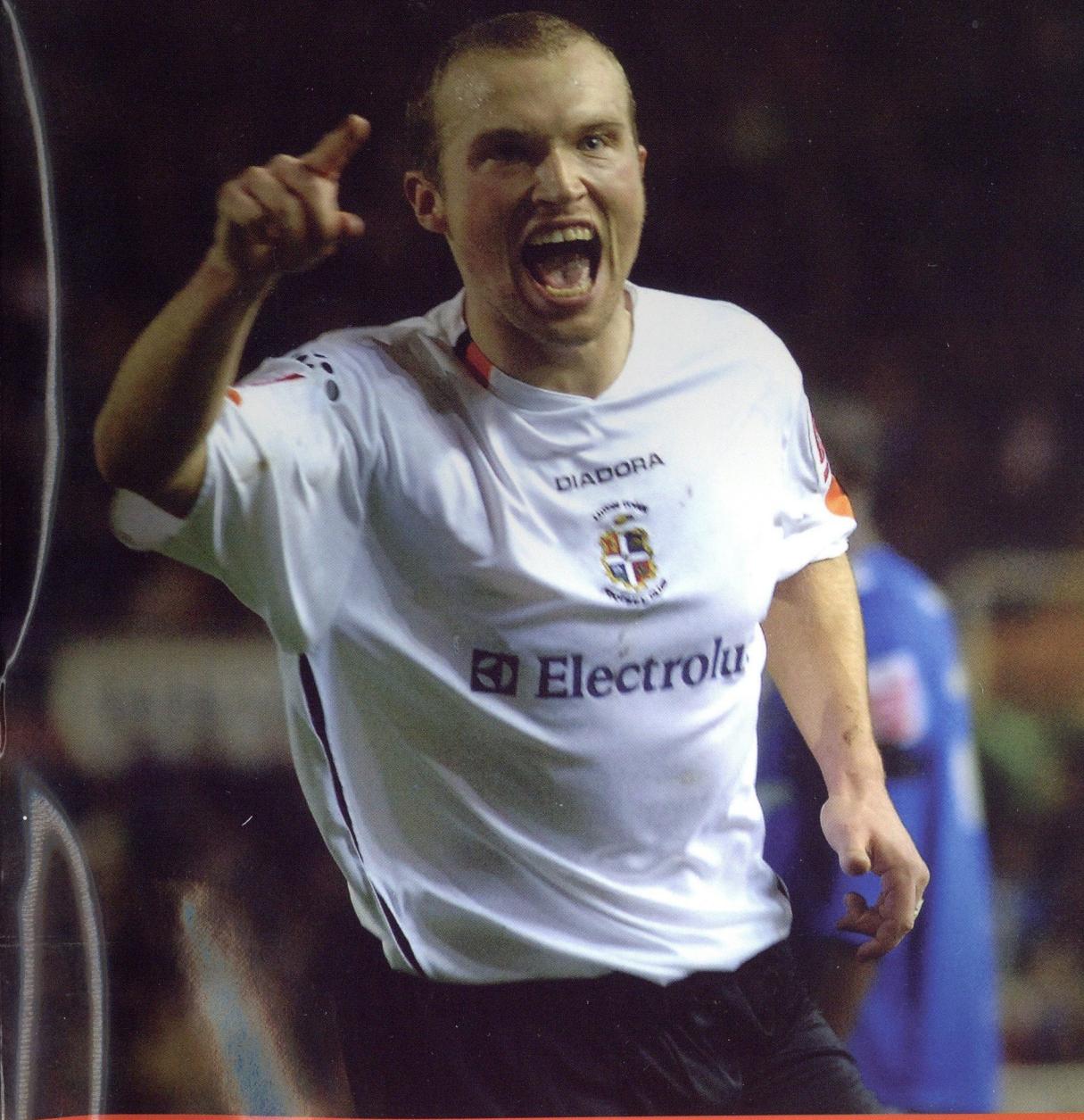


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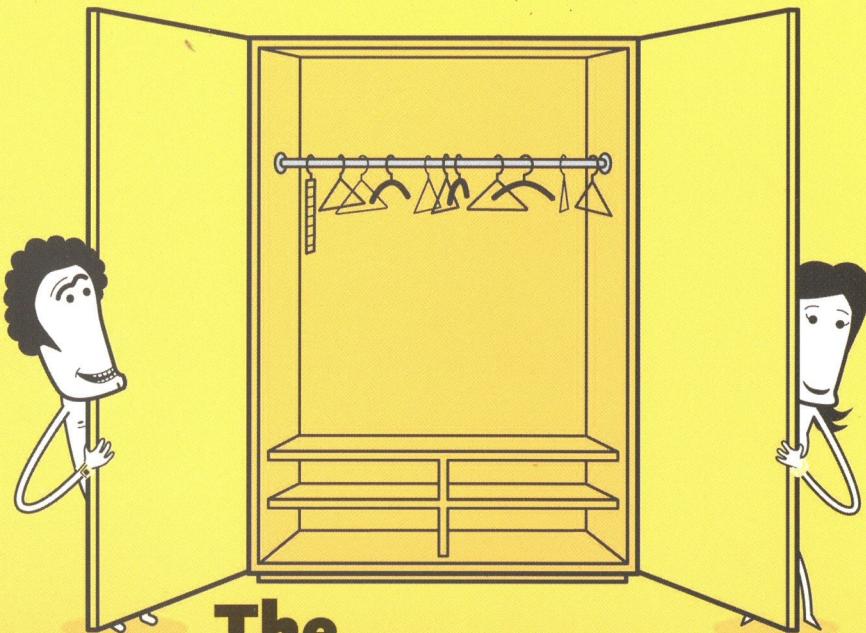


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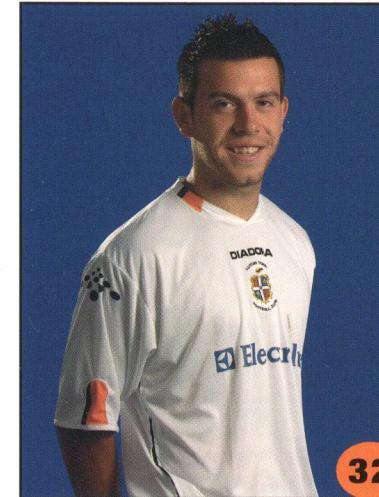
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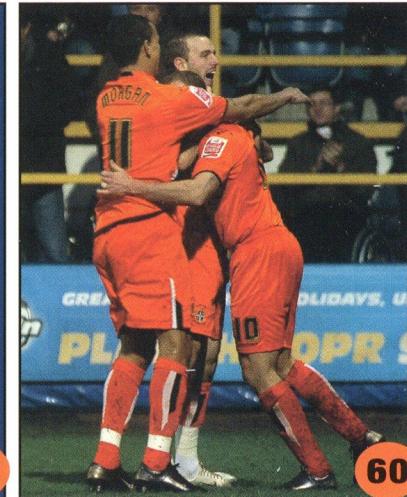
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Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for tonight's game with Queens Park Rangers. With this being an FA Cup encounter, your matchday programme has a Cup feeling to it this evening. We take a trip down memory lane as we look back on a memorable FA Cup evening at Kenilworth Road when we defeated West Ham in a five goal thriller to book a place in the semi-final of the FA Cup. The hero that night was Scott Oakes, who scored a memorable hat-trick, and he speaks exclusively to today's programme on the game. We also have interviews with BBC Sports pundit, Mark Lawrenson, our regular player chat, who this evening is Keith Keane, and we also talk to Marvin Johnson, who looks back at our FA Youth Cup defeat with Burnley.

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## From the Board of Directors

*The following statement was printed in Saturday's programme, but we feel it is important to reiterate the Board's message to our supporters*

**F**ollowing the recent sales of Carlos Edwards and Rowan Vine there have been a number of supporters questioning the ambition of the Club. As a Board, we feel it appropriate to explain the following points.

At no time have we wanted to sell any players or put any pressure on our management to do so. The simple facts are that in the modern game external influences plays a key part in determining player's futures. In both cases we had offers for the players concerned, which are first given to our Manager to determine if they meet his valuation.

The initial offers were turned down for the very reasons given, that we did not want to sell and in any event the prices offered were not acceptable. In both cases further offers followed, and as we all know from various reports in the national press other people - external to the Club - were trying to influence the outcome at the same time.

We then have the modern day dilemma, the prices being offered meeting the Manager's valuation and the player's are informed accordingly.

Thereafter it is very much in the hands of the player and his agent. The only positive point from the Club's perspective is that we are now in a position to ensure no player is sold cheaply, as has happened in the past.

We all have to recognise the simple facts are that the players have ambition, and at the end of the day

everyone recognises that our current product offer does not match those of other clubs who have new grounds and higher attendances, which we understand is a significant attraction.

The simple economics of our current position endorses all the reasons for our commitment to expedite the Club's relocation to Junction 12. There are a number of examples that we would like to emulate. Bolton and Reading are two of them, both of whom secured fine new stadiums with increased revenues before they went on to secure Premiership status. So why can't Luton be the next?

Much comment has been made about where has, or will, all the money go. For starters, the Club loses circa £1.8million per annum. The football costs of retaining Championship status have increased over 100% from when the Club came out of receivership. Equally, when transfers occur, monies due are normally spread over a two, three or even four year period, and not paid all at once.

We also understand how difficult it is for our Manager to secure players from clubs in the Premiership, or some other clubs in the

Championship, when you combine their salary expectations with their facilities expectations. However, we will continue to look to strengthen our squad prior to the closing of the January window, but as our Manager consistently says, "We will not be drawn in to paying over the odds".

We were delighted when earlier in the week we signed Matthew Spring

from Watford, who at the time had a number of clubs keen to secure his signature. At the time of going to press, the Manager was in discussions with other clubs to strengthen the squad prior to the January transfer window closing.

We fully understand and share our fans' passion for Luton Town FC to be in a position to compete in the Premiership. However, we all have to be realistic as to where we have recently come from, the economics of the business and where we all want to go. As a Board we won't jeopardise the Club's future, and we maintain our commitment to have a stable business rather than the peaks and troughs of recent years.

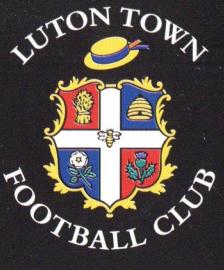
It was frustrating that the inclement weather saw the late postponement by the referee of last Tuesday nights FA Cup Third Round Replay.

With a home tie against Premiership opponents Blackburn Rovers in the next round at stake, the lads will appreciate the same type of vocal support they received from the 2,305 travelling fans that made the trip to Loftus Road. It really did make a difference.

Finally, we welcome our supporters, our visitors Queens Park Rangers their Directors, Management, Players and Supporters to Kenilworth Road for tonight's game FA Cup Third Round Replay.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Chairman & Directors





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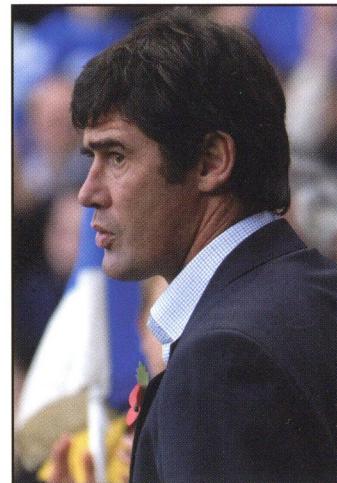
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From the Manager

# Mike Newell



**Mike Newell**  
Luton Town Manager

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for tonight's game against Queens Park Rangers. Welcome also to John Gregory, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from Loftus Road.

It was a decent game at their place and there is a home tie against Premiership opposition to play for, so we are expecting more of the same.

Most of you would have seen Friday night's game at West Brom, either there or on the television, so I don't need to tell you how disappointed we were after it because you will have shared that disappointment. We have come back from one down to go two one up in the last three away games, so the lads character and spirit is not in question. Obviously it is frustrating not seeing games out but I am sure we will get things

to turn for us soon if we keep working hard.

We have lost Carlos and Rowan since our last home game and we would like to thank them for their service and wish them well for the future.

We got Carlos for nothing and Rowan for £150,000 so £4.5 million is not a bad profit. It will, as I said when I came here, eventually make the Club stronger and put us in a position one day when we can afford to keep our better players and attract others to gain the success that we all crave.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Mike





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Any **SEASON TICKET HOLDER** who has completed the Cup Authorisation Form need do nothing – your ticket would simply arrive as previously.

In view of the difficulties we could experience with excessive numbers of tickets for collection and the limited time factor on the day of the match, members and general sale tickets will only be available to personal callers at the Ticket Office.

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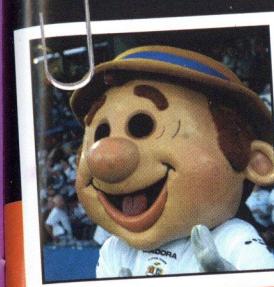
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### Junior Hatters Quiz

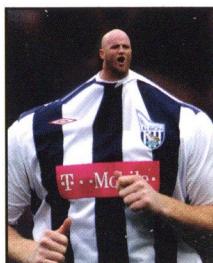
Can you identify these former Luton players?  
The answers can be found below.



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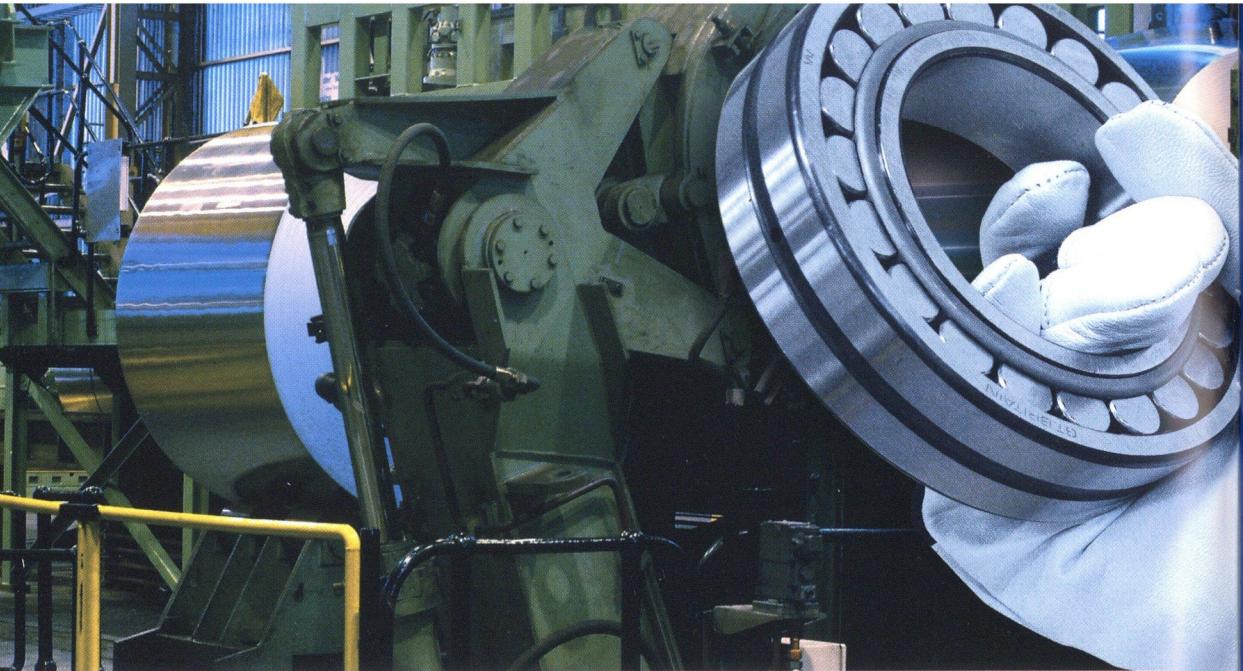
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ANSWERS - GUESSES WHO: Matthew Taylor, Emerson Boyce, John Hartson

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Welcome back to  
**QPR**

With Blackburn waiting for the winners of tonight's game, QPR will be hoping to repeat their Championship performance against the Hatters from mid-November. STEWART CURTIS welcomes QPR back to Kenilworth Road this evening.

QPR arrive at Kenilworth Road this evening to decide who will progress to the FA Cup 4th Round, with the winners earning a lucrative tie with Premiership Blackburn Rovers in front of the BBC TV cameras. Having drawn the first meeting just 17 days ago, the teams will have to do it all again, although one side will definitely progress tonight, with the tie heading to extra-time and penalties if needed.

