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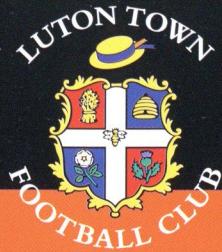
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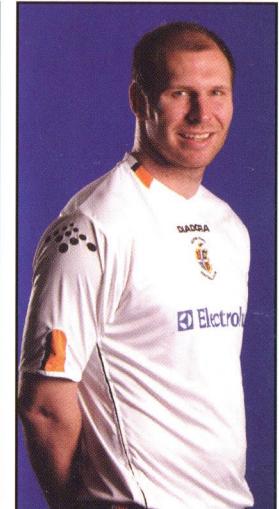
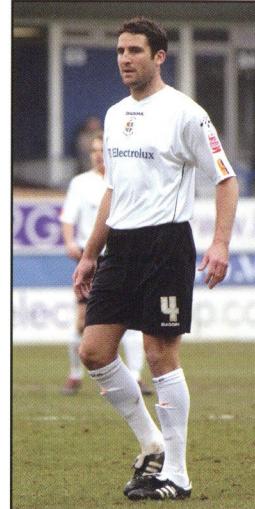
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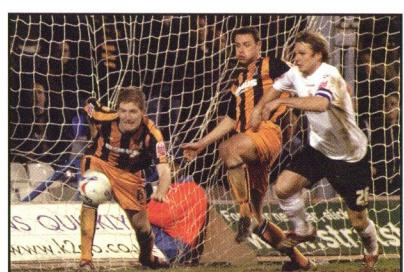
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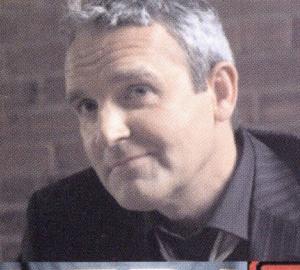


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From the Board of Directors



Awarm welcome from Kenilworth Stadium to the Ipswich Town directors, players and supporters for today's vital Championship game.

Events such as those over the last couple of days are never easy, however it is part of the football industry, and difficult decisions are never easy to make or indeed popular.

As a Board we have been questioned over the disbursement of transfer income since we took the Club out of receivership.

We understand how emotive a subject like this can be with our committed supporters.

Therefore, while technically we are not obliged to, the Board members are all of an opinion that in view of such comment we have an obligation to publish summary details of the football business and this will be summarised on our

website, www.lutontown.co.uk on Monday (March 19).

We have stated before and state again that at no time have the Board ever instructed the Club's manager to sell a player. Equally we have never refused the Manager when it came to buying players.

Our problem has already been well documented. Until we relocate to a new stadium we will always have problems attracting or holding on to players as our revenue base simply cannot compete with most of the Clubs in this league.

Currently our football operating costs alone will this season exceed our total income (excluding transfers) and that is before we take into account all the other operating costs of the business.

These are the harsh facts of where the Club is at present and highlight the priority we

are giving to achieve relocation in order to compete on a level footing.

As a Club we have faced difficult times in the past and have always bounced back, as the spirit of this Club constantly pulls us through.

What is needed now is for everyone to get behind Brian Stein and the lads, who we know will give it their all over the remaining eight League games.

We have extremely good players at this Club and all of us can play a part in retaining our Championship status, beginning today against our opponents Ipswich Town.

Enjoy the match and get behind the lads.

Chairman & Directors

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From the Club Secretary
Cherry Newberry

Good afternoon and welcome to everyone for today's game against Ipswich Town.

Firstly, confirmation of a change of date for our away match with Derby County. The game will now be screened live on Sky Sports TV on Friday April 20 with a 7.45pm kick-off instead of the original Saturday afternoon date.

Last Thursday saw a full meeting of The Football League clubs where we received confirmation of the extension of The Coca-Cola sponsorship until 2010. One of the items under discussion was the possible introduction of

penalty shoot-outs in the event of a draw at full time in League matches.

This, as you would expect caused much discussion, with some for and some against. For full details please see www.football-league.co.uk We would be interested to know your views, please do e-mail me at the address below.

Members of Luton Town's Official Supporters Club Committee will be in the stands today selling raffle tickets for their Grand Draw. First prize is a fridge freezer kindly donated by our sponsors Electrolux. The draw

takes place on Sunday April 29 at The Annual Presentation Evening, which will again be held at The Riverside Suite, Vauxhall Recreation Centre, Gipsy Lane, Luton from 7pm until late. The Special Guest Speaker is Kingsley Black. Tickets are now available, so please speak to a committee member or ring 01908 569339.

Members of The Rotary Club of North Luton are also here today. They have joined together with Luton Chiltern, Luton Someries and Barton-le-Clay Rotary in a "Miles of Smiles Campaign" collection, which will benefit many charities with a Mile of Smiles day being held on May 28 at Popes Meadow, Luton.

The Football League have advised us that next season's fixture list will be released on Thursday June 14.

We still have two Pontin's Holidays Reserve fixtures outstanding, both at home, against Oxford United and Norwich City. We hope to confirm new dates very shortly.

We need, as always, everyone to get behind the team today.

Enjoy the game.
Cherry

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Sunday 29th April 2007

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You can e-mail Cherry at clubsec@lutontown.co.uk



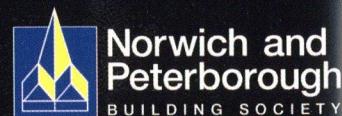
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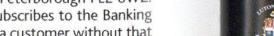
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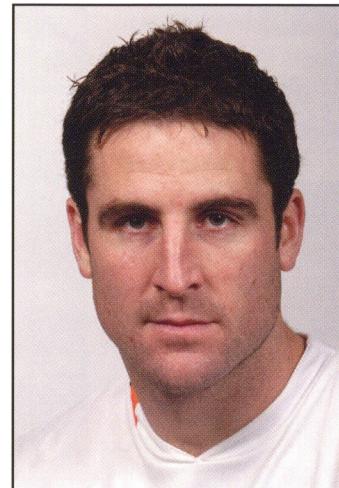


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From the Skipper

Chris Coyne



Chris Coyne
Luton Town Captain

We're still in a state of shock over the departure of Mike Newell this week. It's not something that we saw coming at all, to be honest, but this happens in football and we're big boys so we know that our job is just to put the shirt on and go and play as hard as we can.

