in that season's 5-2 win at Portsmouth. Initially with hometown Corby, he signed professional for Saints in April 1963 and was a regular scorer in the reserves before netting on his League debut in the 4-3 defeat at Norwich in September 1965. Scoring 11 goals in 18 Second Division games for Saints, he joined Cardiff City for £6,000 in March 1967 and starred as they were ECWC semi-finalists in 1967-68. He later played for Barnsley and Corby and now works for the St Mary's security team.



STEVE DAVIS

Tall central defender Steve Davis gained top-flight experience while at Southampton. A former trainee at The Dell, he signed professional in July 1987 and made his League debut while on loan to Burnley. He played six First Division games for Saints before rejoining Burnley for £60,000 in August 1991. Starring in their 1991-92 and 1993-94 promotion campaigns, he was sold to Luton Town for £750,000 in July 1995. He helped qualify for the Second Division play-offs in 1996-97, then returned to Burnley for £800,000 in December 1998. A promotion winner again in 1999-2000, he later played for Blackpool and York City.

KEVIN DAWTRY

Midfielder Kevin Dawtry was a young member of Lawrie McMenemy's squad at Southampton. Locally born, he turned professional at The Dell in June 1976 and his solitary League appearance was as substitute in Saints' 1-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest in May 1979. He joined Crystal Palace in May 1980 and moved to AFC Bournemouth in March 1981, featuring in their 1981-82 promotion success. Joining Road Sea Southampton in August 1983, he later played for Salisbury, Fareham Town, Gosport Borough, Salisbury again and Blackfield & Langley. He is now a production planner for Exxon Chemical at Fawley refinery.

ERIC DAY

Fast, aggressive forward Eric Day was Southampton's leading goalscorer in three successive seasons. Discovered playing in the RAF, he joined Saints in April 1945 and made his League debut in the 3-1 defeat at Millwall in November 1946. He featured in consecutive promotion near-misses and partnered the likes of Ted Bates, George Curtis, Charlie Wayman and Eddie Brown in Saints' attack, netting 145 goals in 398 League outings while at The Dell before moving to Gravesend & Northfleet in June 1957. Starring in their 1957-58 Southern League title triumph, he became caretaker at Hartham Park estate in Corsham, Wiltshire.

AGUSTIN DELGADO

Ecuador international striker Agustin Delgado was plagued by injury problems while at Southampton. He starred for Espoli, El Nacional, Barcelona and Cruz Azul in his native country, then Mexican side Necaxa before joining Saints for £3,500,000 in November 2001. Given his Premiership debut in the 3-1 defeat at home to Manchester United two months later, he appeared for Ecuador in the 2002 World Cup. He scored in Saints' 2002-03 Worthington Cup third round defeat at Liverpool but made just 11 Premiership appearances prior to joining Pumas Unam in March 2004, playing against England in the 2006 World Cup.

Leigh Edwards

BETTING ODDS

Kevin McMahon

Four good away points at Sunderland and Leeds have certainly helped alleviate the frustration of only drawing against Hull here and convinced our pundits that a Saints win is on the cards this afternoon.

All eight of the panel believe George's Boys will pick up all three points and not only will this help propel us up the table but could raise some much needed funds for our local charities.

Our in-house bookmakers are generously donating £200 every home game this season and this will be evenly split between each winning tipster's chosen charity. If no one calls the final score correctly the money is simply carried forward to the next match here at St Mary's. That's the case this week after none of the gang thought Hull would hold us to a draw which now means there is £400 in the kitty.

The odds compilers also agree that Saints look good for the win and make the home victory a 4-7 shot with the Hatters on offer at 4-1 and the draw available at 5-2. On recent results, you can not argue with this. While Saints have picked up a very useful eight points in their last four

Coca-Cola Championship games, Luton are on a nightmare run. Mike Newell's men have now lost five consecutive league matches with just two goals scored and a massive 15 conceded. The St Mary's regulars know better than to count our chickens but everything points to a home win and we recommend backing the team to be in front at both half and full-time at 5-4.

Correct score punters should be on safe ground in predicting that Saints will keep a clean sheet. Only two Championship sides (Preston and QPR) have netted here with our defence boasting a very impressive six clean sheets in eight home Championship fixtures. The logical final score would appear to be 2-0 to the Saints which is on offer at 6-1 with Ladbrokes.

It was a joy to see Grzegorz Rasiak end his barren run with those two strikes at Elland Road and the Pole is now just 4-1 to win the Championship Golden Boot. Although Grzegorz has been more prolific away from home (with seven of his 10 goals coming on his travels) we must back him at 4-1 to break the deadlock today.

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LADBROKES CORRECT SCORE ODDS

Saints	1-0:	6-1	Luton	1-0:	8-1	Draw	0-0 :	8-1
Saints	2-0:	6-1	Luton	2-0:	20-1	Draw	1-1 :	11-2
Saints	2-1:	7-1	Luton	2-1:	16-1	Draw	2-2 :	14-1
Saints	3-0:	10-1	Luton	3-0:	66-1	Draw	3-3 :	50-1
Saints	3-1:	9-1	Luton	3-1:	40-1			

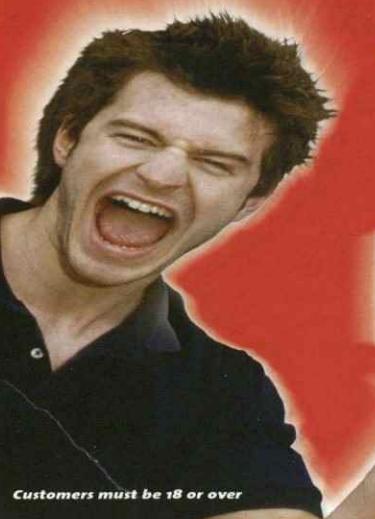
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**MATT LE TISSIER**

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I think Luton will keep it tight and try to nick a point to end their losing streak and we may only manage to break them down the once.

SAINTS TO WIN 1-0

**JIMMY CASE**

Supporting Hampshire Deaf Association

We are striving for a level of consistency and look to be finding some. I think we will continue this good run.

SAINTS TO WIN 2-0

**GRAHAM HILEY**

Supporting Rose Road Association

There will be a lot less space to play than there was at Leeds and I can see this being hard work.

SAINTS TO WIN 1-0

**ROBIN HUTCHISON**

Supporting Countess Mountbatten and Oakhaven Hospices

We've made Saints our strong favourites this afternoon and recent form suggests they will reward our confidence.

SAINTS TO WIN 2-0

**KEVIN MCMAHON**

Supporting The Cinnamon Trust for Pets

All the stats point to a Saints win with the defence keeping yet another St Mary's clean sheet.

**TONY HUSBAND**

Supporting NSPCC

Two excellent away performances of late should set Saints up for all three points this afternoon.

SAINTS TO WIN 2-0

**DAVE KING**

Supporting Hampshire Autistic Society

Luton are on a bad run and I can't see them breaking it at here today.

**COLIN YOUNG**

Supporting Saints in the Community

After two great away performances Saints should finally get a convincing home win to get us firmly back in the promotion hunt.

SAINTS TO WIN 2-0

SAINTS TO WIN 3-0

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Ladbrokes first scorer odds

SAINTS		
01	Kelvin Davis	-
02	Alexander Ostlund	28-1
03	Pele	16-1
04	Marcelo Sarmiento	14-1
05	Claus Lundekvam	33-1
06	Darren Powell	-
07	Rudi Skacel	7-1
08	Bradley Wright-Phillips	9-2
09	Grzegorz Rasiak	4-1
10	Jermaine Wright	16-1
11	Michael Svensson	-
12	Mario Licka	11-1
14	Inigo Idiakoz	10-1
15	Kenwyne Jones	9-2
16	Martin Cranie	-
17	Djamel Belmadi	-
18	Nathan Dyer	6-1
19	Chris Makin	50-1
20	David Prutton	-
21	Chris Baird	40-1
22	Gareth Bale	9-1
23	Jhon Villafra	12-1
25	Michael Poke	-
26	Kevin Miller	-
28	Bartosz Bialkowski	-
29	Andrew Surman	12-1
35	David McGoldrick	6-1
41	Adam Lallana	6-1
LUTON TOWN		
01	Marlon Beresford	-
02	Kevin Foley	66-1
03	Sol Davis	-
04	Chris Coyne	33-1
05	Russell Perrett	50-1
06	Paul Underwood	-
07	Carlos Edwards	14-1
08	Steve Robinson	20-1
09	Rowan Vine	-
10	Warren Feeney	8-1
11	Dean Morgan	9-1
14	Michael Leary	-
15	Stephen O'Leary	20-1
16	Lewis Emanuel	16-1
17	Richard Langley	16-1
18	Ahmet Brkovic	11-1
20	Adam Boyd	8-1
21	Keith Keane	20-1
22	Danny Stevens	-
24	Shaun Ross	-
25	Leon Barnett	50-1
26	Markus Heikkinen	33-1
27	Peter Holmes	16-1
28	David Bell	18-1
29	Calvin Andrew	-
33	Dean Brill	-
34	Zac Barrett	-
35	Chris Pendleton	-



PRUTTON BACK IN ACTION

Graham Hiley

David Prutton made his long-awaited return to action as Saints Reserves suffered a shock 1-0 defeat at Eastleigh this week.

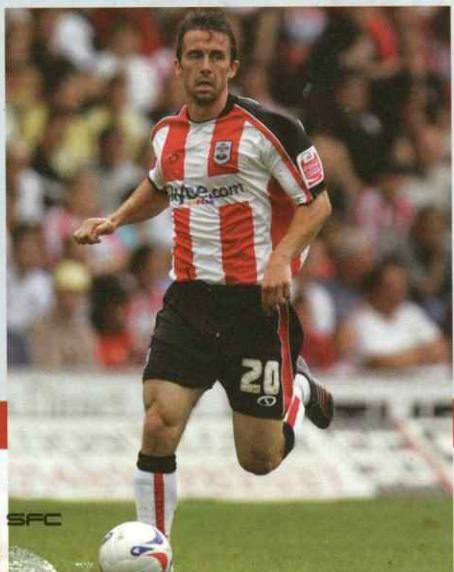
Stewart Henderson's men went down to a freak 45-yard free-kick from Martin Beck, reminiscent of Ronaldinho's memorable goal against England in the 2002 World Cup finals.

But the big plus from the night was Prutton successfully coming through 90 minutes for the first time in 10 months. He picked up a bad ankle injury in the FA Cup win at Leicester in January which kept him out until the final fixture of the season. Although he appeared to come through pre-season strongly and scored against Panathinaikos, he suffered a recurrence of the problem and needed surgery.