Following John Gregory's appointment as manager in late September, a resurgent Hoops side flew up the league table, losing just two of his opening ten league fixtures, reaching a comfortable 13th position in the division standings. However, a slip in form has seen them win only two of their previous 11 fixtures, plummeting to 21st spot in the process.

With the January transfer window

now open, Gregory has strengthened his squad with just one signing so far, with Finnish international utility man Sampsu Timoska arriving of a free transfer from MyPa 47. The fellow countryman to Luton's Markus Heikkinen has made a decent start to life in South London, with his new boss commenting, "Sami has settled in well and I'm looking forward to getting him involved in the next few weeks."

Both clubs share a similar history within the FA Cup, having both been losing-finalists just the once. This evening's visitors took Tottenham Hotspur to a replay in the 1982 final, losing the return fixture 1-0, whereas Luton were defeated 2-1 in the 1959 final by Nottingham Forest.

Nearly five years ago to the day (17th Jan' 2001), the exact same fixture was being played to decide a fourth round

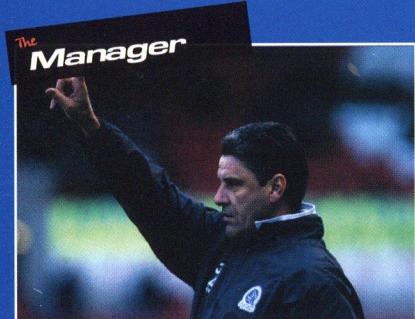
meeting with high-flying Arsenal. Having drawn 3-3 in an exciting fixture at Kenilworth Road, the two teams replayed back at Loftus Road, with QPR progressing that night thanks to a brace from Chris Kiwomya, giving the West Londoners a 2-1 victory. However their Fourth Round venture was not so lucky, as Arsenal ran riot during a 6-0 win.

The original Third Round fixture of this tie ended in somewhat controversial circumstances, as Shabazz Baidoo seemingly punched the ball over the line for a late QPR equaliser.

With the Fourth Round tie worth £150,000 in TV revenue alone, the extra funds are sure to spur both sides on, setting up the perfect atmosphere for a cracking cup encounter this evening.

# The Opponents

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

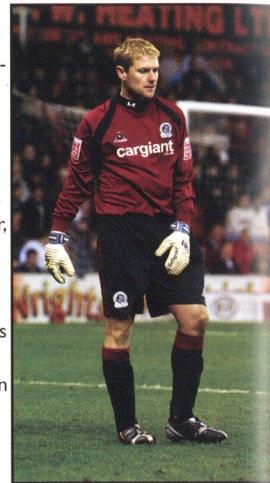


## The Manager

John Gregory's first two spells in management (between January 1989 and June 1990) with Portsmouth and then Plymouth Argyle, lasted just a few months each. Shortly after he linked up as a non-contract player with his former England team mate Phil Neal who was manager at Bolton Wanderers. He later worked under Brian Little on the coaching staff at Leicester City (1991-1994) and Aston Villa (1994-96) before moving back into management with Wycombe Wanderers in September 1996. Wycombe were rock bottom of Division Two when Gregory took over, but he oversaw a massive improvement in league form which saw the club climb to a secure mid-table finish. They were progressing well in February 1998 when Gregory quit Wycombe to take the manager's job back at Aston Villa. He helped improve their league form during the final three months of the 1997-98 season and they qualified for the UEFA Cup. Halfway through the 1998-99 season Villa were Premiership leaders but a slump in form saw the club finish sixth in the final table and miss out on a European place. Villa reached the FA Cup Final in 2000 but lost to Chelsea and Gregory finally quit Villa in January 2002. Gregory's spell at Villa is also notable as he became the last manager to field an all English starting 11 in the Premiership, until Steve McClaren's Middlesbrough did the same against Fulham on May 7, 2006. Prior to his current role, John Gregory's most recent spell in management was with Derby County. When he took charge at Derby they were bottom of the Premiership, and after winning both of his first two games at the helm it looked as though he might be able to save them from relegation. But seven defeats from their final eight fixtures saw Derby slip out of the Premiership after six years. The club's financial problems meant that Gregory had no money spent on players in 2002-03, and their form in Division One was disappointing.

## The Goalkeepers

All three of Rangers' goalkeepers have donned the jersey between the sticks this season. Welsh international **PAUL JONES** began the season as the number one choice but after Rangers' indifferent start the season, he soon lost his place to **SIMON ROYCE** (pictured), who had a short spell with Luton on loan. Royce has been ever present since October, although he has only kept two clean sheets in the last ten matches. Royce, a superb shot stopper, has enjoyed spells at Leicester, Charlton and Manchester City throughout his career. Meanwhile **JAKE COLE** has made three appearances this season, playing in both of Rangers' Carling Cup games as well as a Championship appearance in mid-September against Colchester United. Cole signed an improved contract until the summer of 2008 just days before the end of the 2005/06 season.



## The Defenders

Strong and powerful centre half **DAMION STEWART** has missed only one QPR game this season and has already become a possible 'Player of the Season' candidate amongst supporters. Stewart has mainly been partnered by **ZESH REHMAN** in the centre of defence but the former Fulham defender has recently lost his place in the side to **MICHAEL MANCIENNE**, who is currently on loan from Premiership champions Chelsea. **MARCUS BIGNOT** is another player who has been a regular in the Rangers side, although injury problems saw the former Rushden & Diamonds player miss a handful of games at the beginning of the season. Bignot's absence gave **MATTHEW ROSE** (pictured) an opportunity and he went on to make ten appearances in the Championship. On the left flank, **PATRICK KANYUKA** made a rare appearance for Rangers in the recent game against the Hatters at Loftus Road. Kanyuka arrived at QPR as a 16 year old in 2003, following his release from Leyton Orient and following successful spells at youth and reserve level, he signed a professional contract in February 2005. **MAURO MILANESE**, an Italian defender, began the season as the first choice left back, but suffered after the arrival of Mancienne. He is hugely experienced having previously starred for Inter Milan, Parma, Napoli and Torino in his native country. Manager John Gregory recently went out to strengthen his defensive options by completing the free transfer signing of MyPa utility man **SAMPSA TIMOSKA** in the January transfer window. The 27 year-old Finland international put pen to paper on an 18 month contract with the club. He is rated highly in his homeland, having accrued a wealth of experience in the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Cup and Finnish Veikkausliiga. Timoska, who is a centre half by trade, is also capable of playing at full back and midfield.



## The Midfielders

Since his arrival from Chelsea, **JIMMY SMITH** (pictured) has been in inspirational form. The talented midfielder scored four goals in his first seven starts for the club and put in a number of impressive performances. Smith originally signed on a one month loan deal in September. The England Under-19 international - who is an attack-minded midfielder - made his first team debut for the current Premiership Champions in the final game of the 2005/06 season, entering the fray as a second half substitute for Ricardo Carvalho against Newcastle United. Smith recently extended his loan deal until the end of the season. **GARETH AINSWORTH**, a fans favourite at Loftus Road, has seen his opportunities limited this season, particularly since the arrival of Smith whilst, **SHABAZZ BAIODOO**, whose goal set up tonight's replay, has only made two starting appearances this season. **LEE COOK** has established himself as a first team regular this season and has impressed with a number of influential performances. Cook joined his boyhood club from Watford in the summer of 2004 and

enjoyed a productive season in 2005/06 - scoring four memorable goals in 34 appearances - and duly signed a two year contract extension in the summer, tying him to the Club until 2009. **MARC BIRCHAM** has been in and out of the team this season, but continues to be another fans favourite at Loftus Road. He joined the club on a free transfer from Millwall in July 2002 and turned down offers from Birmingham, Charlton and Stoke to realise a lifelong ambition and sign for Rangers. **STEVE LOMAS** has been another midfielder who has yet to establish a long run in the first team. Rangers completed the signing of the hugely experienced Northern Ireland midfielder on deadline day of August 2005. The combative midfielder swapped Upton Park for Loftus Road on a free transfer after eight years with the East London club. In his time at West Ham, he made 227 appearances and his first class total is well over 300, including a successful stint at Manchester City. He made 25 appearances in West Ham's promotion season in the 2004/05 season. **STEFAN BAILEY** signed as a scholar by Rangers in July 2004 and put pen to paper on his first professional contract with the Hoops midway through season 2005/06.



## The Strikers

**DEXTER BLACKSTOCK** and **RAY JONES** (pictured) have been Rangers' front two in recent weeks. Jones' form for the Londoners has increased speculation that the striker will leave in the January transfer window, but recently committed his future with the club by signing a three-and-a-half year deal earlier this season. Jones is a striker with bags of potential and has a keen eye for goal. Intelligent with the ball at his feet, Jones is also more than capable in the air and has already bagged six goals this season. Blackstock grabbed his seventh goal of the season against Luton last week and has become an important addition to the Rangers squad. The 20-year-old front man penned a three year contract at Loftus Road in August 2006, and in doing so became Gary Waddock's seventh signing of the summer. A scorer of three goals in just seven first team starts last season, Blackstock is a

quick, athletic and powerful predator. Other strikers include Danish centre forward **MARC NYGAARD**, who arrived on a two year deal in the summer of 2005. The 28-year-old, who has represented his country at international level - joined the R's from Italian side Brescia. Nygaard's first campaign in English football was interrupted by injury, having found the net nine times in just 27 appearances. With **KEVIN GALLEN** recently moving on loan to Plymouth Argyle, other strikers will be hoping to push their way up the pecking order. Another product of the clubs Centre of Excellence, teenager **SCOTT DONNELLY** signed a professional contract with the Superhoops in December 2005, just days before his 18th birthday. Donnelly, who has previously represented England at under-17 level, made nine appearances in total during the 2005/06 campaign, including a strong display at against Blackburn Rovers in the FA Cup Third Round.



## QPR's All Time Records

**Record Att:** 35353: vs Leeds United 27/04/1974 Division 1  
**Best league win:** 9 - 2: vs Tranmere Rovers 03/12/1960 Division 3  
**Worst league loss:** 1 - 8: vs Manchester United 19/03/1969 Division 1  
**Best cup win:** 8 - 1: vs Bristol Rovers 27/11/1937 FA Cup R1  
**Most capped player:** Alan McDonald: 52 Northern Ireland  
**League appearances:** Tony Ingham: 519 1950/63

**League goals:** George Goddard: 172 1926/34  
**Goals in a season:** George Goddard: 37 1929/30 Division 3S  
**Transfer fee received:** £6,000,000: Les Ferdinand Newcastle United June 1995  
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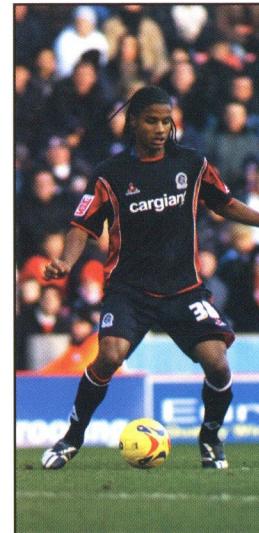
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View from the

# Opposition

QPR supporter Mark Tamworth talks to this evening's matchday programme.



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

Having already played twice this season prior to today's game, I'm sure Luton fans will already know a lot about QPR. For me Jimmy Smith is the one to watch. He has been in inspirational form this season and scored some quality goals since arriving on loan from Chelsea. Michael Mancienne, also from Chelsea, is another player who has impressed me and looks solid in defence



■ How do you feel that QPR's season is panning out?

I think all QPR fans are disappointed to see the position we currently see ourselves in. However, since the arrival of John Gregory, I think the majority of us are more optimistic that we will soon be climbing the table if we can keep the nucleus of the current squad together.

■ Who has impressed you from the Luton squad in the two games between the sides this season?

I was impressed with Adam Boyd in the game at Kenilworth Road and have been surprised he hasn't been involved much since. Ahmet Brkovic, who scored in the first game this season, is another tidy player, but Leon Barnett, for me, was the one who impressed me because aerial presence and tough tackling nature.



■ Who do you think will win the FA Cup this season?

The FA Cup can be a little bit of a lottery and if the draw is kind to you then anybody in the Premiership can win it, although I can't see beyond either Manchester United or Arsenal.

■ What was your immediate reaction when you heard the draw for the fourth round?

It could have been better, but it is certainly a game that both teams will feel they have a chance to win. Blackburn have been going through a good spell of form, but with home advantage, both teams are capable of causing an upset.

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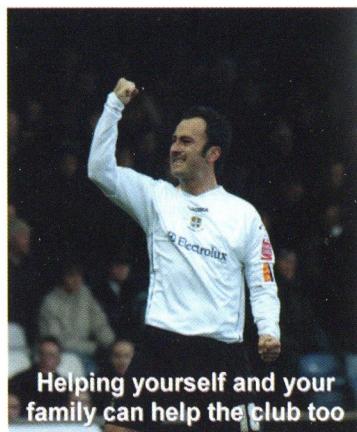
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## Five to Remember

**Roger Wash takes a look back at five classic FA Cup encounters between Luton Town and QPR**

Rangers had merely bided their time after disposing of Leicester in round three but made hard work of overturning weary Luton until Terry Fenwick netted a late penalty. Finding reserves of energy from somewhere Mick Harford levelled from the spot just before the end but the replay proved a game too far with the Hatters going down despite a late rally led by the iconic Harford.



■ Mick Harford heads home at Loftus Road in 1988.

**24th February 1988**  
**Luton Town 1 Queens Park Rangers 0.**  
**FA Cup 5th Round**  
**Attendance: 10,854**

The Hatters did not have too long to wallow in self pity as the two teams were drawn out of the hat the following season. We had moved past Hartlepool and Southampton in the earlier rounds but received a shock when Warren Neill volleyed in a Wayne Ferday cross at Loftus Road.

That man Mick Harford headed in an Ian Allinson free-kick to take the tie back to Kenilworth Road where the unfortunate Neill gifted the Town a 1-0 victory with an own goal, something he had done in the league clash the previous season.

This time the Town went all the way through to the semi-final, where they went down to eventual winners Wimbledon.

**17th January 2001**  
**Queens Park Rangers 2 Luton Town 1.**  
**FA Cup 3rd Round**  
**Attendance: 14,395**

The Hatters were having a poor league season which would end in relegation, and had made hard work of moving past Rushden and Darlington in the FA Cup to reach the third round. In a game which ebbed and flowed, the Town took a two goal lead, were pegged back and then went back in front through a Stuart Douglas effort. In the final minute a needless Lee Nogan handball gifted Rangers a penalty, and with it a replay.

Debutant Lee Mansell netted within 58 seconds of the start of the rematch but it all went downhill from there with the Hatters going down in extra time in extremely controversial circumstances. Revenge is in the air tonight!

**1st November 1902**  
**Queens Park Rangers 0 Luton Town 3.**  
**FA Cup Third Qualifying Round**  
**Attendance: 8,000**

For the fourth season in a row the Town and Rangers were paired together in the competition and were probably sick of the sight of each other. Rangers had lost two of the previous clashes and were looking for revenge for these defeats as well as a 1-4 thumping at Dunstable Road in the Southern League two weeks before.

The Hatters continued where they left off, though, and goals from Jimmy Blessington, Arthur Durrant and Thomas Allsop secured an emphatic 3-0 victory and an eventual run through to the competition proper, where we went down to old adversaries Millwall.



■ Matt Taylor clashes with Richard Langley at Luton in 2001.

**7th February 1948**  
**Queens Park Rangers 3 Luton Town 1.**  
**FA Cup 5th Round**  
**Attendance: 30,564**

The Hatters had fought their way through to the 5th round after disposing of Plymouth and Coventry while Rangers, who were destined to clinch the Division Three (South) Championship at the season's end, had put out non-League Gillingham in a tricky tie, as well as top flight Stoke.

A record crowd were shoe-horned into the Loftus Road terraces, and the day certainly belonged to the home side with goals from Danny Boxshall, Cyril Hatton and Billy McEwan securing a resounding win, with the Town's consolation coming from future Ranger Billy Waugh. Rangers were knocked out in the next round by Derby after a replay.

**4th February 1987**  
**Queens Park Rangers 2 Luton Town 1.**  
**FA Cup 4th Round**  
**Attendance: 15,848**

The Town had needed to fight their way past Liverpool in an epic three game affair which had captured the hearts of the footballing public, but with two of those games being played in the week prior to the scheduled 4th round date the players were bound to be tired.



