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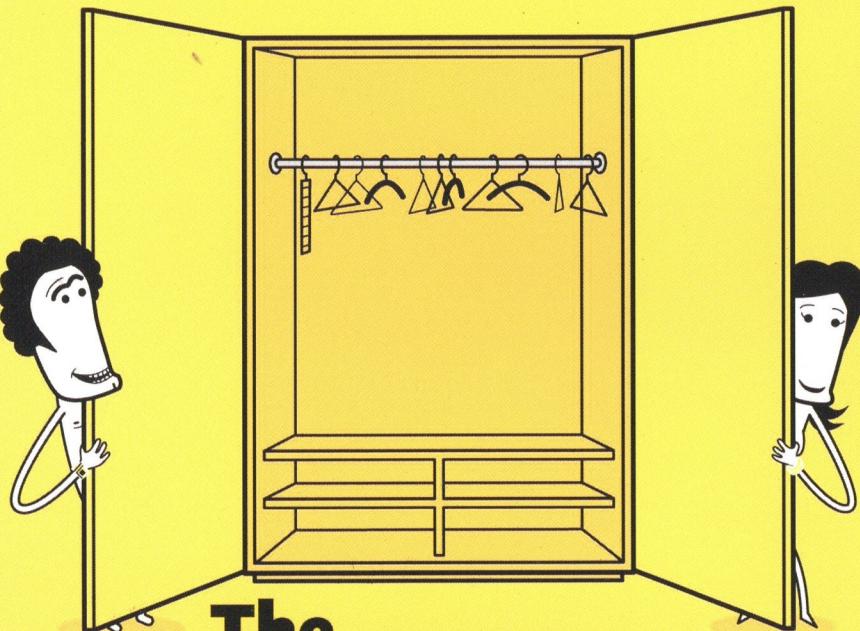
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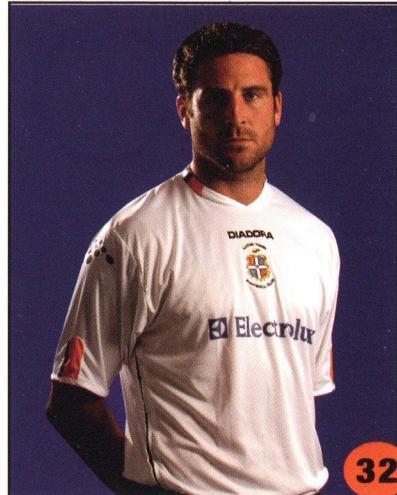
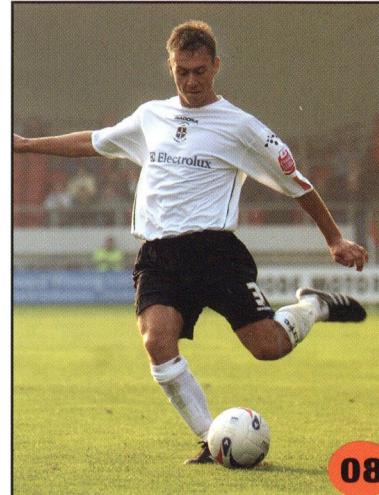
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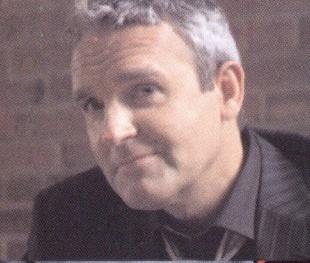
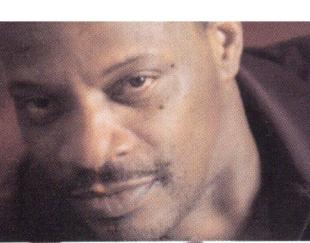
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's game with Cardiff City. I would also like to welcome Julian Jenkins and his media team from Ninian Park, who have always made us feel welcome when we have made the long journey to South Wales. Inside today's programme we have an exclusive interview with Chris Coyne, who talks about his frustrations at being on the sidelines in recent months because of a knee injury and recalls the start of his football career whilst playing in Australia. We also talk with Sol Davis as the full back talks about his stroke and his joy at being back amongst the action. It just leaves me to wish everyone a Happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming you all back at Kenilworth Road when Barnsley are the visitors on the 20th January.

**COME ON YOU HATTERS**  
**STEVEN DOVE, EDITOR**



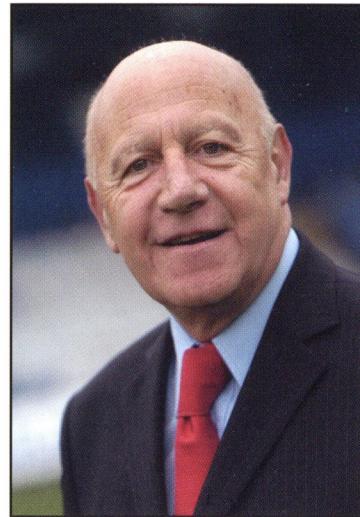
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*From the Chairman*

## **Bill Tomlins**



**Bill Tomlins,  
Luton Town Chairman**

Hello and good afternoon and a big New Year welcome to all our Supporters to Kenilworth Road, and to our Championship visitors Cardiff City and their Directors, Management, Players and Supporters.

We kicked off our first of four games over the ten day Christmas period with an excellent 3-1 home win against Coventry City, which was followed by a difficult match against Colchester United on Boxing Day. With nine consecutive home wins behind them it wasn't going to be easy. The first half was certainly *déjà vu*, with another excellent display by a Colchester goalkeeper, as it was when they played at Kenilworth Road in early September. That's not taking anything away from the result. As our Manager said after the game, you have to take your chances when they come along.

It was great to see Sol Davis on the bench on Boxing Day and even better to see him come on for the remaining 25 minutes of the game. It was a great lift for everyone connected with the Club, especially his fellow players. What was a bit special was the additional applause given by the Colchester supporters,

which was a real gesture of sportsmanship. When it comes down to it, that's what we all need to see more of in football.

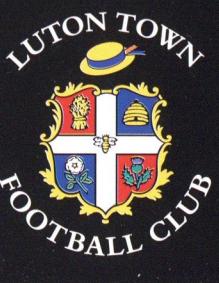
I am sure that, like me, many Luton fans would have enjoyed the Daily Mail's article on their Down Memory Lane page entitled 'The Festive Programme' in their Boxing Day edition, which showed many examples of football programmes over the last sixty years, including two front covers from Luton Town programmes.

A book has now been published that has brought together more than 450 remarkable examples. For me the Mail summed up what football programmes are about. They can inform, become souvenirs and, once in a while, they record a piece of social history, and are often preserved lovingly.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of the Directors and everybody at the Club, to wish you all a very happy and successful New Year.

Enjoy the game and as always get behind the lads.

Bill





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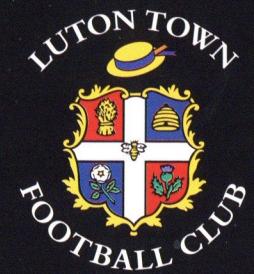
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*From the Manager*

# Mike Newell



**Mike Newell**  
Luton Town Manager

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Cardiff City. Welcome also to Dave Jones, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from Ninian Park. Cardiff were the early season pace setters and are still in a good position for a promotion push and Dave has done a good job there in a short time, as he has everywhere else he has been.

May I wish everybody a Happy New Year on behalf of all the Staff and Players at the Club.

These notes were written before our trip to St. Andrews on Friday night and hopefully we got a result against the top side. I won't dwell on the Boxing Day game as it was impossible to explain. We played as well as we have anywhere but never converted any of the many chances we created. You would

have had to have been there to know what I am talking about.

The one bright spot was the return to action of Sol Davis. I can honestly say that it was a big a shock to me that he played again before Christmas. I would have taken getting him back at any stage. We just have to be careful with him as the adrenalin will be playing a big part at the moment. It is however an indication that our fortunes are turning after the horrible end to 2006.

I do believe things will happen here in the very near future and that's why I committed myself.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Mike



## In Conversation with **Sol Davis**

**Having just kicked a ball in anger for the first time since suffering a stroke, Sol Davis is hungrier than ever for more action – and it's feeding time!**



**S**ol! He's indestructible! Or so the song goes, but on that ill-fated coach trip to Ipswich back in October his body conspired against him and for a short while it left the Hatters defender in a specialist unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital, wondering if he'd ever kick a ball again.

Taking the positives from Luton's Boxing Day clash at Colchester may have been a slightly harder proposition had not a certain Cheltenham-born player returned to the fold to the delight of everyone at the Club.

"All any footballer is interested in is getting on the field and playing.

"I feel normal. I feel back to myself. Getting that first game under my belt was a weight off my mind, and I'm now waiting for my next game."

Now that the 27-year-old full back has made a full recovery, Sol can recall the chain of events in such a

relaxed manner that it almost betrays the seriousness of his condition at the time.

"I sat on the coach on the way to Ipswich. We'd departed Luton and after about 20 minutes I started to feel slightly sick. I expected it to pass but then pins and needles set in my hands.

"I realised that something was majorly wrong with me when I couldn't speak properly. I asked David Bell to grab the physio for me and I just slurred my words. Seconds later I couldn't use my arm or my leg and my mouth had gone as well."

It was a worrying time for everybody at the Club, but especially for Sol's family.

"I think it was probably more difficult for my family seeing me go through that. I've always felt fine throughout it, felt confident it would be okay."

The early medical reports were the most crucial, and Sol admitted to a period of

anxiety waiting for the results of his tests to come in.

"The first thing I wanted to know was would I be able to play again. That was all I wanted to know. As soon as I had the tests done and I knew I'd be back at some point, the next question was 'When can I get back on the field?'"

As news spread around the Club that he was out of danger, Sol kept himself busy by responding to his team mates' macabre sense of humour with a few distasteful texts of his own, making light of the potentially serious situation that he was in.

"The jokes have been coming out of me since the minute it happened."

The Hatters' official Club website [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) had set up an online 'Get Well Sol' message centre that almost reached meltdown within its first 24 hours, as literally hundreds of emails and letters flooded in from Luton supporters and football fans all over the world, giving Sol a bit more reading material while he was laid up.

"I was so desperate to get back playing. They let me out of the hospital on the Wednesday evening and I was in at the Club on the Friday trying to jog. I was

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"They definitely helped. I didn't expect any letters or any messages. I was just expecting to be in hospital on my own. But it helped lying in the hospital on my own reading messages of support.

"I've even had a few cards from Watford wishing me all the best, so I thank them for that."

Having made such good progress in such a short space of time, Sol decided that there was no point in hanging around at home and wasted no time in returning to Kenilworth Road on his release from hospital.

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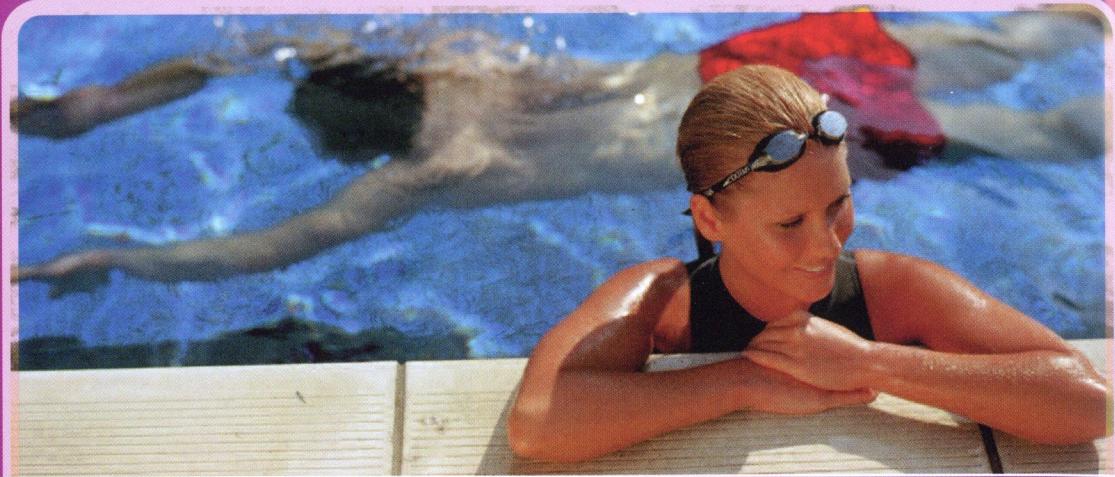
told by the physio to go home and not to come back for a week or two!"

So what now for Sol? He's been back in full training and has been back in the squad for the festive programme, but has he had the all clear from his medical team?

"I've still got some tests to go. I've still got a heart scan to have, but all the other tests have come back negative and I've been told to get on with it, so there's no reason now to worry."

"I can't wait to get back in. I just want to get on with my job now, just get back to playing and get back in the team."

Sol Davis goes through his pre match warm up at Colchester United, much to delight of Luton supporters. The Hatters defender came on for the remaining 23 minutes at Layer Road



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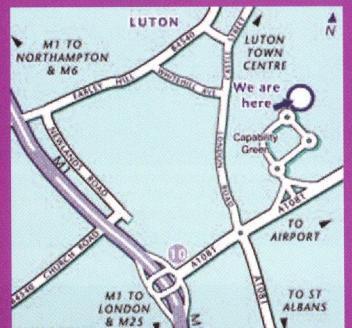
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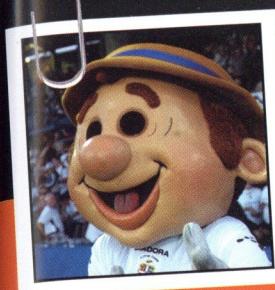
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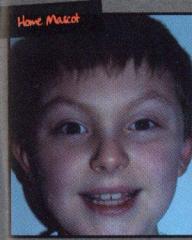
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Favourite Player: Leon Barnett  
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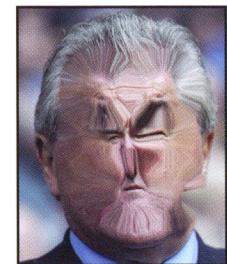
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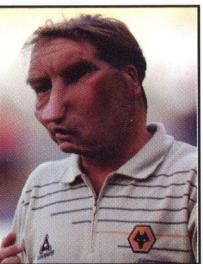
Can you identify these former England managers?  
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Because his heart wasn't in it

**How do you know that cats are sensitive creatures?**  
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**How did the farmer fix his jeans?**  
With a cabbage patch!

**Why is Russia a very fast country?**  
Because the people are always Russian!

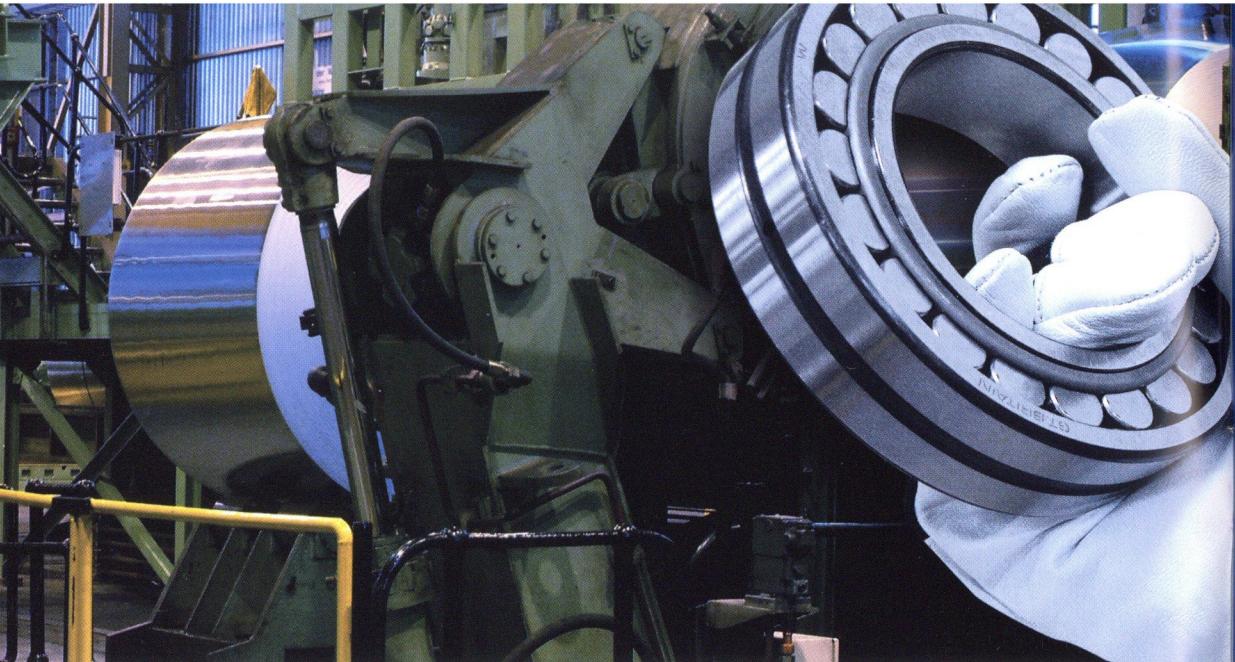
**What happens when plumbers die?**  
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ANSWERS - GUESSES WHO: Graham Taylor, Terry Venables and Glenn Hoddle

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## Welcome to Cardiff City

Cardiff City proved they are a force to be reckoned with in the Championship this season when they produced an impressive performance against Luton in September. Despite some alarm bells ringing after a dip in form, STEWART CURTIS tells us why the Welsh club is unlikely to be out of the promotion picture.

