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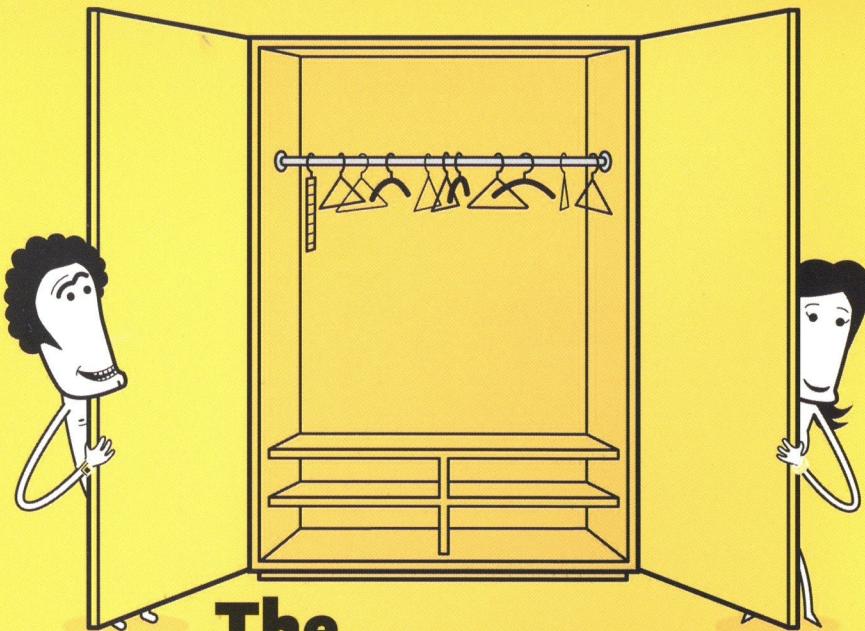
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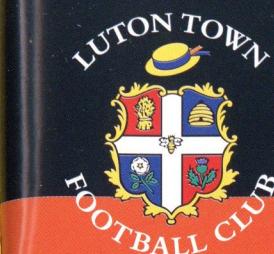
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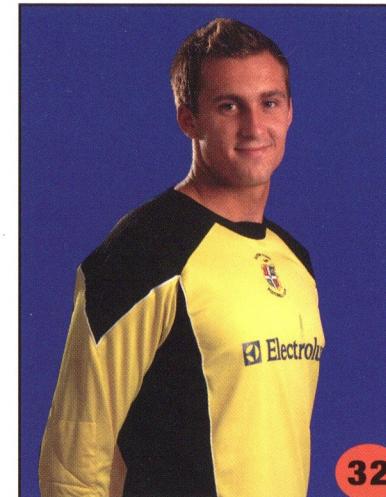
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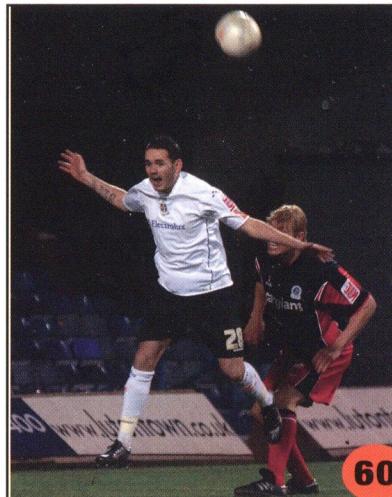


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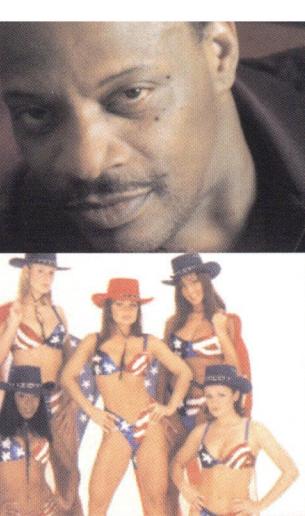
We look back at our recent game against QPR

We look ahead to our next home game against Norwich

## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's game with Blackburn Rovers. I would like to start by thanking all the contributors to the matchday programme who have done a fantastic job in helping towards getting another publication out at such short notice. Inside today's programme, we speak to Dean Brill after the Luton goalkeeper put in a eye-catching performance in Tuesday's FA Cup replay against QPR. Roger Wash also looks back on a memorable FA Cup encounter against Blackburn from 1953 while Gerard Butler looks ahead to all of this weekend's FA Cup matches. We also bring you all of our regular features and interviews as well as catching up with the latest news from the Luton Ladies side. Remember, you can contact us at the media department at programme@lutontown.co.uk.

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**STEVEN DOVE, EDITOR**



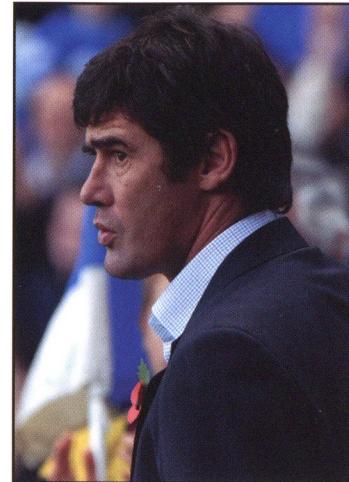
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*From the Manager*

## Mike Newell



**Mike Newell**  
Luton Town Manager

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Blackburn Rovers. Welcome also to Mark Hughes, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from Ewood Park. They are in good form at the moment, particularly away from home, and are still progressing in the UEFA Cup and The Premiership, so we are under no illusions as to the task this afternoon. It is a special draw for me personally having spent over five of the best and most successful years of my career at the Club, but my days are long gone and it is only important how our players view and approach the match. The beauty of The FA Cup is that anything can happen as we saw in the 3rd Round here last year. It is debatable whether there will ever be a more incident packed or entertaining game than the Liverpool Cup Tie but there certainly could be a better result.

Unfortunately the injuries have piled up in the last week, and we are currently down to the bare bones as I write these notes. We

do hope, however, to have at least one signing before Saturday to add to Springy who is now eligible. It is interesting negotiating with some Clubs and how they do their business. Unfortunately when you have so many people making decisions and voicing their opinions on the value of players, you run into problems.

We have become a victim of our own success in the transfer market in developing young players in a short space of time. There is no secret in what we do. We identify good young players who we think can play and then we play them. The problem now is that certain Chief Executives and Directors panic when we pick up the phone and all of a sudden become knowledgeable about the values of players they don't even have in their side at that time. We won't ever pay over the odds or be dictated to by people who don't understand football.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Mike





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From the Club Secretary

**Cherry Newbery**

Good afternoon and welcome to everyone for this FA Cup Fourth Round tie, particularly to our friends from the BBC, who include Gabby Logan on her first visit to Kenilworth Road as a BBC presenter.

I would first of all like to thank all the staff at the Club who, following Tuesday night's success, have worked behind the scenes so very hard over the past three days preparing for today.

You will notice that the BBC are using Executive Box 27



The BBC cameras are back at Kenilworth Road this afternoon and we would like to welcome the team to today's game

today as their studio and our thanks go to SKF(UK) Limited for agreeing to move boxes, just for today.

In the event that today's match goes to a replay the return match at Ewood Park would be played on Saturday 10th February, kick-off 3.00pm. This would displace our home league fixture with Norwich City, which is currently scheduled for this date. The use of the Saturday date is due to Blackburn's involvement in the UEFA Cup Competition on Wednesday 14th February.

At the time of writing we do not have confirmed ticket allocation or prices.

Unfortunately the date for our Under 18 Floodlit match was omitted from my last programme notes so here are the full details. The match will be played on Tuesday 13th February 2007 at The County Ground, Baldock Road, Letchworth, Herts, kick-off 7.30pm. Please do go along and support the youngsters. Entry is free.

It was a pleasure to present cheques from The FA Charity Shield Community Fund at last Saturday's match to The Pasque Hospice, Luton Community Foundation and Bedfordshire Crimebeat Limited. We are grateful to The Football Association for allowing us to forward funds to these worthy local charities.

As always enjoy the game.

Cherry



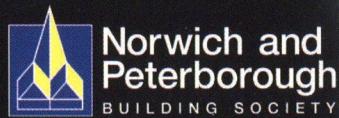
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## Other Club Business

**Chief Executive John Mitchell brings you news of a new arrival behind the scenes at the Club.**



**F**ollowing the recent appointment of Tracy Maddox as Head of Retail, I am delighted with the way the shop is beginning to evolve - and this is just the beginning. Tracy will be introducing new ranges and more great products for Luton Town fans to enjoy.

I am also delighted to announce another appointment, or rather re-appointment. Geoff Stimson has joined the club as Head of Media Communications, with a broad remit to oversee the matchday programme and the club website alongside the excellent media team who are already in place.

This will help us to communicate with our supporters and keep everyone abreast of what is happening at the club. Geoff has been a Fleet Street journalist for more than 30 years and was also Managing Director of Mirror Media when it launched its web services.

And as I am sure many of you remember,

he also ran the club's website for several years after it launched.

He has also been a Luton Town supporter since the early Sixties so he knows the club well and I am sure that his journalistic and internet experience will be very beneficial to the club.

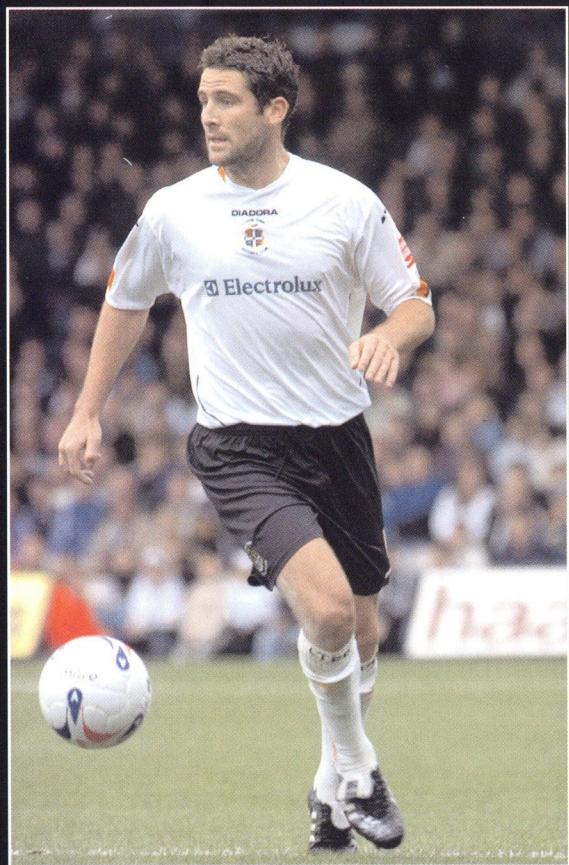
I know that you will join me in welcoming Geoff back to Kenilworth Road.

Remember, I would like to hear from the fans on these and other relevant issues, and whilst I may not be able to respond to every constructive email, I would that you contact me via [chiefexec@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:chiefexec@lutontown.co.uk) or simply by writing to the Club.

Enjoy today's game.

John Mitchell  
CEO  
Luton Town Football Club

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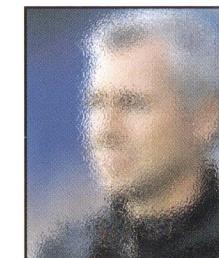
### Junior Hatters Quiz

Can you identify these Premiership managers?

The answers can be found below.



**ANSWER**



**ANSWER**



**ANSWER**

### Joke Centre

**Why did the woman take a loaf of bread to bed with her?**

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**What city cheats at exams?**

Peking

**What makes the leaning Tower of Pisa lean?**

It doesn't eat much!

**Who invented fire?**

Some bright spark!

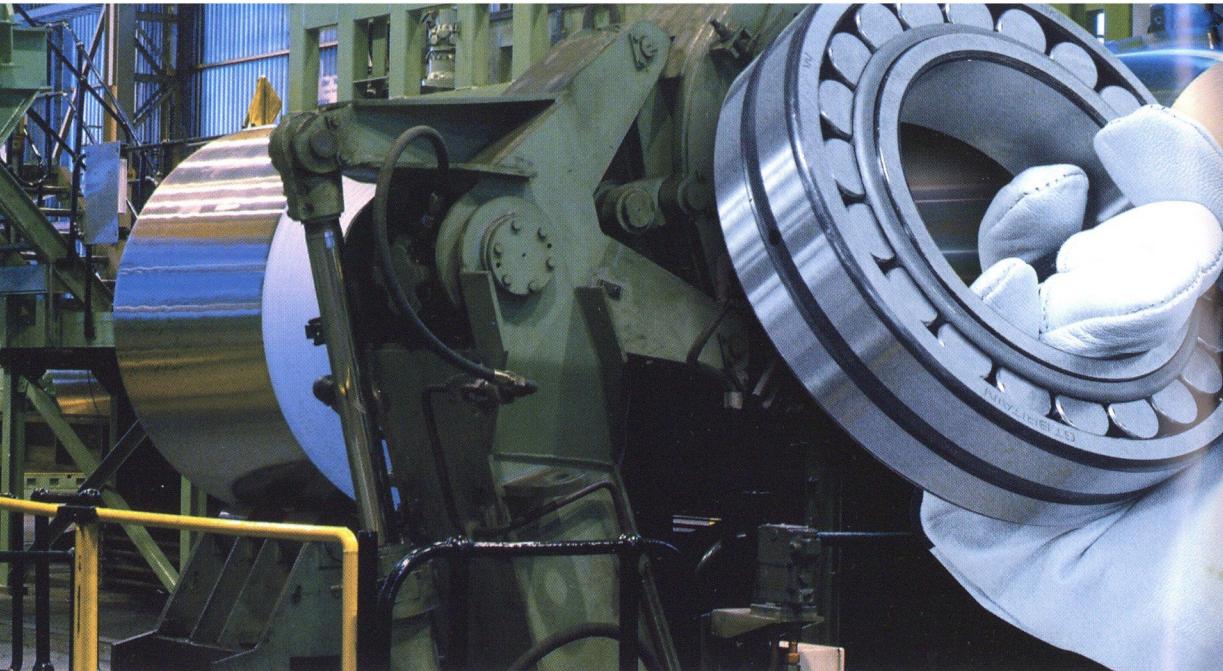
Answers - CUES WHO: Alan Curtisley, Alan Pardey and Paul Jewell

**Ballboy**

Today's ballboys are Mitchell Toyer and Richard Owen. Mitchell's favourite player is Chris Coyne while Richard likes Kevin Foley

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## Welcome to Blackburn Rovers

**Blackburn Rovers arrive at Kenilworth Road in a rich run of form. Having won three of their last four away fixtures, Rovers have built much of their success this season away from Ewood Park. STEWART CURTIS introduces today's visitors to Kenilworth Road.**

**H**aving defeated QPR 1-0 on Tuesday, we welcome both the BBC cameras and Blackburn Rovers to Kenilworth Road for this eagerly anticipated FA Cup 4th Round fixture. Having made 130 appearances for Rovers during the early 90s, Luton manager Mike Newell will be relishing his former side's arrival this afternoon. Newell enjoyed some memorable times during his stay in Lancashire, including scoring the fastest ever hat-trick in Champions League history, as well as helping them clinch the Premiership title in 1995.

The FA Cup has been won on six occasions by Rovers, albeit with five of these victorious campaigns taking place in the 19th century. However, current manager Mark Hughes lifted the famous trophy three times throughout his playing career, and the Rovers faithful will be

hoping he can continue this winning trend from the dugout.

Rovers' performances this season are reflected in their mid-table position in the Premiership, currently occupying 10th spot. It has however been in cup competitions where they have excelled themselves, topping their UEFA Cup group to set up an exciting clash with German giants Bayer Leverkusen in the next round.

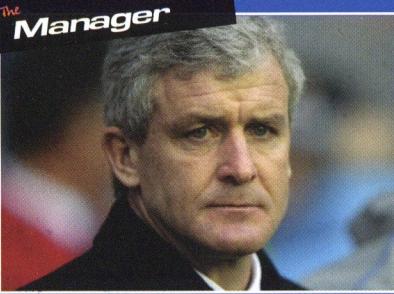
With the January transfer window now open, Mark Hughes has wasted little time in reshaping the squad for the second half of season. Lucas Neill's much publicised move away from Lancashire was finally completed this week, with the Australian national captain opting for a move to West Ham instead of the expected transfer to the red side of Merseyside. Hughes wasted no time in replacing him though, with left-sided defender Stephen Warnock arriving from Liverpool just two days later. The other notable signing is the return to Lancashire for hometown lad David Dunn from Birmingham City.

