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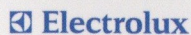
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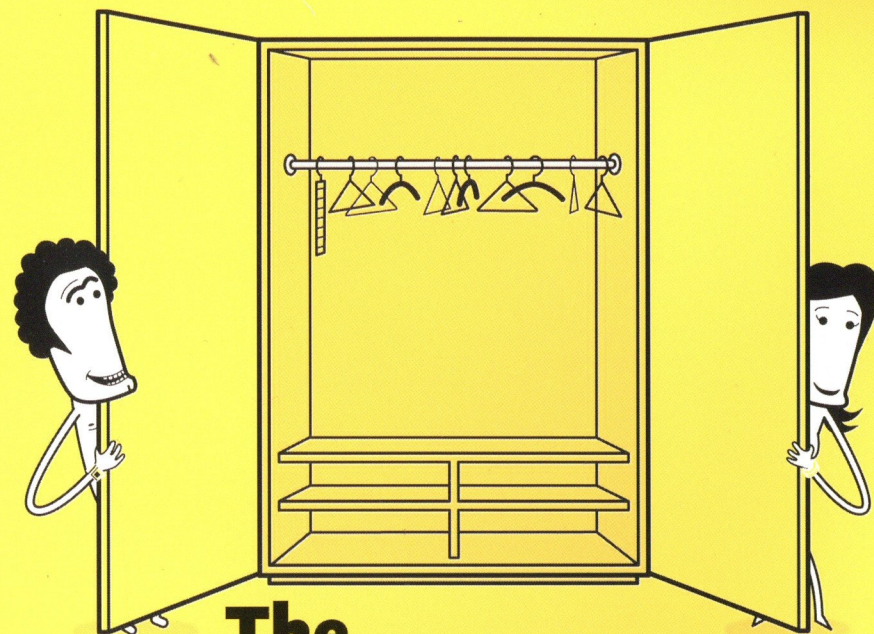


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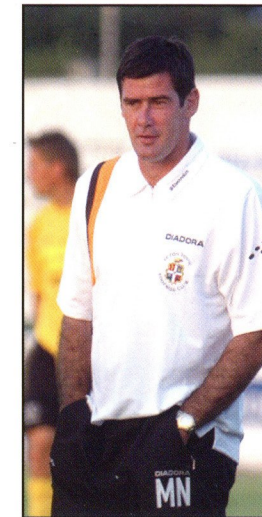
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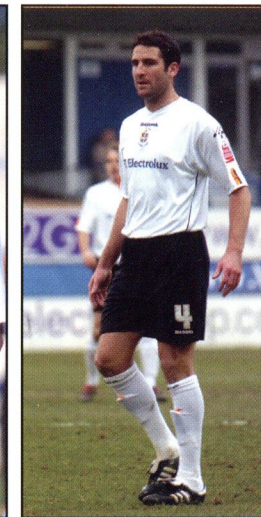
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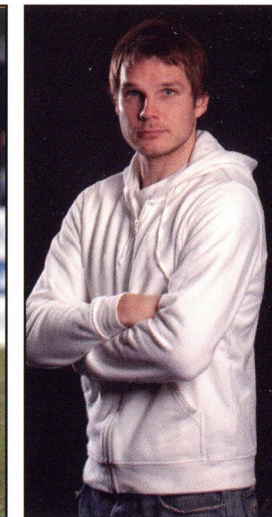
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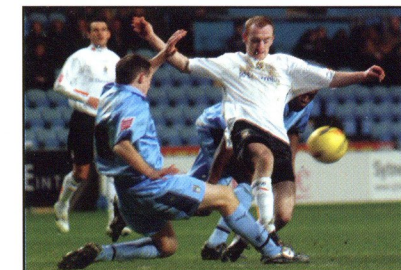


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From the Board of Directors



A warm welcome from Kenilworth Stadium to the Sheffield Wednesday directors, players and supporters for tonight's Championship game, an important one for both sides as the season enters its final third.

We also welcome Bjorn Runstrom who we signed late in the January transfer window and is in line to make his home debut. A number of fans questioned our commitment in signing players during the recent window period. The simple facts are the Manager, along with our CEO, continually looked at making signings throughout this period, but simply would not, as Mike Newell consistently states, pay over-the-odds prices for players. Likewise, we had already signed Matthew Spring and Drew Talbot and were keen to add one or two more signings. However negotiations are often complicated and it is hard for us at times to compete with other clubs who currently have better overall facilities to offer. It is one

of the key reasons why we continue to move forward in our relocation plans and the opportunity to genuinely compete on a level footing with most other clubs. No doubt most of you will now be aware of the recent statement regarding the appointment of Rosemound Developments Limited as the preferred developer for the Junction 12 site, which represents a major step forward in our relocation plans.

We are sure most of our supporters also understand that our season to date has been disturbed by a series of chronic injuries that have tested the squad to the limit, with our Manager at times having just enough players available to pick a team from. This was recently highlighted in the local Herald & Post newspaper where they printed two teams, one being our fit and remaining players, the other made up of predominantly injured players accompanied by a couple we have recently loaned

out. It is therefore good to see that many of the injured players appear to be getting close to full fitness and we are confident that the quality in the squad will come through over the remaining months of the season. The many supporters who travelled and got behind the team so well at Leicester and Stoke would have been encouraged by the way the team played and with a number of injured players coming back over the next three to four weeks, we are confident we can look forward to some better times ahead.

Whether you play Sheffield Wednesday at home or away, it is always a good game of football, as witnessed here last season when we drew 2-2. If the sides treat us to the same tonight, we will all be in for an excellent evening.

Enjoy the match and get behind the lads – it certainly makes a difference.

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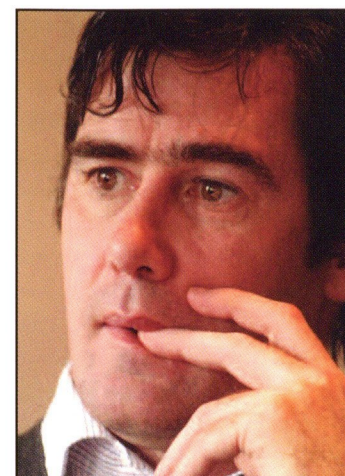
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From the Manager

Mike Newell



Mike Newell
Luton Town Manager

Hello and welcome to
Kenilworth Road for
tonight's game against
Sheffield Wednesday. Welcome also
to Brian Laws, his staff, players,
directors and supporters from
Hillsborough.

They have seen an upturn in results
and form since Brian arrived and it
will be a difficult game for us.

Saturday's game was eventful if not
entertaining. The sendings-off had a
big influence on the way we were
forced to play in the second half. We
have appealed against Sol's dismissal
and hopefully for him and for us he

will be available for tonight and the
next two games. If not there is a
serious problem with the game in
this country and the interpretation of
the rules that certain referees and
officials have.

The report of the incident reads,
"the player committed a challenge
on an opponent using excessive force
and speed".

As far as we are aware using
excessive speed is not an offence on
a football pitch and there is no rule
either as to how much force you can
use on a ball.

We are already in danger of losing
the art of tackling from the game and
on some occasions a free kick is now
awarded when a player has to break
stride to avoid a shadow. We all
know what a bad challenge is and we
all know when a player is
endangering his opponent, but Sol's
eyes were fixed firmly on the ball and
he won it. Perhaps the advent of The
FA academies years ago is to blame.
We were told that we are not
blessed with the same technique in
this country as they are abroad. The
youngsters are therefore namby-
pamby for years and consequently
some of them have no pain threshold

and think they have a divine right to
protection from referees, some of
whom it is absolutely clear have a
weird perception and understanding
of the laws. There is also no question
that the influx of foreign players has
had a massive influence on the game
in this country.

I firmly believe that football in Britain
is unique in its honesty and
competitiveness.

There must be a generation of
supporters who despair at some of
the antics of players and also the
decisions that are now being made
and the explanations that accompany
them.

Scrutinising every incident over and
over again doesn't help either,
especially when the people doing the
scrutinising are contradicting
themselves from one week to the
next. Brian Clough said years ago
that over-exposure of the game by
television would ruin it. He wasn't
one of the best managers for
nothing. He knew the game and like
all the great managers he could see
what's coming.

Enjoy the game and get behind the
lads.

Mike

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From the Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery

Firstly, some information regarding postponed and rearranged matches. With Norwich City no longer in the FA Cup we will play our postponed match against them here at Kenilworth Road next Tuesday February 27 with a 7.45pm kick-off. Tickets for the original match are of course valid for the new date. We had invited youngsters from our Development Centres to the original Saturday fixture, and so they will not be disappointed, we have extended another invitation to attend a forthcoming Saturday fixture.

The Norwich match does displace our reserve match with Oxford United which we were due to play next Tuesday afternoon – Oxford have a backlog of fixtures so no new date has been arranged at the present time. Colchester United have asked us to change our away match with them from Wednesday April 25 to Tuesday April 24 kick-off 2pm and at the time of writing I have still not been able to confirm a new date for our home reserve match with Southend United.

Another postponed match that has been re-arranged is our home Puma Alliance Under-18 match with Portsmouth which will be played on Saturday April 28 at Luton Rugby Club kick-off 11am.

The Under-18s won their Beds FA Floodlit Cup match against Crawley Green 3-0 and a big thank you to everyone who turned out to support the youngsters on what was a very cold and wet evening, it was good to see you there. In the semi-final we play away at Stotfold FC on Thursday March 15 kick-off 7.45pm and again please do come and support the youngsters.

Several supporters have asked about the Transfer Window and what we can and cannot do, so here is a very brief summary. The Transfer Window opened at midnight on December 31 and remained "open" until midnight on January 31. During this time Clubs could transfer players in and out, players could also be loaned as a standard loan which can be made permanent during the closed period. Once the window closed at midnight on January 31 no loans can be made for seven days, after which short term Emergency Loans can be made. The Emergency Loan Window closes at 5pm on Thursday March 22, after which time only goalkeepers can be signed and only in extenuating circumstances. The window then remains closed until the end of the season. Full details of the regulations can be found at www.thefootball-league.co.uk

Supporters will have seen the press release from The Football League regarding the No Smoking Policy, which will be adopted by the whole of The Football League from next season, so this does mean that with effect from July 1 smoking will not be permitted throughout the stadium or on any of the premises. In announcing The League's new "smoke free" policy Chairman Lord Mawhinney said: "In re-branding The Football League we made a serious, long-term commitment to encouraging a new generation of supporters to our matches.

"This is the latest stage in that process. We aim to get more families and more young fans going along to watch their local Football League club. This new policy will ensure that doing so does not have a negative effect on their health."

We have received notification from The Football League that for the last league match of the season all Championship League fixtures will kick-off at 1pm on Sunday May 6.

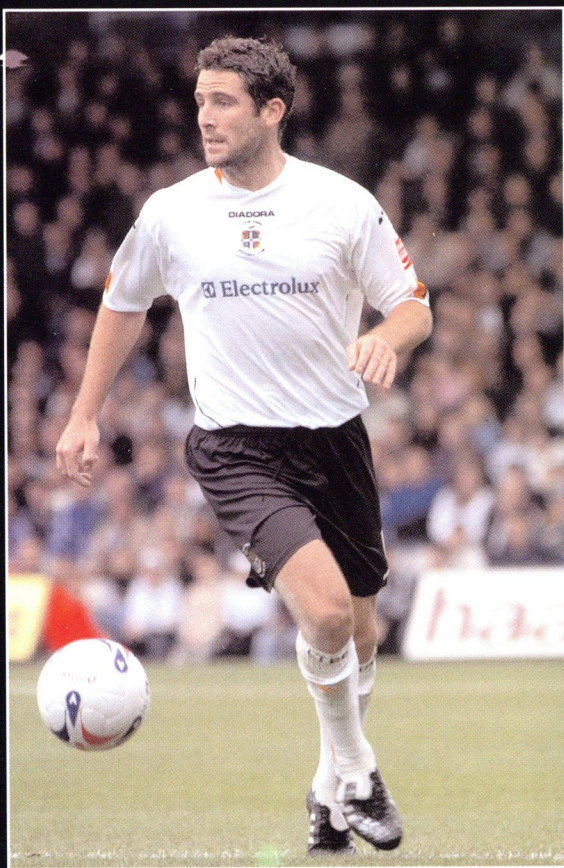
As always get behind the team and enjoy the match.

Cherry

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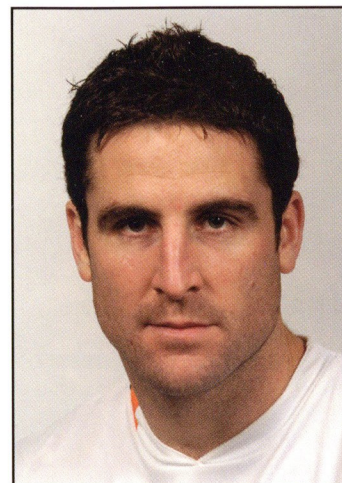
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From the Skipper

Chris Coyne



Chris Coyne
Luton Town Captain

The postponement of our recent home game against Norwich City was a disappointment, but it did give us a chance to get some bodies out of the treatment room and onto the training ground.

We know we have a tough job to do this evening, but there's plenty to be hopeful about.

It's a hell of a lift when you see new faces in the dressing room our new signings Bjorn, Drew and Springy have fitted in very well. It's like Springy's never been gone.

He's a valuable player, we know what he can do for the team and we know that he can score goals.

Part of the reason that we're where we are in the table is because we've had eight or nine key players out. But some of them are starting to come back now. Three or four are fairly close and it will be like getting even more new signings. Not only that but they will be fresher as they have not played every game through the tough months of December and January with so many matches coming so fast.

We're at home today and ever since I've been at the Club we have had success at home. The support has always been good at Kenilworth Road, and it's a nice tight, enclosed ground where we can build pressure on teams. But we know that wherever we play now, home or away, we've got to grind results out.

You look at recent setbacks like the equaliser at Birmingham, two late goals at West Brom, a

deflection at Coventry, and you might think that luck's against us. But that's just what happens when you're down at the bottom of the table.

What it hasn't affected is the team spirit. Heads aren't dropping. We've got a good group of players here and that's why the dressing room has always been in good heart. We know that before all the injuries we were pushing towards the play-offs and we do have some good players here if we can get everyone fit.

I think you could see that spirit at Leicester when even though we went a goal behind we came away with a point.

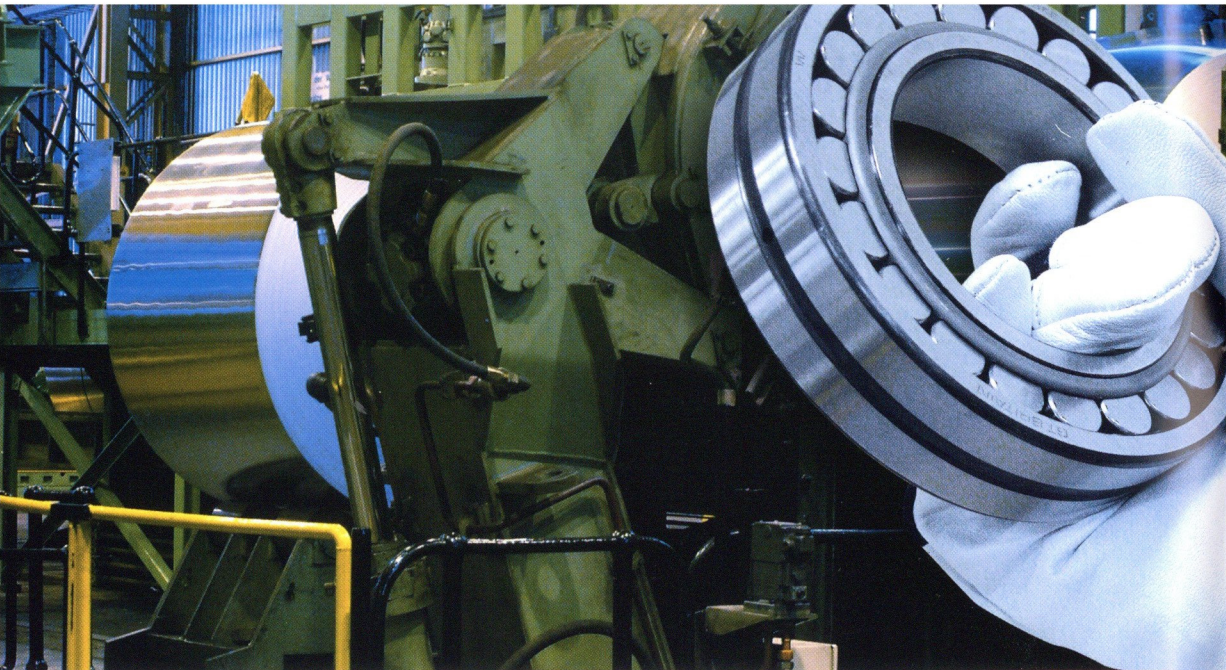
That's the sort of determination we need to show every week now so we can start putting some points on the board and moving up the table.