Having begun the season in blistering form, manager Dave Jones had reason to cheer as his side went six points clear on October 17th. However, their recent form has seen them fail to win in their previous eight games heading into Saturday's fixture with Crystal Palace. This latest blip has seen the Welsh outfit fall to fifth position in the league, 11 points off top spot.

Speculation regarding the club's future was finally concluded during the week before Christmas. A unanimous consortium completed their £27m takeover of Lebanese businessman Sam Hammam's controlling stake in the club, just minutes before a deadline which would have forced the club into Administration.

Fears of a takeover collapse saw Jones' managerial position speculated about in the press, and the recently reported dressing room unrest this has caused. "I

was sold a dream (of a new stadium) and I'm sure one or two of the players were also, so they must be concerned as well with what's going on."

However with the club's future now secure, planning permission for the new 30,000 all-seater stadium was granted almost immediately, a project they hope will be completed in time for Christmas 2008. The increased finances have also relinquished extra funds for January's transfer window, allowing Jones to further strengthen the squad as the Bluebirds push for Premiership status.

A complete squad overhaul saw no fewer than 10 players leave South Wales in the summer, including league top-scorer Cameron Jerome's £3m move to promotion rivals Birmingham City. However, some astute transfer dealings have seen Jerome replaced with Newcastle striker Michael Chopra, arriv-

ing for just £500k. He made an instant impact on life in the Championship, scoring a goal every other game to take his tally for the season to 12.

Chopra's arrival was certainly not the only incomer to Ninian Park, with a further 13 players following suit. Other notable signings included Willy Flood's move from Manchester City, midfielder Stephen McPhail from Barnsley and defender Kevin McNaughton from Aberdeen, a player who was previously linked with a move to Kenilworth Road.

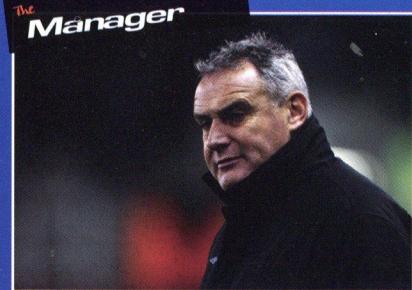
Following a 4-1 drubbing in the reverse fixture in Wales earlier this season, the Hatters will be out for revenge in this afternoon's game, and with both sides top goalscorers firing on all cylinders, we could be in for a repeat of last year's six goal thriller.



# The Opponents

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

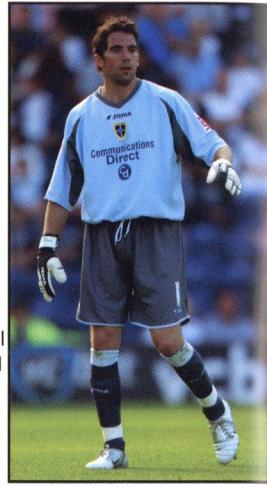
## The Manager



In July 1990, Dave Jones joined Stockport County as a manager for their youth team and took over as first team manager from Danny Bergara in March 1995. He took the team into the First Division (now the Championship) from an automatic promotion place in 1997. This promotion brought him to the attention of Southampton, who offered him their vacant managerial position. In January 2001 he found work at Wolves and finished 12th. In the 2001/02 season, Jones guided Wolves to a clear 11 point lead over their arch-rivals West Bromwich Albion, but managed to lose their promotion place by the end of the season. He took the team to a play-offs in the 2002/03 season and Wolves won a place in the Premiership, returning to top football for the first time in 19 years. However, the team did not prove strong enough to stay at that level and were relegated to the Championship just one season later. Following a poor run of form at the start of their first season back in the Championship, Dave Jones was sacked by Wolves on November 1st, 2004 and the following year took up the position at Cardiff City. During Jones' first season in charge of Cardiff they achieved a respectable mid-table placing in the Championship. However following a period of rebuilding over the summer of 2006, Jones has now forged a talented side.

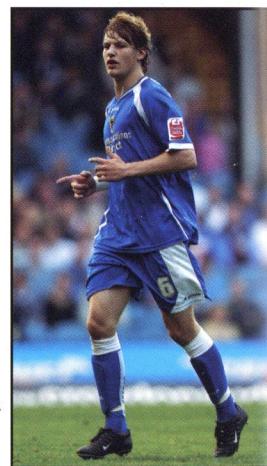
## The Goalkeepers

Cardiff's number one shot stopper is currently **NEIL ALEXANDER** (pictured), the former Livingston goalkeeper. Alexander signed for £200,000 in August 2001 and played in every Championship match during the 2005/06 season. It was a marvellous achievement for the former Scottish Under 21 international, as two years ago he began the season as third-choice goalkeeper and it looked as if he might have to go elsewhere to re-establish his career. But he was soon recalled to the first team, and did well enough to make himself clear first choice as well as achieving his long-term aim of a senior Scotland appearance. **MARK HOWARD** is an ex-Arsenal trainee, who has enjoyed a loan spell with Falkirk, whilst Luton fans will know **MARTYN MARGETSON**, having enjoyed a short loan spell at Kenilworth Road in 1995. Margetson has also had stints at Huddersfield and Manchester City.

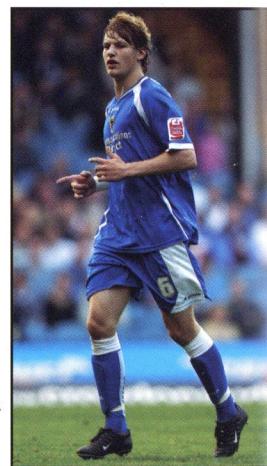


## The Defenders

Cardiff swooped to take **KERREA GILBERT** on a seasons loan from Arsenal at the start of the season. The promising youngster made nine Premiership and Cup appearances last season and is one of a number of promising young Arsenal players quickly coming through the ranks at the North London club. Gilbert is a talented young player, just like **GLENN LOOVENS** (pictured), who signed for £180,000 in May 2006, after he impressed on a seasons long loan. Glenn made a great impact whilst on loan from Feyenoord, making tremendous progress, and the Club were always keen to sign him on a permanent basis. **DARREN PURSE** has enjoyed spells with Oxford United, Birmingham City and West Bromwich Albion and is a former England Under 21 international. Darren had a very consistent season last year in what was his first campaign with the club. He is the club's penalty taker, with five of his six goals last season coming from the spot. **ROGER JOHNSON**



is a useful defender as he can operate at full back as well as a striker. On a number of occasions he moved into attack when playing for Wycombe and proved to be more than capable up front. **WILLO FLOOD** has failed to really establish himself in the Cardiff side, with most of his appearances for the club this season coming as a substitute. Flood joined from Coventry, as has also had spells at Rochdale and Manchester City. **CHRIS GUNTER** is a young player who has quickly progressed through the ranks at Ninian Park. He has already had a taste of first team football this season with three starts in the Championship. Cardiff currently have two defenders on loan with **CHRIS BARKER** at Colchester and **JOE JACOBSON** enjoying a spell at League Two newcomers Accrington Stanley.



## Cardiff's All Time Records

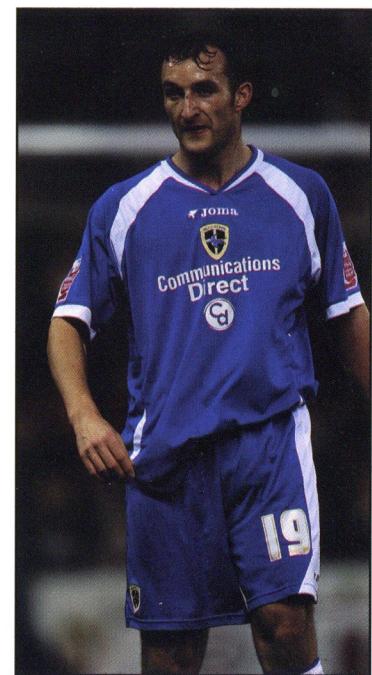
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**Worst league loss:** 2 - 11: vs Sheffield United 01/01/ Division 1  
**Best cup win:** 8 - 0: vs Enfield 28/11/1931 FA Cup R1  
**Most capped player:** Alf Sherwood: 39 Wales  
**League appearances:** Phil Dwyer: 471 1972/85

**League goals:** Len Davies: 128 1920/31  
**Goals in a season:** Robert Earnshaw: 31 2002/03 Division 2  
**Transfer fee received:** £3,000,000: Rob Earnshaw West Brom 30 August 2004  
**Transfer fee paid:** £1,700,000: Peter Thorne Stoke 13 September 2001

## The Midfielders

Luton will be wary of the threat **PAUL PARRY** may bring this afternoon. Parry is a player with an eye for goal, with three already this season. He signed in January 2004 from Hereford, where he had an impressive scoring record, finding the net 30 times in just over 150 appearances. Parry, who is a Welsh international, operates on left side of midfield but can also play in a central attacking position. **STEPHEN MCPHAIL** joined from Barnsley and played a major role in their promotion to the Championship last season. The talented midfielder has also been on loan at Millwall and Nottingham Forest. McPhail has represented the Republic of Ireland at Youth, Under 21 and Senior level and it was little surprise when Cardiff came chasing for his signature. **JOE LEDLEY** played 42 Championship matches last season for Cardiff and is a current Welsh international. Joe is one of the up and coming young talents at Ninian Park and has been with the Club through its Centre of Excellence and Academy. Once he had made his first team debut, it was clear that he was in the squad

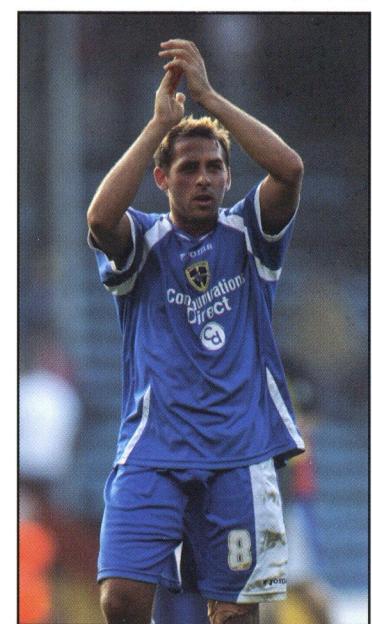
to stay, and it did not take long before he made his senior Wales debut. **RICCARDO SCIMECA** (pictured) is an ex Aston Villa trainee who enjoyed successful spells with Nottingham Forest, Leicester City and West Bromwich Albion. Scimeca signed in January 2006 and played 18 Championship matches following his arrival. **KEVIN COOPER** is a player who has enjoyed a distinguished career with spells at Derby, Stockport, Wimbledon, Wolves, Sunderland and Norwich. Kevin was a vital member of Manager Dave Jones' playing staff at Stockport and Wolves and he was amongst the manager's first targets when Jones took over at Ninian Park in May 2005. **MALVIN KAMARA** was known to Bluebirds' assistant manager Terry Burton from his days at Wimbledon, and it was his influence that brought the midfielder to Cardiff City. Malvin is quickly proving he was worth the chance at a higher level, with a few eye catching performances already this season. **NICK McKOY** was another player brought in from MK Dons and is currently waiting patiently for his chance after sealing a move in July.



## The Strikers

The goals of **MICHAEL CHOPRA** (pictured) has undoubtedly gone a long way to helping Cardiff push for promotion this season. The talented striker is a former Newcastle United trainee, who enjoyed a very successful loan spell at Watford in 2003, scoring four goals in one game against Burnley. Chopra also spent spells with Nottingham Forest and Barnsley. He played in 20 Premiership and Cup matches for Newcastle during the 2005/06 season before penning a deal with Cardiff in June for an initial £500,000 fee. **STEVEN THOMPSON** could not have had a better start with Cardiff City, scoring twice on his debut in a 3-0 home win over Burnley. However a hand injury restricted his progress in the team after joining in January 2006 from Glasgow Rangers. Thompson is an experienced striker who started his career with Dundee United and has amassed over 15

appearances for Scotland. Former Arsenal and Everton striker **KEVIN CAMPBELL** signed for Cardiff after being released by West Bromwich Albion following their relegation from the Premiership. The experienced striker made over 160 appearances at Arsenal, scoring 46 goals before being transferred to Nottingham Forest. Campbell tried his luck in Turkey where he played for Trabzonspor, before returning to join Everton on loan in March 1999. His impact on the side was immediate as he scored nine goals in eight games, making him Everton's top goalscorer that season despite spending barely a month with the club. Campbell made a permanent move to Everton before joining West Bromwich Albion in 2005. Ex-French Youth international, **LUIGI GLOMBARD**, arrived highly recommended from French football having spent time with Sevres, Villepinte, Clairefontaine and Nantes.



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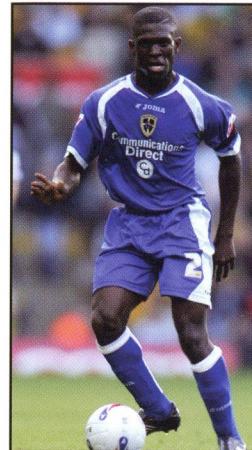
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View from the

# Opposition

Cardiff supporter Michael Robson talks to today's matchday programme.



■ What (or who) has contributed to the improvement in Cardiff's fortunes after finishing last season in 11th position?

The goals of Michael Chopra have been vital, but generally everyone has contributed in their own way. Although he has been out for the last few weeks, I still think the arrival of Kerrea Gilbert from Arsenal has strengthened the side.



■ How has loan signing Alan Wright settled in and what has he added to the squad?

He has done OK and it has helped having him in the squad. He adds that bit of experience that is needed in every side.



■ What are Cardiff's aims for this season?

At the start of the season, I'm sure all Cardiff fans just wanted to be around the play-off places come the end of the season and try to challenge for a top six finish. However, after the start to the season we have had, I think a lot of supporters are going to be slightly disappointed if we don't go up. We have a talented squad and Dave Jones is doing a fantastic job. If we can get some of the injured players back, then I'm sure we can maintain our promotion push.



■ Who should Luton fans look out for this afternoon in the Bluebirds' squad?

Michael Chopra, although I'm sure Luton fans will know all about him after his performance against the Hatters earlier in the season

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

I predicted Southampton at the start of the season, but now I'm hopeful we will make it come the end of the campaign.



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## Five to Remember

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

interval, they are unable to make their dominance count in the second period leaving the Town to attack on the break for a classic 'smash and grab' raid.

Goals from Lil Fuccillo, Ron Futcher and Ricky Hill broke the Bluebirds hearts and forced their manager, and former Hatters coach, Jimmy Andrews to keep his players in the changing room for an hour after the match.



Lil Fuccillo nets from the spot during the 7-1 win over the Bluebirds in 1978.

**2nd January 1937**  
**Luton Town 8 Cardiff City 1**  
**Attendance: 12,368**

The Town had not enjoyed a good Christmas, having lost two of their three games over the festive period, and looked to bounce back against mid-table Cardiff.

With veteran centre-half Hugh McGinnigle making his first appearance for nearly a year in place of Jack Nelson, supporters could be excused for thinking that the defence would be less than secure but they need not have worried as he had little to do.

Cardiff levelled Joe Paynes' 20th minute effort, but from then on it was one way traffic with goals coming at regular intervals and only George Poland in the Bluebirds goal prevented a cricket score.

Amazingly, Cardiff were on the end of a similar 8-1 thumping at Kenilworth Road in 1932!