We were all 100 per cent behind Mike Newell when he was in charge and we're 100 per cent behind Steiny now that he is the Caretaker Manager.

We've known Steiny for a long time. He was here when I joined and quite a few of the lads knew

him from coming up through the ranks, so there's plenty of continuity there.

Whatever happens now, whether Steiny gets the job or not, we'll just carry on with our jobs.

When something like this happens, it can go either way. You can sit back and feel sorry for yourselves or you can crack on and get on with it.

We know how important today's game against Ipswich is. A lot of our problems this season seemed to start with our away game at Portman Road, when we lost Sol, so perhaps we have the chance to put things right today.

We have eight Cup Finals coming up for the rest of the season now after losing at home on Tuesday night – it's as simple as that.

I was so pleased to be involved again in that match even though I didn't get on the pitch. I knew I wasn't match fit because I hadn't had a run out at all.

But it meant that I had to watch a very tense game from the sidelines – and I'm a shocking watcher. I know that not everyone can play and it's part of the game but I just hate it.

I would much rather be out there. When you get on the pitch and you

have a job to do you know where you are. When you're watching you're just powerless.

There's nothing we as players can do about what happens off the pitch. For example, the suggestion this week that drawn games should be decided by a penalty shoot-out. What a load of rubbish!

You can go away from home, go down to 10 men early on, pick up a couple of injuries and battle your way to a draw. If you do that you deserve to come home with a point, it's as simple as that.

I think penalty shoot-outs would be trying to turn the game into something out of the NBA or ice hockey – just Americanising the whole sport.

But these things are out of our hands, just like people leaving football clubs unexpectedly.

There's nothing we can do, but we CAN try to put a smile back on people's faces by giving 110 per cent and if we do that, we have quality players at this Club who can still turn this season around.

We'll be doing our best to do that today and for the rest of the season, so get behind the lads and I hope you enjoy the game.

Chris



SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Michael Chopra	Cardiff	21	0	21
Diomansy Kamara	West Brom	19	2	21
Grzegorz Rasiak	Southampton	18	2	20
Robert Earnshaw	Norwich	17	0	17
Gary McSheffrey	Birmingham	13	3	16
Freddy Eastwood	Southend	11	5	16
Jamie Cureton	Colchester	14	1	15
Chris Iwelumo	Colchester	15	0	15
Steve Howard	Derby	14	1	15

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Hillsborough	Sheff Wed	18	58	3.22
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	18	58	3.22
The Hawthorns	West Brom	18	56	3.11
Roots Hall	Southend	18	53	2.94
The KC Stadium	Hull	19	53	2.79
Portman Road	Ipswich	19	53	2.79
Layer Road Ground	Colchester	19	53	2.79
Loftus Road Stadium	QPR	18	48	2.67
Home Park	Plymouth	18	47	2.61
Oakwell Stadium	Barnsley	19	49	2.58
Carrow Road	Norwich	18	46	2.56
Elland Road	Leeds	19	48	2.53
Deepdale	Preston	18	45	2.50
St Andrews	Birmingham	19	46	2.42
Turf Moor	Burnley	17	41	2.41
Molineux Stadium	Wolves	19	44	2.32
Ninian Park	Cardiff	19	44	2.32
Pride Park Stadium	Derby	18	41	2.28
Ricoh Arena	Coventry	18	41	2.28
Selhurst Park	Crystal Pal	19	43	2.26
The Walkers Stadium	Leicester	17	38	2.24
St Marys Stadium	Southampton	18	40	2.22
Stadium of Light	Sunderland	18	39	2.17
Britannia Stadium	Stoke	19	36	1.89

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most...
 shots on target 285 Southampton. shots off target 262 Southampton. corners 269 Plymouth. hit woodwork 14 West Brom. offsides 149 Colchester. fouls 591 Hull. yellow cards 78 West Brom. red cards 8 Cardiff.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most...
 Shots 116 Michael Chopra (Cardiff). Shots on target 58 Robert Earnshaw (Norwich). Shots off target 63 Michael Chopra (Cardiff). Assists 14 Gary McSheffrey (Birmingham). Crosses 171 Darren Huckerby (Norwich). Offsides 69 Jamie Cureton (Colchester). Fouls 121 Steve Howard (Derby). Free-kicks won 83 Patrick Kisnorbo (Leicester).



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RIGHT FOOT

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QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match
D Kamara (West Brom vs Coventry) 0:28

By a substitute after coming on
Wayne Andrews (Coventry vs Barnsley) 0:47

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3.0 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match
Dexter Blackstock (QPR vs Southend) 0:15

By a substitute after coming on
Andrew Surman (Southampton vs Ipswich) 1:30

SUB TOTALS

Subs used 2169
Offsides 2929
Corners 4904
Shots Off Target 4830

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early
1 6 2

*up to and including 11/03/2007

Championship

Form Guide

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

TODAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Coventry v Barnsley
Derby v Cardiff
Leicester v QPR
Norwich v Stoke
Plymouth v C Palace
Preston v Burnley
Sheff Wed v Wolves
Southend v Leeds
Sunderland v Hull City

