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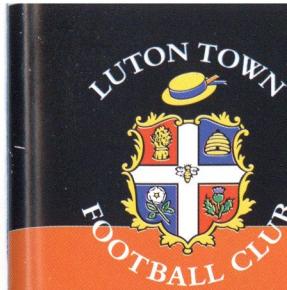
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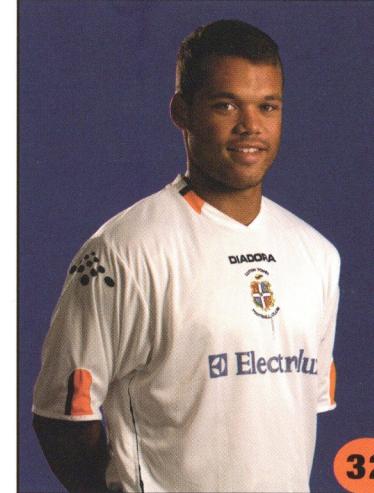
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## FROM THE EDITOR

What a busy time it has been in the media department this week. With the fantastic news that Sol Davis came through a Reserve game at Northampton and with deadlines changing for the programme to accommodate this earlier than normal fixture, it has been non stop. However we still have managed to produce another fantastic programme for you to read this evening, as Geoff Knox talks to Lewis Emanuel, who discusses life at Luton Town following his move from Bradford City in the summer. We also speak exclusively to the men behind The Miller Partnership, the architects who will be working on the new stadium project. We also have a host of other interesting articles for you to read, including our report on our FA Youth Cup game against Huddersfield and news of the Fourth Round draw. Remember, you can contact the media department on [programme@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:programme@lutontown.co.uk)

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**STEVEN DOVE, EDITOR**

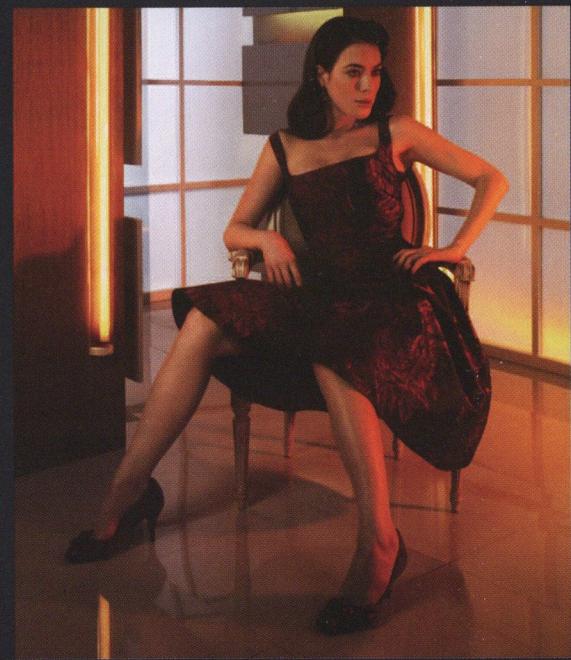
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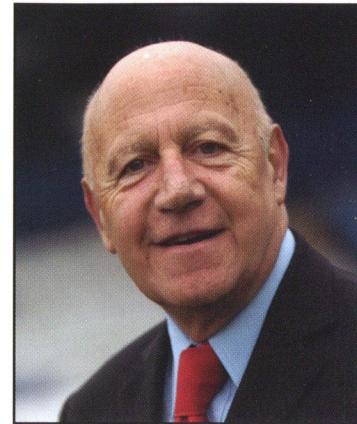
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*From the Chairman*

## Bill Tomlins



**Bill Tomlins,**  
Luton Town Chairman

Hello and good evening and welcome to all our Supporters for this evening's game against our visitors Southend United and to their Directors, Management, Players and Supporters. This is my first opportunity to publicly congratulate them all on their promotion to the Championship.

With tonight's live TV coverage it always gives an extra edge to the game, especially for the players, and we welcome the Sky Sports TV team to Kenilworth Road.

The games around Christmas are always vital and that's the case for all clubs at the moment. Our last home match turned out to be a really good one with the win against Preston, followed by another confident performance albeit with an unlucky result at Sunderland. The Manager and the players will be just as keen to see further progress tonight. Everyone appreciated your support against Preston, it really lifted the team. With two home games before Christmas your vocal support can again make a difference.

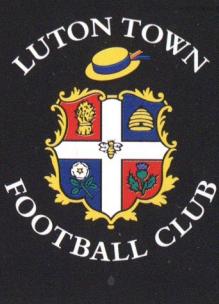
The coverage by Anglia TV on Sol Davis' excellent progress and return to training was great to see and has lifted everyone connected with the

Club. Sol even completed 67 minutes of a Reserve match at Northampton Town on Wednesday afternoon, and everyone at the Club are absolutely delighted to see him back in action and well on the road to recovery.

I always understood that the oldest football club was acknowledged by the governing bodies to be Sheffield FC, who were formed in 1857. Not so, it seems, as new evidence suggests the oldest club is lot nearer home. Last weekend Cambridge University Football Club was presented with a plaque by FA Vice Chairman Barry Bright in celebration of their 150th anniversary of their foundation on Parker's Piece in Cambridge and the formation of the seldom changed rules of football. This now gives them official recognition by the FA and FIFA as the oldest football club in the world, after archive material held by Shrewsbury School emphatically supported Cambridge's claim.

Enjoy the game.

Bill



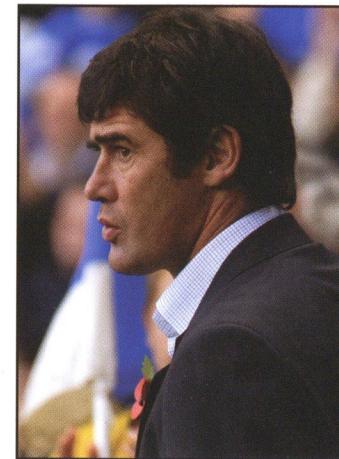
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*From the Manager*

## Mike Newell



**Mike Newell**  
Luton Town Manager

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

Welcome also to Steve Tilson, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from Roots Hall.

Although things have been a bit difficult so far this season, they had a fantastic year gaining promotion and after a good win last week we will certainly be treating them with the respect they deserve.

The last two games we have showed signs of regaining the confidence we were playing with a month or so ago. The win against Preston was a boost for moral against a side riding high and although the result at the Stadium of Light wasn't what we were after, we started and finished the game very strongly.

We have had a massive boost this week with the return to match action of Sol Davis. He has trained very hard for the last fortnight and played an hour at Northampton in the Reserves on Wednesday. His enthusiasm is infectious and to have him involved in any capacity is a bonus that we were not



expecting. We will monitor his progress but it is very difficult to put the reigns on someone who is so desperate to be back in action and the specialists see no reason to hold him back.

As an aside, it was very interesting to see the Chelsea manager having discussions with the referee on the way off the pitch on Sunday after their game against Arsenal. I like Jose Mourinho and I am sure that judging by the referee's manner, whose name escapes me (which is always the sign of a good ref) that there was no problem as such. It just seems very strange that the rest of us are under a directive from The Football Association not to approach the referee or have any contact with him (or her) either during half time or for at least 30 minutes after the final whistle. Interesting.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Mike

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**From the Club Secretary**

**Cherry Newbery**

The past week has been very busy for everyone at the Club, with Christmas just around the corner and the additional arrangements that need to be made for the busy schedule both on and off the pitch over the next weeks.

Last Monday saw the Official Luton Town Supporters Club Annual Christmas Quiz here at the Club, the winning team being captained by Leon Barnett. The evening was enjoyed by all and we were entertained at the end by two songs from longstanding supporter Jack Stoughton, who as most of you will know regularly enters local talent competitions.

Next Thursday sees the team going to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital to visit those children who are unfortunately in hospital at this festive time.

Thursday will also see our tenth Annual Carol Service at St. Marys Church, Church Street, Luton (opposite the Arndale Centre). Kick-off is at 7.30pm and I am delighted to advise you that we will be joined by The Luton Gospel Community Choir, so please do come. Hot mince pies and coffee will be served afterwards.

Following our request in the last home programme for local charities to apply for funds from The Charity Shield Community Fund,

we received several applications and have nominated the following organisations: The Pasque Charity, Bedfordshire, Luton Community Foundation and Bedfordshire Crimebeat Limited.

The Youth Team has drawn Burnley in the Fourth Round of The FA Youth Cup. Burnley have only just played their Third Round match on Wednesday this week, so at the time of writing no date for the Fourth Round tie has been arranged.

Enjoy the match and I look forward to seeing again next Saturday for our Christmas match.

Cherry

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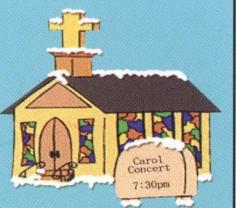
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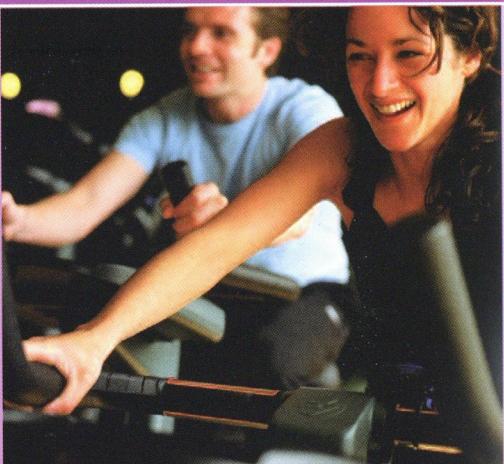
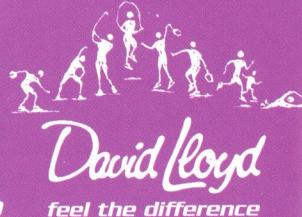




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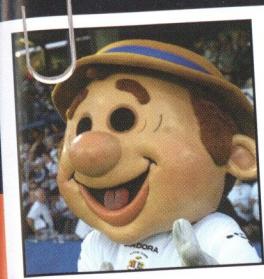
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### Today's Mascots



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We would like to apologise to Jamie Graves and Sinéad Duffy who were ballboy and ballgirl for our last home game against Preston North End.

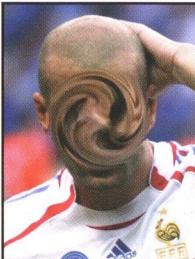
We forgot to print their names in our last match-day programme.

However, we hope both of them enjoyed their day with us.

### Junior Hatters Quiz

Can you identify these foreign superstar footballers?

The answers can be found below.



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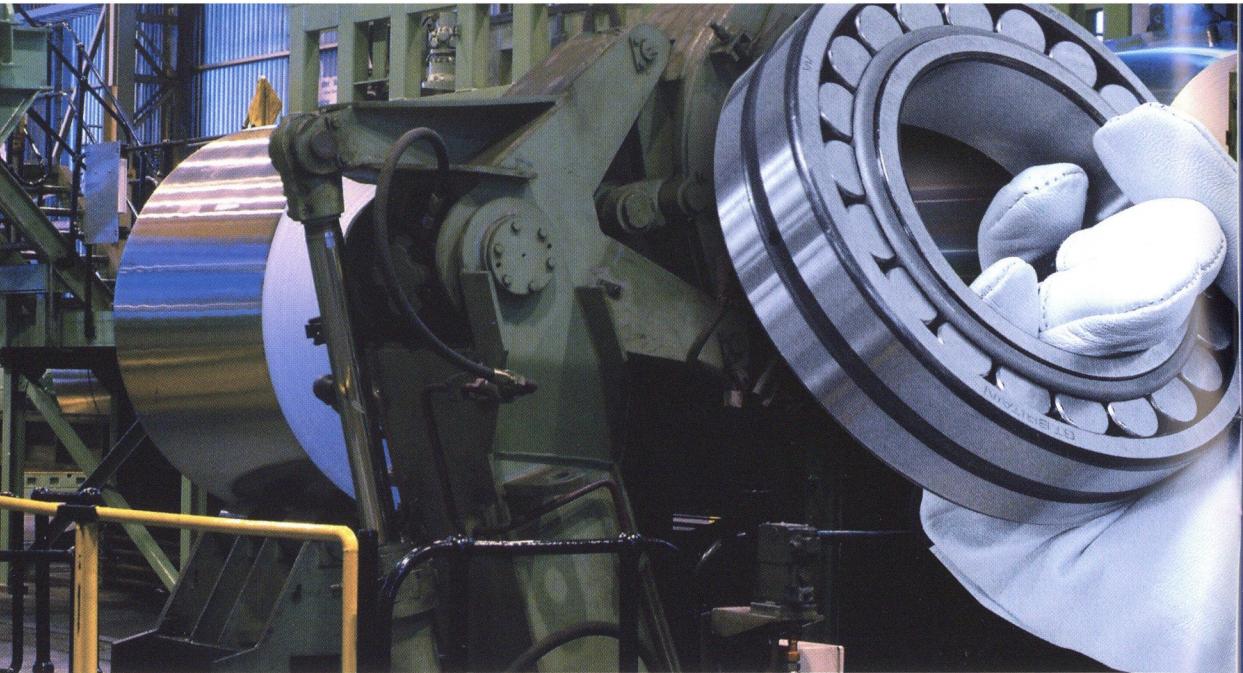
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**Jamie Graves**  
**Bradley Cumington**

**Megan James**  
**Kayleigh Chandler**  
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**Ross Moroney**  
**Jack Griffin**  
**Sinead Duffy**  
**Joseph Smith**

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## Welcome to Southend United

With victory over Southampton last week and a Carling Cup quarter-final trip to Tottenham on the horizon, Southend go into tonight's encounter on a high, despite languishing at the foot of the Championship table. STEWART CURTIS welcomes today's visitors to Kenilworth Road

Essex outfit Southend United visit Kenilworth Road this evening hoping to build on last weekend's victory over Southampton. League form has certainly been an issue for the Shrimpers, having won just three games this season; they currently occupy bottom spot in the Championship, eight points from safety.

Steve Tilson has performed minor miracles since arriving at Roots Hall, leading the Blues to two successive promotions, and two Cardiff cup finals in 3 years. The first step up the football league ladder came via a League Two play-off victory over Lincoln City, and the second as Champions of League One last season. The 2 Cardiff appearances came in the form of successive LDV Vans Trophy finals. However, Southend were defeated 2-0 on both occasions, by Blackpool and Wrexham, respectively.

The club were in danger of relegation to

the Conference when Tilson took over in November 2003, but having steered them clear, the only way was up from there. A former Shrimper himself, Tilson was now gaining an esteemed reputation in English football, being linked with other vacant managerial positions. A summer of speculative job approaches pursued, but the England Under 21 assistant has stayed to fight the cause with Southend.

Turbulent times off the pitch have seen the club come close to liquidation on many occasions over the years, necessitating the sale of the club's stadium to relinquish funds just seven years ago. However, things seem to be on the up, and according to local press, construction work will begin on the club's new 22,000 all-seater stadium in early 2007.

One of the more active clubs in the summer transfer window, a squad over-

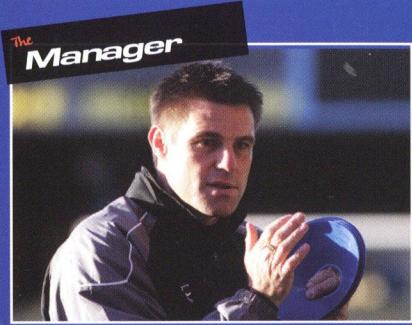
haul has seen no fewer than fifteen players depart, with eleven new faces arriving in the process. Notable signings have seen Alan McCormick arrive on loan from Preston, Jamaican winger Jamal Campbell-Ryce from Rotherham, and former England international Michael Ricketts, although the latter was soon released for being overweight.

Failing to win away from home this season has been Southend's major downfall, collecting just two points from a possible thirty on their travels this season. The club's success in the cup has however been a different tale altogether, defeating Manchester United 1-0 in the last round of the Carling Cup to set up a quarter-final tie away to Tottenham next Wednesday. The goal that night came courtesy of a Freddy Eastwood wonder-strike. This young striker will keep the Luton defenders on their toes during this evening's encounter.