Bob Hatton fires in past Cardiff goalkeeper Keith Barber.

**4th May 1971**  
**Luton Town 3 Cardiff City 0**  
**Attendance: 10,784**

Both the Town and Cardiff had narrowly missed out on promotion from the old Division Two but the Hatters had something to play for in this the last game of the campaign – if they won by two clear goals they would qualify for the following season's Watney Cup, which was open to the two clubs in each division who had scored most goals but had won nothing.

In true 'Roy of the Rovers' style, the soon to depart Malcolm Macdonald netted goals two and three of his hat-trick in the final five minutes to send the crowd into raptures and also reputedly add £20,000 to his eventual transfer fee.

**8th October 1977**  
**Cardiff City 1 Luton Town 4**  
**Attendance: 8,726**

An unfortunate own goal from Cardiff's Gerry Byrne after 25 minutes set the Town up for their first win at Ninian Park since 1936.

Although Cardiff levelled through Phil Dwyer, just before the

**16th September 1978**  
**Luton Town 7 Cardiff City 1**  
**Attendance: 7,752**

David Pleat's new look Hatters had already scored nine goals in their first two home games and the supporters were a shade disappointed that the Town were only two up at the interval against the Bluebirds.

In the second period it all came right though, as the Town piled on the pressure and goals flew in from all angles leaving the Cardiff defenders chasing shadows. Winger David Moss' 30 yard curling shot was probably the pick of the bunch.

Spare a thought for ex-Luton goalkeeper Keith Barber. On loan with the Bluebirds from Swansea he decided to hang up his gloves after the game, but probably wished he had a retired a week earlier!

**26th December 2002**  
**Luton Town 2 Cardiff City 0**  
**Attendance: 7,905**

Promotion favourites Cardiff were made to look second best throughout. Ex Luton manager Lennie Lawrence was not given a warm reception on his first return to the club but had no complaints afterwards as he saw his new side taken apart.

The Hatters pushed three players up front and had the chances to sew the game up by the interval, but saw three efforts cleared off the line. Tony Thorpe finally broke the deadlock on 80 minutes after the Cardiff defence failed to cut out a Dean Crowe pass, leaving top scorer Steve Howard to make the points safe at the death with a pearler into the top corner.



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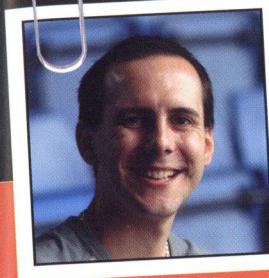
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## Stat Attack

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

Luton have entertained Cardiff City 27 times in the league, and have won 15 of these fixtures, with just three defeats. The nine draws have seen each of the scorelines from 0-0 to 3-3. Luton have scored 72 goals, and conceded just 29. This means this fixture averages 3.74 goals. The 0-0 draw in March 1950 is the only time the Hatters have failed to score when Cardiff have been the visitors.

The three players that have moved to Cardiff from Luton had all spent less than two seasons playing at Kenilworth Road prior to their transfer. Ivortherth Hughes had become the fourth post war Luton player to win international honours, prior to the Welsh keepers move to Cardiff in August 1951 for £15,000. Hughes made 36 appearances and kept 11 clean sheets over two seasons. Roger Hoy only played during the 1970/71 season for the Hatters after a move from Crystal Palace, and went on to make 37 appearances for Luton. Adrian Alston played in the top flight for the Hatters in 1974/75, scoring eight times in 23 appearances. He made eight more appearances and scored one more goal the following season prior to his move to Wales.

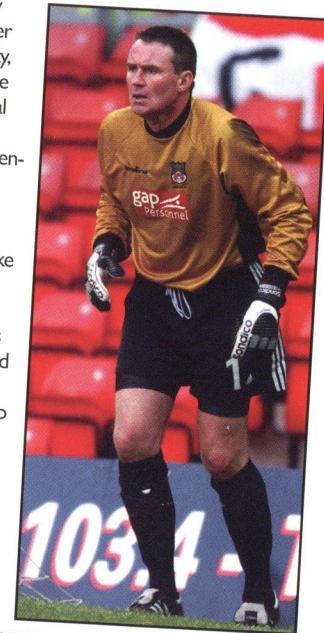


Luton have scored eight goals in a home league match six times in their history, and two of these fixtures were against Cardiff City! In 1932/33 the Hatters won 8-1, and this scoreline was repeated in 1936/37. Tommy Tait netted his third hat trick for Luton in the first fixture, with Joe Payne netting four goals, and his fifth Luton hat trick in 36/37.

George Stephenson also scored a hat trick in this fixture, and despite scoring 59 league goals for the Hatters, this was the only time he netted three times in a league match. A further two players, Joe Arnison and Malcolm MacDonald (pictured), have celebrated hat tricks against Cardiff. Both players scored all of Luton's goals in 3-0 wins, with Arnison netting his hat trick in just his fourth appearance in August 1948. MacDonald left Luton in style as he netted the fourth league hat trick of his Luton career on his final appearance for the club in 1971.

Luton have only signed one player from Cardiff City, Andy Dibble. The League Cup Final hero made his debut on the opening day of the 1984/85 season, keeping a clean sheet against Stoke City. Dibble had cost Luton £125,000, and this fee almost doubled four years later when he moved to Manchester City, despite only making 37 appearances for the Hatters during this time. Dibble returned to Luton for just three

appearances in the 1997/98 season, although it wasn't a happy home coming as he conceded ten goals in these games.



The sides have only met in the top flight for two seasons, between 1955-57. Luton won both home games 3-0, but failed to score away, losing 2-0 and drawing 0-0. Gordon Turner, Bob Morton and Jimmy Adam scored in the first game, with Morton scoring twice in the second, with Tony Gregory also on the scoresheet.

Luton have completed the double over Cardiff three times in 1933/34, 1977/78, 1999/2000. The sides actually both finished on 38 points at the end of the 77/78 season, but amazingly Luton were in 13th position and Cardiff 19th! Goal difference put the Hatters at the top of seven teams sharing the points, with 4-1 and 3-1 wins over the Welsh side certainly helping this statistic!



# Action Replay

vs Coventry City  
Saturday 23rd  
December, 2006



## LUTON 3 COVENTRY 1

Luton Scorers: Brkovic (45), Vine (66),  
Morgan (68)  
Attendance: 8,299

Picture: It's in the back of the net as Ahmet Brkovic opens the scoring to net his third goal of the season. Rowan Vine and Dean Morgan netted the other goals to secure a much needed three points for the Hatters.

**Luton:** Kiely, Foley, Edwards, Robinson (Coyne 63), Vine, Morgan (Feeley 81), Emanuel, Brkovic (Langley 84), Barnett, Heikkinen, Bell

**Goals:** Brkovic (45), Vine (66), Morgan (68)

**Subs not used:** Beresford, Boyd

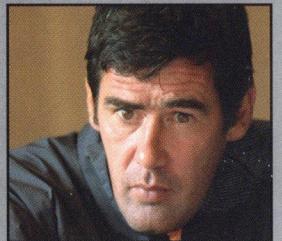


**Coventry:** Steele, Ward, Hughes, Doyle, Adebola (Virgo 74), John (Kyle 74), McKenzie, Bischoff, Cameron, Duffy, Clarke

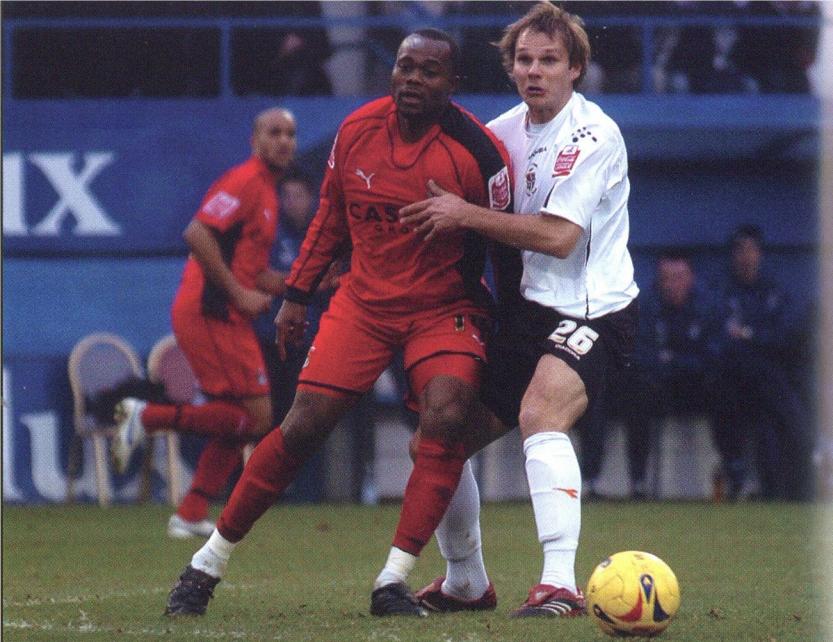
**Goals:** Brkovic (59 og)

**Subs not used:** Hall, Birchall, Currie

#### From the Manager



"It was a good result but you have to say they were the better side in the first half, and the first goal came at a very crucial time for us and turned the game on its head."



□ Markus Heikkinen and Stern John in the thick of the action



□ GOAL - Ahmet Brkovic runs through the Coventry defence before firing Luton into the lead

## LUTON 3 COVENTRY 1

Luton served up a Christmas treat for their supporters as they returned to winning way against Coventry to move away from the relegation zone in the Championship.

A dull first half only came to light when Ahmet Brkovic popped up on the stroke of half time to fire home his third goal of the season.

The Croatian found the net for the second time in the afternoon when, after the restart, he turned home a Stephen Hughes' free-kick into his own net as Coventry drew level.

Luton looked a more impressive outfit in the sec-

ond half as a close range effort from Rowan Vine and well hit free-kick from Dean Morgan sealed a much needed three points.

However, Luton certainly had on-loan goalkeeper Dean Kiely to thank for the victory. The Portsmouth shot-stopper was in inspirational form, making a number of key saves throughout the match.

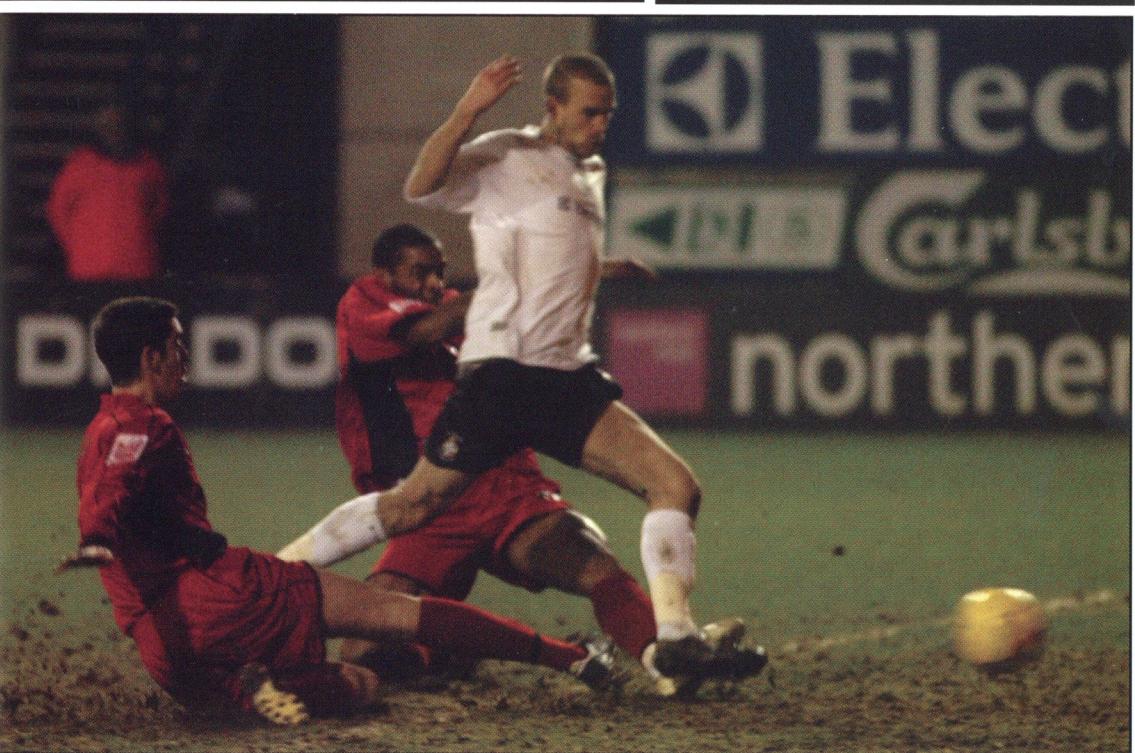
His double save on 31 minutes had Luton fans on their feet when the former Charlton goalkeeper first blocked a powerful header from Stern John before getting to his feet to stop the rebound from Colin Cameron.



□ Lewis Emanuel and Dele Adebola challenge for the ball



□ Dean Kiely makes a full stretched save



□ GOAL - Rowan Vine puts Luton back into the lead as he strokes home from close range

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- 2.Which club are nicknamed 'The Eagles'?
- 3.Which team did Liverpool beat on penalties to win the 125th FA Cup final this year?
- 4.Which Conference team had 18 points deducted at the end of last season for fielding an ineligible player 13 times?
- 5.Who won this year's FA Community Shield match?
- 6.Only three English players found the back of the net in the 2006 World Cup. Who were they?
- 7.What was the final score as Manchester United beat Wigan to win the League Cup in February 2006?
- 8.Who was 2006's first Premier League managerial casualty, losing his job in February?
- 9.Which team endured the worst defeat of the 2005/6 Premier League season when they were thumped 7-0 by Arsenal?
- 10.Who are England's next opponents in their 2008 European qualification campaign?

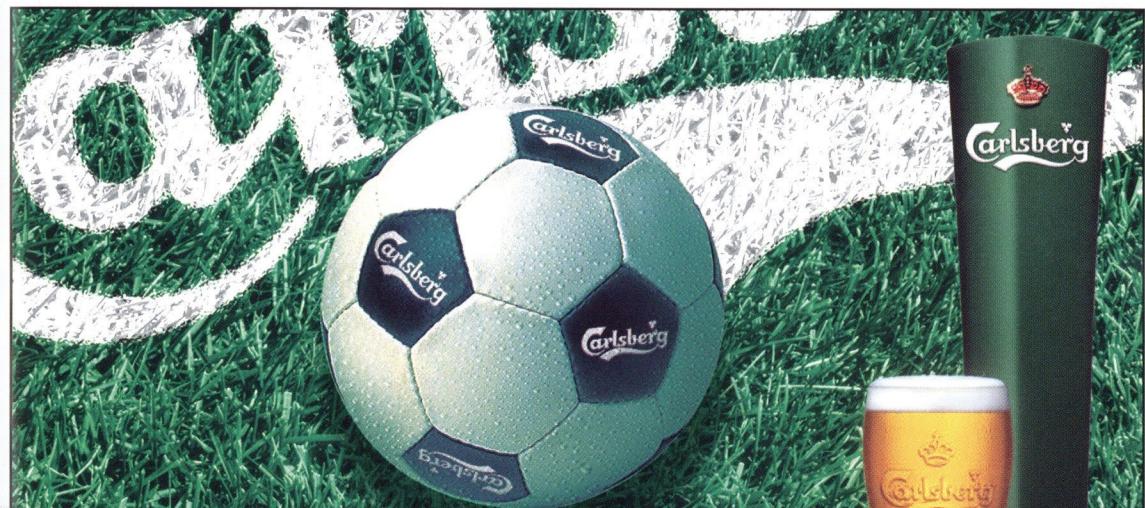
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Name the teams that play at these grounds



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



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## On the Web

Chris Rivett brings you the latest news from the Club's official website, [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk)

With end of year reviews and the start of the sales the tradition for this time of the year, I'm afraid I am going to have to reluctantly follow suit in this afternoon's column, as I review what is what, as far as the Club's developing website portfolio is concerned.

I am sure that you have already heard about the big sale the Club Shop is having, and of course those discounts are also available online at [www.hattersshop.com](http://www.hattersshop.com). In addition to this we have also knocked £15 off the subscription price of Hatters World, the most popular audio subscription site outside of the Premiership. You can now sign up until 1st August 2007 for just £19.99, renewal is then processed at annual repeating subscription of £34.99; a small price to pay to bring you even closer to events at Kenilworth Road. At present, subscription levels are at all time high and you can enjoy exclusive, behind the scenes interviews and watch match

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A new arrival in 2006, was the desktop news alert service, which was actually launched in the build up to our trip to Ninian Park back in September. The 'Luton Town DNA' provides all the latest news and features from Kenilworth Road direct to your desktop computer – all you need to do is a download a small bit of software from the official site and you are away.