You can help by getting behind the lads today as I know you will.

Enjoy the game.

Chris

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Welcome to

Sheffield Wednesday

When Brian Laws took over the managerial hot seat in November, the former Scunthorpe boss oversaw a miraculous turnaround in form. However 2007 has seen results take a turn for the worse, but as STEWART CURTIS explains, it's not all doom and gloom at Hillsborough this season

Sheffield Wednesday arrive at Kenilworth Road from South Yorkshire this evening looking for their first win in nine games. The Hillsborough fans have seen a mixed season, as Wednesday started with an expected relegation battle, turned into play-off hopefuls, and have now settled comfortably into a mid-table spot in the Championship.

Less than 10 years ago Wednesday were a secure mid-table Premiership side, a position well-deserved by a club who have been crowned champions of England four times, as well as lifting the FA Cup three times. However, relegation from the top-flight saw things turn from bad to worse, as a series of managerial appointments failed to improve the performances on the pitch, only increasing the club's debts. Former Luton favourites David Pleat and Danny

Wilson were among five managers to take the Hillsborough job in those years as the club was again relegated, into the third tier of English football.

The good days finally returned to South Yorkshire when former Plymouth and Southampton boss Paul Sturrock's appointment helped revive the club. Replacing a struggling Chris Turner during the 2004-5 season, Sturrock sparked a dramatic improvement that saw the club eventually finish fifth behind league champions Luton. Some 40,000 Owls fans made the trip to Cardiff for the play-off final with Hartlepool and saw their team triumph 4-2 after extra-time and earn a return to the Championship.

But the step up was hard and Wednesday took just ten points from

their opening 12 games. Sturrock was surprisingly removed by club chairman Dave Allen, despite many of the fans calling for the chairman himself to leave instead. The man who took over was Scunthorpe boss Brian Laws, who was part of Brian Clough's Forest side during his playing days.

Under Laws, Wednesday climbed to 9th in the table, lifting them well clear of the drop zone. However, they are currently in danger of dropping back into the relegation dog-fight, having taken just one point from their last 18 available.

Their fans will be hopeful, however, that January signings Jermaine Johnston from Bradford and veteran defender Steve Watson from West Brom will help secure their Championship status for next season.

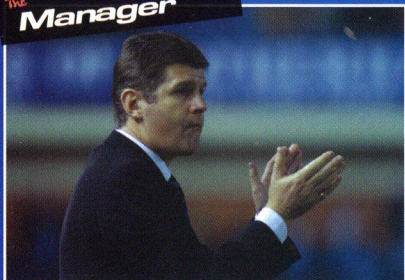
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The Opponents

The Sheffield Wednesday players who will be on show at Kenilworth Road this evening

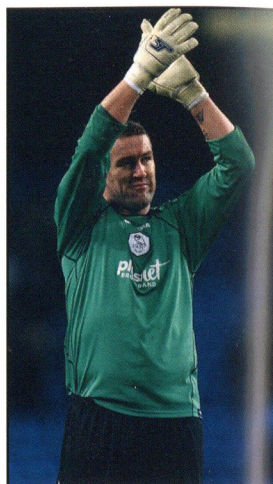
The Manager



Brian Laws is still regarded by many as an up-and-coming manager, so it is hard to believe that he has actually been around so long. He first took over as player-manager at Grimsby Town in November 1994, and it was the Hatters who indirectly brought about his exit from Blundell Park when they beat his Grimsby side 3-2. The infamous Chicken Wings dressing room row that followed left Mariners cult hero Ivano Bonetti in hospital with a fractured cheekbone, and Laws in trouble with the fans, board and dressing room, which eventually led to his dismissal. After a short spell back as a player, Laws was suddenly in charge at Scunthorpe United less than a month after joining them when the Mick Buxton was axed. Laws's managerial talents then began to flourish once more and he led the Iron to promotion in 1998-99. Although he couldn't keep Scunthorpe up, there was never a dull moment at Glanford Park. They went from play-off heartache in 2003 to just preserving their league status as they finished third from bottom in League Two a year later. During that tumultuous season Laws even temporarily lost his job, only to be reinstated after a boardroom struggle saw Steve Wharton return as chairman. Laws rewarded Wharton's faith by leading Scunthorpe to automatic promotion the next season, and finally ended an unwanted club statistic of not managing to stay out of the bottom division for consecutive seasons in 49 years. Laws ended his spell at Scunthorpe when he was appointed Owls boss in November 2006.

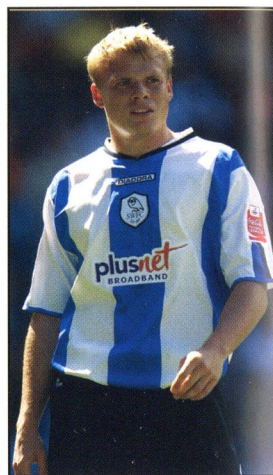
The Goalkeepers

MARK CROSSLEY (pictured) was recruited by Brian Laws almost as soon as he took over at Hillsborough to add steel and experience to the Owls' defence. Laws knows only too well what the former Welsh international can do from their years together at Nottingham Forest during the 1990s. The Barnsley-born keeper made nearly 400 appearances for Forest before moving on to Middlesbrough and Fulham. First team opportunities became limited at Craven Cottage so Crossley was more than happy to join up with his former team mate on loan for the rest of the season. Support in goal should come from **CHRIS ADAMSON**, who has been at the club since January 2005. Adamson started his career at West Brom and has since played for Mansfield, Plymouth and Halifax, as well as having spells in Ireland and Sweden.



The Defenders

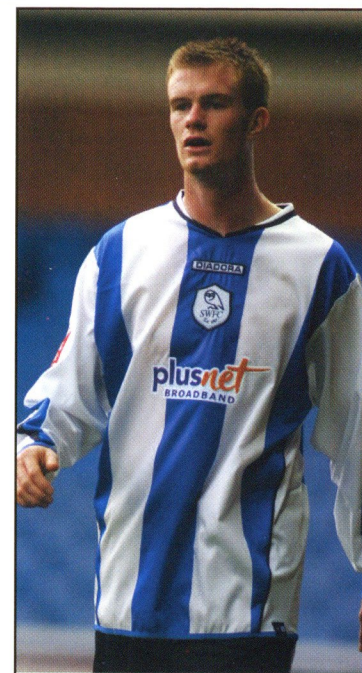
TOMMY SPURR is enjoying his first run in the team as a senior professional. After making his debut in the Championship against Reading last season, the 20-year-old has had to be patient in breaking through to the first team, but has featured regularly under Brian Laws. Leeds-born Spurr excelled at youth and reserve level since signing for the Owls as a trainee, and can play at left back but prefers central defence. **FRANK SIMEK** (pictured) has quickly become a favourite with the Wednesday fans after signing on a free transfer when he was released by Arsenal in July 2005. He made just one League Cup appearance for the Gunners, but was in good company as he played alongside Vieira, Fabregas, Aliadiere, Hoyte and Kanu on that night in a resounding 5-1 victory over Wolves. Although born in Missouri, USA, Frank came to England to gain experience in two loan spells at Bournemouth and QPR before securing his move to Hillsborough. His role as a no-nonsense, tough-tackling right back has cemented his place in the Wednesday line-up. The highlight of his career so far was scoring a controversial winner at Millwall last season – after a breakaway move when some of the Lions players had stopped because they thought they'd scored at the other end. The vastly-experienced **STEVE WATSON** may also feature today after signing on loan from West Brom for the rest of the season. Watson has had a career at the top and shows no sign of letting up as he seeks regular first team action at Hillsborough. After coming through the ranks at Newcastle United, he went on to play for Aston Villa and Everton. Hatters fans have already seen him twice this season, playing for the Baggies in the 2-2 draw at Kenilworth Road and 3-2 defeat at the Hawthorns.



The Midfielders

Northern Ireland international **CHRIS BRUNT** (pictured) is Wednesday's leading scorer this season, chalking up eight league goals in 28 starts from midfield. Regarded as Wednesday's dead ball specialist, Brunt has scored some spectacular goals, although five of his strikes this season were in vain as his team still went on to lose. Having come through Middlesbrough's youth academy after nearly signing for Glasgow Rangers, Brunt's crisp range of passing and his powerful left foot have led to him being talked about as a future Premiership player. His last international appearance was in the recent 0-0 draw at Windsor Park against Wales, where he earned his fifth cap. **KENNY LUNT** spent almost 10 years at his previous club Crewe Alexandra, clocking up more than 400 appearances for the Railwaymen after making his debut as a 17-year-old under Dario Gradi. Lunt is an attacking midfielder who can spray passes around the pitch. He also has a reputation as a bit of a dead ball

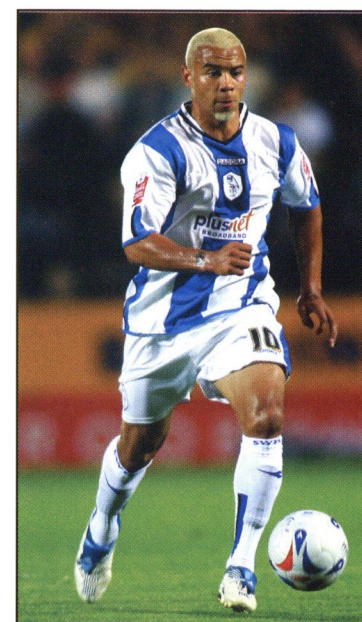
expert, although he is still awaiting his first Owls goal. **GLENN WHELAN** is an ex-Manchester City trainee whose career never really took off until he crossed the Pennines to sign for Wednesday, in July 2004. Since then, he has become a regular in the centre of the Owls midfield, even captaining the side on occasions, and scoring a crucial goal in the 2005 League One play-off final. Whelan's other claim to fame is a UEFA Cup appearance for Manchester City when they made the trip to Wales to play Welsh side TNS. **WADE SMALL** moved north to Hillsborough from Milton Keynes Dons for a nominal fee last summer. Apart from making marauding runs down Wednesday's right, Small is also a useful striker or left midfielder. After a bright start, he lost his place in the Wednesday side after he was sent off at Coventry last November, but he is now back in favour with Brian Laws. Midfielder **JERMAINE JOHNSON** moved across Yorkshire from Bradford City in January 2007, signing a three-year contract with the Owls after spells at Bolton and Oldham.



The Strikers

Striker **MARCUS TUDGAY** scored for Derby County against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough in November 2005, and the then Owls boss, Paul Sturrock, moved in to sign him in the next January transfer window for an undisclosed fee. He has since scored 11 goals for Wednesday – including one against his old club Derby on the final day of last season. **STEVE MACLEAN** wears the number nine shirt at Hillsborough, and has been banging in goals since he moved from Glasgow Rangers in July 2004. He became the first Owls player to score 20 goals in a season for over a decade in his first campaign, which won him the Player of the Year award. Wednesday's first season back in the Championship was a nightmare for MacLean, though, as he broke his leg in pre-season, which kept him out until February this year when he played a bit part in the Owls' run-in, scoring two goals. His ratio of a goal every

two games has played a major part in getting Wednesday out of League One and keeping them in the Championship. Jamaican international **DEON BURTON** has plenty of experience behind him and will be looking to hit double figures in the league for the third season running. He already has seven Championship goals this season and has scored at Kenilworth Road before on his last visit here while at Brentford in April 2005. It was still a good day for the Hatters, though, as they clinched the League One title in that game. Deon's last international match was against England at Old Trafford in June this year, when he played most of the second half as England won 6-0. **LEON CLARKE** became Brian Laws's first permanent signing when the Owls took him from Wolverhampton Wanderers for an undisclosed fee in January 2007.



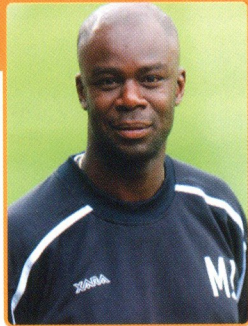
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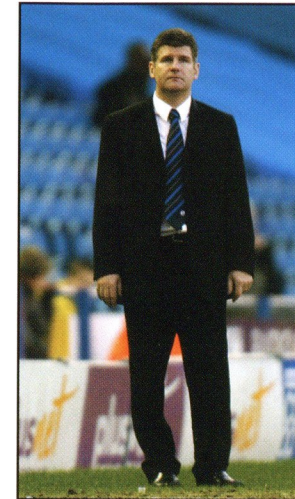
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View from the Opposition

Sheffield Wednesday's Communications Manager Steve Chu in conversation with Chris Rivett



How have Brian Laws's recent signings Leon Clarke, Jermaine Johnson and Steve Watson settled in at Hillsborough?

Very well. We have a good bunch of lads in the dressing room and new arrivals are made to feel welcome. Leon is putting pressure on the front lads and Steven MacLean and Deon Burton have responded to his arrival by scoring regularly.

Jermaine will be chomping at the bit tonight after having to wait nearly a month for his debut, while Steve is an experienced pro who added stability at the back at Burnley.

What are Sheffield Wednesday's aims for this season?

The chairman made it very clear at the start of the season that a mid-table finish is the goal, and that's exactly where we are at present. Although, obviously, if we were to embark on another tremendous run to sneak into the play-offs that would be welcome.



Who should Luton fans look out for this evening in the Owls' squad?

I'm sure the two sets of supporters know a fair bit about each other's side from recent meetings. Deon Burton is on a run of goals at the moment, while Chris Brunt is our top scorer even though he specialises in 30-yard thunderbolts rather than tap-ins.

How have Sheffield Wednesday found the first half of the season?

It's been another rollercoaster season at Hillsborough, and in some ways our fortunes have been the opposite to Luton's. We suffered a string of injuries early on - we had no fit striker when we won at Plymouth, and we had 14 players out for various reasons when losing to Wrexham in the Carling Cup. Not surprisingly we struggled but after Paul Sturrock left we went on a fantastic run, losing only twice from mid-October to the end of 2006. We've tailed off slightly over recent weeks but the basis of a good side is in place.

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

Birmingham look to be just the sort of side to grind out results week after week. I'd fancy them to be joined by two out of Southampton (the best footballing side we've played), fast-improving Sunderland, or Derby - Billy Davies has done a great job there in a short space of time. They were terrible in September, even though they beat us, but they looked very well-organised last month.



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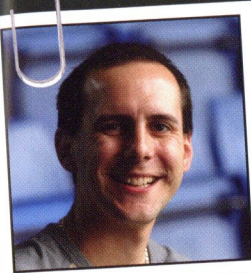


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Stat Attack

Simon Pitts on stats, players and previous meetings between this evening's two sides.