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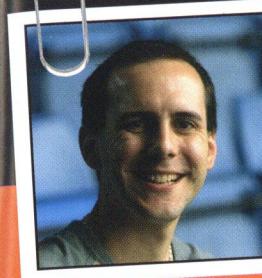
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## Stat Attack

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

Whilst Luton have been a League Club they have entertained Queens Park Rangers five times in the FA Cup. Three draws, and a win each is the record. Both teams have scored eight goals each, so the statistics really are even.

The last time these sides met in the FA Cup, 2000/01, it resulted in two very eventful matches. Luton took a 2-0 lead against Rangers with first half goals from Andrew Fotiadis and Liam George, before a certain Peter Crouch netted twice early in the second half. Stuart Douglas then netted Luton's third with just thirteen minutes remaining. It looked as though Luton were heading into round four, until in injury time Lee Nogian inexplicably handled inside the area and Gavin Peacock netted the equaliser from the resulting penalty. The replay lived up to the magic of the FA Cup with Lee Mansell netting inside a minute of his debut for the Hatters! Mansell's goal divided the sides until three minutes into injury time, when a high challenge on the Luton goal scorer went unpunished, before Chris Kiwomya netted, despite replays showing he was offside! Kiwomya then netted the deciding goal in extra time, which set up a 4th Round home tie against Arsenal.....Rangers lost 6-0!



The first meeting was back in December 1899 when the sides met in a 5th Qualifying Round match, Tom McInnes scoring in a 1-1 draw, with QPR winning the replay 4-1. It was the 1st Round proper in 1929/30 when, despite two goals from Jimmy Yardley, the Hatters lost 3-2. It was 57 years before the sides met again at Kenilworth Road in this competition, and again it ended in a 1-1 draw, before the Hatters lost 2-1 at Loftus Road. Mick Harford scored in both of these fixtures. Having had a long wait the two sides met each other again the very next season! This time Harford scored at Loftus Road in another 1-1 draw, before a Warren Neill own goal in the side, over QPR.

Queens Park Rangers haven't won an FA Cup match since the 2-1 victory in 2000/01, whilst Luton have only progressed to Round Four once, in 2003/04, in the last eleven attempts.

After the goalless draw against Blackpool in 1953/54, there was a 1-1 draw against Ipswich in 1961/62, with Dave Pacey scoring the Luton goal. The Hatters were to lose the second replay 5-1! In 1970/71 a broken goal post helped Luton secure a draw at Nottingham Forest! The delay allowed coach Jimmy Andrews to re-organise the Luton side who were trailing 1-0, and were fortunate not to be further behind. Malcolm MacDonald hit the equaliser in the second half, and then scored a hat trick in the replay....but ended up on the losing side as Forest won 4-3! Three years later Luton beat Port Vale 4-2. The visitors took a first half lead, before Luton equalised in the 59th minute through John Aston. Vale then restored their lead before a Peter Anderson brace and a goal from Jim Ryan settled the tie in Luton's favour. There is an interesting side note regarding this particular fixture, as the game was played on a Wednesday afternoon so as not to waste electricity, due to the effects of the oil crisis and the three-day week.

This is the tenth FA Cup 3rd Round Replay at Kenilworth Road, the Hatters have progressed five times, with two defeats and two draws, both of which resulted in defeats at neutral venues. Luton have scored twenty one times, with the visitors netting eleven goals. There has only been one 0-0 draw, against Blackpool in 1953/54, and the only other time the Hatters have failed to score was in 1999/2000 when Fulham won 3-0.

There has never been a penalty shoot out involving the first team in a competitive match at Kenilworth Road.

# Action Replay

vs Cardiff City,  
Monday 1st January 2007



LUTON 0 CARDIFF CITY 0

Attendance: 8,004

Picture: In a frantic second half which saw both teams create a number of chances, Rowan Vine almost breaks the deadlock when his header hits the crossbar.



**Luton:** Kiely, Davis, Perrett, Edwards, Vine (Boyd 82), Feeney, Morgan, Langley (Robinson 63), Brkovic (Holmes 83), Barnett, Bell

**Subs not used:** Beresford, O'Leary.

**Bookings:** Bell (35 + 72), Davis (43), Barnett (53), Feeney (90)

**Sent-Off:** Bell (72)

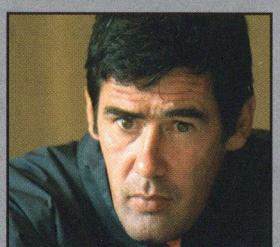


**Cardiff:** Alexander, Gilbert (Gunter 78), Purse, Loovens, Chopra, Thompson, McPhail, Flood (Blake 90), Ledley (Cooper 87), Scimeca, Wright

**Subs not used:** Johnson, Campbell.

**Bookings:** Thompson (53)

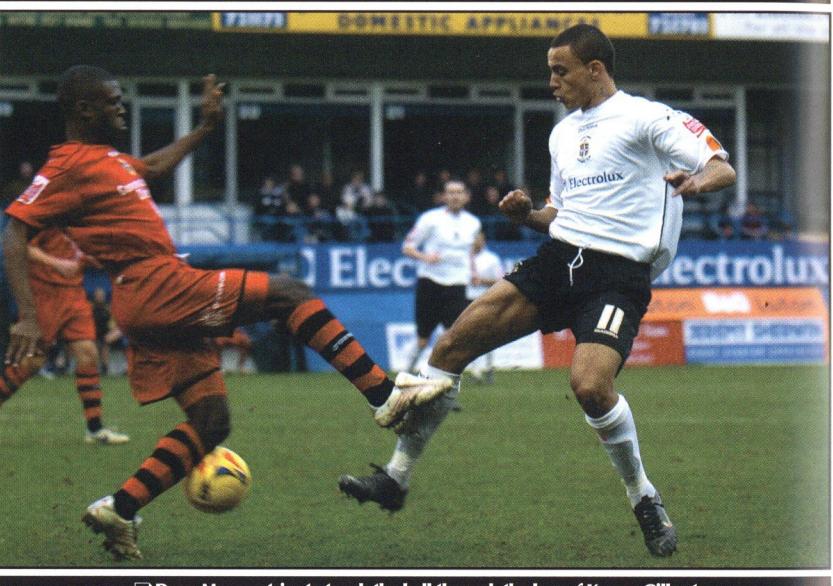
#### From the Manager



"We've had chances where we could have won the game - point blank chances - yet they've had a couple as well. I don't think we started the game very well at all. I thought we were poor for the first 20 minutes. It was very difficult to get them going. At the end of the day it's a point. To finish the game with ten men for the last fifteen or twenty minutes, I suppose you'd take it."



Rowan Vine takes a neat touch to bring the ball under control



Dean Morgan tries to touch the ball through the legs of Kerrea Gilbert

## LUTON 0 CARDIFF 0

By Philip Francis

Cardiff City provided the opposition for the first game of 2007 as Luton looked to avenge their defeat in Wales earlier in the season.

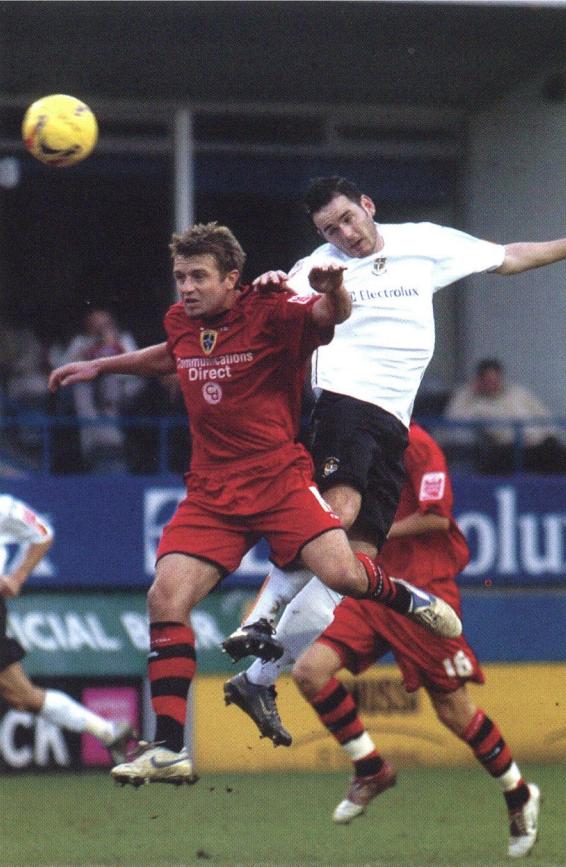
The visitors made their intentions clear from the start by playing four in midfield and employing Michael Chopra as the loan striker up front in hope of catching Luton on the break. As a result both midfields cancelled each other out as clear goal scoring chances became few and far between.

The Luton defence, which included Sol Davis for his first start since late October, denied Cardiff any time on the ball and looked comfortable.

The second period started in the same vein but a second half sending off for Luton's David Bell gave Cardiff the confidence to push forward more as they tried to take advantage of the space left by Bell's absence.

Luton refused to lie down and Cardiff goalkeeper Neil Alexander brilliantly saved a Leon Barnett header, before Michael Chopra fired wide for Cardiff.

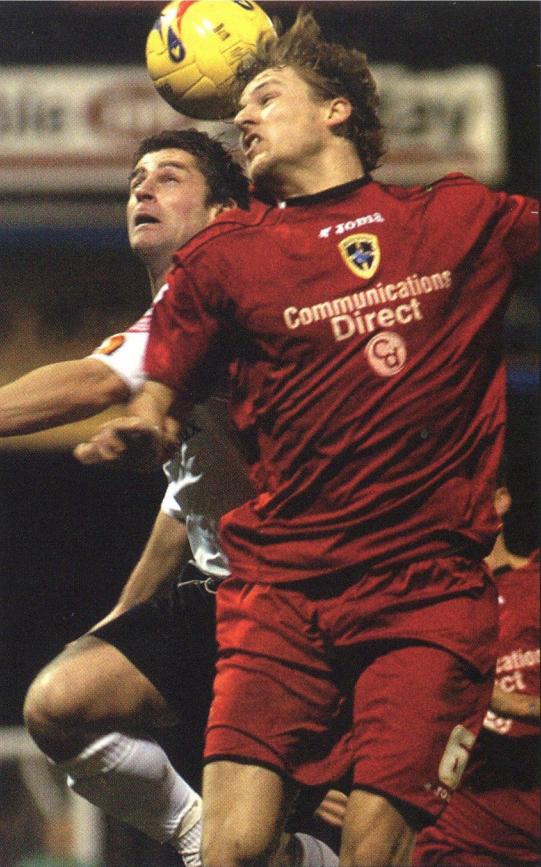
In the end both sides looked content to settle for a point.



Heads Up! David Bell wins the header as Luton surge forward



Sol Davis, making his first appearance at Kenilworth Road since suffering a stroke, clears a long ball up field despite the presence of Willo Flood



Cardiff's Glenn Loovens gets the better of Steve Robinson

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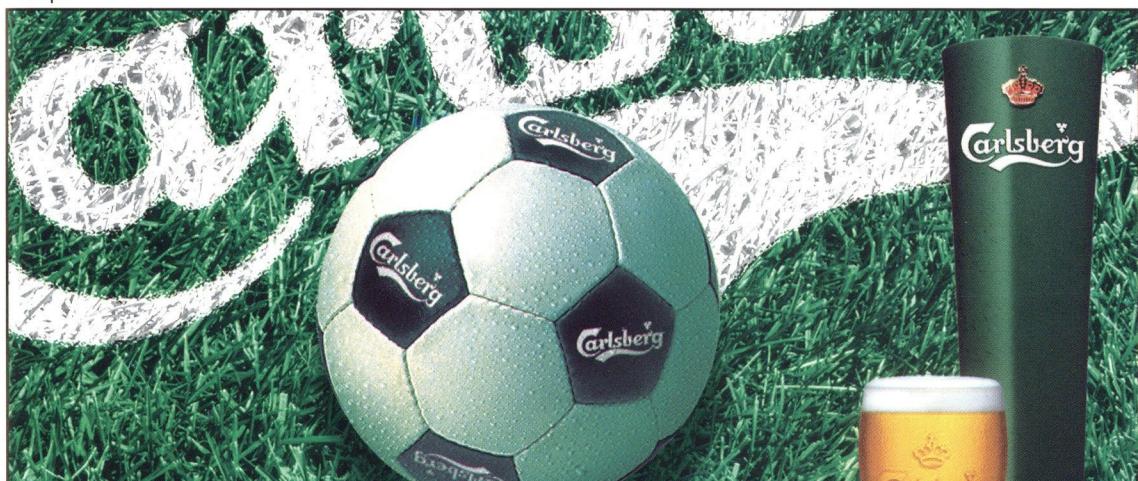
1. Who scored after 42 seconds for Chelsea in the 1997 Final against Middlesbrough?
2. Who beat Manchester United to win the FA Cup in 1995?
3. What was used in the 1973 FA Cup Final and never used again?
4. Who won the FA Cup in 1939 and then held it until after the war when Derby won it in 1946?
5. Who has scored the most FA Cup Finals goals - scoring two in 1986, two in 1989 and one in 1992?
6. Who scored an own goal for Tottenham as they lost to Coventry in the 1987 FA Cup Final?
7. Who are the only non league team to win the FA Cup, winning it in 1901?
8. Which team won the first FA Cup at the Millennium Stadium?
9. In what year did Luton Town reach the final of the FA Cup?
10. How many times have Manchester United won the FA Cup?

## Name that Ground



Name the teams that play at these grounds

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



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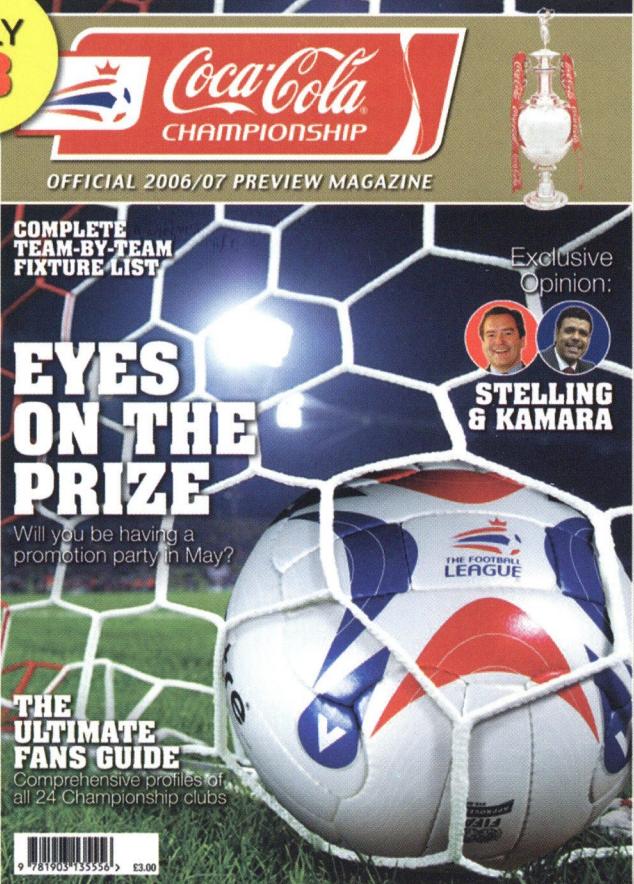


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FA Cup memories

## Mark Lawrenson

BBC Sports pundit Mark Lawrenson looks back on his FA Cup memories.

It's no understatement to say that The FA Cup has always been an important event in Mark Lawrenson's life.

Growing up as a fan supporting Preston North End he experienced all its highs and lows. As a player for Preston, Brighton and Liverpool he's been on the end of Cup upsets but also had the joy of lifting the famous trophy aloft at Wembley. And now, working for the BBC as a co-commentator and pundit, he still experiences all the drama of The FA Cup first hand.

Lawrenson's first memory of The FA Cup as a fan was the 1964 Final when Preston, then of the old Second Division, played First Division West Ham United, a match he still has vivid memories of.

"I was only seven then but I remember the game well and I can still name the Preston team. We were twice in the lead but then West Ham scored two goals in the last two minutes to win 3-2. It's probably the first time I remember crying, which is a bit soft for a northern

boy!"