Some shrewd business in the summer transfer window saw South African striker Benni McCarthy arrive from Porto. Having scored goals in the top-flight football in Holland, Spain and Portugal, Benni has wasted little time in proving he can continue his impressive goal-scoring ratio in England, finding the net on 13 occasions already this season. The last time Premiership opposition arrived at Kenilworth Road, the BBC cameras followed suit for the eight goal thriller against Liverpool last season, and with in-form strikers such as McCarthy, we could be in for another goal fest this afternoon.



# The Opponents

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



## The Manager

Following a successful spell as a player, which included an illustrious career with Manchester United, Mark Hughes' first port of call as a manager was with the Welsh national team. When Hughes was appointed national coach, Wales were one of the weaker national sides in the world. But in their five years with Hughes in charge, Wales came close to qualifying for Euro 2004 and in their qualifying group beat Italy. They were only denied a place in the competition after losing to Russia in the play-offs. Hughes quit the Welsh national side in September 2004 to take charge of Blackburn Rovers in the Premier League, the last club he had played for. His key aim was to keep Blackburn clear of relegation, which he succeeded in doing, whilst also taking the club to an FA Cup semi-final for the first time in over 40 years. In his second season, Hughes' side surprised even the most optimistic of supporters by finishing inside the top six of the Premiership and qualifying for the UEFA Cup, beating teams such as Chelsea, Manchester United (twice) and Arsenal along the way. After just missing out on the League Cup final, his team sealed their spot in Europe by defeating Champions Chelsea 1-0 at home. On May 4, 2006, Hughes and assistant Mark Bowen signed new three-year contracts to remain at Blackburn until the summer of 2009.

## The Goalkeepers

Currently in his seventh season at Ewood Park, **BRAD FRIEDEL** (pictured) signed on a free transfer from Liverpool in November 2000, the former American international is considered one of the top goalkeepers in the Premier League and is experienced American international. Brad is currently the longest serving player at the club, and has been an ever-present in Premiership games for Rovers for the last two seasons. A consistent performer, Brad even found the back of the net, when scoring against Charlton at the Valley in the 2003/04 season. Now retired from the international stage, Brad made 80 appearances for the USA. **PETER ENCK-ELMAN** signed on a month's loan deal in November 2003 as Rovers suffered a goalkeeping injury crisis and the deal was made permanent in the January transfer window. He first came to England with Aston Villa from hometown club TPS Turku. A Finnish international providing valuable experienced cover for Brad Friedel, Peter signed an extension to his contract to see him through to the summer of 2008.



## The Defenders

A wealth of experience dominates the Blackburn back line and in **ANDY TODD** they have a player who has played at a number of different levels.

Beginning his career as a trainee with Middlesbrough, he played for Swindon, Bolton and Charlton, before signing for Rovers in May 2002 for a fee of around £750,000. **ZURAB KHIZAN-**

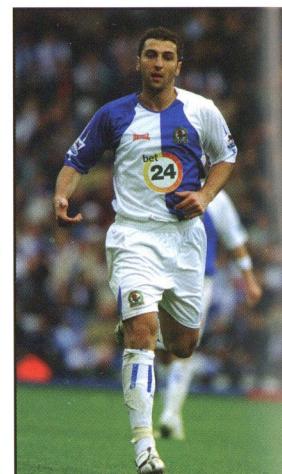
**ISHVILI** (pictured), who has spent most of career in Scotland, arrived at Ewood Park initially on a season long loan from Rangers, but the Georgian international settled into Lancashire life so comfortably that he was soon a regular in Mark Hughes' squad.

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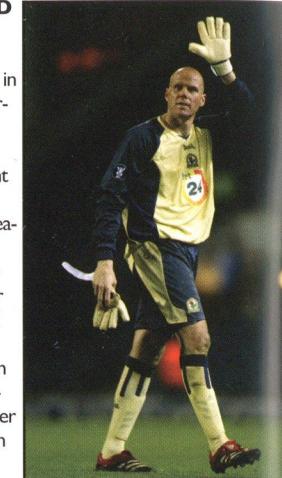
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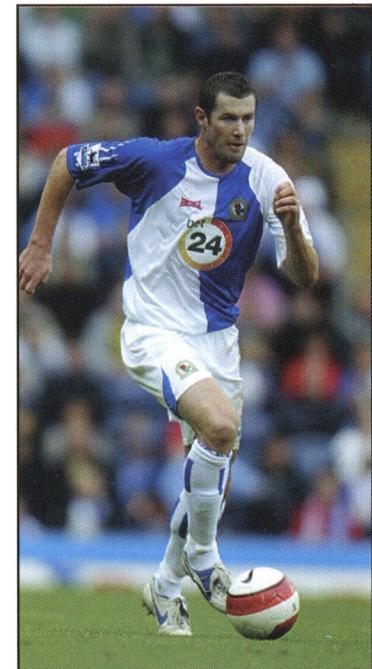
## Blackburn's All Time Records

**Record Att:** 61,783 vs Bolton Wanderers 02/03/1929 FA Cup R6  
**Best league win:** 9 - 0 vs Middlesbrough 06/11/1954 Division 2  
**Worst league loss:** 0 - 8 vs Arsenal 25/02/1933 Division 1  
**Best cup win:** 11 - 0 vs Rossendale 13/10/1884 FA Cup R1  
**Most capped player:** Henning Berg: 58 Norway  
**League appearances:** Derek Fazackerley: 596 1970/86

**League goals:** Simon Garner: 168 1978/92  
**Goals in a season:** Ted Harper: 43 1925/26 Division 1  
**Transfer fee received:** £17,000,000: Damien Duff Chelsea 21 July 2003  
**Transfer fee paid:** £8,000,000: Andrew Cole Manchester United December 2001

to secure his services for £2.2million.

**MORTEN GAMST PEDERSEN** signed from Norwegian club Tromso at the start of the 2004/05 season after also being watched by Tottenham and Newcastle and after spending the first few months getting used to the pace of the English game, he blossomed under Mark Hughes. Blackburn initially brought **DAVID BENTLEY** in on a season long loan from Arsenal, but impressed enough for the deal to be made permanent during the January transfer window in 2006 for an undisclosed fee. Dunn initially joined Blackburn Rovers as a trainee at the beginning of 1997 and made his debut during a goalless draw with Everton on 26 September 1998. **DAVID DUNN** initially joined Blackburn Rovers as a trainee at the beginning of 1997 and was an inspirational member of the team. A string of fine performances in 2001 put Dunn in contention for a call-up to the England squad, but surprisingly he did not win his first cap until September 2002, when he replaced Kieron Dyer. He then moved to Birmingham in 2003 but struggled with injuries. Dunn returned to Blackburn earlier this month and was also linked with a move to Bolton Wanderers.



## The Midfielders

**ROBBIE SAVAGE** is one of the Premier League's best known and most colourful characters. He started off as a junior with Manchester United, but first came to real prominence during a three season spell with Crewe. He then joined Leicester where he was converted from a full-back into an all action midfielder by then Foxes manager Martin O'Neill and won the League Cup before a big money move to Birmingham City. Robbie won nearly 40 caps for Wales and jumped at the chance to work under Mark Hughes at Ewood Park and completed a £3m move to become the manager's first signing during the 2005 January transfer window. A product of the Australian Institute of Soccer, **BRETT EMERTON** (pictured) joined Dutch giants Feyenoord from home club Sydney Olympic in 2000. He helped his club win the UEFA Cup in his first season although he was suspended from the final itself against Borussia Dortmund. Eyed up by a host of Premiership clubs after helping Australia beat England at Upton Park, Rovers beat the competition in the summer of 2003

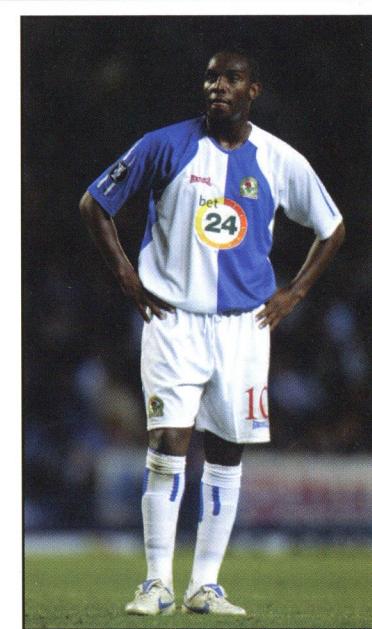
## The Strikers

After more than twelve months of trying, Rovers boss Mark Hughes finally secured the services of **BENNI McCARTHY** (pictured) from Porto for an undisclosed fee. The South African international striker has a wealth of European experience having played for Ajax, Celta Vigo and Porto. It was his spell at Ajax where the South African born striker made a name for himself, scoring 27 goals in 47 appearance. Although the striker didn't have the same impact in Spain with Celta Vigo, he did return to form at Porto where he scored 46 times in 86 appearances. He signed a four year contract at Ewood Park following his arrival at the start of the season.

**SHABANI NODA** is currently on loan from Roma and scored his first goal for the club in their 1-0 win against Middlesbrough. Noda was a finalist in the 2004 UEFA Champions League Final, playing for AS Monaco, a club where he scored a total of 57 goals. Rovers signed **MATT DER-BYSHIRE** for a nominal fee from local side

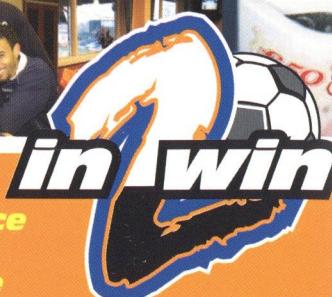
Great Harwood Town. For the 2005/06 season, Matt started out on loan with Championship side Plymouth Argyle but due to a change in management at the South West club he found his chances hard to come by and was recalled during the January transfer window. League two side Wrexham took advantage of his recall and were able to reap the rewards of some impressive performances from the young striker, scoring twice on his debut. He followed that up a week later with another brace and at the end of the season he had scored ten goals for the Welsh side. A powerful centre forward,

**JASON ROBERTS** joined Rovers for an undisclosed fee from Wigan Athletic in July 2006. He scored eight times in the Latics' maiden Premiership campaign after moving to the JJB Stadium from West Bromwich Albion for £1.4m in January 2004, a figure that rose to £2m when he helped Wigan gain promotion to the top flight. The pacy Grenada international has played in the Premier League previously with West Bromwich Albion and during a loan move to Portsmouth.

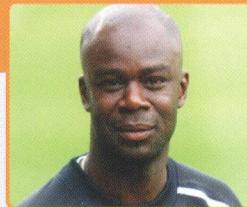


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View from the

# Opposition

Blackburn supporter Mark Putney talks to this afternoon's matchday programme.



■ How have Mark Hughes' recent signings, Benni McCarthy, David Dunn, Stephane Henchoz and Francis Jeffers settled in at Oakwell?



■ How have Blackburn found the first half of Premiership this season?

The football we have been producing over the past few weeks has been a pleasure to watch. It was a difficult start to the season with no win in our opening four games, but Mark has turned it around of late. I firmly believe we can repeat our success of last season when we finished in sixth place.

■ What are Blackburn's aims for this season?

I would like to think we could win a trophy this season, which is why I think today's match is very important. We have a difficult match against Bayer Leverkusen in the Uefa Cup, but there is no reason why we can't progress further in that competition. If we could match our sixth place finish last season then that would be a bonus.



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

Matt Derbyshire has been in exceptional form in recent weeks with three goals in his last five appearances. However Benni McCarthy will be the one to watch. On his day, he is as good as any other striker in the Premiership.

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

I have to say Blackburn, but of course any of the big three can win it, Chelsea, Manchester United and Arsenal. It's all about the luck of the draw in the FA Cup so if you can be lucky you could go all the way in the competition.



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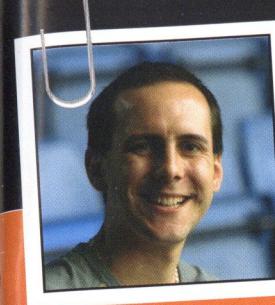
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## Stat Attack

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

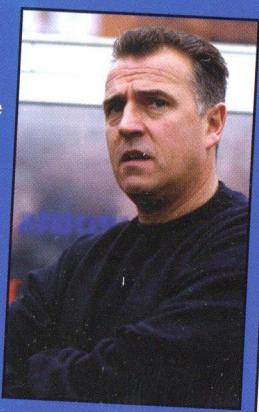
Blackburn have never won at Kenilworth Road and they are the only current Premiership team with this record. This includes 18 league meetings and two FA Cup Third Round encounters. Luton have scored 51 goals and conceded 16 in these 20 matches.

Blackburn have only bought one Luton player, and that was Alec Glover in 1951. Glover had made just short of 60 appearances for Luton, after his move from Bradford Park Avenue, and scored six goals.

Jesse Pye scored two hat-tricks against Blackburn in the same season of 1952/53. The Hatters hit their visitors for six without reply in November, with Bert Mitchell, Roy Davies and Bernard Moore scoring the other goals. The sides were to meet in the FA Cup Third Round, and whilst Blackburn did score this time, Pye's hat-trick was repeated, as was Luton scoring six! Moore scored again and Arthur Taylor scored a brace, which were to be his only Luton goals in just his nine appearances for the Club.

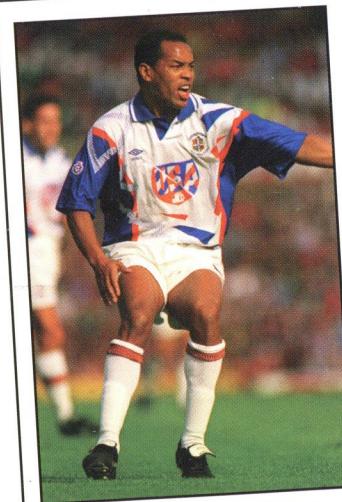
Only two players have made the move from Blackburn to Luton, Bob Hacking and Alan Birchenall. Hacking made just one league appearance in 1946/47, and later moved to Brighton & Hove Albion. Birchenall made eight appearances at the end of the 1978/79 season, and two more at the start of the following season. He left to join Hereford United having only experienced victory with the Hatters once, a 4-1 win at home to Burnley.

The sides haven't met in competitive competition since the 1981/82 season, when Luton did the double over Blackburn, and went on to be Champions of the then Second Division. A David Moss (pictured) penalty separated the sides at Ewood Park, before Brian Stein and Steve White scored the goals in a 2-0 here at Kenilworth Road.



Luton's only failure to score against Blackburn at Kenilworth Road came in the 0-0 draw in September 1977.

Blackburn have only scored more than once at Kenilworth Road on two occasions, and they lost 5-2 in 1949/50 and 7-3 in 1954/55. George Stobart scored four goals in the first match, and Gordon Turner netted a hat-trick in the second game.



Luton have played 20 previous FA Cup 4th Round matches at Kenilworth Road, and have won half of these. Luton have scored 36 goals and conceded 25. The last victory at Kenilworth Road at this stage of the competition was back in 1987/88, 2-1 against Southampton, with Ian Allinson and Brian Stein (pictured) the scorers.

The only other time the sides have met in the FA Cup was also in the third round, and it also ended with a Luton win. Ron Futcher and Brian Chambers scored in a 2-0 victory in January 1976.



□ Charlie Watkins looks on as Arthur Taylor's first minute effort flashes in.

## FA CUP MEMORIES

**ROGER WASH** looks back on an afternoon of high drama in 1953 as Luton fired six goals past Blackburn Rovers in a classic FA Cup encounter at Kenilworth Road. It was a day that former Luton player Jesse Pye made all the headlines

After a couple of seasons in the doldrums, when the Town narrowly escaped relegation from the old Division Two, the youth policy encouraged by manager Dally Duncan finally came to fruition, leading to a top ten finish in 1951/52 and a run through to the quarter finals of the FA Cup.

The signing of Jesse Pye from Wolves in the summer of 1952 proved a masterstroke. Pye, still only 32, was far from over the hill and proved a revelation with his silky skills for such a big man, as well as his experience and

goalscoring abilities.

An England international and the scorer of a goal every other game at Molineux, Pye also had the ability to teach. He took young Gordon Turner, who was to eventually end up as the Town's record goalscorer, under his wing and taught him the tricks of the trade much as Bob Hatton would do with Brian Stein a quarter of a century later.