Luton have played host to Sheffield Wednesday 27 times, winning 11 times and drawing ten, with the Hatters scoring 43 goals and conceding 34. The sides have never met in a Cup competition at Luton.

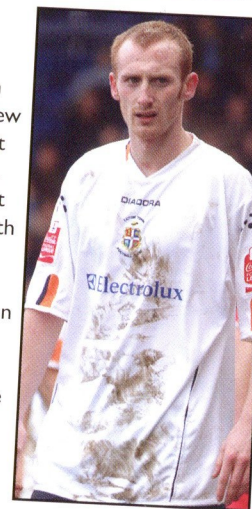


Four players have moved from Luton to Sheffield Wednesday after making more than 550 appearances for the Hatters between them. Wallace Birch only contributed 16 of those appearances along with three goals during 1929/30, the one season that he was at Kenilworth Road. Danny Wilson made more than 100 league appearances, and scored 30 times between 1987-1990 before his move to Hillsborough. Wilson later went on to become the Owls manager after a stint in charge at Barnsley. Scott Oakes and Paul McLaren (pictured) both hit the 200 appearances mark for Luton before their moves north. Oakes went in the summer of 1996 for £425,000, whereas McLaren joined on a free transfer five years later.

One league match between the sides has actually been "lost" to the record books as the season was cancelled due to the outbreak of war. Luton won 3-0 on August 26, 1939 with Hugh Billington netting twice and Reg Stockill also scoring. Stockill played in all three of the matches that "season" and scored twice, but they were to be his only appearances for Luton. After the war the fixtures were repeated, so Wednesday came to Kenilworth Road again on the opening day, but were still beaten by three goals. Mel Daniel scored the only hat-trick of his Luton career, and Bill Waugh scored the other in a 4-1 win.

Two other players have scored hat-tricks for Luton against Sheffield Wednesday, Malcolm Macdonald and Vic Halom. Macdonald's was scored at Hillsborough in October 1970, with Don Givens netting a brace in a convincing 5-1 win. Halom's only hat-trick of his Luton career came on April 1, 1972 in a 3-1 win.

Nine players have moved from Hillsborough to Kenilworth Road, with the most recent – Drew Talbot (pictured) – just a couple of weeks ago. John Lamb and Stewart Littlewood moved south in the 1920s, although they made fewer than 40 appearances between them. Tom Mackey played more than 200 games and scored twice for Luton between 1932-38 following his transfer. Allenby Driver and Doug Beach both made their first league appearances during the 1946/47 season. Hugh McJarow made 15 appearances and scored ten goals for Luton in the early 1950s after his move south. In the summer of 2000, Ricky Hill, who was then Luton manager, brought two players from Hillsborough, Dean Brennan and Peter Holmes. While Brennan moved into non-league football just two years later after only a handful of appearances, Holmes is currently one of the longest-serving players at Kenilworth Road, and has more than 100 appearances for the Club. Mike Newell recently bought young forward Drew Talbot from the Owls for £250,000. The 20-year-old had been on loan at Scunthorpe before his move to Kenilworth Road.



Luton have scored only three penalties against the Owls, Gordon Turner, David Moss and Danny Wilson converting spot kicks. Turner scored his in a 2-0 win in October 1956, with Roly Legate netting the other. It was 24 years before the next when Moss opened the scoring from the spot shortly after half time. He added a second before Steve White completed the scoring and wrapped up the victory. Roy Wegerle was brought down in August 1989 and Danny Wilson put Luton 1-0 up before turning provider for Kingsley Black to complete the scoring.

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Five to Remember

Roger Wash remembers five classic encounters between Luton Town and Sheffield Wednesday

**October 10, 1970
Sheffield Wednesday 1 Luton Town 5
Attendance: 15,189**

This game will always be remembered as the one which made Malcolm Macdonald. In our corner of Bedfordshire we all knew that Mac was mustard but his goal-scoring exploits in Division Three had not received extensive media coverage.

Now that the Hatters were in Division Two, cameras were more likely to be present which was the case at Hillsborough where newly-promoted Luton were up against the recently-relegated Owls.

By the interval the Town were 3-0 up, with Mac banging in two scorers, and by the end he had completed his hat-trick in a 5-1 mauling. The nation watched on ITV the following day... life at Kenilworth Road would not be the same again...



☐ Luton and Wednesday players try to spot the ball at Kenilworth Road in 1972!

**April 1, 1972
Luton Town 3 Sheffield Wednesday 1
Attendance: 9,121**

After a narrow failure to win promotion for the third time in four years, the 1971/72 campaign was always going to be an anti-climax.

Vic Halom was the cut-price replacement for the new hero of Tyneside, Malcolm Macdonald, and Halom, along with the other forwards, found goals hard to come by as the Town drifted around in mid-table.

A bored crowd turned up to see a fairly meaningless clash with the Owls, who took an early lead and then shut up shop. It took the Town until the 76th minute before Halom levelled and then the new goal machine netted twice in the final five minutes to give the scoreline a completely unrealistic look.

**November 1, 1980
Luton Town 3 Sheffield Wednesday 0
Attendance: 12,092**

The Town had got off to a poor start to the campaign but had shown a hitherto unseen fighting spirit in winning 3-1 at Cambridge United with only 10 men the week before the visit of high-flying Sheffield Wednesday.

Surprisingly the Owls pulled everyone back behind the ball and

the system seemed to be working until just after the interval when Ricky Hill was upended in the box leaving David Moss to net from the spot.

The game now opened up and the Match Of The Day cameras were treated to a superb Moss chip and an end-to-end move that finished with an exquisite Steve White shot to cap a memorable afternoon.



☐ Steve White (left) waits for the ball into drop in his path during the clash with the Owls in 1980.

**March 1, 1986
Luton Town 1 Sheffield Wednesday 0
Attendance: 10,206**

For the first time since the Town's return to Division One in 1982 there was not the stomach-wrenching fear of relegation, and three points against Wednesday would put the Hatters above the magic 50 points mark.

On a day where many games were postponed because of snow and ice, the Town's artificial surface, in its first year of use, was in pristine condition. The Owls lined up with forwards Glyn Snodin and Brian Marwood given orders to stop the wing runs of Luton full backs Tim Breacker and Rob Johnson and the system was succeeding until Mick Harford headed in a David Preece corner.

Although the Hatters could not able to score again, Wednesday did not seem to be able to alter their style thus making it a comfortable afternoon for the Luton defence.

**November 14, 1987
Sheffield Wednesday 0 Luton Town 2
Attendance: 16,960**

With only a single away win to their credit that season a trip to Hillsborough, where only one victory had been recorded by the Town in their history, was not high on the list of must-see games for Luton supporters.

Wednesday, with five wins on the bounce under their belts, attacked using strength and power while the Town countered on the break. A fluke cross shot from Mark Stein opened the scoring and when Wednesday missed a spot kick the Town perhaps felt it was going to be their day.

With the Owls attacking furiously it was left to Ian Allison, who was on the end of a sweeping Town move, to end the contest with ten minutes left.

New Faces

Three new players joined Luton during the January transfer window, two strikers and one face that is more than a little familiar to Hatters fans

By Steven Dove

Photographs by Gareth Owen

A bit of Hatters history was made on a murky September night at Vicarage Road in 2002. Matthew Spring picked up the ball in midfield, 35 yards from goal and hit such a sweet shot that it was still rising when it nestled in the top corner.

No Luton fan who was there for that memorable derby victory or the thousands who have seen the goal since will ever forget the moment, which is why it was so special to welcome Springy back to Kenilworth Road as one of three January signings, the others being Drew Talbot and Bjorn Runstrom.

For **MATTHEW SPRING**, it was a chance to get back to his roots. For Luton boss Mike Newell, just the player he was looking for.

"It was an opportunity too good to turn down," said Newell. "I would never have let him go had we not been in administration and had his contract not been up.

"He turned down at least one other club to come back here, which maybe gives you an indication of what he believes will happen here."

Spring, who signed a two-

and-a-half year contract, originally joined the Hatters as a trainee in July 1997.

He became a popular player at Kenilworth Road, and went on to make 289 appearances in all competitions for the Town, scoring 30 goals, including that screamer against Watford.

He joined Leeds on a free in July 2004, but endured just one injury-plagued season at Elland Road before returning south and joining Watford for £150,000 in August 2005. After signing for a fee of £200,000, Spring admits it's good to be back.

"Nothing has really changed to be honest," he says. "There are a few new faces but I'm really looking forward to it."

Spring's decision to quit Watford was easy. After playing a pivotal role in securing a Championship promotion, a handful of Premiership appearances and outings in the reserves was not what Harlow-born midfielder wanted. When Luton came knocking, Spring's decision was instant.

"I got a call to say that Luton were interested. At the time, I didn't know how interested so I came

down to speak to them. When they came in with a bid, I made my mind up within seconds.

"The move suited me really for a number of reasons. One factor was that it was easy for my family and I wouldn't have to move.

"Then I didn't want to be sitting in the stand each week and not playing, which was what I was doing. I just want to be out there playing football.

"I had a great year last year. Unfortunately things can change in football very quickly and it didn't work out this season. As soon as I knew Luton were interested I wanted to sign."

Spring admits that his time away from the club has helped to develop him into a more mature player.

"I have grown up a lot since I was last here. I have matured as a person and I think that has helped me as a player.

"I'm often asked if I think I should have stayed instead of leaving and I always say No. It was the right time for me to leave the club when I did.

"I feel as though I have been successful in what I

have done in my career and have never regretted any decision I have made. Hopefully I can now help bring success to Kenilworth Road."

The experienced **BJORN RUNSTROM** arrived on a one-month loan from Fulham and although only 23, the Swede is much-travelled. Recognised early on as a real talent in his native country, Runstrom was snapped up by Italian side Bologna.

Although he never quite made the first team, he'd shown enough of his skills in Italian youth games for Chievo of Verona to take him on.

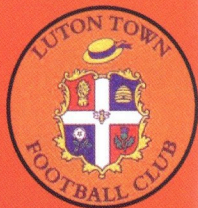
Things didn't happen for Runstrom at Chievo and it wasn't long before he was transferred to yet another Italian league side, this time the famous Fiorentina. Then he went back to Sweden to try to get noticed again.

It worked and Fulham boss Chris Coleman forked out £700,000 for the former Swedish Under-21 international last year.

Runstrom said: "When I moved back I was just 19, so I knew that if I did well in Sweden I would have the chance to get to a



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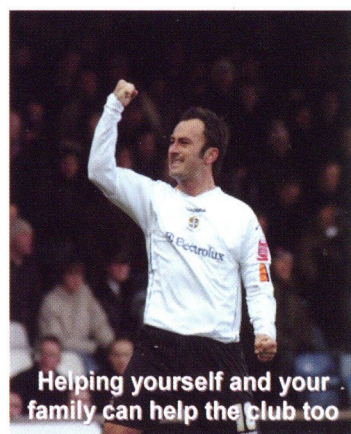
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bigger league, and it went well. I had two-and-a half seasons in Sweden and then got the move to England."

However, Runstrom found his opportunities limited at Craven Cottage and saw his move to Luton as the perfect way to show his Fulham manager what he can do.

"So far it's been hard because I'm used to playing every game back in Sweden with my old team. It's very important to get regular first team football. I think the Championship is a good league and a high level of football, so it suits me good.

"At Fulham I haven't got many chances so I'm happy to get the possibility to come to Luton and have some first team football.

"Hopefully I can score some goals. I'm just here to try to give the team a hand and I'll be more than happy if I will do that."

Runstrom made an impressive debut at the Walkers Stadium two weeks ago and is now excited by today's encounter at Kenilworth Road.

"The atmosphere in the Championship is great and there are a lot of big clubs in the division so I'm happy to be here and really looking forward to it."

Luton's other recruit was **DREW TALBOT**, a promising striker who despite having a spell of bad luck through injury, was always highly-regarded by Sheffield Wednesday.

Talbot completed his £250,000 move to Kenilworth Road just 24 hours before the Hatters' FA Cup Fourth Round tie against Blackburn. Now he is looking to put a series of injuries behind him after missing the whole of last season with a back problem – and is hoping to shake off the illness that kept him out against Stoke on Saturday in time to face his former club tonight.

First team appearances had been few at Hillsborough, with just five league starts since signing as a trainee in August 2004, although he did score a crucial extra time goal for the Owls in the League One Play-Off final in 2005.

"My career started with a bang when I scored in that final, but ever since it's just been injury after injury.

"For the past few months I've worked really hard to get myself back fit, and the move down here just goes to show that hard work pays off sometimes."

Talbot's run of injuries was so bad

that he had to quit playing at one stage, but he is now hopeful that his problems are all in the past.

"I've had every injury you can possibly get, so I'm hoping I've got them all out of the way! I've had two broken legs, a back injury that kept me out for 16 months, a hernia and then a cartilage op pre-season."

Having joined Scunthorpe on loan in the January, Talbot admitted that he was looking to catch someone's eye in the hope of a permanent move away from Hillsborough.

"My manager had said go to Scunthorpe and play five or six games. That's why I went out on loan, to put myself in the shop window, because it wasn't really happening for me at Wednesday.

"I wanted a fresh start. Sometimes you can get into a rut doing the same thing over and over again."

Talbot is optimistic but realistic. "I've not set myself any targets. I just want to play some games and the more I play the better I'll get.

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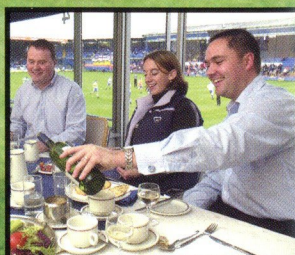
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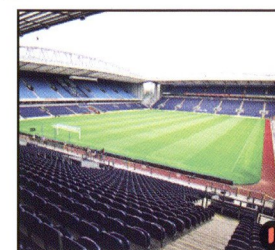
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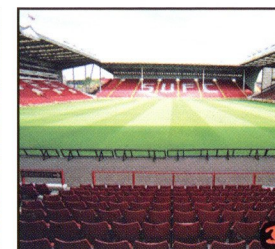
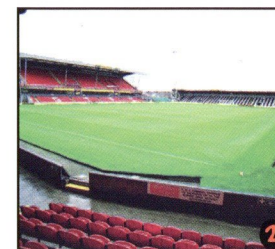
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Subs not used: Barrett, O'Leary, Langley, Asafu-Adjaye



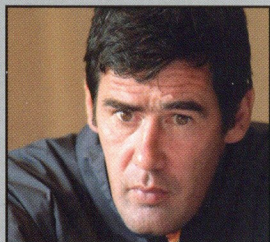
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Bookings: McNamee (81), Kyle (89)

Goals: McKenzie (75)

From the Manager



"Their goal took a massive deflection, it wrong-footed the keeper; and there was nothing we could do about it. We are currently without nine players and you could see we were patched up. I thought we had done enough to deserve a point so I was disappointed to have lost."



□ Dean Brill climbs highest to take a catch in a crowded penalty area.

COVENTRY 1 LUTON 0

Leon McKenzie's deflected 75th-minute strike sent Luton to an awayday defeat at Coventry.

The Coventry striker had been on the field little more than 15 minutes before making the telling contribution at the Ricoh Arena.

The former Peterborough and Norwich striker had time to turn inside the box following great work from Kevin Thornton, before his shot unluckily deflected off Hatters defender Russ Perrett and past the off-balance Dean Brill.

The result means Luton are without a win at Coventry for more than 20 years.

Luton came closest to taking an early lead when Dean Morgan hooked a shot from the

right-hand side of the box agonisingly wide of the left post. Chances were few, but Dele Adebola's clever turn and shot almost found a way through on 35 minutes.

The second half saw some more entertaining of football when Kevin Kyle dragged his shot wide of the right post midway through the second half.

Luton's best chance of the second half came through midfielder Matthew Spring, when he came within inches of breaking the deadlock, heading Morgan's cross just over the right-angle of Luke Steele's crossbar.