Now, after three months on the sidelines, he is back in training and raring to go again. He said: "I felt really good. I have been working hard since the injury and the operation and always wanted to play the full match at Eastleigh if I could. I did not want to come off at half-time and take it easy. I wanted to see how long I could keep going.

"Assuming there is no reaction then I will be available for selection which will be a major bonus for me after so long out."

SAINTS RES: BIAŁKOWSKI, HATCH, BYRNE, JAMES, THOMSON, PRUTTON, DYER, SARMIENTO (SPARV 77), LALLANA, MCGOLDRICK (BASEYA 77), BEST (WHITE 77). **SUBS:** CONDESSA, PATERSON, POKE.



David Prutton in action for the Reserves.

PONTINS HOLIDAYS COMBINATION CENTRAL Reserve League

DATE	OPPOSITION	KO
Tue Aug 15th	Wycombe Wanderers	H 1-0
Tue Aug 29th	AFC Bournemouth	A 3-1
Tue Sep 26th	QPR	A 3-0
Tue Oct 3rd	Crystal Palace	H 2-0
Tue Oct 10th	Millwall	H 3-2
Tue Nov 15th	Aldershot Town	A 2-1
Wed Dec 13th	Wycombe Wanderers	A 2pm
Tue Jan 23rd	Brighton & Hove Albion	H 7pm*
Tue Feb 6th	Millwall	A 2pm
Tue Feb 27th	QPR	H 7pm*
Wed Mar 7th	Brighton & Hove Albion	A 7pm
Tue Mar 20th	AFC Bournemouth	H 7pm*
Wed Apr 11th	Crystal Palace	A 7pm
Tue Apr 24th	Aldershot Town	H 7pm *

*to be played at Staplewood

The previous week Saints Reserves made it six wins out of six in the Pontins Holidays Combination League with a hard-fought 2-1 success at Aldershot.

They took the lead on 25 minutes when a Lloyd James corner was flicked on and Josh Dutton-Black headed in at the far post.

Bartosz Bialkowski saved a penalty for a shirt-tug by Jake Thompson before the Shots beat the offside trap to level.

Saints won it five minutes from time when another James corner was flicked on by Adam Lallana and Cedric Bassey prodded in. The only downside was the loss of Michael Svensson at half-time with a minor knee injury.

SAINTS RES: BARTOSZ BIAŁKOWSKI, JAKE THOMPSON, JOSEPH MILLS, LLOYD JAMES, OLIVER LANCASHIRE (ADAM LALLANA 45), MICHAEL SVENSSON (JAMIE WHITE 45), FELICIANO CONDESSO, CEDRIC BASEYA, LÉON BEST, MARCELO SARMIENTO (SIMON GILLET 45), JOSH DUTTON-BLACK.

UNUSED SUBS: KEVIN MILLER, MATTHEW PATTERSON.

THE CENTRE-BACK WHO GOT AWAY

Ian Carnaby

STEVE DAVIS WAS A YOUNG SAINT WHO PLAYED ONLY A HANDFUL OF GAMES FOR THE FIRST-TEAM. BUT HE MORE THAN MADE UP FOR IT AT LUTON AND POINTS NORTH.

Steve Davis, later a cultured (and free-scoring) defender with Burnley and today's opponents Luton Town, trod a familiar path from the north-east to The Dell as a trainee. Eventually given his chance in the first team in 1990, he lined up alongside Matt Le Tissier and Alan Shearer in a team which gave Chris Nicholl his best finishing position as manager - seventh in the old First Division. Sadly, he would start only four more matches.

"Yes, it was very disappointing, but I have no regrets", he told me this week.

"To be part of that team, even for a short time, was pretty special. It wasn't easy, you know. Southampton had Russell Osman and Kevin Moore, with Neil Ruddock on the bench when I played.

"But the main problem was that I wasn't really Chris's type of centre-back. He was a very uncompromising defender himself, as we know, and I suppose he thought I took too many risks. People didn't often try to bring the ball out of defence, Rio Ferdinand style, in those days and I

Steve Davis - made his debut against Norwich Feb 1990



In a run of four matches, starting with the 4-1 home victory over Norwich, Southampton's favourite son scored seven times, including two hat-tricks. The following year, when Davis started once and came on as sub against Luton, Le Tissier scored twice more against the Hatters in a 4-3 victory at Kenilworth Road.

"Maybe they should have kept me around a bit longer and he'd have scored even more!" Davis laughed. "He and Alan Shearer were phenomenal players and Matt is rightly idolised for his loyalty to the Saints. He hasn't changed at all, either, judging from those appearances on Sky. He's doing well and is totally laid back. I notice he never wears a tie. Maybe he can't get it on!"

When players leave Southampton it is invariably with regret.

"I was very happy there", Davis continued. "I stayed with goalkeeper Keith Granger's parents in Lordhill and still keep in touch with them. But I was bound to move on when Ian Branfoot took over from Chris because he would never have played me. I was training with the schoolboys when the rest of the pros went down to Devon, so that was it. I was disappointed to leave, but delighted to go to Burnley, who'd already taken me on loan".

His love affair with the Turf Moor club is ongoing, with Davis now first team coach. But the fascinating thing in his career is the way he became a good deal more expensive as he matured. He is far too modest to suggest that Saints missed out, though he smiles wryly when reminded that, out of favour or not, the club still wanted £60,000 for him.

Burnley, it is fair to say, were down among the dead men in the old Division 4 when he signed. But matters soon improved and they gained promotion to Division 1 - now the Championship

- before he moved to Luton in July, 1995. The fee was an impressive £750,000.

"I loved my time at Luton", he recalled. "David Pleat had just gone, Terry Westley took over briefly and then I played under Lennie Lawrence, who encouraged good, attacking football. There were some very good players there at the time, including Graham Alexander, Marvin Johnson, Mitchell Thomas and Tony Thorpe, not forgetting Kelvin Davis in goal, of course! They're a club with a reputation for attractive football and the last year I was there, up to the end of 1998, was one of the best periods in my whole career".

He gave Luton tremendous service. In three and a half seasons he played 138 League matches, hardly ever missing out, and scored 21 goals.

"Quite a few of them were headers from set pieces but I took some free-kicks as well and got forward whenever possible. It's not a bad strike-rate for a centre-back, and it continued when I went back to Burnley", he said.

When pressed for special memories of his time with each of today's clubs, he opts for Le Tissier's hat-trick against Norwich on the day he made his debut and a League Cup-tie when Luton edged through against a talented Ipswich team.

"Just being on the pitch when Matt scored three was special, but one of them, the second I think, was out of this world. In the match against Ipswich we'd lost the first leg but there was a very special atmosphere at Kenilworth Road for the return, one of those great Cup nights. I managed to score at both ends, then Marvin Johnson got one in the last minute to take us through".

Steve Davis - "I was very happy at Southampton."



Luton went down to Division 2 during Davis' time there but his own reputation was, if anything, enhanced. Indeed, Burnley wanted him back and Stan Ternent, having just taken over, went to £800,000 to make it possible midway through the 1998-99 season. The Clarets were on the up and returned to Division 1 in 2000. Davis added another 21 goals during a four-year stint.

"The fans were delighted when I came back", he said. "I've always had a good relationship with them. I'm a Hexham lad and there have always been strong links between Burnley and the north-east. The same is true of Southampton, when you think of Shearer, Neil Maddison, Tommy Widdrington and Phil Parkinson. Dave Merrington and Brian O'Neil link all three places, of course".

Davis moved on to Blackpool and York City before returning to Turf Moor as first team coach. His has been a long and successful career and it is good to talk to someone who is grateful for it.

"Yes, there were one or two knocks towards the end but if you'd said to me, when I started out all those years ago, that I'd play around 600 matches and score 76 goals, I'd have snatched your hand off. The game has been good to me and I hope there's still plenty to come. I've done my coaching badges and I'd like to go into management one day. At the moment I'm still learning but Burnley are doing well and my family and I are very happy here".

As someone closely connected over the years with three teams who find themselves in an increasingly congested Championship, his views are well worth hearing - especially as Burnley boss Steve Cotterill came right out with it last week and said that West Brom, comfortable 3-0 winners when the teams met at The Hawthorns, have easily the strongest squad.

"I'm not so sure", Davis said. "I think we can all see that nobody will pull clear as Reading did last year.

"Quite honestly, there isn't that much in terms of ability between the top and bottom teams. Anyone can beat anyone else on a given day and it'll come down to consistency in the end".

He'll be back in Southampton with Burnley on 13 January, no doubt giving Mr and Mrs Granger a call. It's nice to think he didn't get away entirely.

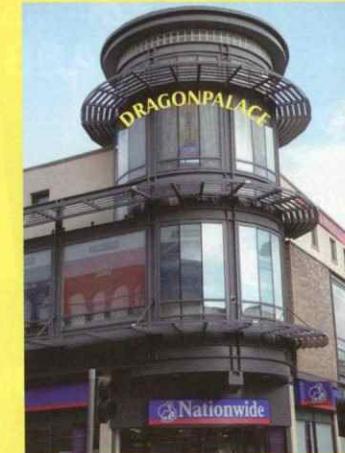


Steve Davis - now head coach with Burnley

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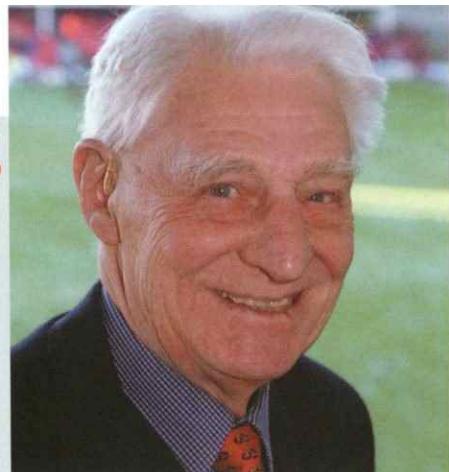
Ted Bates laid the foundations for Southampton Football Club and now Saints are laying the foundations for Ted Bates.

Monday will see the Turning of the First Sod as work begins for the erection of the statue in tribute to the club legend.

Ted gave an unprecedented 66 years of service to the club as player, manager, chief executive, director and president until his death in November 2003.

The Ted Bates Trust have raised around £45,000 towards the cost of a statue with the club matching that amount.

Sculptor Ian Brennan is close to completing the 11-foot bronze statue which will stand on a five-foot plinth. The statue will be situated in front of the stadium in place of the middle flagpole which has already been removed in readiness for the digging to begin.