Goals flowed during the 1952/53 campaign, particularly at Kenilworth Road, and in one five

game spell in autumn 1952 the Hatters racked up 23 goals, including the 4-1 hammering of future champions Sheffield United and, although not significant at the time, a 6-0 mauling of Blackburn, with Pye netting a hat trick.

A shiver probably went through the whole town of Blackburn when the draw was made for the Third Round of the FA Cup that season, with a trip back to Kenilworth Road about the last place they would wish to visit.

Snow in Luton in the week prior

to the cup tie had melted, leaving the Kenilworth Road pitch a muddy morass, but that did not bother the crowd of 21,034, which included a fair number from Lancashire who had travelled through the night to be there, looking forward to a typical 'blood and thunder' clash.

With Bert Mitchell suffering from an ankle injury, young Irishman Arthur Taylor was drafted into the forward line for his debut but even he could not have dreamed of the incredible start to his Luton career.

In the first minute Pye went on a run into the heart of the Blackburn defence. The ball ran loose to Bernard Moore who crossed to the unmarked Taylor who slammed the ball high into the net past Blackburn goalkeeper Reg Elvy. After waiting 18 months for his chance since signing from Glentoran, Taylor had scored with his first touch of the ball!

Before Rovers had recovered from this shock, Elvy was picking the

ball out of the net again when Pye cleverly steered it into the far corner with his left foot after five minutes.

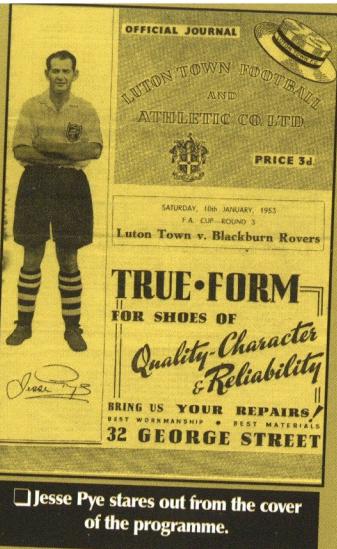
The Town were three up after 17 minutes when Pye set up Taylor who rammed the ball home from an acute angle, and it seemed as if a cricket score was on the cards.

Credit to Blackburn though, as they refused to buckle and pulled a goal back through George MacLuckie on 23 minutes, after Luton goalkeeper Ron Bayham had failed to cut out a cross from the right.

Sensing that the game was not yet over, Blackburn threw everything at the Town's defence and only a goal line clearance from Les Jones prevented the match from being turned on its head.

Blackburn continued to turn on the pressure in the second half but the Luton defence, with skipper Syd Owen outstanding, held firm.

Gradually Blackburn hopes began to fade and, with 15 minutes to go,



another clever through ball from Pye was snapped up by Moore who made the score 4-1.

Two minutes later Pye scored the goal of the game when he picked up the ball just inside the Blackburn half and ploughed through the mud leaving everyone in his wake before slamming it past the helpless Elvy.

With six minutes to go Pye completed his second hat-trick against Rovers that season with another solo effort. Although the final scoreline of 6-1 was a little flattering the Luton supporters certainly did not care!

**Luton Town:** Bayham, Jones, Aherne, Morton, Owen, Shanks, Davies, Moore, Pye, Watkins, Taylor.

**Blackburn Rovers:** Elvy, Suart, Eckersley, Clayton, Kelly, Bell, Campbell, Crossan, Briggs, Quigley, MacLuckie.

The Hatters eventually bowed out of the competition to eventual finalists Bolton in the 5th Round.



□ Jesse Pye nets goal number two.

# Action Replay

vs Barnsley,  
Saturday 20th  
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**LUTON 0**  
**BARNESLEY 2**  
Attendance: 7,441

Picture: Ahmet  
Brkovic gets the  
better of  
Barnsley skipper  
Paul Reid during  
Luton's 2-0  
defeat to The  
Tykes at  
Kenilworth Road



**Luton:** Kiely, Davis (Brkovic 46), Coyne, Robinson, Feeney (Boyd 22), Morgan, Emanuel, Langley, Keane, Barnett (Perrett 53), Bell

**Subs not used:** Beresford, Spring

**Bookings:** Brkovic (71)



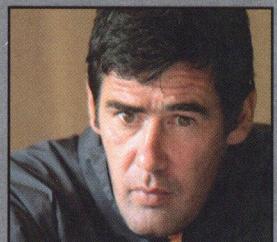
**Barnsley:** Colgan, Hassell, Paul Reid (Kyle Reid 82), Togwell, Howard, Kay, Eckersley, Richards, Nardiello (Coulson 81), Devaney, McCann

**Subs not used:** Atkinson, Lucas, Mattis

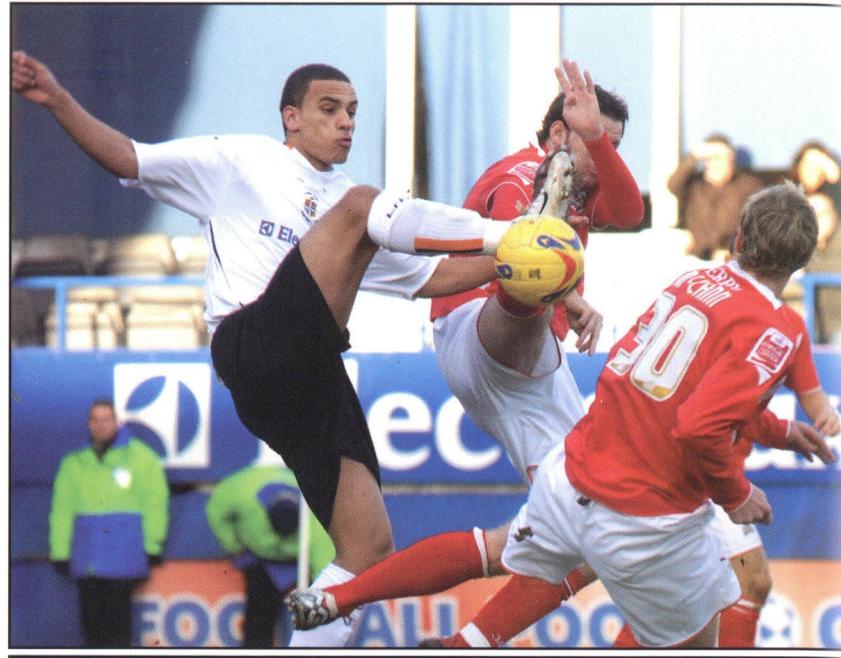
**Bookings:** Devaney (39), Nardiello (60)

**Goals:** Howard (7), Devaney (90)

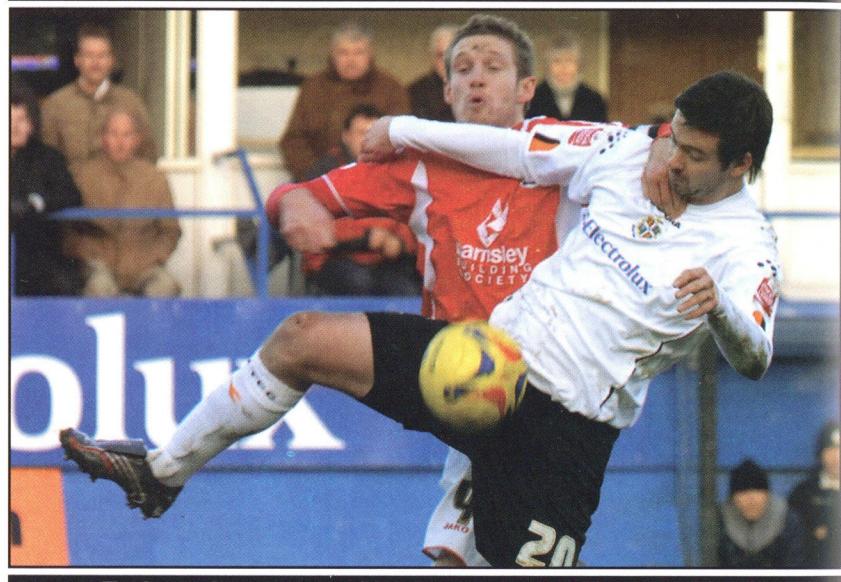
#### From the Manager



"It was one of those performances where nothing went for us in terms of creating chances, the injuries that went against us and one or two other things. However, I don't worry about things, I just get on with it and that's what we'll do."



□ Dean Morgan is at full stretch as he tries to keep possession



□ Adam Boyd uses any way possible to keep Barnsley's Paul Reid away from the ball

## LUTON 0 BARNESLEY 2

Brian Howard's first half strike and a last minute Martin Devaney effort secured Barnsley's first away win in the Coca-Cola Championship since August.

Tykes midfielder Howard broke powerfully into Luton's penalty area in the seventh minute to fire home left-footed into the bottom corner to give the visitors the edge.

He then set up Devaney who made sure in the closing stages with a powerfully driven shot that nestled into the corner of the net.

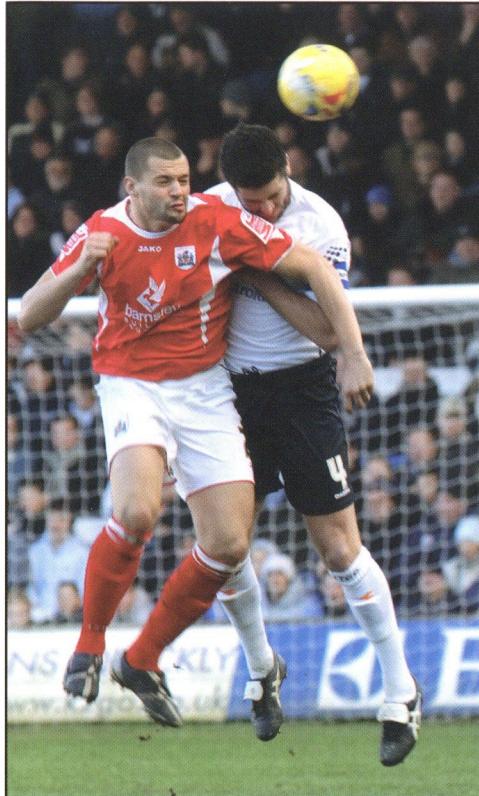
Both sides created chances after the interval in an

even contest but Luton failed to take their chances in front of goal and were mainly restricted to long-range efforts.

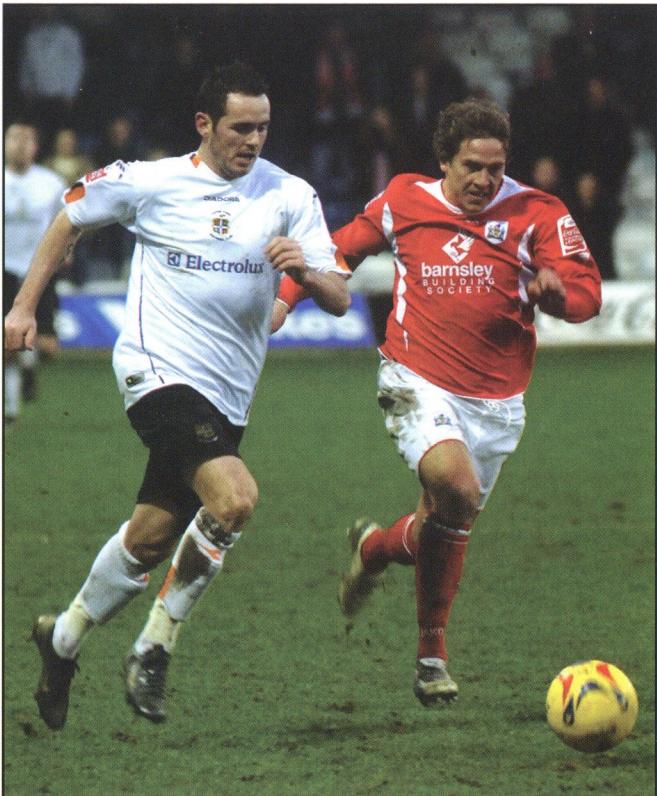
Barnsley, who had lost their previous three league matches, moved to within two points of Mike Newell's side in the Championship table.

Barnsley last won on their travels on August 12th when they edged out Colchester 2-1 at Layer Road.

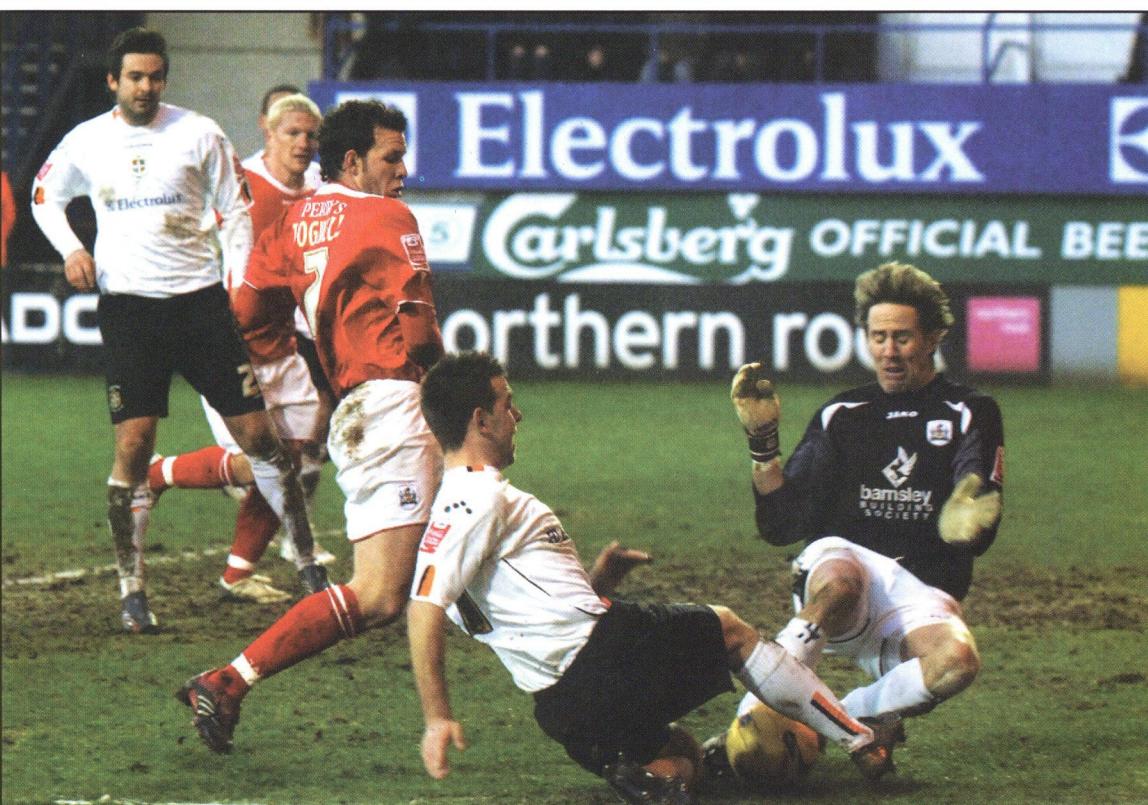
To cap a miserable afternoon for the Hatters, both Warren Feeney and Leon Barnett hobbled off injured.



□ Chris Coyne goes in for this aerial challenge



□ David Bell surges forward past the Barnsley defence



□ Keith Keane, who replaced the injured Kevin Foley in defence, almost finds a way past Barnsley goalkeeper Nick Colgan

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## Luton Town Ladies

Dave Baker brings us the latest news from the Luton Ladies squad.

Luton Ladies side faced a tough encounter against Forest Green Rovers at the weekend, but a hard working display saw them victorious, despite a slow start to the game. Only last ditch clearances from Stacey Connell and Lizzie Randall kept the scores level, but their efforts were in vain as from the resulting corner, a Rovers centre forward sent a looping header into the far corner to give them an early lead. To their credit Luton did not panic and played their way back into the game drawing level on the stroke of half time when Laura Day swung a 20 yard shot over the keeper to score on her full league debut.

The second half was one way traffic with Luton over running their opponents and their superior fitness began to tell. A cross from Lizzie Randall was only half cleared and Tanya Blacksley struck a sweet volley to give Luton the lead. Leading scorer Janine Daly made sure of the points finding the

bottom corner from six yards out. The last ten minutes should have seen Luton double their goal tally but lapse finishing kept the score at 3-1.