However, if you aren't always in front of your PC and really want to be the first to know what is happening at the home of the Hatters you will want to consider the ever popular SMS service. If you sign up now you will be in time to get score alerts and Mike Newell's post-match reaction to this afternoon's match – and all Luton Town news thereafter – sent through to your phone. Simply send a text stating 'CLUB LUTON GOLD' to 88442. Texts cost 25p.

So there you have it; if you include the fact you can now spread bet, compete in a football quiz or a fantasy football league, play poker, or gamble in a virtual casino via the official website as well, there are several websites that will directly benefit Luton Town financially in 2007, and there is more to come. Full details of all these deals be found on the official website. Make sure you stay logged onto [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) throughout the new year and we will ensure you don't miss a thing.

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**MONDAY  
18  
DECEMBER**

## Leeds hit with League fine

Leeds United have been fined £2,000 after they included six loan players in their squad for the game at Burnley on 28 November.

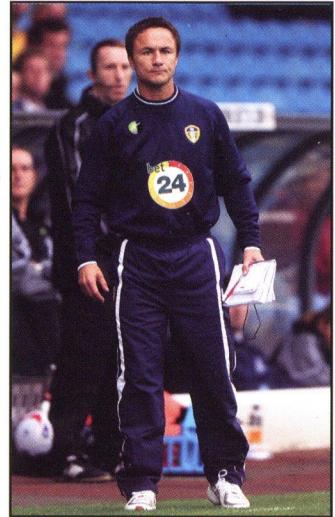
Football League rules stipulate that only five on-loan players are allowed to feature on the match-day team sheet.

The Football League heard that Leeds had to contend with a last-minute injury to defender Matthew Kilgallon.

The Championship strugglers, managed by Dennis Wise, have had £1,000 of the fine suspended.

Graham Stack, Matt Heath, Ugo Ehiogu, Tresor Kandol and Geoff Horsfield all played as Leeds lost the game 2-1, while Tony Warner was an unused substitute.

**ALSO...** Barnsley recall defender Robert Atkinson from his loan spell at Halifax Town following injuries to Bobby Hassell, Paul Reid and Antony Kay..... On loan Coventry City defender Andrew Whing is confident of sealing a permanent switch to Brighton.


**TUESDAY  
19  
DECEMBER**

## Lupoli to consider Derby future

On-loan Arsenal striker Arturo Lupoli has told Derby he will consider staying with the club if they are promoted.

The Italian is out of contract at the end of the season and has scored six goals in 13 appearances for Derby.

Lupoli told the Derbyshire Evening Telegraph: "I think we've a good chance of promotion and if we do, I will be looking to stay for many years."

The 19-year-old is in talks with the Gunners over a new deal, but is free to talk to other clubs after 1 January.

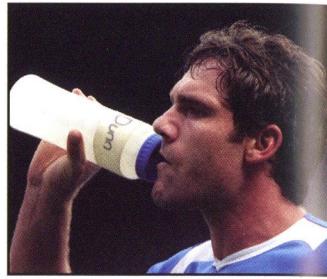
The Rams are currently second in the Championship, having won eight of their last ten matches.



**ALSO...** Birmingham City agree to spend £120,000 on a brand new playing surface at St Andrews in the new year..... Burnley boss Steve Cotterill praises strikers Gifton Noel-Williams and Kyle Lafferty for filling the void left by the injured Andy Gray.

**WEDNESDAY  
20  
DECEMBER**

## Dunn tipped for Blackburn return



Birmingham City may be prepared to let midfielder David Dunn return to Blackburn Rovers in January.

He has said he would consider a move back to his hometown club and Birmingham would place no obstacles in his way if Rovers came in.

Dunn, 26, has been capped once by England but his three years with Blues have been blighted by injury and he has made only 12 appearances this season.

Birmingham paid £5.5m when they signed Dunn from Blackburn in July 2003.

In the three years since Dunn's arrival he has started only 46 league games, with 12 substitute appearances.

**ALSO...** Preston goalkeeper Andy Lonergan signs a three-and-a-half-year contract extension with the club..... Kidderminster extend the loan signing of West Brom defender Rob Davies for a further month.

**THURSDAY  
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## Plymouth complete Home Park deal



Plymouth Argyle have completed a £2.7m deal with the city council to become the sole owners of Home Park.

The Pilgrims chairman Paul Stapleton said: "This is an important day in the history of Plymouth Argyle.

"For the first time since there's been an Argyle team playing at Home Park, we can truly say it is now our ground."

The purchase of the ground means Argyle can now push ahead with their plans to rebuild the Mayflower Stand, the last stand to be redeveloped at the ground.

Three sides have been rebuilt to a single-tier, fully-covered stand and once the Mayflower Stand is completed, Home Park will hold 18,600 fans.

**ALSO...** Wolves midfielder Kevin O'Connor will see a specialist to discover the full extent of his hamstring problem..... Leeds United recall veteran goalkeeper Neil Sullivan from his loan spell at Doncaster Rovers..... Leicester goalkeeper Conrad Logan signs a new three-year contract at the Walkers Stadium.

**FRIDAY  
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## Simpson agrees new Preston deal

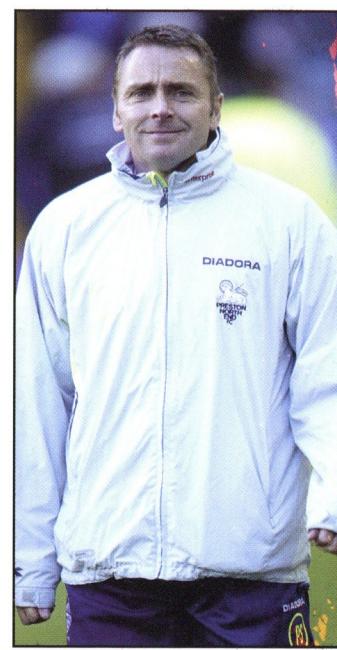
Preston manager Paul Simpson has agreed to extend his contract at the club by two years until 2011.

Simpson originally signed a three-year deal when he joined the club in the summer but has been rewarded after helping them challenge for promotion.

"When I came here there were clauses that they could extend my contract by an extra year or two depending on how they felt things were going," he said.

"They didn't need to tell me until the end of the season.

"I am delighted that the directors and chairman feel I must be doing something right for them to give me the two-year extension. It is a reward for what we have done and what the players have done but the league table is the one that shows that we are going in the right direction."



**ALSO...** Luton extend the loan of Portsmouth goalkeeper Dean Kiely by a further month..... Sheffield Wednesday defender Tommy Spurr stresses he wants to stay at the club..... West Brom's Thomas Gaardsoe has announces his retirement.

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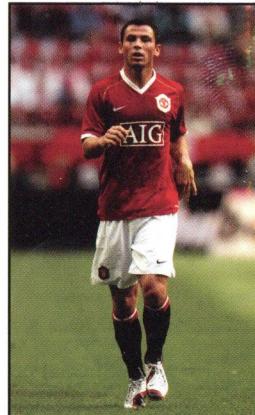
## Bardsley set for Sunderland move

Sunderland have agreed a deal to take Manchester United full-back Phil Bardsley on loan in January.

And manager Roy Keane is also keen to sign fellow Old Trafford defender Jonny Evans for the remainder of the season.

But United manager Alex Ferguson has yet to decide whether he will allow Evans to move to the Stadium of Light.

"We could decide to keep him here but if he does go on loan, Sunderland would present the right type of challenge for him," Ferguson told MUTV.



**ALSO...** Coventry sign goalkeeper Luke Steele from West Brom on an emergency seven-day loan deal..... Cardiff midfielder Riccardo Scimeca is given the all-clear after being rushed to hospital with a suspected punctured lung.



# The other side of the Coyne

**Although always the consummate professional, having to put in extra shifts in the PR department whilst not being able to let off steam on the pitch in the heat of battle must have tested Chris Coyne's patience, lately. Our matchday programme staff caught up with the Aussie just ahead of his return to action**

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

After meeting the Club captain during the hectic pre-Christmas period, a time in which his already burgeoning schedule of Club commitments goes into overdrive, it was refreshing to meet Chris Coyne in such fine form, as in the last few weeks he has been interviewed, photographed, modelled and then interviewed over and over again to within an inch of his sanity.

And don't forget the extra training he's had to do after missing three months of the season.

Chris's return to the first team over the holiday period has been his well-earned reward for the suffering he's endured by sitting out the majority of this season as he recovered, slowly but surely, from a series of knee operations to correct some problems that flared up last season.

Ever since the dust settled following Luton's fabulous title-winning League One campaign two seasons ago, niggling injuries have prevented the Championship from seeing the best form of the Aussie defender, which must have been a huge source of frustration for him.

"I've been very fortunate throughout my career that I haven't had any serious injuries. I've missed a couple of weeks here and there but it's just been this year where I've had the ongoing problems and I've never had the chance of being fully fit.

"It was frustrating, especially when you are sat in the stands and you hear people starting to moan and you just feel that you're not helping out in any way.

"Now, touch wood, it's a chance to go and prove myself and show what I can do week in, week out at this level."

What is particularly exasperating was that Chris had been struggling with his knees throughout the pre-season programme and then played a series of games through-

out August before one of them flared up again, forcing him out for another few weeks. And after one more attempted comeback in the 4-1 defeat at Cardiff, Chris succumbed to the surgeon's knife once again, knocking him out of action for the best part of three months.

However, Chris is not convinced that the situation could have been handled any better at the time, despite its lack of success.

"I think it would have happened anyway whether it was two or three games or two or three weeks down the line, irrespectively, because there was already damage done from the previous operation not going well for me.

"Hindsight is a wonderful thing but you are never to know with something like that. Now I feel that the right thing has been done and I feel 100%, which is great because I haven't felt that for a while.

"The hardest thing was I had to put the reins on, because I couldn't rush back too soon after what happened last time. It was a matter of doing things right and doing things properly, consulting with the medical team and making sure that I'm back for good, and not back for a quick three games and then out again."

This land of nine month winters may be a far cry from Chris's hometown of Perth, in Western Australia, but he is very much settled in the area these days, and English blood runs through the family generations either side of him, threatening to dilute his true blue Aussie-ness, although Chris admitted that he does get homesick, especially at this time of year.

As much as he loves his game of football, when he signed his first professional contract as a raw 17-year-old there were times when he would have given plenty to swap the freezing fog of London for the freshening breeze of the



Fremantle Doctor:

"It was enjoyable, apart from the homesickness for the first three or four years. I did find it a long way from home and there were massive phone bills coming in every month but I've enjoyed every minute football-wise. It's just the family you miss."

Playing at the youth international level of football (that's our rules, not Aussie) and at state level of youth cricket, Chris was still contemplating which direction in life to take when he was spotted by an intrepid West Ham scout and invited over to London so that the Hammers could take a closer look at him.

"I went away with the Australian Under 17 team and was spotted playing and was asked to go to West Ham for a trial. I was over there for three weeks just before Christmas twelve years ago. Harry Redknapp called me in and said they wanted to offer me a pro contract and I had to move over, and it's been great fun ever since."

Having uprooted and made the move, it was now it was all about getting games – not the easiest thing to do for a rookie defender at a Premiership club packed out with some of the finest young emerging stars of world football, and with a few living legends throw in for good measure.

After a short spell out on loan in League Two, Chris was in the West Ham squad for a crucial match against Leeds United. Just to make it more interesting there was a UEFA Cup place at stake.

Ian Wright, Di Canio, Hasselbaink, Lampard, Joe Cole and Harry Kewell were to name but a few of the quality players on the pitch that day.

It wasn't a great afternoon for the Hammers. They lost 5-1 on their home ground to their bitter rivals and had three players sent off. It was a great day for a young Chris Coyne, though, as he made his Premiership

## Did you know?

In the 2000/01 season, Chris was part of a Dundee side that recorded 2-0 away victories at both Celtic and Rangers. He boasts an enviable record of never conceding a goal to Henrik Larsson while he was on the pitch.

debut by coming on for the last ten minutes.

Chris wasn't at all fazed being in such esteemed company. It was just business as usual on the training ground after that as far as he was concerned.

"Frank and Rio were in both in my youth team with Joe Cole and Michael Carrick. We had a hell of a youth team, but when you're working week in week out with these players you get on with them and they are your mates.

"They were always superb pros at West Ham. I don't think there were any big time charlies there, just honest, decent hardworking pros. They are household names, yes, but when you work with them they're just your work mates and colleagues."

"When I did eventually get up there I really enjoyed it. Dundee is a fantastic place to live and they were a good bunch of lads, and we were all of a similar age so we all mixed socially together well.

"The football side of it was an experience. Very fast, very hectic but some of the stadiums were magnifi-

## Question Time

Which Argentinean international forward, whose goal in the second round of the Italia '90 World Cup eliminated Brazil, was a former team mate of Chris's at Dundee?



cent. It was a great place to play."

A change of management the following season meant that Chris was on his way again, and the rest is history.

"We played Luton pre-season when Joe Kinnear and Mick Harford were here. I came on after about ten minutes and they wanted to bring me down, so they came up and watched another game up there and that was that. I was down in two or three weeks.

"You follow your own path and make your own decisions."

## Coyne's opinion on...

### The Ashes



After the humiliation of last year finally I can give the boys in the dressing room a bit of stick after the last series. I love my cricket and I do love watching it and it's great to see the Aussies doing well this year. It's a right hammering but I normally want the English to do well, having English parents.

### Jose Mourinho: saint or sinner?



He's got the medals and he's got the trophies so he must be doing something right. He's been overzealous to say the least with some of his comments but I think that's just part of the package. If you want characters in the game then he's one of them, so you can either loathe him or love him.

### The Socceroos' future World Cup prospects



After the last World Cup we showed people what we can do. There are so many Australian-born players playing in Europe I wouldn't even know where to start. It's the largest played junior sport in the country so hopefully soccer back home will push on even more.

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## George Edward DUKE

Southwick born George signed professional forms for the Hatters just before the outbreak of the war whilst still a teenager and built up his experience guesting for several London teams during the hostilities as well as turning out for the Town.

A sound goalkeeper, George was the Town's acknowledged number one at the start of the first post-war season but was then called up for overseas service in the Army. By the time of his return George found that Bernard Streten had made the goalkeeping position his own so he had to be content with reserve team football.

A move to Bournemouth was accepted in 1949 and from there on he went to Guildford, Snowdown CW and Ramsgate. George passed away in 1988.

## Douglas (Dally) DUNCAN

Scotsman Dally had already crammed in a full career by the time he came to Luton as player/coach in October 1946. A pre-War Scottish international, he had starred for Derby as a mercurial winger picking up an FA Cup winners medal along the way. When Luton manager George Martin went to Newcastle in 1947, Dally was asked to take over at Kenilworth Road but soon hung his boots up to concentrate on the job full-time.

He oversaw the Town's rise to Division One in 1955 with a young, keen and talented side and then left in controversial circumstances three years later to join Blackburn who he guided to the 1960 FA Cup final. Following his dismissal from Ewood Park, Dally ran a guest house in Brighton for many years. He died in a Brighton hospital in 1990 aged 80.

## Seamus DUNNE

After a glittering youth career in his native Ireland, Seamus was playing for Shelbourne when the Hatters managed to snap up his services from under the noses of a host of bigger clubs.

After one season in the reserves he earned his first team debut on Boxing Day 1951 and from then went on to break the 300 appearance barrier for his only league club. A fast and strong right back he became a fixture in the Town side for ten years and picked up 15 caps for his country.

After finally leaving Kenilworth Road, Seamus played for three years at Yiewsley and was then player/manager at Dunstable whilst working at Vauxhall. In 1970 a chance to move back to Ireland to work in a chemical plant was too good to turn down and Seamus now lives in retirement in Bray.

## Sean Mark DYCHE

Unable to make the grade at Nottingham Forest, the Kettering born central defender went on a free transfer to Chesterfield in 1990 and soon became a mainstay in the Spireites rearguard and had made over 200 appearances for the Derbyshire club before a £350,000 move to Bristol City in 1997.