# The Opponents

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

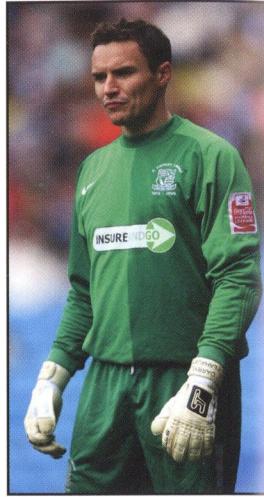


## The Manager

Steve Tilson began his footballing career with non-league side Witham Town before being signed by former Southend manager David Webb. During the 1990s, Tilson appeared in just under 250 matches and played in the side that won two consecutive promotions in the early part of the decade. He played continually for Southend, except for a loan spell at Brentford, until 1997, when he signed for Canvey Island, serving as club captain during his four-year spell with the team. In 2002, Tilson moved back to Southend, this time to head a newly created "Centre of Excellence". He also worked to develop Southend's youth until the sacking of Steve Wignall in November 2003. With the club in danger of relegation to the Football Conference, Tilson was named caretaker-manager by chairman Ron Martin and proceeded to take Southend clear of danger. Also in the same season, Tilson lead Southend to their first ever national cup final in the club's history, losing to Blackpool 2-0 in the LDV Vans Trophy Final. In March of 2004 Tilson was offered the job of manager on a full time basis, and accepted the offer. The 2004-2005 season started with Southend United again favoured to be relegated. However, Tilson led the side to fourth position in League Two and then promotion after a 2-0 victory over Lincoln City in the play-off final. The 2004/05 season also saw Southend return to the LDV Trophy final against Wrexham, although Tilson's side lost the match 2-0 after extra time. The 2005/06 season saw even more success and silverware as Tilson guided Southend to win promotion in consecutive seasons to the Championship as champions of League One, ending their nine-year absence from the league's second tier.

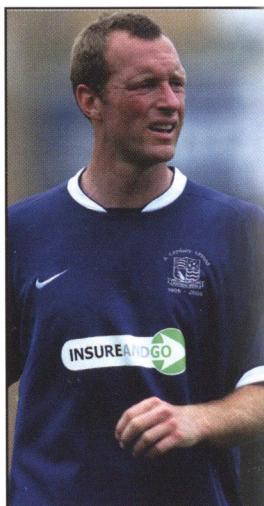
## The Goalkeepers

**DARRYL FLAHAVAN** (pictured) is a talented goalkeeper who played a pivotal role in Southend's League One title success last season. The former Southampton trainee joined Southend from non-league Woking in 2000, and despite being released three years later, he rejoined soon after to deputise for injuries. Flahavan was named PFA Player of the Year last season and was also named in the team of the season and picked up the players' player award from the club. With a number of commanding performances under his belt, Flahavan was beginning to be linked with a move away from Roots Hall, but recently signed a new contract which will tie him to Southend until 2008. Waiting patiently in the wings is **STEVE COLLIS**, who signed a two-year contract to become Southend's first signing ahead of the new season in the Championship. The 25-year-old goalkeeper arrived on a free transfer from Yeovil Town, where he played 24 games during the last campaign.



## The Defenders

**SIMON FRANCIS** penned a three-year deal after joining Southend for an undisclosed fee from Sheffield United. Francis spent most of last season in League One where he made 17 appearances for Tranmere Rovers. Having signed for the Blades for £200,000 from Bradford City, Francis failed to cement a first team place at Bramall Lane. A loan move to Grimsby Town in 2005 was then followed up by his spell at Tranmere, where he impressed enough to be named in the League One Team of the Year. **ADAM BARRETT** and **LEWIS HUNT** both joined Southend in the summer of 2004 and have gone on to become key members of Steve Tilson's side. Barrett joined Southend after spending the previous two seasons with Bristol Rovers, whilst Hunt arrived from Derby County after initially signing on loan. **SPENCER PRIOR** (pictured) has enjoyed a glittering career, and is now back at Southend for his second spell. The tall and commanding defender rejoined the club in 2004, some 11 years after he originally left to sign for Norwich City for £200,000. After three seasons with the Canaries he moved on to Leicester, with spells at Derby County, Manchester City and Cardiff following. After Southend's promotion from League One, Tilson went about strengthening his defence and secured the services of **PETER CLARKE**, who signed a three-year contract just days before the current season after arriving from Blackpool, and ex-Hatter **EFETOBOR SODJE**, who moved from Yeovil Town. Sodje spent just one season at Kenilworth Road and is a former Nigerian international.



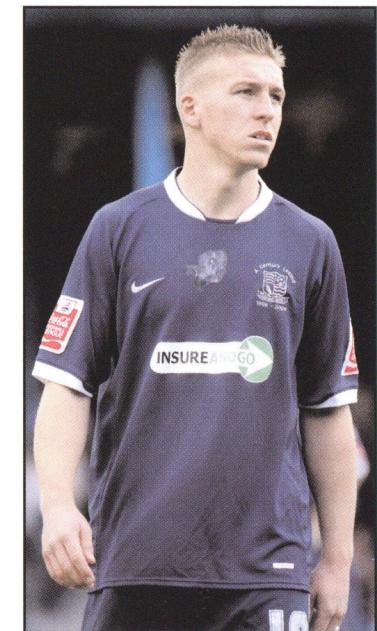
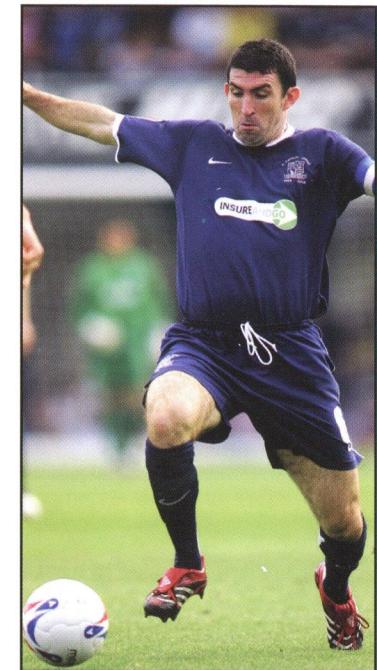
## The Midfielders

**MARK GOWER** joined Southend from Barnet in the summer of 2003 for a fee of £25,000 and capped his first season with the club by being named player of the season. The winger began his career at Tottenham and was a member of the squad that won the Worthington Cup in 1998/99. He had a spell on loan at Motherwell before joining Barnet in January 2001 for £32,500. The winger committed to a two-year deal at the end of the season ahead of the club's move into the Championship. **KEVIN MAHER** (pictured) is Southend's longest serving player and the club captain made his 300th appearance for the club this season. Maher began his career at Tottenham before joining the club on a free transfer in January 1998. Maher has also been capped four times by the Rep of Ireland under-21s. Having joined initially on loan just days before the transfer window was due to close from Rotherham, **JAMAL CAMP-BELL-RYCE** proved to be a more than useful acquisition and gives the club further options in midfield. Campbell-Ryce is a nippy winger who has had spells with Charlton and

## The Strikers

When it takes you just seven seconds to score on your debut before you go on to finish with a hat trick, you know you have a special talent on your hands. And that is exactly the case for Southend when they snapped up **FREDDY EASTWOOD** (pictured) from Grays Athletic and saw him tear Swansea City apart in October 2004, collecting the match ball in a 4-2 success. Eastwood is a former West Ham trainee who admitted that he considered retiring from the football profession after he was released in 2002. But a spell at Grays reawakened his desire and since signing for the Blues in October 2004 he has never looked back. He finished with 24 goals that season, including the opening strike in the play-off final against Lincoln. Eastwood ended the 2005/06 season as the joint leading goalscorer in League One with 25 goals. **MICHAEL RICKETTS** is a former Bolton striker who once commanded a £3.5 million fee. The 27-year-old striker signed on a free transfer from Leeds United with the option of a further year. Ricketts spent all of last season out on loan to Cardiff

Leyton Orient. **STEVEN HAMMELL** has been an inspirational signing for Southend after making the journey south to sign a two-year contract with the Blues after moving on a free transfer from Motherwell. Hammell made 38 appearances for Motherwell last season and has represented Scotland at all youth levels, making his full international debut at Hibernian's Easter Road ground in 2004 as a substitute against Sweden. **JAY SMITH** has had to work his way back from a series of injury setbacks that forced him to miss the whole of last season. The diminutive midfielder made a big impact when he first joined Southend from Aston Villa in 2002 after a successful loan spell. After making his debut in August the same year, he became a regular name in the starting line-up, as he made a name for himself in the heart of midfield. **GARY HOOPER** has made an impressive start to his Southend career after signing from non-league Grays after scoring twice in the club's Carling Cup win over Leeds United. The youngster has mainly come off the bench this season, but has put in a number of commanding performances.



## Southend's All Time Records

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**Best league win:** 9 - 2: vs Newport County 05/09/1936 Division 3S  
**Worst league loss:** 1 - 9: vs Brighton 27/11/1965 Division 3  
**Best cup win:** 10 - 1: vs Aldershot 06/11/1990 Leyland Daf Trophy  
**Most capped player:** George MacKenzie: 9 Rep of Ireland  
**League appearances:** Sandy Anderson: 451 1950/63

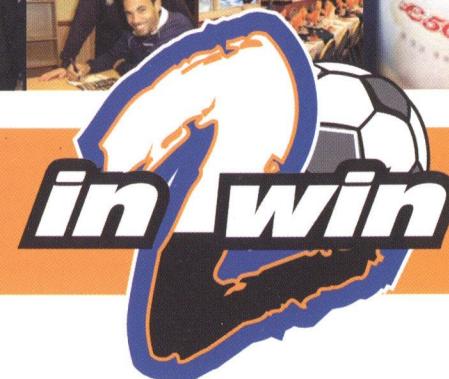
**League goals:** Roy Hollis: 122 1953/60  
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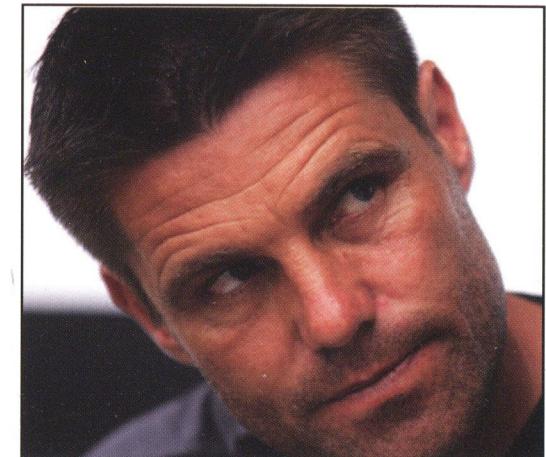
# Opposition

Southend United's Media Manager David Scrine in conversation with Chris Rivett



■ What have new loan signing's Alan McCormack and Arnaud Riera added to the squad?

We knew exactly what we'd be getting when we signed Alan McCormack and that is a tough-tackling midfielder who oozed passion. Alan spent a couple of months at Roots Hall in 2005 and played a vital role in our promotion from League Two. We were, perhaps, lacking someone this season who was prepared to put a foot in but Macca gives us something a little different in midfield. It's interesting to see he's added some forward play to his style as well since he was last with us, and his shooting from distance is top draw. I've been most impressed. As for Arnaud, unfortunately we've not seen as much of him as we might have liked. He came off the bench against Colchester but because of the circumstances it was hard for anyone to make an impression at that point. Since then he's struggled with a foot injury from a training ground incident but hopefully he will be back for the busy Christmas period.



■ Given the January transfer window is looming, how important is Freddy Eastwood to those ambitions?

Freddy's obviously a big player for us; but our success over the past two seasons has been built on team performances and not individuals. Without ten others on the pitch then we'd have struggled and when they are all on song it allows Freddy to be so as well. There's no doubt we need goals this season if we are to stay up, whether they be through Freddy or the rest of the squad I don't think anyone will mind.

■ Who should Luton fans look out for this evening in the Shrimper's squad?



I'm sure all eyes will be on Eastwood but for me Lee Bradbury has been a revelation since he's come back from injury. His performance against Southampton was excellent and all it lacked was a goal to cap things off. With Kevin Maher (pictured) available again following suspension we've another big player back for us.



■ How long did the result against Manchester United take to sink in?

I don't think it still has in all honesty, on a personal note. I've never known anything like it in the build up to a game and the interest around Roots Hall. Needless to say, after full-time the rest of the week was a bit of a blur.

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

I've answered a few of these type of features since the start of the season and the very first one I did I said Birmingham would be the Champions. At the moment they look good money for it, shame I didn't put any on, and I stand by that prediction.



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## Five to Remember

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

asm by Luton supporters.

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With the heat taking its toll, both sides made full use of their substitutes and it was one of these, Tony Thorpe, who broke the deadlock on 76 minutes after being set up by John Taylor.



John Taylor rises highest at Roots Hall in 1995.

12th April 1967

Luton Town 1 Southend United 0

Attendance: 4,666

In this, the Town's worst ever season, a mid-campaign mini-revival had petered out and the team was placed just above the re-election positions in Division Four.

Having picked up only one point from the previous five games leading up to the visit of promotion chasing Southend there seemed only one likely winner, but in a bad tempered, bruising encounter the Hatters seemed up for it from the start.

Welcoming back fit again mercurial winger Graham French the Town could not make a breakthrough and the game seemed to be petering out to a draw when newcomer Keith Allen hit a long, hopeful shot that squirmed through the hands of Shrimpers goalkeeper Trevor Roberts and with it two vital points.



Scott Oakes fires in during the win over the Shrimpers in 1996

27th September 1967

Luton Town 3 Southend United 1

Attendance: 13,322

What a difference a few months made! Luton supporters knew that a new era was unfolding at Kenilworth Road and wanted to be part of it.

Early season pacemakers, unbeaten Southend, were the visitors and revenge was due as the Town's only reverse had been at Roots Hall three weeks earlier.

New £11,000 signing from Derby, Ian Buxton, made his Luton debut but was by passed in a frenetic game that ebbed and flowed.

John Moore opened the scoring for the Town only for Jackie Ferguson to level midway through the second half. Terry Branston headed the Hatters back in front two minutes later and, with Southend tiring, Graham French made the game safe.

19th August 1995

Southend United 0 Luton Town 1

Attendance: 4,630

Terry Westley's managerial career at Kenilworth Road had not started off too brightly with a home defeat at the hands of Norwich on the opening day and so the trip to Southend, where we had not won since 1964, was not treated with great enthusi-

asm by Luton supporters.

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13th January 1996

Luton Town 3 Southend United 1

Attendance: 6,566

Sadly the win at Roots Hall had not galvanised the Town as by the time of the return they were rock bottom, had just replaced their manager and had suffered a 1-7 humiliation at Grimsby in the FA Cup the previous week.

New manager Lennie Lawrence expected a 100% improvement against the mid-table Shrimpers and got it with the Hatters on top from first minute to last. The breakthrough took a long time in coming though, as it took until the stroke of half-time before Bontcho Guentchev hooked in the opener.

In the second period two screamers from Scott Oakes made the game safe, with an effort from Southend's Paul Byrne coming too late to spoil the day.

29th December 2001

Southend United 1 Luton Town 2

Attendance: 5,973

The Town were making a bold bid to escape Division Three at the first attempt and stood in second spot with the best away record in the Football League.

Mid-table Southend had beaten the Town at Roots Hall in the FA Cup six weeks before, and seemed likely to make it a double when Carl Hutchings netted on 51 minutes after winger Steven Clarke had beaten Ian Hillier for pace down the wing.

The Town were made of strong stuff though and Dean Crowe levelled 15 minutes later before Matt Taylor secured all three points smashing the ball home after Kevin Nicholls' free-kick had caused all sorts of problems in the Shrimpers defence.



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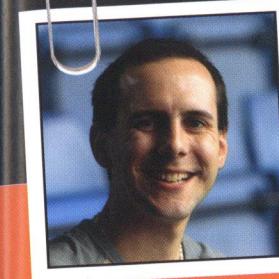
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## Stat Attack

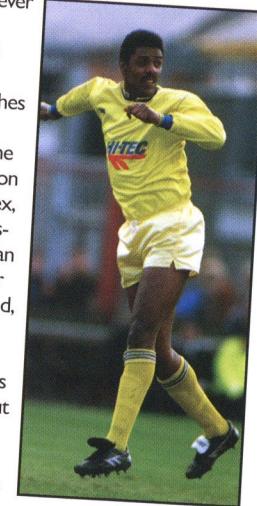
Simon Pitts takes a look at some interesting stats between this evening's two sides.

Luton have entertained Southend on twenty seven occasions in the league, and have won fifteen of these. From the eight draws there has been a 0-0, 1-1, 2-2, 3-3 and amazingly a rare 4-4! The visitors have won four times, the last of which was in November 1964. The Hatters have scored 54 goals and conceded 29. Luton are unbeaten in cup competitions at Kenilworth Road against Southend, with three wins in the FA Cup and a draw in the Anglo-Italian Cup!