The Reserves also made hard work of Northwood Ladies first team and having twice struck the woodwork through Micky Taylor and Laura Day they trailed 1-0 at the break. A transformation in the second half saw Luton get back in the game and after Day did well to find her way out of a tight corner to cross for Tamzine Neale, she reacted quickest to equalise after a shot came back off a post. With the home sides resistance broken a goalmouth scramble from a corner gave Day her second and minutes later she completed her hat-trick, sliding home at the far post. With ten minutes left Day chased a through ball and forced her marker to panic to such a degree that she looped the ball over her own keeper to make it 4-1. This completed a double over Northwood and sees Town return to



Under 10's striker Abby Kunert scores Luton's fourth goal in a 4-2 win against Watford last weekend

the promotion spots.

The Third team were 4-3 winners over Acton Town. The front three, Brittany Murtagh, Nicky Shepherd and Beth Hedges all grabbed goals and there was a first goal for Kayleigh McLaughlin.

Our Under 15's were off to a great start as Yasmin Hickling fired them into a two goal lead against Harvesters. Unfortunately, the home side forced their way back into the game to grab a 2-2 draw.

The Under 13's entertained Tottenham Hotspur and in difficult conditions both sides tried to play football the right way. Spurs took the lead but were pegged back by Laura Pethybridge's shot but before the visitors grabbed the points late on in a 2-1 win.

All the other youth sides were winners with the Under 14's leading the way with a 6-0 win over Hemel Hempstead. Clare Howe scored four and there were goals from Lauren Bard and Helen Brown. For the second week running the Under 12's were winners, this time away to Hitchin Town. New signing Senel Chapman scored twice on her debut and on a day of firsts, Danielle Holland scored her first goal for the club. Amber Eden, Georgia Hardy and Lilly Bill completed the scoring.

Special mention must go to our Under 10's who won the M1 derby over Watford by 4-2. Rebecca Reeve opened the scoring only for Watford to draw level. Within three minutes Reeve had responded by completing a first half hat trick and Abby Kunert added the fourth in the second half.



**MONDAY  
15  
JANUARY**

## Wallwork eyes return to training

West Brom midfielder Ronnie Wallwork could return to light training next week after recovering from stab wounds.

Doctors say Wallwork should make a full recovery after being stabbed in a Manchester club last November.

The 29-year-old midfielder told Radio Five Live: "I was lucky to be alive, I'm just taking things slowly. There's scar tissue on my stomach where they operated, which is still a bit sore, but maybe next week I can get back into light training."

Wallwork was on loan at Barnsley at the time of the incident which took place in Manchester's Sugar Lounge.

He started two games for Barnsley before being sidelined, and admitted the incident had put things into perspective.

**ALSO...** Sheffield Wednesday manager Brian Laws has made his first permanent signing of the January transfer window by securing Wolves striker Leon Clarke.....Southend goalkeeper Steve Collis returns to training after a 10-week lay-off.



**TUESDAY  
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## Adams sacked by Coventry

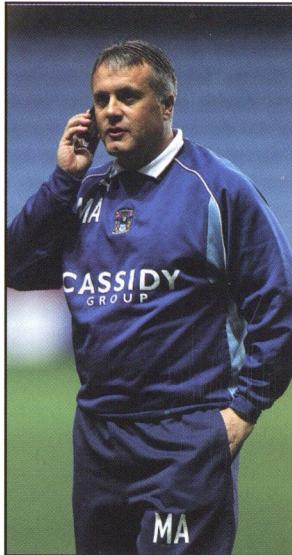
Coventry boss Micky Adams has been sacked in the wake of the FA Cup Third Round defeat at home to Bristol City.

Adams' fate was sealed at a board meeting held at the Ricoh Arena, with Adrian Heath appointed caretaker boss.

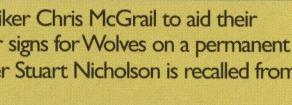
He said: "I'm devastated and bitterly disappointed. I wish the club every success in the future, but sadly I won't be part of it. It's not been a disastrous tenure and that's what I can't understand. I felt I could have turned it around."

A Coventry statement read: "This is a decision that the board of Coventry City Football Club has not taken lightly.

"Everyone at the club has supported Micky 100%, but unfortunately, results have not gone as well as we all anticipated given the substantial investment in the team."

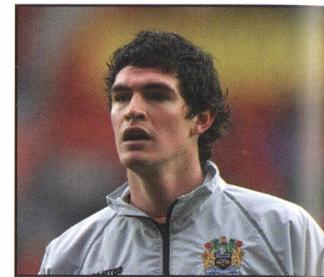


**ALSO...** Accrington Stanley sign teenage Preston striker Chris McGrail to aid their relegation fight.....Liverpool midfielder Darren Potter signs for Wolves on a permanent basis for an initial fee of £250,000.....West Brom striker Stuart Nicholson is recalled from his loan spell at Bristol Rovers with immediate effect.



**WEDNESDAY  
17  
JANUARY**

## Burnley reject offer for Lafferty



Burnley manager Steve Cotterill has turned down Celtic's £500,000 bid for teenage striker Kyle Lafferty.

"The bid that has been made for Kyle is nowhere near acceptable," Cotterill told the club website.

"With those words we are not encouraging anyone to come back with a bigger bid because he is not for sale."

"We are looking to build our squad and be better and Kyle Lafferty is not only one for now, but he is one for the future at Burnley."

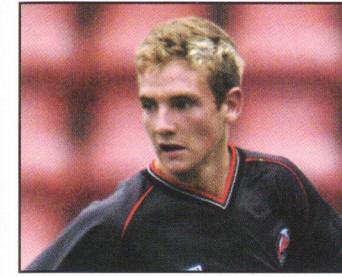
The 6ft 4in 19-year-old is a Northern Ireland international, having already won seven caps for his country and scored one international goal.

And the youngster has indicated that he would welcome a move to Glasgow.

**ALSO...** Bradford City striker Dean Windass joins Hull City on loan until the end of the season.....Rotherham sign striker Chris O'Grady from Leicester City in a £65,000 deal.....Celtic and Scotland goalkeeper David Marshall has completed a loan move to Championship side Norwich until the end of the season.

**THURSDAY  
18  
JANUARY**

## Derby boss wants with Bryson



Derby boss Billy Davies hopes to hold talks with Clyde midfielder Craig Bryson, who has impressed him during a week's trial at the Championship club.

The 20-year-old will be out of contract with the Cumbernauld club this summer.

"The young man has fantastic energy and has mixed in with the group very well," Davies told the Rams' website.

"We'll speak to the club and sit down with Craig, have a good conversation with regards to the future, and make the decision from there."

Clyde have already lost captain Paul McHale to Scottish Division One rivals Dundee during the January transfer window.

**ALSO...** Port Vale striker Leon Constantine's proposed move to Barnsley falls through after it hits a snag.....Hull boss Phil Brown denies speculation that Nick Barmby will miss the rest of the season.....Ipswich Town complete the signing of Cork City midfielder George O'Callaghan.

**FRIDAY  
19  
JANUARY**

## Cardiff stadium work set to start

Building work at Cardiff City's new stadium at Leckwith will start next month when bulldozers move in.

The athletics stadium will be knocked down with a replacement athletics track scheduled to be ready in the summer.

"Everyone is now looking to the future and that starts with the new stadium," said Bluebirds chairman Peter Ridsdale.

"With a restructured football club, a new financial package, and a new stadium about to start, Cardiff City Football Club is now really moving forward."

Meanwhile, Cardiff City football fans have held a protest in Wolverhampton at a ban on them attending the team's away match. Around 100 Bluebirds supporters met fans of other clubs for a rally on the steps of the city's civic centre.



**ALSO...** West Ham striker Hogan Ephraim extends his loan spell at Colchester United until the end of the season.....Barnsley recruit Kelham O'Hanlon as their new first-team coach.....Cardiff's Mark Howard joins local rivals Swansea on a one-month loan.

**SATURDAY  
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JANUARY**

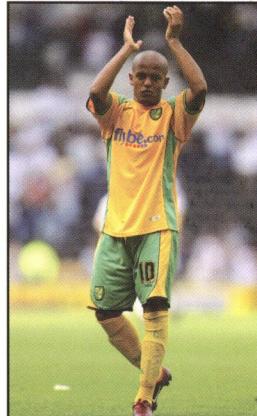
## Earnshaw to miss remainder of season

Norwich and Wales striker Rob Earnshaw will not return before the end of April following a groin operation

The 25-year-old, the Canaries' top scorer with 17 this season, suffered the injury in training last week.

"The injury is similar to that suffered by Robert Green before the World Cup, where the ligament comes away from the bone," said Norwich boss Peter Grant.

"I'd be delighted if he was back by the end of April, but it could be all season. Rob's gutted - as am I."



**ALSO...** Burnley complete the signing of Iceland international midfielder Joey Gudjonsson, 26, from Dutch side AZ Alkmaar for a fee of £150,000.....Bristol City boss Gary Johnson signs Coventry striker Wayne Andrews on a month's loan.....Scunthorpe sign striker Jermaine Beckford on loan from Leeds United.



# Brill's Dream

**Following a successful loan spell with Gillingham, Dean Brill turned in an eye catching performance against QPR on Tuesday night. The matchday programme caught up with Luton's promising goalkeeper this week as he chatted about his desire to impress at Kenilworth Road**

**Interviewed & Written by Steven Dove - Photography by Gareth Owen**

It's amazing what a change of scenery can do. Dean Brill's recent loan move to Gillingham seems to have done the youngster the power of good, if his display against QPR on Tuesday night was anything to go by.

That's not to say that the young shot-stopper isn't oozing with confidence on making a name for himself at Kenilworth Road. Dean is a born and bred Lutonian and his number one priority is establishing himself as Luton's number one.

And he couldn't be in safer hands. With Marlon Beresford and Goalkeeping Coach, Dmitri Kharine, keeping a watchful eye on his progress, Dean knows he has people behind him with plenty of experience to help progress his career further.

"It definitely helps having so much experience around you," admitted Dean. "I'm always talking with Marlon after any game I play in about things I can do differently and ways in which I can improve my game."

"I'm lucky really because experience counts for a lot when you are a goalkeeper. It's obviously a unique position and I am always trying to improve my game, whether it be on a matchday, or in training."

Dean has found his opportunities limited at Luton so when Gillingham knocked on the door and came calling for his services, after their regular goalkeeper, Kelvin Jack was struck down with injury, the move was just too good to turn down.

It was recognition of his hard working qualities that

saw Gillingham boss Ronnie Jepson praise Dean for his commitment to the club, along with the fact that the League One club signed him on a seven day loan on four occasions.

Dean made eight appearances for the Kent club and put in a man of the match display in their recent 1-1 draw with Cheltenham, making a string of important saves. It was a performance that saw Jepson rave about the potential and quality of Luton's promising goalkeeper

Talking after the draw with Cheltenham, Jepson said: "I thought Dean Brill was superb today, some of the saves he pulled off were of a different class. He was smashing and is a fantastic goalkeeper. He had good presence and was excellent positionally."

The move to Prestfield was an opportunity Dean was delighted to undertake as he earned rave reviews from within the club and gained valuable first team experience.

However it's at Kenilworth Road where Dean has set his heart on establishing himself as a goalkeeper. Having come through the Luton youth ranks at a rapid pace, he has gone about putting pressure on the number one jersey with a determined display on Tuesday night.

"When Dean Kiely arrived here, there was obviously little chance for me to break into the team so I jumped at the opportunity to go and play some league football elsewhere."



"Going to Gillingham was a new experience for me, because I have never played for anyone other than Luton. I wouldn't say it was difficult, because the lads at Gillingham were fantastic, but it was interesting to see how clubs do things differently."

"When you're a young goalkeeper it's hard because you are getting just a few matches here and a few matches there. You want to be playing all the time and I think I have come back from Gillingham as a better player."

"You go to another club and you quickly have to adapt to their ideas and their style of play. I was happy with the way I performed for them and the experience I gained was certainly beneficial for me."

"However I want to keep putting pressure on Marlon to try and break into the first team. I've grown up in Luton and I want to show people what I can do so I have to take any opportunity with both hands."

Dean joined his hometown club at the age of nine and has progressed through the Centre of Excellence, representing Luton Schools and Bedfordshire County Schools at a variety of age groups.

Dean, who has made 16 first team appearances for Luton, was always destined to be a goalkeeper with his dad, Graham, playing between the sticks in local football.

"I suppose I did want to be goalkeeper, but when I was a youngster I used to get thrown into goal because I was tall. I suppose that is how I have become to be a goalkeeper."

"When you're young, everybody

## Did you know?

Dean Brill, who joined the club at the age of nine, shot to promise when he made his Luton Town Under-19's debut at the tender age of 15, keeping a clean sheet that day.

wants to play up front and be the next Thierry Henry, but I just stuck to being a goalkeeper. My dad was a goalkeeper as well so I suppose it just runs in the family."

Dean played his part in setting up today's encounter with a key performance for the Hatters on Tuesday night against QPR, making a number of vital saves, including a double stop in the first half from Jimmy Smith and Dexter Blackstock.

What made his performance more impressive, was that he was called upon at the last minute after Beresford struggled with a back problem.

"I got a text message at about 2:00pm from Marlon saying 'be ready'. Marlon does his best to wind me up so I honestly thought he was joking at the time, but when I got to the ground on Tuesday I realised he wasn't."

"I was pleased with my performance. Although I was called up late into the team, I prepared for the fixture in the same way I always do. I think we defended well as a team and we matched them all the way."

"It wasn't a flowing match, but we played some good football. We were robbed at Loftus Road so it was nice to get that bit of luck on Tuesday night."

## Question Time

Although Dean Brill has kept two clean sheets for Luton in cup competitions, he has managed it only once in a league game. Can you name the team which failed to score past Dean in the league last season?



Now Dean and the team are looking forward to the tough challenge that waits them this afternoon. Blackburn will come to Kenilworth Road as the firm favourites, but Dean believes anything can happen on the day.

"For us, it's a win, win situation. You want to test yourself against the best and a victory this afternoon can help generate a real buzz around the place."

"We know it's going to be difficult, they are a strong team with quality players. However, a good performance this afternoon could really help us in the league and get us back to winning ways."

### Brill's opinion on...

#### Who will win the Premiership title



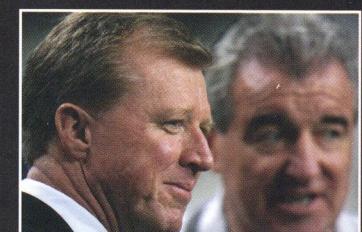
I would have to go for Manchester United because they have opened a gap at the top of the league. Although they lost to Arsenal last week they are the in form team at the moment and with Chelsea going through a rough patch, they will be hard to catch.