But McKenzie pounced with 15 minutes left on the clock to deny Luton a precious point.



□ Drew Talbot skips past the Coventry defence and mounts an attack for the Hatters



□ Matthew Spring is airborne with an ambitious long range effort



□ Luke Steele gets ahead of a challenge from David Bell

Unfinished business

He's been a rock at the heart of the Luton defence for two seasons and is currently propelling Finland to the Euro 2008 finals from his favoured midfield position. Why? Because only Heikkinen can do this, as he refreshes the parts of his team that other players cannot reach.

By Geoff Knox – Photographs by Gareth Owen

Heikinen may not claim to be the best lager in the world, but many Luton fans rate a similar-sounding Scandinavian export as probably the best defender in the Championship.

Since Markus Heikkinen appeared from nowhere on the first day of last season and inspired the Hatters to a memorable opening day victory at Selhurst Park, the Finnish international has been a crowd favourite at Kenilworth Road.

Lately with a small and injury-ravaged squad, the demands on the key players this season have been such that they only ever get a rest when they are injured.

Markus Heikkinen has just had a five-week break after a turbo-charged challenge from Fabrice Muamba had reportedly snapped his leg in half in the Hatters' gallant 2-2 draw at Birmingham in December.

Thankfully, the initial reports of a compound fracture were not accurate, but as the very conspicuous marks on Heikkinen's leg show it was still sufficiently damaged to require surgery and a long spell on the sidelines.

Markus, now almost fully recovered from his wounding, talked us through the night's events and the process of his road to recovery.

For those of you who are squeamish please turn to the next page.

"The blades of the player went through the skin and the muscle and down to the bone. There was a lot of dirt and stuff in there because of the climate that day.

"There was a lot of dead skin and dead flesh, so they needed to remove that and the dirt and then put it back together with stitches. So that was the operation.

"I had the stitches in for 12 days and since then it's been OK.

"After the first two weeks of the operation I was able to start jogging and lifting weights and stuff like that. But of course, it's so different from the footballing side so you can't just jump into a game straight away."

The jury's still out on whether the offending challenge was reckless or not, but Markus is a very laid back kind of guy and hasn't got around to watching the replay yet.

"I haven't seen it, but of course when you get an injury like this it's not the cleanest tackle."

Having arrived at Kenilworth Road in July 2005 as an unknown quantity to all but the most knowledgeable football fan, Markus has been on a mission to make his mark in English football, after cruelly being denied a chance to impress when he'd previously spent a short spell at Portsmouth.

Moving around has never bothered Markus, however, as he was even born in a foreign land. He had to wait until he was of school age before he lived in his own country.

Katrineholm in Sweden is where Markus was born, and he shares his birthday with ex-premier Margaret Thatcher, singer-songwriter Paul Simon and comedy actor Sacha Baron Cohen.

"My parents are from Finland.

"In the 1970s and early '80s it was quite common to go from Finland to work in Sweden because the salaries were so much better there. That's what my parents did. They were there for ten years and I lived there for five.

"But then my father got a good job in Finland so we went



back. The bottom line was that my parents didn't want us to become Swedish, so that's why we moved."

Playing his way up the Finnish football league, Markus soon found himself on the books of MyPa – occasional UEFA Cup entrants who have seen the likes of Jari Litmanen and Sami Hyypia turn out for them – but he would not be truly satisfied until he made it to the very top of his country's player pool.

"HJK Helsinki is the biggest club in Finland, so after the two years in MyPa that was the only place I wanted to go and I was lucky enough to get there.

"I had a good three seasons there. We won the cup and the league and then finished second. Then we played in the UEFA Cup and had some good games.

"I think that's one of the best memories of my football career because it's so different to go from the Finnish football league, where there are crowds of 6 or 7,000 at the most, to Celtic Park where there was 60,000.

"So it was an eye-opening experience."

Having conquered his own back yard, it was time for Markus to move on. For any Scandinavian player, that normally means the UK.

"It all started when I changed my agent for an English one. He had the best contacts in England. Portsmouth were watching me play in my final season at HJK and then they offered me a contract, so I moved there.

"I spent five months there, but I never really got a good chance to show what I'm capable of, which was the only disappointing thing. But otherwise it was good learning from the players."

For a player of Markus's calibre to slip through their fingers is unusual. But then, Rowan Vine also went largely unnoticed at Fratton Park, and Hatters fans aren't complaining.

Markus was soon on his way out and signed for SPL side Aberdeen in August 2003.

"That was my first real taste of what British football was like. The footballing side was pretty good, especially the second season. After that I wanted to

Did you know?

Markus shares his birthday with actor Sacha Baron Cohen, aka Borat, and Kazakhstan are in Finland's Euro 2008 qualifying group. They play each other in August, so it could be quite a party.

come back to England to see how it was down here because I never really played here properly at Portsmouth." Not making it in England was an obstacle Markus was determined to overcome, and he got his second opportunity when Mike Newell signed him in July 2005.

"I had a few opportunities in England and some others elsewhere, but I wanted to come to England.

"Most people in England think that Scottish football is rubbish but it's quite similar. I would say that the Championship is just a little bit better and it's more exciting because there are more teams.

"Once I signed for Luton I'd been playing for three years in midfield in Scotland and Finland. But now it's a bit more difficult because I'm having to get

used to playing in defence in Luton."

Markus's contribution to his national team has also been phenomenal.

Finland currently sit on top of European Championship Qualifying Group A. Below them are the likes of Serbia, Portugal, Poland and Belgium – all seasoned veterans who know what it takes to get through a group of death.

For the first time ever, Finland might be playing in the summer. Never before have they qualified for a major competition.

"I think this time it's realistic, even though there are eight or nine games to go, because we are top of the table.

"The new coach, Roy Hodgson, has brought in a lot of belief. It helps when you are very organised on the pitch

Question Time

Markus has scored three goals for the Hatters. Two last season and one this. Which three teams did he score against?



and everybody knows what their duties are.

"So, hopefully, it could be the biggest thing ever to happen to Finnish football because they have never been in a major tournament before."

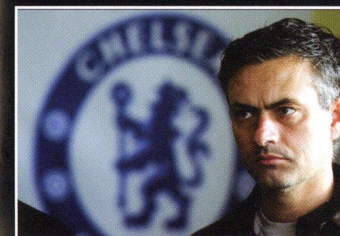
So, is the constant exodus of talent from his homeland a help or a hindrance to his nation's chances of qualification?

"I think the only way the national team can improve and get into the major tournaments is by getting more and more players abroad in the big clubs, playing regularly.

"It's different for Norway and Sweden and Denmark because they've already done it, they've been in European Championships and World Cups."

Heikkinen's opinion on...

Jose Mourinho, Hero or Villain?



My opinion is that he has done a good job in Chelsea. People say that if you have that amount of money to spend you can win things, but it's not that easy. The first two seasons he did really well but this season when they haven't had so many players from which to choose from they've been struggling a bit more.

The Cricket World Cup



I will try to be polite. The first time I saw it on telly was when I was here for a UEFA Cup game against Celtic, and it went on for four or five days! I just thought: "Wow, this is the most boring sport I've ever seen." I haven't watched it since...

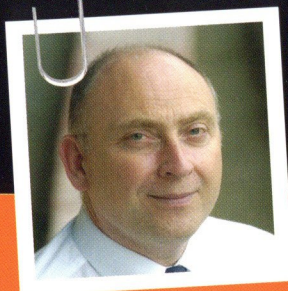
The Premiership



Everybody thinks Manchester United are going to win so I'm going to say Chelsea. I support Arsenal and they are still also in the hunt for the title. At the other end, I think West Ham will be safe with the money they are spending.

MARKUS HEIKKINEN





The A to Z of

Roger Wash looks back on every post

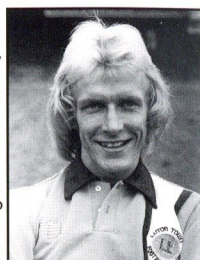
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Paul FUTCHER

After only 20 games for his home town club Chester, 17-year-old Paul was snapped up by Luton manager Harry Haslam for £100,000 in June 1974 just as the Hatters were about to embark on an ill-fated season in Division One. Making his Hatters debut earlier than the fans expected, Paul proved a revelation playing without fear in the heart of the defence. An international career beckoned but a couple of major road accidents seemed to take the edge off his play although he still commanded a large fee when transferred to Manchester City in 1978. Paul played League football until nearly 40 and then went on to manage a variety of non-League clubs and took Southport to the FA Trophy final in 1998. Now living in Holmfirth, Paul is a sports coach at a Huddersfield college.



Ronald (Ron) FUTCHER

Older by 20 minutes than twin Paul, Ron was signed by Luton at the same time as his brother. Unfairly seen as a makeweight, Ron actually made his Hatters debut before Paul, coming on as a substitute against Sheffield United in November 1974.

His full debut is written in Luton folklore though, as he scored the only goal at table-toppers Ipswich and followed it up with a hat-trick against Wolves two days later. Telepathy with Paul meant that he was always on the end of his long balls out of defence and the Futcher double act graced Kenilworth Road until Ron joined his brother at Maine Road in 1978.

Ron then enjoyed a long League career and is still involved in the game having recently taken up a coaching post in Tampa Bay.

Horace Edwin GAGER

London born but Luton raised, Horace was picked up by the Hatters in 1937 after he had earned rave reviews playing for Vauxhall Motors. Finally making his Luton debut on the opening day of the 1939/40 season, Horace played all three games until war broke.

Horace kept playing during the war years, turning out for Glentoran for a while, but was back at Kenilworth Road when hostilities ended and was virtually ever present until a surprise move to Nottingham Forest in 1948.

A commanding centre-half, Horace made up for the lost years of the war by playing at the City Ground until he was 38. Horace sadly died in 1994.



Douglas (Doug) GARDINER

Another Luton player to span the war years, Doug was signed from Scottish junior side Auchinleck Talbot in 1938. Spending three years as a prisoner of war after being shot down over Germany, Doug finally made his Hatters League debut mid-way through the 1946/47 season in a 1-2 defeat at Chesterfield.

A hard working, tenacious wing-half and occasional skipper, Doug gave the Town tremendous service over the next five years before being transferred to Bedford in 1951 where he gave equally loyal help and assistance in a variety of roles. Doug continued to live in Bedford until his death.

Alan Henry GARNER

Although signing for Millwall in 1969, Alan was frustrated to make only two League appearances for the Lions in two years. A skilful central defender with a tremendous long throw, Alan was trailed by Luton scout Harry Haslam who was surprised to get his man for free in 1971. Alan, though, had to wait patiently until Chris Nicholl was transferred to Aston Villa the following March.

Ever present during the Hatters promotion season of 1973/74, Alan was unfortunate to lose his place to the young Paul Futcher during the following campaign and moved to Watford where he made 200 appearances in a Hornets side moving up through the divisions.

After spells at Portsmouth, Chesham, Barnet and Barton Rovers, Alan now runs a local window business.

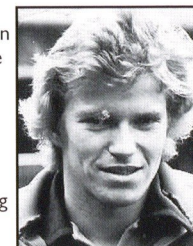
David GEDDIS

David was part of the highly successful youth set up at Ipswich and was sent out on loan as a 19-year-old to Second Division Luton in 1977 to gain experience. He scored some vital goals as the Hatters tried to win promotion back to the top flight and his speed, power and enthusiasm encouraged Luton manager Harry Haslam to try to sign him.

Ipswich manager Bobby Robson had other ideas though and David won an FA Cup winner's medal the following season before being transferred to Aston Villa in 1979.

At Villa, David found it difficult to oust Peter Withe or Garry Shaw so he started drifting down the divisions where his strike rate was always excellent.

David has recently left his job as reserve team coach at Leeds.



James (Jimmy) GIBSON

Signed by Newcastle United from Linfield in 1959, great things were expected of the big, raw forward but he found it hard to earn a regular first team spot at St James Park making only two appearances in two seasons.

In those days you could earn more money playing non-League than in the wage-restricted Football League and so Jimmy joined Cambridge United in 1961 with a club house as an added incentive!

Jimmy became a goal machine at the Abbey with 65 goals in 145 Southern League games, before Luton signed him in February 1965 as they tried to escape relegation to Division Four. Strangely, the Hatters played Jimmy at wing-half and he failed to score in 32 matches. He left Luton in 1966 to coach in the USA and still lives there.

Daniel (Don) Joseph GIVENS

Limerick-born Don was one of the many boys who travelled over the Irish Sea to join Manchester United but despite making his Eire debut before reaching the United first team it soon became clear that the sheer size of the squad at Old Trafford would make it difficult for him to earn a regular first team place.

Luton scout Harry Haslam, using his United connections, managed to entice Don plus three other players to Kenilworth Road in 1970 just as the Hatters were promoted to Division Two. Don proved an excellent foil to the more forceful Malcolm Macdonald and it was a sad day when the clever inside-forward moved to QPR in 1972.

Don finally finished his football career with Neuchatel in Switzerland well into his 30s and is now manager of the Eire Under-21 squad.

Alexander (Alec) GLOVER

Partick Thistle accepted a big fee from Bradford Park Avenue for their home-grown right winger in 1948 and Alec made an instant impact in Division Two, terrorising defences with his clever ball play.

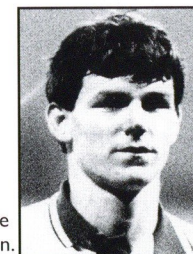
Having witnessed his ability at first hand, Luton Town manager Dally Duncan paid £8,000 for his services in September 1949 which was a lot of money at the time. Unfortunately, the Town were struggling at that point and Hatters supporters were rarely able to see Alec in full flow as defensive duties were required of him. He moved on to Blackburn in 1951 and then transferred to Barrow three years later. After retiring from the game, Alec settled in the Barrow area and died in Ulverston in 2000.

Edward Lee (Lee) GLOVER

Joining Nottingham Forest from school the Kettering-born forward won Scotland Youth and Under-21 caps but could never quite gain a regular place at the City Ground mainly because of serious injury problems.

When Luton Town sold Kingsley Black to Forest in 1991, Lee came the opposite way initially on loan. Sadly, his only Hatters appearance, against Southampton at Kenilworth Road, ended in injury and the deal was off.

Lee moved on to Port Vale in 1994 but enjoyed his greatest success at Rotherham where he was a consistent scorer. Lee was recently sacked as player-manager of Grantham Town.



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*vs Leicester City,
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Luton: Beresford, Foley, Keane, Perrett, Davis, Bell (Langley 79), Robinson, Spring, Emanuel (Morgan 9), Runstrom, Talbot (Boyd 79)

Subs not used: Brill, Asafu-Adjaye

Bookings: Talbot (70), Perrett (83), Runstrom (86), Morgan (90)

Goals: Morgan (33)



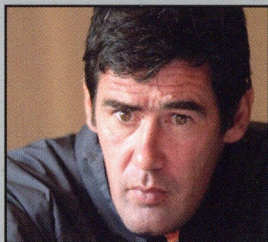
Leicester: Henderson, Maybury, McAuley, Kisorbo, Johansson, Yeates (Hammond 77), Hughes (Stearman 63), Johnson, Porter, Hume, Horsfield

Subs not used: Logan, Cadamarteri, Kenton

Bookings: Johansson (80), Kisorbo (86)

Goals: Yeates (6)

From the Manager



"We're not kidding ourselves. We're not playing great, or anywhere near as well as we can play, but that's because we're short of players. When you've got all your players fit you pick the players who are in form. At the moment we are having to pick the players who are fit. There are 15 games to go, which is an awful long time."



□ Dean Morgan hits a first time shot at the Leicester goal



□ Bjorn Runstrom made an impressive Luton debut at the Walkers Stadium

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Striker Bjorn Runstrom made his debut for Luton after his midweek loan signing from Fulham and played his part in a battling Hatters performance that saw Dean Morgan equalise an early Leicester goal to earn a vital point.