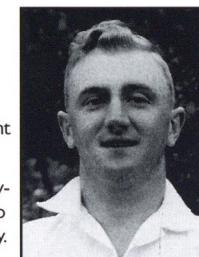
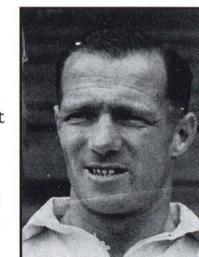
Sadly injury problems at Ashton Gate meant the Robins faithful never saw the best of the powerful stopper and he was loaned to Luton in January 1999 and at Kenilworth Road he was able to regain his fitness, confidence and form as well as help the Hatters to escape relegation. With the Town in receivership the funds to purchase Sean could not be found and so he went to Millwall and from there to Watford. Sean is currently turning out for Northampton.

## Akenhaton Carlos EDWARDS

Already an established international for Trinidad and Tobago, Carlos was signed by Wrexham, along with Hector Sam, for £125,000 from Defence Force (Trinidad) in 2000.

Due to skill, pace and trickery, Carlos is able to unsettle the strongest of defences and it was for this reason that Luton manager Mike Newell enticed him to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2005 just as the Hatters were promoted to the Championship.

Carlos instantly became a crowd pleaser at Kenilworth Road, proving virtually unplayable on occasions, and continues to play regularly for his country with whom he enjoyed a memorable World Cup finals in 2006.



# Luton Town

war player to have appeared for Luton Town

## Richard (Dick) Leonard EDWARDS

Dick was playing for Addmult (Hemel Hempstead) in the South Midland League when the Hatters spotted him and signed him on amateur forms in October 1963. The tough tackling full-back then signed part-time professional forms in June 1964 before making his full debut for the Town on the final day of the 1964/65 season just as the club was relegated to Division Four for the first time in its history.

During the following season Dick signed a full-time contract and was able to make 16 appearances, plus score a goal in the 2-2 draw at Colchester, as the Town tried for promotion at the first attempt. Released at the end of that campaign, along with many others, Dick then signed on for Kettering Town. Dick now lives back in Hemel Hempstead.

## Paul Marcellus ELLIOTT

Paul failed a trial at Luton Town as a striker and signed forms for his local club Charlton instead and converted to a central defender.

With the Hatters needing a strong and commanding centre-half to bolster their defence as they attempted to avoid relegation from the top flight in 1983 they paid a cut price £95,000 to cash strapped Charlton to achieve their aims. Unfortunately Paul broke his leg in a League Cup tie with Leicester in 1984 and by the time of his return the Town had signed Steve Foster. Unable to keep both players happy the Hatters sold Paul to Aston Villa for £400,000 and from there he sampled life in Italy with Pisa and then turned out for Celtic and Chelsea where another bad injury ended his career.

Paul is now a football pundit regularly seen on television.

## Stephen (Steve) Blair ELLIOTT

A true journeyman striker, Steve started off as an apprentice at Nottingham Forest but to get regular football accepted a move to Preston where his career took off.

Managing 70 goals in over 200 League appearances for Preston, Steve hankered after a move up the football ladder but was surprised when a bid from top flight Luton took him to Kenilworth Road in 1984.

Steve knocked in six goals in 15 starts for the Hatters but became surplus to requirements when Luton wanted David Preece from Walsall and the Saddlers insisted on Steve as part of the deal. This move then became one of many for Steve as he continued to bang in the goals for Bolton, Bury, Rochdale and Guiseley. Steve is now a Leisure Centre manager for South Ribble Borough Council.

## Lars ELSTRUP

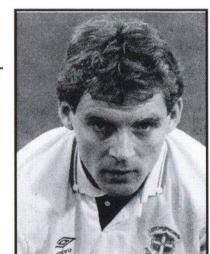
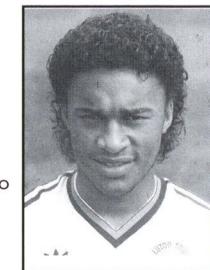
Although Luton Town had dipped into the foreign player market before, the signing of an established Danish international for a club record fee in 1989 took transfers up to a completely different level.

Lars had played for Feyenoord, but established himself with Odense from where he was signed by the Town. His first season at Kenilworth Road was beset by injury but in the 1990/91 campaign supporters could finally see that he was a class act with his speed, intelligence and finishing ability. Sadly, a row over money saw him return to Odense in controversial fashion and within two years he had dropped out of football altogether, changing his name to Darando and joining the anarcho-Buddhist Wild Goose sect. Lars apparently now offers seminars on new age topics!

## Carl Wayne EMBERSON

Epsom born Carl was unable to make an impression at first club Millwall and signed on for Colchester in July 1994 where he became a crowd favourite. At Layer Road he was first choice for most of his five years there as well as being voted 'Man of the Match' in the 'U's play-off final win over Torquay in 1998.

A move to Walsall a year later did not work out and he accepted a transfer to Luton in 2001, initially as understudy to Mark Ovendale, but he soon took over the number one spot as the Town won promotion from Division Three at the first attempt. A good shot stopper, Carl was allowed to move to Southend in 2003 and from there he has appeared for Grays and latterly Sutton.



# A Premier bore?

With Chelsea and Manchester United once again dominating the Premiership this season, has the English top flight league lost its appeal? STEVEN DOVE looks into whether the Premiership has just become so predictable or if the fight for the championship keep the watching public on the edge of their seats.

So often heralded as the most exciting and open league in world football, has the English Premiership not become a just too predictable in recent times?

As the gulf between rich and poor widens in the game, as the elite clubs become bigger and better, we are left with a scenario where the top and bottom of the table are almost a foregone conclusion.

Sure, not everything can be seen through premeditated eyes - as the old adage goes, the only thing you can predict

about predictions is that they will probably be wrong.

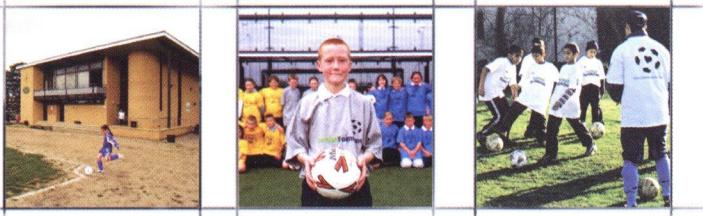
But, the general feeling among most football fans is one of a resigned pessimism - the state of the game is beyond repair having lost the magic and spontaneity which made it so popular and famous.

The recent top-flight action merely served to underline the point - it was business as usual for Manchester United and Chelsea as they picked up wins against Aston Villa and Wigan respectively recently.

Jose Mourinho's side huffed and puffed their way to a win at the JJB Stadium where they were given a stern examination by Paul Jewell's Wigan. Like so many sides before them, the Latics deserved more but they were outmuscled by a Chelsea machine, which in turn deserved less of course.

The Red Devils may have swept Aston Villa aside but the 3-0 scoreline certainly flattened them and merely illustrated the ruthless streak that has made Sir Fergie's sides so





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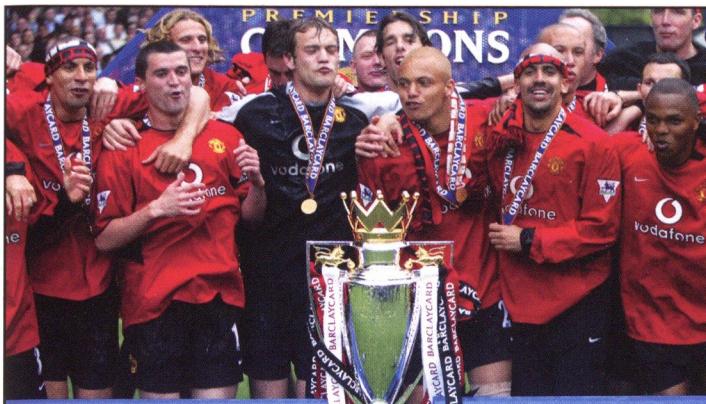
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Manchester United (top) and Chelsea have continued to dominate the Premiership this season as it looks as if it will become a two team race for this year's title. With Arsenal and Liverpool somewhat off the pace, many supporters have argued that the Premiership has become too predictable.

successful.

As for Arsenal, Arsene Wenger's side have been out gunned by Fulham recently. They conceded again from a corner, tried to create the perfect goal themselves by passing the ball into the net, but were denied by the Cottagers who defended doggedly.

Yet again Monsieur Wenger insisted the Gunners deserved better as if his side's romantic - and wholeheartedly naive - approach somehow merits a win more than the pragmatic style of their rivals.

As they say, the first step to being cured is admitting that you have a problem.

The predictability continues.

Onto Liverpool, whose real failing has been their woeful away form - they have won twice on the road this season, losing five of their nine matches away from Anfield.

Predictably, Benitez's squad have done better in the Champions League as his Spanish brigade seem far more suited to the European game than the hustle-and-bustle of the Premiership.

Yet despite all Arsenal and Liverpool's failings, they are still undoubtedly favourites to finish in the top four, which merely illustrates the vast chasm inherent in the English game. Tottenham, Aston Villa, Portsmouth and Bolton will all challenge but expect a lack of experience and consistency to halt them.

The middle half of the table does offer some respite from the predictability as the likes of Fulham, Wigan, Manchester City and Newcastle could all find themselves embroiled in a relegation battle or challenge for a European spot.

However, that is heavily down to the fact that there are so few points separating sides in the two halves of the table. Prior to going into the Boxing Day fixtures, only eight points separate Sheffield United in 16th spot and Tottenham in seventh, meaning a few good results can quickly spark a charge up the table.

At the bottom, things are very much the same as at the top. The current bottom two of Charlton and Watford are expected to be the very same two that will head down to the Coca-Cola Championship come May.

Yes, the Addicks' slump has been something of a surprise, but many tipped them to struggle following Alan Curbishley's departure and there is nothing to suggest that they are about to stop the rot.

Of course, nothing is set in stone.

Who knows? We could well be in for a whole store of surprises in the months to come.

Because while teams like Reading and a resurgent Aston Villa have certainly been a breath of fresh air, their mere presence only serves to underline how stale the Premiership has become.

That doesn't mean we will stop watching though - it may just be less enjoyable.



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## Plus Facts and figures

### 01 Marlon Beresford

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

### 05 Russell Perrett

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

### 09 Roman Vine

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

### 15 Stephen O'Leary

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

### 19 Sam Parkin

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

### 25 Leon Barnett

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

### 29 Calvin Andrew

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

### Brian Stein

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

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### 02 Kevin Foley

### 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: Belfast  
Date Signed: March 2005  
First Club: Leeds United  
Last Club: Stockport  
2005/06 App: 45\*  
2005/06 Goals: 7\*

### 16 Lewis Emanuel

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

### 20 Adam Boyd

Position: Striker  
Date Of Birth: 25-08-82  
Place Of Birth: Harpenden  
Date Signed: July 2006  
First Club: Harpenden  
Last Club: Harpenden  
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:  
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

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### Rob Stringer

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### 03 Sol Davis

### 07 Carlos Edwards

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

### 11 Dean Morgan

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

### 17 Richard Langley

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

### 21 Keith Keane

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

### 27 Peter Holmes

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

### 34 Zac Barrett

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

### Steve Sedgley

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

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### 04 Chris Coyne

### 08 Steve Robinson

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\*

### 14 Michael Leary

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

### 18 Abner 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\*

### Newell

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

### Mark Ridgway

Position: Youth Development Officer  
Place Of Birth: London

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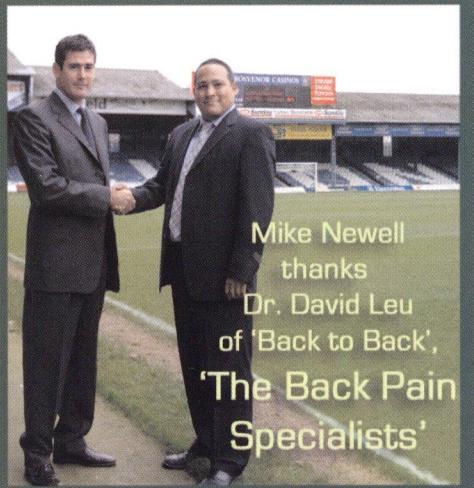
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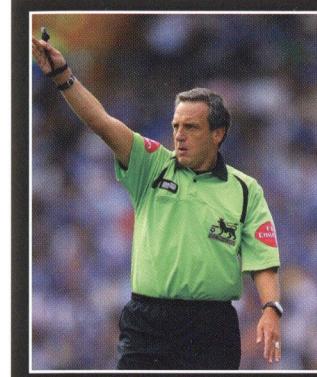
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## Around the Ground

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



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

**Name:** Alan Wiley  
**From:** Staffordshire  
**Matches this season:** 22  
**Number of Yellow Cards:** 57  
**Numbers of Red Cards:** 2  
**Last game at Kenilworth**  
**Road:** Vs Millwall, October 2000.

Wiley will be officiating in his second Championship game this season. He refereed Chelsea's 2-2 draw with Reading on Boxing Day.

Wiley officiated in 22 games last season, producing 142 yellow cards and seven red cards.

### **Players spread a little Christmas cheer**



Luton players went on their annual Christmas visit to the Children's Ward at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital last week.

Following a hard day's work on the training pitch, and Mike Newell's pre match press conference at Kenilworth Road, the squad headed up to the hospital to dish out gifts and visit kids who are unfortunate enough to be in hospital over the festive period.

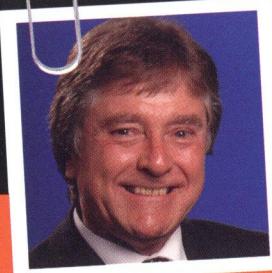
The lads took a wide range of Luton Town memorabilia with them and gifts from the Debenhams store in Luton, following a generous donation from Hatters supporters.



Luton skipper Chris Coyne said: "It was nice to put a smile on the faces of the children, and the players always look forward to the visit to the hospital each year.

"It is a difficult time of the year for these children and we are happy to help make their Christmas celebrations a little bit special."

Approximately 30 kids of varying ages are currently on the ward and the boys did their bit by talking to both the children and their parents.



# Commercial news with Peter Davis

## Peter Davis welcomes this afternoon's sponsors to Kenilworth Road

Good afternoon and welcome back to all of our commercial partners and today's match sponsors, to our first game of 2007. We hope that you all had a thoroughly enjoyable Christmas and a great time last night and, like us all, are looking forward to a tremendous afternoon of football at Kenilworth Road.

### Sponsors Lounge Hospitality – Luton Town v Barnsley, 20th January 2007

We are delighted to be able to offer a "New Year" hospitality special, in our Eric Morecambe sponsors lounge on Saturday 20th January 2007 for our Championship fixture against Barnsley. This opportunity to join us for a backstage tour of the club, enjoy a superb four course meal, watch the match from the sponsors balcony, as well as meet the players, is rarely available. Therefore why not treat yourself and the family to this great day out.

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### Century Club – Kit Sponsorship

On behalf of all at the club, we would like to express our thanks to our Century Club members for their magnificent gesture this week, in sponsoring the kit of Brian Stein, Marvin Johnson, Steve Sedgley and Dean Morgan to the end of the season. The Century Club membership committee, have worked tirelessly over many years, raising money for Luton Town through various fund raising schemes, as well as their club membership and this further gesture of commitment to the club is very appreciated.

Happy New Year and as always, thank you for your support

Peter



□ Tom Brooks, of Cadbury Trebor Bassett, collecting the Matchball awards from squad members



□ Freelance Environmental Managing Director, Fred Dann, being awarded his Match Sponsorship signed shirt by squad players



□ Man of the Match Dean Kiely being presented with his trophy following his performance against Preston

Matchball Sponsor:  
Nick Owen



We welcome back to the club today, for his first sponsorship of the season, life long Luton Town fan Mr Nick Owen, as this afternoon's Matchball Sponsor. Nick has been President of the Luton Town Supporters Club since it was founded in 1988, and as I am sure you are aware one of our matchday supporters bars has been named after Nick. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to television, Nick recently was given a Royal Television Society Award and is pictured above during the ceremony, with and colleague Anne Diamond. He is joined here today by his wife Jill, plus his children Andy, Tim, Chris and Jenny, together with close friends. It's great to have Nick back with us again this afternoon and everyone at the club would like to thank him for all of his support over many years.