Southend have only signed two players from Luton since the 1950's and both of these were free transfers in the summer of 2003! Carl Emberson (pictured) made sixty appearances for the Hatters, including during the promotion season of 2001/02 before his move. Emberson only made seven appearances for Southend. Duncan Jupp had a very short spell at Kenilworth Road, and made just two starts at the end of the 2002/03 season. Jupp went

on to 100 league appearances in three seasons at Roots Hall before his move to current club Gillingham, last summer. Bobby Wyldes and Ray Smith both left the Hatters in the 1950's to continue their career at Southend after 27 and 14 appearances for Luton, respectively. Doug Beach and Arthur Purdy had both made 26 appearances for Luton, whilst George Goodyear made just 12, prior to their transfers. Beach and Goodyear moved in the 1940's whilst Purdy was a goalkeeper for the Hatters in the 1925/26 season.



Only two players have ever made the switch from Southend to Luton, and strangely they both featured in 13 league matches for the Hatters! Billy Thirlaway appeared at the end of the 1924/25 season after his move from Essex, before he was then transferred to South Shields. Ian Benjamin had played over 130 matches for Southend, before his £50,000 move to Luton Town. Benjamin only made 17 appearances in total for the Hatters, but he will always be remembered for 'that header' against Watford during the 1992/93 season!

Luton were unbeaten in the opening nine league matches at Kenilworth Road against Southend, winning six and drawing three. An amazing 23 goals were scored in just seven games by the Hatters, the other two matches ended goalless, which meant Luton kept seven clean sheets in this unbeaten run. The Hatters scored four goals during four of these matches, and yet have only managed it once since, in 1963/64!

Luton have had two players celebrating hat tricks in this fixture. Syd Reid was the first, on the final day of the 1924/25 season, in a 4-0 win, with John Shankly scoring the other. Gordon Turner was the other to achieve this feat, in a 4-1 win in October 1963. Jimmy "Jock" Weir scored the other that day, his only career goal for Luton Town!

The sides have only played twice before in December at Kenilworth Road, and these games both ended in draws! It was the remarkable draw in 1923/24, the first of only three 4-4 scorelines seen in Luton's home league history, and then four years later it finished goalless! The sides have never met before on the 15th day of the month!

# Action Replay

**vs Preston,  
Saturday 2nd  
December, 2006**



**LUTON TOWN 2  
PRESTON NORTH  
END 0**

Luton Scorers: Vine (2), Edwards (19)

Attendance: 7,665

**Picture:** Carlos Edwards celebrates Luton's second goal with Rowan Vine, who opened the scoring against Preston.

Vine scored his tenth goal of the season on two minutes whilst Edwards popped up with his sixth goal of the season on 19 minutes, connecting with Dean Morgan's cross



**Luton:** Kiely, Foley, Edwards, Robinson, Vine (Perrett 90), Morgan (Feeney 56), Emanuel, Brkovic, Barnett, Heikkinen, Bell

**Subs not used:** Beresford, Langley, Boyd

**Bookings:** Robinson (47), Vine (87)

**Goals:** Vine (2), Edwards (19)

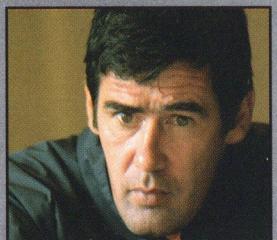


**Preston:** Nash, Alexander, Pugh, Sedgwick, Agyemang (Dichio 56), Nugent, St Ledger, Chilvers, Whaley (Neal 74), McKenna, Miller (Ormerod 46)

**Subs not used:** Lonergan, Wilson

**Bookings:** McKenna (47)

#### From the Manager



"It feels very good, particularly against the top side. I've always said that we'd rather have a top side here than a bottom side, because you know what people's expectations are against a bottom side. They think you'll just turn up and win."



□ Carlos Edwards celebrates his sixth goal of the season against Preston

## LUTON 2 PRESTON 0

By Philip Francis

Goals from Rowan Vine and Carlos Edwards brought to an end a run of eight defeats against top of the table Preston.

However, the Hatters were made to fight all the way as the visitors mounted a late challenge.

Luton got off to the perfect start after 70 seconds when a pinpoint cross from Steve Robinson found Vine, who duly dispatched the ball into the net with ease.

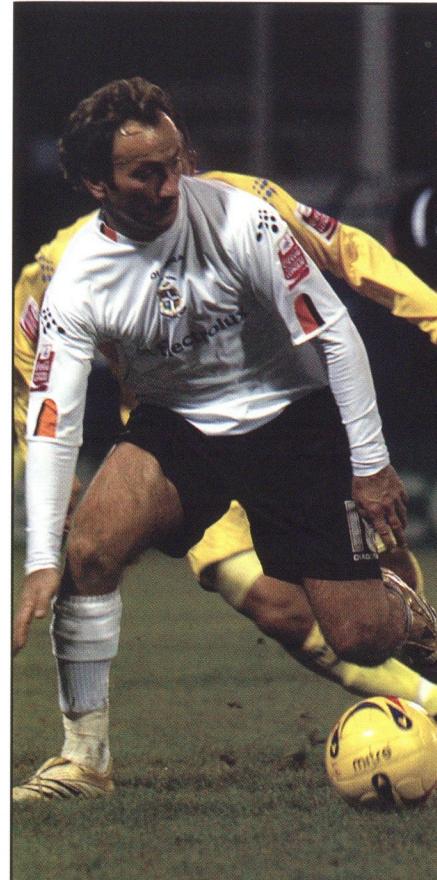
The goal lifted the confidence in the side and for the next 20 minutes, Luton dominated the game, which culminated in a second Luton goal. Dean Morgan found space in the six-yard box and rolled the ball into the path of an unmarked

Edwards, who finished clinically.

Preston, stung by the second goal, pushed more men forward but Luton were rarely troubled before the interval.

The second half started with Luton looking to add to their lead as Preston presented few problems for the home defence. However with time running out, the visitors pushed five or six men forward at every opportunity.

Dean Kiely, the on-loan goalkeeper from Portsmouth, made three outstanding saves to frustrate Preston in the second half, who had bombarded the Hatters goal in the closing stages.



□ Ahmet Brkovic mounts a Luton attack



□ Carlos Edwards and Danny Pugh challenge for the ball



□ Rowan Vine fires home Luton's first goal of the afternoon.

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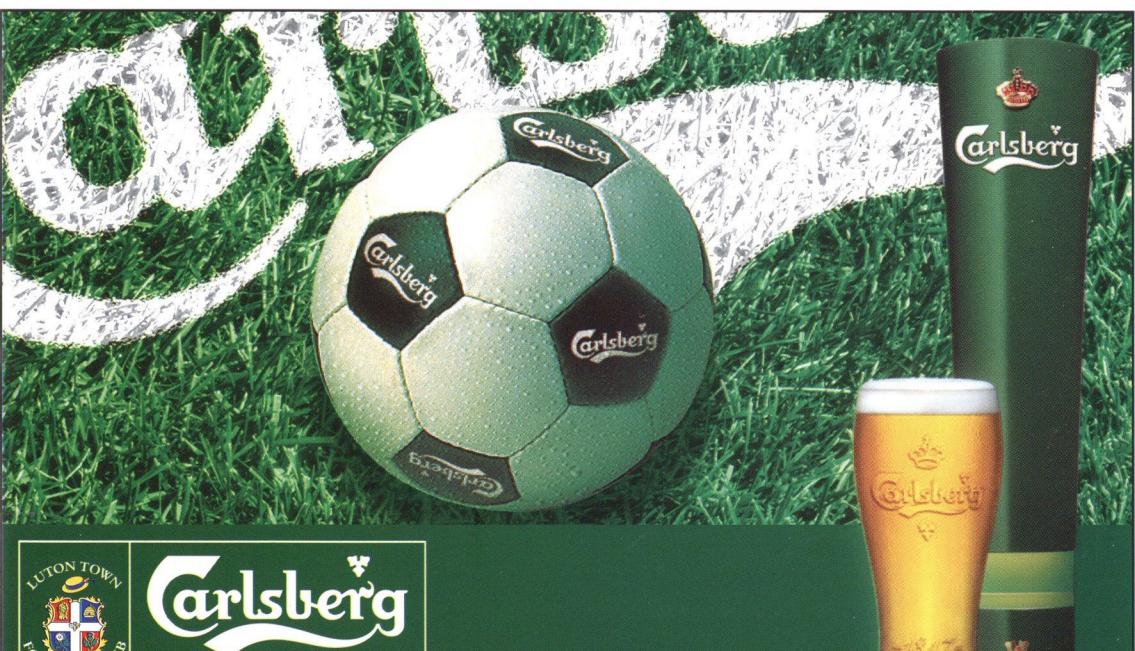
1. Who took over as England manager from Bobby Robson in 1990?
2. With which club did Tottenham midfielder Edgar Davids win the Champions League in 1995?
3. Which British striker scored his first ever Champions League goal last week?
4. Which team are nicknamed 'The Rams'?
5. Which current Premiership manager started his coaching career at Bradford City and moved to Sheffield Wednesday before crossing the Pennines to his current job?
6. At which Spanish side did Rafael Benitez win the Spanish league, the UEFA Cup and the Champions League?
7. Which referee awarded Arsenal two penalties in their 3-0 win over Tottenham?
8. Name the France and Juventus legend who is still the only player ever to win three consecutive European Footballer of the Year awards?
9. Which club play their home games at Spotland?
10. From which club did Leeds United sign Eric Cantona from?

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



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## Football League News

The Football League Awards, in conjunction with FourFourTwo magazine, are back. Who will win this season's top prize?

The Football League Awards are back and this season fans can have their say on which Football League players should make FourFourTwo's prestigious Top 50 list.

Following on from the inaugural Football League Awards which took place in March 2006, the 2007 event will once again recognise footballing excellence on and off the field, with clubs and players honoured alongside fans. There will be 18 award categories in total, including a range of football awards and industry specific honours.

FourFourTwo's Top 50 Football League players will also be announced at the ceremony which will take place at London's Grosvenor House Hotel on Sunday 4th March 2007.

Fans wishing to vote for the players they believe should be in the reckoning for a place in the Top 50 should visit [www.fourfourtwo.com](http://www.fourfourtwo.com). The votes will be counted and a shortlist drawn up for an expert panel to judge.

Everybody who votes on the website will be entered into a draw to win tickets to The Football League Awards, to see the FourFourTwo Top 50 Football

League players announced at the awards evening in March.

Commenting on the return of The Football League Awards, the Chairman of The Football League, Lord Mawhinney said: "Following the success of the 2006 Football League Awards, this year's event will once again recognise the outstanding contributions made to The Football League by fans, clubs, players and sponsors.

"We want fans to get even more involved this year and they can do just that by having their say on who should make it into The Top 50 Football League players."

The January issue of FourFourTwo magazine is out now, and contains further details of how to vote, and also a list of suggested Football League players from each club to get the voting started.

Editor of FourFourTwo magazine, Hugh Sleight said: "The fans watch these players week in week out, so we want as many of them as possible to tell us who they think are the best players in The Football League. We received a great response to the 2006 FourFourTwo Top 50 Football League players, and so we

really wanted to hear the views of the fans this time around in the decision process.

"The Football League Awards are a great platform to celebrate the achievements of the players in The Football League, and FourFourTwo is proud to be involved for the second year of the Awards."

To find out more about The Football League Awards please visit [www.footballleagueawards.com](http://www.footballleagueawards.com).

The full list of Football League Award categories are as follows:

### FOOTBALL AWARDS

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- Football League 1 - Apprentice
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- Coca-Cola Young Player of the Year
- Coca-Cola League 2 - Player of the Year\*
- Coca-Cola League 1 - Player of the Year\*
- Coca-Cola Championship - Player of the Year\*

\*These awards will be presented to the highest ranked player in each division in FourFourTwo's Top 50 Football League Players

### INDUSTRY AWARDS

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- Best Use of New Media
- Best Kit Design
- Best Ground - sponsored by Carling and run in conjunction with BBC Radio Five Live
- Fan of the Year
- Contribution to League Football
- Good Sport Award - sponsored by Wash and Go



Sheffield United's Phil Jagielka was named the best player in the Football League last season



**MONDAY  
04  
DECEMBER**

## Parkinson departs Hull

Hull City have parted company with boss Phil Parkinson after less than six months in charge at the KC Stadium.

Parkinson was appointed following Peter Taylor's defection to Crystal Palace in the summer. Despite having spent more than £2m on players, Hull are currently one place off the bottom of the Championship.

Hull chairman Adam Pearson confirmed first team coach Phil Brown and assistant manager Colin Murphy will take over first team affairs.

Pearson said in a statement on Hull's website on Monday: "It is with regret that on behalf of Hull City, I wish to announce the departure of manager Phil Parkinson, a course of action myself and Phil reluctantly confirmed this morning."

**ALSO...** Leicester midfielder Danny Tiatto is to have a precautionary x-ray on his foot.....Boss Peter Grant says Norwich can take nothing for granted after they were drawn to face Tamworth in the FA Cup.



**TUESDAY  
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DECEMBER**

## Forde seals Cardiff move

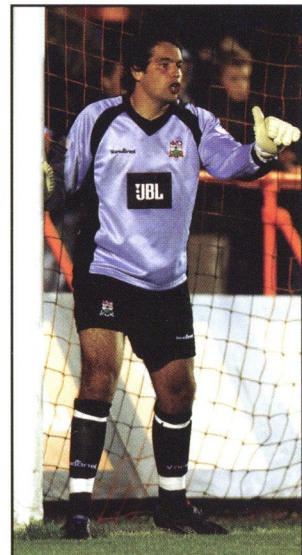
Derry City goalkeeper David Forde has signed for Championship title contenders Cardiff City.

Forde, who rejoined Derry two years ago after being released by West Ham United, hopes the move can earn him a Republic of Ireland call-up.

"I feel I have unfinished business in the UK and I want to push for an international spot," said Forde.

He added: "Dave Jones wants me to challenge Neil Alexander for the number one spot and it is certainly something I think I can do."

"Exciting things are happening at Cardiff - they are a couple of points off the top in the Championship and they've got news of a new 30,000 stadium. It's a club going in all the right directions, it's a great city and I'm looking forward to the challenge ahead."



**ALSO...** Ipswich striker Alan Lee will have a scan to determine whether he has any serious problems with a groin injury.....West Brom manager Tony Mowbray denies reports of a bust-up with captain Curtis Davies.

**WEDNESDAY  
06  
DECEMBER**

## Agent hopeful of Wallwork return



Ronnie Wallwork's agent is confident that the West Brom midfielder will recover from his stab wound injuries and make a return to playing football.

Wallwork, 29, on loan at Barnsley, is in hospital recovering from wounds to his hand, stomach and back.

Agent Neil Sillett told the BBC: "Knowing the character that Ronnie is I would say that yes he will play football again."

"The surgeons have done a great job and given him every chance of playing."

Wallwork joined Barnsley on loan on 23rd November and has started two games since his switch from the Hawthorns.

Sillett added: "He's still in a lot of pain and not in a great condition at the moment."

**ALSO...** Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper Mark Crossley says he would end his international retirement if needed by Wales.....Coventry City midfielder Don Hutchison hopes to make his first-team comeback in the league game at Sunderland's Stadium of Light on 3rd February.

**THURSDAY  
07  
DECEMBER**

## Derby boss is top man for November



Derby County boss Billy Davies has been named as the Championship's manager of the month for November.

The Rams enjoyed a superb sequence of form during the month, winning all six of their league games.

Despite losing at West Brom in their first game in December, the run has lifted them to within three points of Championship leaders Birmingham.

The other contenders for the award were Stoke's Tony Pulis, George Burley of Southampton and Preston's Paul Simpson.

## New deal for Wolves goal-keeper

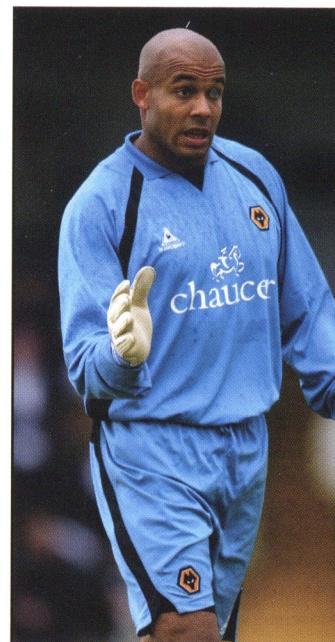
Wolves' keeper Matt Murray has signed a new three-and-a-half year deal, which will be extended by a year if they reach the Premiership in that time.

The 25-year-old's previous contract was due to expire in the summer of 2008, leading to speculation about a move.

"This shows his commitment to Wolves, and I'm thrilled," manager Mick McCarthy told the club website.

"It's a huge boost as we all rate him very highly and think he's one of the best keepers in the country."

Murray has made 74 league and cup appearances since coming through the youth ranks at Molineux.