The first sod of earth will be dug by Ted Bates' grandchildren Steven and Samantha on Monday but the work has meant that the pavers around the flagpole have had to be moved a short distance to just in front of Turnstile A.

The club have notified most of those affected however a few records went missing in the move to the new stadium. If you bought one of the first pavers around the middle flagpole, please contact Sarah Draper of Supporter Services on 023 8071 1912 or email sdraper@saintsfc.co.uk so that our records can be updated.

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HULL: MYHILL, RICKETTS, COLES, TURNER, DAWSON, FAGAN, MARNEY (WELSH 80), JARRETT, DELANEY, ELLIOTT, PARKIN. SUBS: FORSTER, BRIDGES, BARMBY, DUKE.

REFEREE: TONY BATES (STAFFS) ATTENDANCE: 20,560

Saints were kept at bay by the Tigers as they were held to a difficult draw by a battling Hull side.

After the impressive 2-0 win over Wolves, this was a frustrating afternoon for Saints who could not be faulted for effort. They simply could not find a way through the robust and determined opposition whose goalkeeper Boaz Myhill was in inspired form.

The relegation-threatened visitors made it clear from the outset they were happy with a point, putting 10 men behind the ball and challenging Saints to cut their way through the midfield minefield.

The home side made a lively start with both Rudi Skacel and Wright-Phillips going close before Inigo Idiakiez had a wicked in-swinging corner cleared off the line on 18 minutes.

Hull left just battering-ram centre-forward Jon Parkin up front and he almost forced a goal on 26 minutes. From a free-kick he turned smartly and shot, only to see his effort blocked by Gareth Bale and kicked clear by Kelvin Davis who kept a second successive clean sheet.

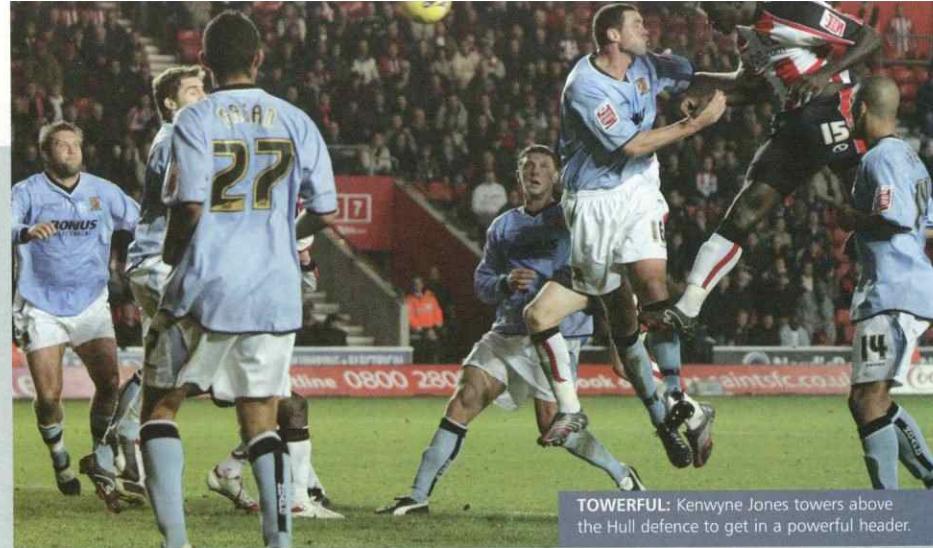
Saints' best chances came in the second half and they went closest on 53 minutes when Idiakiez clipped a superb free-kick against the outside of the right post.

Kenwyne Jones also shaved the woodwork with a late header while Rudi Skacel went close with a series of long-range shots and saw his corner cleared off the line at the death as the Tigers held on.

Carl Noyce



BAIRD WATCHING: Chris Baird and Jonathan Parkin keep their eyes on the ball.



TOWERFUL: Kenwyne Jones towers above the Hull defence to get in a powerful header.



SKACEL SCORCHER: Rudi Skacel fires in a fierce shot from the edge of the box.



PAST THE POST: Bradley Wright-Phillips tries to get on the end of another Saints chance.





Saints are putting fans in the picture this season – and not just with improved communication.

St Mary's has undergone a facelift with large photographs of supporters now decorating the walls around the ground, supplied by Cedar the printers of this matchday programme. They are dotted around the concourses, the offices and the reception areas to make the stadium feel like home for the people who make the club what it is – the fans.

Many have already spotted themselves in one or more of the pictures and have asked if they can buy a print. Now all the photos are available to buy from www.saintsfcpics.com with prices starting from as little as £3.99. The site has a wide range of other pictures ranging from match action to Saints legends, the Dell years, St Mary's, community and classic action pictures.

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MATCHDAY MAYHEM

It will be a heavenly afternoon today as Saints are joined by a group of angels.

The News of the World Score Angels will be strutting their stuff on the pitch before the game and at half-time.

The girls, aged between 22 and 28, are all professionally trained dancers who have worked with the likes of Robbie Williams, Madonna and Take That. They will also be giving out leaflets and car stickers as part of a nationwide tour of Premiership and Coca-Cola Championship grounds.

The girls will be taking to the field at around 2.45pm and again at half-time as part of Mike Osman's matchday mayhem. It starts when the stadium opens at 1.30pm and fans arriving early can buy a pint of beer, a 187ml bottle of wine, a 440ml can of cider or a hot dog at the concourse outlets for just £2, subject to licence. And children are not forgotten either. All those buying a soft drink before 2pm will receive a free chunky Kit-Kat.



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A STEADY STREAM OF YOUNG TALENT

John Hughes

ROD RUDDICK - BATH ACADEMY MANAGER

Rod Ruddick, manager of Saints' flourishing Satellite Academy at Bath, has overseen a steady stream of young talent emerging from the Somerset city during the last 17 years.

Heading the hit parade are Bath-born Jason Dodd, who went on to make 481 appearances for Saints, and Gareth Bale, the club's current Welsh international left-back who hails from Cardiff.

"Composure and comfort on the ball, that's what you first look for in a lad starting out," he stresses. "That special ability jumps out at you.

"Doddsy was always comfortable on the ball, he scarcely ever gave it away. Young Gareth is also very good on the ball."

Martin Cranie, from Yeovil, and Nathan Dyer (Trowbridge), two more youngsters with first-team experience at Saints, have also trodden the well-worn path from Bath. So too, has Lloyd James, a Wales Under-21 midfielder from Bristol who is a regular in the Reserves.

Other past products include Marcus Stewart, Darren Eadie, Jamie Cureton and Gareth Taylor, along with players who reached Saints' senior side, such as Andy Williams, Matthew Bound, Paul Tisdale and Matthew Robinson.

The experienced Ruddick, now 63, worked part-time as a Saints scout for four years and then for nine years from 1989 as manager of the new

Bath Centre of Excellence. Ken Wimhurst, the stylish one-time Saints midfielder who now lives in Spain, was the Centre's director and top coach.

When the new Academy in Southampton was launched in 1998 he became manager on a full-time basis when the club snapped up the chance to operate a Satellite Academy, provision having been granted by the Football Association for coastal clubs to apply. Saints, progressive in their thinking, were the only ones to do so and are still the sole club with dual Academies.

Thirty players aged 9-16 are now at the Bath-based set-up and, on welfare grounds, the FA limit car travel from home to an hour each way for those up to the age of 12 and 90 minutes for the older players.

But this second Academy enables the club to trawl an area up to three hours' drive from Southampton - compensating for the fact that there is only sea to the south!



"You are always on the look-out for something special, that little extra," says Ruddick. "I spotted Bale as a nine-year-old two pitches away during a six-a-side match in Newport, Wales, while Dodd's mum wouldn't let him go at 15! But I kept on recommending him to Chris Nicholl, who was Saints' manager at the time, and eventually he was signed from Bath City."

"At the Bath Academy we treat the boys equally and yet differently. Some you put an arm round, others you need to speak to bluntly."

"Standards are high because if you uproot a kid some distance from home he's got to be good to justify that disruption. We concentrate on general technique, first touch being very important, and believe in stretching players, making them mentally strong. Josh Holt is the senior coach, Nigel Quincey takes the older players."

There are three age groups, 9-10, 11-13 and 14-16, and players from the two Academies have to integrate once a week. They do this at Sunday matches.

Rod Ruddick is a man constantly on the move in his quest to maintain standards, unearth new talent and build up a database of players.

A glance at one of his busy week's schedule emphasises the point.

MONDAY: Newport (Wales) v Weymouth Under-18 FA Youth Cup-tie.
TUESDAY: Gloucestershire v Dorset Under-16 Schools' match at Yate, near Bristol.
WEDNESDAY: Wales v Cyprus full international at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.
THURSDAY: Republic of Ireland v Wales Under-16 international in Dublin.
FRIDAY: Fly back from Dublin for office work and preparation for the following week.
SATURDAY: Take in Academy matches before meeting trialists and their parents at Bath Academy.
SUNDAY: Watch Academy matches at Bristol City's ground.

As we chat at the Marchwood training ground, Ruddick's mobile 'phone rings out - not for the first time. The call is from Holland with details of a forthcoming tournament in that country.

"Saints always look to sign the best local lads, but you have to look abroad as well," he explains. "You can never have enough quality."

Rod and his wife Trish, who have been married for 42 years, live at Midsomer Norton, 15 miles south of their home city of Bath. Two of their five children - three are boys - run a landscaping business that he set up more than 20 years ago.

Before that he started out in newspaper production in Bath and then worked for Avon County Council in Bristol, supervising the maintenance of old people's homes and school sports grounds.

Music is his big love away from football. Talented at playing the piano and trumpet, he has performed in brass bands on the Continent.

"Yes, I enjoy my music and, as I spend so much time on the road, I always have brass band and Irish stuff with me to put on in the car," he laughs. "I work away from home a lot, but for me football is a way of life, not a job!"



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TOUGH TIE FOR SAINTS YOUNGSTERS

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They have been drawn away to Stockport who beat Darlington 2-1 this week.

Saints will be bidding to go one better than last year when they reached the semi-finals before losing on penalties to eventual winners Liverpool. But it will be a tough test as Stockport have a good young side and Saints are unlikely to call upon Gareth Bale who has pushed through to the first-team.

The Under 18s slumped to a disappointing 4-2 defeat at home to Crystal Palace last week.

The Londoners were 2-0 up by half-time and extended their lead to 4-0 after the break before Georges Prost's team pulled a couple back late on.

A fine individual goal from Jamie White made it 4-1 before Jake Thomson added a second consolation from the penalty spot in injury-time.