□ VIP guests in the home dugout on the pre match tour



□ Commercial Mascot Kyle McSwiggan picks up his certificate from the players after the Coventry game

Commercial Mascot:  
Oliver David Chellew



It is always a privilege to welcome our commercial mascot to the game, but even more so when it is a third generation supporter. Therefore please join us in saying good afternoon to Oliver David Chellew, Grandson of Century Club Member Dave Chellew. Oliver, aged eight, attends Roecroft Lower School in Stotfold, near Hitchin, and as well as being a keen footballer, also counts cricket, swimming and scout/beavers amongst his many hobbies. Rowan Vine is his favourite Luton player and he will be just one of the many players that Oliver will meet today. We would all like to take the opportunity of thanking Oliver and his family for being with us today and hope that they have an enjoyable and memorable time with us.

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## Round Up

**Simon Gover looks back over the Boxing Day action  
from the Championship**

**B**irmingham City extended their lead in the Championship to eight points after a 2-1 home win over Queens Park Rangers.

Matthew Upson (22) gave Blues the lead in the Boxing Day clash at St Andrews before QPR drew level through Lee Cook (31).

Birmingham claimed the points when Cameron Jerome came off the substitutes' bench to strike the winner on 62 minutes.

Preston North End and Derby County both lost ground to Steve Bruce's side, with The Lilywhites having had a man sent off in a 4-2 defeat at West Bromwich Albion.

Jason Koumas and Diomansy Kamara gave West Brom a two goal lead before Graham Alexander pulled a goal back from the penalty spot on 35 minutes.

Preston were then reduced to ten men when Danny Dichio was sent off six minutes later for violent conduct.

Despite being a man short, the visitors were level when David Nugent (67) struck again for Paul Simpson's side. However, The Baggies made the extra

man count when substitute Nathan Ellington struck a brace (75, 87) to send Tony Mowbray's side up into the play-off positions.

West Brom's arch-rivals Wolverhampton Wanderers also had a positive Boxing Day after a 2-0 win at Derby.

Seyi Olofinjana (66) and Michael Kightly (90) both found the scoresheet for Wolves at Pride Park.

Crystal Palace came from a goal down to earn a 1-1 draw with ten-man Southampton in the lunchtime kick-off at St Mary's.

The first half saw The Saints have a man sent off on 28 minutes when Kenwyne Jones was given his marching orders by referee Richard Beeby after striking out at a Palace player following a melee that involved both sets of players.

Despite being a man short, Chris Baird gave George Burley's side the lead shortly after the restart.

The Eagles, however, earned an away point when Jobi McAnuff struck for the visitors to claim another point to follow last Friday's win over Sunderland.

Cardiff City saw their winless run extended to eight games after a 2-2 home draw with Plymouth Argyle.

David Norris (34) gave The Pilgrims the lead before former Rangers man Steven Thompson struck a second-half brace (47, 52) to turn the game around for The Bluebirds at Ninian Park.

However, Dave Jones' side were unable to hold on, as Norris (59) claimed a Boxing Day point for Plymouth in South Wales.

Sheffield Wednesday continued their upsurge under Brian Laws after a 2-1 win at Stoke City.

Steven MacLean (35) put The Owls in front before Mamady Sidibe (60) equalised for The Potters.

Deon Burton (79) claimed all three points for Wednesday with a late strike at The Britannia Stadium.

Barnsley remain out of the bottom three after an important 1-0 home win over Burnley, while goals from David Connolly (65) and Grant Leadbitter (81) gave Sunderland a 2-0 home win over struggling Leeds United.

Goals from Jonathan Macken (62) and Alan Lee (85) gave Ipswich Town a 2-1 victory at Coventry City. Michael Doyle struck a consolation for The Sky Blues.

Leicester City came from a goal down to defeat struggling Hull City 2-1 at The KC Stadium.

Craig Fagan (45) gave The Tigers a half-time lead before goals from Patrick Kisnorbo (55) and Gareth Williams (68) turned the game around for The Foxes.

Hull's chances of a comeback effectively ended when Danny Coles (72) was sent off for a professional foul.

Finally, bottom club Southend United held Norwich City to a goalless draw at Carrow Road.

The Shrimpers needed to play the final 35 minutes of the game with ten men after Efe Sodje was sent off for violent conduct.



**□ Brian Laws helped guide Sheffield Wednesday to an impressive 2-1 victory away at Stoke City on Boxing Day**



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## From the Media

When Luton made the trip to Cardiff in September, it wasn't a happy day for Luton supporters as reporter Bill Cole explains.

The trip to Cardiff in September was bad enough for Hatters followers with the M4 closed, but the day became even worse for Luton's recent recruit, Lewis Emanuel.

Released by Bradford in the summer, he earned a contract by impressing Mike Newell and Brian Stein in pre-season training with his hard working performances, which has proved to be a real asset in the Championship this season.

However, Emanuel's visit to South Wales was to last a mere eight minutes, through no real fault of his own.

City's first attack produced a Joe Ledley corner and a Ricky Scimeca bullet header that was blocked on the line. Referee Paul Melin waved

play on, but a flag-waving assistant much further away from the incident, insisted on a penalty and off-trudged Emanuel as a consequence.

Looking the player straight in the eye after the game, I am sure he was truthful in saying that the powerful, close range header took a deflection off Sol Davis onto his forearm as he instinctively protected his face. And Scimeca himself sportingly said in an interview that he appealed more in hope than expectation.

A goal and a player down, Luton's plight got worse with Sol Davis (their only other left sided player on view) pulling up lame. After a scare or two, it was no surprise when Paul Parry stayed out wide right to collect and neatly shoot across Marlon Beresford for 2-0.



Rowan Vine did put a smile on Luton faces with his goal at Ninian Park

But the Hatters refused to wilt and deserved Rowan Vine's fine run and shot that sent them in a single goal adrift at the interval. And they went on to do so well after the break that Cardiff journalists near me commented that it was the Blues that looked a man short - not Luton.

Perhaps the Town became a bit too ambitious because they were caught short at the back by a hopeful ball forward, that Steve Thompson headed back across goal and Michael Chopra did the necessary.

Amidst some very strange decisions from Mr Melin, two close efforts each from Carlos Edwards, Leon Barnett and Richard Langley really should have closed the gap, but instead a fast break saw Malvin Kamara centre for Chopra to add another and it finished 4-1.

When I asked City Manager David Jones what he thought about Luton collecting one red and four yellow cards from Mr Melin, when committing just nine fouls in the whole game, none of them malicious, his advice was "I can see why you're sick, go home and kick the dog".

My dog hopes that the luck evens out today.



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# Football in the Community

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



Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's game. I hope you have had a great Christmas and New Year.

As the New Year is now with us I thought today would be the ideal opportunity to give you the first draft of our Generic Holiday Course Diary for 2007. This is not cast in stone as we are still awaiting confirmation from certain venues and also we still have to add dates for our venues in Leighton Buzzard and Bedford. However, I am sure it will be of assistance to many of you for forward planning purposes. We are of course more than happy to accept any bookings in advance. If you wish to do this please call me on 01582 391927 and you will be sent a generic pre booking form.

Below are all the days as they currently stand for 2007.

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MON 12TH TO WED 14TH AT BARNFIELD COLLEGE  
MON 12TH SPECIALIST GOALKEEPERS  
TUES 13TH SPECIALIST DEFENDERS  
WEDS 14TH SPECIALIST STRIKERS  
TUES 14TH SPECIALIST STRIKERS AT BARNFIELD COLLEGE  
WEDS 15TH SPECIALIST GOALKEEPING AT BARNFIELD COLLEGE  
THURS 15TH TO FRI 16TH AT BARTON PLAYING FIELDS  
FRI 16TH AT FARLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL  
PLEASE NOTE ALL COURSES START AT 10AM AND FINISH AT 3PM

## APRIL COURSES:

MON 2ND TO THUR 5TH BARNFIELD COLLEGE  
TUES 3RD SPECIALIST GOALKEEPERS  
WEDS 4TH SPECIALIST DEFENDERS  
THURS 5TH SPECIALIST STRIKERS  
MON 9TH TO TUES 10TH AT FARLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL  
TUES 10TH TO WEDS 11TH AT QUEENSBURY SCHOOL  
THURS 12TH TO FRI 13TH AT BARTON PLAYING FIELDS  
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## MAY/JUNE COURSES:

MON 28TH TO WEDS 30TH AT BARNFIELD COLLEGE  
THURS 31ST AT BARTON PLAYING FIELDS  
FRI 1ST JUNE AT QUEENSBURY SCHOOL  
FRI 1ST JUNE AT FARLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL  
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## AUGUST COURSES:

MON 6TH TO FRI 10TH AT BARTON PLAYING FIELDS  
MON 13TH TO FRI 17TH AT QUEENSBURY  
MON 20TH TO FRI 24TH AT ALAMEDA  
MON 27TH TO FRI 31ST AT BARNFIELD COLLEGE  
WEDS 29TH SPECIALIST GOALKEEPER  
THURS 30TH SPECIALIST DEFENDERS  
FRI 31ST SPECIALIST STRIKERS  
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## DECEMBER COURSES:

FRI 21ST AT FARLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL  
FRI 21ST AT BARTON PLAYING FIELDS  
THURS 27TH TO FRI 28TH AT BARNFIELD COLLEGE

## JULY COURSES:

MON 23RD TO FRI 27TH AT BARNFIELD COLLEGE  
TUE 24TH SPECIALIST GOALKEEPERS  
WEDS 24TH SPECIALIST DEFENDERS  
THUR 25TH SPECIALIST STRIKERS  
FRI 27TH AT BARTON PLAYING FIELDS  
MON 30TH TO FRI AUGUST 3RD AT FARLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL  
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## OCTOBER COURSES:

MON 22ND TO WEDS 24TH AT BARNFIELD COLLEGE  
MON 22ND SPECIALIST GOALKEEPERS  
TUES 23RD SPECIALIST DEFENDERS  
WEDS 24TH SPECIALIST STRIKERS  
THURS 25TH TO FRI 26TH AT BARTON PLAYING FIELDS  
THURS 26TH TO FRI 27TH AT BARTON PLAYING FIELDS  
THURS 25TH AT QUEENSBURY  
FRI 26TH AT FARLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL  
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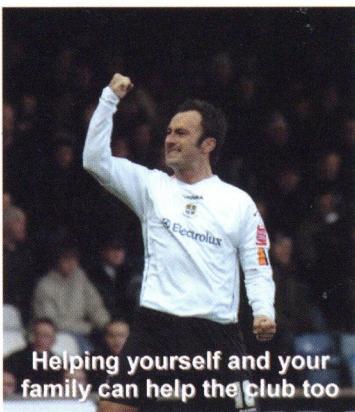
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### MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Mike Newell

Played 160 Won 70 Drawn 40 Lost 50  
For 251 Against 219  
Av Pts/game 1.56  
Biggest Win(s) Luton 5 Bristol City 0  
(05/03/2005). Biggest Loss(es) Ipswich  
5 Luton 0 (29/10/2006).

Dave Jones

Played 68 Won 27 Drawn 18 Lost 23  
For 91 Against 81  
Av Pts/game 1.46  
Biggest Win(s) Cardiff 6 Crewe 1  
(22/10/2005). Biggest Loss(es)  
Reading 5 Cardiff 1 (02/01/2006).

### MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..3	Mike Newell.....1	Dave Jones .....
Draws ..1	Goals 6	Goals 8

Player with the most...

shots

Rowan  
Vine 55

shots on target

Rowan  
Vine 26

shots off target

Rowan  
Vine 29

assists

Lewis  
Emanuel 4

crosses

Carlos  
Edwards 59

fouls

Rowan  
Vine 42

free-kicks-won

Leon  
Barnett 33

Player with the most...

shots

Michael  
Chopra 73

shots on target

Michael  
Chopra 30

shots off target

Michael  
Chopra 43

assists

Michael  
Chopra 8

crosses

Paul  
Parry 61

fouls

Michael  
Chopra 33

free-kicks-won

Steven  
Thompson 38

### GAMES SINCE

1	a win	5
0	a home win	3
7	an away win	3
0	a defeat	2
1	a home defeat	2
0	an away defeat	0
14	a score draw	0
11	a no score draw	1
0	conceding a goal	0
0	scoring a goal	0
0	conceding > 1	0
1	scoring > 1	0
1	keeping a clean sheet	1
2	failing to score	1
12	back to back wins	10
2	back to back defeats	25
1	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	0
1	win by > one	12
4	loss by > one	2

### SHARP SHOOTERS

Luton	CCFC Cup	Tot	Cardiff	CCFC Cup	Tot
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Rowan Vine	9	1	10	Michael Chopra	11	0	11
Carlos Edwards	6	0	6	Riccardo Scimeca	5	0	5
Dean Morgan	2	1	3	Darren Purse	4	0	4

### TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ....55	Luton wins .....	21	Cardiff wins .....	18
Draws ....16	Goals 105 (1.9 per game)		Goals 75 (1.4 per game)	
0-0's .....6	Times failed to score 13		Times failed to score 15	

Biggest League win at Luton for each team:

02/01/1937 & 29/10/1932 Luton 8-1 Cardiff  
22/09/1981 & 24/04/1963 Luton 2-3 Cardiff

# Stat Pack



### 2006/07 LEAGUE STATS



19	Position	3
22	Played	22
7	Won	11
4	Drawn	6
11	Lost	5
29	Goals For	33
38	Goals Against	22
25	Points	39

#### Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	3	6	12	4	5	3	4

#### Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
4	1	5	21	7	1	2	5

#### Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	2	2	16	11	3	0	1

#### Record When Conceding First

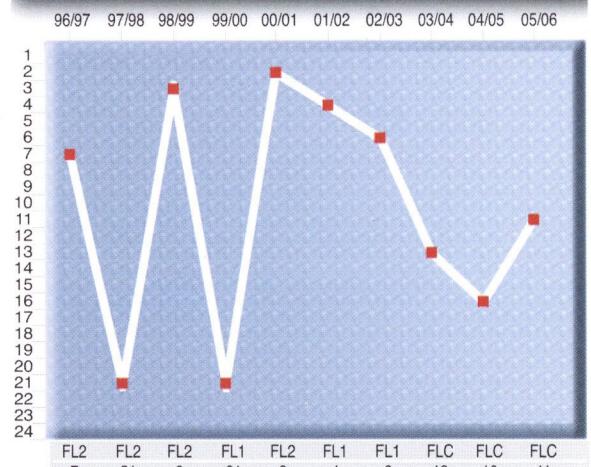
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	1	9	18	0	1	5	22

#### Match Scores

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

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

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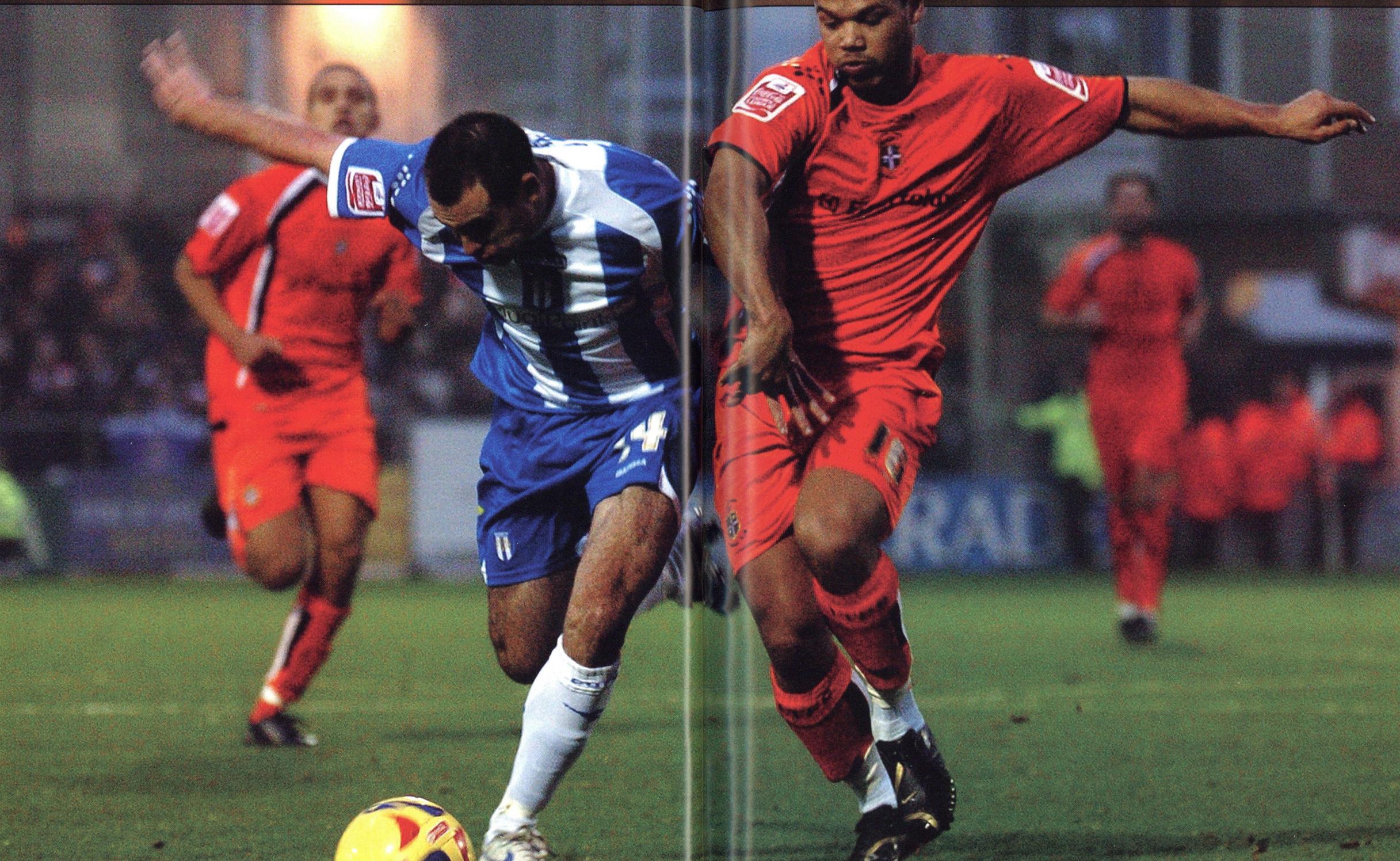
vs Colchester United,  
Tuesday 26th December 2006