**ALSO...** Hereford United manager Graham Turner has agreed an extension for Stoke mid-fielder John Eustace's loan spell.....Birmingham chairman David Gold has branded Jose Mourinho's call for Premiership reserve teams to play in the Football League as "disrespectful."

**SATURDAY  
09  
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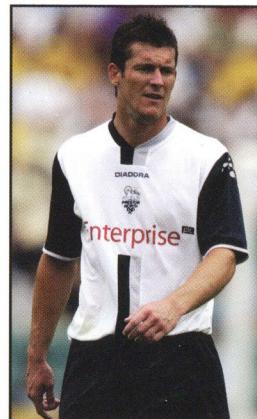
## Nugent happy with life at Preston

Striker David Nugent has insisted he wants to remain a Preston player - at least until the end of the season.

Nugent is expected to attract bids from Premiership clubs when the transfer window reopens in January.

But the 21-year-old said: "I like the speculation but I'm a Preston player. I want to stay here and try to get us into the Premiership."

"In an ideal world I would like to stay at Preston. At the very least I'd like to stop to the end of the season."



**ALSO...** Sunderland boss Roy Keane reveals he is interested in taking Arsenal striker Anthony Stokes to the Stadium of Light.....Stoke midfielder Darel Russell has been named as the Championship's Player of the Month for November.....Scotland goalkeeper Neil Alexander is in continuing talks with Cardiff after turning down a new contract.



# A Northern Soul

**Lewis Emanuel may be a long way from his birthplace in Bradford but Luton's recent losing streak would have seemed home from home after his topsy-turvy years with the Bantams. We caught up with the mild-mannered man with a loaded left foot to see how he's settling in at Kenilworth Road.**

**Interviewed & Written by Geoff Knox - Photography by Gareth Owen**

When then Hatters achieved their great result over the league leaders Preston earlier this month, a stylish win which drop-kicked the disastrous month of November well and truly into touch, Lewis insisted that life on the training pitch up at Luton Rugby Club had been business as usual.

"The training is exactly the same. We did everything the same in preparation.

"It was nice just to get three points and change things around. I'm sick of losing. It does your head in.

"I can't really put my finger on what changed. It just dragged on, and the games got quicker and we just kept on losing. I don't know what it was that changed but we just got stuck in and got a result."

Having arrived at Kenilworth Road during the summer as a trialist, Emanuel quickly impressed the coaching staff in with both his application and aptitude in training.

A string of good performances in the pre-season friendlies did not go unnoticed, and it wasn't long before Lewis was in with the in crowd and had put pen to paper on a two-year contract.

Even if Lewis was not a household name in these parts, he was certainly no stranger to this level of football.

"I've played a fair few games for Bradford at this level, but unfortunately we got relegated!"

A quiet man, and a no-nonsense workmanlike player who just goes about his business on the pitch in a professional manner, Lewis may not write many headlines. However, it's testament to how well he's adapted to life at Kenilworth Road in that it's hard to imagine a Luton team without Emanuel on the team sheet, even though it's less than five months after he signed for the Club.

The first game of the Championship season at his new club just happened to be live on Sky Sports and Lewis

went straight into the team alongside fellow new signing and old foe, Richard Langley.

An impressive debut followed on the left-hand side of midfield, and Lewis showed his versatility by dropping back into his favoured left back position when Sol Davis was forced off with a dead leg.

If the jury was still out for any Luton fans, then they must have been won over when Emanuel grabbed the only goal of the game to secure the points in his second outing at Hillsborough three days later.

Electrifying pace and robust tackling are major assets for any left-sided player, and Lewis has been an able replacement for a recuperating Sol Davis over the past six weeks.

By his own admission, Lewis is not the most prolific of goal scorers, and his winner at Sheffield Wednesday was just his fifth career goal.

Lewis recalls his first ever goal with a big grin. It was almost three years to the day before his solitary Hatters strike.

It came at Ninian Park in a Championship clash against a very strong Cardiff City side containing the likes of Robert Earnshaw, Danny Gabbidon and Graham Kavanagh.

Although it was the season that would ultimately see the Bantams drop out of the division, they had started the 2003/04 season brightly.

The now-Burnley hitman Andy Gray, who we know all about after his brace of goals earned the Clarets three points here on Halloween night earlier this season, had put Bradford ahead with a stunning 22-yard effort.

Not to be outdone, Lewis pounced on a loose ball outside the Cardiff area and with the time and space afforded to him, set his sights on the Bluebirds goal.



Bang! Left foot. 2-0!

"It felt very good. I can't remember how far, about 30 yards out. Langers was playing (for Cardiff) that day and he remembers it."

Time may have embellished Lewis' recollection of distance, but it was no tap-in.

Lewis is clearly happy to be here, but he is very much a Bradford boy at heart.

Born there, bred there, played there, met his girl there. If Lewis were a stick of rock, the word B-R-A-D-F-O-R-D would read throughout his cross-section in squiggly uneven red lettering.

So it was fitting that when he made his debut for his hometown club in a League Cup match at Macclesfield in August 2001, he was replaced in the 89th minute by a substitute who went by the name of Stuart McCall.

McCall played over 450 games for Bradford in two separate spells at Valley Parade, and is listed on their official website as a Bantams Great.

"He was a legend at Bradford. He was someone I looked up to and someone who always gave me advice."

"I don't think I was supposed to be playing, to be honest. I just got thrown in there and it was a bit of a shock. I just got on with it and I enjoyed it."

McCall's goal in extra time of that match sealed the tie for his team, creating another platform for Emanuel to impress his manager.

Bradford had finished bottom of the Premiership the previous season and were in financial freefall. They had amassed a squad of players that were on big wages, and had not managed to shed them all in time for the Championship season.

It was bad for the Boardroom but great for the training ground, as there were plenty of old dogs around to teach the young pups some new tricks.

Veteran defender David Wetherall,

## Did you know?

Lewis' form this season has not gone unnoticed in wider circles. Last month he was called into the Republic of Ireland 'B' squad to play Scotland 'B' alongside fellow Hatter Kevin Foley. Both played 90 minutes of a goalless draw.

who to this day still plies his trade at Valley Parade, became a mentor to Lewis, and is still just as supportive.

"Wethers is still there now and he was always talking to me about my game. During a match when I was playing he'd tell me where to be. Wethers was very helpful."

"We've texted each other a few times, and when we've had weekends off here I've gone back and watched the game and met the lads."

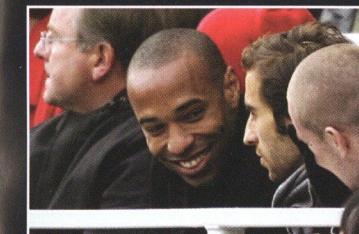
Lewis clocked up another 150-odd appearances for his first love before deciding that, professionally, it was time to move on.

Football careers are short and it was time to spread his wings.

"Bradford did offer me a contract

## Emanuel's opinion on...

### Thierry Henry's spat with Arsene Wenger



Obviously Barcelona were interested in him before he signed a long term contract with Arsenal, and some people are saying that he's regretted signing it and not going to Barcalona. He's not performing as he was in previous seasons, so he may not want to be there.

but I decided to turn it down and try my luck elsewhere. My agent said I could come down here for a trial and things just went on from there.

"It was a league above and the chance to play in the Championship so I just went for that. I'm enjoying it at the minute."

Uprooting the family home can be a traumatic experience. Footballer's wives tend not to be how the TV series and tabloids portray them, and there can be some sensitive issues to deal with before success on the pitch can be achieved.

Lewis had married into Bradford although, fortunately, things are going well with his relocation.

"I didn't have any problems about moving. I've always known that in football you've got to move around

## Question Time

Ninian Park was the scene of Lewis' first ever league goal in August 2003. Lewis also achieved another, albeit unwanted, milestone in his career at the same ground in September this year. What was it?



and sometimes you have to move around a lot.

"My missus was a bit unsure because she's from Bradford as well. But she's come down now and she's settled in as well, and my little girl has as well, so it's fine now."

However, when it came to house hunting around the Luton area his wife quickly ruled out south, east and west – just to be that little bit closer to Yorkshire!

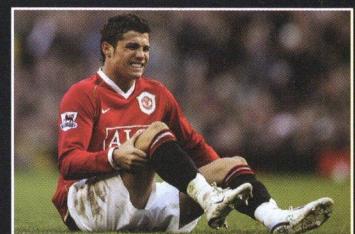
"I live in a little village just outside Milton Keynes, so when I get home it's closer to up north!"

### Goal line technology



I think it should be brought in, yes. We need it because sometimes it can cost you three points. I remember that we played somebody, I think it was Wimbledon, when the ball didn't cross the line but the lino flagged and give it and we ended up losing the game 2-1. It cost us.

### What it would be like to play against Cristiano Ronaldo



You like to test yourself against the best players. After seeing them play and watching them play you'd like to play against them. He'd be a hard player to play against. He can go on either foot and cuts inside and outside and he's got great feet and tricks, but people still go on about his diving.

TONY SIMONE





# The A to Z of

Roger Wash looks back on every post

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## **Solomon (Sol) Sebastian DAVIS**

Cheltenham born Sol signed professional forms for Swindon in May 1998, after coming up through the ranks at the County Ground, making his league debut at home to QPR in November 1997, soon after his 18th birthday.

Forging a reputation for himself as a committed and tough tackling left-sided player, he was brought to Luton by Joe Kinnear in August 2002 soon after the Hatters were promoted from Division Three.

Something of a cult hero at Kenilworth Road his recent illness has shocked all Luton supporters who can't wait to witness the full back's next bone jarring tackle.

## **Stephen (Steve) Mark DAVIS**

Although coming from the North-East, Steve was a junior at Southampton but found first team opportunities hard to come by at the Dell, so accepted a £60,000 move to Burnley in 1991 where he became a crowd favourite, helping the Clarets to successive promotions.

A £750,000 cheque took him to Kenilworth Road in 1995 where his astute reading of the game and power in the air in both penalty areas made him indispensable in over three seasons at Luton. An £800,000 bid from Burnley, and the players desire to return, saw Steve move back to Turf Moor in December 1998. After a spell at Blackpool, Steve is now back at Turf Moor as first team coach.

## **Mervyn Richard DAY**

Goalkeeper Mervyn played almost 650 league games for a variety of clubs over a distinguished 20 year career after coming up through the ranks at West Ham and making his debut in the 1973/74 season. Long spells at Orient and Leeds then followed, and it was from the latter club that he came on loan to Luton in 1992 just as he was coming to the end of his career and the Hatters were about to be relegated from the top flight.

The Luton supporters were aggrieved that previous loanee Steve Sutton had not been signed on therefore Mervyn was seen as a poor replacement, but he did little wrong in a four game spell. Mervyn was assistant to Alan Curbishley at Charlton until last summer.

## **John (Dixie) Kelty DEANS**

Dixie was a scoring revelation in Scotland for both Motherwell and Celtic, and bagged a hat-trick for the latter in a Scottish Cup final and six in a league game against Partick Thistle in 1973.

It was regarded as a big coup by Luton manager Harry Haslam when he brought the 30-year-old to Kenilworth Road in 1976, and he did not disappoint scoring six goals in 14 appearances including two on his debut against Sheffield United. Short and squat and the complete opposite of a lithe athlete, Dixie was a bull of a striker and brilliant in the air but indiscretions both on and off the pitch saw Haslam lose patience and he was packed off to Carlisle.

After a time playing in Australia, Dixie settled back in Scotland where he is still a publican.

## **Peter Robert DENTON**

Peter had difficulty in earning a regular right wing slot at Coventry, such was the form of Ronnie Rees, and managed only ten starts in four years at Highfield Road as the Sky Blues moved up through the divisions.

Thoughts that a move to Fourth Division Luton in January 1968 would re-boot his career proved incorrect as he could never hope to displace the mercurial Graham French and he remained, as he had at Coventry, a good squad player who would never let the side down.

After spells with Margate and Canterbury as well as coaching at Kenilworth Road, Peter worked at Vauxhall, is now retired, and still lives in the Luton area.



# Luton Town

war player to have appeared for Luton Town

## **Andrew (Andy) Gerald DIBBLE**

Andy will always hold a special place in the hearts of Luton supporters due to his heroic display in goal during the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final when the Hatters beat Arsenal 3-2.

Welshman Andy started out with Cardiff, before moving to Luton for £125,000 in 1984 but early on in his Hatters career he suffered a bad injury at Manchester United and was from then on trying to get his place back from the remarkably consistent Les Sealey.

An injury to Sealey gave him his Littlewoods Cup chance, but, knowing he was likely to be back on the bench, Andy opted for a £240,000 move to Manchester City, and from there a dozen league clubs in a long career. Andy is now goalkeeping coach at Coventry.

## **Paul DICKOV**

Feisty forward Paul is still giving top flight defenders nightmares at the age of 34 with his 'in your face' displays and total commitment.

Although born in Scotland, Paul started with Arsenal and it was while with the Gunners he came to Luton on loan in October 1993 to gain experience and scored once (a 1-0 home win over Notts County) in 15 whole hearted appearances.

A £1 million move to Manchester City followed in 1996 along with ten Scottish caps and, later on, further transfers to Leicester and Blackburn leading up to a return to the blue half of Manchester this summer.

## **Kerry Michael DIXON**

Kerry became the 'one that got away' with Luton Town rejecting the local lad, and Hatters fan, as a youngster leaving him to make a name for himself at Dunstable Town before moving to Reading for £20,000.

A goal every other game for the Royals earned the big striker a dream move to Chelsea in 1983 where he became a terrace hero, netting 147 league goals and winning eight England caps in nine years at Stamford Bridge before entering into another big money move, this time to Southampton. The move did not work out and Kerry's career then turned full circle with a free transfer to Luton, where he weighed in with 19 goals and an appearance for the Town in an FA Cup semi-final against Chelsea in the twilight of his career. Kerry is now actively involved with Dunstable Town.



## **Michael (Mike) DIXON**

Although born in Willesden, Mike was brought up in Luton, signing on professional terms at Kenilworth Road in 1957. Although a regular goalscorer for the Reserves, Mike managed only three League games up front for the Hatters, although his career was hampered by a fractured kneecap sustained at a Combination game at Southampton.

Moving to Coventry in 1961, Mike had scored 12 goals in 18 starts for the Bantams but a change of manager, with Jimmy Hill taking over the hot seat, and a further injury meant his days at Highfield Road were numbered.

A succession of non-league clubs then followed, including Cambridge United and Dunstable, but Mike drew consolation from son Kerry's later career in the game.

## **Gary Michael Thomas DOHERTY**

Coming up through the ranks at Kenilworth Road the Ireland born but locally raised Gary formed part of a formidable Luton Town Youth side that reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997.

Luton supporters could never be sure which was Gary's best position as he was equally adept in central defence and as a striker, and the same could be said after a big money move to Tottenham in April 2000 saw him appear all over the pitch at White Hart Lane.

A broken ankle saw the big Eire international out for a long spell and after returning to fitness he reluctantly accepted a move to Norwich where he has decided to concentrate on defending, becoming a mainstay in the Canaries back line.



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League

## Round Up

**Simon Gover looks back over the weekend action from the Championship**

**B**irmingham City remain top of the Championship table after a Gary McSheffrey hat-trick gave them a 3-1 victory over Preston North End.

In undoubtedly the game of the day between the division's top two sides, it was Preston that started the brighter at St Andrews.

David Nugent hit a post and Brett Ormerod went close before Blues cruelly claimed the lead through former Coventry City striker McSheffrey on 32 minutes.

He then doubled Birmingham's advantage five minutes before the break before Ormerod deservedly pulled a goal back on the stroke of half-time.

Steve Bruce's side wrapped up all three points when McSheffrey claimed his third goal from the penalty spot just before the end.

It leaves Birmingham three points clear at the summit after Derby County moved up to second with a 1-0 win at struggling Leeds United.

Rams youngster Giles Barnes (9) headed home Jon Stead's cross to claim the

points at Elland Road and heap more misery on Dennis Wise's side.

Cardiff City are third after being held to a 2-2 home draw by Ipswich Town.

Darren Purse (3) gave The Bluebirds an early lead that lasted until half-time, but Ipswich levelled matters soon after the break through Jonathan Macken (48).

Purse then converted from the penalty spot on 66 minutes to restore Cardiff's lead, but Macken made sure Jim Magilton's side took a point away from South Wales with a penalty of his own seven minutes later.

Stoke City defeated Queens Park Rangers 1-0 at The Britannia Stadium, with Danny Higginbotham (17) converting from the penalty spot after QPR defender Mauro Milanese had brought down Potters striker Ricardo Fuller in the visitors' box.

Bottom club Southend United gave their survival chances a boost with an impressive 2-1 home win over improving Southampton.