Morgan, an eighth-minute sub for the injured Lewis Emmanuel, powered David Bell's 33rd-minute free-kick from the right into the top-left corner leaving Foxes keeper Paul Henderson with no chance.

Luton had fallen behind early on to another debutant, Mark Yeates, who joined Leicester on loan from Tottenham and opened the scoring after just six minutes. The midfielder was the

first to react to Iain Hume's parried shot, tapping into the unguarded net from the edge of the box after the Canada international had scampered clear of the Hatters' defence.

Swede Runstrom had two good chances to score in the first half. On 28 minutes, he fired over the crossbar from just outside the area, then he volleyed over when the ball fell to him unmarked on the left side of the six-yard box.

Kevin Foley came close in the second half when his flicked header flew inches wide, although the home side came closest in stoppage time with Luton somehow clearing their lines from a goal-mouth scramble.



□ Leicester's Patrick Kisorbo beats Drew Talbot to the ball



□ Matthew Spring takes aim to try his luck from distance



□ Despite threading the ball between two players, Kevin Foley is stopped in his tracks by Leicester's Patrick Kisorbo and Stephen Hughes



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Plus Facts and figures



* All appearances and goals are those for Luton Town only. All appearances include substitute appearances
Stats for Adam Boyd, Lewis Emanuel, Richard Langley Sam Parkin and Matthew Spring are for their respective clubs last season

01 *Marlon* Beresford



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



02 *Kevin* Foley



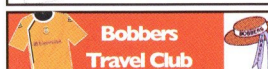
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2005/06 App: 39
2005/06 Goals: 0



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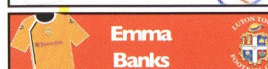
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Date Of Birth: 04-09-79
Place Of Birth: Chesham
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First Club: Swindon Town
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2005/06 Goals: 0



04 *Cwys* Coyne



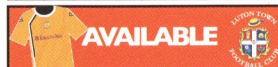
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 28-12-78
Place Of Birth: Brisbane
Date Signed: Sept 01
First Club: West Ham Utd
Last Club: Dundee
2005/06 App: 33
2005/06 Goals: 3



05 *Russell* Perrett



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



06 *Paul* Underwood



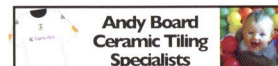
Position: Defender/Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 16-08-73
Place Of Birth: Wimbledon
Date Signed: March 2004
First Club: Enfield
Last Club: Rushden & Diam
2005/06 App: 38
2005/06 Goals: 0



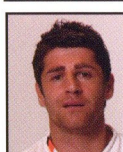
07 *Matthew* Spring



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



08 *Steve* Robinson



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



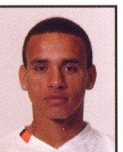
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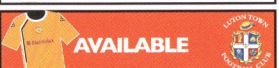
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Date Of Birth: 17-01-81
Place Of Birth: Belfast
Date Signed: March 2005
First Club: Leeds United
Last Club: Stockport
2005/06 App: 45
2005/06 Goals: 7



11 *Dean* Morgan



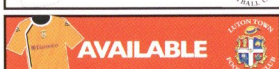
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First Club: Colchester
Last Club: Reading
2005/06 App: 38
2005/06 Goals: 6



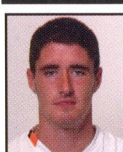
14 *Michael* Leary



Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 17-04-83
Place Of Birth: Ealing
Date Signed: Progressed from Trainee in 2002
Last Club: Walsal (loan)
2005/06 App: 44
2005/06 Goals: 0



15 *Stephen* O'Leary



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



16 *Lewis* Emanuel



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



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



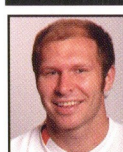
18 *Annet* Brkovic



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



19 *Sam* Parkin



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



20 *Adam* Boyd



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



21 *Keith* Keane



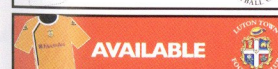
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Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2003
2005/06 App: 12
2005/06 Goals: 1



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: 9
2005/06 Goals: 0



25 *Leon* Barnett



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



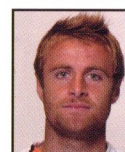
26 *Markus* Heikkinen



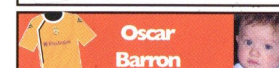
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Date Of Birth: 13-10-78
Place Of Birth: Katrineholm
Date Signed: July 2005
First Club: HJK Helsinki
Last Club: Sheffield Wed
2005/06 App: 40
2005/06 Goals: 2



27 *Peter* Holmes



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



28 *David* Bell



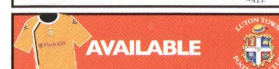
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Date Of Birth: 21-01-84
Place Of Birth: Kettering
Date Signed: January 2006
First Club: Rushden & Diam
Last Club: Rushden & Diam
2005/06 App: 9
2005/06 Goals: 0



29 *Calvin* Andrew



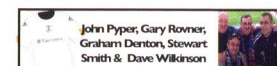
Position: Striker
Date Of Birth: 19-12-86
Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2004
Last Club: Bristol City (loan)
2005/06 App: 1
2005/06 Goals: 1



30 *Drew* Talbot



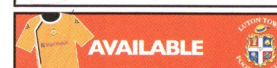
Position: Striker
Date Of Birth: 19-10-86
Place Of Birth: Barnsley
Date Signed: Jan 2007
First Club: Sheffield Wed
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2005/06 App: 0
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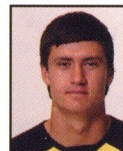
33 *Dean* Brill



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



34 *Zac* Barrett



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



Mike Newell



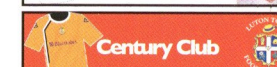
Position: Manager
Place Of Birth: Liverpool
Arrived: 2003
Previous Manager: Hartlepool
Playing Career: Liverpool, Crewe, Wigan, Luton, Leicester, Everton, Blackburn, Birmingham, West Ham, Aberdeen, Bradford, Crewe, Doncaster and Blackpool



Brian Stein



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



Martin Johnson



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



Steve Sedgley



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



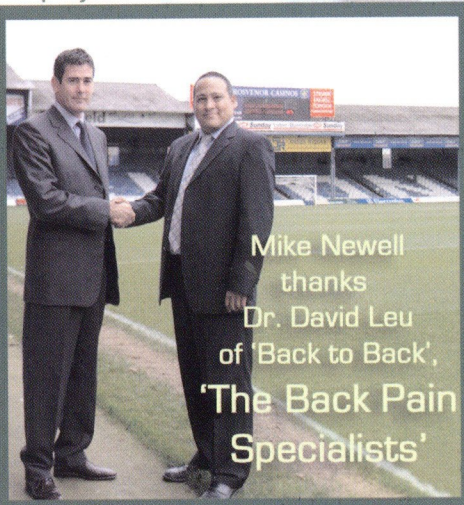
Mark Ridgway



Position: Youth Development Officer
Place Of Birth: London



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Luton

Reserves

A look back at a narrow defeat to Ipswich Town and a memorable win over Oxford United

Tuesday February 13
Pontin's Holidays
Combination: East Division
Ipswich Town Reserves 1 v
Luton Town Reserves 0

A narrow defeat to league leaders Ipswich Town was the Reserve side's latest result in the Pontin's Holidays Combination league.

The Hatters, who fielded first teamers Richard Langley and Adam Boyd in their starting line-up, failed to really trouble the home side, as Kieran Leabon's first half goal was enough to stretch Ipswich's lead at the top of the division.

Luton, who also started with Watford defender Sheku Kamara and Greek player Nikos Salapatias who were both handed trails at the club, saw their best effort of the game arrive on eight minutes when Ipswich goalkeeper Shane Supple kept out a Shaun Ross free-kick.

And Steve Sedgley, who was in charge of the Luton side, admitted the his team were never really in the game, despite the narrow scoreline.

"To be honest, we were well beaten," admitted Steve. "We never really deserved to get anything out of the game against an Ipswich Town team who were playing several youngsters themselves.

"They played the better football, always looked in control and we gave away a very soft goal. A lot of our boys were not at their best and it was a bit of a disappointment.

Luton team: D. Brill, E. Asafu-Adjaye, G. Beavan, R. Langley, S. Kamara, B. Strang, N. Salapatias, D. Stevens, A. Boyd, R. Preston, S. Ross.
Subs: R. Sinclair, Z. Barrett, M. Kenneford, E. Osborne-Ricketts.

Monday February 5
Pontin's Holidays
Combination: East Division
Oxford United Reserves 0 v
Luton Town Reserves 1
(Shaun Ross 35)

Luton fielded a team of youngsters in a Reserves game against a strong Oxford side – and pulled off a remarkable victory. A Shaun Ross header shortly before the break clinched the win.

It was all the more pleasing to coach Marvin Johnson since apart from Stephen O'Leary, the first team experience of the entire side amounted to just one 15-minute sub appearance by Danny Stevens.

Marvin said: "When you're playing youngsters against a team of more senior professionals, you expect to be on the receiving end.

"Darren Patterson, who used to play here and is now at Oxford, told me it was the strongest Reserve team Oxford have put out all this season. They had six or seven first team players coming back from injury or needing a game, so that makes the result all the more pleasing.

"We rode our luck at times, but you expect that. Zac Barrett had an excellent game and pulled off two or three great saves, and there were some important blocks on the line."

The goal came from the move of the game, a break down the right with Stephen O'Leary feeding Nicos Salapatias, who put in a fine cross for Shaun Ross to head home from 10 yards out.

"In the second half they had more clear-cut chances as our players tired. But Zac made the saves and defenders got in the blocks when necessary.

It was great experience for the young lads, especially as 11 of the squad had been involved in a Youth Team defeat at Leyton Orient two days before, when we didn't play well at all."

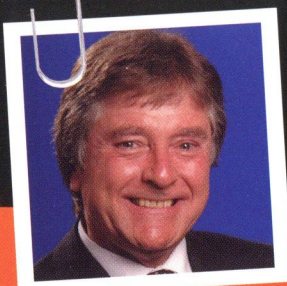
Luton team: Z. Barrett, J. Selby, G. Beaven, D. Stevens, E. Asafu-Adjaye, B. Strang, N. Salapatias, S. O'Leary, R. Preston, M. Kenneford, S. Ross Subs: R. Sinclair, R. Faulds, D. Hamilton, E. Osborne-Ricketts, A. Catini

● The Reserves are back in action tomorrow when they take on Stevenage Borough at Broadhall Way at 7pm.

LTFC RESERVES

Date	Opponent	KO/Result
August		
Tue 15	Leyton Orient	D - 2-2
Tue 29	MK Dons	W - 8-0
September		
Tue 19	Southend United	L - 3-1
October		
Wed 18	Norwich City	L - 0-4
November		
Tue 07	Stevenage Borough	W - 3-1
Tue 14	Colchester	W - 1-0
December		
Wed 13	Northampton Town	D - 1-1
January		
Tue 9	Leyton Orient	L - 1-3
Tues 23	Southend United	P-P
February		
Mon 5	Oxford United	W - 1-0
Tues 13	Ipswich Town	L - 0-1
Wed 21	Stevenage Borough	7:00pm
Tue 27	Oxford United	2:00pm
March		
Tue 6	Norwich City	2:00pm
Tue 20	MK Dons	2:00pm
April		
Tue 3	Northampton	2:00pm
Tue 10	Ipswich Town	2:00pm
Wed 25	Colchester United	2:00pm

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	11	10	0	1	31	8	30
Colchester	11	4	5	2	13	10	17
Southend	10	5	1	4	20	15	16
Leyton Orient	8	3	5	0	12	6	14
LUTON	9	4	2	3	19	14	14
Northampton	9	3	3	3	8	9	12
MK Dons	7	3	0	4	10	16	9
Norwich	9	2	3	4	12	18	9
Stevenage	10	1	3	6	8	17	6
Oxford	9	0	2	7	8	26	2



Commercial news with **Peter Davis**

Peter Davis welcomes this evening's sponsors to Kenilworth Road

Good evening and welcome to all of our commercial partners, with a special mention for tonight's match sponsors Electrolux and our associate sponsor Roger Marsh Estate Agents.

The Club's VIP trip to Leicester City on Saturday February 3 proved to be extremely successful, with everybody who joined us having a great time courtesy of Leicester City's commercial management, who looked after the Club's guests very well.

A tour of the Walkers Stadium's magnificent facilities, a good lunch, followed by a well-earned point from a Leicester City squad, who were as determined as Luton Town, ensured a buoyant mood on the coach journey back to Kenilworth Road.

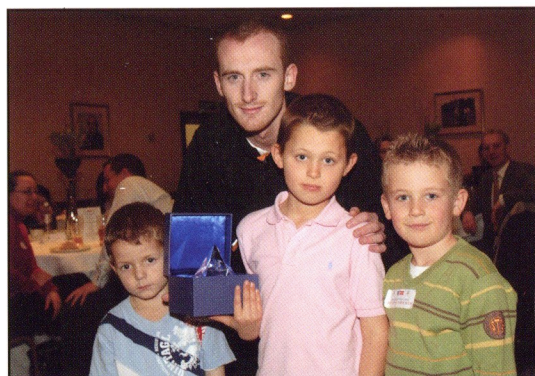
The trip to Leicester was the third of its type that we have organised this season, after trips to Everton and Queens Park Rangers, and we are hoping to put on at least one more VIP away day before the end of the season. Therefore look out for further announcements in the programme, our web site and of course directly by post.

Enjoy tonight's game

Peter



□ Ade Danes collecting the sponsors award on behalf of FOX & RCA Sports



□ Junior VIP guests of FOX & RCA Sports presenting the Man of the Match Award to newly-arrived Drew Talbot



□ Representatives of Luton-based Thompson Fly on the pre match tour

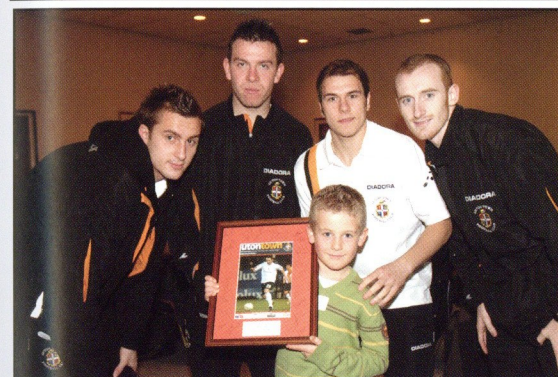


□ FOX & RCA Sports guests in the home dugout, on the pre-match stadium tour

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We are delighted to welcome as this evening's match sponsors Electrolux with their guests, staff and management for their first major game sponsorship of the season. Tonight's event further highlights the significant investment in the Luton community made by Electrolux, which sees its major sponsorship of Luton Town Football Club continuing through 2007 and into 2008. The Electrolux Sponsorship deal which was initiated last season, has been increased into a three-year tenure as part of their commitment to the local community. They have been delighted with their association with the Club and in particular the positive response they have received from both the Luton community and their employees, as a result of the sponsorship. As Andy Mackay, Brand and Marketing Director for Electrolux, puts it: "Luton Town are going from strength to strength, both on and off the field, mirroring the big steps forward Electrolux are making in their own playing field – the UK white goods market. We are really proud of the association with Luton Town and to be able to provide sponsorship and offer our support."