#### Beckham's move to America



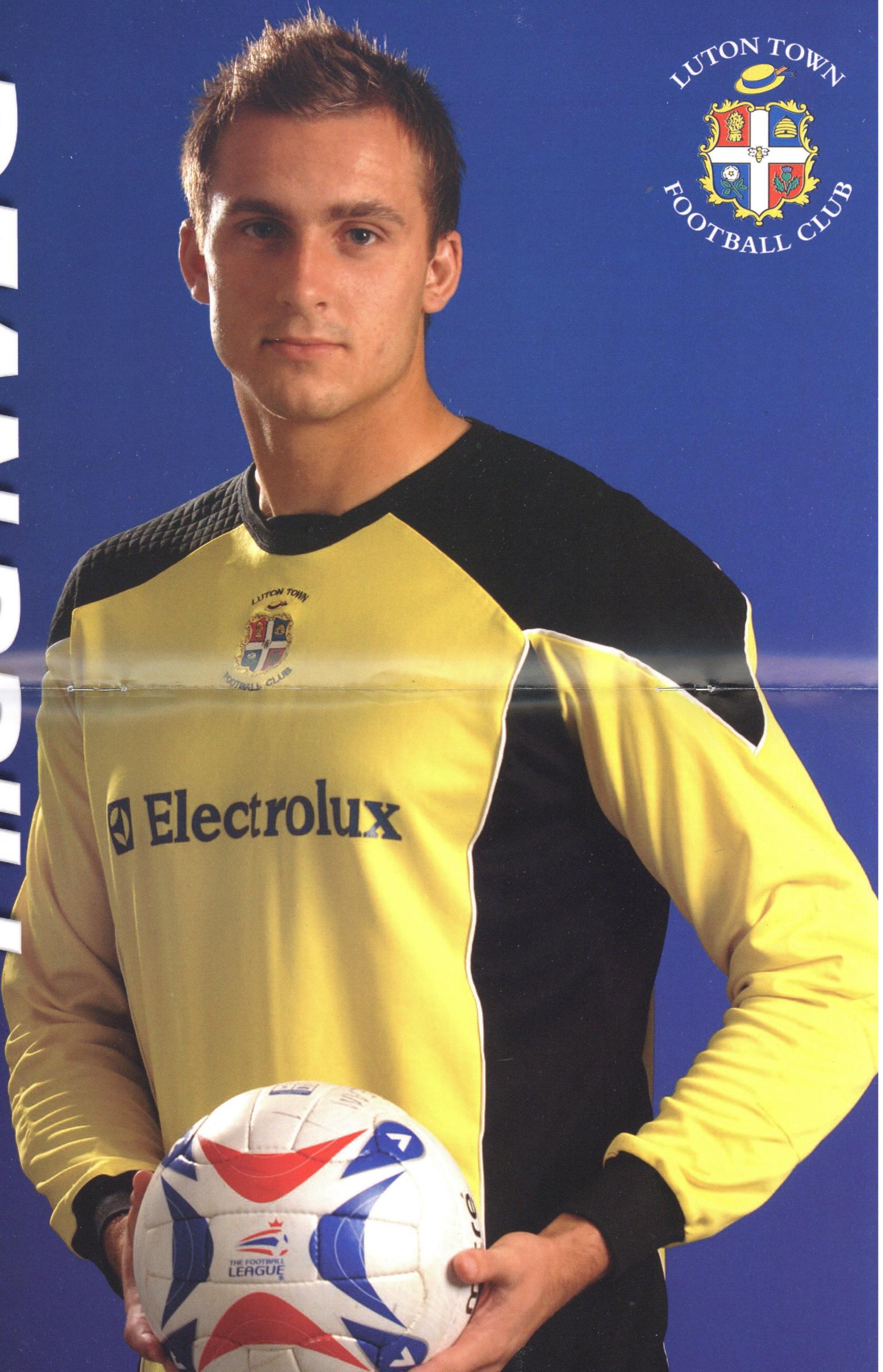
I think it is the right move for him. Although it is a lot of money, I don't think that's the only reason why he is going. I think he can make a change to football out there and he will be good for the game in America.

#### England qualifying for Euro 2008



It's a tough group but we have got plenty of world class players in the squad. I can't see England having much of a problem

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# Luton Town

war player to have appeared for Luton Town

## Thomas (Tom) FINNEY

A pipefitter by trade and playing part-time for Crusaders in his native Belfast, Tom was quietly signed by Luton manager Harry Haslam over the summer of 1973 and became an instant sensation for the Hatters. Scoring twice on his full debut against Carlisle in September 1973, he then netted in his next three games but no sooner had his star risen than it started to wane and the following summer he was transferred to Sunderland.

He fared little better at Roker Park and won the first of his Northern Ireland caps while he was there. It was his next move, though, where he found his niche, making over 300 appearances for Cambridge United in ten years at the Abbey. Tom now works for Securicor in Cambridge.

## James (Jim) Paterson FLEMING

Tricky winger Jim was signed by Luton Town in 1960 from Partick Thistle in a straight swap deal involving Joe McBride. Still a teenager when he came to Kenilworth Road, Jim was one of the stars of a poor Luton side and if his finishing had matched his approach play he undoubtedly would have picked up caps for Scotland.

As the Hatters were about to drop to Division Three, Jim returned to Partick and then moved on to Dunfermline, with whom he played in Europe, before transferring to Hearts.

Jim finished his career at Ross County and now lives in Inverness.

## Kevin Patrick FOLEY

Kevin first came to the attention of the local newspapers when skippering Cardinal Newman RC school who won the Heinz Ketchup Cup, the schools equivalent of the FA Cup, at Highbury.

Snapped up by the Hatters, Kevin made his League debut coming on as substitute in a 2-2 home draw with Bristol City in April 2003 and scored his first goal early in the following season during a Carling Cup clash with Yeovil at Kenilworth Road.

Since that time, Kevin has been virtually ever present in the Luton side as a right sided defensive player and all Town supporters feel that he will shortly add full Eire caps to his Under-21 appearances.

## Adrian Emmanuel FORBES

West London born Adrian joined Norwich from school and made over 100 League appearances for the Canaries, albeit many as substitute, before a shock £60,000 move took him to Luton in 2001, just as the Hatters were about to embark on their first season in the basement division since 1968.

A fast, strong player, who is equally at home on the wing or in a central striking role, Adrian was a regular as the Town won immediate promotion. However a bad knee injury in a pre-season friendly killed the following campaign and when he came back he was not an automatic choice.

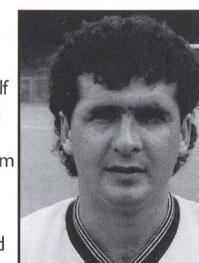
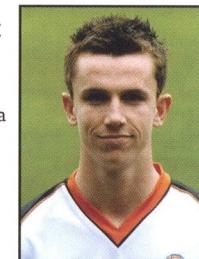
A move to Swansea followed in 2004 from where he was surprisingly released last summer; but he soon found further employment and is now at Blackpool.

## Stephen (Steve) Brian FOSTER

An inspirational skipper and leader, Steve was the Luton Town captain during arguably their finest hour, lifting the Littlewoods Cup in 1988.

Portsmouth born, Steve started with his home town club as a forward but reverted to centre-half and was then sold on to top flight Brighton for £150,000 in 1979. Steve won England caps whilst at the Goldstone and was virtually ever present during the Seagulls four year stay at the top. A change of manager saw him move to Aston Villa in March 1984, where he was unhappy, leading him to join Luton in November of that year.

At Luton, Steve formed a tremendous central defensive pairing with Mal Donagh and with it came the most successful period in the Hatter's history. A move to Oxford followed in 1989, and then back to Brighton three years later. Steve now runs his own insurance business.



## Panos Andrew FOTIADIS

Despite winning England Schools caps at both Under-15 and Under-21 level, Andrew decided to stay on at school to gain his GCSE A-levels before taking up full-time football with Luton Town.

Andrew came to Kenilworth Road at the same time as his close school friend Sean Evers and made his League debut on the opening day of the 1996/97 campaign. Much was then expected of Andrew as he possessed the good technique, pace and power needed by an old fashioned centre forward, but he was beset by a string of injuries which meant that he made less than 150 appearances in seven seasons.

A move to Peterborough in 2003 saw him fare little better and after a spell with Heybridge Swifts in 2004 he dropped out of the game to concentrate on his property portfolio.



## Stuart Thomas FRASER

Edinburgh born Stuart joined Luton Town from school and skippered the Hatter's youth team before making his League bow on the closing day of the 1997/98 campaign in a 3-2 home win over Carlisle.

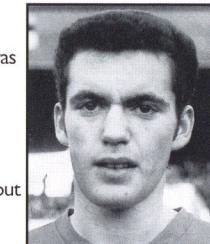
Within a year the stylish full-back had become a regular member of the Luton squad and had won Scotland U-21 caps but then suffered a broken leg in an FA Cup replay at Q.P.R. in January 2001.

Unfortunately, by the time he had recovered, new manager Joe Kinnear had decided that Emmerson Boyce and Matthew Taylor were his preferred full-back partnership leading to Stuart moving to Stevenage. Stuart left Stevenage in 2004 to join the Royal Marines.

## Graham Edward FRENCH

A member of the squad that won the Little World Cup at Wembley in 1963, Graham's suspect temperament put off a host of clubs leading to him turning out for Wellington Town, where he was spotted by Luton Town and soon became a favourite at Kenilworth Road.

For a big man, Graham had pace and two footed ability on the wing and set up many goals for a succession of Luton strikers. After helping the Town to two promotions he was sentenced to three years in prison following a shooting incident. The Town were happy to let him try again on his release but the deprivations of prison life left him a shadow of his former self and he drifted out of the game before re-surfacing under the assumed name of 'Lafite' at Southport in 1976. The poor man's George Best now lives in Wolverhampton.



## Barry Francis FRY

England schoolboy international Barry signed on as an apprentice at Manchester United in 1960 before turning professional two years later. Sadly, the abundance of riches at Old Trafford meant that he failed to make a first team appearance there and after a short spell at Bolton, the Bedford born inside forward moved back home and joined Luton in 1965.

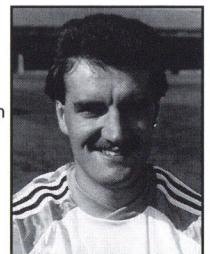
His stay at Kenilworth Road was short, one season and six League games, and after a similar spell at Leyton Orient he next surfaced as the successful manager of Dunstable Town.

Barry had now found his niche and managerial appointments at Hillingdon and Maidstone followed before he guided Barnet into the Football League. Saving Southend from relegation and seeing Birmingham promoted were feathers in his cap before he ended up at Peterborough where this larger than life character is to this day.

## Pasquale (Lil) FUCCILLO

Another Bedford boy who made his way up through the ranks at Kenilworth Road before making his debut as substitute during the Town's Division One season of 1974/75.

A powerful midfielder with a strong shot, Lil became a permanent feature in the Luton side a year later and there was talk of him being picked for Italy before a badly broken leg at Brighton in 1978 effectively took two years out of his career as he broke his leg again on his comeback.



Bravely, he eventually re-established himself in the Luton side and helped the Town to promotion from Division Two in 1982. After a spell in the States, Lil turned out for Southend, Peterborough and Cambridge before taking up various management positions including a short spell at Kenilworth Road. Lil is now Chief Scout at Leicester.

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# Up for the Cup

32 teams remain to battle it out for the coveted FA Cup prize and an appearance at the new Wembley Stadium. GERARD BUTLER previews all of this weekend's Fourth Round matches and finds out who are the favourites for this year's trophy.

As the FA Cup reaches its last 32 participants, 13 top flight sides rub shoulders with the same number of Championship outfits, a quartet of League One teams and a pair of League Two teams, as they bid to move ever closer to the revamped Wembley.

Tie of the round matches **ARSENAL** with **BOLTON WANDERERS**. Although the Gunners seem unstoppable at the moment, and have yet to be beaten at the Emirates Stadium this season, they lost 3-1 at Bolton in November, and have often struggled to defeat them. The visitors have enough in their ranks to force a draw.

**MANCHESTER UNITED** host **PORTSMOUTH** looking well set to add to their honours board this season given their home form, but Harry Redknapp has upset United a few times over the years, and the big names in his Pompey sides such as Kanu, Sol Campbell and Andy Cole means his side have a better chance than most of springing a surprise, although they have already lost 3-0 there in the Premiership in November.

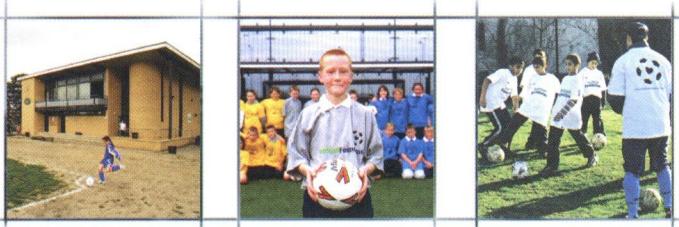
Completing the all Premiership ties is **WEST HAM UNITED**'s home clash with **WATFORD**, in an intriguing sub-text to the relegation battle the sides find themselves in. The Hammers, having rediscovered their goalscoring touch, will probably have the edge, but the Hornets may relish the break from league struggles, although their chronic lack of goals limits the chance of an away win.

Four other Premiership sides enjoy a home advantage.

**TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR**, fourth favourites for the competition, face a rematch of their Carling Cup Quarter Final clash with **SOUTHEND UNITED**, mindful that the Shrimpers took them to extra time before losing 1-0 at White Hart Lane. However, Spurs are still undefeated in cup ties this season, ahead of the Carling Cup semi-final with Arsenal, but the visitors have rallied of late to give themselves a chance of avoiding relegation. **FULHAM** nearly came unstuck in the last round at home to Leicester, and are handed another game against

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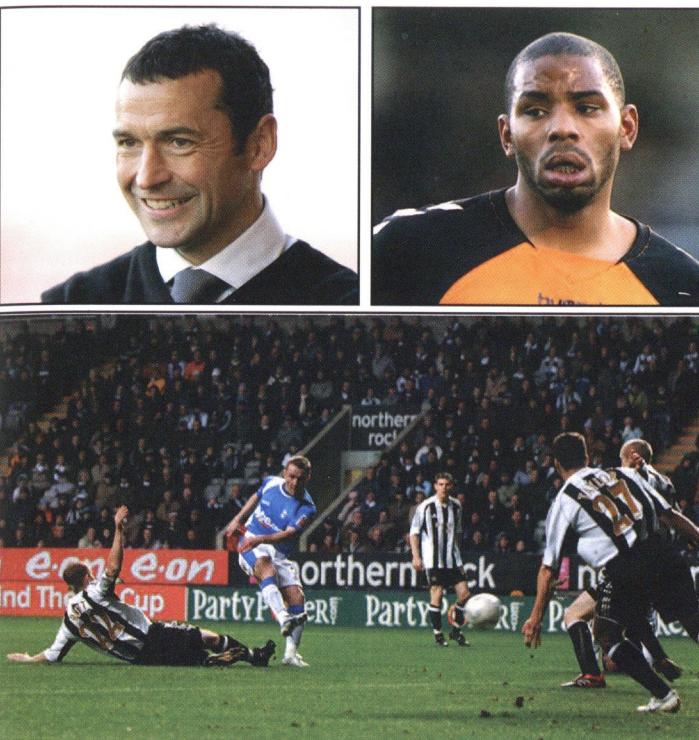
derby between **WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS** and **WEST BROMWICH ALBION**, with Wolves having a better defence, but Albion able to call on the likes of John Hartson and Kevin Phillips in their forward line. Although Albion won their home game with Wolves 3-0 earlier this season, they are shaky at times away from home. Another clash between divisional rivals brings together **CRYSTAL PALACE** and **PRESTON NORTH END** following the 0-0 November draw at Deepdale, with the Eagles appearing to have improved of late after a disappointing Autumn, but the visitors continue to chase the title despite a mixed away record, and a draw seems the likeliest outcome. **IPSWICH TOWN** will view their home tie with League One **SWANSEA CITY**, who had the result of the last round in their win at Sheffield United, with some trepidation, as City look to gauge themselves against a side they hope to join next season.

**DERBY COUNTY** are the current Championship leaders, and have built their success on an excellent defensive record which has enabled them to edge the tight games, as League Two

**BRISTOL ROVERS** face a rematch of one of the best Cup results in their history; the 3-1 away win at Pride Park in 2002 when the Rams were in the Premiership being the first time a League Two side had won at a top-flight side in the FA Cup.

**BLACKPOOL**'s FA Cup record has been solid over the last few seasons, and they are building a League One play-off challenge on strong home form as they host a **NORWICH CITY** side whose away form is variable, but have the prolific talents of Robert Earnshaw in their squad.

**BARNET** are at home to **PLYMOUTH ARGYLE** and are hoping to repeat their Carling Cup elimination of the Devon side last season. The Bees have won eight of their last nine at home, but Argyle are better on the road than at home this term.



□ Birmingham ran riot against Newcastle in round three and Gary McSheffrey, who is pictured above scoring the opening goal of a 5-1 win for the Championship side, will be hoping he can continue his fine goal scoring form this season by knocking Reading out of the FA Cup. Colin Calderwood (pictured left) takes his League One title challengers to Chelsea, while Barnet's Jason Puncheon will hope to add to his cup tally after scoring against Colchester

The Cottagers remain hard to beat at home, and will look on this game as a great opportunity to continue their overdue cup run, having shrewdly augmented their attack with Vincenzo Montella. City are strong defensively and could easily earn a replay, but their modest goals scored record makes a win here unlikely.

**MANCHESTER CITY** have been unhappy at home of late and look ripe for an upset at home to play-off chasing **SOUTHAMPTON**, for whom former Spurs striker Grzegorz Rasiak tops the Championship scoring charts, and will be eager to prove himself against top-flight opposition again. No side has scored more away league goals than the Saints.

**CHELSEA** face **NOTTINGHAM FOREST**, League One title challengers, as the current favourites to win the Cup, and, though they have struggled at times against lower-ranked sides such as Colchester and Wycombe, progress has always been

earnt, although Forest will point to their very firm away defensive record. The remaining trio of top-flight sides must travel away. Most notably

**READING** go to a **BIRMINGHAM CITY** side pressing firmly for a return to the elite, and fresh from the outstanding 5-1 win at Newcastle in the last round. If the Royals choose to modify their side, City should be firm favourites to progress given their attacking options and confidence at the moment.