As a player his FA Cup debut was no less dramatic, playing for Preston against non-League Scarborough in the second round in 1975-76 season and being on the wrong end of a Cup upset.

"That's another match I'll never forget," says the former Republic of Ireland international. "I must have been 18 and I started on the left-hand side of midfield but the game should never have been played. It was thick snow, two or three inches deep, the pitch froze and the temperature never got above freezing. To be fair to our manager Harry Catterick he went to the referee before we kicked off and said to him it shouldn't be played.

"I think we were 2-0 up but we got done 3-2 and it was a big upset. Funny enough though, when I signed for Brighton we played Scarborough when they were still a non-League team and we beat them three or four, which made up for it a little bit."

Lawrenson's favourite FA Cup year is 1986, when he appeared in his one and only Final and picked up a winner's medal. But his abiding memory of the day is not the goals in Liverpool's 3-1 victory over Everton or holding the trophy aloft, but something altogether more surreal.

"At the end of the game we did everything you'd expect: got the Cup, went down the steps, did the lap of honour, went back to the changing room, drank champagne out of the Cup and then it was time to get in the bath and go home.

"But then, when we went to get into the bath, we found three of our supporters in their already and fully-clothed in their suits! In those days the old Wembley baths were like a mini-swimming pool, you had to stand up. So here we had three Scousers going, 'Come in guys, it's nice and warm in here.' Only our supporters could get not just into the ground, and not just into the tunnel, or the dressing rooms, but into the team bath too!"

After injury brought a premature end to Mark's playing career he joined the Match of the Day team in 1997. Since then he's seen plenty of FA Cup games, with his favourite being last year's epic 3-3 draw in the Final between Liverpool and West Ham, which brought in 11.3m viewers on the BBC.

"It's the best one I've ever seen," says Lawrenson, who's looking forward to getting back on the road to Wembley.

"The Millennium Stadium has been fantastic for football, the way the city of Cardiff has embraced it – hopefully the new Wembley will take that forward. The really great thing is that nearly everyone that goes to the Final this year will never have been to the new stadium before. It's certainly going to be another FA Cup day to remember."



Liverpool players celebrate their epic FA Cup Final win over West Ham United last year. The game brought in 11.3m viewers on the BBC



**MONDAY  
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JANUARY**

## Preston keep quiet on Nugent

Preston have refused to confirm that they have rejected a £6m bid from Sheffield United for England Under-21 international David Nugent.

In response to reports in Thursday's Daily Mail, Preston manager Paul Simpson said: "I'm not going to start talking about every single article.

"We are not going to comment on any of them, it is as simple as that. We have said that we want to keep David Nugent at the club and that is all we really need to say."

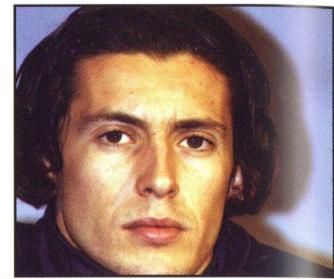
Blades manager Neil Warnock is thought to have persuaded the board to sanction a £6m bid for the highly-rated England Under-21 striker.



**ALSO...** Sheffield Wednesday boss Brian Laws is confident that defender Tommy Spurr could soon earn a place in the England under-21 side.....Leeds sign defenders Robbie Elliott and Matt Heath on short-term deals until the end of the season.

**WEDNESDAY  
03  
JANUARY**

## West Brom swoop for Koren



West Brom have made their first swoop of the January transfer window by signing Slovenia international Robert Koren on a Bosman transfer.

The 26-year-old midfielder has signed from Norwegian side Lillestrom on an initial 18-month contract, with West Brom having the option of another year.

Koren scored 10 times in 26 starts during his last season in Norway, which ended during the last week in October.

In July, Koren scored the opening goal in Lillestrom's Intertoto Cup draw against Newcastle at St James' Park in July.

West Brom boss Tony Mowbray said: "Robert is a technical footballer but also a hungry footballer who wants to test himself in the English league."



**TUESDAY  
02  
JANUARY**

## Leeds release Horsfield & Butler

Leeds have terminated the loan deal of striker Geoff Horsfield.

The 33-year-old, who has scored twice in 15 appearances, was scheduled to stay until the end of January but will return to Sheffield United early.

Horsfield does not figure in manager Dennis Wise's plans and neither does former skipper Paul Butler who has been released after a loan spell at MK Dons.

Middlesbrough defender Ugo Ehiogu and Fulham keeper Tony Warner have returned to their parent clubs after loan deals.

Ehiogu made six appearances for Leeds, while Warner, who returns to London as cover for the injured Antti Niemi, turned out 14 times for United.

**ALSO...** Sunderland goalkeeper Ben Alnwick joins Tottenham, in a deal that sees Spurs' Martin Fulop make his loan deal permanent at the Black Cats.....Wycombe have brought QPR midfielder Tommy Doherty back to Adams Park on loan until the end of the season.

**THURSDAY  
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JANUARY**

## Edwards relishing Sunderland move



Sunderland's new signing Carlos Edwards has said that he is 'relishing' the chance to play for the club.

Edwards, 28, was signed from Luton for £1.4m, and the winger is excited by his move to the North East.

"I'm coming to a club that has been places and knows what it is like to be in the top flight. It's time the club was back where it belongs."

"I have played at the Stadium of Light a few times and it is a fantastic stadium. I am looking forward to getting started."

Edwards joined Luton from Wrexham on a free in May 2005 and went on to make 74 appearances, scoring eight times.

**ALSO...** Leeds boss Dennis Wise strengthens his attack with the signing of former Chelsea team-mate Tore Andre Flo.....Barnsley sign former England under-21 goalkeeper David Lucas.....Doncaster complete the permanent signing of Preston midfielder Brian Stock after a successful loan spell at the club.

**FRIDAY  
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## Chadwick completes Norwich move

Norwich have completed the £200,000 signing of Stoke winger Luke Chadwick on a two-and-a-half-year deal.

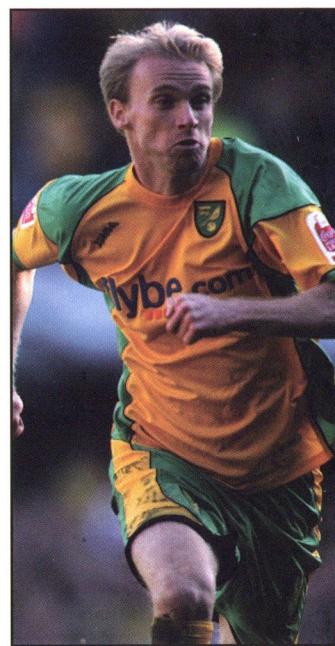
The 26-year-old arrived on loan in November and made an eventful debut against Ipswich, opening the scoring before suffering a knee injury.

Chadwick has been unable to play since and will not return for another month.

But Canaries boss Peter Grant told the Norwich website: "People saw on his debut what a good player he can be. He's a player with great quality."

He added: "He's still about four weeks away from a comeback."

"Because of the nature of the gash and where it was it's been a problem for him."



**ALSO...** Sheffield Wednesday extend the loan spell of keeper Mark Crossley from Fulham until the end of the season.....Bournemouth sign striker James Lawson on a month's loan from Southend.....

**SATURDAY  
06  
JANUARY**

## Akinbiyi returns to Burnley

Burnley have re-signed striker Ade Akinbiyi from Premiership side Sheffield United in a £750,000 deal.

The 32-year-old, who left Turf Moor less than 12 months ago, has agreed a two-and-a-half year deal with the club.

Burnley boss Steve Cotterill said: "I'm absolutely delighted to bring Ade back as I'm sure the supporters and his team-mates will be. We look forward to welcoming him back but need to let him settle back into the club that loves him."

Akinbiyi joined Sheffield United last January for a then club record fee of £1.75m.



**ALSO...** Cheltenham boss John Ward has signed defender Keith Lowe on loan for the rest of the season from Championship side Wolves.....Southampton winger Nathan Dye hopes to return in three or four weeks after an X-ray showed he had not broken his ankle in the win over Leicester.



# Keith's Keane as ever

If there's one thing that football supporters like to see, it's a hometown boy playing for their local club. Born in Luton, Keith Keane is one such player and is now halfway through his fourth season at Kenilworth Road since signing as a trainee in July 2003.

Interviewed & Written by Geoff Knox - Photography by Gareth Owen

Keith is very much part of the Hatters' very own 'brat pack' that came up through the ranks together over the last few seasons since starting in the Youth Team. He is often seen around the Club with fellow rising stars Kevin Foley, Leon Barnett, Michael Leary and Stephen O'Leary in tow.

Having recently fled the nest where he grew up for his own place just a mile away from the family home, Keith is very determined to maintain the strong bond he's enjoyed with his family and school buddies in order to keep a level head in the topsy-turvy world of football.

Keith told us: "Living in Luton with your friends around you helps to keep your feet on the floor. They don't give you any time to get your head in the clouds. They just take the Mick out of you if anything!"

"My family keep my feet on the ground as well, so it's good to have them nearby. I'm very close to my family. They always look out for my best interests."

It's been a hectic few weeks at the Club for all involved, as the festive period decimated a squad already hit with injuries and suspensions with even more injuries and suspensions.

And then the transfer window opened.

Would months of speculation surrounding certain Luton players come to fruition? Unfortunately for Hatters fans, yes.

However, football is a business and when players move on it creates room for others to make an impression, and when Carlos Edwards was recently sold to Sunderland the pecking order for right-sided players was subject to revision.

"It's very sad to see one of your better players go. I think a lot of people realised that Carlos was going to go sooner or later because he did very well at the World

Cup and a lot of teams were interested in him.

"But yes, it's opened up a bit of a door for me. I've waited a long time so, hopefully, I might get a chance sooner rather than later."

Keith's first team opportunities this season have been mainly limited to helping out at centre half, but his main aim is to get a chance to cement down the right back position.

"I don't mind filling in wherever the Manager puts me but I'd say right back is my preferred position."

Central defenders are generally sizeable characters, so at 175cm Keith was always going to have his work cut out when he was pitched into a Carling Cup Third Round tie at Goodison Park, earlier this season.

There aren't any easy games in the Championship, so how did Keith feel about facing a strong Premiership side with half a dozen internationals playing?

"I enjoyed it to be honest, even though we got a beating. Playing against Everton at Everton - that's what you want to do. It was a good experience for me."

Andy Johnson provided Keith's direct opposition that night, and the Hatters defender prevented the England striker from scoring, although Johnson earned one of his famous penalties when he 'lost his balance' under challenge from Keane.

"You see him on TV and you wonder what it would be like to play against him and see how you'd do, and then I got the chance."

"He's one of the best players I've played against. You can see why he's up there in the England squad. He's got everything and he deserves to be up there."

"He has a bit of everything. A lot of players have one skill or another but the better players have everything. That's



what makes them the best."

An unavoidable Johnson-induced own goal capped an eventful night for Keith, but he is very much undeterred from facing similar opposition in the future.

"You want to play against the big teams at the big stadiums. I enjoyed the experience."

The following weekend was just as tricky. Sol Davis' illness had rocked the squad on their way to Ipswich, and 24 hours later Keith was back on the pitch - and indeed in front of a live television audience - as the Hatters were on the wrong end of a fine performance from the home team.

Keith's opposition that day came in the shape of a raw, young Irishman named Billy Clarke, who has made waves in the Championship since he made his debut for Ipswich just over a year ago.

"He's only my age but I played with him once for Ireland U21 and I played against him at Ipswich. I reckon he's going to be a big player when he's a bit older. He's very good."

The international scene has provided a source of frustration for Keith, recently. Having represented the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy and U21 level, call-ups to the national squad have been sporadic due to a general lack of first team action at Kenilworth Road.

Keith has not given up hope of both situations rectifying themselves, though.

"There hasn't been too many games recently because they got knocked out of the Euro qualifiers, but hopefully when some more games come up I'll get a call-up."

"I'll just have to wait and see. But you don't really expect them to come calling for you when you're not playing."

It's puzzling how Keith's progress has stuttered since he burst onto the scene as a 16-year-old whilst still in his first year of scholarship at the Club.

## Did you know?

Keith's last gasp strike against Bristol City in April 2004 handed the Hatters their first win in eight games to put them back into contention for the play-offs, only for them to be ended by a Feeney goal three days later when Warren was playing for Bournemouth.

Mike Newell had only just taken charge of the playing side of the Club, and the empty coffers had meant that incoming players were off the menu - forcing the Manager to delve deep into what limited resources he had at his disposal.

Keane managed 17 first team appearances while still a first year trainee, adding weight to the old theory about young players being fearless.

"I was only sixteen at the time and I was buzzing. I couldn't believe I was getting a start for the First Team. When you are that young you never get to think you are going to play. Then all of a sudden I get put in and it was great experience for me."

"I think I was too young to realise that there was any pressure on me. I

## Keane's opinion on...

### Who is going to win the Premiership



Chelsea are twelve unbeaten but they haven't won too many games lately. Manchester United seem to be hitting their form for this season so it looks as if they could win it. They are both playing too well for Liverpool and Arsenal to catch them. I'd definitely put money on Arsenal being up there next season, though.

was just trying to do well and to try and impress the Manager to get a pro contract at that time. But I was just enjoying to be playing in the First Team, to be honest."

Keith was in good company, though. Then, as now, there were some quality players at the Club to guide him along and lend a hand when the going got tough.

"Kevin Nicholls was here. Emmerson Boyce used to help me a lot. He'd try and guide me, if I made a mistake he tell me not to worry about it and get on with it."

To cap it all, Keith even chipped in with a goal that season. No ordinary goal would do for him, though. It had to be an injury time winner at Kenilworth Road against play-off contenders Bristol City.

## Question Time

Keith has notched two goals for the Hatters in his career so far. One was the last minute winner against Bristol City, but when and against whom was the other one?



Modestly, Keith decided not to talk up his goal too much, but they all count and his mishit hoof that day grabbed all three points for the Hatters.

"To be honest it wasn't one of the better strikes I've ever hit but it went in the top corner so I'm going to take it. I've smacked it straight into the floor and it's just bounced over everyone - even the goalie - and gone in.

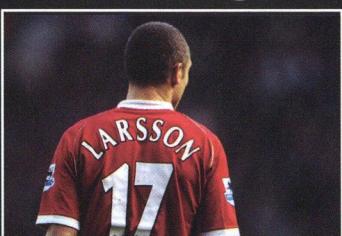
"I couldn't do that again if I tried!"

### Chelsea's wasted millions



I wouldn't have said Shevchenko is worth that money (£30m), especially at his age, but teams know when Chelsea come calling that they are going to pay the money, so they boost the price tag up. There are a few other players Mourinho has signed for loads of money that haven't set the world on fire, like Shaun Wright-Phillips, who aren't even starting games

### Larsson's Premiership swansong



He scored a great goal against Villa. He's proved that he is a great goalscorer no matter where he goes. He's done it for Celtic, he's done it for Barcelona, and he's come to Man Utd and scored on his debut. That's the true sign of a great striker. And to get him for nothing is a bargain for United.

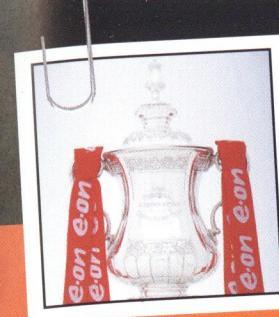
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Last year, this stage saw Leyton Orient upset Premiership side Fulham, while non-League Nuneaton Borough and Burton Albion made headlines by taking Middlesbrough and Manchester United respectively to replays.

As well as the long-lasting memories, the financial legacy of these achievements can make a huge change in the fortunes of the clubs enjoying good FA Cup runs.

The FA will this season pay out £15m to clubs taking part in the competition.

This is provided in prize money for the winners of each round and in payments The FA makes to those selected for live TV and radio broadcast.

In the First Round Proper alone, the winners take home £16,000 and the prizes only get better for those teams strong enough to get through with £24,000 up for grabs in the Second Round and £40,000 in the Third Round Proper.

This money can make a significant difference for clubs at all levels of the game. Last year's finalists, Liverpool and West Ham, who played out a thrilling match in front of a global audience of millions, collectively received more than £6m from The FA for their FA Cup runs.

Clubs from the non-League who enjoy Cup success can also see their fortunes dramatically changed. Appearances on television, as well as bringing smaller clubs to the attention of the nation, are particularly significant.