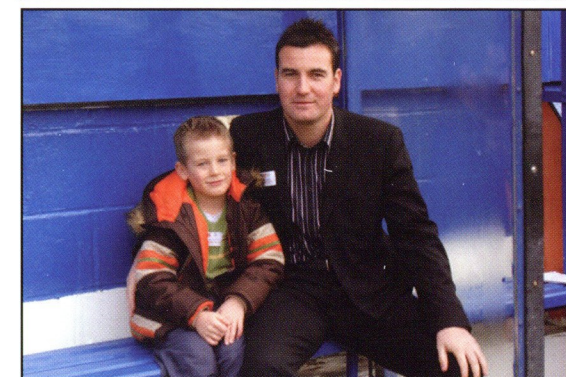


□ Commercial Mascot Conor Danes collecting his certificate from squad members

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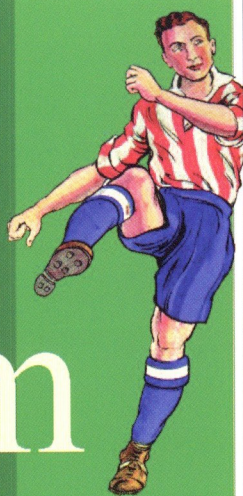
□ Conor Danes and his father in the home dugout prior to the Blackburn match

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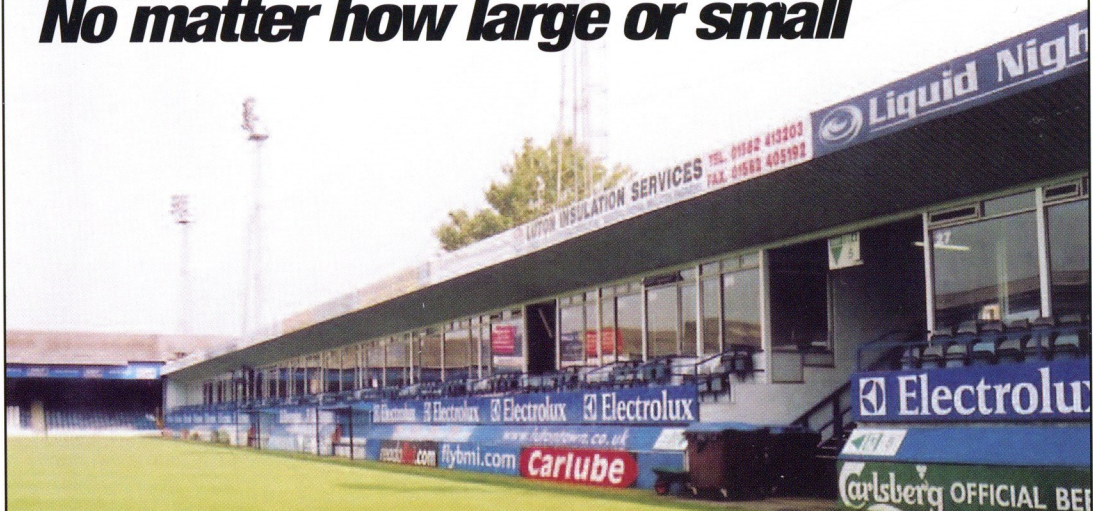
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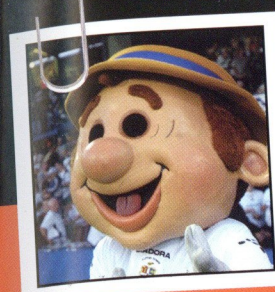
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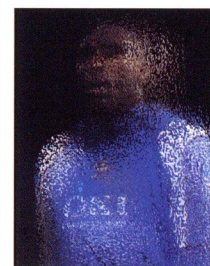
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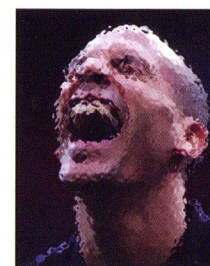
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Junior Hatters Quiz

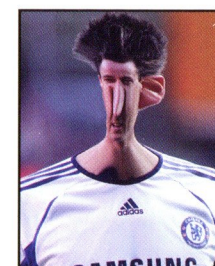
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The answers can be found below.



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Because the people are always Russian!

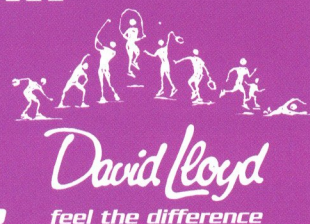
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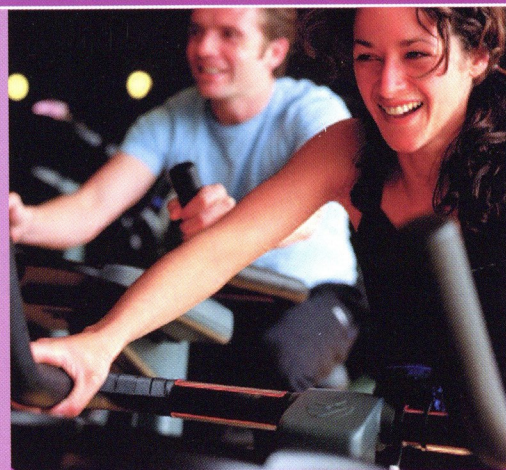


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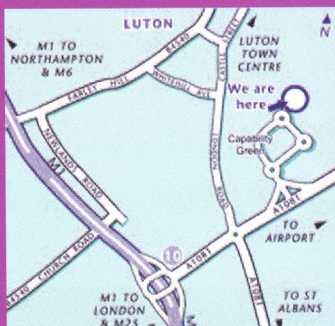
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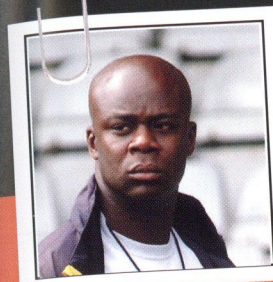
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Luton Youths

Marvin Johnson on a cup win against Crawley Green and a narrow defeat to Leyton Orient

Tuesday February 13 Under 18 Floodlit Challenge Cup Luton Town Youth 3 v Crawley Green Youth 0

Luton's Youth team eased into the semi-finals of the Bedfordshire Under 18 Floodlit Challenge Cup as goals from Aidan Quinn, Josh Cramwell and Jake Howells secured victory over Crawley Green.

With the Reserve side playing on the same day against Ipswich Town, this fixture was a chance for Coach Marvin Johnson to take a closer look at some of his younger players.

And Marvin liked what he saw. "We played extremely well," he said, "and it was a highly professional performance from such a young team.

Marvin was so pleased with some individual performances that players are now being considered for a step up into the Under-18 squad.

Marvin added: "Mark Ridgway often recommends players who could possibly make the step up to the next level, but it's not always possible to play them.

"There were a couple of performances which caught my eye and I may now look at bringing one or two or them through to the Under-18 team."

The Hatters youngsters will now play Stotfold in the semi-final, although a date for this fixture has yet to be arranged.

Saturday February 3 Football League Youth Alliance South East Division Leyton Orient Youth 2 (Pires 75, Page 83) v Luton Town Youth 1 (McGuinness 1)

Luton's Youth Team got off to a great start away to Leyton Orient when Jamie McGuinness slipped the ball home from a corner inside the first minute. Unfortunately that was as good as it got and the young Hatters

conceded two late second-half goals to slip to defeat.

Coach Marvin Johnson said: "We started off looking really lively and won a corner in the first 40 seconds.

"Rob Sinclair took it and they didn't clear it. The ball fell to Jamie and he poked it home from close range.

"But apart from that we didn't really create any more than two or three half chances for the rest of the game.

"It was very disappointing, especially that we couldn't get our passing and movement right.

"They played at 100 miles an hour as we knew they would but in the second half we were under so much pressure that we weren't able to clear the ball properly. It just built up more and more pressure until it seemed that we couldn't get out of our own half."

The young Hatters still did well to hang on to the lead until the last 15 minutes, but eventually two late goals gave Orient the win.

"This season we have ten first years on our staff," added Marvin, "and as it's a two-year course, next year we'll be fairly strong so all the experience they are getting now will set them up well for next season."

Luton team: R. Faulds, J. Selby, S. Sinclair, D. Hamilton, G. Beaven, B. Strang, J. McGuinness, R. Sinclair, R. Preston, R. Charles, J. Howells

Subs: E. Osborne-Ricketts, J. Sillitoe, M. Kenneford, J. Cranwell, D. Artry

● Luton's Under-16 side went down 1-0 at Wycombe recently.

Marvin said: "There's a knock-on effect when the first team have a lot of injuries.

"The side that just lost by one goal at Wycombe had four or five players under 15 and that's a big difference at that age, but it was more good experience for them."

LTFC YOUTH

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

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QPR	12	8	2	2	28	15	26
Colchester	11	6	5	0	26	14	23
Gillingham	12	7	2	3	26	19	23
Luton Town	11	6	1	4	20	14	19
Southend Utd	11	5	3	3	24	16	18
Wycombe W	11	5	3	3	12	6	18
Brighton	10	4	3	3	10	10	15
Rushden & D	11	4	2	5	13	23	14
Brentford	12	3	4	5	10	15	13
Northampton	11	2	3	6	16	24	9
Portsmouth	11	1	1	9	8	21	4
Leyton Orient	11	1	1	9	6	22	4



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Luton Town Ladies

Dave Baker reports on the latest from the Luton Ladies side

All of Luton Ladies' games two weeks ago were called off because of the weather, but they are still celebrating a record 9-2 win the week before.

With Luton's recent cup luck very much out, a home league cup tie against Clevedon Town by no means guaranteed progress into the next round.

Town started the game at a high tempo and raced into a lead after just 40 seconds. A cross was cleared to the edge of the box and the ball fell to full back Laura Massey whose well struck low drive was too hot for the keeper and Janine Daly tucked in the rebound. In the 4th minute it was 2-0 as Rebecca Kane rounded the keeper and then turned the ball in from an acute angle.

Clevedon were unable to contain the early movement from Luton's forwards and when the ball fell to Micky Taylor she fired it into the net from just inside the box. The tie was then all but over as Luton scored again to go 4-0 ahead in just 13 minutes when Rebecca Kane added her second with a neat finish. A shell shocked Clevedon fought their way back into the game. They have the league's leading scorer in their ranks and she scored twice in the ten minutes before the break to give the Somerset side hope.

The Town defence took control after the interval and any nerves disappeared when Stacey Connell made no mistake from the penalty spot to restore the three goal advantage. Luton's pattern of play then stretched the away side to its limits continuously breaking through an ineffective offside trap and leading scorer Daly scored twice to complete her hat trick.

Not to be outdone Kane notched her treble and an amazing 9-2 record win was completed when Connell's free kick crept in at the near post for her second. It could have been far worse for the visitors had the keeper not made a fine tip over from Taylor's shot and she also came close to almost converting a pinpoint Michelle Byrne cross making her league return after five months out with a knee injury. The reward for the record breaking goal tally is a quarter final home tie against Forest Green Rovers on 4th March.

The reserves continued their good form away to Hillingdon Borough but were unable to find their way through a packed home defence in spite of some good chances. Borough did not trouble the Town defence at all but a well earned point from an injury hit side

keeps us in the top three and in contention for promotion.

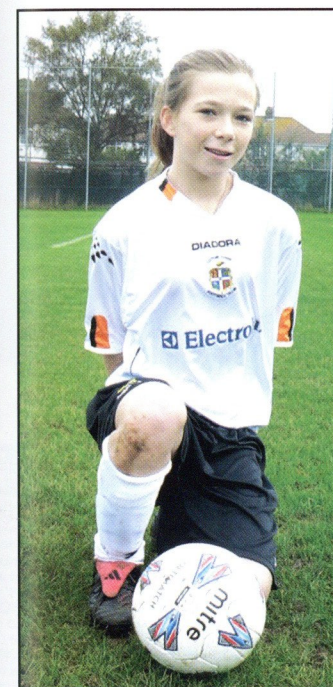
Natalie Stafford scored twice against Acton Town as the Third Team got their cup run off to a winning start. The long awaited cup final for our U10s against Tottenham Hotspur ended in disappointment as defences dominated proceedings and the cup was won by the young Spurs sides single goal in the first half. Stars of the day were the Luton defenders Charlotte George and captain Henny Horsler who both gave solid inspirational displays in the Town defence.

Also up against Spurs were our Under 14s and they soon found themselves two goals down. A spirited fightback from Luton saw them surge into a 4-3 lead with two goals from Helen Brown, Leah Maddix and a tremendous 30 yard strike from Rebecca Froggatt. Spurs returned fire and grabbed a point in a 4-4 draw.

The Under 11s have also returned to form with two fine away wins in the past week over Harvesters (6-0) and Enfield Town (7-0). A top three finish is certainly achievable for this talented squad who are currently looking to add to their squad next season when they move onto playing eleven a side football.

Cup success for the Under 15s saw them qualify for the quarter finals as they swept aside Baldock Town 9-1. Luton goals came from Yasmin Hickling (3), Rachael Carter (2), Alice O'Shea, Jasmine Hall, Jodie Tice and Kelly Moss.

Luton Town Ladies will shortly be holding trials for season 2007/8 in all age groups from Under 10 to the senior section. For further details and to register interest please contact me at lutonbelles@hotmail.com.



☐ Bex Froggatt scored with 25 yard shot against Tottenham Hotspur

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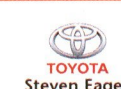
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Football in the

Community

Stuart Smith brings us the latest news from the Community Department



Ashcroft win Community Cup

Hello and welcome to this evening's game with Sheffield Wednesday.

Local heats of the Football League Under 13s Community Cup were held on Friday January 19 and produced some fine matches.

This is our annual tournament and the winners go on to Local, and hopefully Regional and Area finals to play in the Grand Final at the Millennium Stadium on Championship Play-Off day.

We initially had 11 entrants for the tournament but despite three teams dropping out on the day we still

had a really competitive evening with a very high standard and some extremely close games in the semi-finals and the final.

One semi-final finished with a 13-12 penalty shoot out.

The highlight was the success of Ashcroft High School who won our local heats for the third year in a row. A magnificent achievement by the team's coach over that period and of course the three different sets of girls.

Here are the full results:

GROUP A

GILBERT INGLESFORD v PUTTERIDGE A	2-0
SOUTH LUTON A v CHALLNEY GIRLS	2-0
PUTTERIDGE A v CHALLNEY GIRLS	1-0
GILBERT INGLESFORD v CHALLNEY GIRLS	2-0
SOUTH LUTON A GILBERT INGLESFORD	0-2
PUTTERIDGE A v SOUTH LUTON A	0-2

GROUP B

STOPSLEY v ASHCROFT	1-0
PUTTERIDGE v SOUTH LUTON B	0-0
ASHCROFT v PUTTERIDGE B	2-0
SOUTH LUTON B v STOPSLEY	0-2
PUTTERIDGE B v STOPSLEY	0-1
SOUTH LUTON B v ASHCROFT	0-4

SEMI FINALS

GILBERT INGLESFORD v ASHCROFT	0-0
ASHCROFT WIN 13 - 12 ON PENS	
STOPSLEY v SOUTH LUTON A	2-2
STOPSLEY WIN 5 - 3 ON PENS	

FINAL

ASHCROFT v STOPSLEY	1 - 0
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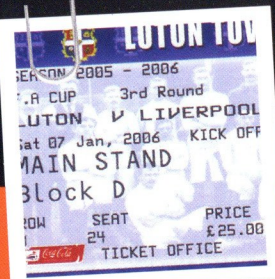
Enjoy the game

Stuart



Ashcroft tournament winning side with coach Mel Hickman.

Read Mike Newell's post match comments after today's game on www.lutontown.co.uk



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Ticket Office

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0870 017 0656



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



ALLOCATION: We have received initial allocation of 1,084 tickets.

SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: Tickets are now on general sale until 12 Noon 23/02/07 (subject to availability.)

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

Seating: Adult £25 Seniors (over 60) £15 Juniors (Under 16) £15



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
LUTON TOWN V NORWICH CITY
Tuesday 27th February 2007
Kick-Off 7:45pm



TICKETS PURCHASED FOR THE ORIGINAL DATE REMAIN VALID

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

Please note that there is a £2 price increase for tickets purchased on the day of the game.