A few weeks ago, **MIDDLESBROUGH** would have looked prime candidates for an upset, although they still face a stern task at League One title chasers **BRISTOL CITY**, who have lost just once in 16 home games this season. Boro finally broke their away hoodoo with a win at Charlton, but still struggled at times in the last round against Hull, and may need to settle for a replay. Moving onto the other Championship participants, there's a fascinating Black Country



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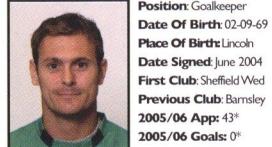
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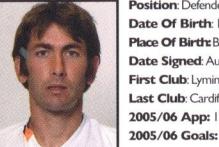
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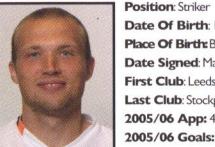
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 Date Of Birth: 02-09-69  
 Place Of Birth: Lincoln  
 Date Signed: June 2004  
 First Club: Sheffield Wed  
 Previous Club: Barnsley  
 2005/06 App: 43\*  
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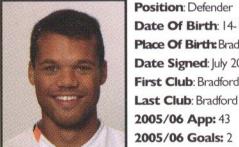
Position: Defender  
 Date Of Birth: 18-06-73  
 Place Of Birth: Barton on Sea  
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 First Club: Lymington  
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 2005/06 App: 12\*  
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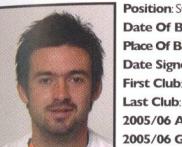
Position: Striker  
 Date Of Birth: 17-01-81  
 Place Of Birth: Belfast  
 Date Signed: March 2005  
 First Club: Leeds United  
 Last Club: Stockport  
 2005/06 App: 45\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 7\*

### 16 Lewis Emanuel



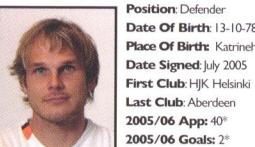
Position: Defender  
 Date Of Birth: 14-10-83  
 Place Of Birth: Bradford  
 Date Signed: July 2006  
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 2005/06 App: 43  
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### 20 Adam Boyd



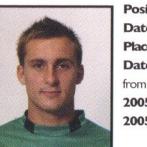
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 Date Of Birth: 25-08-82  
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 2005/06 Goals: 4

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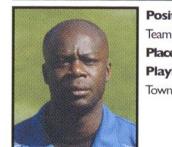
Position: Defender  
 Date Of Birth: 13-10-78  
 Place Of Birth: Karinneholm  
 Date Signed: July 2005  
 First Club: HJK Helsinki  
 Last Club: Aberdeen  
 2005/06 App: 40\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 2\*

### 33 Dean Brill



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

### Marvin Johnson



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

### 02 Kevin Foley



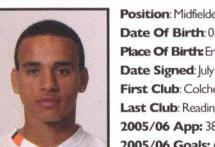
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 Date Of Birth: 01-11-84  
 Place Of Birth: Luton  
 Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002  
 2005/06 App: 39\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 0\*

### 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\*

### 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\*

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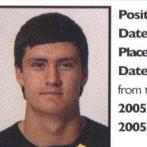
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 Date Of Birth: 20-11-86  
 Place Of Birth: Luton  
 Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2003  
 2005/06 App: 12\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 1\*

### 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\*

### 34 Zac Barrett



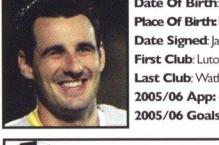
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 Date Of Birth: 25-5-88  
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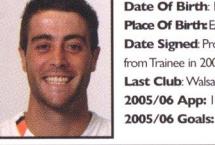
Position: Defender  
 Date Of Birth: 04-09-79  
 Place Of Birth: Cheltenham  
 Date Signed: August 2002  
 First Club: Swindon Town  
 Last Club: Swindon Town  
 2005/06 App: 23\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 0\*

### 07 Matt Spring



Position: Midfielder  
 Date Of Birth: 17-11-79  
 Place Of Birth: Harlow  
 Date Signed: Jan 2007  
 First Club: Luton  
 Last Club: Watford  
 2005/06 App: 44  
 2005/06 Goals: 9

### 14 Michael Leary



Position: Midfielder  
 Date Of Birth: 17-04-83  
 Place Of Birth: Ealing  
 Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2001  
 First Club: Watford (loan)  
 Last Club: Leyton Orient  
 2005/06 App: 1\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 0\*

### 18 Ahmet Brkovic



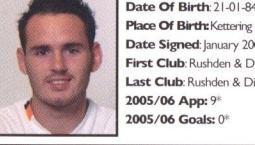
Position: Midfielder  
 Date Of Birth: 23-09-74  
 Place Of Birth: Dubrovnik  
 Date Signed: October 2001  
 First Club: HNK Dubrovnik  
 Last Club: Leyton Orient  
 2005/06 App: 44\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 8\*

### 22 Danny Stevens



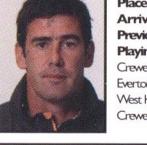
Position: Midfielder  
 Date Of Birth: 26-11-86  
 Place Of Birth: Enfield  
 Date Signed: September 2005  
 First Club: Tottenham  
 Last Club: Tottenham  
 2005/06 App: 1\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 0\*

### 28 David Bell



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

### Mike Newell



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

### Mark Ridgway



Position: Youth Development Officer  
 Place Of Birth: London

### 04 Chris Coyne



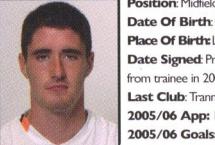
Position: Defender  
 Date Of Birth: 28-12-78  
 Place Of Birth: Brisbane  
 Date Signed: Sept 01  
 First Club: West Ham Utd  
 Last Club: Dundee  
 2005/06 App: 33\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 3\*

### 08 Steve Robinson



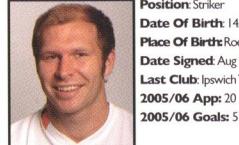
Position: Midfielder  
 Date Of Birth: 10-12-74  
 Place Of Birth: Lisburn  
 Date Signed: June 2002  
 First Club: Tottenham  
 Last Club: Bristol City  
 2005/06 App: 27\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 3\*

### 15 Stephen O'Leary



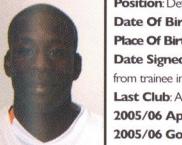
Position: Midfielder  
 Date Of Birth: 02/02/85  
 Place Of Birth: London  
 Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2001  
 First Club: Tranmere (loan)  
 Last Club: Tranmere (loan)  
 2005/06 App: 1\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 0\*

### 19 Sam Parkin



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

### 25 Leon Barnett



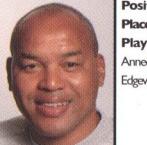
Position: Defender  
 Date Of Birth: 30-11-85  
 Place Of Birth: Luton  
 Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002  
 First Club: Aylesbury (loan)  
 Last Club: Bristol City (loan)  
 2005/06 App: 22\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 1\*

### 29 Calvin Andrew



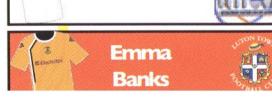
Position: Striker  
 Date Of Birth: 19-12-86  
 Place Of Birth: Births  
 Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2004  
 First Club: Bristol City (loan)  
 Last Club: Bristol City (loan)  
 2005/06 App: 1\*  
 2005/06 Goals: 1\*

### Mark Stein



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

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 Playing Career: Luton Town

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 Playing Career: Luton Town

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Position: Sponsor  
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 Playing Career: Luton Town

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 Team: Luton Town FC  
 Playing Career: Luton Town

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 Team: Luton Town FC  
 Playing Career: Luton Town

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 Team: Luton Town FC  
 Playing Career: Luton Town

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 Team: Luton Town FC  
 Playing Career: Luton Town

### Mike Tearle Century Club



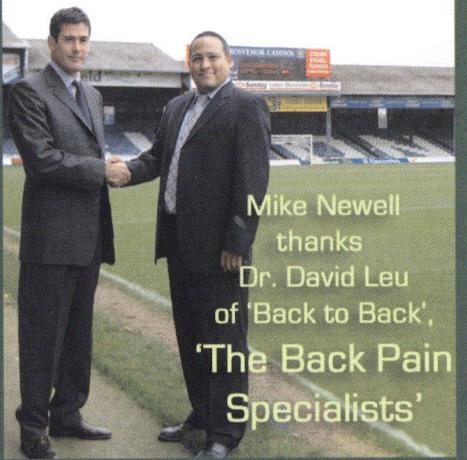
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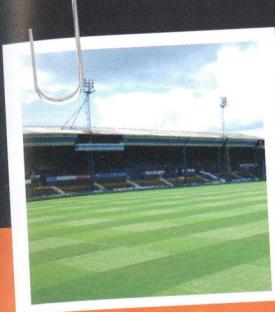
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## Around the Ground

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



### The Man in the Middle

**Name:** Steve Bennett  
**From:** Kent  
**Matches this season:** 31

**Number of Yellow Cards:** 108  
**Numbers of Red Cards:** 12  
**Last game at Kenilworth Road:** Aug 2005 - Southampton

Manchester United last week.

Bennett has officiated in 31 games so far this season, producing 108 yellow cards and 12 red cards.

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

Bennett, from Kent, officiated in 42 games last season, producing 141 yellow cards and 12 red cards.

Bennett will be officiating in his second FA Cup game this season. Bennett refereed Arsenal's 2-1 victory against

Manchester United last week.

### Visit a whole new world on the web

18.01.2007 O'LEARY PRE-QPR  
Stephen O'Leary admits he's hoping that he can force his way into the starting eleven when his chance comes

09.01.2007 JOHNSON ON FA YOUTH CUP TIE  
Kevin Johnson reviews the youth team's FA Youth Cup match against Burnley and explains how preparation is a little bit different for the youngsters this time out.

04.01.2007 NEWELL PRE-QPR  
After a windswept training session Hatters World caught up with Mike Newell and he shared his views ahead of the FA Cup tie with QPR.

32.01.2007 WBA 3 Luton 2  
Match report  
Match stats  
League table

01.02.2007 Luton 0 Cardiff 0  
Match report  
Match stats  
League table

29.02.2006 Birmingham 2 Luton 2  
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Match stats  
League table

26.12.2006 Colchester 4 Luton 1  
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Match stats  
League table

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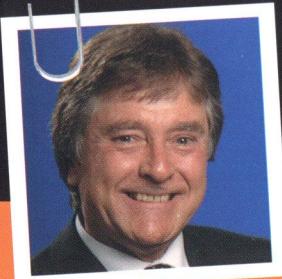
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# Commercial news with Peter Davis

Peter Davis welcomes this afternoon's sponsors to Kenilworth Road

Good afternoon and welcome to today's sponsors and commercial partners to this exciting and eagerly anticipated FA Cup Fourth Round game against Premiership side Blackburn Rovers. Three days is not exactly the ideal turnaround time for any match, especially for a game of this size and magnitude, particularly when we are also hosts to BBC Sport, who will be broadcasting the game to the nation at 12.30 this afternoon. However, as you would expect with the provisional planning pre the QPR replay on Tuesday, together with (as per usual), the total support from yourselves, here we are, game on with almost full lounges and everything to play for.

Enjoy the game, the atmosphere, this very special occasion and as always, thank you for your support.

Peter



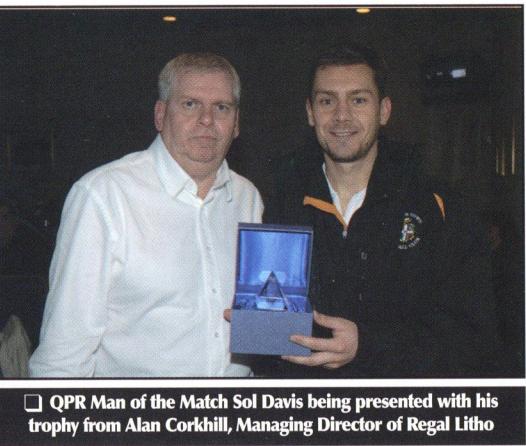
□ Commercial Mascot Charlie Bain receiving his match certificate



□ Scott Oakes, steals the limelight from his son by collecting his son Brandon's commercial mascot award from squad members



□ Guests of EDS making the most of the pre-match photo call



□ QPR Man of the Match Sol Davis being presented with his trophy from Alan Corkhill, Managing Director of Regal Litho

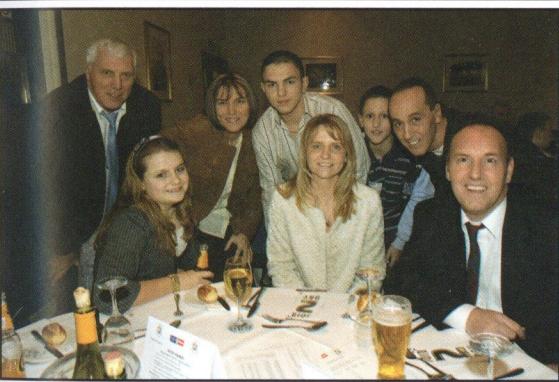


□ Guests of sponsors Regal Litho collecting their match awards from the squad

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□ VIP hospitality guests enjoying their pre match meal in the Eric Morecambe Lounge

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Commercial Mascot:  
**Conor Danes**



We also welcome to this very special occasion Leicester-based Conor Danes as this afternoon's commercial mascot. Leicester-based maybe, but seven-year-old Conor, together with his father, uncle and grandad are all staunch Hatters fans, with Conor attending his first game at Kenilworth Road at three years of age. His following of the Town has meant Conor has visited over 30 grounds over the length and breadth of the country, which I would think is very close to a record for a seven-year-old. Being a goalkeeper himself for his local team, Epworth Reds in Leicester his favourite Luton Town player has to be and is Marlon Beresford, whom he will meet today. Conor also attends the Football Academies at both Leicester City and Aston Villa. After all this football, he still finds time to enjoy darts and pool. Many thanks from the Club to Conor and his family for being with us today and we all hope that they all have a tremendous time with us.

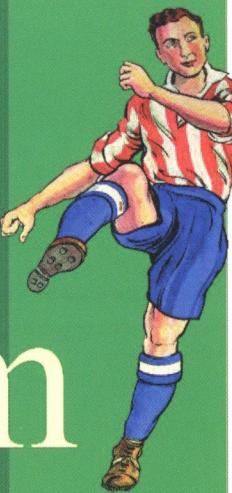


□ Commercial Mascot Daniel McMillan receiving his match certificate following the Barnsley match

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## League Round Up

**Simon Gover looks back on the latest action from the Championship**

**D**erby County took advantage of Birmingham City not playing on Saturday to go top of the Championship after a 1-0 win at Southend United.

Steve Howard's strike at Roots Hall sent The Rams three points clear at the summit.

Preston North End moved level on points with idle Birmingham after coming from two goals down to defeat Stoke City 3-2 at Deepdale.

Liam Lawrence scored the fastest goal in England on Saturday, striking The Potters in front after just a minute and 25 seconds.

Mamady Sidibe then doubled Stoke's lead on seven minutes, as Tony Pulis's side looked in good shape for three away points.

However, goals from Paul McKenna and David Nugent pulled The Lilywhites level before Kelvin Wilson claimed Preston's

winner in the dying stages.

West Bromwich Albion remain on the tails of the Championship's frontrunners after a 3-2 win at struggling Leeds United.

After January signing Tore Andre Flo gave The Whites a third minute lead, The Baggies stormed out to a 3-1 lead through Jonathan Greening and a brace from Diomansy Kamara.

Another new signing, Alan Thompson, pulled a goal back for Leeds on 66 minutes, but their troubles at the foot of the Championship table continue.

Southampton sent Queens Park Rangers nearer the relegation zone after a 2-0 success at Loftus Road.

Late goals from Grzegorz Rasiak and Bradley Wright-Phillips gave Saints all three points in West London to pull level in the table with West Brom.

Cardiff City ended a run of 13 games without a win with a late 2-1 victory at

Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Michael Chopra gave The Bluebirds the lead on 27 minutes in the early kick-off at Molineux, before Wolves levelled in the second half.

Seyi Olofinjana made it 1-1 on 58 minutes before Cardiff claimed their first three points since November.

New signing Jason Byrne struck two minutes before the end to give Dave Jones's side an important away result in the Black Country.

Sunderland sit just outside the play-off places on goal difference after a 4-2 win at Sheffield Wednesday.

The Black Cats took a two goal lead into the break through Dwight Yorke and Tobias Hysen.