HOME FORM TABLE

Last six league games

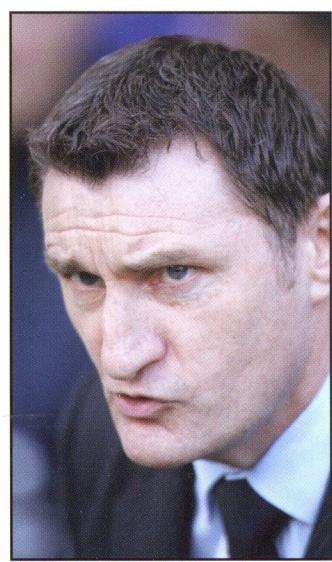
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Cardiff	5	0	1	11	4	7	15
Sunderland	4	2	0	11	3	8	14
Crystal Palace	4	1	1	10	4	6	13
Wolves	4	1	1	9	5	4	13
Coventry	4	1	1	11	3	3	13
Birmingham	4	1	1	6	4	2	13
Preston	4	0	2	10	7	3	12
Southampton	3	2	1	10	6	4	11
Derby County	3	2	1	10	6	4	11
QPR	3	2	1	7	5	2	11
Southend	3	1	2	11	5	6	10
West Brom	3	1	2	10	9	1	10
Leeds	3	1	2	9	8	1	10
Hull City	3	0	3	9	9	0	9
Ipswich	3	0	3	6	8	-2	9
Plymouth	2	2	2	10	10	0	8
Leicester	1	4	1	6	5	1	7
Colchester	1	4	1	4	4	0	7
Stoke	1	4	1	4	4	0	7
Sheff Wed	2	1	3	10	12	-2	7
Norwich	2	1	3	6	8	-2	7
Barnsley	2	0	4	6	9	-3	6
Burnley	0	4	2	4	6	-2	4
LUTON	1	1	4	8	12	-4	4

AWAY FORM TABLE

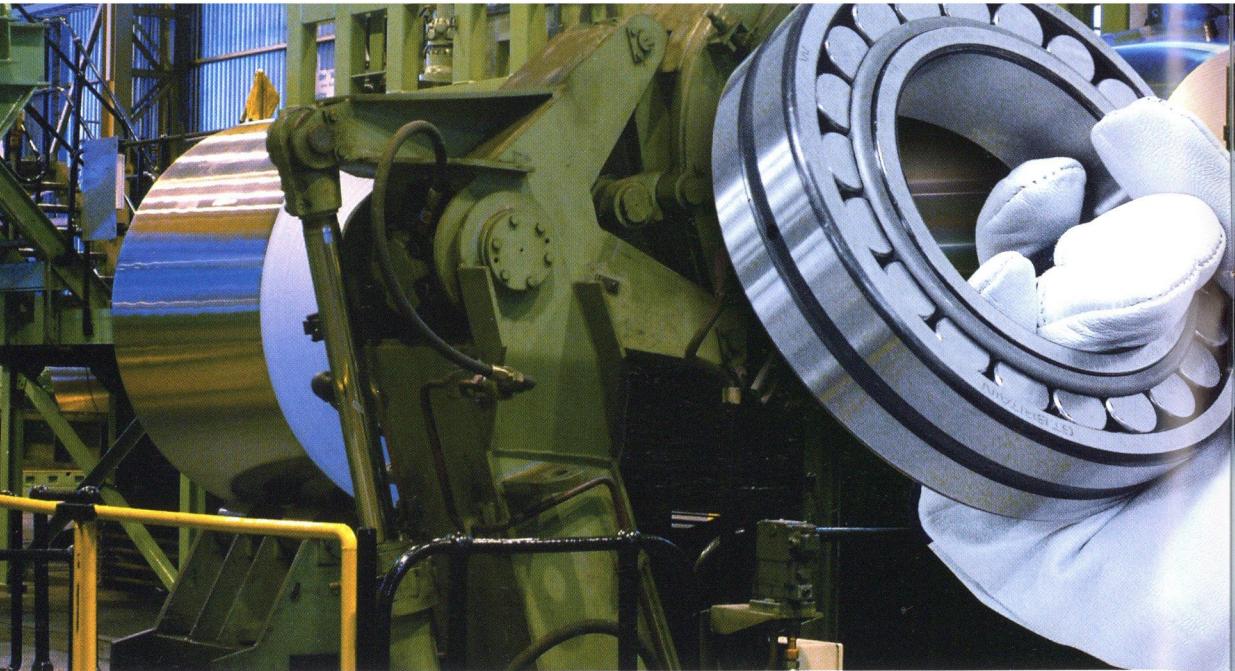
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West Brom	3	1	2	8	8	0	10
Barnsley	3	0	3	9	11	-2	9
Preston	3	0	3	6	8	-2	9
Stoke	2	2	2	8	7	1	8
Leicester	2	2	2	8	8	0	8
Hull City	2	2	2	7	10	-3	8
Birmingham	2	1	3	6	5	1	7
Norwich	2	1	3	10	11	-1	7
Plymouth	1	3	2	8	8	0	6
Cardiff	1	3	2	6	7	-1	6
Sheff Wed	1	2	3	8	10	-2	5
Southampton	1	2	3	7	9	-2	5
Ipswich	1	1	4	5	7	-2	4
Leeds	1	1	4	4	7	-3	4
Colchester	1	0	5	6	14	-8	3
LUTON	0	2	4	4	8	-4	2
Burnley	0	2	4	2	7	-5	2
Coventry	0	2	4	4	11	-7	2
QPR	0	2	4	3	12	-9	2

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West Brom boss Tony Mowbray takes his team to league-leaders Birmingham on Sunday



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One to Remember

A look back at a Worthington Cup classic between Luton and Ipswich in 1998



Marvin Johnson wheels away after scoring the winner in the last minutes of extra time, cancelling out Steve Davis's own goal a minute earlier that would have put Ipswich through. About to mob him are Stuart Douglas, Steve Davis, Gavin McGowan, Graham Alexander and Sean Evers

Impossible dreamers

It was always going to be hard. Luton, then in League One, had beaten Oxford United in the First Round of the Worthington Cup of 1998-99 and their reward was to be drawn against Ipswich Town of the Championship.

The task was huge. Ipswich were on a roll and would go on to finish third in the Championship that season, missing out on the Premiership only in the Play-Offs. Luton under Lennie Lawrence were heading for mid-table of League One.