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
LUTON TOWN V WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS
Saturday 3rd March 2007
Kick-Off 3pm



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

SPECIAL OFFER: Kids under 12 can come to the match for FREE with an adult paying £10 for a ticket. Call the Ticket Office for details.

Please note that there is a £2 price increase for tickets purchased on the day of the game.



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
LEEDS UNITED V LUTON TOWN
Saturday 10th March 2007
Kick-Off 3pm



THIS IS AN ALL TICKET GAME FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS

ALLOCATION: We have received an initial allocation of 1,708.

SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: Tickets are now on General sale until 12 Noon 09/03/07 (subject to availability.)

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

Seating: Adult £21, Seniors (60 plus) £10, Juniors (Under 16) £8

Restricted View tickets are available at a £2 discount.

Wheelchair and Ambulant Disabled £10 with a Carer free of charge



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
LUTON TOWN V HULL CITY
Tuesday 13th March 2007
Kick-Off 7:45pm



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

SPECIAL OFFER: Season Ticket holders may purchase a guest ticket at the reduced cost of £10.

Contact the Ticket Office for further details

Please note that there is a £2 price increase for tickets purchased on the day of the game.



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
LUTON TOWN V IPSWICH TOWN
Saturday 17th March 2007
Kick-Off 3pm



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

Please note that there is a £2 price increase for tickets purchased on the day of the game.

TRAVEL GUIDE



By Car: Leave the M25 at Junction 7 and follow the signs for the A23 to Croydon. At Purley bear left onto the A23 at its junction with the A235 (to Croydon). You will pass roundabouts and junctions with the A232 and A236 as you pass Croydon, after which the A23 bears left at Thornton Heath (at the Horseshoe pub roundabout). Here you must go straight over, into Brigstock Road (B266), passing Thornton Heath Station on your left and bearing right on to the High Street. At the next mini roundabout, (Whitehorse Road/Grange Road) go left into Whitehorse Lane. The ground is on your right.

Parking: There is plenty of street parking in the area. However the traffic can be pretty bad on Saturdays even without football traffic, so make sure you allow yourself some extra time to make the journey.

SUPPORTERS CLUBS

Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 11am. The fare for LTSC members is £11, £9 concessions and £14 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 or via www.lutontownfc.co.uk

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 10am and Luton at 11pm. Costs for this trip is £12 adults and £10 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk, at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 856542.



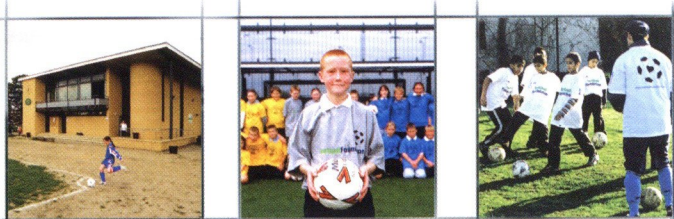
By Car: Elland Road is an easy ground to locate as it's well signposted and is situated right by the M621. Take M1 northbound and then onto the M621. You will pass the ground on your left and then you need to take the next exit from the motorway and turn left onto the A6110 ring road. Take the next left onto Elland Road for the ground.

Parking: There are a couple of very large car parks near the ground although some do charge a large fee.

SUPPORTERS CLUBS

Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 10am with a stop at MK Coachway approximately 30 minutes later. The fare for LTSC members is £19, £17 concessions and £21 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 or via www.lutontownfc.co.uk

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 8:30am and Luton at 9:30pm. Costs for this trip is £18.50 adults and £15 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk, at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 856542.



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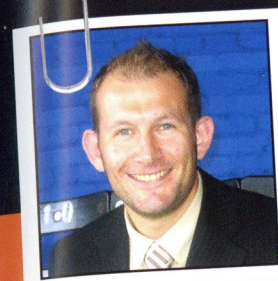
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On the Web

Chris Rivett brings us the latest news from the club's official website, www.lutontown.co.uk

HATTERS WORLD

Luton Town fans are flocking to our new video service since Hatters World was upgraded at the start of January and the great news is that if you haven't yet signed up you can join for the rest of the season for just £19.99 - a saving of £15.

So why not give it a try and see what you think. And for only £19.99 your subscription will run until the beginning of August and will then be renewed automatically at £34.99 per season unless you cancel.

Not that we think you will, because you will get all the great features of Hatters World PLUS exclusive behind-the-scenes video interviews with the players and staff at Kenilworth Road.

BUY A PLAYER

So far, Luton Town supporters have raised £470 for Mike Newell's transfer kitty since the start of the Coca-

Cola Buy a Player campaign. This puts the Hatters 23rd in the Championship league table, just above Colchester United, however there is only £200 difference between the Town and 17th-placed West Bromwich Albion so come on, keep entering and help the Hatters climb the table and generate some money for the Club in the process.

At the very top of the table, Hull City lead the way with £251,514.50, from Leeds United who have £4,442. The Tigers' considerable lead comes thanks to Geof Pearson, who won a special one-off transfer fund of £250,000 for Hull and £10,000 for himself in a Coca-Cola Superfan draw on Sky Sports' SoccerAM.

Of the Hatters' very own Superfans, Paulo A from Luton leads the way with winnings of £17.50, a pound ahead of Joseph B from Dunstable, Colin C from Great Yarmouth is third with a contribution of £13. Thanks to Paulo, Joseph and Colin

for their support and to all the other Luton fans who have entered the draw on the Club's behalf.

With a £10 million prize fund on offer, and one in every two packs guaranteed to win, Coca-Cola is hoping Hatters fans can start racking up their transfer fund. Anyone buying a promotional bottle or multipack of Coca-Cola or Coke Zero will be in with a chance of winning a prize for the Luton Town transfer fund. Prizes range from 50p all the way up to £100,000.

The winners of the £100,000 prizes will also win a personal cash prize of £10,000.

You simply text in the unique code found on promotional bottles or multipacks to 80094 or enter it at www.coca-cola.co.uk/football. When you do, you find out instantly if you have won any cash for the Town.

HATTERS BET LAUNCH TV SERVICE

Hatters Bet, the Club's official online bookmakers, have launched their own television service.

It means registered account holders can watch selected games streamed live on the internet.

Last week they showed live coverage of Benfica against FC Dinamo Bucuresti along with the chance to bet live on their inplay markets, with the latest odds updating as the action unfolds.

But you don't have to bet so if there is nothing on TV one night (and you are up-to-date with all our stories on Hatters World) why not give it a try?



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Championship

Form Guide

The latest Championship form guide and
a look at tonight's other games

WITH leaders DERBY not playing until tomorrow, second-placed BIRMINGHAM have a chance to go top on goal difference tonight, but it won't be easy. They have to beat surging SUNDERLAND (5th), who have won six out of their last seven league games and drawn the other.

Steve Bruce's Blues, though, have won their last two after a poor January when they lost three out of five games.

If Birmingham slip up, WEST BROM (3rd) can go above them into the second automatic promotion spot with a win at home to CARDIFF (7th). This promises to be another cracker as the Baggies have won seven of their last nine and Cardiff, after going 13 games without a win, are

back on track with four wins and a draw in their last five.

Cardiff are fourth of four teams on 56 points, along with Sunderland, SOUTHAMPTON (4th) and PRESTON (6th). George Burley's Saints are going well, having lost just once in their last 11 league games, and that by a single goal against leaders Derby. Preston, though, could be rocking after losing three of their last four including the FA Cup exit against Manchester City on Sunday.

Saints travel to COVENTRY (17th) for ex-Hatter Iain Dowie's first game as manager, while Preston are at home to NORWICH (18th).

Just outside the play-offs, WOLVES (8th), who have lost once in their last eight league matches, go to IPSWICH (16th), who have lost their last three games.

COLCHESTER (9th) continue to surprise people but have a tough game at home to PLYMOUTH (11th), fresh from the high of their FA Cup win over Derby at the weekend.

At the bottom, slumping LEEDS (24th) are home to QPR (20th), but only three points cover the bottom six clubs. Dennis Wise's side have won three and lost three of their last six in the league, while QPR have lost five of their last six matches.

SOUTHEND (23rd) entertain CRYSTAL PALACE (12th) while there is a six-pointer at Oakwell, where BARNLEY (22nd) take on HULL (21st), who earned a great point at Derby last time out.

TODAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

Barnley v Hull City
Birmingham v Sunderland
Burnley v Leicester
Coventry v Southampton
Ipswich v Wolves
Leeds v QPR
Plymouth v Colchester
Preston v Norwich
Southend v Crystal Palace
West Brom v Cardiff City

WEDNESDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURE

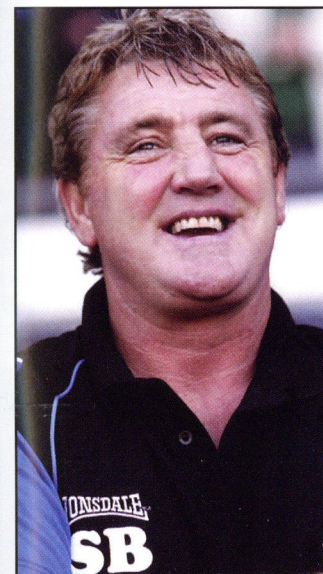
Derby County v Stoke

HOME FORM TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
West Brom	5	1	0	17	6	11	16
Sunderland	4	1	1	9	1	8	13
Birmingham	4	1	1	12	7	5	13
Derby County	4	1	1	6	4	2	13
Southampton	3	2	1	10	5	5	11
Colchester	3	2	1	10	6	4	11
Preston	3	2	1	10	6	4	11
Cardiff	3	2	1	8	5	3	11
Plymouth	3	2	1	8	7	1	11
Crystal Palace	3	1	2	8	6	2	10
Ipswich	3	1	2	6	6	0	10
Hull City	3	0	3	10	7	3	9
Southend	3	0	3	10	8	2	9
QPR	3	0	3	6	6	0	9
Wolves	2	2	2	10	9	1	8
LUTON	2	2	2	5	5	0	8
Leicester	2	2	2	7	7	0	8
Leeds	2	2	2	8	8	0	8
Coventry	2	2	2	8	9	-1	8
Stoke	1	4	1	6	5	1	7
Norwich	2	1	3	5	7	-2	7
Barnley	2	1	3	4	8	-4	7
Burnley	1	3	2	6	7	-1	6
Sheff Wed	1	1	4	10	16	-6	4

AWAY FORM TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Sunderland	4	1	1	12	6	6	13
Derby County	4	1	1	5	2	3	13
Wolves	3	2	1	7	4	3	11
West Brom	3	2	1	10	9	1	11
Birmingham	3	1	2	12	6	6	10
Sheff Wed	3	1	2	9	6	3	10
Leicester	3	1	2	9	8	1	10
Southampton	2	3	1	12	9	3	9
Southend	2	3	1	6	7	-1	9
Preston	3	0	3	8	9	-1	9
Colchester	2	1	3	8	6	2	7
Stoke	2	1	3	4	7	-3	7
Crystal Palace	1	3	2	6	6	0	6
Hull City	1	3	2	6	10	-4	6
Cardiff	1	3	2	5	10	-5	6
Plymouth	1	2	3	8	11	-3	5
Ipswich	1	1	4	3	8	-5	4
Norwich	1	1	4	6	11	-5	4
LUTON	0	3	3	6	11	-5	3
Leeds	1	0	5	4	10	-6	3
Barnley	1	0	5	4	12	-8	3
Burnley	0	1	5	2	9	-7	1
QPR	0	0	6	2	13	-11	0
Coventry	0	0	6	4	18	-14	0



Birmingham boss Steve Bruce could see his side go top tonight

You can contact the Community Office on 01582 391927



MONDAY
12
FEBRUARY

Wise overreacted, claims Taylor

Crystal Palace boss Peter Taylor believes Leeds manager Dennis Wise overreacted in the row over the leaking of team news.

Wise claimed an unnamed player would never play for Leeds again after giving team details to the opposition before Saturday's game against Palace.

However, Taylor said: "I'm disappointed and told Dennis. A Leeds player spoke to a Palace player on Friday night but it was a general conversation."

Taylor added: "I had an idea of who would be in the Leeds team at eight o'clock on Friday night but I had no information about team shape."

"As it was, a couple of players I thought would be in the Leeds team weren't. Players talk to players – it's part of life and it's not malicious."



ALSO... Derby keeper Lee Camp joins QPR on a 93-day emergency loan Hull City sign former England midfielder Ray Parlour Ipswich midfielder Darren Currie says he is likely to move away from Portman Road next season.

TUESDAY
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FEBRUARY

Barnsley capture Derby defender

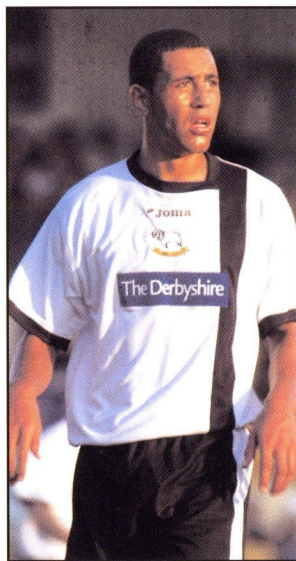
Championship strugglers Barnsley have agreed terms with Derby defender Lewin Nyatanga for a three-month loan deal.

The Wales international has started five games for his country this season and had a loan spell with Sunderland between October and January.

The 18-year-old is the ninth player signed by Reds boss Simon Davey since the start of the new year. His arrival comes just a day after Manchester United's midfield prospect Ritchie Jones moved to Oakwell.

"Derby are top of the table and have been good enough to lend him to us. It's a great move for everyone and he will fit in very well here," said Davey.

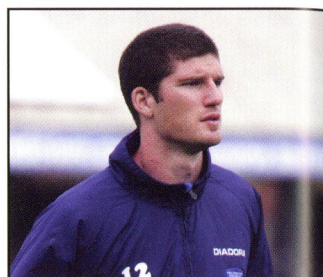
Barnsley now have five players on loan, the most that can be named in a 16-man match-day squad.



ALSO... Stockport extend their loan deal for teenage Wolves goalkeeper Wayne Hennessey by a further month Preston striker David Nugent is named as the Championship's player of the month for January.

WEDNESDAY
14
FEBRUARY

Baldwin agrees new U's contract



Colchester United central defender Pat Baldwin has signed a new contract. The 24-year-old, who has made 137 appearances, agreed a two-year deal with the Championship club.

"Negotiations have been going on for a while now so it's nice to get it all sorted out. I've loved every minute of being here," he said.

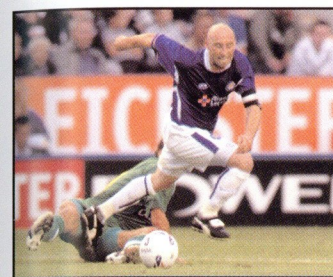
"We've had so much success here and we can still achieve more. I'm settled in the area and am just looking forward to doing my best for Colchester."

Baldwin moved to Layer Road in 2002 after being released by Chelsea and has been a regular in the U's' debut season in the Championship.

ALSO... Pascal Zuberbuhler leaves West Brom to join Swiss Second Division outfit Neuchatel Xamax on a free transfer Coventry midfielder Kevin Thornton looks likely to miss the rest of the season with ankle ligament damage.

THURSDAY
15
FEBRUARY

Tiatto to return to Australia



Leicester City defender Danny Tiatto will join Australian A-League side Queensland Roar at the end of the season on a two-year contract.

The Brisbane-based club are managed by former Australia coach Frank Farina.

"In Danny we have a player who leads by example – who'll drive the players around him with his enthusiasm for the game," Farina said.

"Danny has been top of my list for a while. When we knew he was interested and available we acted quickly."

Tiatto, 33, played 29 times for Australia before retiring from international football in November 2005.

ALSO... Wolves defender Gabor Gyepes is set to return to action after nearly a year out with cruciate knee ligament damage Leyton Orient have signed Norwich striker Ryan Jarvis on a month's loan.