Freddy Eastwood (22) gave The Shrimpers the lead before Alan

McCormack (64) doubled the Essex club's advantage.

Grzegorz Rasiak (87) struck a consolation for The Saints, who remain in the play-off places after defeat at Roots Hall.

Coventry City claimed a valuable 1-0 home win over Burnley after Colin Cameron (31) converted from the penalty spot following Wayne Thomas's foul in the box on Dele Adebola.

Colchester United are two points off the top six after an impressive 3-1 win at Crystal Palace.

All the goals came in the second half at Selhurst Park, with Karl Duguid (63) and Richard Garcia (70) putting The U's in front.

Clinton Morrison (87) got one back for The Eagles before Geraint Williams's side sealed the three points with a late Chris Iwelumo penalty.

A Sylvan Ebanks-Blake strike (71) gave Plymouth Argyle a 1-0 home win over struggling Hull City, while Sheffield Wednesday claimed a dramatic 2-1 success at Norwich City.

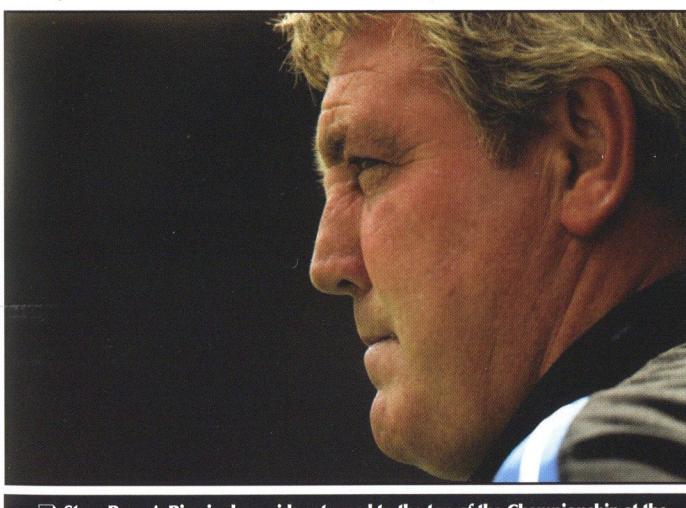
All the goals came in the last ten minutes at Carrow Road, as Wednesday's Madjid Bougherra crashed a fierce strike against the crossbar before the ball went off Norwich goalkeeper Lee Camp and into his own net.

Deon Burton (83) then made it two for The Owls before Dion Dublin (85) pulled a goal back in a losing effort for The Canaries.

Finally, Leicester City defeated Midlands rivals Wolverhampton Wanderers 2-1 at Molineux.

Elvis Hammond (38) gave The Foxes the lead before Lewis Gobern (81) looked to have claimed a point for Wolves.

It was left to Foxes youngster Levi Porter to snatch a winner for Leicester in the dying stages.



□ Steve Bruce's Birmingham side returned to the top of the Championship at the weekend



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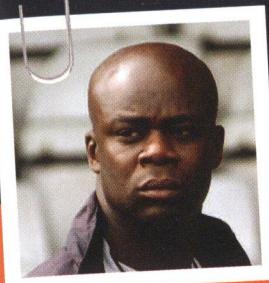
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# Luton Town's Youth Team

Marvin Johnson's Youth Team progressed into the fourth round of the FA Youth Cup following a 1-0 win against Huddersfield

## FA YOUTH CUP THIRD ROUND

**Luton Town 1 (Preston, 68)**

**Huddersfield Town 0**

Youth Team boss Marvin Johnson was very satisfied with his team's performance as they edged out a useful Huddersfield Town side in an exciting 1-0 win in the FA Youth Cup Third Round tie at Kenilworth Road, last Wednesday.

Russell Preston's cool finish midway through the second half put the young Hatters in the hat for last Friday's Fourth Round draw, in which Luton were drawn away for a trip to either Burnley or Milton Keynes Dons.

Preston had to be content with a place on the bench for last week's cup encounter, but he overcame his disappointment to deliver the perfect response to his Manager with a goal just eight minutes after coming on as a second half substitute.

Despite scoring during Huddersfield's best passage of play, Luton's Youth Team managed to preserve their lead without

too many scary moments against a side that had knocked out Luton's Puma Youth Alliance League rivals Northampton Town in the previous round.

Marvin said: "We deserved the result in the end. Huddersfield did have their moments in the game but I can't think they can go away too disappointed."

The Hatters' Championship status had delayed their entry into the FA Youth Cup until the third round, and progress beyond the next round would see the boys propelled into the last sixteen, which could pitch Marvin's young marvels in with any of the Premiership's big guns.

Marvin added: "The FA Youth Cup is the only real proper game where the boys will get to sample the life and see what it would be like if they made it as a professional footballer at this Club, with regards to preparation for a game."

"For example, for the Huddersfield game we came in for light training in the morning and then the lads went home

to get some rest until later on in the afternoon, and then reported for the game.

"If you get an away draw, we'd come in early in the morning and travel to where we are going. We'd then stop off on the way and have a pre-match meal, like the first team would do, and then go to the ground and play the game."

The FA Youth Cup also provides a rare opportunity for the players to play at Kenilworth Road, although some of the Premiership clubs still choose to use their academy pitches in order to preserve their hallowed turf.

"If we're going to draw those clubs then it's better to play them at home because you're still in a stadium environment. Playing in training complexes because they are trying to protect their pitch goes a little bit against the grain of the tournament."

"The boys are just happy to be in the competition, though, so they don't mind whoever they get"

## FA YOUTH CUP FOURTH ROUND DRAW

**Burnley / Milton Keynes Dons v  
Luton Town**

**Sheffield United / Watford v  
Aston Villa / Colchester United**

**Crystal Palace v Plymouth Argyle**

**Bristol City / Fulham v**

**Chester City / Tottenham Hotspur**

**Birmingham City / Chesterfield v**

**Charlton Athletic**

**Manchester United / Scunthorpe United v**

**Stockport County / Southampton**

**Reading v**

**Coventry City / Southend United**

**Hull City v Arsenal / Wycombe Wanderers**

**Swindon Town / Queens Park Rangers v  
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Millwall**

**Sunderland v  
Sheffield Wednesday / Bolton Wanderers**

**Derby County v  
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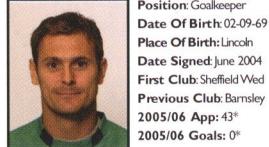
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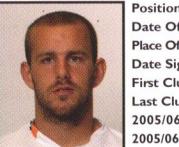
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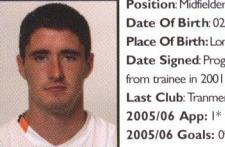
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 Date Of Birth: 02-09-69  
 Place Of Birth: Lincoln  
 Date Signed: June 2004  
 First Club: Sheffield Wed  
 Previous Club: Barnsley  
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 2005/06 Goals: 0\*

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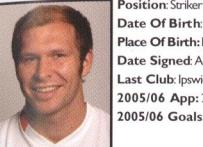
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 Place Of Birth: Barton on Sea  
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**09 Rovon Vine**

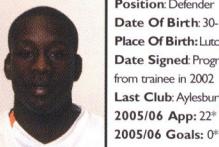
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 Date Of Birth: 21-09-82  
 Place Of Birth: Middlesbrough  
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**15 Stephen O'Leary**

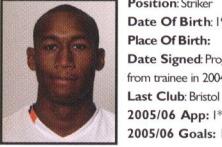
Position: Midfielder  
 Date Of Birth: 02/02/85  
 Place Of Birth: London  
 Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2001  
 Last Club: Tranniere (loan)  
 2005/06 App: 1\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 0\*

**19 Sam Parkin**

Position: Striker  
 Date Of Birth: 04/03/81  
 Place Of Birth: Roehampton  
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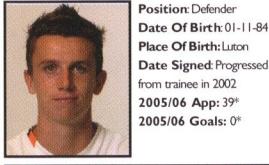
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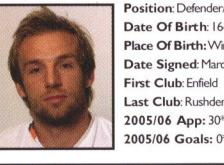
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**Brian Stein**

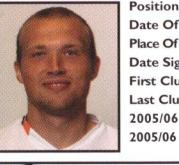
Position: First Team Coach  
 Place Of Birth: Cape Town  
 Playing Career: Barnet, Annecy, Caen, Luton Town, Edgeware Town,

**02 Kevin Foley**

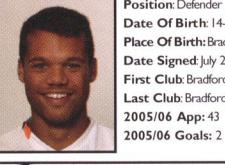
Position: Defender  
 Date Of Birth: 01-11-84  
 Place Of Birth: Luton  
 Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002  
 2005/06 App: 39\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 0\*

**06 Paul Underwood**

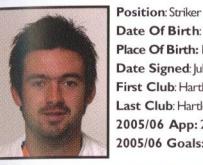
Position: Defender/Midfielder  
 Date Of Birth: 16-08-73  
 Place Of Birth: Wimbledon  
 Date Signed: March 2004  
 First Club: Enfield  
 Last Club: Rushden & Diam  
 2005/06 App: 30\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 0\*

**10 Warren Feeney**

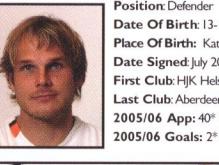
Position: Striker  
 Date Of Birth: 17-01-81  
 Place Of Birth: Balsall  
 Date Signed: March 2005  
 First Club: Enfield  
 Last Club: Stockport  
 2005/06 App: 45\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 7\*

**16 Lewis Emanuel**

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

**20 Adam Boyd**

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

**26 Markus Heikkinen**

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

**33 Dean Brill**

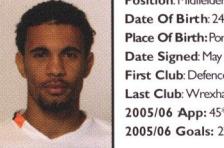
Position: Goalkeeper  
 Date Of Birth: 02-12-85  
 Place Of Birth: Luton  
 Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002  
 2005/06 App: 6\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 0\*

**Marvin Johnson**

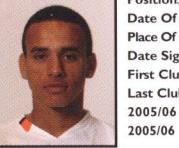
Position: Reserve/Youth Team Coach  
 Place Of Birth: Wembley  
 Playing Career: Luton Town

**03 Sol Davis**

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

**07 Carl Edwards**

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

**11 Dean Morgan**

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

**17 Richard Langley**

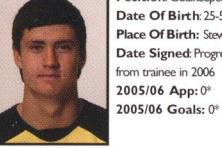
Position: Midfielder  
 Date Of Birth: 27-12-79  
 Place Of Birth: London  
 Date Signed: July 2006  
 First Club: QPR  
 Last Club: QPR (Resigned)  
 2005/06 App: 34\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 3\*

**21 Keith Keane**

Position: Defender  
 Date Of Birth: 28-11-86  
 Place Of Birth: Luton  
 Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2003  
 2005/06 App: 12\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 1\*

**27 Holmes**

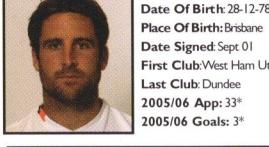
Position: Midfielder  
 Date Of Birth: 18-11-80  
 Place Of Birth: Bishop Auckland  
 Date Signed: Aug 2000  
 First Club: Sheff Wed  
 Last Club: Sheff Wed  
 2005/06 App: 25\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 2\*

**34 Zac Barrett**

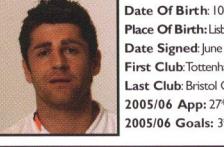
Position: Goalkeeper  
 Date Of Birth: 25-5-88  
 Place Of Birth: Stevenage  
 Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2006  
 2005/06 App: 8\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 0\*

**Steve Sedgley**

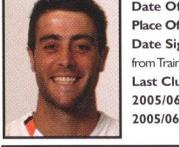
Position: Youth Team Coach  
 Date Of Birth: 26-05-68  
 Previous Manager: Kingston  
 Playing Career: Coventry, Tottenham, Ipswich and Wolverhampton Wanderers

**04 Chris Coyne**

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

**08 Steve Robinson**

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

**14 Michael Leary**

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

**18 Annet Brkovic**

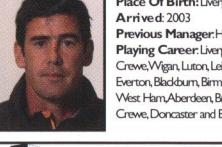
Position: Midfielder  
 Date Of Birth: 23-09-74  
 Place Of Birth: Dubrovnik  
 Date Signed: October 2001  
 First Club: HNK Dubrovnik  
 Last Club: Leyton Orient  
 2005/06 App: 44\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 8\*

**22 Danny Stevens**

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

**28 David Bell**

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

**Mike Newell**

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

**Mark Ridgway**

Position: Youth Development Officer  
 Place Of Birth: London

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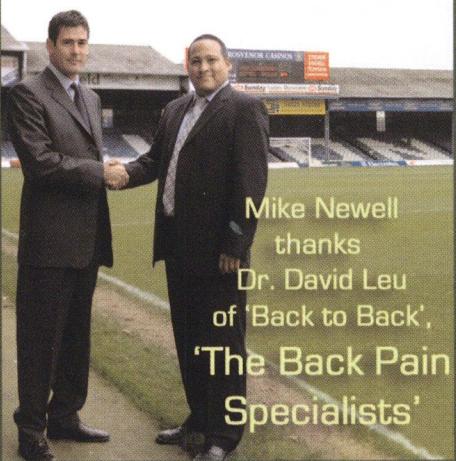
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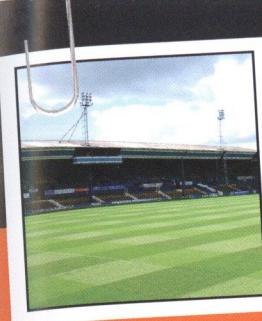
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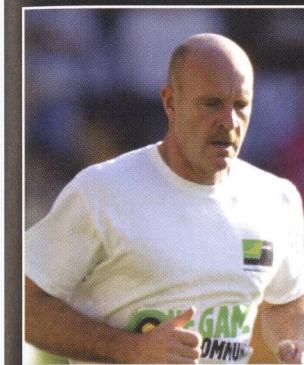
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## Around the Ground

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



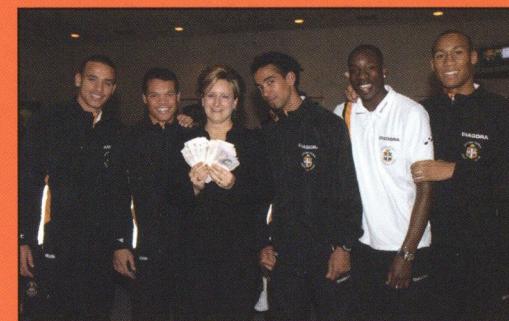
### **The Man in the Middle**

**Name:** Nigel Miller  
**From:** County Durham  
**Matches this season:** 16  
**Number of Yellow Cards:** 33  
**Numbers of Red Cards:** 3  
**Last game at Kenilworth Road:** Mar 2006 - Derby - WI-0

last weekend.

Miller has officiated in 16 games so far this season, producing 33 yellow cards and three red cards.

### **Golden Gamble Winner**



### **Town Teaser**

Here is your chance to win a pair of match tickets to a Luton Town game at Kenilworth Road this season. Answer the question below and listen to the PA announcer before kick-off for your chance to have a go

**Which former Luton Town player will be amongst the Southend squad this evening?**

### **Peter Small**

It's with great sadness that Luton Town have learned of the passing of former player Peter Small, who was with the Club during the late 1940's.

Small arrived at Kenilworth Road from non-league Horsham in 1947 and made 27 appearances scoring five goals for the club.

He later moved to Leicester City, making 55 appearances and scoring 16 goals before moving to Nottingham Forest, where he scored 20 goals in 87 appearances.

Small finished his career with Brighton but was forced to cut his playing days short through injury. He later became a coach at Brighton.

Luton Town would like to pass on their sincere condolences to Peter's family and friends and this very difficult time.

### **Shop & Ticket Office reminder**

A reminder that the Club Shop and Ticket Office will be open tomorrow at 9:00am until 5:00pm to help with the demand over the Christmas holidays.

The Club Shop will also be open on the 22nd December from 10:00am until 6:00pm. Both the Club Shop and the Ticket Office will be closed on December 24th, 25th and 26th and then normal hours thereafter

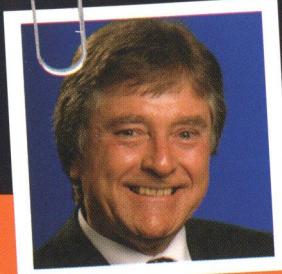
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# Commercial news with **Peter Davis**

**Peter Davis welcomes this evening's  
sponsors to Kenilworth Road**

With the winter nights now drawing in, we extend an especially warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to our commercial sponsors to tonight's match against Southend United.