TEAM: RONDOS, MCNISH (READ 78), HATCH, BYRNE, MILLS, MCLAGGON, JAMES, THOMSON, PATERSON, WHITE, BASEYA (DOBLE 65).

Saints Under 16s went down 3-2 to Crystal Palace despite goals from Aaron Racine and second half substitute Barker.

And although they did not get the result, coach Kevin Braybrook said he was pleased with the performance.

He explained: "We are obviously a little bit disappointed with the result but there were lots of encouraging things about the performance for me.

"They worked very hard and they are beginning to show their potential.

"If they continue to put that effort in I am confident that we will see one or two more of these players pushing on towards the Under 18s side."

TEAM: SWIFT, CARTER, HARRIS, RACINE, TRIALIST, TRIALIST, MASON, DUNN, REEVES, GARRON, PREEN.
SUB: BARKER.

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Sat Sep 23rd	Arsenal	H 3-4
Sat Sep 30th	Fulham	A 9-1
Sat Oct 7th	Chelsea	H 1-2
Sat Oct 14th	Ipswich Town	A 2-2
Sat Oct 21st	Millwall	H 3-2
Wed Oct 25th	Tottenham	A 2-1
Sat Nov 4th	Charlton Athletic	H 4-1
Sat Nov 11th	West Ham United	A 0-1
Sat Nov 18th	Crystal Palace	H 2-4
Sat Dec 2th	Norwich City	A
Sat Dec 9th	Ipswich Town	H
Sat Jan 6th	Millwall	A
Sat Jan 13th	Charlton Athletic	A
Sat Jan 20th	West Ham United 4th Round	H
Sat Feb 3rd	Crystal Palace 5th Round	A
Sat Feb 10th	Norwich City	H
Sat Feb 17th	Arsenal 6th Round	A
Sat Feb 24th	Fulham	H
Sat Mar 3rd	Chelsea	A
Sat Mar 10th	Leicester City	H Inter
Sat Mar 17th	Reading	A Inter
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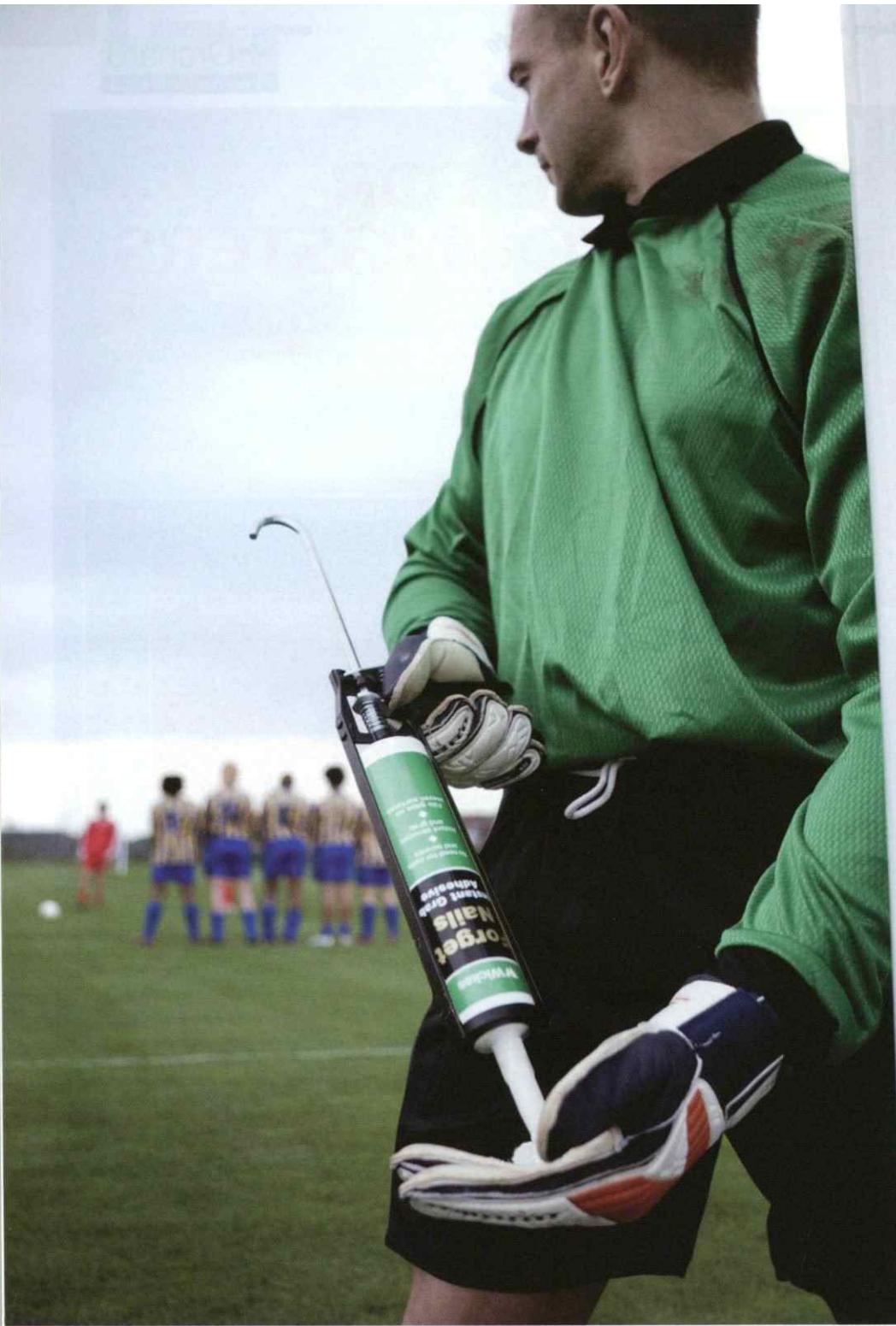


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To Thomas Stonehouse - Wishing you a very special 9th birthday, enjoy the game today. Lots of love from Dad, Mum and Viki xxx

Craig Baldwin - Happy 18th Birthday for today. Lots of love Mum, Dad, Hayley and Hollie. xx



Happy belated birthday to Daniel Tombs who was 10 on 14th October, Lewis Lovelock who was 14 on 24th November and Stephanie Tombs who was 14 on 13th November. We stayed in the same hotel as the players for the Leicester away match, and the team were fantastic, signing autographs etc. With love from both families, Gerald and Kathryn, Wayne and Nicola.

Ethan Barnard - Happy 7th Birthday. A Saints supporter through and through. With love Nanny, Grandad and Auntie Ann.



Happy 18th Birthday to our lovely Stacey Morrissey. Hope you have a fab day!! We love you from Mum, Dad, Ryan and Liam xxxx

Happy 20th Birthday to Jessica Macdonald for 25th November. Have a great day. Lots of love Daniel, Kylie, Dad and all the family.



Happy Birthday Mum and Dad! Supporting Saints through the highs and lows. Thanks for making me a fan too! Enjoy the game from the Kingsland Stand. Lots of love, Emma xxx

Eleanor Letcher - Happy 12th Birthday for Tuesday 21st November. Hope you had a great birthday. Love from Mum, Dad, Sarah-Jane and James.



Happy Birthday Grandma. (Carol Newell) for 30th November. Have a lovely time in Edinburgh. Love from Bethan and the Brighton / Skipton Saints.

Brian Walder - Happy Birthday for November 26th. Saints fan since 1948 sits in the Kingsland Stand. Love Gloria, Will, John and Tiff.

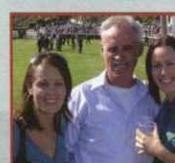


Happy 7th Birthday Sam. Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Georgia and Rica. xx



Happy Birthday to Tom and Jack Clark who will be celebrating their 18th Birthday today in the Matt Le'Tissier suite with Mum and Dad. Love from the whole family.

Happy 44th Birthday to Sue - Mum, wishing for a Saints win to celebrate. Lots of Love from John, Siobhan and Leigh x x x.



Happy 60th Birthday Steve Donohoe. Hope you have a lovely day, all our love always, Kath, Amy, Rebecca and James xxx

HERE ARE THIS WEEK'S DEDICATIONS



Send your dedications to: Saints Programme, Cedar, Royal Crescent Road, Southampton SO14 3FS or email: sfc@cedar.uk.com

Please Keep them to a maximum of 30 words, photographs welcome (please send with a SAE for return). Your messages should arrive no later than 10 days before a game otherwise we may not be able to fit them in. However we will print as many as space allows.

LAMENTS, LUCK AND LOGIC

AS A FAN of candid managers, from Brian Clough to Mike Newell, I felt sorry for the Luton manager when his allegations about bungs received such pathetic treatment by *Panorama*.

Given the exhaustive coverage of his comments on assistant referee, Amy Rayner, there is nothing I can usefully add to the debate on female officials. Let me reflect, instead, on two other aspects of his rationale: that she was in a position to flag for a penalty; and that her failure to do so cost Luton at least a point.

The first matter has been a consistent hobby-horse of mine – the official on the sidelines is better-placed than the ref to judge the vast majority of penalty-box incidents – so it was heartening to hear a manager taking this line.

But did her unraised flag *matter* to the outcome? This form of lament from aggrieved managers assumes not only that the penalty would have been converted but that it would have made a difference to the result. Maybe so, but Luton were leading by half-time and blew that lead. Who can say whether a goal from an early penalty would have given them an interval lead that they would have kept?

I'm applying cold logic here, of course, whereas managers, in post-match mode, tend to deal in passionate excuse-finding. I'll settle for the best of both worlds: football post mortems thrive on unwarranted excuses; but logical analysis, please, once the dust has settled.

The assistant referees at Leeds, last Saturday, were spared controversial decisions as Saints'

Nick Holmes, the Salisbury manager who will be hoping his charges can do to Forest what Saints did in 1963.

passing game triumphed over their hosts firing missiles high into the cold, November sky. I'd stayed overnight in the same Bingley home as on my last visit to Elland Road in January 1981 – when I'd watched Saints win 3-0. What would the superstitious Don Revie have made of that?

Come to that, what kind of dire omen would he have found in my four away-days in Leeds (1966-2003) producing only one home goal – the one by which Saints lost in 1970?

Not that there was any luck about the latest score-line. It was a *commanding* performance, in which, for me, Pele, Surman and Vifara all excelled, playing out of their early-season positions. The 1981 victory may have been an equally good team performance, but I have always remembered it for Nick Holmes putting two long shots past John Lukic.