And it got harder. In spite of a Stuart Douglas strike on the hour at Portman Road, goals from Jamie Scowcroft and Jean-Manuel Thetis had given Ipswich a 2-1 win in the first leg.

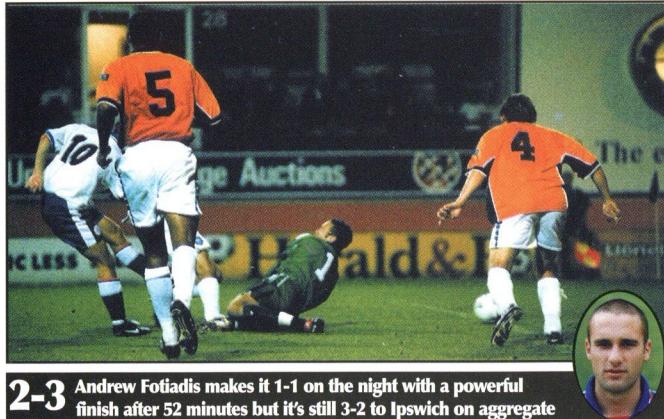
Now it was back to Kenilworth Road. Could the Hatters overcome the odds to pull off a real upset?

It didn't look so in the first half when Ipswich pulled everybody behind the ball, kept Luton at bay and then struck on the break as David Johnson made it 1-0 to Ipswich on the night and 3-1 overall.

That was the score at half time. Surely it was all over. But sometimes you just have to believe. Sometimes the impossible can happen. Though no Luton Town fan in the ground that chilly September night could have imagined what the next hour and a half would bring... **(See pages 14 and 15)**

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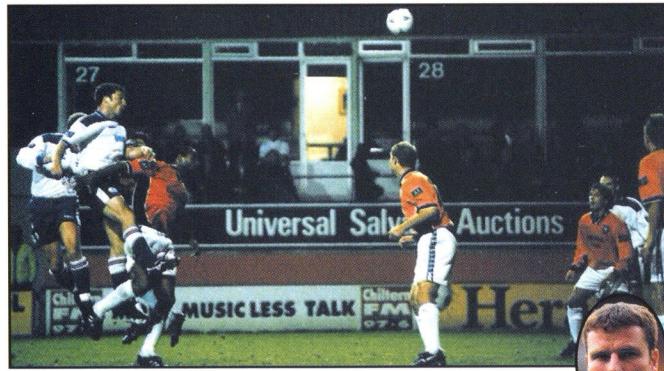
Was this the greatest-ever game at Kenilworth Road?



2-3 Andrew Fotiadis makes it 1-1 on the night with a powerful finish after 52 minutes but it's still 3-2 to Ipswich on aggregate



3-3 Stuart Douglas gives Luton the lead on the night and evens the tie up on aggregate with six minutes to go. It's extra time...



4-3 Steve Davis rises to head in Graham Alexander's corner on 98 minutes. Luton led on aggregate, but the drama was still to come

On average, Marvin Johnson scored a goal every 44 games during his Luton career, making a total of 10 in his 440 matches for the Hatters.

So when Luton needed a goal to keep them in the Worthington Cup with a minute of extra time left, sending Marvin forward for a corner didn't exactly look like a cunning plan. But in one of the most memorable finishes of any game in the history of Kenilworth Road, the big man did the job.

Matthew Spring swung over the corner kick from the left at the Oak Road End. England Under-21 keeper Richard Wright came but couldn't clear the ball, which looped up in the air... towards Marvin.

"I think Wright went for it with one hand," Marvin remembers. "He didn't get enough on it, though, and it flew towards me. I just stuck my head out and managed to connect."

The ball flew high over Wright and the Ipswich defence and dropped under the bar. Marvin had done it and as he led the charge back towards the half-way line before being mobbed by delighted team-mates, the Hatters fans went loopy. There was barely time to kick off.

It was an incredible end to a real roller-coaster of a game that started badly and got worse when David Johnson gave Ipswich a 1-0 half-time lead, putting them 3-1 up on aggregate.

But gradually Luton turned it around. First Andrew Fotiadis won the ball near the touchline, hustled into the centre and drove it past Wright. Then Stuart Douglas turned his man and fired home with six minutes to go. 3-3 and Hatters fans were leaping about. It was extra time.

Alan White came on and Steve Davis was pushed up front. It worked as he headed home a Gavin McGowan corner halfway through the first period of extra time. For the first time in the tie, Luton were ahead and the fans went bonkers. But the cheers were silenced as hero Davis stretched to clear a cross and put through his own net. Two minutes to go, 4-4 and suddenly Ipswich were going through on away goals.

Manager Lennie Lawrence said afterwards: "It would have been a travesty if the game had finished like that." Thanks to Marvin it didn't.



5-4 There's one minute left of extra time as Marvin Johnson pounces on a half clearance from Matthew Spring's corner and loops his header over England Under-21 keeper Richard Wright. There's hardly time to kick off...

'Even when we went behind with two minutes to go, it didn't cross my mind that we were going out...'



In fact, Marvin was never in any doubt how it would finish. "It didn't cross my mind that we were out," he says. "Even though there were only two minutes to go, we didn't feel we'd lost."

"We thought that if we could get down the other end we could still get something out of it."

"Going into the game, we thought we had a chance. We felt we had a chance against anybody at Kenilworth Road."

"And we were playing very well in the first half. I couldn't believe it when

THE TEAMS
Luton: Davis, Alexander, McGowan, Spring, Davis, Johnson, McKinnon (White 78), Evers, Douglas, Fotiadis (Bacqué 73), Marshall (Cox 66). Subs not used: McIndoe, Abbey.

Ipswich: Wright, Stockwell (Mathie 103), Taricco (Sonner 105), Tanner, Thetis, Venus, Dyer, Holland, Johnson, Scowcroft, Petta (Clapham 77). Subs not used: Bracey, Holster.

they scored. I thought: 'How the hell are they winning?'