We also say good evening and welcome to Sky Sports TV who will broadcast the match live and to our digital media partners RCA, who have returned with their digital advertising interactive concept. Therefore, it is with special thanks to Kitchens2GO, Debenhams of Luton and Urban and Rural for their contribution and sponsorship of this brand new and innovative advertising media.

## **Guest Celebrity – Alan West**

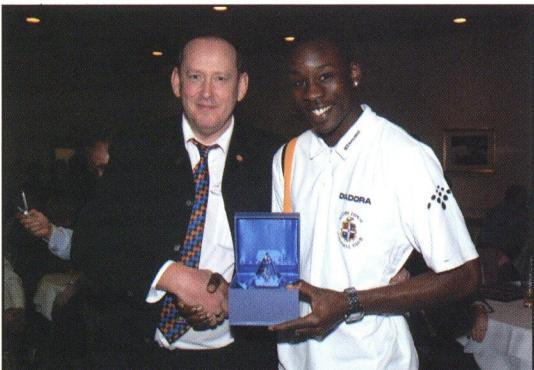
We are delighted to welcome back to the Club tonight Luton's former midfield star Alan West. Alan played for the Hatters 317 times in all competitions, scoring on 17 occasions, before being transferred to Millwall in 1980. Alan will be joining us in the Eric Morecambe Sponsors Lounge and will be on the pitch at half time to draw our In2Win Lottery.

Enjoy the game and as always thank you for your support

Peter



□ Alan Adair and friends on the Kenilworth turf before the Preston match



□ Leon Barnett receiving his fifth Sponsors' Man of the Match award of the season from Alan Adair



□ Representatives of the Match Ball Sponsors for the Preston game, AD Bly Construction Ltd collect their trophies from the day



□ Our Commercial Mascots, Oliver and Amelia Newton, receiving their certificates

**Match Sponsor:  
David Lloyd  
Leisure**

Having been staunch supporters of Luton Town for many years, we are delighted to welcome back this evening Luton's premier fitness club, David Lloyd Leisure, as tonight's match sponsor. Having recently completed a £1.2m refurbishment programme, their Capability Green location offers arguably the finest facilities and customer service within the region. Their superb range of equipment includes over 120 cardiovascular and resistance machines, plus three studios which provide an amazing 140 classes. They also have a brand new sports massage, physiotherapy, tanning and beauty room, plus what probably what is accepted as the friendliest and most knowledgeable fitness team in the area. This facility is also the first choice of our very own Luton Town squad, so why not go and try the club our players use? Call 01582 692046/07 for further details.



**Commercial Mascot:  
Samuel Riley**



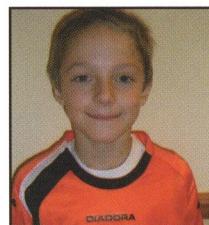
We have great pleasure in introducing the first of tonight's three commercial mascots, eight-year-old Samuel Riley. Samuel celebrates his birthday today, and what better birthday present could he have wished for than to be with his Luton Town heroes? He lives in Luton and attends Bushmead Primary School. Playing football for Bushmead Wanderers, Samuel also plays tennis and enjoys computers. He manages to get to most of our home matches accompanied by family members and rates Marlon Beresford as his favourite Town player. We would all like to wish him a very happy birthday and hope that he has a great evening with us.

**Commercial Mascot:  
Oliver Mallord**



Oliver Mallord is our second commercial mascot this evening and he will be six years of age on the 23rd December. Attending Stanbridge Lower School, Oliver loves his golf and cricket, as well as football, and as he is looking forward to meeting his favourite Club player, Rowan Vine. He has elected to wear our new Orange strip when he runs out with the team, as he is already in possession of the home strip due to his prior mascot appearance. We all wish Oliver a very happy birthday on the 23rd and hope that he, his father Peter and their family friends have a great time with us tonight.

**Commercial Mascot:  
Timothy Hammond**



As our third Commercial Mascot tonight we welcome a close friend of Oliver, seven-year-old Timothy Hammond. Also attending Stanbridge Lower School, Timothy's favourite Hatters player is Carlos Edwards, who he will meet tonight for the first time, as well as the rest of the First Team squad. Playing football for Leighton United, Timothy's other great passions in life include Star Wars as well as his PlayStation. I am sure that we do not have to remind Timothy's mum, as well Oliver and Samuel's, to get the video recorders set up this evening to record their lad's run on to pitch with the team.

**Matchball Sponsor:  
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We also have great pleasure in welcoming, Lee Philpott, together with the guests and management of Estate Refurbishing Ltd, as tonight's Associate Match Sponsors. Established in 1984, this family firm operate a bespoke general building company specialising in individually designed new build properties. Operating at the premium end of the market, this Eaton Bray-based business prides itself on their achievements in this specialist market sector. Their reputation ensures a steady flow of contracts from celebrity clients, including many Premiership Footballers. We are delighted to have Lee and his team here tonight and hope that they have a memorable evening.

# The Miller Partnership

With the planning and design stages of the new stadium project well underway, many of you will be wondering who the people behind the scenes at The Miller Partnership are. After all, our future will be shaped by their vision. Our matchday programme staff caught up with senior partners Robert Kennedy and Gareth Yule this week to give them a grilling.

**O**n the face of it, The Miller Partnership's reputation and standing is there for all to see. Just by looking on their website at [www.millerpartnership.com](http://www.millerpartnership.com) their portfolio of successful design projects reveal some of the best sports stadia built in the UK and Europe over the last 25 years.

Having just been appointed by the Club as the architects to drive forward Luton Town's new stadium project, representatives from The Miller Partnership paid us a visit this week to outline their objectives and direction regarding the relocation of the Hatters' new home.

We could tell you all you want to know about the Glasgow-based firm, but we thought it would be better if they told you themselves.

Robert Kennedy (pictured, far left) is the Design Partner, and is mainly involved with the various teams in the early development stages.

Robert commenced: "We started doing stadia back in 1981 when we developed Ibrox Park for Rangers. Since then we've been working on stadia from Edinburgh all the way down to Southampton.

"This year we are fifty years old, so we've been around a while. There are five partners in the practice and three of us deal with sports stadia, so it's quite a big section of the practice."

Okay, so they've been around for a while, but can they tell us why Luton Town have put the Club's future in their hands?

Robert answered: "Our stadia are well structured and they finish on time, which is always important for the clients. We've proven ourselves at developing stadia and the market has really opened up for us."

Last year was a busy year for The Miller Partnership, as they had many high-profile projects on the go. If results are anything to go by, the year was certainly a huge success.

Robert added: "Last year we finished The Oval, the Ricoh Arena and the corners of Manchester United. These were all going on at once so it was certainly very hectic."

Having the vital role of shaping the commercial and operational aspects in the embryonic design period creates its own challenges, but Robert's 15 years' experience in this field stands him in good stead.

"A lot of the clubs learned about how you deal with hospitality and how you deal with the supporters, so we hope with Luton we'll be able to take it another stage further and the quality will be even greater."

Gareth Yule (pictured, left) is principally responsible for the implementation of management strategies and environmental practices. His experience in design, construction and contract administration will enable him to pull the various strings of the project together.

Gareth elaborated on the role he has played thus far: "We have been speaking with the football club and various other people who are now part of the jigsaw. It's quite a complicated development.

"We have started to develop the ideas that we have so far to try and bring an iconic statement, something that people would immediately recognise as Luton Town Football Club, that doesn't have to have a sign on to tell us what it is."

Early computer-generated impressions of the proposed stadium design have been widely circulated, although Gareth was keen to inform us that they are still a work in progress.

"Things will change as we go along as we understand what the football club wants to do, and as we speak in detail with all the people involved.

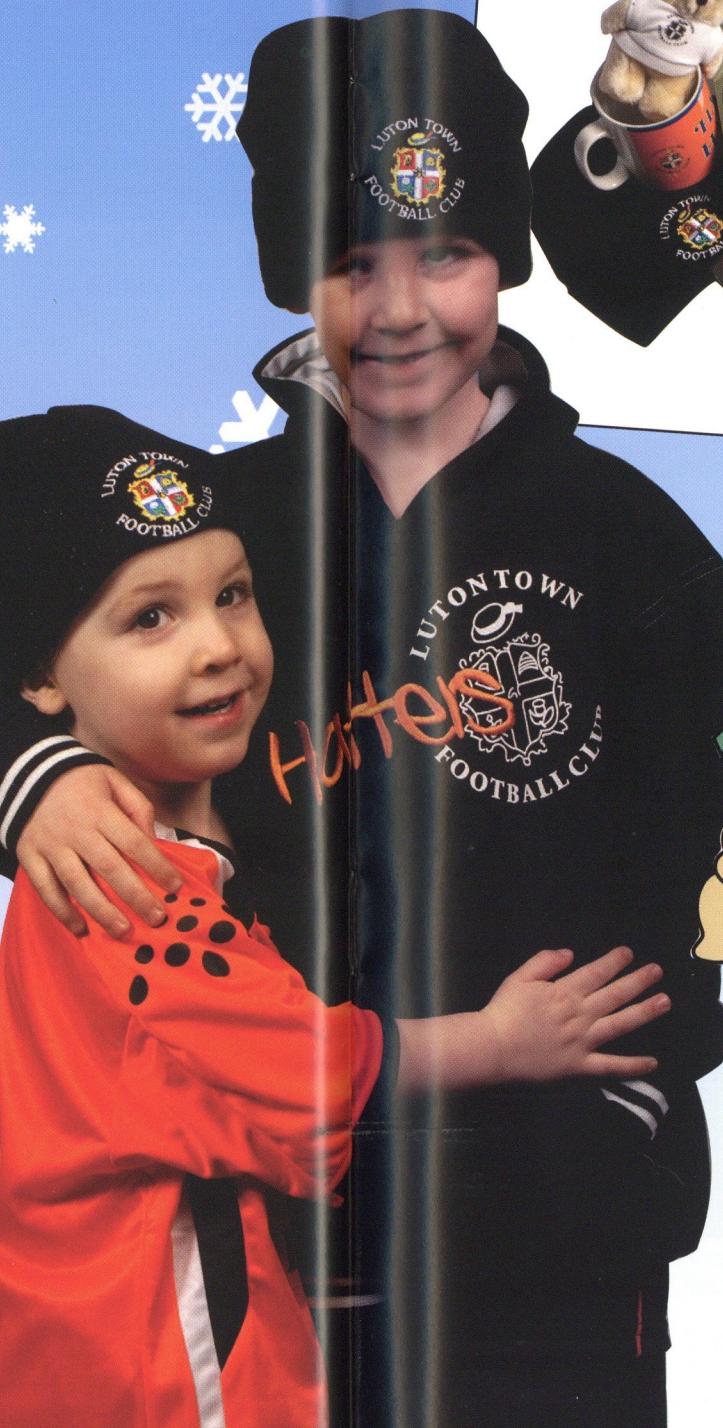
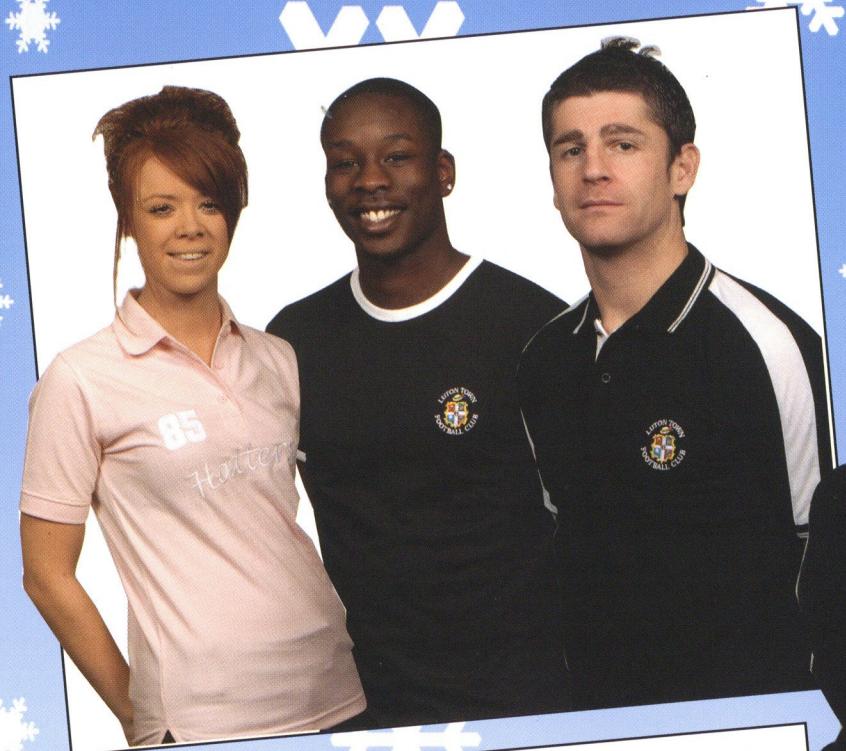
In a nutshell, then, what is the role that The Miller Partnership plays in the eyes of the Club and its supporters?

Over to Robert, who says: "We build the brief, which is going to encompass the accommodation, the finishes, the structural layouts, everything that the Club will need to put a price to this."

The final word was from Gareth, who stated: "It needs to be a home for the fans that they can be proud of, but it's also got to be able to work commercially on a day-to-day basis and meet the Club's future needs."



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# Football in the Community

**Stuart Smith brings us the latest news from the Community Department**



**G**ood evening and welcome to tonight's game. The inaugural Luton Town FITC / Vauxhall Motors Under 16 Disability Tournament took place at Vauxhall Recreation Club in late November.

The tournament was a great success with teams from as far a field as Warwickshire being represented. There was also representation from three professional clubs; Luton Town, Watford and Fulham.

The standard of the football was superb with Fulham eventually beating Watford 4 – 0 in the final. The Luton Town team was unable to carry on its success after winning the recent Chelsea Tournament, but all the players represented the Club with honours.

The semi finals saw Fulham beating Warwickshire Warriors 4 – 1 and Watford beating Feltham Bees on penalties after a 1 – 1 draw. Thanks to the generosity of Vauxhall Motors sponsorship the winners were able to walk away with a superb trophy to keep, while Luton Town FITC donated medals for the winners and runners-up.

Vauxhall's sponsorship also provided the players with mid-morning drinks and snacks and a full buffet for every player involved in the tournament at the end of the day. Each player, thanks to Vauxhall, also went home with a football as a gift.

I can't thank Vauxhall Motors and their Community Officer; Cherie Denton in particular, enough for what they have done for the children. Without their support both physical and financial there is no possible way Luton Town FITC could have run this tournament. The feedback from all the participants, the Club personnel and the parents has been fantastic. We were told that the tournament, in terms of the hospitality provided for the participants, was the best they had ever encountered and they are eager to return next year. That is great news, as word of the tournament is spreading quickly, and we have already had six local clubs and schools apply to participate in next years tournament. I feel this tournament is proof of the fantastic way that local business and the football club can work together for the good of the Community as a whole.'

We have included a pictorial history of the day for your enjoyment.

Enjoy the game  
Stuart



**□ The victorious Fulham side with their trophy**



**□ Action from one of the games in the Luton Town FITC / Vauxhall Motors Disability Tournament**



**□ The lads enjoy their day out**

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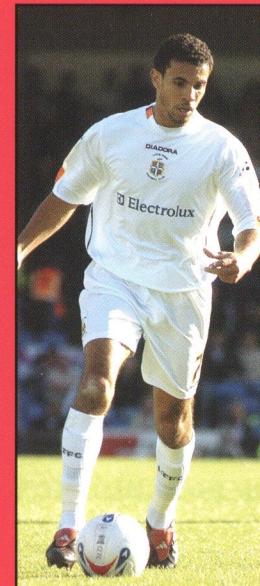
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# Action Replay

**vs Sunderland,  
Saturday 9th  
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**SUNDERLAND 2  
LUTON TOWN 1**

Luton Scorer: Morgan (5)  
Attendance: 30,445

**Picture: Leon Barnett  
clears the danger as  
Daryl Murphy, who had  
earlier cancelled out  
Dean Morgan's fifth  
minute strike for the  
Hatters, tries to set up  
a Sunderland attack.**



**Luton:** Kiely, Foley, Emanuel, Barnett, Heikkinen, Robinson, Morgan (Feeney 76), Edwards, Brkovic, Vine (Boyd 76), Bell

**Subs not used:** Beresford, Perrett, Langley

**Goals:** Morgan (5)



**Sunderland:** Fulop, Caldwell, Whitehead, Elliott, Muhphy, Collins, Varga, Kavanagh, Connolly (Leadbitter 78), Wallace, Miller

**Subs not used:** Nyatanga, Carson, Elliott, Yorke

**Bookings:** None

**Goals:** Murphy (9), Connolly (53)

#### From the Manager



"It's not a consolation saying that you done well at places, and nobody scares you and you're capable of playing good football, if you can't get any points. It's no consolation at all. The first half we couldn't put the game beyond them in the first 20 minutes and you very often pay for that."