FRIDAY
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FEBRUARY

Ankle surgery sidelines Elliott

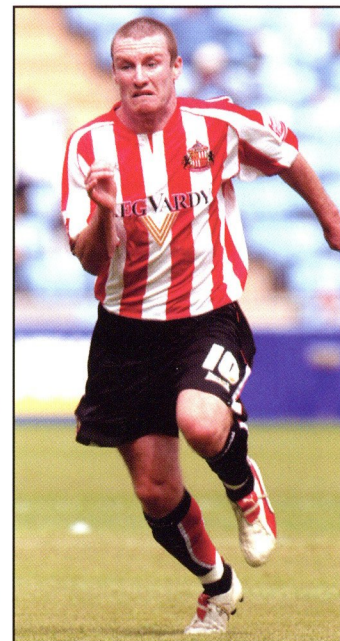
Sunderland's Republic of Ireland striker Stephen Elliott faces six weeks out after undergoing an ankle op. Elliott, 23, was forced into surgery on the persistent injury after it failed to respond to rest and recuperation.

Boss Roy Keane said: "It's not a major disaster and hopefully he'll come back stronger."

Meanwhile, director of scouting Bobby Saxton and chief scout Bob Shaw have both left the club in Keane's ongoing shake-up of his backroom staff.

Elliott will miss a crucial phase of Sunderland's promotion push, but Keane hopes to have the striker back for the run-in.

Keane said: "We hope he'll be back to finish the season well. His goals could be important for us."



ALSO... Barnsley striker Nathan Jarman joins Conference North side Workson on a month's loan Bristol Rovers make their second defensive signing in two days with Birmingham City's Sam Oji joining on a month's loan Bournemouth sign Southampton striker David McGoldrick on loan.

SATURDAY
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FEBRUARY

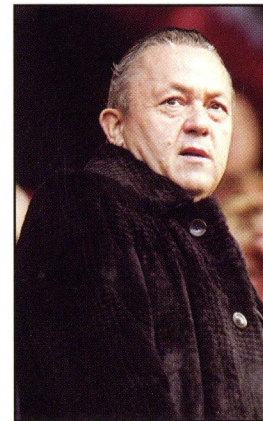
Sullivan makes Blues transfer vow

Birmingham co-owner David Sullivan has promised a transfer spree – if the club win promotion to the Premiership. Next season even the side finishing bottom of the Premier League will receive more than £25m in television rights.

Sullivan said: "There's a big pie we could be getting a slice of. We have very few high earners. That means we've the capacity to sign four or five players on huge wages – and maybe for huge transfer fees."

"We also want good, young players from the Championship who we think can make the jump."

ALSO... Leicester captain Paddy McCarthy will miss the rest of the season after shoulder surgery Gravesend & Northfleet have extended the loan of Southend winger Joel Ledgister for two further months Wigan signed Preston goalkeeper Carlo Nash on a month's emergency loan



MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Mike Newell

Played 169 Won 71 Drawn 44 Lost 54
For 260 Against 233

Av Pts/game 1.52

Biggest Win(s) Luton 5 Bristol City 0

(05/03/2005). Biggest Loss(es) Ipswich
5 Luton 0 (29/10/2006).

Brian Laws

Played 16 Won 6 Drawn 3 Lost 7 For
26 Against 26

Av Pts/game 1.31

Biggest Win(s) Leicester 1 Sheff Wed

4 (02/12/2006). Biggest Loss(es) Lost
3-0 on 2 occasions

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..2	Mike Newell.....0	Brian Laws1
Draws ..1	Goals 2	Goals 6

Player with the most...

shots

Rowan
Vine 70

shots on target

Rowan
Vine 35

shots off target

Rowan
Vine 35

assists

Steve
Robinson 4

crosses

Carlos
Edwards 70

fouls

Rowan
Vine 55

free-kicks-won

Leon
Barnett 42

Player with the most...

shots

Chris
Brunt 72

shots on target

Marcus
Tudgay 30

shots off target

Chris
Brunt 46

assists

Chris
Brunt 5

crosses

Chris
Brunt 75

fouls

Deon
Burton 34

free-kicks-won

Deon
Burton 47

SHARP SHOOTERS

Luton	CCFC Cup	Tot	Sheff Wed	CCFC Cup	Tot
Dean Morgan	4	1	5	Chris Brunt	8
Warren Feeney	2	2	4	Steven MacLean	7
Ahmet Brkovic	3	0	3	Deon Burton	7

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played55	Luton wins.....15	Sheff Wed wins.....20
Draws20	Goals 71 (1.3 per game)	Goals 87 (1.6 per game)
0-0's6	Times failed to score 19	Times failed to score 14

Biggest League win at Luton for each team:

31/08/1946 Luton 4-1 Sheff Wed

26/11/1938 Luton 1-5 Sheff Wed



2006/07 LEAGUE STATS

21	Position	13
31	Played	32
8	Won	11
8	Drawn	8
15	Lost	13
38	Goals For	44
52	Goals Against	48
32	Points	41

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	5	9	18	4	5	8	13

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
5	3	6	21	7	3	5	14

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
7	2	2	20	9	1	4	15

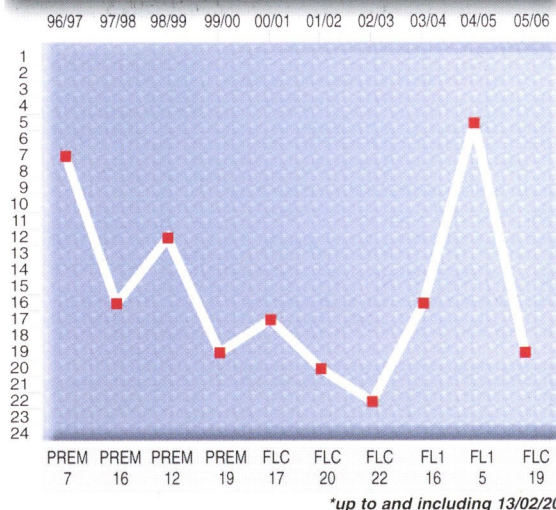
Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	3	13	18	2	4	9	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[3], 0-2[3], 0-3[1], 0-5[1], 1-2[2], 1-4[2], 2-3[3], 2-0[3], 1-1[2], 2-2[3]. Draws: 0-0[3], 1-1[3], 2-2[1], 3-3[1]. Wins: 2-0[1], 2-1[5], 3-0[1], 3-1[1], 3-2[2], 4-1[1]. Losses: 0-1[4], 0-3[1], 0-4[1], 1-2[4], 1-3[2], 2-4[1]. Draws: 0-0[3], 1-1[3], 2-2[1], 3-3[1].

SHEFF WED - TEN SEASON RECORD



2006/2007 Appearances

	This Season				International App			Luton Town Career	
	League App	League Gls	Cup Competitions App	Cup Competitions Gls	Total App	Total Gls	Disciplinary Yel	Disciplinary Red	Nation
1 Marlon BERESFORD	19	0	5	0	25	0	1	1	Rep U21 (plus Rep B)
2 Kevin FOLEY	28	0	3(2)	0	31(2)	0	0	0	2
3 Sol DAVIS	17(3)	0	5	0	22(3)	0	4	1	15
4 Chris COYNE	5(5)	0	4	0	9(5)	0	1	0	9
5 Russell PERRETT	8(2)	1	3	0	11(2)	0	2	0	5
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
7 Carlos EDWARDS	26	6	2(1)	0	28(1)	6	1	0	30
7 Matthew SPRING	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	11
8 Steve ROBINSON	27(1)	0	4	0	31(1)	0	3	0	0
9 Bjorn RUNSTROM	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	33
9 Rowan VINE	26	12	2(2)	2	28(2)	14	9	0	11
10 Warren FEENEY	14(10)	2	3	2	17(10)	4	1	0	11
11 Dean MORGAN	19(11)	4	4(2)	1	23(13)	5	3	0	3
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
15 Stephen O'LEARY	2(1)	0	3(1)	0	4(2)	0	0	0	1
16 Lewis EMANUEL	26(1)	1	2	0	28(1)	1	2	1	38
17 Richard LANGLEY	16(4)	1	4	0	20(4)	1	3	0	1
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	12(5)	3	4(1)	0	16(6)	3	2	0	2
19 Sam PARKIN	7(1)	1	0	0	7(1)	1	1	0	3
20 Adam BOYD	5(13)	1	4(1)	1	9(14)	2	0	0	2
21 Keith KEANE	5(2)	1	3(1)	0	8(3)	1	1	0	3
22 Danny STEVENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23 Dean KIELY	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
24 Shaun ROSS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 Leon BARNETT	28	2	4	0	32	2	6	0	2
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	25	1	0	0	25	1	5	0	3
27 Peter HOLMES	3(2)	0	2	0	3(2)	0	2	0	12
28 David BELL	15(6)	2	5	0	20(4)	2	1	1	2
29 Calvin ANDREW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
30 Drew TALBOT	2	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0
33 Dean BRILL	1(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34 Zac BARRETT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 Chris PENDLETON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

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 33 - W 10 - D 14 - L 9 - F 19 - A 21 PTS 44

SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 33 - W 9 - D 10 - L 14 - F 23 - A 33 PTS 37

OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 14

Opponents score first goal: 17

No goals scored: 4

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: 10

Opponents score first and win: 13

Opponents score first and draw: 3

Opponents score first and lose: 1

Opponents fail to score: 7

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



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

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2006/07 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	G	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
Derby	32	9	4	3	20	13	10	2	4	22	17	63	12
Birmingham	31	9	4	2	26	15	9	2	5	24	15	60	20
West Brom	33	12	3	1	38	14	5	5	7	22	24	59	27
Southampton	33	10	5	2	26	13	5	6	5	28	24	56	17
Sunderland	33	10	3	4	25	11	7	2	7	24	23	56	15
Preston	32	10	4	2	27	11	6	4	6	20	22	56	14
Cardiff	33	9	6	2	26	12	6	5	5	20	22	56	12
Wolves	33	8	5	4	24	18	7	3	6	12	17	53	1
Colchester	33	12	2	3	38	15	3	4	9	16	22	51	17
Stoke	33	8	7	2	23	9	5	4	7	17	18	50	13
Plymouth	32	5	7	4	22	20	5	6	5	20	23	43	-4
C Palace	33	8	2	7	21	17	3	7	6	18	21	42	1
Sheff Wed	32	5	4	7	23	28	6	4	6	21	20	41	-4
Leicester	32	6	5	5	19	17	4	5	7	16	22	40	-4
Burnley	32	6	4	5	21	17	4	5	8	14	19	39	-1
Ipswich	32	8	2	6	25	22	3	4	9	15	22	39	-4
Coventry	33	7	4	5	20	16	4	1	12	12	29	38	-1
Norwich	30	8	3	5	23	18	2	4	8	14	29	37	-1
LUTON	32	6	5	4	24	19	2	4	11	14	33	33	-1
QPR	32	6	3	7	22	22	3	3	10	16	31	33	-1
Hull City	32	5	2	9	20	22	3	6	7	13	23	32	-1
Barnsley	33	6	4	6	19	21	3	1	13	16	37	32	-2
Southend	33	5	4	7	23	25	2	6	9	9	27	31	-2
Leeds	32	6	2	8	18	24	3	1	12	16	33	30	-2

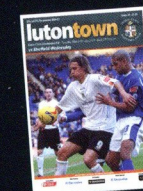
TODAY'S REFEREE

Luton Town would like to welcome today's match referee Iain Williamson and all the officials to Kenilworth Road this evening.

Williamson, from Berkshire, officiated in 37 games last season, producing 127 yellow cards and seven red cards.

Tonight will be his 13th Championship match this season, and his most recent game was when he officiated in Hull's 1-0 defeat against West Brom on February 3.

Williamson has officiated in 24 games so far this season, producing 101 yellow cards and six reds.



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Coming Next

to Kenilworth Road



Luton Town V

Norwich City

Tuesday February 27, 2007, Kick-Off 7:45pm

By Steven Dove

With their FA Cup run ending in a 4-0 defeat at Chelsea on Saturday, Norwich boss Peter Grant can concentrate on his side's alarming league position.

Although the club have been celebrating a run to the Fifth Round of the FA Cup, a mini crisis has been brewing around Carrow Road for several weeks.

Two wins in their last ten games, combined with serious injuries to striker Robert Earnshaw and goalkeeper David Marshall mean the Canaries face a nail-biting run-in.

Going into tonight's fixtures, Norwich are one place and four points better off than the Hatters – a far cry from the early stages of the season when the club were hotly tipped to gain promotion to the Premiership.

Norwich's poor run of form in September led to former boss Nigel Worthington losing his job, with Peter Grant surprising many to take over.

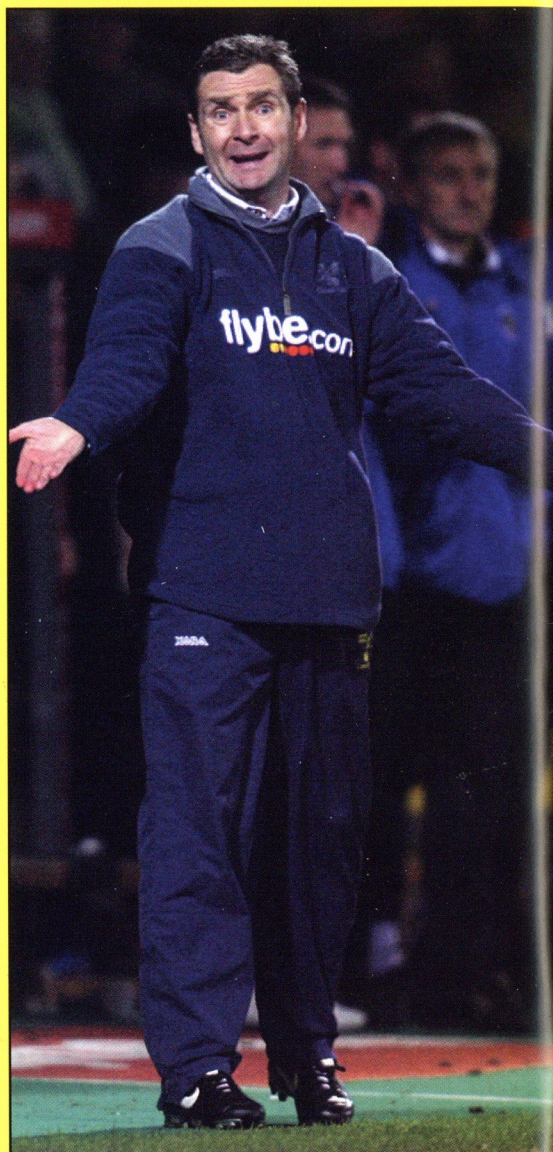
Grant, who spent two successful years as a player at Norwich, left his job as Alan Pardew's assistant manager at West Ham and endured a mixed start in his new post with wins against Cardiff and Birmingham, but a heavy defeat at Stoke.

However Grant's biggest task in his short managerial spell will be making sure Norwich stay up. He did strengthen his squad when he returned to his former club, Celtic, to sign Marshall on loan until the end of the season.

He followed that up in the January transfer window by signing Sunderland striker Chris Brown, and midfielder Simon Lappin, along with the permanent capture of Luke Chadwick, who had been on loan at Carrow Road from Stoke.

It's been in attack where Norwich have been suffering. Earnshaw's omission means the weight of responsibility is currently on the shoulders of experienced journeymen Dion Dublin and Darren Huckerby, who have scored 15 goals between them this season.

Norwich will be hoping to turn the corner quickly and with games in hand over their fellow strugglers, Grant will want to climb the table as quickly as possible.



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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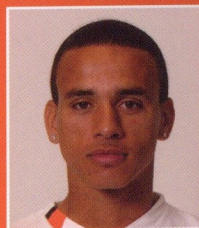
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