The FA pays each club selected for live TV coverage in the Third Round £150,000 – a huge boost for a club such as Tamworth whose tie with Norwich was picked by BBC as one of the live games in this season's Third Round coverage.

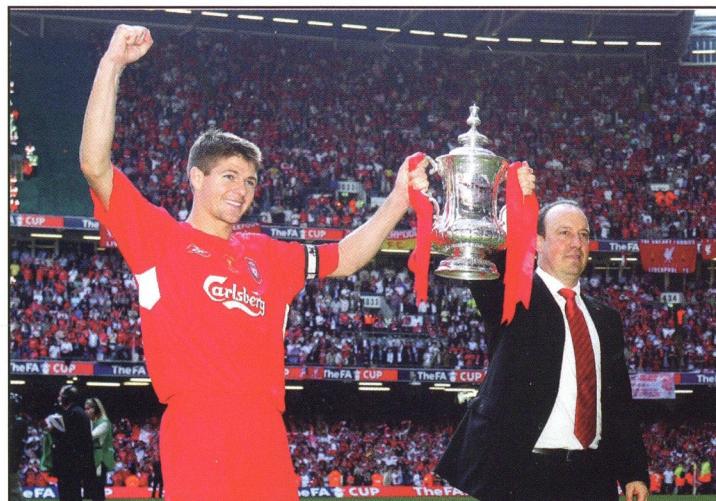
Tamworth Chairman Bob Andrews said: "It makes a huge difference to a club like ours – it's a massive boost. If we have to buy a couple of players in the January transfer window, we will do and this money will make it possible. It will also mean we will start next season on the plus side."

Clubs playing in the First and Second Round TV ties were each paid £75,000 by The FA. For Weymouth, who held Bury to a draw on a live BBC TV match in the First Round, this was great news.

Weymouth Chief Executive Gary Calder said: "The FA Cup is very important to Weymouth, not just for our FA Cup hopes but throughout our entire football community.

"For all non-League clubs, any extra revenue is a massive boost, particularly when you consider the TV fees on top of the prize fund. The money from The FA will make a significant difference right throughout the club, which includes our 36 youth teams and our football academy."

Don't forget you can also vote for your Player of the Round at each stage of the competition. The award, sponsored by E.ON, is presented to the outstanding player of each round of The FA Cup starting from First Qualifying Round – and you will be able to vote for your choice in a poll on TheFA.com homepage from the Monday after each Round's matches.



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**LUTON TEAM:** Sommer, Linton, James, Harper, Peake, Dreyer, Telfer, Oakes, Dixon, Hughes, Preece

## FA CUP MEMORIES

LAURENCE DARNELL looks back on a memorable 1993/94 campaign as Luton made a trip to Wembley in the FA Cup. Their route to the semi-final included a night of high drama against West Ham United in the quarter-finals

The 1993/94 season was panning out like many others had in previous years - a struggle against relegation. Manager, David Pleat was still trying to assemble a squad having lost key players such as Mark Pembroke and Mick Harford, who had been sold following the club's relegation from the top flight in 1992.

Luton went into their second season outside the top flight having also lost the services of Phil Gray and Alec Chamberlain, who had both secured moves to Sunderland. The only summer signing was that of nippy midfielder Scott Houghton, who had been on the books at Tottenham Hotspur since the age of thirteen.

Despite an opening day win against Watford, Luton hardly set the league alight. Four league defeats on the trot soon followed and the Hatters also toppled out of the League Cup when a goal from Steve Claridge in the first and second leg sent Cambridge through to the next round.

The season was well on the way to being another relegation tussle, but nobody could have anticipated what was in store for Hatters fans as they were about to embark on an extraordinary run in the FA Cup, which would

take them all the way to the twin towers at Wembley.

The Hatters kicked off their FA Cup campaign against Southend United on a cold midweek night. The Shrimpers were going well in Division One and had already beaten Luton in the league when goals from Ricky Otto and Jon Hunt had given the seasiders a 2-1 win at Roots Hall.

The original date for the fixture was postponed due to the weather, so both sides knew that a mouthwatering tie against Premiership giants Newcastle United lay in wait. This was probably in the minds of both sets of players as a single strike from Paul Telfer settled the issue in a nervy contest.

Luton fans travelled to St James Park more in hope than optimism that they would triumph in the North East. However the match made headline news as Tony Thorpe, on his full debut, made an instant name for himself when he unleashed a 25-yard shot that silenced a passionate Geordie crowd, who were anticipating a rout.

It took a questionable penalty from Peter Beardsley that spared the home side's blushes and set up a replay at

Kenilworth Road that had the town buzzing for days as ticket sales went through the roof.

On the tight Kenilworth Road pitch, Newcastle's stars failed to live up to their multi million pound price tags and it was another Hatters youngster, this time John Hartson, who had been deputising for the injured Kerry Dixon, who stole the show with a decisive touch to round the onrushing Mike Hooper, and side foot into an empty net. It was a goal that sent Luton's thousands of fans joyous.

The win was sealed through Scott Oakes' goal ten minutes from time. The Luton striker had his initial shot blocked by Hooper and as the ball ran kindly to Des Linton, the defender drove it back in the box for Oakes to slot home.

Luton faced a winnable, but difficult trip to Cardiff City in Round Five. The Welsh outfit had been struggling at the wrong end of Division Two but had dumped Manchester City out of the competition in Round Four. Unfortunately it was a game that was not only remembered for the football on the pitch, but also for trouble that flared around the stadium.

Ninian Park's reputation for crowd



trouble was not ill-deserved. It may have been confined to a minority, but that small group did their best to sully the name of their club. In an intimidating atmosphere, which lingered for weeks afterwards, Luton's players did well to keep their cool and book their passage into the quarter-finals.

Oakes was once again on target for the Hatters, firing home his seventh of the campaign, to give Luton a half time lead, before a hotly disputed effort from David Preece, with the Cardiff fans baying for offside, cancelling out Phil Stant's equaliser for the home side. It was job well done by Pleat and his team.

The quarter-finals, Luton's fourth appearance in that stage of the competition in the past ten years, saw more Premiership opposition stand in the Hatters' way. West Ham United, similar to Newcastle, were a spending force in the Premiership but were struggling in the top flight, languishing dangerously close to the relegation zone.

Sky cameras descended at Upton Park, optimistic that Luton's great cup run would see them pull off another upset. They didn't quite get it, but as David Pleat tactically employed a five man midfield to try and shut out the Hammers strikers, he managed to gain a vital draw and take the Londoners back to Kenilworth Road.

The replay was a night of high drama and pulsating action. It was a night that still lives strongly in the memory of Luton fans and one that will probably go down as the greatest FA Cup game ever to be played at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters headed into the game in a fine run of form. They had pushed themselves into eighteenth in Division

One, four places above the relegation zone, and had only lost one of their last five league games, which had included a 4-1 demolition job on Portsmouth.

Over 13,000 spectators crammed into Kenilworth Road to see a magnificent game which see-sawed first one way then the other. However the match winner was Oakes, who turned home probably his finest performance in a Luton shirt, with a display of clinical finishing.

Oakes was simply unstoppable on the night. Martin Allen put the visitors into the lead before Oakes collected a pass from Dixon to beat Ludek Miklosko and equalise within five minutes of the Hammers taking the lead.

Dixon was the provider again as Oakes grabbed his second of the game with a clinical finish to give Luton an early half-time lead. It was little surprise that West Ham came surging forward and they piled on the pressure in the second half, which resulted in Ian Bishop squeezing a shot into the corner of the net, as Luton's American goalkeeper, Jurgen Sommer, allowed the ball to slip under his hands.

Luton fans were bracing themselves for the possibility of extra time, or, as West Ham continued to throw men forward, being denied the opportunity of a return to Wembley Stadium, where Chelsea were waiting the winners, after they had squeezed past Wolverhampton Wanderers in the previous round.

However, in story book fashion, Oakes was the Luton hero as he saved the best goal until last to secure a most memorable hat-trick. Robbing Hammers defender Steve Potts of the ball, Oakes ran through towards the

West Ham before unleashing a low shot that beat Miklosko and found the corner of the net.

It was a goal that brought the roof down at Kenilworth Road as Luton's joyous fans celebrated. It even got Pleat out of the dugout, who had crippled his back just a few days prior to the game and was seen wearing an unusual support around his waist.

A nervy 15 minutes followed as Sommer made amends for his earlier mistake by pulling off a number of key saves as West Ham fans behind the goal where the Luton goalkeeper was keeping guard urged their side forward.

But Luton had done it, achieved the impossible. It was an FA Cup game to remember. As the final whistle sounded, Luton fans spilled onto the pitch to congratulate their heroes. Oakes was hoisted high on the shoulders of fans as party celebrations continued way into the night.

For Oakes, it wasn't the end of his FA Cup story. Following his fairytale night, the national media hounded the Luton striker as his face was soon on the back of every national tabloid when they discovered he was the son of Showaddywaddy star Trevor Oakes.

Luton's FA Cup run finally ended at the Twin Towers as the FA's short lived experiment of staging semi-finals at Wembley meant the club where now back at the national stadium one round before they should have been. The match, in truth, was an anti-climax as Chelsea strolled to a comfortable 2-0 win with both goals coming from Gavin Peacock.



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# Scott Oakes

STEVEN DOVE caught up with former Luton midfielder Scott Oakes, who talked about that memorable night at Kenilworth Road, when his hat-trick against West Ham United fired the Hatters into the semi-final of the FA Cup.

Scott Oakes still has fond memories of his performance against West Ham United. His three goals against the Hammers, on that memorable evening at Kenilworth Road, gave him national fame as Luton enjoyed one of their most famous FA Cup campaigns.

Oakes' performance was probably his best in a Luton shirt, as he displayed clinical finishing in front of goal to help secure a semi-final spot at Wembley and a meeting with Chelsea.

And although the dust has gathered on

**"Everything seemed to go my way that night and everything I touched seemed to come off for me."**

the videos and old newspaper cuttings of that memorable evening, Oakes, who scored 34 goals during his five year stay in Bedfordshire, admits he still often takes a trip down memory lane

The former Luton midfielder said: "I still have great memories of that game. It was an evening I will never forget.

"My family still have the video of the game, along with articles from the newspapers. Fairly recently, they came out of the loft and I sat down with my children to watch it on the video and the memories just started flooding back.

"We went into the game on a high,

because we were playing well at the time. We had already knocked Newcastle out of the cup and we were always confident that we could do the same again."

However, not even Oakes, who left Luton to join Sheffield Wednesday in 1996, could have imagined that he would have enjoyed such a dream performance.

"I had been playing up front, alongside John Hartson and Kerry Dixon, and was playing fairly well. I had been scoring

goals, but the game against West Ham was just something else.

"Everything seemed to go my way that night and everything I touched seemed to come off for me. I remember Kerry setting me up for two of the goals and I think it was Tim Breaker (who was in the West Ham team) kept me onside twice, so I had him to thank as well.

"Looking back at the goals, I would have to say the third one was a bit special for me. I remember robbing Steve Potts of the ball and by the time I got towards the goal I was totally shattered, but I just got everything I had behind the ball and was relieved to see it hit the back of the net."

But it wasn't only the scenes of the game that Oakes remembers with great fondness. It was also the events that panned out after the final whistle and the unexpected trip to Wembley, where both the semi-finals were held.

"When the full time whistle was approaching, I remember staying close to the referee, because I wanted the match ball," Oakes continued. "As the whistle went, I completely lost concentration and supporters were just charging from the stands onto the pitch.

"I did manage to grab hold of the ball and was clutching it for dear life. It was a lovely moment to be hoisted off the pitch by the supporters. The atmosphere on that night was something I had never seen at Kenilworth Road.

"I think we put a smile on the faces of Luton supporters that season. Since the Club's triumph in the Littlewoods Cup in 1988, there hadn't been many to cheer about so to have the added bonus of going to Wembley that season was fantastic for the club.

Nowadays, Oakes is cheering on his brother, Stefan, who is currently embarking on a cup journey of his own. The Wycombe star is embroiled in a Carling Cup tussle with Premiership champions Chelsea. Maybe another hero is about to emerge from the Oakes household.



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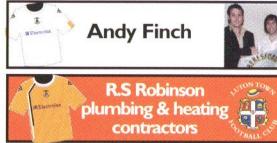
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## Plus Facts and figures

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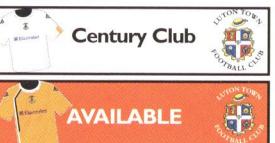
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2005/06 App: 43\*  
2005/06 Goals: 0\*

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\*

11 *Dean* **Morgan**

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

17 *Richard* **Langley**

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

21 *Keith* **Keane**

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

27 *Peter* **Holmes**

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

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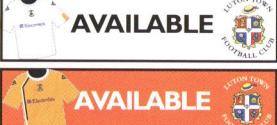
Position: Goalkeeper  
Date Of Birth: 25-5-88  
Place Of Birth: Stevenage  
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2006  
2005/06 App: 0\*  
2005/06 Goals: 0\*

02 *Kevin* **Foley**

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

06 *Paul* **Underwood**

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

14 *Michael* **Leary**

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

18 *Ahmet* **Brkovic**

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

22 *Danny* **Stevens**

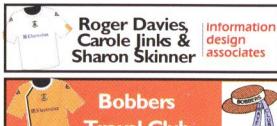
Position: Midfielder  
Date Of Birth: 26-11-86  
Place Of Birth: Enfield  
Date Signed: September 2005  
First Club: Tottenham  
Last Club: Tottenham  
2005/06 App: 1\*  
2005/06 Goals: 0\*

28 *David* **Bell**

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

03 *Sal* **Davis**

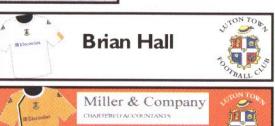
Position: Defender  
Date Of Birth: 04-09-79  
Place Of Birth: Cheltenham  
Date Signed: August 2002  
First Club: Swindon Town  
Last Club: Swindon Town  
2005/06 App: 23\*  
2005/06 Goals: 0\*

08 *Steve* **Robinson**

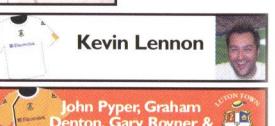
Position: Midfielder  
Date Of Birth: 10-12-74  
Place Of Birth: Lisburn  
Date Signed: June 2002  
First Club: Tottenham  
Last Club: Bristol City  
2005/06 App: 27\*  
2005/06 Goals: 3\*

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: Southampton  
Date Signed: Aug 2006  
Last Club: Ipswich Town  
2005/06 App: 20  
2005/06 Goals: 5

25 *Leon* **Barnett**

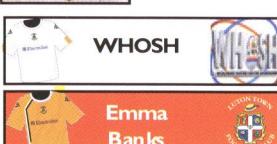
Position: Defender  
Date Of Birth: 30-11-85  
Place Of Birth: Luton  
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002  
Last Club: Aylesbury (loan)  
2005/06 App: 22\*  
2005/06 Goals: 0\*

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\*

04 *Chris* **Coyne**

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

10 *Warren* **Feehey**

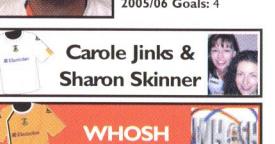
Position: Striker  
Date Of Birth: 17-01-81  
Place Of Birth: Belfast  
Date Signed: March 2005  
First Club: Leeds United  
Last Club: Stockport  
2005/06 App: 45\*  
2005/06 Goals: 7\*

16 *Lewis* **Emanuel**

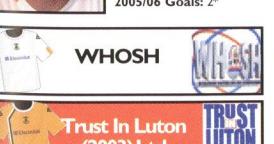
Position: Defender  
Date Of Birth: 14-10-83  
Place Of Birth: Bradford  
Date Signed: July 2006  
First Club: Bradford  
Last Club: Bradford  
2005/06 App: 43\*  
2005/06 Goals: 2

20 *Adam* **Boyd**

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

26 *Marius* **Heikkinen**

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

33 *Dean* **Brill**

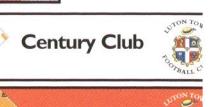
Position: Goalkeeper  
Date Of Birth: 02-12-85  
Place Of Birth: Luton  
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002  
Last Club: Aberdeen  
2005/06 App: 6\*  
2005/06 Goals: 0\*

Marvin **Johnson**

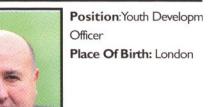
Position: Reserve/Youth Team Coach  
Place Of Birth: Wembley  
Playing Career: Luton Town



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



Position: Youth Development Officer  
Place Of Birth: London



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



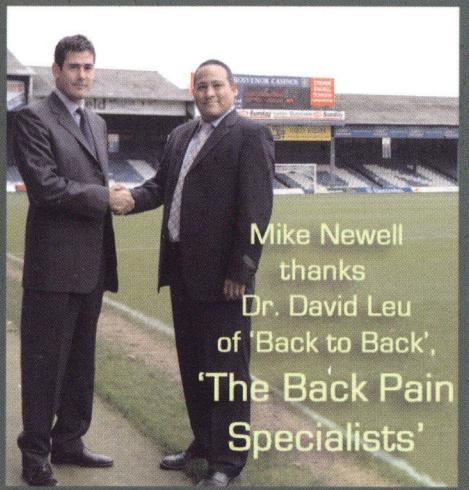
Position: First Team Coach  
Place Of Birth: Cape Town  
Playing Career: Bant, Anney, Caen, Luton Town, Edgeware Town



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



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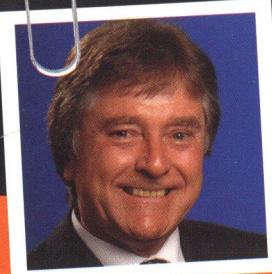
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# Commercial news with **Peter Davis**

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

Good evening and welcome, to today's sponsor's together with our commercial partners, to this FA Cup Third Round replay against Queens Park Rangers. Success this evening sets up the prospect of a mouth-watering Fourth Round tie against Premiership club Blackburn Rovers. In anticipation of just such a prospect, the Commercial Department has already planned a full sponsorship programme that includes Match, Match Ball and Associate Sponsorship opportunities, plus VIP hospitality which will also include the use of our satellite hotel venues, the Leaside and Swallow Chiltern. Full details will be published on our website.