COLCHESTER 4 LUTON 1

Attendance: 5,427  
Luton Scorers: Vine (85)

Picture: Lewis Emanuel is stopped in his tracks by Colchester's Richard Garcia at Layer Road



**Luton:** Kiely, Foley, Emanuel (Davis 67), Barnett, Heikkinen, Bell, Edwards (Feeney 66), Brkovic, Morgan, Coyne, Vine

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

**Bookings:** Heikkinen (43), Vine (82)

**Goals:** Vine (85)

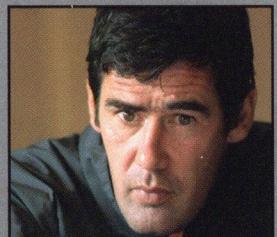


**Colchester:** Gerken, Halford, Brown, Watson, McLeod (Jackson 71), Cureton (Ephraim 77), Izset, Iwelumo (Guy 89), Baldwin, Garcia, Barker

**Subs not used:** Davison, Richards

**Goals:** McLeod (23), Iwelumo (41 & 65), Garcia (59)

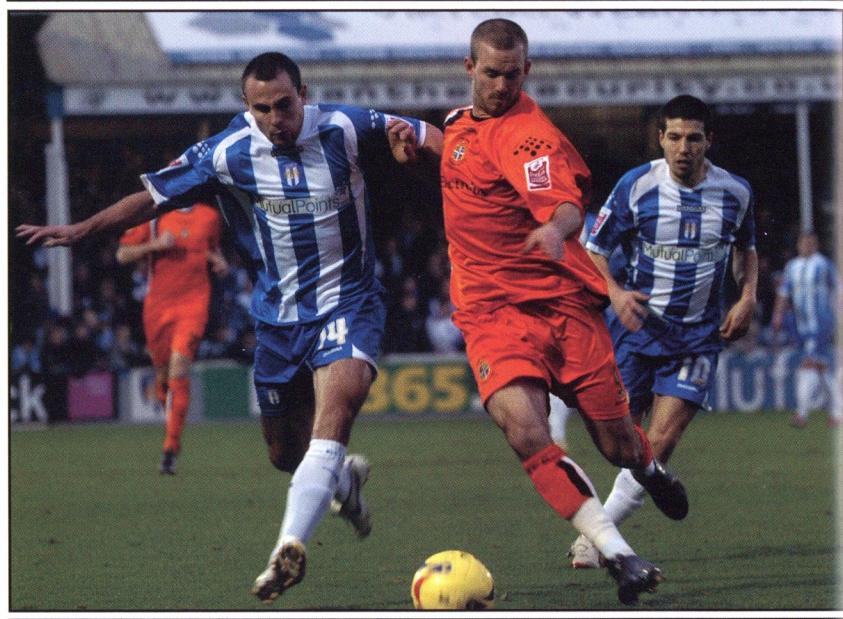
#### From the Manager



"We had enough chances to win, and goals win you games. When Colchester got their chances they converted them. It doesn't look good when you concede four but anyone that was here will tell you it was a different story."



□ Dean Morgan brings the ball under control



□ Rowan Vine powers his way past Colchester's Richard Garcia

## COLCHESTER 4 LUTON 1

Colchester kept their promotion bid on track with two goals in each half to make it ten home wins in a row.

Dean Morgan and Carlos Edwards went close before Kevin McLeod headed the home side in front.

Vine should have put Luton ahead on 30 minutes when the striker found space in the Colchester penalty area but was denied by Dean Gerken's trailing leg.

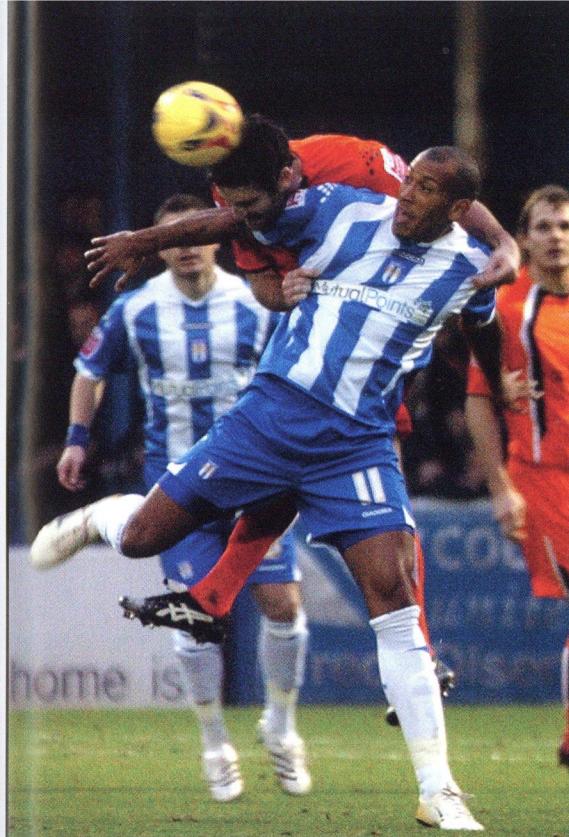
The miss was to prove costly as Chris Iwelumo made it two before the break as Luton were slow

in dealing with a short corner.

Kevin Watson, who set up Colchester's first goal, was the supplier again as Richard Garcia extended the advantage, prodding home from close range.

Colchester continued to push forward and the victory was complete on 65 minutes with Iwelumo heading in Jamie Cureton's cross.

Rowan Vine's penalty, his 12th goal of the season, was little consolation for the visitors, who have now lost nine games away from Kenilworth Road in the Championship.



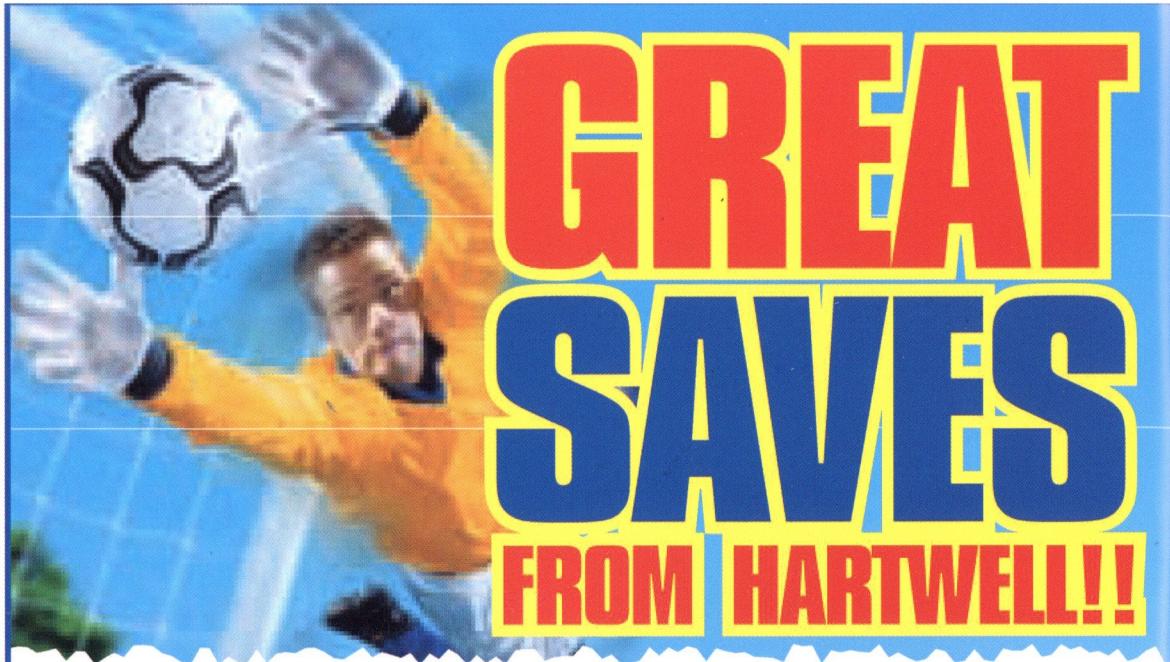
□ Chris Coyne returned to action at Layer Road



□ Colchester keeper Dean Gerken manages to get the ball to safety



□ David Bell skips past the challenge of a Colchester defender



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# From the Ticket Office

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## 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 are currently on sale to season ticket holders and members until kick off of today's game. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale after the game 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.**

In the event of a replay in the FA Cup 3rd Round the following ticket information will apply :-

### FA CUP 3RD ROUND REPLAY LUTON TOWN V QUEENS PARK RANGERS TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2006 K.O 7.45PM

**SEASON TICKET HOLDERS:** Season ticket holders will be able to book their own seat from Sunday 7/01/07 until close of business Wednesday 10/01/07.

Any Season Ticket holder who completed the 'Home Season Ticket Cup Match Authorisation' form prior to the Season will automatically be allocated their seat and the card details supplied will be charged accordingly.

**MEMBERS:** Members will be able to purchase one ticket per member from Thursday 11/01/07 until close of business Saturday 13/01/07.

**GENERAL SALE:** Any remaining tickets will go on general sale Sunday 14/01/07 until close of business Monday 15/01/07.

In the event of a replay the opening hours of the ticket office hours will be extended as follows :-

Sunday 7/01/07 - 10am-3pm, Monday 8/01/07 - 10am-7pm, Tuesday 9/01/07 - 10am-7pm, Wednesday 10/01/07 - 10am-7pm  
Thursday 11/01/07 - 10am-7pm, Friday 12/01/07 - 10am-7pm, Saturday 13/01/07 - 9am-3pm, Sunday 14/01/07 - 10am-3pm,  
Monday 15/01/07 - 10am-7pm



## COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP WEST BROMWICH ALBION V LUTON TOWN Friday 12th January 2007 Kick-Off 7:45pm



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

**DUE TO LIVE TELEVISION COVERAGE, PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE AND KICK OFF TIME FOR THIS FIXTURE**

**ALLOCATION:** We have been initially allocated 1000 ticket. There are seven pairs of tickets for Wheelchair Disabled with carers and 14 pairs of tickets for Ambulant Disabled with carers.

**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS:** Tickets are currently on sale to season ticket holders and members until close of business of today's game. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on 02/01/07 until 12 noon on 12/01/07 (subject to availability)

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

**Seating:** Adults £23.00, Youths (under 18) £14.00, Juniors (under 16) £11.00, Seniors (over 60) £14.00, Students (Under 22 with valid ID and NUS card) £12.50, Under 12s £5.00 **Wheelchair and Ambulant disabled £11.00 plus carer free of charge**



## COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP LUTON TOWN V BARNESLEY Saturday 20th January 2007 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 COVENTRY CITY V LUTON TOWN Tuesday 30th January 2007 Kick-Off 7:45pm

**ALLOCATION:** We have received an initial allocation of 1479 tickets. We also have nine pairs of tickets available for Wheelchair Disabled supporters with Carers.

**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS:** Tickets are on sale now 1 ticket per season ticket holder until close of business on 10/1/07. Members will be able to purchase 1 ticket per member from 11/1/07 until close of business 20/1/01. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on 22/1/07 until close of business 29/1/07 (subject to availability.)

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

**Adult £22.00, Seniors (over 60) £11.00, Students (NUS Card Needed) £11.00,  
Juniors Under 7 £8.00, Juniors 7-12 £9.00, Juniors 13-15 £10.00, Young Adult 16-18 £11.00  
Wheelchair and Ambulant Disabled, £11.00 with a Carer free of charge.**

Cash Turnstiles will be available on the day of the game. However all ticket prices increase by £1.00 if purchased on the day of the game.



## TRAVEL GUIDE



**By Car:** From the M1 take the M40 towards London then take the A40 towards Central London. At the point where the A40 becomes the A40(M), turn off onto the A40 towards White City/Shepherds Bush and turn right into Wood Lane, turn right into South Africa Road for the ground.

**By Car:** Use M5 motorway to junction 1. Take the A41 road signposted for Birmingham. There is also a local sign showing 'Hawthorns Park & Ride'. The stadium is visible immediately after the motorway island is cleared, and is approximately 600 metres to the Birmingham side of junction one. Turn right into Halfords Lane for the stadium, administration office at the Tom Silk Building and for match-day car parking.

**Parking:** The club has its own car park alongside the Tom Silk Building in Halfords Lane. The car park is stewarded, and costs £4 for the duration of the game. There are other car parks, such as along Halfords Lane, but street parking there is limited. None is allowed on the Birmingham Road.