□ Carlos Edwards skips past the challenge of Danny Collins



□ Markus Heikkinen loses out in this battle

## SUNDERLAND 2 LUTON 1

David Connolly's second half goal for Sunderland proved to be the match winner as Luton's long trip to the North East ended in disappointment.

Early signs were encouraging as Dean Morgan struck his second Championship goal of the season on five minutes as the Hatters made a lively start.

However, a controversial goal from Daryl Murphy just four minutes later meant Luton's lead was short lived.

To their credit, Luton showed more urgency in the first half, creating a number of excellent chances with Rowan Vine guilty of missing two openings.

Morgan's goal, his third of the season, arrived after he had received a pass from Carlos Edwards on the edge of the Sunderland area. After seeing his

initial effort blocked, the ball fell kindly back to the striker who took one touch to fire an unstoppable shot beyond the reach of Sunderland goalkeeper Marton Fulop.

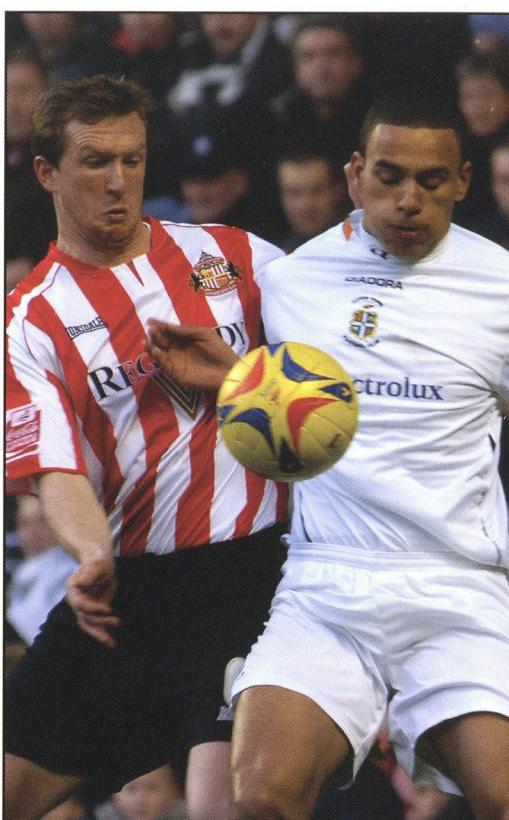
The Hatters struggled to show the same tempo in the second half as Connolly's neat finish extended Sunderland's unbeaten run in the Championship.

But moments later Sunderland also found the target, although Luton were adamant that Murphy handled the ball in the build-up to his fifth goal of the season. With Leon Barnett trying to loop the ball over Murphy's head, the Sunderland striker seemingly used to his hand to push the ball into his path and strike a shot into the roof of the net from an acute angle.

Connolly grabbed the winner by turning in the box to beat Kiely from ten yards.



□ Dean Kiely tips the ball over the crossbar



□ Dean Morgan competes for the ball with Daryl Murphy



□ GOAL - Dean Morgan gives Luton the lead at the Stadium of Light



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## Club Business

**Chief Executive John Mitchell brings you news of some important changes and a new appointment at the Club**

We already dedicate a lot of space to cover aspects of the Club's business in the matchday programme, so I can assure you all that I will only update you as and when necessary.

As Chief Executive Officer, my role is to run the day to day side of the overall business, as well as working with the appointed professional team and the Board on our relocation plans.

The key area I am initially keen to look at is how we communicate, engage and serve our customer base,

i.e. you the fans.

It is very clear we have room for improvement in all areas, and as part of that process I am pleased to confirm that Tracy Maddox has this week been appointed Head of Retail. Tracy will take full responsibil-

ity for our two main retail areas, the Club Shop in Kenilworth Road and our official online store, at [www.hattersshop.com](http://www.hattersshop.com)

On the communications front we have, like most



clubs, various groups of supporters that we need to listen to. In an effort to establish a better base to work from, I have been speaking with Kelvin Dunn, who is the Trust in Luton representative on the Board, and Kevin Lennon of Loyal Luton.

As a result of this and ongoing discussions Kelvin is having with our Official Supporters Club and the Bobbers Club, I have asked them all to meet collectively and look at their consolidated recommendations of how best we can address this area.

Finally, whilst I know I may leave myself wide open for all sorts of comments!! I would like to hear from the fans on these and other relevant issues, and whilst I may not be able to respond to every constructive email, would ask that you contact me via [clubexec@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:clubexec@lutontown.co.uk) or simply by writing to the Club.

John Mitchell  
CEO  
Luton Town Football Club



# From the Ticket Office

To contact the Ticket Office call  
**0870 017 0656**

## CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Supporters are advised that the Club Shop and the Ticket Office opening hours have been extended on the following dates over the Christmas period:

**December 16th - 9.00am until 5.00pm**  
**December 22nd - 10.00am until 6.00pm**

The Club Shop and the Ticket Office will be closed on December 24th, 25th and 26th and then normal hours thereafter.



**COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**LUTON TOWN V COVENTRY CITY**  
**Saturday 23rd December 2006**  
**Kick-Off 3:00pm**



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



**COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**COLCHESTER UNITED V LUTON TOWN**  
**Tuesday 26th December 2006**  
**Kick-Off 3:00pm**



**THIS IS AN ALL TICKET FIXTURE FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS**

**ALLOCATION:** Standing allocation 895, Seating allocation 115. There are four pairs of tickets for Wheelchair Disabled with carer

**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS:** Tickets are currently on general sale until close of business on 23/12/06 (subject to availability)

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

**Standing:** Adults £19.00, Juniors (under 16) £12.00, Seniors (over 60) £12.00, Students (ID req'd) £12.00  
**Seating:** Adults £23.00, Juniors (under 16) £15.00, Seniors (over 60) £15.00

No concession for Student seating

Wheelchair and Ambulant disabled £15.00 plus carer free of charge



**COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**BIRMINGHAM CITY V LUTON TOWN**  
**Friday 29th December 2006**  
**Kick-Off 7:45pm**



**THIS IS AN ALL TICKET FIXTURE FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS - PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THIS FIXTURE, AS THE GAME IS NOW BEING SHOWN LIVE ON SKY SPORTS TV**

**INITIAL ALLOCATION:** We have been initially allocated 1390. There are 19 pairs of tickets for Wheelchair Disabled with carers and four pairs of tickets for Ambulant Disabled with carers

**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS:** Tickets are currently on sale 1 ticket per season ticket holder/member until close of business on 16/12/06. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on 18/12/06 until 12 noon on 29/12/06 (subject to availability)

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

**Adults £15.00, Juniors (under 16) £2.00, Seniors (over 65) £12.50,  
Students (Under 22 with valid ID and NUS card) £12.50.**

Wheelchair and Ambulant disabled £15.00 plus carer free of charge



**COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**LUTON TOWN V CARDIFF CITY**  
**Monday 1st January 2007**

**Kick-Off 3:00pm**

**THIS IS AN ALL TICKET MATCH.**

**TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE DAY OF THE GAME**

Tickets are on sale at normal pre-match day prices



## FA CUP THIRD ROUND

**QUEENS PARK RANGERS V LUTON TOWN**

**Saturday 6th January 2007**

**Kick-Off 3:00pm**

**THIS IS AN ALL TICKET FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS**

**ALLOCATION:** We have been allocated 2700 tickets.

**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS:** Tickets will go on sale one ticket per Season ticket holder from 13/12/06 until prior to kick off on 23/12/06. They will be available 1 ticket per member after the game on 23/12/06 until prior to kick off 1/1/07. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale after the game on 1/1/07 until noon 5/1/07. (Subject to availability)

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

**Seating:** Adult £20.00 Juniors (under 16) accompanied by adult £4.00  
Juniors (Under 16) Unaccompanied £7.00 Juniors (Under 8) accompanied by Adult FREE Student (Under 21) with valid ID £12.00 Senior Citizen's (Over 60) £12.00  
Wheelchair and Impaired vision tickets £13.00, carer free of charge.



## TRAVEL GUIDE



**By Car:** Take the M1 southbound, joining the M25. Take the M25 towards the M1 and exit at junction 28. to join the A12. Leave the A12 before you reach Colchester at the Halstead/Cambridge turn off. Turn right at top of slip road and continue along Essex Yeomanry Way, before turning left at the roundabout into London Road. Proceed for just over 3/4 mile to traffic lights (MFI store on your right). Turn right at lights and follow this road until you reach its end where a pub (Leather Bottle) is on left. Turn left and follow until traffic lights at Boadicia Way, 3/4 mile, where you turn right. Go to its end and then turn left; this is Layer Road and the ground is about 1/4 mile further down on left.

**Parking:** The club does not have its own parking facilities and there is no street parking on the part of Layer Road surrounding the stadium. Nearby streets have limited street parking, but supporters should allow time to walk back to the ground if they arrive after 2:00pm

### SUPPORTERS CLUBS

**Town on Tour** will be leaving Maple Road at 11:00am. The fare for LTSC members is £14, £12 concessions and £16 non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section of [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) or via [www.lutontownfc.co.uk](http://www.lutontownfc.co.uk)

**The Bobbers Travel Club** will depart from Cranfield at 15:00pm and Luton at 16:00pm. Costs for this trip is £14.50 adults and £12.00 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk, at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 856542.



**By Car:** Take the M1 northbound to join the M6 (junction 19). Head northbound on the M6 until you reach junction 4 to join the M42. Heading southbound on the M42, exit the motorway at junction 4 and turn left at the roundabout onto the A34. Continue over four roundabouts, through suburb of Sparkbrook to Camphill Circus roundabout. Take third exit on to A4540 Sandy Lane. At roundabout go straight on to ground.

**Parking:** There is a small car park directly outside the entrance to the away end, but availability of space for cars is determined by how many away coaches are expected as they park in the same car park, which may mean for certain games that there is no space available for cars at all. There is though plenty of street parking off the left hand side of the ring road. Either around the small park at the third island you cross or along the road next to and behind the BP garage before the fourth island.

### SUPPORTERS CLUBS

**Town on Tour** will be leaving Maple Road at 4:30pm. The fare for LTSC members is £14, £12 concessions and £16 non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section of [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) or via [www.lutontownfc.co.uk](http://www.lutontownfc.co.uk)

**The Bobbers Travel Club** will depart from Cranfield at 10:30am and Luton at 11:30am. Costs for this trip is £14.50 adults and £12.00 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk, at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 856542.



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## 2006/2007 Appearances

|                     | This Season |     |                      |     |           | International App | Luton Town Career |      |                        |     |     |
|---------------------|-------------|-----|----------------------|-----|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|------|------------------------|-----|-----|
|                     | League App  | Gls | Cup Competitions App | Gls | Total Gls | Disciplinary Yel  | Nation            | Caps | Gls                    | App | Gls |
| 1 Marlon BERESFORD  | 17          | 0   | 3                    | 0   | 21        | 0                 | I                 | I    |                        | 121 | 0   |
| 2 Kevin FOLEY       | 21          | 0   | 1(2)                 | 0   | 22(2)     | 0                 | 0                 | 0    | Rep U21 (plus Rep 'B') | 2   | 0   |
| 3 Sol DAVIS         | 11(1)       | 0   | 2                    | 0   | 13(1)     | 0                 | I                 | 0    |                        | 169 | 2   |
| 4 Chris COYNE       | 1(3)        | 0   | 4                    | 0   | 2(3)      | 0                 | 0                 | 0    |                        | 210 | 15  |
| 5 Russell PERRETT   | 3(1)        | 1   | 0                    | 0   | 3(1)      | 0                 | I                 | 0    |                        | 100 | 9   |
| 6 Paul UNDERWOOD    | 0           | 0   | 0                    | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0                 | 0    |                        | 72  | 5   |
| 7 Carlos EDWARDS    | 21          | 6   | 2(1)                 | 0   | 23(1)     | 6                 | I                 | 0    | Trin & Tob             | 3   | 0   |
| 8 Steve ROBINSON    | 20          | 0   | 1                    | 0   | 21        | 0                 | I                 | 0    |                        | 156 | 11  |
| 9 Rowan VINE        | 21          | 9   | 1(2)                 | 1   | 22(2)     | 10                | 6                 | 0    |                        | 105 | 29  |
| 10 Warren FEENEY    | 10(7)       | 0   | 2                    | 1   | 12(7)     | 1                 | 0                 | 0    | N Ireland              | (5) | 0   |
| 11 Dean MORGAN      | 9(10)       | 2   | 3                    | 1   | 12(10)    | 3                 | 0                 | 0    |                        | 70  | 8   |
| 14 Michael LEARY    | 0           | 0   | 0                    | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0                 | 0    |                        | 60  | 9   |
| 15 Stephen O'LEARY  | 2(1)        | 0   | 3                    | 0   | 4(1)      | 0                 | 0                 | 0    |                        | 32  | 3   |
| 16 Lewis EMANUEL    | 18          | 1   | 0                    | 0   | 18        | 1                 | 2                 | I    | Rep 'B'                | 1   | 0   |
| 17 Richard LANGLEY  | 13          | 1   | 1                    | 0   | 14        | 1                 | I                 | 0    |                        | 18  | 1   |
| 18 Ahmet BRKOVIC    | 7(4)        | 2   | 2(1)                 | 0   | 9(5)      | 2                 | I                 | 0    |                        | 14  | 1   |
| 19 Sam PARKIN       | 7(1)        | 1   | 0                    | 0   | 7(1)      | 1                 | I                 | 0    |                        | 208 | 37  |
| 20 Adam BOYD        | 4(8)        | 1   | 2(1)                 | 1   | 6(9)      | 2                 | 0                 | 0    |                        | 7   | 1   |
| 21 Keith KEANE      | 1(1)        | 0   | 3                    | 0   | 4(1)      | 0                 | I                 | 0    |                        | 17  | 2   |
| 22 Danny STEVENS    | 0           | 0   | 0                    | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0                 | 0    |                        | 53  | 2   |
| 23 Dean KIELY       | 4           | 0   | 0                    | 0   | 4         | 0                 | 0                 | 0    |                        | 1   | 0   |
| 24 Shaun ROSS       | 0           | 0   | 0                    | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0                 | 0    |                        | 4   | 0   |
| 25 Leon BARNETT     | 22          | 2   | 3                    | 0   | 25        | 2                 | 3                 | 0    |                        | 0   | 0   |
| 26 Markus HEIKKINEN | 20          | 1   | 0                    | 0   | 20        | 1                 | 2                 | 0    | Finland                | 4   | 0   |
| 27 Peter HOLMES     | 3           | 0   | 2                    | 0   | 3         | 0                 | I                 | 0    |                        | 60  | 3   |
| 28 David BELL       | 6(6)        | 2   | 3                    | 0   | 9(4)      | 2                 | I                 | 0    |                        | 125 | 12  |
| 29 Calvin ANDREW    | 0           | 0   | 0                    | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0                 | 0    |                        | 24  | 2   |
| 33 Dean BRILL       | 1(1)        | 0   | 0                    | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0                 | 0    |                        | 12  | 1   |
| 34 Zac BARRETT      | 0           | 0   | 0                    | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0                 | 0    |                        | 15  | 0   |
| 35 Chris PENDLETON  | 0           | 0   | 0                    | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0                 | 0    |                        | 0   | 0   |

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

## ALL THE GOALS

### HOW THEY WENT IN:

SHOTS: 24  
 PENALTIES: 2  
 FREE-KICKS: 0  
 HEADERS: 7  
 OWN GOALS: 0  
 TOTAL: 33

## A GAME OF TWO HALVES

### FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 23 - W 9 - D 8 - L 6 - F 16 - A 15 PTS 35

### SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 23 - W 7 - D 4 - L 12 - F 15 - A 25 PTS 25

## OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 12  
 Opponents score first goal: 12  
 No goals scored: 1

Luton Town score first and win: 7  
 Luton Town score first and draw: 3  
 Luton Town score first and lose: 2  
 Luton Town fail to score: 8

Opponents score first and win: 10  
 Opponents score first and draw: 1  
 Opponents score first and lose: 1  
 Opponents fail to score: 4

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 14  
 Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 7  
 Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 8  
 Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 8

# Luton's 2006/07 Stats

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

◆ Luton win on penalties → First Substitution → Second Substitution → Third Substitution