I imagine that you'll have been following Nick's progress at Salisbury and will be rooting for him next Sunday when his team faces Nottingham Forest, live on BBC. The Second Round draw instantly conjured up memories for me of Southampton's Cup replay with Forest in 1963, which eight-year-old Nick watched in his first full season as a Saints fan. The fact that two other members of the 1976 Cup-winning squad – Mick Channon (aged 14) and Paul Bennett (11) – were also at that dramatic game says something about the way in which young supporters could make it, in those days, with their home-town (or thereabouts) club.

Not that I'd complain if Saints were to make progress in this year's competition without such a local element. After all, the 11 players who finished last Saturday's rout included four who'd come through the ranks.

by David Bull

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ACTION REPLAY



**SUNDERLAND 1
SAINTS 1**

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2006

SAINTS: DAVIS, PELE, LUNDEKVAM, SKACEL (SURMAN 62), WRIGHT, LICKA (WRIGHT-PHILLIPS 68), JONES (RASIAK 62), DYER, MAKIN, BAIRD, BALE. **SUBS:** WRIGHT-PHILLIPS, BIAŁKOWSKI (GK).

REFEREE: MR KEVIN FRIEND (LEICS)

ATTENDANCE: 25,667

Gareth Bale salvaged a last-gasp point for Saints at the Stadium of Light – but they still came away disappointed!

Although delighted to snatch a draw at the death, George Burley's men were frustrated not to have won it after dominating large spells of the game.

It was a familiar story as Saints got on top only to fall behind on 61 minutes to a superb free-kick by Wallace who clipped a 25-yard shot over the wall and just inside the right post to give Kelvin Davis no chance on his return to his old club.

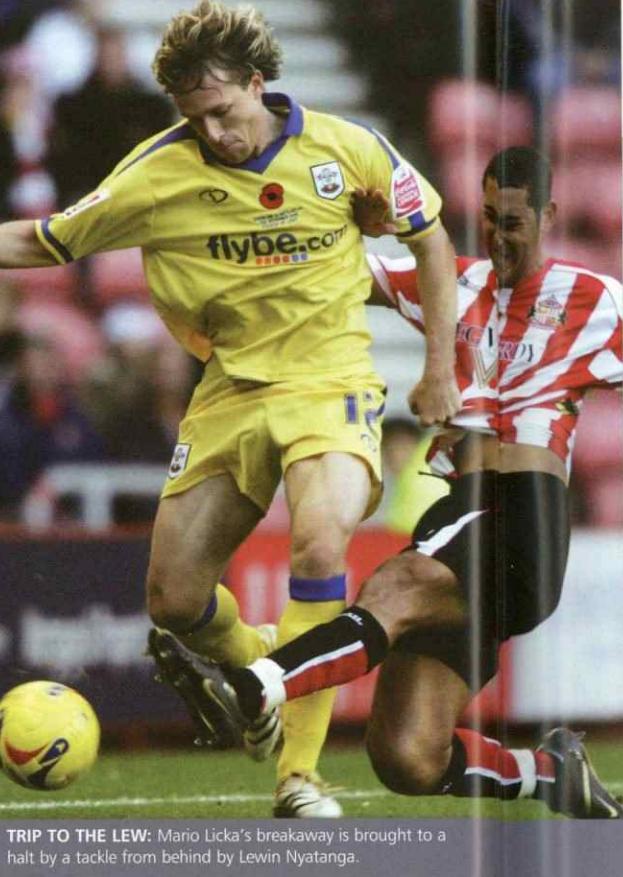
When Ward brilliantly turned Pele's header onto a post 12 minutes from time, it looked as though once again Saints might return empty-handed from an away game they had largely controlled.

But with five seconds remaining of normal time, they finally got a lucky break as Bale popped up in the home area to hit a low drive which took a heavy deflection as it flew past Ward.

It sparked huge celebrations – and yet there was still a slight sense of dismay that their play had not got the three points. Saints had chances either saved or blocked from Dyer, Skacel, Bale and Jones in the first half while Davis did not have a save to make. Wright went close with a sweetly struck volley at the start of the second half and Pele was denied by a wonder save with Bradley Wright-Phillips then thwarted in injury-time by another fine stop from Ward.

But with that late leveler, there was still a sense that maybe luck had turned in Southampton's favour.

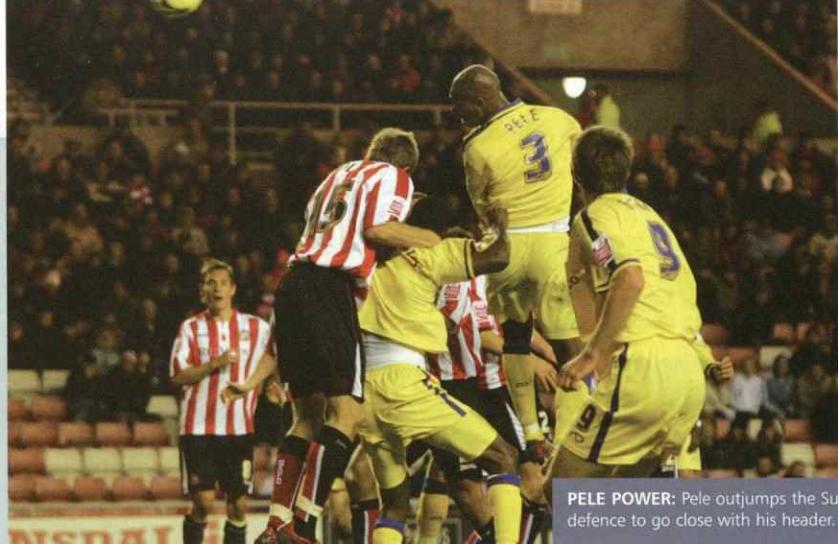
Graham Hiley



TRIP TO THE LEW: Mario Licka's breakaway is brought to a halt by a tackle from behind by Lewin Nyatanga.



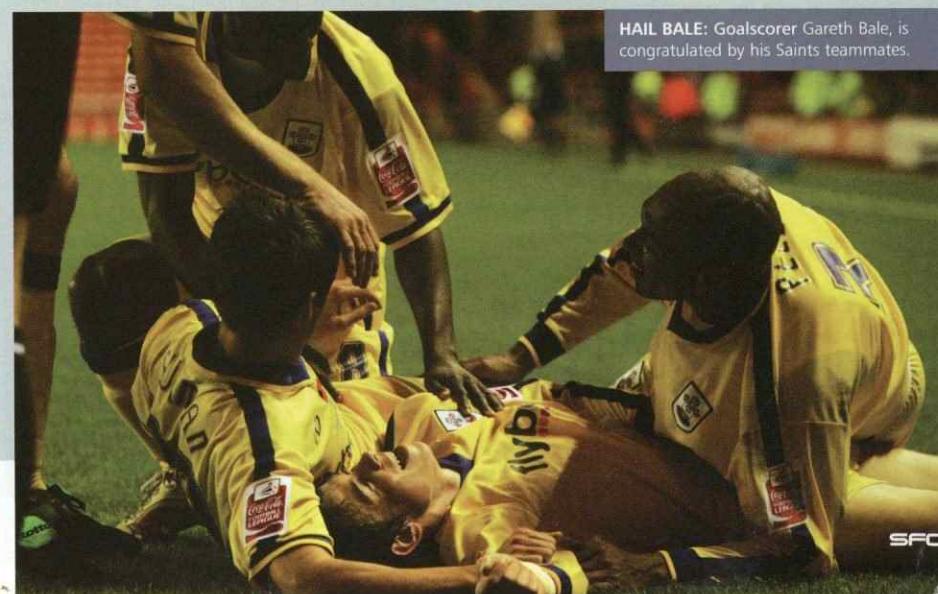
THIGH KICK: Rudi Skacel is on the receiving end of a high tackle from Nayron Nosworthy.



PELE POWER: Pele outjumps the Sunderland defence to go close with his header.



BALE BULLET: Gareth Bale fires in Saints' injury-time equaliser.



HAIL BALE: Goalscorer Gareth Bale, is congratulated by his Saints teammates.

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Important announcements will be notified to spectators by means of the public address system.

- The announcement will be preceded by a loud warning signal.
- Listen carefully to the announcement and be ready to respond in a calm and controlled manner.
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- Please remain calm and keep gangways and exits clear.

STANDING IN SEATED AREAS

Minister for Sport Richard Caborn has made it clear that it is now unlikely that any government review of standing in seated areas at football grounds will take place in the foreseeable future.

This means that despite what any individual club or supporter might feel, the current legislation is very clear. Persistent standing in seated areas is in breach of the Ground Regulations which are required under the Safety Certificate that allows the Club to operate St Mary's Stadium.

GROUND REGULATION 9 STATES

Nobody may stand in any seating area whilst play is in progress. Persistent standing in seated areas whilst play is in progress is strictly forbidden and may result in ejection from the Ground.

Ground Regulations, including Regulation 9 are posted by each turnstile and season ticket holders have made an undertaking to observe this and all other ground regulations.

The reasons for the outlawing of standing in seated areas are clear:

- It is not safe and can lead to a "domino" effect as seat backs provide insufficient support to prevent fans toppling forward.
- It interferes with the enjoyment of other fans who may want to sit down during the game.

In the light of recent incidents which have received national publicity, we remind fans it is a criminal offence to throw any object towards the pitch, track or spectator areas. This could cause serious injury and could also lead to disciplinary action against the Club. We will not tolerate this sort of behaviour and will have no hesitation in banning any supporter found guilty of this.

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DON'T EVER MENTION RELIGION, POLITICS, OR GENDER

Nick Halling

A few years ago, when I began doing some short-lived sports commentary work for an American broadcaster, they very kindly sent me a large guideline document, entitled "what not to say when holding a microphone."

It was very helpful, if pretty basic, but it covered so much ground that the list of things I wasn't able to say far outweighed the things that were considered acceptable for easily-offended American ears. Having duly been placed in a verbal straight jacket, my performance was sufficiently feeble that I wasn't asked back.

But there was one rule that I did take to heart, so much so, that I remember it word for word. "Don't ever mention religion, politics, or gender," it intoned. "You can't win, so don't even try."

Maybe I should have passed it over to poor old Mike

Newell after I'd finished with it, because it would certainly have saved the poor chap a lot of heat this past couple of weeks.

In case you've been in a remote cave this past month, the Luton boss's great crime was to berate an official for a perceived mistake. This was no ordinary official, this was a female linesperson, and it was on the basis of her

Mike Newell - outspoken Luton Town Manager

gender that the error was made, or so Mike seemed to imply.

Claptrap, of course, as Mike doubtless admitted to himself after his full apology. But he really should have known better, shouldn't he. After all, he's been in the game most of his life.