David Connolly made it three at Hillsborough on 58 minutes before The Owls replied late on through Chris Brunt and Wade Small.

However, January signing Carlos Edwards made sure Sunderland took the points back to Wearside with a fourth goal a minute from the end.

Ipswich Town defeated local rivals Colchester United 3-2 at Portman Road, despite going behind to a Karl Duguid strike on 15 minutes.

An Alan Lee penalty on 30 minutes levelled matters before Sylvain Legwinski gave Ipswich the lead on 56 minutes.

Danny Haynes made it three for Town on 82 minutes before Colchester got a consolation goal through a Chris Iwelumo penalty.

Hull City earned a 1-1 draw at Crystal Palace, despite falling behind to a Carl Fletcher strike on 51 minutes for The Eagles.

Ian Ashbee equalised for The Tigers at Selhurst Park on 71 minutes.

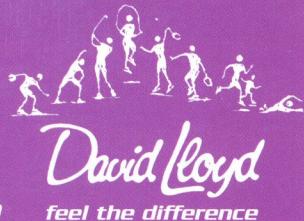


**Steve Howard scored Derby's only goal of the game against Southend to send the Rams top of the Championship table**



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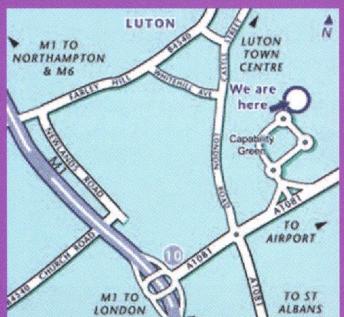
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# Football in the Community

Stuart Smith brings us the latest news from the Community Department



Good afternoon and welcome to today's FA Cup encounter against Blackburn Rovers. I would like to use today's pages to update you on the next set of sessions in our brand new 'First Kicks' Project and also the activities taking place throughout the February Half Term.



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March 2007: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st  
April 2007: 7th.

##### Course 2.

October 2007: 28th  
November 2007: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th  
December 2007: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

■ Payment for any one course is only by a block booking of £50.00 payable in advance.

■ Payment for any two courses is £90.00 paid in advance

■ If you book and pay for two courses you will be issued with a proof of payment pass which you will need to bring to each session

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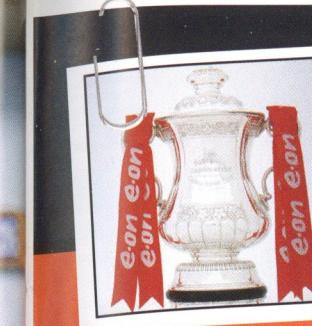
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## FA Cup Feature

We take a look at some of the oldest players to have played in the FA Cup

**B**arnet midfielder Andy Hessenthaler is in the frame to start the Bees' FA Cup Fourth Round tie with Plymouth Argyle at Underhill on Saturday.

The former Gillingham player-manager, who has been playing League football since 1991, will be 41 years and 163 days old. That almost matches the oldest FA Cup Final player but is well away from making him the oldest player in the competition as a whole.

Walter "Billy" Hampson, at 41 years 257 days, was

Newcastle United's right-back when they beat Aston Villa 2-0 to lift The Cup at Wembley in 1924. The oldest scorer, albeit in a penalty shootout, would be West Ham United's Teddy Sheringham at 40 years 41 days in last season's classic Final with Liverpool.

Barry Silkman, a midfielder with ten different League clubs in the '70s and '80s, made the news with an FA Cup appearance for non-League Harrow Borough in 2000. He came on as a substitute in Boro's First Round

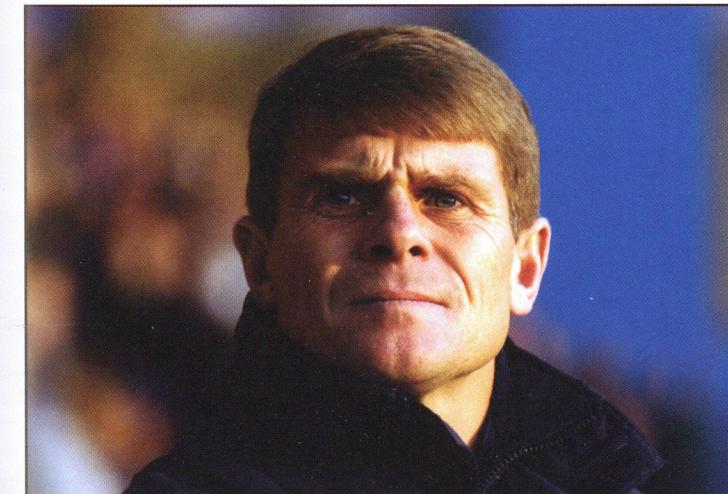
tie at Wycombe Wanderers at the age of 48 years 142 days. His side lost 3-0 to that season's eventual semi-finalists.

Silkman had four years at Leyton Orient and also served Hereford, Palace, Plymouth, Man City, Brentford, Luton, QPR, Southend and Crewe. He became a players' agent and greyhound trainer.

But he isn't The Cup's oldest player.

Billy Meredith, a legendary winger capped 48 times for Wales, played for Manchester City against Newcastle United in 1924 at 49 years 8 months. It was actually a semi-final, which City lost 2-0 at St Andrews.

There's no reason to think that Hessenthaler will bow out after Saturday - but he'll still be eight years away from the record!



Andy Hessenthaler will be 41 years and 163 days old should he play for Barnet in their FA Cup encounter with Plymouth



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### MANAGERIAL RECORDS

#### Mike Newell

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For 259 Against 231  
Av Pts/game 1.53  
Biggest Win(s) Luton 5 Bristol City 0  
(05/03/2005). Biggest Loss(es) Ipswich  
5 Luton 0 (29/10/2006).

#### Mark Hughes

Played 95 Won 37 Drawn 23 Lost 35  
For 107 Against 107  
Av Pts/game 1.41  
Biggest Win(s) Won 3-0 on 5 occasions  
Biggest Loss(es) Arsenal 6  
Blackburn 2 (23/12/2006).

### MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Mike Newell.....0	Mark Hughes.....0
Draws ..0	Goals 0	Goals 0

#### Player with the most... shots

Rowan  
Vine 70

#### shots on target

Rowan  
Vine 35

#### shots off target

Rowan  
Vine 35

#### assists

Lewis  
Emanuel 4

#### crosses

Carlos  
Edwards 70

#### fouls

Rowan  
Vine 55

#### free-kicks-won

Leon  
Barnett 42

#### Player with the most... shots

Morten Gamst  
Pedersen 53

#### shots on target

Benedict  
McCarthy 34

#### shots off target

Morten Gamst  
Pedersen 28

#### assists

David  
Bentley 5

#### crosses

David  
Bentley 82

#### fouls

Robbie  
Savage 46

#### free-kicks-won

David  
Bentley 49

### SHARP SHOOTERS

Luton	CCFC	Cup	Tot	Blackburn	Prem	Cup	Tot
Dean Morgan	3	1	4	Benedict McCarthy	10	4	14
Warren Feeney	2	2	4	Shabani Nonda	5	0	5
Ahmet Brkovic	3	0	3	M Gamst Pedersen	4	1	5

### TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played....36	Luton wins.....13	Blackburn wins .....11
Draws ....12	Goals 52 (1.4 per game)	Goals 42 (1.2 per game)
0-0's .....4	Times failed to score 12	Times failed to score 11

#### Biggest League win at Luton for each team:

15/11/1952 Luton 6-0 Blackburn

No wins for Blackburn

# Stat Pack

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### 2006/07 LEAGUE STATS



#### Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	5	9	17	2	3	6	14

#### Record Against Bottom Half of Table

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

#### Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
7	2	2	16	7	3	1	10

#### Record When Conceding First

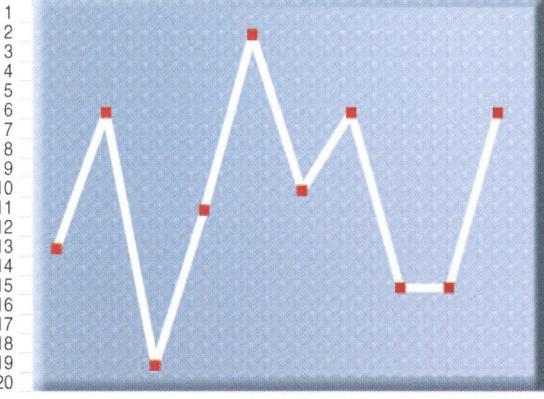
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	2	12	18	2	0	10	8

#### Match Scores

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

### BLACKBURN - TEN SEASON RECORD

96/97 97/98 98/99 99/00 00/01 01/02 02/03 03/04 04/05 05/06



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# Action Replay

vs QPR  
Tuesday 23rd  
January 2007



**LUTON 1 QPR 0**

Attendance: 7,494  
Luton Scorers: Rehman (og 80)

**Picture: Russell**  
**Perrett flicks the**  
**ball away from dan-**  
**ger despite the**  
**presence of**  
**Rangers striker**  
**Dexter Blackstock**  
**during our recent**  
**FA Cup win at**  
**Kenilworth Road**



**Luton:** Brill, Foley, Davis, Coyne, Perrett, Robinson, Emanuel, Langley, Brkovic (Morgan 77), Boyd, Bell

**Subs not used:** O'Leary, Keane, Stevens, Barrett

**Bookings:** Coyne (74), Morgan (90)

**Goals:** Rehman 80 (og)

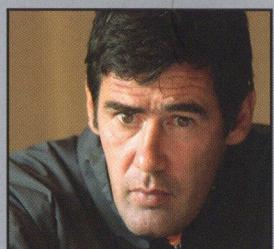


**QPR:** Royce, Milanese, Rehman, Lomas, Cook, Bailey, Stewart, Nygaard (Jones 72), Blackstock, Smith (Ainsworth 84), Mancienne

**Subs not used:** Cole, Kanyuka, Furlong

**Sent-Off:** Bailey (74)

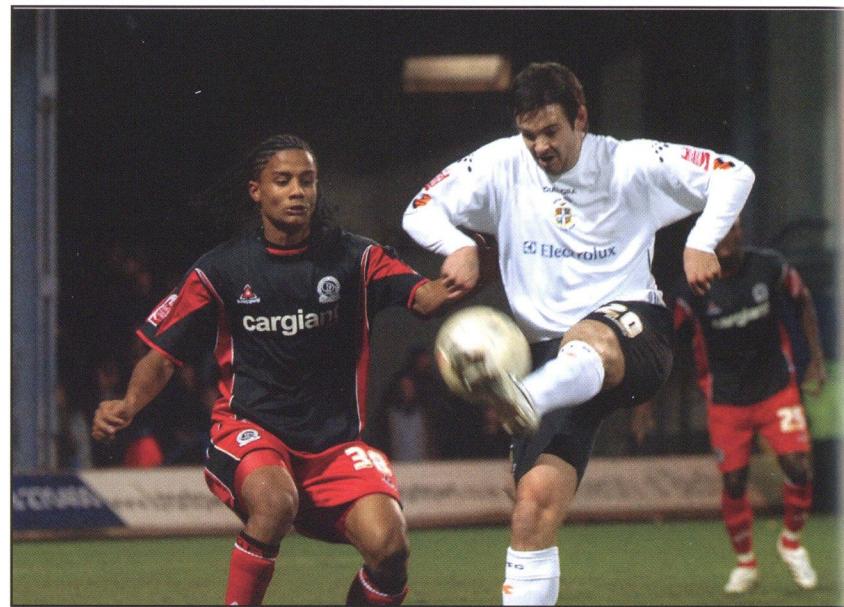
#### From the Manager



"I know it was miscued but there was a white shirt behind him. I wouldn't say it was unfair because we were through at Loftus Road if the handball had been spotted. They may have had the better chances but we had a bad goal awarded against us down at their place so maybe it was meant to be tonight."



□ Steve Robinson tries to block a long clearance up field.



□ Adam Boyd keeps his cool under pressure from the Rangers defence

## LUTON 1 QPR 0

QPR's Stefan Bailey was sent off and team-mate Zesh Rehman scored a calamitous own goal as Luton booked a lucrative televised FA Cup fourth-round clash with Blackburn.

Bailey saw a straight red card for a horrific lunge on Ahmet Brkovic - who had to be carried off on a stretcher.

Rehman then turned the ball past his own keeper with 10 minutes remaining after Dean Morgan's strike was heading wide of the goal.

Marc Nygaard was guilty of missing a host of chances, although Luton had a good opportunity

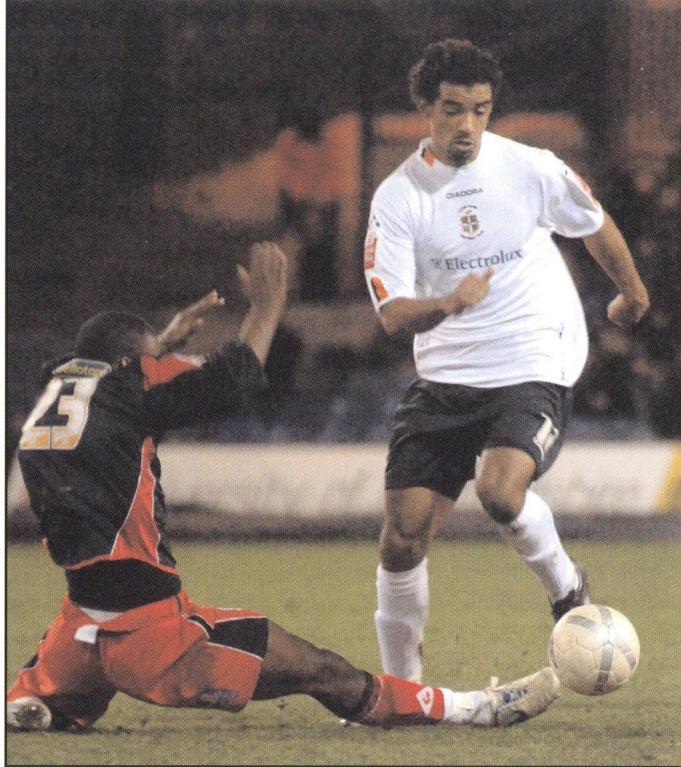
to break the deadlock in the first half when Adam Boyd's through ball caught QPR square, but the onrushing David Bell's angled shot flew narrowly wide.

Luton goalkeeper Dean Brill then kept the scores level with a superb double save, diving low to his right to parry Jimmy Smith's 20-yard effort and recovering in time to deny Dexter Blackstock from the rebound.

Rangers began the second half with more purpose although Luton had the best chance of the half when Morgan blasted wide with seconds remaining.



□ David Bell frightens the Rangers defence



□ Richard Langley takes on Stefan Bailey

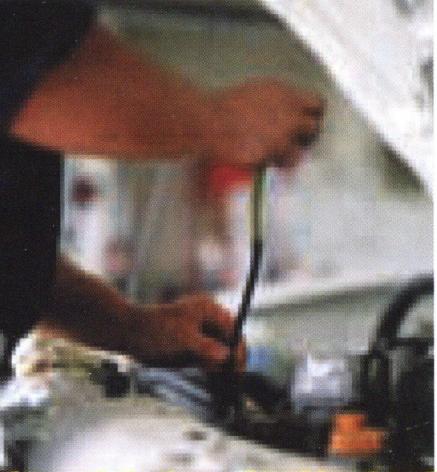


□ Lewis Emanuel plays a neat ball down the line despite the best efforts of a Rangers defender

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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	2(2)	0	27(2)	0	0	0	Rep U21 (plus Rep 19)	2	0	151	5
3 Sol DAVIS	14(3)	0	4	0	18(3)	0	4	0				176	2
4 Chris COYNE	5(5)	0	3	0	8(5)	0	1	0				218	15
5 Russell PERRETT	5(2)	1	2	0	7(2)	0	1	0				105	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	3	0	27(1)	0	3	0				163	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)	1	21(11)	4	2	0				70	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	1	0	25	1	2	1	Rep 'B'	1	0	25	1
17 Richard LANGLEY	16(2)	1	3	0	19(2)	1	3	0				21	1
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	12(5)	3	4(1)	0	16(6)	3	2	0				216	38
19 Sam PARKIN	7(1)	1	0	0	7(1)	1	1	0				7	1
20 Adam BOYD	4(11)	1	3(1)	1	7(12)	2	0	0				21	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	4	0	16(4)	2	1	1				31	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: 1**

**FREE-KICKS: 1**

**TOTAL: 46**

## A GAME OF TWO HALVES

### FIRST HALF RECORD:

**PLAYED 32 - W 10 - D 13 - L 9 - F 19 - A 21 PTS 43**

### SECOND HALF RECORD:

**PLAYED 32 - W 9 - D 9 - L 14 - F 23 - A 33 PTS 36**

## OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: **14**

Opponents score first goal: **17**

No goals scored: **3**

Luton Town score first and win: **9**

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: **6**

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: **17**

Luton goals at the Oak Road End: **8**

Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: **9**

Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: **10**



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**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 27/01/07. Members will be able to purchase 1 ticket per member from 29/01/07 until close of business 10/02/07. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on 12/02/07 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)



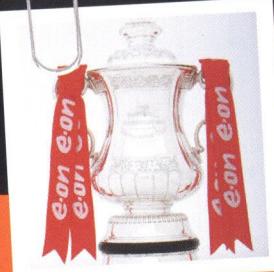
**By Car:** Leave the M1 at Junction 21. Take the A5460 towards Leicester city centre. Continue on this road, until you go under a railway bridge. Carry on for another 200 yards and turn right at the traffic lights into Upperton Road (sign posted Royal Infirmary) and then right again into Filbert Street.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

### SUPPORTERS CLUBS

**Town on Tour** will be leaving Maple Road at 11:30am, 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.



# In conversation with **Mike Newell**

**Mike Newell shares his FA Cup memories and fondly recalls his days at Ewood Park**



Mike Newell has gone on record to say that he's not really one for statistics, so for everyone else's sake, I can tell you that (by my calculations and I'm no bookie) the reason that he's facing his one of his former clubs for the fourth time as Luton Manager is that he's got a 1 in 6 shot of nailing an ex-employer every time a cup draw is made.