AUG 06

SEPT 06

OCT 06

NOV 06

DEC 06

JAN 07

FEB 07

MAR 07

APR 07

| GOALKEEPERS |                           | DEFENDERS |        | MIDFIELDERS |     | STRIKERS  |         | SUBSTITUTIONS |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|-----|-----------|---------|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|
| DATE        | Fixture                   | RES       | ATT    | AWAY        | POS |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 5       | LEICESTER CITY*           | 2-0       | 8,131  | 1,198       | 2   | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Davis → | Emanuel   | Robinson | Langley   | Edwards   | Vine   | Feeney | Barrett   | Boyd    | Brkovic | Morgan  | Perrett   |          |
| Tues 8      | Sheffield Wednesday       | 1-0       | 22,613 | 719         | 3   | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Davis → | Emanuel   | Robinson | Langley   | Edwards   | Vine   | Feeney | Brill     | Boyd    | Coyne   | Morgan  | Perrett   |          |
| Sat 12      | Norwich City              | 2-3       | 22,863 | 1,221       | 6   | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Davis → | Emanuel   | Robinson | Langley   | Edwards   | Vine   | Feeney | Brill     | Boyd    | Coyne   | Morgan  | Perrett   |          |
| Sat 19      | STOKE CITY                | 2-2       | 7,727  | 614         | 5   | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Coyne     | Davis   | Emanuel   | Holmes   | Langley   | Edwards   | Vine   | Feeney | Brill     | Boyd    | Brkovic | Keane   | Morgan →  |          |
| Tues 22     | Bristol Rovers (CC1)      | 1-1◆      | 2,882  | 275         | -   | Beresford | Keane   | Barnett       | Coyne     | Davis   | Brkovic   | Holmes   | O'Leary   | Bell      | Boyd   | Morgan | Brill     | Edwards | Foley   | Stevens | Vine →    |          |
| Sat 26      | Wolves                    | 0-1       | 19,378 | 1,069       | 10  | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Davis   | Emanuel   | Robinson | Langley   | Edwards   | Vine   | Feeney | Brill     | Bell    | Keane   | Morgan  | Parkin →  |          |
| Sat 9       | CRYSTAL PALACE            | 2-1       | 9,187  | 1,800       | 6   | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Davis   | Emanuel   | Robinson | Langley   | Edwards   | Vine   | Parkin | Brill     | Brkovic | Feeney  | Keane   | Morgan    |          |
| Tues 12     | COLCHESTER UNITED         | 1-1       | 7,609  | 429         | 7   | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Davis → | Emanuel   | Robinson | Langley   | Edwards   | Vine   | Parkin | Brill     | Brkovic | Feeney  | Keane   | Morgan    |          |
| Sat 16      | Cardiff City              | 1-4       | 14,108 | 329         | 12  | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Davis → | Emanuel   | Robinson | Langley   | Edwards   | Vine   | Parkin | Brill     | Brkovic | Coyne   | Feeney  | Morgan →  |          |
| Tues 19     | Brentford (CC2)           | 3-0       | 3,005  | 598         | -   | Beresford | Edwards | Barnett       | Keane     | Holmes  | Morgan →  | Bell     | O'Leary   | Brkovic → | Boyd   | Feeney | Brill     | Foley   | Langley | Stevens | Vine →    |          |
| Sat 23      | WBA                       | 2-2       | 9,332  | 1,737       | 12  | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Davis   | Emanuel   | Robinson | Langley   | Edwards   | Vine   | Parkin | Brill     | Brkovic | Feeney  | Keane   | Morgan    |          |
| Sat 30      | Barnsley                  | 2-1       | 10,175 | 738         | 11  | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Emanuel | Morgan →  | Robinson | Langley   | Edwards   | Vine   | Parkin | Brill     | Brkovic | Feeney  | Keane   | Morgan    |          |
| Sat 14      | BIRMINGHAM CITY           | 3-2       | 9,275  | 1,503       | 7   | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Davis   | Emanuel   | Robinson | O'Leary   | Edwards   | Vine   | Parkin | Brill     | Bell    | Feeney  | Keane   | Morgan →  |          |
| Tues 17     | Hull City                 | 0-0       | 14,895 | 232         | 7   | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Davis   | Morgan    | Langley  | O'Leary   | Bell      | Vine   | Parkin | Brill     | Boyd    | Feeney  | Holmes  | Keane     |          |
| Sat 21      | LEEDS UNITED              | 5-1       | 10,260 | 1,800       | 5   | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Davis   | Morgan →  | Robinson | Brill     | Edwards   | Vine   | Parkin | Brill     | Brkovic | Feeney  | Holmes  | Keane     |          |
| Tues 24     | Everton (CC3)             | 0-4       | 27,149 | 2,334       | -   | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Keane     | Davis   | Morgan →  | Robinson | Brill     | Edwards   | Vine   | Parkin | Brill     | Brkovic | Davis   | Feeney  | Keane     |          |
| Sun 29      | Ipswich Town*             | 0-5       | 20,975 | tbc         | 9   | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Keane     | Emanuel | Morgan →  | Robinson | Brill     | Edwards   | Vine   | Feeney | Brill     | Boyd    | Brkovic | O'Leary | Perrett → |          |
| Tues 31     | BURNLEY                   | 0-2       | 7,664  | 698         | 9   | Beresford | Edwards | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Holmes  | Morgan →  | Robinson | Langley   | Brkovic   | Vine   | Feeney | Brill     | Bell    | Boyd    | O'Leary | Perrett   |          |
| Sat 4       | Preston North End         | 0-3       | 13,094 | 423         | 12  | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Holmes  | Morgan →  | Robinson | Langley   | Edwards   | Vine   | Boyd   | Brill     | Bell    | Brkovic | Feeney  | Perrett   |          |
| Sat 11      | QPR                       | 2-3       | 9,007  | 1,533       | 16  | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Emanuel | Brkovic → | Robinson | Brill     | Edwards   | Vine   | Boyd   | Brill     | Boyd    | Brkovic | Feeney  | Holmes    | Morgan → |
| Sat 18      | DERBY COUNTY              | 0-2       | 9,708  | 1,753       | 18  | Beresford | Foley   | Barnett       | Perrett   | Emanuel | Brkovic → | Robinson | Heikkinen | Edwards   | Vine   | Boyd   | Brill     | Bell    | Feeney  | Holmes  | Morgan →  |          |
| Sat 25      | Southampton               | 1-2       | 20,482 | 573         | 20  | Kiely     | Foley → | Barnett       | Perrett   | Emanuel | Brkovic → | Robinson | Heikkinen | Edwards   | Feeney | Boyd   | Beresford | Bell    | Feeney  | Holmes  | Morgan →  |          |
| Tues 28     | Plymouth Argyle           | 0-1       | 9,965  | 186         | 20  | Kiely     | Foley → | Barnett       | Perrett   | Emanuel | Brkovic → | Robinson | Heikkinen | Edwards   | Vine   | Feeney | Beresford | Bell    | Boyd    | Coyne   | Morgan →  |          |
| Sat 02      | PRESTON NORTH END         | 2-0       | 7,665  | 809         | 18  | Kiely     | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Emanuel | Brkovic   | Robinson | Brill     | Edwards   | Vine   | Boyd   | Beresford | Boyd    | Feeney  | Langley | Perrett   |          |
| Sat 09      | Sunderland                | 1-2       | 30,445 | 543         | 19  | Kiely     | Foley   | Barnett       | Heikkinen | Emanuel | Brkovic   | Robinson | Brill     | Edwards   | Vine   | Boyd   | Beresford | Boyd    | Feeney  | Langley | Perrett   |          |
| Fri 15      | SOUTHEND UNITED*          | 19:45     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 23      | COVENTRY CITY             | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Tues 26     | Colchester United         | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Fri 29      | Birmingham City*          | 19:45     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Mon 1       | CARDIFF CITY              | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 6       | QPR (FA Cup 3rd Rd)       | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Fri 12      | WBA*                      | 19:45     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 20      | BARNESLEY                 | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Tues 30     | Coventry City             | 19:45     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 3       | Leicester City            | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 10      | NORWICH CITY              | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 17      | Stoke City                | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Tues 20     | SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 19:45 |           |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 24      | Crystal Palace            | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 3       | WOLVES                    | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 10      | Leeds United              | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Tues 13     | HULL CITY                 | 19:45     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 17      | IPSWICH TOWN              | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 31      | Burnley                   | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 7       | SOUTHAMPTON               | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Mon 9       | QPR                       | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 14      | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE           | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 21      | Derby County              | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sat 28      | Southend United           | 15:00     |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sun 6       | SUNDERLAND                | tbc       |        |             |     |           |         |               |           |         |           |          |           |           |        |        |           |         |         |         |           |          |

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|             | HOME |   |   | AWAY |    |    | G |
|-------------|------|---|---|------|----|----|---|
|             | P    | W | D | L    | F  | A  |   |
| Birmingham  | 22   | 7 | 3 | 1    | 20 | 9  | 6 |
| Derby       | 22   | 5 | 3 | 2    | 14 | 9  | 7 |
| Cardiff     | 22   | 6 | 4 | 1    | 18 | 7  | 5 |
| Preston     | 22   | 7 | 4 | 0    | 19 | 6  | 3 |
| Stoke       | 22   | 7 | 3 | 1    | 17 | 4  | 3 |
| Southampton | 22   | 6 | 3 | 1    | 14 | 7  | 4 |
| Burnley     | 22   | 6 | 1 | 4    | 18 | 13 | 4 |
| Colchester  | 22   | 8 | 0 | 2    | 25 | 9  | 2 |
| West Brom   | 22   | 7 | 2 | 1    | 21 | 8  | 2 |
| Plymouth    | 22   | 4 | 5 | 3    | 16 | 13 | 3 |
| Coventry    | 22   | 6 | 2 | 3    | 13 | 7  | 4 |
| Sheff Wed   | 22   | 5 | 3 | 3    | 16 | 13 | 4 |
| Sunderland  | 22   | 6 | 2 | 3    | 16 | 10 | 4 |
| Wolves      | 22   | 6 | 3 | 3    | 15 | 11 | 3 |
| Norwich     | 22   | 6 | 2 | 3    | 19 | 13 | 2 |
| Ipswich     | 22   | 5 | 2 | 4    | 20 | 17 | 2 |
| C Palace    | 22   | 5 | 1 | 6    | 14 | 14 | 2 |
| Leicester   | 22   | 4 | 3 | 4    | 13 | 14 | 1 |
| LUTON       | 22   | 5 | 3 | 3    | 21 | 16 | 2 |
| QPR         | 22   | 3 | 3 | 5    | 17 | 18 | 3 |
| Barnsley    | 22   | 4 | 4 | 3    | 16 | 14 | 2 |
| Leeds       | 22   | 4 | 1 | 7    | 12 | 19 | 1 |
| Hull City   | 22   | 2 | 2 | 6    | 10 | 15 | 2 |
| Southend    | 22   | 3 | 4 | 5    | 15 | 19 | 0 |

## TOMORROW'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

Burnley v Sunderland

Colchester v Stoke

Derby v C Palace

Hull City v Cardiff

# Coming Next

to Kenilworth Road



## Luton Town v Coventry City

Saturday 23rd December 2006, Kick-Off 3:00pm

By Des O'Donnell

The Sky Blues will be making a pre-Christmas visit to Kenilworth Road hoping to keep their current good form intact and collect an early present of three points.

Currently nestled in mid table, but within striking distance of the play-off places, manager Micky Adams is hoping to mount a challenge for promotion.

In a recent interview the former Leicester and Brighton boss has said that he is happy with his squad, which includes four on loan players from Sunderland, Celtic and Peterborough.

Adams is confident that his team can sustain a reasonable run of form after three wins in their last six away matches against Barnsley, Southend and QPR.

The match with QPR threw up a surprise when the coach taking them to the ground managed to get stuck in the North London traffic and the team had to disembark and use the tube to arrive on time for the match.

Luton Town's recent form against Coventry doesn't make pleasant reading for the Hatters, with the Sky Blues doing the double last season. Luton lost 1 - 0 at the new Ricoh Stadium last year with Dele Adebola netting for Coventry.

At Kenilworth Road the Blues again collected all three points winning 2 - 1. Stern John opened the scoring in the first half with Gary McSheffrey hitting the back of the net a minute later.

McSheffrey had scored ten goals for the Hatters during two loan spells and the Town were keen to hold on to him. But unfortunately the necessary funds were not available. He recently made the move to Birmingham City and is ably helping the other Midland's Blues back to the Premiership.

The strikers in form at the moment for Coventry are Stern John (pictured) and Dele Adebola. John is a Trinidad & Tobago player and has scored five so far this season, with his Nigerian strike partner Adebola one behind on four.

Others to watch out for when Coventry come down to Kenilworth Road are defender Marcus Hall, who has been in fine form for the Sky Blues this season, along with Stephen Hughes, who has had plenty of Premiership experience, having enjoyed spells with Everton and Arsenal.

Micky Adams will be looking to do some early Christmas shopping on his next visit. Let's hope for Luton's sake it won't be a Blue, Blue Christmas!



### Head 2 Head

|            | Luton | Draw | Coventry |
|------------|-------|------|----------|
| League     | 16    | 12   | 34       |
| FA Cup     | 2     | 1    | 0        |
| League Cup | 2     | 0    | 1        |
| Total      | 20    | 13   | 35       |

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# teamsheet



## LUTON TOWN

Manager: Mike Newell

Played Scored

|    |                  |    |
|----|------------------|----|
| 1  | MARLON BERESFORD | 1  |
| 2  | KEVIN FOLEY      | 2  |
| 3  | SOL DAVIS        | 3  |
| 4  | CHRIS COYNE      | 4  |
| 5  | RUSSELL PERRETT  | 5  |
| 6  | PAUL UNDERWOOD   | 6  |
| 7  | CARLOS EDWARDS   | 7  |
| 8  | STEVE ROBINSON   | 8  |
| 9  | ROWAN VINE       | 9  |
| 10 | WARREN FEENEY    | 10 |
| 11 | DEAN MORGAN      | 11 |
| 12 | MICHAEL LEARY    | 14 |
| 13 | STEPHEN O'LEARY  | 15 |
| 14 | LEWIS EMANUEL    | 16 |
| 15 | RICHARD LANGLEY  | 17 |
| 16 | AHMET BRKOVIC    | 18 |
| 17 | SAM PARKIN       | 19 |
| 18 | ADAM BOYD        | 20 |
| 19 | KEITH KEANE      | 21 |
| 20 | DANNY STEVENS    | 22 |
| 21 | DEAN KIELY       | 23 |
| 22 | SHAUN ROSS       | 24 |
| 23 | LEON BARNETT     | 25 |
| 24 | MARKUS HEIKKINEN | 26 |
| 25 | PETER HOLMES     | 27 |
| 26 | DAVID BELL       | 28 |
| 27 | CALVIN ANDREW    | 29 |
| 28 | DEAN BRILL       | 33 |
| 29 | ZAC BARRETT      | 34 |
| 30 | CHRIS PENDLETON  | 35 |

## SOUTHEND UNITED

Manager: Steve Tilson

Played Scored

|    |                     |    |
|----|---------------------|----|
| 1  | DARRYL FLAHAVAN     | 1  |
| 2  | SIMON FRANCIS       | 2  |
| 3  | CHE WILSON          | 3  |
| 4  | LEWIS HUNT          | 4  |
| 5  | SPENCER PRIOR       | 5  |
| 6  | ADAM BARRETT        | 6  |
| 7  | MARK GOWER          | 7  |
| 8  | KEVIN MAHER         | 8  |
| 9  | MICHAEL RICKETTS    | 9  |
| 10 | FREDDY EASTWOOD     | 10 |
| 11 | MITCHELL COLE       | 11 |
| 12 | LEE BRADBURY        | 12 |
| 13 | STEVEN COLLIS       | 13 |
| 14 | LUKE GUTTRIDGE      | 14 |
| 15 | PETER CLARKE        | 15 |
| 16 | EFETOBORÉ SODJE     | 16 |
| 17 | JAMAL CAMPBELL-RYCE | 17 |
| 18 | STEVEN HAMMELL      | 18 |
| 19 | BILLY PAYNTER       | 19 |
| 20 | JAMES LAWSON        | 20 |
| 21 | GARY HOOPER         | 21 |
| 22 | JAY SMITH           | 22 |
| 23 | MATT HARROLD        | 24 |
| 24 | FRANCK MOUSSA       | 25 |
| 25 | ALAN McCORMACK      | 26 |
| 26 | ARNAU RIERA         | 27 |
| 27 | JOE WELCH           | 30 |

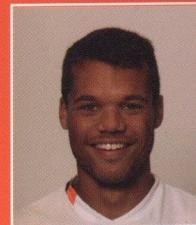
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- Referee -
- M T McCoy**  
- Assistant 1 -
- S P Rubery**  
- Assistant 2 -
- M P Russell**  
- Fourth Official -

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## HATTERS BET



Lewis Emanuel is 16/1 to score the first goal against Southend United this evening