And the first rule of football is that ALL officials, regardless of race, creed or gender, are totally and utterly incompetent. Their incompetence begins from the moment they award a decision against our team.

It has forever been thus, and doubtless it will be once again this afternoon as we try to edge closer to the playoff places, while the Hatters try to right their ship after a mini-wobble.

I know, with absolute certainty, that the moment today's referee books one of our players, I will be up in arms. I will loudly question his (or her) competence the second a free-kick is given against us, and when he (or she) fails to award a penalty that even Stevie Wonder would have seen, my wrath will know no bounds.

And heaven help the "referee's assistant" who has the temerity to raise a flag when one of our boys is bearing down on goal. He - or she - will get it in the neck from pretty much everybody in the ground with red and white interests. You can guarantee it.

They don't give out those whistles, flags and cards to anyone, you know.

You really have to achieve a special level of uselessness to get to that level. And, if we are totally honest about this, total incompetence knows no gender barriers.

Fortunately Mike's failure to recognise this simple fact of football life didn't cost him his job or anything serious. So when a decision doesn't go our way today, let's all try not to worry our pretty little heads about it!



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Today is White Ribbon Day which takes place each year and highlights the issues surrounding domestic violence and abuse.

Domestic abuse is more common than you might think. Anybody can become affected – no matter what their background, age, gender, sexuality, race or religion.

Women and men can become the victims of domestic violence and abuse. 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime and 2 murders every week in Britain involve domestic violence. Also, it is estimated that at least 50% of children have witnessed domestic violence at home.

No-one should have to put up with any of this behaviour. There are places that can help.

Southampton is working as a city to stop domestic violence and abuse. There are several services throughout the city that offer help, support and advice and they offer a confidential service. If you would like to contact someone for yourself or for someone you know try the following numbers.

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Daily Echo

Junior Saints



SAINTS MASCOT

Name: Tom Stanley

Age: 8

From: Hamble

School: Charlton House

Hobbies: Football

Favourite Saints Player:

Bradley Wright-Phillips & Gareth Bale.

Thoughts on being a Saints Mascot:

"My dad would have been proud of me"
RIP 2000

Score prediction: Saints 3 Luton 0

PRE-MATCH SKILLS

1.45pm – 2.15pm

Today's pre-match skills group is represented by children from Foxhills School in Totton, Oakfield Primary in Romsey and Cuperham Junior School in Totton.

They have all won a chance to display their soccer skills along the Kingsland stand, to watch the game and cheer on the Saints!!



SOUTHERN DAILY ECHO MASCOT

Name: Joshua Cotton

Age: 5

From: Maybush

School: Newlands Primary School

Hobbies: Playing football, Cricket and Golf

Favourite Saints Player: Bradley Wright-Phillips, Claus Lundekvam and Jhon Viafara

Thoughts on being a Saints Mascot:
"it will be the best thing ever!"

Score prediction: Saints 2 Luton 1



LUTON TOWN MASCOT

Name: Adam Clark

Age: 10

From: Welwyn Garden City

School: Holy Family

Hobbies: Football, PlayStation and Knex

Favourite Players: Marlon Beresford and Rowan Vine

Thoughts on being a Mascot:
"excited to meet all the players and be at Southampton for the game!"

Score prediction: Saints 0 Luton 1

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and best wishes to the following Junior Saints Members who have had a birthday since the last home game versus Hull City on Saturday 4th November 2006. We hope you have all had a brilliant birthday!

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER	Alicia Cuddeford Liam Stacey	11 12	Jamie Padgham Ollie Wells Oliver Wells	12 13	Thomas East Reece Hillier Matthew Orton Elizabeth Waters Jake Shean Eleanor Letcher Charlie Shannon	10 10 11 12 12 12 13
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WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER	McKenzie Smith Luke Butler Vincent White Simon Jury William Smith Thomas Batten Henry Parry Harrison Smith Ben Blake Daniel Rides	1 5 6 9 9 9 10 10 12 13	Lydia Nutting Peter Higgs Jack Hoare Emily Nuttall Thomas Batten Jake Davis Aaron Murray Kurt Buckley	4 7 8 9 10 11 11 12 12	Thomas East Reece Hillier Matthew Orton Elizabeth Waters Jake Shean Eleanor Letcher Charlie Shannon	10 10 11 12 12 12 12 13
MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER	Thomas Fisher Christopher Way Ben Bonsey Robert Atkins Benjamin Jones Gareth Schultze Jasmine Dickerson Paula Dickerson	9 9 10 11 12 12 12 12	Lydia Nutting Peter Higgs Jack Hoare Emily Nuttall Thomas Batten Jake Davis Aaron Murray Kurt Buckley	5 9 10 11 12 12 12 12	Thomas East Reece Hillier Matthew Orton Elizabeth Waters Jake Shean Eleanor Letcher Charlie Shannon	10 10 11 12 12 12 12 13
TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER	Callum Handley George Parker Lewis Oliver Lewis Mellor Craig Johnston Jayden Frankling Max Boulton-Smith Bethany Evans James Macey Niall Teague Nathan Goodger	7 9 10 10 11 11 11 12 12 12	Lydia Nutting Peter Higgs Jack Hoare Emily Nuttall Thomas Batten Jake Davis Aaron Murray Kurt Buckley	7 9 10 10 11 11 11 12 12	Thomas East Reece Hillier Matthew Orton Elizabeth Waters Jake Shean Eleanor Letcher Charlie Shannon	10 10 11 12 12 12 12 13
MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER	William Poulter Harry Hyde Ryan Warren Samuel Bevan Lewis Powell Jake Ford	5 7 8 9 10 10	Lydia Nutting Peter Higgs Jack Hoare Emily Nuttall Thomas Batten Jake Davis Aaron Murray Kurt Buckley	5 7 8 9 10 10	Thomas East Reece Hillier Matthew Orton Elizabeth Waters Jake Shean Eleanor Letcher Charlie Shannon	10 10 11 12 12 12 12
WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER	Sophie Gilbert Thomas Doran Eloise Deacon Connor Lopez Shaun Treacy Jack Dinnage Ryan Scollard George Radford Aaron Woodruff	7 7 7 8 9 8 10 11 10	Lydia Nutting Peter Higgs Jack Hoare Emily Nuttall Thomas Batten Jake Davis Aaron Murray Kurt Buckley	7 7 7 8 9 8 10 11	Thomas East Reece Hillier Matthew Orton Elizabeth Waters Jake Shean Eleanor Letcher Charlie Shannon	10 10 11 12 12 12 12 13
TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER	James Grassie	9	Lydia Nutting Peter Higgs Jack Hoare Emily Nuttall Thomas Batten Jake Davis Aaron Murray Kurt Buckley	9	Thomas East Reece Hillier Matthew Orton Elizabeth Waters Jake Shean Eleanor Letcher Charlie Shannon	10 10 11 12 12 12 12 13

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In the programme for the Stoke City match we showed you the picture that was, until recently, on the wall in **THE SAINT** office and asked you to go online at our new web address www.thesaint1078.co.uk and enter a competition to win it.

Once online you would have seen the picture in detail and we asked for the names of six of the seven players pictured. The seven were Jason Dodd, Marian Pahars, Dean Richards, Mark Hughes, Matt Oakley, Trond Egil Soltvedt and Scott Hiley and although we thought the last two might prove tricky we did receive many correct entries.

The winner, pictured right with Doddsy who dropped in to the office to sign the picture, was Lucy Van Leeuwen. Now all she needs is a very large picture hook!

Finally, before kick-off please text your name and choice for the time for the first goal today to 0778 148 1078 (standard rates apply). The person who gets closest will win two tickets to our next home match against Birmingham City this Wednesday. Jimmy Case will announce the winner during 'The Third Half', after the match today between 5 and 6pm.



SATURDAY HOME MATCH LINE-UP...

11AM-1.30PM *The Players' Lounge*

Hosted by Justin Gladdis including:
Soccer FM with Gordon 'Flash' Watson and Michael Channon Jr,
The Orchard Homes Saints Academy Update, Regular guest appearances
from Peter Rodrigues and Hugh Fisher and many other ex-Saints.

1.30-2.30PM *Mike Osman's Matchday Mayhem*

2.30-5PM *The Big Match Commentary*

With Will Cope and Jimmy Case

5-6PM *The Third Half*

Have your say with Jimmy Case. Call 023 8020 6406

6-7PM *Dell Memories*

With Tim Manns



Tim Manns
Station Director

HIGH FLYERS

Saints were backed by some high-flying business people as they battled to a 1-1 draw at Sunderland.

Using a specially chartered flight with Main Club sponsor Flybe, 20 sponsors and corporate clients of the Saints travelled to the Stadium of Light.

Sponsored by Panasonic, the trip was a perfect chance for Saints sponsors and corporate clients to network in an informal environment. The game gave them common ground – and provoked some lively debate. And Gareth Bale's last-gasp equaliser sparked a feelgood factor for the way home.

Guests included representatives from Panasonic, Centerprise, Orchard Homes, Breeze Volkswagen, Cedar and Barracuda who all received a souvenir bespoke programme which contained a special message of welcome and thanks from manager George Burley.

Stuart Green from Centerprise, Official I.T Sponsor of SFC said: "The day was very special; like minded Saints supporters travelling away from the sunny climes



of Southampton to a venue that seemed about ten degrees colder. The welcome was typical of northern hospitality - warm and friendly yet with passion for the enemy!"

"The relief at Gareth Bale's last minute strike was unbelievable. 24,000 Sunderland supporters all looking daggers at the occupants of Box 7 "over-celebrating". No wonder we enjoyed a police escort out to Newcastle Airport!

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The Dell - Wednesday 8 February 1995 – FA Cup Fifth Round Replay

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WIDDINGTON, MAGILTON, HEANEY, LE TISSIER (HUGHES 62), SHIPPERLEY.

LUTON TOWN: SOMMER, JAMES, (DIXON 45), PEAKE, JOHNSON, THOMAS, TELFER, WADDOCK, OAKES, PREECE, MARSHALL, BIGGINS, (THORPE 69).

REFEREE: GERALD ASHBY (WORCESTER) **ATTENDANCE:** 15,076

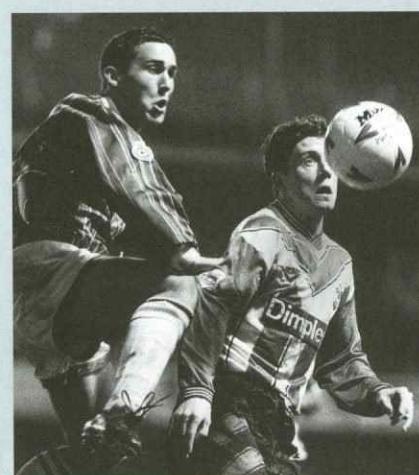
We few, we happy few, who experienced the short but ebullient management era of Alan Ball, will forever bear witness to the fact that The Dell, despite its reduced all-seater capacity, soon reclaimed the tremendous atmosphere that appeared lost during Ian Branfoot's reign - even when results were disappointing.