As you are aware, the Department arranged a VIP event on Saturday 6th January to QPR. Following the very successful event, I would like to go on record, in thanking Gary Hooper and Julie Newman of QPR's Commercial Department for their welcome and the hospitality service they extended to our VIP guests who travelled to Loftus Road. Our next VIP away programme is to Leicester City on 3rd February, which I am pleased to report is completely sold out. More of these highly successful events will be organised throughout the season, so continue to watch for details either through this programme or on our website.

## **Hatters World Video Service**

As announced last week, the Club are delighted to announce an upgrade to our Hatters World audio service, to include a brand new video enhancement that will allow all of our fans to further enjoy how they receive all aspects of Club news. Interviews with the Directors, Management, Players, special behind the scenes features, including reports from the training ground will all start to regularly appear. Having enjoyed the kudos of having the most popular audio site outside of the Premiership, this upgrade to our website service is just another example of our commitment to constantly deliver a continually improving service to our supporters. The tremendous news is that a full season's subscription remains at £34.99, or new subscribers can enjoy this great service for the rest of the current 2006/07 campaign for just £19.99.

Enjoy the game and thank you all for your support

Peter



Match sponsor Nick Owen collecting his sponsorship awards from squad members



VIP guests in the home dugout pre match against Cardiff City

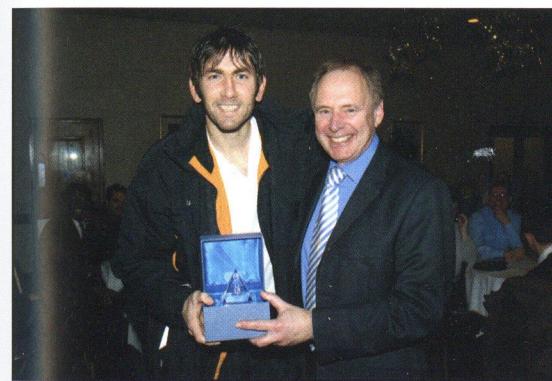


Eight-year-old commercial mascot Oliver Chellew collecting his certificate

Matchball Sponsor:  
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We welcome back for his second sponsorship of the season, Alan Corkhill, Managing Director of Regal Litho, together with his guests and family members as tonight's Match Ball sponsors. Regal Litho, as I am sure you are aware, is the Club's official printer and are responsible for the printing of our superb Matchday Programme. Alan's commercial association with Luton Town extends back many years and his sponsorship links have continued unabated throughout this time. In fact his advertising in the stadium, together with his support sponsoring our website are just part of this year's Regal Litho programme, as well as their continuing support to our match activities. Now trading from a new state of the art premises in Bletchley, Alan's full range of printing services can be explored via the link button from our own website, [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk), or by going direct to Regal Litho on 01908 270400, or email to [estimating@regallitho.co.uk](mailto:estimating@regallitho.co.uk)



Man of the Match Russ Perrett receiving his trophy from Nick Owen after the Cardiff game

Commercial Mascot:  
**Charlie Bain**



We also have great pleasure in welcoming tonight's commercial mascot Charlie Bain, together with his family. Charlie, who was 13 on the 16th January, lives in Houghton Conquest, Bedfordshire, and attends Marston Vale Middle School. He plays football for Barton Rovers and numbers amongst his many other hobbies, pool, basketball, swimming and chess. Dean Morgan is his favourite Luton player, who he will meet this evening together with rest of the squad. May we take the opportunity of wishing Charlie a very happy birthday and hope that he and his family have a tremendous evening with us.



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## Round Up

Simon Gover looks back on the action from the  
Championship on New Year's Day

**B**irmingham City slipped up at Ipswich Town, as Derby County moved into second, while the bottom three all won in the Championship.

Queens Park Rangers also recorded an important three points, but Barnsley have dropped into the relegation zone after Hull City's surprise win at Sheffield Wednesday.

A last minute goal from Gavin Williams condemned Birmingham to a 1-0 defeat at Ipswich and their lead at the top is now down to three points.

Preston and Derby started the day level on points behind the leaders, but The Rams claimed second spot after a 2-1 success at Deepdale.

Steve Howard moved into double figures for the season as he put Derby ahead on 48 minutes and converted a penalty three minutes later.

David Nugent fired a consolation for Preston 11 minutes from time, but former manager Billy Davies was able to

celebrate a happy return to Lancashire. At the bottom end of the table, Southend United stunned in-form West Bromwich Albion with a 3-1 victory at Roots Hall.

Jamal Campbell-Ryce scored his first goals for Southend, on 11 and 28 minutes, to give the bottom club a fine start.

Lewis Hunt's first league goal for the club made it 3-0 before half-time, with John Hartson scoring on 63 minutes for West Brom.

Leeds United also recorded a vital victory after seeing off Coventry City 2-1 at Elland Road.

David Healy opened the scoring on 15 minutes, but Adam Virgo marked his first start for Coventry with the equaliser two minutes before the break.

Jonathon Douglas was Leeds' hero as he scored his first goal of the season on 53 minutes.

Hull are now out of the drop zone after Nick Barmby (9 & 65) scored in each half of a 2-1 win at Sheffield Wednesday. Deon Burton had brought the hosts level on 53 minutes.

Barnsley slipped into the bottom three as Simon Davey's first game as the club's permanent manager ended in a 2-0 defeat at Wolves.

Darren Potter had a 29th minute penalty saved for Wolves before Karl Henry (52) and Seyi Olofinjana (78) scored in the second period.

The in-demand Ray Jones scored a decisive goal on 36 minutes as QPR put a dent in Colchester's unlikely promotion push at Loftus Road.

Barry Hayles earned Plymouth Argyle a point at home to Southampton before being sent off for two yellow cards.

Grzegorz Rasiak put Saints ahead on five minutes before Hayles levelled on 66 minutes. The veteran Plymouth striker was then sent off six minutes from time.

Sunderland scored twice in the last 11 minutes to post a 2-0 victory at Leicester City. Tobias Hysen's previous goal for the club had been against Leicester and he scored on 79 minutes, with David Connolly getting a second four minutes later.

Crystal Palace were another team to claim a much needed three points after beating Norwich City 3-1 at Selhurst Park.

Mark Hudson and Sheki Kuqi scored in the space of three minutes before Robert Earnshaw replied with a penalty at the end of the first half. There was then still time for Stuart Green to score a third goal for Palace before the break.



■ Nick Barmby scored twice for Hull as their battle against relegation continued with an impressive win at Sheffield Wednesday





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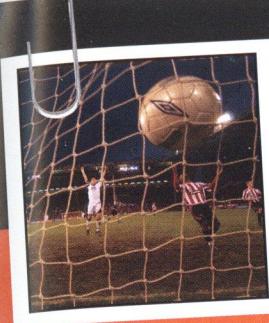
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## FA Cup Shocks

**JAMES MARSH** looks back at some classic FA Cup shocks from the Third Round.

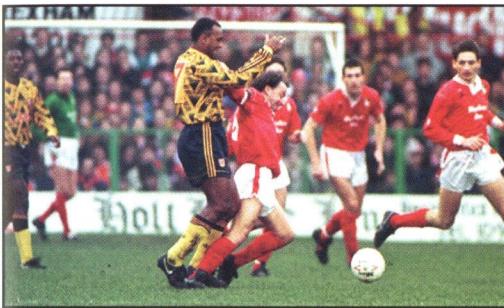
### FA Cup Third Round January 4th 1992 Wrexham 2 Arsenal 1

League champions Arsenal arrived at the Racecourse Ground to face a side that had finished the previous season bottom of the fourth division.

However, the form book was spectacularly torn to shreds by maverick ex-Wales international, Mickey Thomas.

The score was a predictable one-nil to the Arsenal when, with ten minutes left, the controversial yet brilliant former Manchester United man struck a ferocious 25-yard free kick past England goalkeeper David Seaman.

The Gunners were stunned and, just two minutes later, 20-year-old striker Steve Watkin took the ball down in the box and slid in the goal that sent most of North Wales into delirium.



□ Mickey Thomas shrugs off Arsenal's David Rocastle in 1992

### FA Cup Third Round January 7th 1989 Sutton United 2 Coventry 1

Goose Green Lane was the setting for the humbling of John Sillett's Coventry, who had actually won the competition only two years earlier.

On a pitch that was ripe for an upset, the home side went ahead in the first half through defender, Tony Raines.

Although Coventry conjured up an equaliser, the Conference outfit regained the lead ten minutes into the second-half when Matt Hanlon swept the ball in at the back post.

Sutton hung on until the end, and remain the last non-league side to knock a top flight club out of the cup.

### FA Cup Third Round January 5th 1984 Bournemouth 2 Manchester United 0

Few could have predicted the cup holders would crash out against third division Bournemouth, but, in truth, an insipid United were

deservedly beaten at Dean Court.

After a non-descript and goalless first half, Milton Graham put the Cherries ahead on the hour mark, and only minutes later Ian Thompson doubled the lead after an awful error from, of all people, England captain Bryan Robson.

United showed little appetite to fight back and an awful day for manager Ron Atkinson was compounded by some terrible violence from the away fans.



□ Ricky George (right) and Ronnie Radford soak up the adulation after their stunning win in 1972

### FA Cup Third Round February 5th 1972 Hereford 2 Newcastle 1

On a sandy quagmire of a pitch at Edgar Street, the Southern League side were trailing 1-0 when Ronnie Radford picked the ball up 35 yards out and proceeded to score perhaps the most famous FA Cup goal of all time.

After playing a neat one-two – in itself something of a feat on such a torrid surface – Radford then smashed a thunderbolt into the angle of the net.

After an ecstatic pitch invasion, the home crowd were back in their seats to see Ricky George net the winner in extra time and send first division Newcastle crashing out.

### FA Cup Third Round January 5th 1991 West Bromwich Albion 2 Woking 4

Brian Talbot's Baggies were left stumped when Gibraltar cricket international, Tim Buzaglo, netted a three-goal haul to see the Isthmian League outfit through to the fourth round.

Although West Brom went one up, Buzaglo led a stunning comeback to dump the second division side out of the competition.

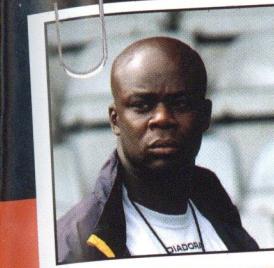
The plaudits deservedly went to the hat-trick hero, but it was a superb all-round performance from Woking, epitomised by Buzaglo's third goal which was finished off after a move involving seven of his team mates.



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# Luton Town Youth Team

We caught up with Marvin Johnson following the Youth Team's 2-0 defeat at Burnley in the FA Youth Cup

## FA YOUTH CUP 4TH ROUND WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY BURNLEY 2 LUTON 0

Luton Town's Youth side crashed out of the FA Youth Cup after losing 2-0 to Burnley last week.

Luton's youngsters were unable to repeat their excellent performance in the last round, where they dispensed of Huddersfield, and boss Marvin Johnson admitted his side were second best throughout the game.

A goal in each half from Burnley striker Jay Rodriguez was enough to see the home side through in a match played at Padiham FC in Lancashire.

Young Hatters had gone into the game high on confidence after an impressive 3-0 Puma Youth Alliance South East Conference win over Rushden at the weekend.

However, Luton's youngsters only created one real chance of note early on in the game when a header was cleared off the line.

Luton had to be thankful to goalkeeper Ross Faulds for keeping the score down after making a number of impressive saves throughout the game.

Johnson said: "To be honest we didn't really deserve anything from the game and it was a fair result. We didn't do enough to go through."

"We didn't create any clear cut chances and only a few of the players played to their full potential, which

was a bit disappointing.

"They underperformed, most definitely so. It was pretty much the same team we had against Rushden, but they didn't play like we know they can."

"It was a big game for us and that's when you expect your top players to come good."

"It will add to the players' experience, but they will have to play in bigger games than that if they want to become professional footballers."

There had been some doubt as to whether the game would have gone ahead due to bad weather in the north west.

But Johnson added: "The pitch was a lot better than I thought it would be. It did cut up a little bit, but nothing could be blamed on the surface."

Meanwhile, Luton have kept within touching distance at the top of the Youth Alliance Division following their win against Rushden & Diamonds.

Two goals from Ashley Harrison-Barker and a strike from Russell Preston helped Luton ease to victory against their Northamptonshire opponents in the South East Conference Division.

The result leaves Luton four points behind league leaders Colchester United with a game in hand.

Town's Youth Team are back in league action on Saturday when they make the trip to Southend for an 11am kick-off game.

Luton's next home game is against Colchester on the 20th January at Newlands Road, kick-off 11am

## LTFC YOUTH

Date	Opponent	KO/Result					
August							
Sat 12	<b>Southend United</b>	<b>L - 2-3</b>					
Sat 19	Colchester United	D - 1-1					
September							
Sat 2	<b>Hereford United (PY)</b>	<b>W - 7-0</b>					
Sat 9	Bristol Rovers (PY)	D - 1-1					
Sat 16	<b>Leyton Orient (PY)</b>	<b>L - 0-2</b>					
Sat 23	<b>Leyton Orient</b>	<b>W - 1-0</b>					
Sat 30	Portsmouth	W - 2-1					
October							
Sat 7	<b>Rushden &amp; Diam (PY)</b>	<b>L - 0-4</b>					
Sat 21	<b>QPR</b>	<b>W - 3-1</b>					
Sat 28	Wycombe Wanderers	L - 0-1					
November							
Sat 04	<b>Northampton Town</b>	<b>W - 4-0</b>					
Sat 11	Cheltenham Town (PY)	W - 2-1					
Sat 18	Northampton Town (PY)	L - 1-2					
Sat 25	<b>Gillingham</b>	<b>L - 1-2</b>					
December							
Wed 6	<b>Huddersfield (FAYC rd3)</b>	<b>W - 1-0</b>					
Sat 9	Brighton & Hove Albion	P-P					
Sat 16	Brentford	W - 2-1					
January							
Sat 6	<b>Rushden &amp; Diam</b>	<b>W - 3-0</b>					
Wed 10	Burnley (FAYC rd4)	L - 0-2					
Sat 13	Southend United	11:00am					
Sat 20	<b>Colchester United</b>	<b>11:00am</b>					
February							
Sat 03	Leyton Orient	11:00am					
Sat 10	<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>11:00am</b>					
Sat 17	QPR	11:00am					
Sat 24	<b>Wycombe Wanderers</b>	<b>11:00am</b>					
March							
Sat 03	Northampton Town	11:00am					
Sat 17	Gillingham	11:00am					
Sat 24	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Albion</b>	<b>11:00am</b>					
Sat 31	Brentford	11:00am					
April							
Sat 14	Rushden & Diam	11:00am					
Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Colchester	11	6	5	0	26	14	23
QPR	11	7	2	2	26	15	23
Gillingham	11	6	2	3	22	19	20
Luton Town	10	6	1	3	19	10	19
Wycombe W	11	5	3	3	12	6	18
Southend Utd	10	4	3	3	20	15	15
Brighton	10	4	3	3	10	10	15
Rushden & D	11	4	2	5	13	23	14
Brentford	11	3	4	4	10	13	13
Northampton	11	2	3	6	16	24	9
Leyton Orient	10	1	1	8	6	18	4
Portsmouth	11	1	1	9	8	21	4



# Football in the Community

Stuart Smith brings you the latest news from the Community Department



## LUTON TOWN 1 REAL MADRID 0

**G**ood evening and welcome to tonight's game. Luton Town 1 Real Madrid 0, Fiction or a fact? It is in fact an amazing result achieved by our Under 13 Development Centre team on their recent tour to Germany.