"I think the goal was my fault. I lost David Johnson from a throw in. Steve Davis often went forward if we were

behind, but once we went ahead in extra time, he came back. I remember thinking: 'Leave him up there, we're doing well!' At the end I don't remember a sense of relief even. We were just happy to have got through."

An amazing game and thanks to Marv, a happy ending...

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Five more to remember: Page 17

Minute by minute, how the night of drama and tension just kept getting hotter and hotter...



Score:
0-0
Agg:
1-2

Stuart Douglas's away goal at Portman Road gave Luton hope.



Score:
0-1
Agg:
1-3

Despair as David Johnson's goal looks to put Ipswich through



Score:
1-1
Agg:
2-3

Andrew Fotiadis pulls one back and suddenly Luton believe...



Score:
2-1
Agg:
3-3

Stuart Douglas strikes and the tie is level with only six minutes left.

Minute by minute, how the night of drama and tension just kept getting hotter and hotter...



Score:
2-1
Agg:
3-3

180 minutes gone and it's all level – so it's on to extra time



Score:
3-1
Agg:
4-3

Davis heads Luton in front for the first time. Hatters fans go wild...



Score:
3-2
Agg:
4-4

Horror as a Davis og suddenly puts Ipswich ahead on away goals



Score:
4-2
Agg:
5-4

Marvin scores and turns the tie on its head. Luton are through!



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Five more to
Remember

Roger Wash looks back on five classic games between Luton Town and Ipswich Town



November 5, 1960

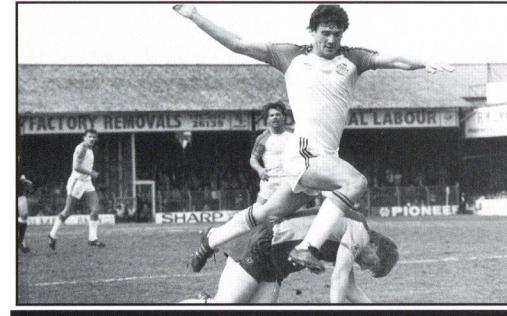
Luton Town 3 Ipswich Town 2

Attendance: 11,221

The Hatters had mustered only one win in seven leading up to the visit of high-fliers Ipswich and were feeling the loss of mercurial winger Billy Bingham to Everton.

With new signing Jim Standen making his home debut in goal it was hoped that the defence would be less prone to leak goals, although the prolific Ipswich strike force of Ted Phillips and Ray Crawford would prove difficult to stop.

Our own ace marksman Gordon Turner and Alec Ashworth gave Luton leads, but Ipswich levelled twice in a thriller and seemed to have earned a point when Crawford scored with four minutes to go... until Turner came up with the clincher.



the disgust of the Portman Road fans.

In truth, for all their huffing and puffing, Ipswich did not look like scoring but then neither did the Hatters until the final minute when wily winger John Aston crossed the ball with his left foot from the right wing for teenager Ron Fletcher, on his full debut, to head home.



□ Emeka Nwajiobi (far left) fires in against Ipswich in a 3-1 win at Kenilworth Road in 1985

March 13, 1984

Luton Town 2 Ipswich Town 1

Attendance: 8,776

Since Christmas, when the Hatters had moved up to third spot in the Division One table, they had won only once in ten starts and supporters were beginning to wonder whether another season of struggle was on the cards.

On a freezing, snowy night, journeyman striker Trevor Aylott opened the scoring with a delicate chip and when the same player netted from the spot after Frank Bunn was upended the game looked all over.

With seven minutes left, panic set in when Trevor Putney, who always seemed to score against Luton, was presented with an open goal but Ipswich could not push forward with purpose and the Hatters managed to hang on.

March 25, 1961

Ipswich Town 0 Luton Town 1

Attendance: 21,744

By the return the Hatters were languishing in mid-table, having blown their chance of bouncing back to the top flight first time. League leaders Ipswich on the other hand had won their previous five games and were on their way to the championship of the old Division Two.

Ipswich began as if they were going to win by a landslide but the lucky Hatters managed to keep them at bay. The good luck doubled when, in the Town's only real attack of the game, Ipswich skipper Andy Nelson mis-headed a high cross straight to Alwyn McGuffie who nodded in a simple goal.

It was backs to the wall for the remainder of the game but a mixture of good defending and boot the ball anywhere meant the Town held out for an unlikely victory.