The improved mood was largely due to the reversion to the slick passing game that characterised Ball's playing career under Lawrie McMenemy but, as Ball readily conceded, it was the brilliance of Matthew Le Tissier that filled the Saints and their supporters with such joy.

However, that feelgood factor went missing at Kenilworth Road for the fourth round FA Cup tie in January 1995, where Saints had been lucky to get a draw against Luton Town, following a dismal first half. The likelihood of a tight, grim replay loomed, especially with the news that Matty was suffering from a calf strain and a virus.

He did play, but the Division One side took the game to Saints from the off, and it took six minutes for Saints to threaten the visitors' goal. Jason Dodd got in a cross which defender Julian James failed to control and the ball slipped for Matty to smack home from 15-yards.

Saints were 4-0 up after 40 minutes, following three strikes in eight minutes: a Jim Magilton



Neil Heaney - Headed in Saints' fourth goal.

drive from 20 yards, a Le Tiss conversion and a Neil Heaney header from 'an exquisite chip over and round the back of the defence' inevitably Le Tissier.

Seven minutes into the second half 'the man hailed as Le God by the fans' was substituted, shortly after delivering a defence panicking cross exploited by Ken Monkou to make it 5-0. 'The warmth and affection of the standing ovation as he went off showed just what he means to the club and the fans', Graham Hiley ardently informed Echo readers.

Matty's sub, David Hughes, made it 6-0 five minutes on - and before long spectators were making premature exits - to join the queue for tickets for the fifth round visit of Spurs.

by Dave Juson & Gary Chalk

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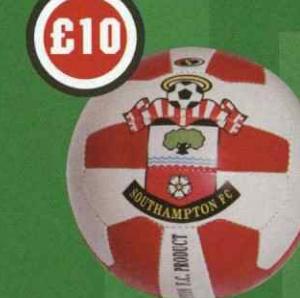
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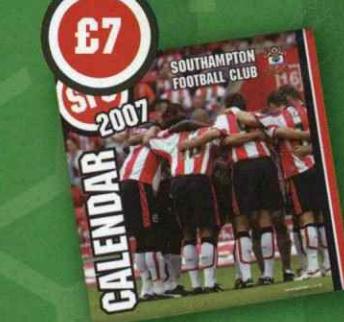
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AWAY GUIDE TO THE KC STADIUM

by Steve Grant

BY CAR:

Leave the A1(M) at junction 35 onto the M18, headed towards Doncaster. At the end of the M18, join the eastbound carriageway of the M62. Leave this motorway at junction 38, joining the A63 towards Hull. Stay on this road and the stadium is clearly signposted as you approach Hull. About a 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 on the right.

PARKING:

There is a massive car park right next to the ground which will cost you £3. Be aware that it can take a while to get away again after the game, and the exits are one-way, i.e. the left exit only allows a left turn, and the right exit a right turn, so park close to the exit you need to use. Alternatively there is a Park & Ride facility signposted off the A63, or city centre car parks, which are about 15 minutes' walking time from the ground.

BY TRAIN:

The KC Stadium is 15 minutes walk from Hull Paragon station. Visiting fans should leave the train station on the South side and turn right onto Anlaby Road. The stadium is about 15 minutes walk away.

PUBS:

City centre pubs seem the order of the day here, as all of the ones near the ground are designated "home-only" pubs. The Sandringham, near Hull's main railway station, has been recommended. Alternatively, beer is available in the ground.

THE STADIUM ITSELF:

The KC (Kingston Communications) Stadium was opened in December 2002, costing almost £44m to build, and is home to both Hull Football and Rugby League Clubs.

The stadium is totally enclosed, with the West Stand being around twice the size of the other three sides. The roof rises up and curves around the West Stand, similar but much more "intentional" than the afterthought appearance at places like Derby and Middlesbrough. Each stand is single tiered, apart from the two tiered West Stand. This stand also has a row of executive boxes running across its middle.

The ground holds just over 25,000, and the away section is in the North Stand, where up to 4,000 can be seated. Prior warning of a lack of tolerance from the stewards failed to materialise last season, but it's still something to be wary of.

LAST SEASON

Saints played out a frustrating 1-1 draw despite dominating for nearly the entire match. Kamil Kosowski scored what turned out to be his only goal for the club early on but sloppy defending allowed Nick Barmby to equalise just before half-time. Things got worse a minute later when Nigel Quashie was sent off for violent conduct.

Hull are struggling somewhat, although they've picked up fairly recently, but at home they'll be expected to show a bit more ambition than they showed at St Mary's a few weeks ago, and this will hopefully open it up a little bit more for us. In three league games against Hull in the last two seasons, we're still yet to beat them, but I fancy us to finally overcome that this time.

Prediction: 3-1 Saints win.

SAINTS TRAVEL CLUB

Travel will also be available, leaving at 7.45am. Departures from the Stadium, Winchester, Eastleigh and Chichester Services are priced at £21. The Fareham pick-up is priced at £22.50. Details and bookings on 0800 280 0050.

HOTFOOT IT TO HULL!

After the success of the fans flights to Sunderland, Flybe are scheduling flights to Humberside on December 2nd for fans who want to see Hull City V Saints but don't fancy the long drive up North.

With Hull languishing towards the bottom of the table, the match could be a perfect chance for Saints to build on their fantastic away win at Leeds and work their way into promotion contention.

Flights from Southampton Airport to Humberside cost from £28.99 each way exc tax.

The flights depart from Southampton Airport at 9am arriving at Humberside at 10.20am, leaving plenty of time for fans to grab a bite to eat before the game.

The return flight leaves Humberside at 7.40pm arriving in Southampton at 8.55pm. Visit www.flybe.com to book.

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2006/07 LEAGUE STATS

	8	Position	19
	18	Played	18
	7	Won	6
	6	Drawn	4
	5	Lost	8
	24	Goals For	25
	18	Goals Against	33
	27	Points	22

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
5	3	1	1	1	2	6	22

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	3	4	23	5	2	2	8

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	1	2	11	5	2	1	13

Record When Conceding First

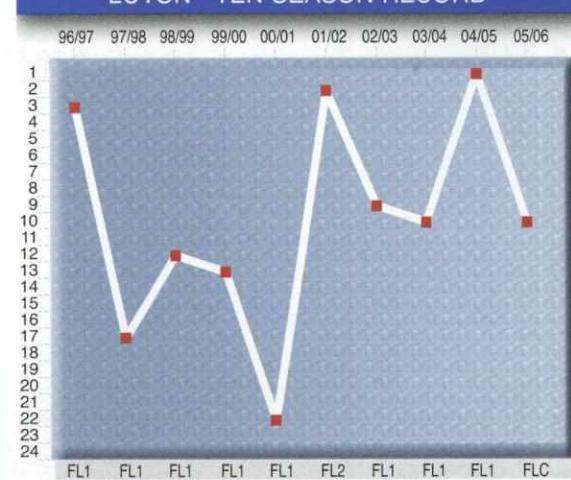
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1	3	3	11	1	1	7	17

Match Scores

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

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

LUTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 19/11/2006

SHARP SHOOTERS

Southampton	CCFC	Cup	Tot	Luton	CCFC	Cup	Tot
Grzegorz Rasiak	10	0	10	Rowan Vine	8	1	9
Bradley Wright-Phillips	2	3	5	Carlos Edwards	5	0	5
Kenwyne Jones	3	1	4	Ahmet Brkovic	2	0	2

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played....56	Southampton wins.....22	Luton wins.....19
Draws....15	Goals 97 (1.7 per game)	Goals 103 (1.8 per game)
0-0's.....1	Times failed to score 5	Times failed to score 8

Biggest League win at Southampton for each team:

25/11/1989 Southampton 6-3 Luton

10/04/1939 Southampton 0-4 Luton



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COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES 2006/07



DATE	OPPOSITION	KO	ATT	P	SCORE	TEAM
Sun Aug 6	Derby County	A	4.00pm	21,939	11	2-2
Wed Aug 9	Coventry City	H	7.45pm	21,088	5	2-0
Sat Aug 12	West Bromwich Albion	H	3.00pm	24,233	9	0-0
Sat Aug 19	Barnsley	A	3.00pm	11,306	11	2-2
Wed Aug 23	Yeovil Town (CC1)	H	7.45pm	20,653	-	5-2
Sat Aug 26	Preston North End	H	3.00pm	20,712	9	1-1
Sat Sep 9	Ipswich Town	A	3.00pm	21,422	13	1-2
Tue Sep 12	Crystal Palace	A	8.00pm	17,084	9	2-0
Sat Sep 16	Plymouth Argyle	H	3.00pm	22,514	5	1-0
Tue Sep 19	Millwall (CC2)	A	7.45pm	5,492	-	4-0
Sat Sep 23	Burnley	A	3.00pm	13,051	3	3-2
Sat Sep 30	Queens Park Rangers	H	3.00pm	25,185	6	1-2
Sat Oct 14	Leicester City	A	3.00pm	21,347	10	2-3
Tue Oct 17	Cardiff City	A	7.45pm	19,345	11	0-1
Sat Oct 21	Stoke City	H	3.00pm	20,531	9	1-0
Tue Oct 24	Notts County (CC3)	A	7.45pm	6,731	-	0-2
Sat Oct 28	Colchester United	A	3.00pm	5,893	12	0-2
Wed Nov 1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	7.45pm	18,979	8	2-0
Sat Nov 4	Hull City	H	3.00pm	20,560	10	0-0
Sat Nov 11	Sunderland	A	3.00pm	25,667	9	1-1
Sat Nov 18	Leeds United	A	3.00pm	19,637	8	3-0
Sat Nov 25	Luton Town	H	3.00pm			
Wed Nov 29	Birmingham City	H	7.45pm			
Sat Dec 2	Hull City	A	3.00pm			
Sat Dec 9	Southend United	A	3.00pm			
Sat Dec 16	Norwich City	H	3.00pm			
Sat Dec 23	Sheffield Wednesday	A	3.00pm			
Tue Dec 26	Crystal Palace	H	noon			
Sat Dec 30	Leicester City	H	3.00pm			
Mon Jan 1	Plymouth Argyle	A	3.00pm			
Sat Jan 6	(FAC3)					
Sat Jan 13	Burnley	H	3.00pm			
Sat Jan 20	Queens Park Rangers	A	3.00pm			
Sat Jan 27	(FAC4)					
Wed Jan 31	Sheffield Wednesday	H	7.45pm			
Sat Feb 3	Derby County	H	3.00pm			
Sat Feb 10	West Bromwich Albion	A	3.00pm			
Sat Feb 17	Barnsley (FAC5)	H	3.00pm			
Tue Feb 20	Coventry City	A	7.45pm			
Sat Feb 24	Ipswich Town	H	3.00pm			
Sat Mar 3	Preston North End	A	3.00pm			
Sat Mar 10	Stoke City (FAC6)	A	3.00pm			
Wed Mar 14	Cardiff City	H	7.45pm			
Sat Mar 17	Colchester United	H	3.00pm			
Sat Mar 31	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	3.00pm			
Sat Apr 7	Luton Town	A	3.00pm			
Mon Apr 9	Sunderland	H	3.00pm			
Sat Apr 14	Birmingham City (FACSF)	A	3.00pm			
Sat Apr 21	Leeds United	H	3.00pm			
Sat Apr 28	Norwich City	A	3.00pm			
Sun May 6	Southend United	H	3.00pm			
Sat May 19	(FACF)					