What better way to start today's page than to update you on the playing progress of our Development Centre squads. On Saturday 28th December Crawley Green FC superbly hosted our performance Centre fixtures against Rushden and Diamonds and Dagenham and Redbridge. The day was a resounding success for all our age groups from Under 9 to Under 16, but more importantly the children and their parents had a really enjoyable day. The conduct of the children on and off the pitch was exemplary, and the parents on the sidelines entered into the spirit of what we are trying to achieve and offered only encouragement to their children and the teams participating.

### This is how our squads fared on the day.

- Under 9s - Winners of 3 way Round Robin between Luton, Rushden and Dagenham
- Under 10s - Winners of 3 way Round Robin between Luton, Rushden and Dagenham
- Under 11s - Luton 2 - 2 Rushden & Diamonds
- Under 12s - Luton 5 - 2 Rushden & Diamonds
- Under 13/14 - Combined 13 and 14s team won Round Robin consisting of two Luton teams and one Rushden team
- Under 15/16 - Combined team beat Rushden & Diamonds 9-2

I am sure you would agree a fantastic achievement by all the boys made all the more satisfying by the fact that our programme is less than 5 months old and Rushden's is more than 5 years old. This shows not only the rapid steps forward we are making with this programme but also the wealth of soccer talent at all levels there is in our area.

So, how did we come to beat Real Madrid? Well, this is the story. Over the weekend of the 5th to 7th January Gregg and I took the Under 12 and Under 13 Development Squads to two different tournaments in Germany.

These tours are part of our Development Centre Programme, they are, of course, about playing football and hopefully performing well in the tournaments but more importantly they are educational trips for the children. With the focus being on teaching the children to be independent and do things for themselves, such as tidying their rooms, getting themselves up in the morning and getting to meals on time. We also encourage the children to interact with other children from different countries and cultures and to embrace the differences. In the short time we also try to affect the boys attitude to their diet. Out go fizzy drinks, sweets, pizzas, etc, and in come healthy drinking and eating options. Even for the coaching staff!

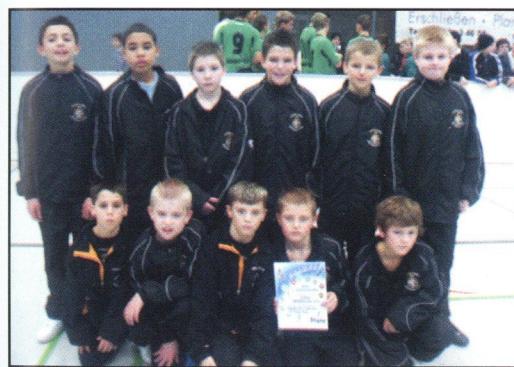
Gregg took the Under 13 Development Squad to the 24 team Euro Cup 2007 5-a-side tournament in Heiden. The tour-

nement is one of Europe's premier indoor events and 10 of the 24 clubs represented had played in the Champions League. Our squad narrowly failed to qualify for the last 8 of the tournament and consequently went into the play off for places 9 to 12. After this play off we finally finished 10th of 24 in a tournament consisting of teams from seven different countries. Gregg genuinely felt we performed well over the two days but our inexperience at this kind of football showed. Our passing was not of a high enough standard and in the end this was our downfall. So how did we end up playing Real Madrid? At the end of the tournament the squad had a little spare time so Gregg in his wisdom decided we should challenge Real's Development Squad to an 11-a-side friendly. They readily agreed to play. As they say the rest is history! Luton Town 1 Real Madrid 0. Please forgive my gloating.

I took our Under 12 Development Squad to the 14 team Primus Cup 5-a-side tournament in Frankfurt, again this tournament was peppered with clubs who have played in the UEFA Cup or the Champions League. Of the 14 teams represented six of them had played in either of the mentioned tournaments.. In this tournament we finished 9th out of the 14 in a competition that had two groups of seven teams who played each other. When a final league table was established 7th in Group A played 7th in Group B to establish 13th and 14th place and so on up to 1st place. The boys performed well, but like the Under 13s we need to show more quality with the football and also gain more experience at this form of the game.

Gregg and I were proud of the commitment, performances and above all the conduct of the boys in both squads. They were a credit to our football club.

Below are pictures of our Under 12 squad and Under 13 squad with the Real Madrid players.



**□ The Luton Town Under 12s side**



**□ The Luton Town Under 13s side**

The Under 12 players representing Luton Towns Development Centre were:

George Niven, Keaton Washington, Brett Longden, Brad Turner, Martin McGarrell, Ryan Dix, Tom Gornall, Connor Delaney, Harry Elliott, George Saunders, Kit Ellam.

The Under 13 players representing Luton Towns Development Centre were:

Sam Swanton, Tyrone Marsh, Oli Hayward, Newman Carney, Nathan Larrier, Michael Sinclair, Josh McClelland, Joseph Tandoh, George Humphreys, Chris Foster, and Bobby Frame.

Enjoy the game  
Stuart Smith

# Action Replay

vs Queens Park Rangers  
Saturday 6th January 2007



**QPR 2 LUTON 2**

Attendance: 10,064

Luton Scorers: Vine (45), Feeney (46)

Picture: Warren Feeney heads Luton into the lead early in the second half against Queens Park Rangers



**Luton:** Beresford, Davis, Coyne, Perrett, Robinson, Vine, Feeney, Morgan, Langley, Brkovic, Barnett

**Subs not used:** Brill, O'Leary, Boyd, Keane, Holmes

**Bookings:** Barnett (83), Robinson (90) Langley (90)

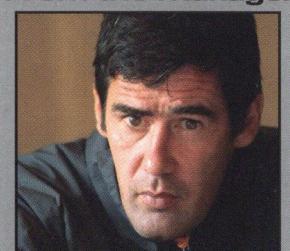
**Goals:** Vine (45), Feeney (46)



**QPR:** Royce, Bignot, Ward (Baidoo 72), Lomas (Bircham 72), Cook, Kanyuka, Stewart, Jones (Furlong 64), Blackstock, Smith, Mancienne

**Subs not used:** Cole, Rehman.  
**Goals:** Blackstock (32), Baidoo (76)

#### From the Manager



We should have won the game, again. We should have put it beyond doubt with the spell we had 15 or 20 minutes after half-time. We should have had it wrapped up, but we didn't. When you concede, you concede, but it's hard to take when it's hand ball. It's the FA Cup and you're interested in performances, you just want to get through to the next round.



□ Warren Feeney gets between two QPR defenders, but is stopped in his tracks by Simon Royce



□ GOAL - Rowan Vine fires Luton on level terms with a brilliant effort from outside the area

## QPR 2 LUTON 2

A second half strike from Shabazz Baidoo helped salvage a replay for QPR as Luton were pegged back at Loftus Road in an entertaining FA Cup Third Round encounter.

The Rangers substitute hit home a questionable equalising goal in the second half to cancel out strikes from Warren Feeney and Rowan Vine.

Luton were left fuming as the striker looked to have handled the ball into the net.

Despite strong protests from Luton players, referee Anthony Bates allowed the goal to stand, despite consulting with his assistant.

Rangers took a first half lead when Dexter Blackstock nodded home from close range to convert Cook's corner.

Luton were back on level terms just before the interval through Rowan Vine's 14th goal of the season, as the striker curled home a shot from just outside the area.

Warren Feeney put Luton in front early in the second half to notch his second goal in three games after a mistake from Rangers goalkeeper Simon Royce, allowed the striker to nod into an empty net.



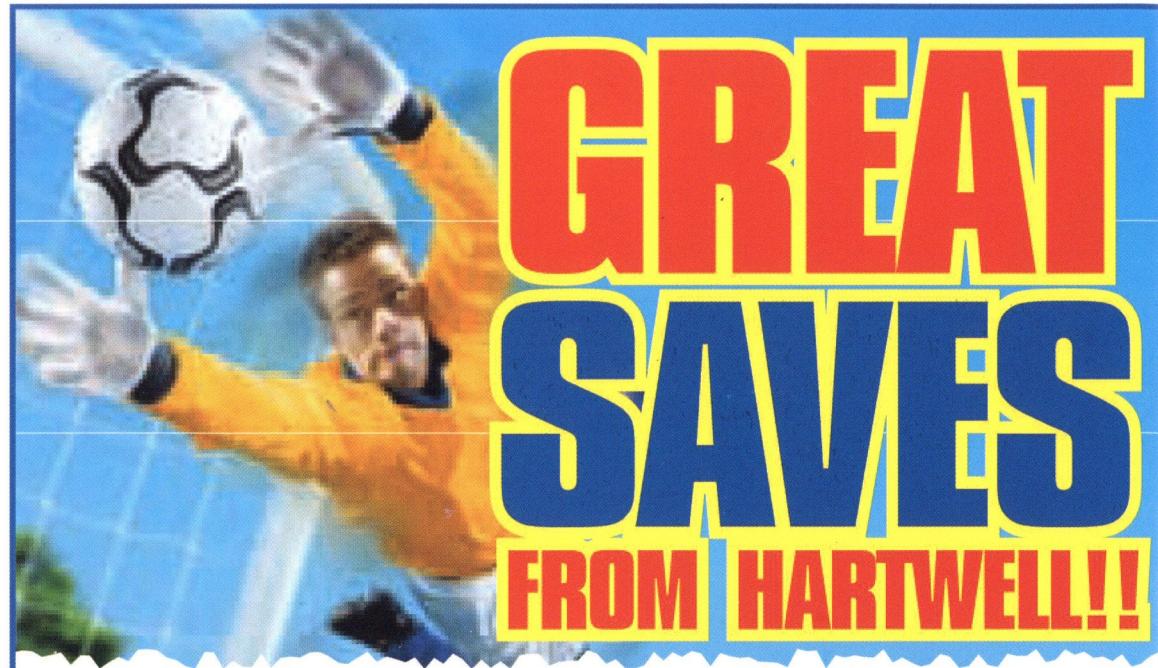
□ Warren Feeney is congratulated by Rowan Vine and Dean Morgan



□ Leon Barnett clambers on top of Dexter Blackstock to win this header



□ Dean Morgan skips over the challenge of a Rangers defender as he mounts an attack at goal



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## Luton Town Ladies

**Dave Baker brings us the latest news from the Luton Ladies side**

**E**ven with the festive break injuries and illness still robbed the Town of some vital players, not least of which was the absence of all three registered goalkeepers. When it reaches that incredible state of affairs there are no emergency loans for us, so it was Emma Leete who was brave enough to step forward and take the gloves. Laura Massey and Laura Day were making their league debuts so it was always going to be an uphill task to take any points from a game against the joint league leaders Swindon Town.

Swindon took the lead as early as the seventh minute direct from a free kick, but the major part of the game was played out in midfield, with few real chances in the

swirling wind. Swindon increased their lead after an hour when a swirling high cross was scrambled over the line, and the game looked lost at 0-2.

Luton had other ideas though as they increasingly turned the screw on the visitors, who were taking every opportunity to waste time. Laura Day found space but her shot just dropped over the bar. However, Belles were back in the game when Rebecca Kane beat her full back for the umpteenth time to cross for Janine Daly, who did brilliantly to adjust her feet before heading into the top corner.

Luton were back in the game and persisted until the very end and were rewarded in the 94th minute

when Janine Daly found the top corner with a superb strike from 20 yards. The next visitors to the Town are Forest Green Rovers.

An excellent performance by the Under 13s was the highlight of the week as they returned from title challengers Hemel Hempstead with all three points. This squad play an excellent brand of football but the match saw them combine this with a more steely display. Rachael Spendelow opened the scoring for Luton and Maisie Wyatt added a second before the break as Town dominated the first half. The home side did pull a goal back in the last quarter but a resolute Luton held on for a 2-1 win.

The Under 14s were too strong for Northwood, running up a 7-1 win with goals from Clare Howe (3), Leah Maddix (2), Grace Shiels and Megan Willmott. Our Under 11s won by the same scoreline against Harpenden to maintain their challenge at the top.

Although not currently at the top of their league our Under 10 squad are in a strong position to strike for the top with games in hand. Stotfold could not hold back as Rebecca Reeve who scored a hat trick on her birthday in a 3-1 win.



□ Janine Daly scored twice in the Luton Ladies game with Swindon Town recently



From the

# Ticket Office

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



**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.

**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS:** Tickets are currently on general sale 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 night of the game. However all ticket prices increase by £1.00 if purchased on the night of the game.



**COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**LEICESTER CITY V LUTON TOWN**  
**Saturday 3rd February 2007**  
**Kick-Off 3:00pm**



**ALLOCATION:** We have been initially allocated 1347 tickets.

**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS:** Tickets are now on sale 1 ticket per season ticket holder/member until close of business on 27/01/07. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on 29/01/07 until 12 noon on 02/02/07 (subject to availability)

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

**Adults £22, Seniors (over 60) £20, Young person (16-21yrs) £20  
Juveniles (12-15yrs) £12, Juniors (under 12) £5, Under 8s FREE  
Wheelchair and Ambulant disabled £22 plus carer free of charge**



**COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**LUTON TOWN V NORWICH CITY**  
**Saturday 10th February 2007**  
**Kick-Off 3:00pm**



**THIS IS AN ALL TICKET MATCH. TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE DAY OF THE GAME**

Tickets are on sale at normal pre-match day prices.



**COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**STOKE CITY V LUTON TOWN**  
**Saturday 17th February 2007**  
**Kick-Off 3:00pm**



**THIS FIXTURE IS PAY ON THE DAY ONLY. NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE TICKET OFFICE**

Tickets are priced as follows:

**Adults £19, Seniors (over 65) £12.00, Under 17s £12, Under 11s £9  
Wheelchair and Ambulant disabled £14 plus carer free of charge**



**COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**LUTON TOWN V SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY**

**Tuesday 20th February 2007**  
**Kick-Off 7:45pm**

**THIS IS AN ALL TICKET MATCH.**  
**TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE DAY OF THE GAME**

Tickets are on sale at normal pre-match day prices.



**COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**CRYSTAL PALACE V LUTON TOWN**  
**Saturday 24th February 2007**  
**Kick-Off 3:00pm**

**ALLOCATION:** We have received initial allocation of 1084 tickets.

**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS:** Tickets are on sale now 1 ticket per season ticket holder until close of business on 27/1/07. Members will be able to purchase 1 ticket per member from 29/1/07 until close of business 10/2/07. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on 12/2/07 until 12 Noon 23/02/07 (subject to availability.)

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

**Seating: Adult £25.00 Seniors (over 60) £15.00 Juniors (Under 16) £15.00**



## TRAVEL GUIDE

**By Car:** Coventry is a fairly simple ground to reach. Take the M1 northbound and join the M6. Leave the M6 at Junction 3 and take the A444 towards the city centre. After one mile you will reach the stadium on your left.

**Parking:** Car parking is extremely restricted around the ground. Fans are advised that there are two park and ride sites, one situated to the north of the stadium at Bayton Road Industrial Estate, and one to the south at Whitley.

There are also a number of park and walk sites around the stadium, but there is a charge for these facilities

### SUPPORTERS CLUBS

**Town on Tour** will be leaving Maple Road at 5:00pm, with a stop at MK Coachway approximately 30 minutes later. The fare for LTSC members is £13, £11 concessions and £15 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 3:30pm and Luton at 4:30pm. Costs for this trip is £13.00 adults and £11.00 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk, at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 856542.