December 26, 1974

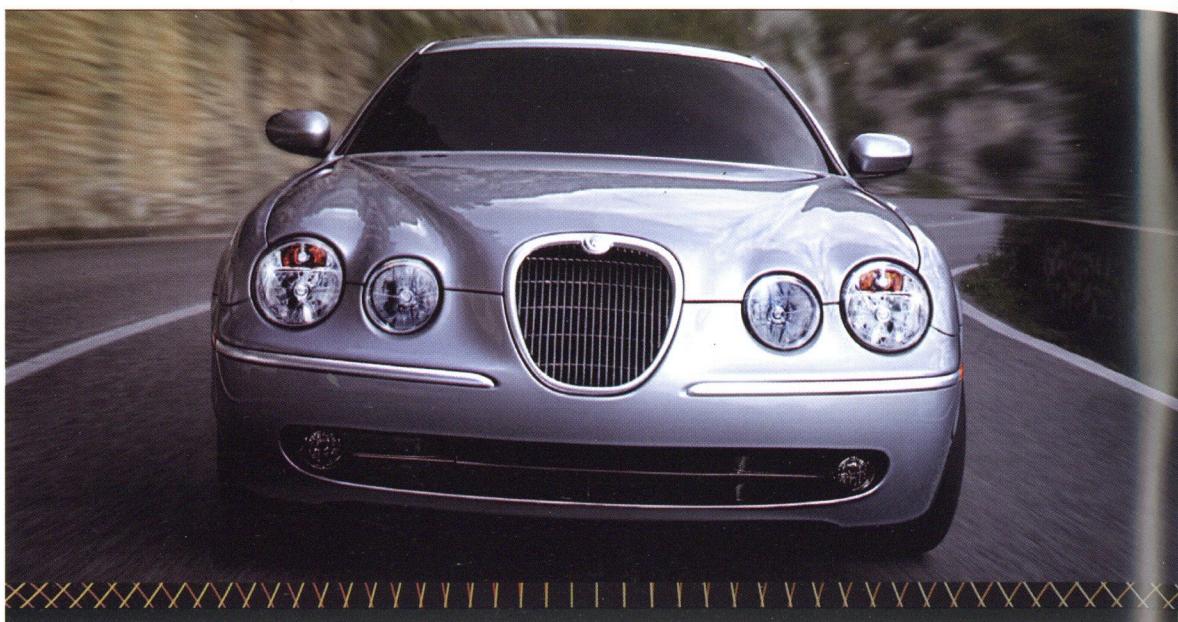
Ipswich Town 0 Luton Town 1

Attendance: 23,406

Fast forward 14 seasons and the Hatters are rock bottom of the old Division One while Ipswich are sitting proudly on top. The Town had not won away all season and started with endless backpasses to goalkeeper Graham Horn much to

Ipswich missed a hatful of chances early on but eventually took a deserved lead through Eric Gates. By half-time, though, efforts from Mick Harford and Emeka Nwajiobi had put the Town in the driving seat and in the second period it was one-way traffic.

Harford, who had the beating of England centre-half Terry Butcher all afternoon, netted his second to make the points safe and give everyone some breathing space as they looked forward to the forthcoming cup clash with Everton.



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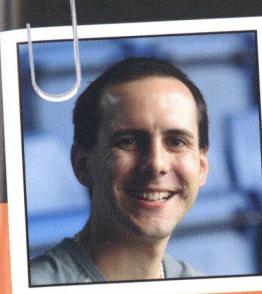
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Stat Attack

Simon Pitts on stats, players and previous meetings between today's two sides

Ipswich have played at Luton nine times in the League, with the Hatters winning six and losing twice. Luton have scored 16 goals, and the visitors 13. The sides have also met in Cup competitions three times, with a win, a draw and a defeat for each team.



Luton have bought four players from Portman Road, with another two joining on loan. In 1976 Jim McNichol signed on a permanent basis and David Geddis joined on loan. Both players made 17 appearances for the Hatters, with Geddis scoring four times during his time at Kenilworth Road. It was nearly 20 years before any more players made the switch until two joined manager Terry Westley at Luton in

time for the start of the 1995-96 season. Bulgarian international Bontcho Guentchev (pictured) made more than 60 League appearances, scoring ten goals during his two seasons at the Club. Gavin Johnson made less of an impact, making only six appearances before moving to Wigan Athletic. Neil Midgley joined on loan during the 1999-2000 and scored a brace in a 2-1 win over Burnley. There was just one goal in his other nine appearances and that came in a 2-1 defeat at Oldham. The most recent signing is, of course, Sam Parkin, who joined last August. Parkin made eight appearances, and scored against Colchester before a bad ankle injury kept him out of the side.

Ipswich have bought only two players from Luton, and Joe O'Brien played just 14 times and scored three goals between 1947 and 1949 before his move to Portman Road. Willie Havenga only just beat O'Brien's record with Luton, playing 19 times and scoring seven goals. Havenga did net a hat-trick for the Hatters against Swansea Town in December 1950.

Luton have completed only one double over Ipswich and that was in 1960-61, a season that saw Ipswich finishing as Champions. Luton won only twice away all season and Ipswich had just three defeats at home, so Alwyn McGuffie scoring the only goal of the game certainly gave an unexpected result. Luton had won 3-2 at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season, thanks to a brace from Gordon Turner and a goal from Alec Ashworth. Ipswich are looking for their first League double over the Hatters, having won at Portman Road back in October.



No Luton player has scored a hat-trick against Ipswich, but three players have scored two, including Gordon Turner's in 1960-61 as mentioned above. Trevor Aylott and Mick Harford (pictured) also achieved this feat in March 1985 and 1986 respectively. Aylott opened the scoring

from the penalty spot in the first half and then doubled the lead after the break with Luton winning 2-1. Ipswich actually took the lead a year later, but Luton went into the interval ahead after goals from Harford and Emeka Nwajjobi. Harford wrapped up a 3-1 win with his second on a day when a certain Terry Butcher was marking him...

And finally... Luton have scored in every League game against Ipswich at Kenilworth Road.



The Godfather

Gordon Taylor, Chief Executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, is widely regarded among pros as the godfather of football. And nobody crosses a don, not even the rivals who hold the power and the money, the FA and the Football League. They still have to make sure they don't tread too hard on the toes of one of his boys, lest they incur his wrath.

Geoff Knox talks to the head of the PFA as it reaches its 100th birthday

What does the PFA mean to the ordinary man in the street? Some football fans are sick of reading about how much the current stars of the Premiership earn, but the money is there in the game courtesy of TV and only a fool would refuse it.

Anyway, absolutely no-one dreams of becoming a professional footballer just to roll around in the money. So, when barrel loads of cash are thrust upon young men who are still in their formative years then it's understandable that they need protection.

In an exclusive interview, Gordon told me: "These days a player can earn more in a week than what Stanley Matthews earned in a career.

"It's not to the detriment of the game because football is as popular as ever. The game has been unbelievably funded since television has realised the power of football to get people paying their subscriptions with satellite TV."

And don't be fooled by watching television coverage of one of the PFA's many star-studded events, where canapés and champagne sometimes flow as freely in their hired plush conference suites as Bovril and tomato sauce does on the terraces on a Saturday afternoon.

These are fundraising events. And if the PFA don't raise £1m by the end of the year, then someone may suffer.

Don Gordon Taylor has set his sights on raising the cash as part of the PFA's Centenary celebrations to pay for a Children's Rehabilitation and Physiotherapy Unit at the University Children's Hospital in Manchester.