SUBSTITUTIONS						
Belmadi	Wright	Viafara	Skacel***	Rasiak	Fuller**	Ostlund*
Belmadi	Wright	Viafara	Skacel**	Rasiak 1	Wright-Phillips*	Jones*
Belmadi	Wright	Viafara	Skacel*	Rasiak**	Wright-Phillips	Surman*
Dyer**	Wright	Viafara	Surman	Rasiak 2	Wright-Phillips***	Makin*
Lallana*	Surman	Viafara	Skacel 1***	Jones 1	Wright-Phillips 1**	Dyer 1*
Lallana*	Surman***	Viafara	Skacel	Rasiak 1**	Wright-Phillips	Wright
Dyer**	Idiakiez	Viafara	Skacel	Rasiak	Jones 1*	Jones
Dyer***	Idiakiez*	Viafara	Skacel	Rasiak 1**	Wright-Phillips**	Ostlund*
Dyer*	Idiakiez	Viafara	Skacel	Rasiak 1	Jones**	Surman*
Wright***	Belmadi 1**	Sarmiento	Surman	Jones*	Wright-Phillips 2	Belmadi*
Belmadi**	Idiakiez	Viafara	Skacel 1***	Rasiak 2	Wright-Phillips*	McGoldrick 1*
Wright1*	Licka	Viafara	Skacel	Rasiak	Jones**	Dyer**
Wright**	Idiakiez 1	Viafara 1	Skacel*	Rasiak	Wright-Phillips***	Jones*
Viafara	Idiakiez	Licka	Surman*	Rasiak	Jones**	Surman***
Surman	Idiakiez	Licka 1	Skacel*	Rasiak	Jones	Licka*
Sarmiento	Licka	Viafara	Skacel***	Rasiak	Wright-Phillips	Makin*
Dyer	Idiakiez	Viafara*	Surman**	Rasiak***	Jones	Dyer**
Dyer*	Idiakiez	Wright	Skacel**	Jones 1	Wright-Phillips 1	Surman***
Licka	Wright	Idiakiez*	Skacel	Jones	Wright-Phillips	McGoldrick
Licka***	Wright	Pele	Skacel*	Jones**	Dyer	Sarmiento
Surman	Wright	Pele	Skacel 1	Rasiak 2**	Wright-Phillips*	Bialkowski
Viafara*	McGoldrick**					Ostlund
						Licka

FIXTURES						
TODAY						
3pm	Barnsley	v	Ipswich			
3pm	Burnley	v	Birmingham			
3pm	Colchester	v	Southend			
3pm	Derby	v	Leicester			
3pm	Norwich	v	Hull			
3pm	Plymouth	v	Leeds			
3pm	Preston	v	Crystal Palace			
3pm	QPR	v	Coventry			
3pm	Sheff Wed	v	Cardiff			
3pm	Southampton	v	Luton			
3pm	Stoke	v	West Brom			

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Cardiff City	18	11	3	4	31	17	14	36
2	Preston	18	10	6	2	30	16	14	36
3	Birmingham	18	10	4	4	24	16	8	34
4	Burnley	18	9	4	5	26	18	8	31
5	Derby County	18	9	4	5	28	23	5	31
6	West Brom	18	8	5	5	31	19	12	29
7	Stoke City	18	7	6	5	25	15	10	27
8	Southampton	18	7	6	5	24	18	6	27
9	Plymouth A	18	6	9	3	25	20	5	27
10	Wolves	18	8	3	7	16	21	-5	27
11	Coventry City	18	8	1	9	18	17	1	25
12	Norwich City	17	7	4	6	23	27	-4	25
13	Colchester	18	7	3	8	25	24	1	24
14	QPR	18	6	6	30	30	0	24	
15	Sunderland	18	7	2	9	24	25	-1	23
16	Sheff Wed	18	6	5	7	21	25	-4	23
17	Leicester City	18	5	7	6	18	20	-2	22
18	Luton Town	18	6	4	8	25	33	-8	22
19	Ipwich Town	17	6	3	8	26	26	0	21
20	Crystal Palace	18	6	3	9	21	25	-4	21
21	Hull City	18	4	4	10	14	23	-9	16
22	Leeds United	18	5	1	12	19	36	-17	16
23	Barnsley	18	4	3	11	22	36	-14	15
24	Southend	18	2	6	10	16	32	-16	12

As at November 23

APPEARANCES & GOALS 06/07

Player Name	Appearances this season			Saints Career Total	Goals this Season			Saints Career Goals
	L	FAC	CC		L	FAC	CC	
Chris Baird	18	-	3	43(6)	-	-	-	-
Gareth Bale	13	-	3	18	3	-	-	3
Djamel Belmadi	4(1)	-	1	27(2)	-	-	1	4
Leon Best	-	-	-	3(5)	-	-	-	-
Bartosz Bialkowski	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-
Martin Cranie	(1)	-	-	16(7)	-	-	-	-
Kelvin Davis	18	-	3	21	-	-	-	-
Nathan Dyer	7(5)	-	(3)	21(16)	-	-	1	2
Simon Gillett	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-
Indigo Idiakiez	10	-	-	10	1	-	-	1
Kenwyne Jones	9(6)	-	2	34(24)	3	-	1	9
Adam Lallana	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
Mario Licka	5(3)	-	1(1)	6(4)	1	-	-	1
Claus Lundekvam	9	-	-	377(10)	-	-	-	2
Chris Makin	11(1)	-	2	13(1)	-	-	-	-
David McGoldrick	(2)	-	(1)	1(4)	-	-	1	1
Kevin Miller	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-
Alexander Ostlund	4(2)	-	1	16(4)	-	-	-	-
Pele	12	-	3	15	-	-	-	-
Darren Powell	-	-	-	25(1)	-	-	-	1
David Prutton	-	-	-	74(16)	-	-	-	4
Grzegorz Rasiak	15(1)	-	1	28(2)	10	-	-	14
Marcelo Sarmiento	-	-	2(1)	2(1)	-	-	-	-
Rudi Skacel	15(3)	-	2	17(3)	2	-	1	3
Andrew Surman	6(10)	-	2(1)	19(12)	-	-	-	2
Michael Svensson	-	-	-	81(1)	-	-	-	6
Jhon Viafara	13(1)	-	2	15(1)	1	-	-	1
Jermaine Wright	17(1)	-	1(1)	32(2)	-	-	-	-
Bradley Wright-Phillips	10(6)	-	3	13(6)	2	-	3	5
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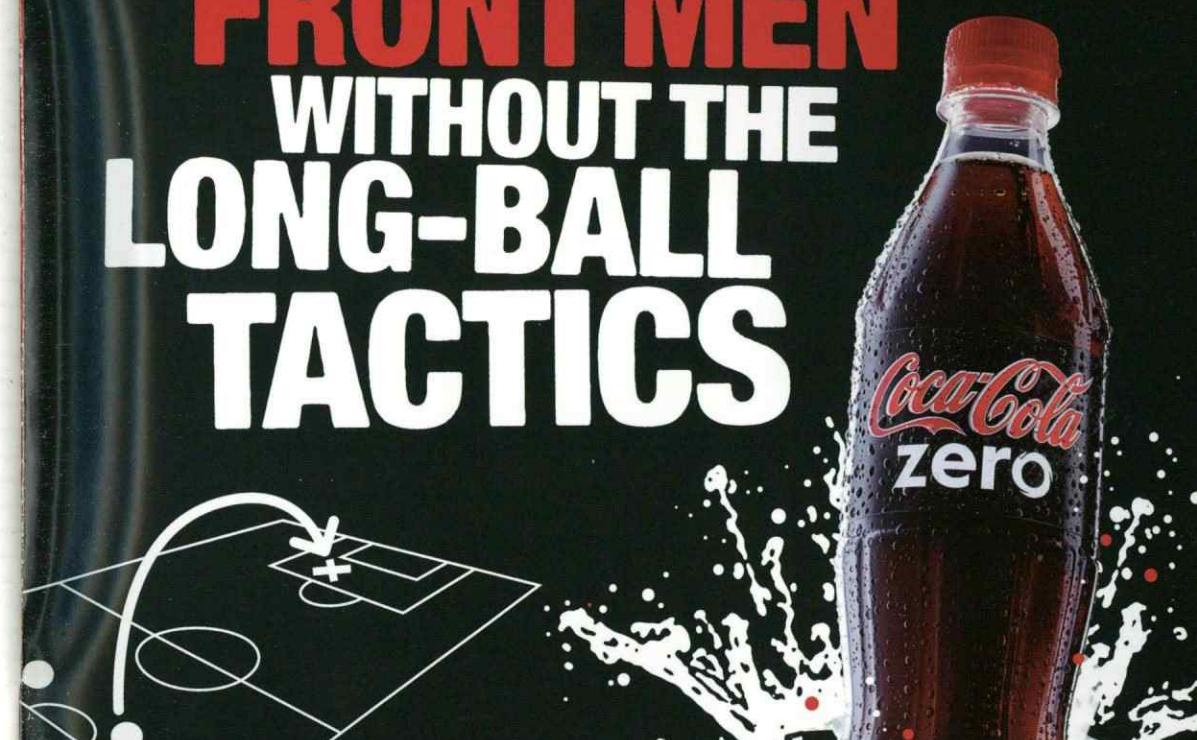
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