**By Car:** Leave the M1 at Junction 21. Take the A5460 towards Leicester city centre. Continue on this road, until you go under a railway bridge. Carry on for another 200 yards and turn right at the traffic lights into Upperton Road (sign posted Royal Infirmary) and then right again into Filbert Street. The new stadium is visible just behind the old Filbert Street ground.

**Parking:** Allow yourself a little extra time to get to the ground as traffic does tend to get quite congested near the stadium. Plenty of street parking to be found (especially around the Upperton Road area), although don't double park as the traffic wardens tend to have a field day at every match. Alternatively you can park at Leicester Rugby Club, which is a ten minute walk away from the stadium.

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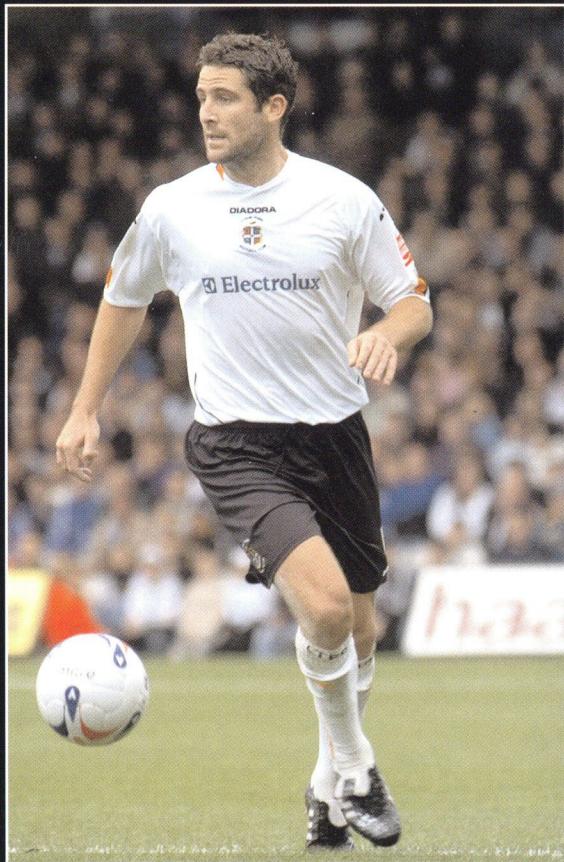
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## 2006/2007 Appearances

	This Season					International App		Luton Town Career					
	League App	Gls	Cup Competitions App	Gls	Total App	Gls	Disciplinary Yel	Red	Nation	Caps	Gls	App	Gls
1 Marlon BERESFORD	17	0	4	0	22	0	1	1				122	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	25	0	1(2)	0	26(2)	0	0	0	Rep U21 (plus Rep 'B')	2	0	150	5
3 Sol DAVIS	14(3)	0	3	0	17(3)	0	4	0				175	2
4 Chris COYNE	5(5)	0	2	0	7(5)	0	0	0				217	15
5 Russell PERRETT	5(2)	1	1	0	6(2)	0	1	0				104	9
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				72	5
7 Carlos EDWARDS	26	6	2(1)	0	28(1)	6	1	0	Trin & Tob	3	0	74	8
7 Matthew SPRING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				289	30
8 Steve ROBINSON	24(1)	0	2	0	26(1)	0	3	0				162	11
9 Rowan VINE	26	12	2(2)	2	28(2)	14	9	0				111	33
10 Warren FEENEY	14(10)	2	3	2	17(10)	4	1	0	N Ireland	(5)	0	78	11
11 Dean MORGAN	17(10)	3	4	1	21(10)	4	1	0				69	10
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				32	3
15 Stephen O'LEARY	2(1)	0	3	0	4(1)	0	0	0				33	2
16 Lewis EMANUEL	24	1	0	0	24	1	2	1	Rep 'B'	1	0	24	1
17 Richard LANGLEY	16(2)	1	2	0	18(2)	1	3	0				20	1
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	12(5)	3	3(1)	0	15(6)	3	2	0				215	38
19 Sam PARKIN	7(1)	1	0	0	7(1)	1	1	0				7	1
20 Adam BOYD	4(11)	1	2(1)	1	6(12)	2	0	0				20	2
21 Keith KEANE	3(1)	1	3	0	6(1)	1	1	0				55	3
22 Danny STEVENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1	0
23 Dean KIELY	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0				11	0
24 Shaun ROSS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0
25 Leon BARNETT	28	2	4	0	32	2	6	0				59	2
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	24	1	0	0	24	1	4	0	Finland	4	0	64	3
27 Peter HOLMES	3(2)	0	2	0	3(2)	0	2	0				127	12
28 David BELL	12(6)	2	3	0	15(4)	2	1	1				30	2
29 Calvin ANDREW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				12	1
33 Dean BRILL	1(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				15	0
34 Zac BARRETT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0
35 Chris PENDLETON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0

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

## ALL THE GOALS

### HOW THEY WENT IN:

SHOTS: 31

HEADERS: 8

PENALTIES: 3

OWN GOALS: 0

FREE-KICKS: 1

TOTAL: 45

## A GAME OF TWO HALVES

### FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 31 - W 10 - D 12 - L 9 - F 19 - A 21 PTS 42

### SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 31 - W 8 - D 9 - L 14 - F 22 - A 33 PTS 33

## OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 13

Opponents score first goal: 17

No goals scored: 3

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: 9

Opponents score first and win: 13

Opponents score first and draw: 3

Opponents score first and lose: 1

Opponents fail to score: 5

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 16

Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 8

Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 9

Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 10

# Luton's 2006/07 Stats

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

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

DATE	Fixture	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Barnett	Boyd	Brkovic	Morgan	Perrett	
<b>Sat 5</b>	<b>LEICESTER CITY*</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>8,131</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>2</b>	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Barnett	Boyd	Brkovic	Morgan	Perrett	
Tues 8	Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	22,613	719	3	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Coyne	Morgan	Perrett	
Sat 12	Norwich City	2-3	22,863	1,221	6	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Coyne	Morgan	Perrett	
<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>STOKE CITY</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>7,727</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>5</b>	Beresford	Foley	<b>Barnet</b>	Coyne	Davis	Emanuel	Holmes	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Brkovic	Keane	Morgan	
Tues 22	Bristol Rovers (CC1)	1-1◆	2,882	275	-	Beresford	Keane	Barnett	Coyne	Davis	Brkovic	Holmes	O'Leary	Bell	Boyd	Morgan	Brill	Edwards	Foley	Stevens	Vine	
Sat 26	Wolves	0-1	19,378	1,069	10	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Bell	Keane	Morgan	Parkin	
<b>Sat 9</b>	<b>CRYSTAL PALACE</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>9,187</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>6</b>	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Keane	Morgan	
<b>Tues 12</b>	<b>COLCHESTER UNITED</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>7,609</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>7</b>	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Keane	Morgan	
Sat 16	Cardiff City	1-4	14,108	329	12	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Coyne	Feeney	Morgan	
Tues 19	Brentford (CC2)	3-0	3,005	598	-	Beresford	Edwards	Barnett	Keane	Holmes	<b>Morgan</b>	Bell	O'Leary	Brkovic	Boyd	Vine	Foley	Langley	Stevens	Vine		
<b>Sat 23</b>	<b>WBA</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>9,332</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>12</b>	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Holmes	Keane	
Sat 30	Barnsley	2-1	10,175	738	11	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Keane	Morgan	
<b>Sat 14</b>	<b>BIRMINGHAM CITY</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>9,275</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>7</b>	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	O'Leary	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney		
Tues 17	Hull City	0-0	14,895	232	7	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Morgan	Langley	O'Leary	Bell	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Holmes	Keane	
<b>Sat 21</b>	<b>LEEDS UNITED</b>	<b>5-1</b>	<b>10,260</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>5</b>	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	<b>Heikkinen</b>	Davis	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	O'Leary		
Tues 24	Everton (CC3)	0-4	27,149	2,334	-	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Keane	Davis	Morgan	Robinson	O'Leary	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Keane	Morgan	
Sun 29	Ipswich Town*	0-5	20,975	tbc	9	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Keane	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	O'Leary	Bell	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Holmes	Keane	
<b>Tues 31</b>	<b>BURNLEY</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>7,664</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>9</b>	Beresford	Edwards	Barnett	Heikkinen	Holmes	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Brkovic	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	O'Leary	
Sat 4	Preston North End	0-3	13,094	423	12	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Holmes	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Holmes	Perrett	
<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>QPR</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>9,007</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>16</b>	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	<b>Brkovic</b>	Robinson	O'Leary	Bell	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Holmes	Morgan	
<b>Sat 18</b>	<b>DERBY COUNTY</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>9,708</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>18</b>	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Perrett	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Holmes	
Sat 25	Southampton	1-2	20,482	573	20	Kiely	Foley	2 Barnett	Perrett	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Holmes	
Tues 28	Plymouth Argyle	0-1	9,965	186	20	Kiely	Foley	2 Barnett	Perrett	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Holmes	
<b>Sat 02</b>	<b>PRESTON NORTH END</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>7,665</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>18</b>	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	O'Leary	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Perrett	
Sat 09	Sunderland	1-2	30,445	543	19	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	O'Leary	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Holmes	
<b>Fri 15</b>	<b>SOUTHEND UNITED*</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>7,468</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>18</b>	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	O'Leary	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Holmes	
<b>Sat 23</b>	<b>COVENTRY CITY</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>8,299</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>19</b>	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	<b>Brkovic</b>	Robinson	O'Leary	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Langley	
Tues 26	Colchester United	1-4	5,427	762	19	Kiely	Foley	Coyne	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Barnett	O'Leary	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Langley	
Fri 29	Birmingham City*	2-2	24,642	485	19	Kiely	Foley	Coyne	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Morgan	Barnett	O'Leary	Edwards	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Langley	
<b>Mon 1</b>	<b>CARDIFF CITY</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>8,004</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>19</b>	Kiely	Edwards	Barnett	Perrett	Davis	Morgan	Langley	O'Leary	Brkovic	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Langley	
Sat 6	QPR (FA Cup 3rd Rd)	2-2	10,064	2,305	-	Beresford	Barnett	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	Morgan	Langley	O'Leary	Brkovic	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Langley	
Fri 12	WBA*	2-3	19,927	390	19	Kiely	Keane	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	O'Leary	Brkovic	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Langley	
<b>Sat 20</b>	<b>BARNESLEY</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>7,441</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>20</b>	Kiely	Keane	Barnett	Coyne	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	O'Leary	Brkovic	Vine	2 Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Langley	
<b>Tues 23</b>	<b>QPR (FA Cup 3rd Rd rep) 19:45</b>																					
Tues 30	Coventry City	19:45																				
Sat 3	Leicester City	15:00																				
<b>Sat 10</b>	<b>NORWICH CITY</b>	<b>15:00</b>																				
Sat 17	Stoke City	15:00																				
<b>Tues 20</b>	<b>SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 19:45</b>																					
Sat 24	Crystal Palace	15:00																				
<b>Sat 3</b>	<b>WOLVES</b>	<b>15:00</b>																				
Sat 10	Leeds United	15:00																				
<b>Tues 13</b>	<b>HULL CITY</b>	<b>19:45</b>																				
<b>Sat 17</b>	<b>IPSWICH TOWN</b>	<b>15:00</b>																				
Sat 31	Burnley	15:00																				
<b>Sat 7</b>	<b>SOUTHAMPTON</b>	<b>15:00</b>																				
Mon 9	QPR	15:00																				
<b>Sat 14</b>	<b>PLYMOUTH ARGYLE</b>	<b>15:00</b>																				
Sat 21	Derby County	15:00																				
Sat 28	Southend United	15:00																				
<b>Sun 6</b>	<b>SUNDERLAND</b>	<b>tbc</b>																				

**2006/07  
CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE**

	HOME				AWAY				G Pts			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Derby	29	8	3	3	17	11	9	2	4	21	17	56
Birmingham	27	8	4	1	24	12	8	1	5	22	14	53
Preston	29	10	4	1	27	10	5	4	5	17	20	53
West Brom	29	11	2	1	35	12	3	5	7	19	23	49
Southampton	29	8	5	1	19	9	5	5	5	27	23	49
Cardiff	29	6	6	2	20	10	6	4	5	18	20	46
Sunderland	29	8	2	4	19	11	6	2	7	22	23	46
Colchester	29											

# Coming Next

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## Coventry City v Luton Town

Tuesday 30th January 2007, Kick-Off 7:45pm

By Geoff Knox

All is not well at the Ricoh Arena. With their new stadium lurching impressively from its M6 viewpoint, the Sky Blues are all dressed up with no place to go.

Operation Premiership is hardly a covert name for a hugely important project for the club. It does, or will do according to their cunning plans, exactly what it says on the tin.

Coventry's managing director, Paul Fletcher MBE, is insistent that his clear vision of reinstatement to the Premier League must not be clouded by inconsistency and lack of progress on the pitch, and has made some drastic moves to ensure as much, most notably with the recent sacking of manager Micky Adams.

Coventry's FA Cup exit at the hands of League One side Bristol City last week was the low point of a winless run which stretches back into early December.

Losing 5-0 at West Brom and going 4-0 down at one stage (before eventually recovering to 4-2) in the home match to Crystal Palace had also sent shock waves around the Ricoh. The direction the team was heading in was starting to cast a doubt whether the three-year plan of Coventry joining football's elite would materialise.

Adams is a well-respected manager in football but he struggled to cope with the expectations of the club and its fans, although he wasn't helped by having to sell his star player, Gary McSheffrey, early on in the current campaign.

It was a board room decision that was truly mind-boggling.

To set the manager such a difficult task in rebuilding a team capable of playing in the Premiership - in such a narrowly defined time scale - and then to sell his best player to help another team (and local rivals at that) in the same division get promoted is not conducive to success.

At the time of going to press, Adrian Heath is currently occupying the caretaker manager role, and he is eager to turn things around quickly to force his way on to the shortlist of candidates, which is reported to be currently headed by Birmingham assistant manager Eric Black.

Black had a short spell in charge of the Sky Blues from December 2003 until May 2004, when he won more games than he lost. It was an unpopular decision with the fans when Black was sacked to make way for the incoming Peter Reid, who subsequently came in and lost more games than he won.

Whoever comes in will have their work cut out to realise the lofty ambitions of the board, but they will at least have a decent set of players to work with, and hopefully, some of the McSheffrey money to spend.



### Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	Coventry
League	17	12	34
FA Cup	2	1	0
League Cup	2	0	1
Total	21	13	35

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# teamsheet



## LUTON TOWN

Manager: Mike Newell

Flags Score

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

## QPR

Manager: John Gregory

Flags Score

1	SIMON ROYCE	● ●
2	MARCUS BIGNOT	● ●
3	MAURO MILANESE	● ●
5	ZESHAN REHMAN	● ●
7	MATTHEW ROSE	● ●
8	MARC BIRCHAM	● ●
9	NICK WARD	● ●
10	KEVIN GALLEN	● ●
11	GARETH AINSWORTH	● ●
12	JAKE COLE	● ●
14	MARTIN ROWLANDS	● ●
15	DOMINIC SHIMMIN	● ●
16	STEVE LOMAS	● ●
17	LEE COOK	● ●
19	ARMEL TCHAKOUNTE	● ●
20	SCOTT DONNELLY	● ●
21	PAUL JONES	● ●
22	SHABAZZ BAIDOO	● ●
23	STEFAN BAILEY	● ●
24	PATRICK KANYUKA	● ●
25	DAMION STEWART	● ●
27	SAMPSA TIMOSKA	● ●
28	EGUTU OLISEH	● ●
29	PAUL FURLONG	● ●
30	MARC NYGAARD	● ●
31	RAY JONES	● ●
32	DEXTER BLACKSTOCK	● ●
33	ANDREW HOWELL	● ●
34	MATTHEW HISLOP	● ●
35	JONATHAN MUNDAY	● ●
37	JIMMY SMITH	● ●
38	MICHAEL MANCIENNE	● ●
40	UGO UKAH	● ●

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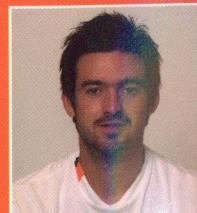
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