A noble gesture indeed. But this is indicative of the spirit of an

organisation that was born out of frustration and restraint in the north west of England exactly 100 years ago.

The PFA has never been run by people just doing a job, either. Gordon has been at the helm since 1980, and this year he can at least feel that he has done his time in the role, as he matches the stint of his predecessor, Cliff Lloyd, who also clocked up 27 years in charge.

After a distinctive playing career which saw Gordon turn out for Bolton Wanderers, Birmingham City and Blackburn Rovers, he faced up to the end of his playing career as all footballers must. Fortunately, he'd been prepared by some sound advice from his parents long before.

"I was only allowed to join Bolton full time if I carried on with my education in case I didn't make the grade. That's one of the reasons why I got my coaching badge.

"So I had to make a decision to become a coach or manager as all players want to do, or to take over from Cliff Lloyd, who had been secretary of the PFA from 1953 to 1980. I saw that as a challenge and took it on."

To suggest Gordon did well in his new role is an understatement a bit like saying that Geoff Hurst did OK in the 1966 World Cup Final.

"When I joined there were two of us in a rented office in Manchester. Now we have a staff of about 250 full and part time. We have offices in London, Birmingham and Manchester and we are shaping big programmes such as the Football Club In The Community."

Gordon has an encyclopaedic

knowledge of the history of the PFA and told me how it all began.

"When the game went professional in 1888 there were a number of issues. At first players could just change clubs at the end of the season.

"Then some clubs started the transfer system but the FA were worried about that."

The football clubs were keen to comply and move the game forward, so they came up with a suggestion for the FA

"They said: 'If you don't want a transfer system for stability then give us a registration system', which they did but that meant that players were tied to clubs. So to achieve equality and competition they put on a maximum wage.

"At the turn of the century there was a maximum £4 a week wage, which had only improved to £20 by 1961.

That's the time that Jimmy Hill (the former Chairman of the PFA) and his colleagues were prepared to strike to remove it.

"As the game evolved, other issues cropped up, and a group of players decided that they needed collective strength.

"After earlier efforts had failed, a very first meeting was arranged in Manchester at the Imperial Hotel in Piccadilly. Billy Meredith, who was the Stanley Matthews of his day, chaired the first meeting with some other players, mostly from the north west."

The Association and Players and Trainers Union, later to become known as the PFA, was formed that night. However, news travelled fast and

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Gordon is a football man and continues to immerse himself in the sport (top left). Gordon's influence in the game is respected by all. Even Sven appreciated the odd word in his ear (top right). Gordon in his playing days in this Birmingham City team photo from 1972 (middle row, 3rd from right). Hatters fans may also notice the former Luton striker Bob Hatton (front row, 2nd from left)

the people in charge of the game were not happy.

"The FA ordered all clubs not to register or pay anybody who was a member, and players had to sign a statement to prove they were not in the union. That was the sort of intimidation and hardship they had to put up with.

"They weren't even recognised as a union and they didn't have rights under the Workman's Compensation Act if they were injured.

"As a result, Meredith led a team of mainly Manchester United players and they became known as The Outcasts because they went without their wages throughout the summer of 1909. But the new season was starting and there was going to be disruption.

"In the end they stuck to their guns and the FA caved in and recognised them. Since then, of course, they've gone from strength to strength."

By the 1960s the PFA had evolved into regional organisations and had even

flirted with the TUC. Then in 1963 the PFA bravely won a major battle in court which, if they'd lost, could have seen them go bust.

Newcastle player George Eastham challenged a system where if a player rejected a new contract at their club his employers were not obliged to pay him, but could still hold on to his registration.

"That was challenged in court and the judge ruled that the Retain And Transfer System as it was then was beyond the law. Eastham was the forerunner to the Bosman Ruling in 1995. We supported the Bosman case because the situation in Belgium was what we had in England pre-Eastham.

"The thing was it brought in literal freedom and it also failed to restrict the number of non-national players from countries within the Common Market. That had its good and bad effects."

The modern day role of the PFA is still to protect and promote its members, but the environment in which the

game is played has changed so dramatically – even since Gordon's day – that each day at the office brings a new challenge.

Players pay an annual subscription of just £95, but, boy, do they get good value for it.

"We negotiate everything. We have a standard contract through our collective bargaining agreement with the Premier League and the Football League.

"We've negotiated a share of TV money which funds our private medical insurance for all players. We have our own permanent disability for old players and the 50 or so players who have to come out of the game each year through injury."

It's also admirable that no matter what happens, Gordon's organisation would never turn its back on one of its sons. The end of your playing days can even signal the beginning of your real interaction with the numerous services in place at the PFA to help you cope with life after hanging up your boots for the last time.

"Our education fund pays out more than £10m a year in grants to coaches, managers and physiotherapists.

"Everybody who's been a member of the PFA stays a member of the PFA, even once they've retired. They keep membership and they are entitled to help with education and medical treatment. We have a hardship fund as well."

Gordon, now 62, is certainly not planning on hanging up his briefcase just yet, and is generally optimistic about the future of football.

His main concern about the state of the game is one that the rich clubs are getting richer and the smaller clubs are getting poorer. He has watched the painful transition from equality to elitism since he took up his position all those years ago.

"In the beginning with the League everything was shared out equally whether you were in Division One or Four. That was sponsorship money. There was a levy on gate receipts and television money but then suddenly that balance started to change during the 80s.

"The First Division, instead of accepting a quarter, wanted 50 per cent... then 75 per cent. Then they finally broke away in 1992.

"The biggest problem is how are we going to create a variety of success in football when it's dominated so much by fewer and fewer bigger clubs?"

"That's the problem for the game's administrators."