Hence, it's understandable that he didn't get too carried away when Blackburn came out of the hat for today's eagerly-anticipated match.

"A fairy tale is getting to Wembley, not drawing one of your old clubs in the Fourth Round. The words fairy tale and dreams are for getting to the semi-final and final of the FA Cup."

Newell has had mixed success when friends became foes for the day, and each time he's managed Luton against a former club Luton have always been a division below their opponents.

Newell said: "The cup has a habit of drawing you against your old clubs. I've got plenty of old clubs to come out of the hat, so the odds are stacked in my favour."

Few can forget last season's thrilling FA Cup Third Round match here at Kenilworth Road when Liverpool finally overcame such stiff Hatters resistance to win an eight-goal thriller in front of the BBC cameras.

"We proved last year against a very, very strong Liverpool side that we could compete. We just ran out of steam for the last 25 minutes. Other than that we could have caused one of the biggest shocks in the last few years."

Newell is a football traditionalist and is saddened that some Premiership clubs focus more on money and league placings than taking their fans on an unforgettable journey to a major final.

This season's Carling Cup defeat at Everton completed a miserable double for one of Liverpool's favourite sons, and there was no consolation in the defeats that they came at places so close to his heart.

Newell's solo ex-success came at Bradford City, which, assumingly, is not a place where he'd look back on with the same fondness as the clubs of

his birthplace - having played just seven games for them while on loan from Birmingham City in the 1996/97 season.

In his first season in charge of the Hatters, the FA Cup Third Round handed what would become a catalogue of annoyingly difficult away ties at Valley Parade.

At the time Bradford were finding life in the Championship almost as hard as their Premiership stint a few seasons before, while Newell was just beginning to impress his philosophies on his inherited Hatters squad.

A fine 2-1 victory ensued, and after more than consolidating in League One during the rest of the season, the rest is history.

Newell enjoyed the longest and most successful part of his career when he became part of one of the most astounding renaissances in English football, when he became part of a resurgent Blackburn squad that was fuelled by the wallet of Jack Walker but, more importantly, the guile of Kenny Dalglish.

However, Newell is quick to pour cold water on any comparisons to a current liaison between a certain Russian billionaire and a West London club.

Whereas Chelsea were already a big Premiership club already knocking on the door of a title before Abramovich took over, Blackburn Rovers were a struggling second division outfit in desperate need of a makeover.

"I don't think people appreciate the job that was done there, to be quite honest.

"People will look at it as spending money. There was no more money spent than any of the top clubs - the likes of Manchester United, Liverpool - were spending at the time."

"He (Dalglish) bought good players and took them out of the old first division into the Premier League the year it started, and finished fourth, second and first over three years."

Newell is also convinced that Blackburn took advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and that any such benefactor nowadays would simply be outspent by the big fish in the Premiership who, incidentally, are about to get even richer with the obscene amount of television cash that's about to pour into their coffers next season.

Newell puts Rovers' success squarely down to the genius of one man, Kenny Dalglish.

"He was one of the best managers I've had, and one of the best players I've ever seen in my life. He was a hero of mine as a kid.

"I don't care how much money you've got to spend, I would defy anybody to take a team from eighth bottom of the Championship and win the Premier League within three or four years. It's impossible."

"Ray Harford took over in the last season I was there and when Kenny stepped aside, but the four most successful years were under Kenny."

Nevertheless, Newell looks back fondly at his days at Blackburn and the bonds he forged with some of the game's great players will forever remain unbroken.

"You wouldn't have won the Premier League without a good squad of players. We had a good few years there and a great spirit and some good players.

"It was nice for me to play with players who were at the top of their game, and players who went on to be even better than they were at Blackburn."

Newell became Blackburn's first ever

million pound signing and initially forged a destructive forward line with pantomime villain David Speedie, as they tore apart second division defences at will.

In fact, it was Newell's play-off final penalty against Leicester City that secured Blackburn's place in the inaugural Premier League.

These days, though, the Manager prefers not to dwell too much on the past. After all, there's a game to win today.

"It's something for you to look back at when you've finished playing, which I have, but it won't give us any advantage at all, the fact that I've played at Blackburn."

Nothing lasts forever in football, and Blackburn are now under the guidance of another exceptionally-talented former player.

"Mark Hughes is a successful manager and a successful player with a record that's second to none in the FA Cup."

"He's had success as a manager at Blackburn and he's done well with Wales. He doesn't get carried away or over-excited, he just gets on with the job."

"I've played against him several times. Obviously we were at opposite ends of the pitch, which was always a bonus for me!"

"He was a very aggressive player on the pitch, but off the pitch he's as mild-mannered a fellow you could wish to meet."

"But it's not really about me and what happened at Blackburn. That's all in the past. Today is one for our players to look forward to."

# Luton's 2006/07 Stats

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

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

AUG 06

SEPT 06

OCT 06

NOV 06

DEC 06

JAN 07

FEB 07

MAR 07

APR 07

DATE	Fixture	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Barrett	Boyd	Brkovic	Morgan	Perrett	
Sat 5	LEICESTER CITY*	2-0	8,131	1,198	2	Beresford	Foley	<b>Barnett</b>	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Barrett	Boyd	Brkovic	Morgan	Perrett	
Tues 8	Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	22,613	719	3	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Coyne	Morgan	Perrett	
Sat 12	Norwich City	2-3	22,863	1,221	6	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	<b>Vine</b>	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Coyne	<b>Morgan</b>	Perrett	
Sat 19	STOKE CITY	2-2	7,727	614	5	Beresford	Foley	<b>Barnett</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	Langley	Bell	<b>Boyd</b>	Morgan	Brill	Edwards	Foley	Stevens	Vine	
Sat 26	Wolves	0-1	19,378	1,069	10	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Bell	Keane	Morgan	Parkin	
Sat 9	CRYSTAL PALACE	2-1	9,187	1,800	6	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	<b>Vine</b>	Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Keane	Morgan	
Tues 12	COLCHESTER UNITED	1-1	7,609	429	7	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	<b>Parkin</b>	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Keane	Morgan	
Sat 16	Cardiff City	1-4	14,108	329	12	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	<b>Vine</b>	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	<b>Feeney</b>	Brill	Foley	Langley	Stevens	<b>Vine</b>	
Sat 23	WBA	2-2	9,332	1,737	12	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	<b>Vine</b>	<b>2 Parkin</b>	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Holmes	Keane	
Sat 30	Barnsley	2-1	10,175	738	11	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	<b>Parkin</b>	Brill	<b>Brkovic</b>	Davis	Feeney	Keane	
Sat 14	BIRMINGHAM CITY	3-2	9,275	1,503	7	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	<b>Vine</b>	<b>2 Parkin</b>	Brill	<b>Bell</b>	Feeney	Keane	Morgan	
Tues 17	Hull City	0-0	14,895	232	7	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Morgan	Langley	O'Leary	Bell	Vine	Parkin	Brill	Boyd	Feeney	Holmes	Keane	
Sat 21	LEEDS UNITED	5-1	10,260	1,800	5	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	<b>Heikkinen</b>	Davis	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	<b>Vine</b>	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Keane	Langley	O'Leary	
Tues 24	Everton (CC3)	0-4	27,149	2,334	-	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Keane	Davis	Morgan	Robinson	Bell	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Brkovic	Emanuel	O'Leary	
Sun 29	Ipswich Town*	0-5	20,975	tbc	9	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Keane	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Brkovic	O'Leary	Perrett	
Tues 31	BURNLEY	0-2	7,664	698	9	Beresford	Edwards	Barnett	Heikkinen	Holmes	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Perrett
Sat 4	Preston North End	0-3	13,094	423	12	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Holmes	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Perrett
Sat 11	QPR	2-3	9,007	1,533	16	<b>Brill</b>	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	<b>Brkovic</b>	Robinson	Bell	Edwards	Vine	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Perrett
Sat 18	DERBY COUNTY	0-2	9,708	1,753	18	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Perrett	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Vine	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Morgan
Sat 25	Southampton	1-2	20,482	573	20	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Perrett	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Feeney	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Morgan
Tues 28	Plymouth Argyle	0-1	9,965	186	20	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Perrett	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Vine	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Perrett
Sat 02	PRESTON NORTH END	2-0	7,665	809	18	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Vine	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Perrett
Sat 09	Sunderland	1-2	30,445	543	19	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Vine	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Morgan
Fri 15	SOUTHEND UNITED*	0-0	7,468	497	18	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Vine	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Morgan
Sat 23	COVENTRY CITY	3-1	8,299	933	19	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	<b>Brkovic</b>	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Vine	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Morgan
Tues 26	Colchester United	1-4	5,427	762	19	Kiely	Foley	Coyne	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Vine	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Morgan
Fri 29	Birmingham City*	2-2	24,642	485	19	Kiely	Foley	Coyne	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Morgan	Barnett	Langley	Edwards	Vine	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Morgan
Mon 1	CARDIFF CITY	0-0	8,004	579	19	Kiely	Edwards	Barnett	Perrett	Davis	Morgan	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Morgan
Sat 6	QPR (FA Cup 3rd Rd)	2-2	10,064	2,305	-	Beresford	Barnett	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	Morgan	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	<b>2 Boyd</b>	Brill	Bell	Boyd	Brkovic	Feeney	Morgan
Fri 12	WBBA*	2-3	19,927	390	19	Kiely	Keane	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Brkovic	Feeney	Morgan	Barnesford	Boyd	Brkovic	Perrett	Stevens	
Sat 20	BARNESLEY	0-2	7,441	382	20	Kiely	Keane	Barnett	Coyne	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Bell	<b>Feeney</b>	Morgan	Barnesford	Boyd	Brkovic	Perrett	Spring	
Tues 23	QPR (FA Cup 3rd Rd rep)	19:45	7,494	1,492	-	Barnet	Foley	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Brkovic	Feeney	Bell	Boyd	Barrett	Keane	Morgan	O'Leary	Stevens
Tues 23	BLACKBURN (FA Cup 4th Rd)	19:45																				
Tues 30	Coventry City	19:45																				
Sat 3	Leicester City	15:00																				
Sat 10	NORWICH CITY	15:00																				
Sat 17	Stoke City	15:00																				
Tues 20	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	19:45																				
Sat 24	Crystal Palace	15:00																				
Sat 3	WOLVES	15:00																				
Sat 10	Leeds United	15:00																				
Tues 13	HULL CITY	19:45																				
Sat 17	IPSWICH TOWN	15:00																				
Sat 31	Burnley	15:00																				
Sat 7	SOUTHAMPTON	15:00																				
Mon 9	QPR	15:00																				
Sat 14	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	15:00																				
Sat 21	Derby County	15:00																				
Sat 28	Southend United	15:00																				
Sun 6	SUNDERLAND	tbc																				

2006/07 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE											
HOME	AWAY					Pts	G				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A
Derby	29	8	3	3	17	11	9	2	4	21	17
Birmingham	27	8	4	1	24	12	8	1	5	22	14
Preston	29	10	4	1	27	10	5	4	5	17	20
West Brom											

# Coming Next

to Kenilworth Road



## Luton Town v Norwich City

Saturday 10th February 2007, Kick-Off 3:00pm

By Steven Dove

These are currently testing times at Carrow Road. Without their leading striker, Robert Earnshaw, for the remainder of the season and with only one league win in their last eight matches, you could say there is a mini crisis at Carrow Road.

Canaries boss Peter Grant has been speaking of his desire to make necessary signings in the January transfer window as he tries to move his side away from relegation danger.

"Obviously I'm still working hard to try and get a few more bodies in," said Grant. "We are still talking to people and we were talking as late as half 10, quarter to 11 on Thursday night. All these things are on going.

"But a lot of people are in a similar position to me where someone picks up an injury and it changes.

"I'm desperately trying to bring players here, there's no doubt about that. But that will go right to the wire. It's out of my hands - the people involved know who I want and the players know because the clubs have let them know.

"The players are keen but the clubs want to see where they stand and want to get the weekend out of the way because there are cup ties to be played. But I still want three or four more bodies in."

Following the sacking of Nigel Worthington, Grant was the surprise choice by many to lead Norwich back to the Premiership.

Grant, who spent two successful years as player at Norwich, left his position with as Alan Pardew's assistant manager at West Ham United and endured a mixed start in his new position with wins against Cardiff and Birmingham but a heavy defeat at Stoke.

However this seems to be Grant's biggest task in his short managerial spell. He did go about strengthening his squad when he returned to his former club, Celtic, to sign Scottish internationalist goalkeeper David Marshall on loan until the end of the season.

However it seems to be in attack where Norwich are coming up short. Earnshaw's omission means Darren Huckerby and Dion Dublin are the club's top scorer with five goals.

For Earnshaw, his injury comes at the worst possible time.

Talking to the club's official website, the striker, who has scored 17 goals this season, said: ""It's just annoying - really annoying. It was just a freak accident really.

"It just happened to be me it happened to. I'm going to be out for quite a while now and I've just got to work to get back stronger. And just need to get it right and get back playing."

The list of problems continue for Norwich who are without an away win since early November and have conceded 12 goals in their past seven league games.

It's a far cry from their start to the season where Norwich lost only twice in their opening eight matches and were serious contenders for promotion.



### Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	Norwich
League	23	18	26
FA Cup	2	1	1
League Cup	0	0	1
Total	25	19	28

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## LUTON TOWN

Manager: Mike Newell

Plays 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
● ●	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

## BLACKBURN ROVERS

Manager: Mark Hughes

Plays Score

1	BRAD FRIEDEL	✓ ●
3	ZURAB KHIZANISHVILI	● ●
4	ANDY TODD	● ●
5	TUGAY KERIMOGLU	● ●
6	RYAN NELSEN	✓ ●
7	BRETT EMERTON	✓ ●
8	ROBBIE SAVAGE	● ●
9	SHABANI NONTA	✗ ●
10	BENEDICT McCARTHY	✓ ●
11	DAVID BENTLEY	✓ ●
12	MORTEN GAMST PEDERSEN	✓ ●
13	PETER ENCKELMAN	✗ ●
14	STEVEN REID	● ●
15	AARON MOKOENA	✓ ●
16	STEPHANE HENCHOZ	✓ ●
17	FRANCIS JEFFERS	✓ ●
18	PAUL GALLAGHER	✓ ●
19	DAVID DUNN	● ●
20	ANDRE OOIJER	● ●
23	JASON BROWN	● ●
24	JAMES McEVELEY	● ●
26	ANDY TAYLOR	● ●
27	MATT DERBYSHIRE	✓ ●
28	FRANK FIELDING	✓ ●
29	KEITH TREACY	● ●
30	JASON ROBERTS	● ●
31	SERGIO PETER	● ●
32	EDDIE NOLAN	● ●
33	MICHAEL GRAY	● ●
34	TONY KANE	● ●

✓ TALBOT 30

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