### SUPPORTERS CLUBS

**Town on Tour** will be leaving Maple Road at 16:30pm. 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)

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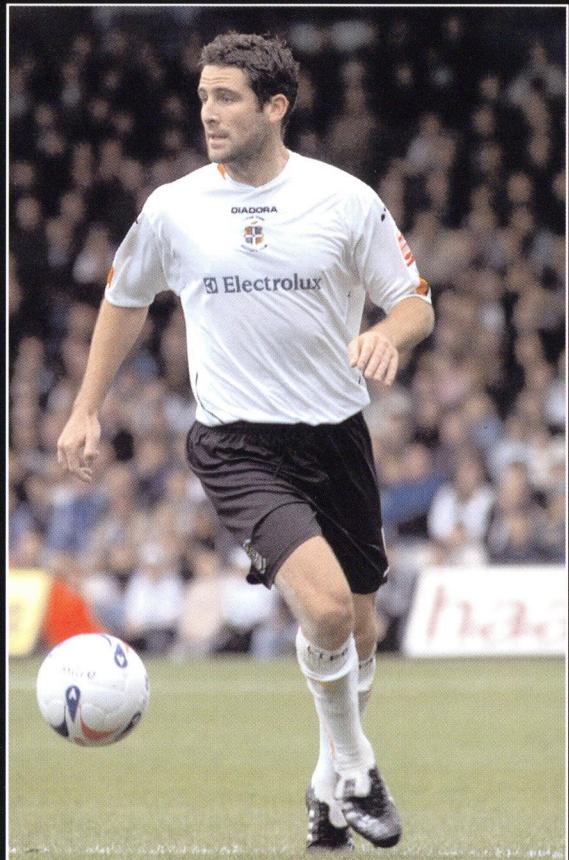
**Town on Tour** will be leaving Maple Road at 12:00pm. The fare for LTSC members is £9, £8 concessions and £11 non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section of [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) or via [www.lutontownfc.co.uk](http://www.lutontownfc.co.uk)

**The Bobbers Travel Club** will depart from Cranfield at 11:00am and Luton at 12:00pm. Costs for this trip is £12.00 adults and £10.00 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 App	Gls		
1 Marlon BERESFORD	17	0	3	0	21	0	1	1
2 Kevin FOLEY	24	0	1(2)	0	25(2)	0	0	0
3 Sol DAVIS	11(2)	0	2	0	13(2)	0	1	0
4 Chris COYNE	2(5)	0	1	0	3(5)	0	0	0
5 Russell PERRETT	3(1)	1	0	0	3(1)	0	1	0
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Carlos EDWARDS	24	6	2(1)	0	26(1)	6	1	0
8 Steve ROBINSON	22	0	1	0	23	0	1	0
9 Rowan VINE	24	11	1(2)	1	25(2)	12	8	0
10 Warren FEENEY	10(10)	0	2	1	12(10)	1	0	0
11 Dean MORGAN	12(10)	3	3	1	15(10)	4	1	0
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 Stephen O'LEARY	2(1)	0	3	0	4(1)	0	0	0
16 Lewis EMANUEL	21	1	0	0	21	1	2	1
17 Richard LANGLEY	13(1)	1	1	0	14(1)	1	1	0
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	10(4)	3	2(1)	0	12(5)	3	1	0
19 Sam PARKIN	7(1)	1	0	0	7(1)	1	1	0
20 Adam BOYD	4(8)	1	2(1)	1	6(9)	2	0	0
21 Keith KEANE	1(1)	0	3	0	4(1)	0	1	0
22 Danny STEVENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23 Dean KIELY	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
24 Shaun ROSS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 Leon BARNETT	25	2	3	0	28	2	4	0
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	23	1	0	0	23	1	4	0
27 Peter HOLMES	3	0	2	0	3	0	1	0
28 David BELL	9(6)	2	3	0	12(4)	2	1	0
29 Calvin ANDREW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33 Dean BRILL	1(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34 Zac BARRETT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 Chris PENDLETON	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: 26

HEADERS: 7

PENALTIES: 3

OWN GOALS: 0

FREE-KICKS: 1

TOTAL: 37

## A GAME OF TWO HALVES

### FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 26 - W 10 - D 9 - L 7 - F 17 - A 17 PTS 39

### SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 26 - W 8 - D 5 - L 13 - F 18 - A 28 PTS 29

## OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 13

Opponents score first goal: 13

No goals scored: 2

Luton Town score first and win: 8

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: 11

Opponents score first and draw: 1

Opponents score first and lose: 1

Opponents fail to score: 4

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 16

Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 8

Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 8

Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 9



Luton's

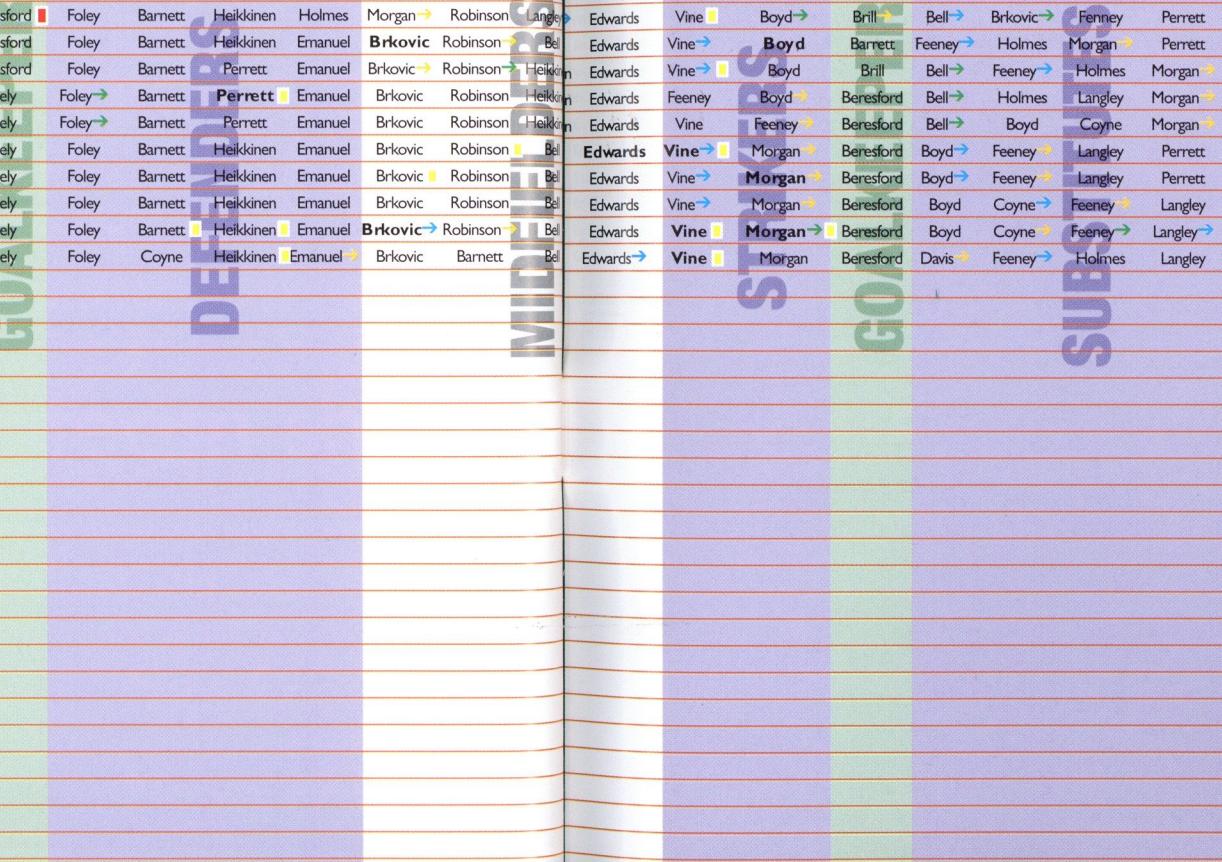
# 2006/07 Stats

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

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

AUG 06

DATE	Fixture	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley
Sat 5	LEICESTER CITY*	2-0	8,131	1,198	2	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley
Tues 8	Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	22,613	719	3	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley
Sat 12	Norwich City	2-3	22,863	1,221	6	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley
Sat 19	STOKE CITY	2-2	7,727	614	5	Beresford	Foley	<b>Barnett</b>	Coyne	Davis	Emanuel	Holmes	Langley
Tues 22	Bristol Rovers (CC1)	1-1♦	2,882	275	-	Beresford	Keane	Barnett	Coyne	Davis	Brkovic	Holmes	O'Leary
Sat 26	Wolves	0-1	19,378	1,069	10	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley
Sat 9	CRYSTAL PALACE	2-1	9,187	1,800	6	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley
Tues 12	COLCHESTER UNITED	1-1	7,609	429	7	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley
Sat 16	Cardiff City	1-4	14,108	329	12	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley
Tues 19	Brentford (CC2)	3-0	3,005	598	-	Beresford	Edwards	Barnett	Keane	Holmes	<b>Morgan</b>	Bell	O'Leary
Sat 23	WBA	2-2	9,332	1,737	12	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	Langley
Sat 30	Barnsley	2-1	10,175	738	11	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	Langley
Sat 14	BIRMINGHAM CITY	3-2	9,275	1,503	7	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley
Tues 17	Hull City	0-0	14,895	232	7	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Davis	Morgan	Langley	O'Leary
Sat 21	LEEDS UNITED	5-1	10,260	1,800	5	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	<b>Heikkilä</b>	Davis	Morgan	Robinson	Langley
Tues 24	Everton (CC3)	0-4	27,149	2,334	-	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Keane	Davis	Morgan	Robinson	Bell
Sun 29	Ipswich Town*	0-5	20,975	tbc	9	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Keane	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	Bell
Sat 31	BURNLEY	0-2	7,664	698	9	Beresford	Edwards	Barnett	Heikkilä	Holmes	Morgan	Robinson	Langley
Sat 4	Preston North End	0-3	13,094	423	12	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Holmes	Morgan	Robinson	Langley
Sat 11	QPR	2-3	9,007	1,533	16	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Emanuel	<b>Brkovic</b>	Robinson	Bell
Sat 18	DERBY COUNTY	0-2	9,708	1,753	18	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Perrett	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Bell
Sat 25	Southampton	1-2	20,482	573	20	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Perrett	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkilä
Tues 28	Plymouth Argyle	0-1	9,965	186	20	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Perrett	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkilä
Sat 02	PRESTON NORTH END	2-0	7,665	809	18	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Bell
Sat 09	Sunderland	1-2	30,445	543	19	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Bell
Fri 15	SOUTHEND UNITED*	0-0	7,468	497	18	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Bell
Sat 23	COVENTRY CITY	3-1	8,299	933	19	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkilä	Emanuel	<b>Brkovic</b>	Robinson	Bell
Tues 26	Colchester United	1-4	5,427	762	19	Kiely	Foley	Coyne	Heikkilä	Emanuel	Brkovic	Barnett	Bell
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	BARSLEY	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											



## 2006/07 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME	AWAY	G										Pts
			P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	
Birmingham	25	8	3	1	22	10	8	1	4	22	13	52	2
Preston	25	9	4	0	23	6	3	4	5	15	20	44	1
Derby	25	6	3	3	15	11	7	2	4	18	16	44	6
Southampton	25	7	4	1	17	9	4	4	5	24	22	41	10
Cardiff	25	6	5	1	20	9	5	3	5	16	19	41	8
West Brom	25	9	2	1	30	10	2	5	6	15	18	40	1
Colchester	25	10	0	2	32	10	2	4	7	11	18	40	1
Stoke	25	7	3	2	18	6	4	4	5	14	14	40	1
Wolves	25	6	4	3	17	13	5	2	5	8	14	39	7
Burnley	25	6	3	4	20	15	4	4	4	12	11	37	6
Sunderland	25	7	2	3	18	10	4	2	7	16	21	37	3
Sheff Wed	25	5	4	4	19	19	5	3	4	16	16	37	0
Plymouth	25	4	6	3	18	15	4	5	3	14	17	35	0
Coventry	25	6	2	4	14	9	4	1	8	9	19	33	-5
Ipswich	25	6	2	5	21	18	3	3	6	15	17	32	1
Leicester	25	5	4	4	15	14	3	4	5	11	16	32	-4
Norwich	25	6	3	3	19	13	2	4	7	13	26	31	-7
C Palace	25	6	1	6	15	14	2	5	5	13	17	30	-3
LUTON	25	6	4	3	24	17	2	1	9	9	26	29	-1
QPR	25	4	3	6	18	19	3	3	6	15	21	27	-7
Barnsley	25	5	4	3	17	14	2	1	10	12	28	26	-1
Hull City	25	3	2	7	15	18	2	4	7	8	19	21	-1
Leeds	25	4	2	7	12	19	2	1	9	12	26	21	-2
Southend	25	3	4	6	15	23	0	4	8	3	20	17	-2

**TODAY'S OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES**

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

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**Quiz Answers:** 1) Turkish, 2) Crystal Palace, 3) West Ham United, 4) Altrincham, 5) Liverpool, 6) Joe Cole, Peter Crouch and David Beckham 7) 4-0, 8) Graeme Souness, 9) Middlesbrough, 10) Israel  
**Name That Ground:** 1) Ipswich, 2) Burnley, 3) Norwich  
**Chris Coyne Quiz:** Claudio Caniggia

# Coming Next

to Kenilworth Road



Luton Town v

## Barnsley

Saturday 20th January 2007, Kick-Off 3:00pm

By Des O'Donnell

Barnsley make the long trek south to Luton for an all important six pointer in January, with both clubs desperate to pull away from the relegation zone. After a promising start to the season with two away wins in their first three matches the Reds have failed to win away since August.

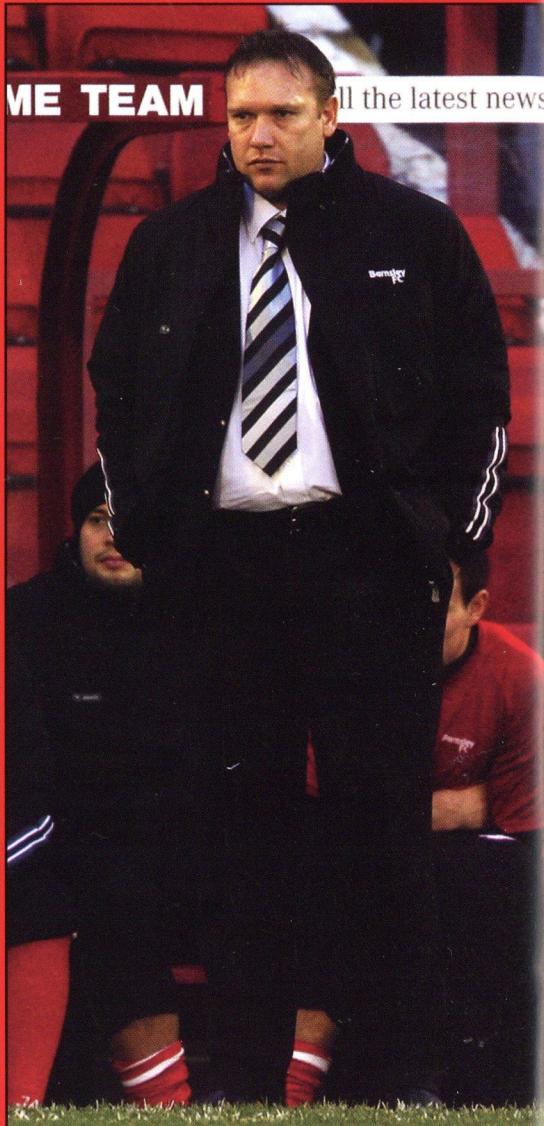
Under the helm of caretaker manager Simon Davey (pictured), who took control after the dismissal of Andy Ritchie, Barnsley have struggled to find form. Davey has worked under Everton manager David Moyes and former Scotland manager Craig Brown and is hoping to secure the position permanently.

Barnsley will be looking to counter the defeat Luton inflicted on them at Oakwell back in September when Ahmet Brkovic scored the winning goal in the dying seconds of the match. Young Reds goalie Vito Mannone had not had much to do during the game with Luton peppering the stands with wayward shots. Carlos Edwards had given Luton the lead in the 47th minute but Brian Howard equalized a minute later. Expecting a draw, it was manna from heaven for Brkovic when Mannone dropped an easy cross right in front of him, giving the Croatian an early Christmas present.

The last time Barnsley played at Kenilworth Road was in March 2005 when the Reds collected the spoils with a humiliating 3 – 1 victory over the Hatters. Barnsley were 3 – 0 up at half time with Chris Stuker, Curtis Davies (og) and Michael Chopra all finding the net. Enoch Showunmi scored a consolation goal and Marlon Beresford saved a penalty, but to rub salt into the wounds Chris Coyne was sent off after a rash challenge.

The players to watch include the Reds top hitman this season Brian Howard who has scored six from midfield so far. Michael McIndoe, currently on loan at Wolves, has five under his belt, as does journeyman striker Marc Richards and ex-Norwich player Paul Hayes.

With both teams looking to add as many league places between them and the drop zone, it should prove to be an interesting afternoon's football. Let's hope the Hatters repeat their earlier success!



### Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	Cardiff
League	20	7	24
FA Cup	1	1	1
League Cup	2	0	0
Total	23	8	25

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# teamsheet



## LUTON TOWN

Manager: Mike Newell

Player Score

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

## CARDIFF CITY

Manager: Dave Jones

Player Score

1	NEIL ALEXANDER
2	KERREA GILBERT
3	KEVIN McNAUGHTON
4	JEFF WHITLEY
5	DARREN PURSE
6	GLENN LOOVENS
8	MICHAEL CHOPRA
9	STEVEN THOMPSON
10	STEPHEN McPHAIL
11	PAUL PARRY
12	ROGER JOHNSON
13	MARK HOWARD
14	WILLO FLOOD
16	JOE LEDLEY
17	KEVIN COOPER
18	LUIGI GLOMBARD
19	RICCARDO SCIMECA
20	KEVIN CAMPBELL
21	CHRIS BARKER
22	ALAN WRIGHT
23	MARTYN MARGETSON
24	NICK McKOY
25	MALVIN KAMARA
26	ANDREA FERRETTI
28	JOE JACOBSON
30	CURTIS McDONALD
31	SCOTT ALLISON
32	MICHAEL CORCORAN
33	GREGG COOMBES
34	SCOTT McCoubrey
40	DARCY BLAKE
44	CHRIS GUNTER

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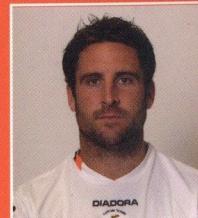
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against Cardiff  
City this  
afternoon