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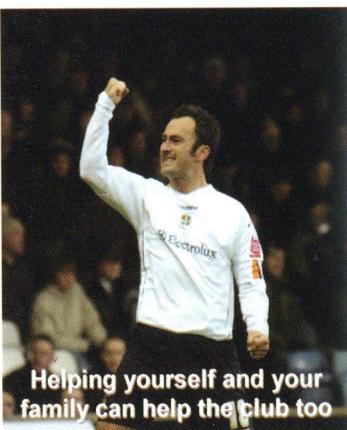
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Luton Reserves

Coach Marvin Johnson talks about a behind-closed doors game against Grays Athletic

**Wednesday March 14
Grays Athletic 3 v 0 Luton Town**

A behind-closed-doors friendly game with Grays Athletic was played this week as Luton gave a number of their returning first team players a run out in competitive action.

With last week's Pontin's Holidays Combination fixture against Norwich postponed because of a waterlogged pitch, Luton were unable to field a number of players who are returning from injury.

This fixture gave the likes of Chris Coyne, Warren Feeney and Russell Perrett some much-needed match practice, while others such as Adam Boyd, Danny Stevens, Shaun Ross and Stephen O'Leary got some minutes under their belts.

Luton also welcomed Peter Holmes back into their side after the midfielder returned to Kenilworth Road following his loan spell with League One side

Chesterfield.

The game also saw the return of youngster Calvin Andrew who has been out on the sidelines for almost a year.

Coach Marvin Johnson said: "The game was to give a lot of the players who have been out with injury some competitive action.

"With no Reserve game for several weeks, it has been hard to get these players out playing, so we were pleased to get this game arranged.

"It was a dry and bobbly pitch, but all of the players came through with no recurrence of their injuries.

"It was a tough game for the players to play in because of the conditions. Grays had a game the previous day, so were not at full strength but they were a well-organised outfit and strong in every department.



□ Peter Holmes returned to the Luton Reserve side against Grays Athletic after his loan spell with League One side Chesterfield

"We were pleased to get Chris and Russell through the game. It is important that they have some kind of action before they make the step up to the first team.

"It was good to see Calvin back on the pitch wearing a Luton shirt too. He has been out for a long time and his progress has been steady."

Luton now travel to MK Dons on Tuesday afternoon, kick-off 2pm.

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					
February							
Mon 5	Oxford United	W 1-0					
Tues 13	Ipswich Town	L 0-1					
Wed 21	Stevenage Borough	L 0-3					
Tue 27	Oxford United	P					
March							
Tue 6	Norwich City	P					
Tue 20	MK Dons	2pm					
April							
Tue 3	Northampton	2pm					
Tue 10	Ipswich Town	2pm					
Wed 25	Colchester United	2pm					
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Colchester	11	4	5	2	13	10	17
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Welcome to Ipswich Town

His appointment may have been a surprise, but Jim Magilton is working hard to turn round the fortunes of Ipswich Town. STEWART CURTIS introduces today's visitors to Kenilworth Road

Ipswich arrive at Kenilworth Road today after a midweek defeat at Preston and still not mathematically clear of the threat of relegation themselves. Much of the Hatters' difficult season began with the away trip to Portman Road in October, which not only ended in a 5-0 win for Ipswich, but also cost Luton Sol Davis for 13 games when he suffered a stroke on the team coach.

After Ipswich were relegated from the Premiership in 2001-02, the Tractor Boys' fans expected an instant return to the top flight, a return they still await. Having been defeated in the play-off semis for two years running after the drop, they then finished a disappointing 15th last season.

When Joe Royle departed back in May, former club captain Jim

Magilton was appointed his successor in time for 2006-07. An inconsistent season began with realistic hopes of a play-off push, and after beating Luton, Ipswich sat just four points off the play-off places. They have since failed to continue this form, however, and their slow slide down the table has left some commentators doubting Magilton's ability as a manager.

The decline in form has continued of late, with Ipswich winning just two of their last ten games and failing to score in seven of them. Despite summer signing Alan Lee's goals, the Blues' inability to find the back of the net was the evident problem over Christmas, a problem Magilton hoped to resolve with the loan signing of Blackburn's Francis Jeffers.

Once seen as one of the country's

most promising prospects after some impressive performances for Everton, Jeffers went to Arsenal for a massive £8m in June 2001. He has since suffered a series of major injuries, however, and moved around a few more times before arriving at Portman Road in January. Magilton described the deal as "a real coup" and an "exciting signing for us".

But after he made an instant impact in his first start against Hull, scoring after 24 minutes, Jeffers pulled up with a hamstring injury, continuing Ipswich's season of bad luck. He has now gone back to Blackburn.

As well as obvious attacking problems, the Tractor Boys have managed just four clean sheets in the League this season, giving the Hatters reason to hope for a much-needed win this afternoon.



The Opponents

The Ipswich Town players who will face Luton at Kenilworth Road today

The Manager



Until 2006, Jim Magilton was a midfield player who represented Northern Ireland 52 times. He played for Oxford United, Sheffield Wednesday, Southampton and ended his career after seven-and-a-half years at Ipswich. He served as an apprentice at Liverpool alongside the likes of Steve McManaman and Mike Marsh. He was transferred to Oxford United in October 1990 at the age of 21, where he made 150 League appearances before moving to Southampton in February 1994. In 1997, after making 130 League appearances with Southampton, he moved to Sheffield Wednesday, and finally to Ipswich Town in 1999, first on loan then as a permanent signing. He scored a hat-trick against Bolton Wanderers in the 1999-2000 play-off semi-final, securing the club's place in the play-off finals. The 2005-06 season was Magilton's last at Ipswich as a player. He originally intended to become a coach at another club, but made a tentative approach to the board at Ipswich to fill the managerial vacancy after Joe Royle's departure in the summer of 2006. Magilton was appointed as Ipswich manager on June 5, 2006, alongside former Academy Director Bryan Klug. Although still registered as a player, Magilton has said he will not for the first team this season.

The Goalkeepers

Although both Ipswich's main keepers are relatively inexperienced, they are two of the most promising in the Championship. **LEWIS PRICE** joined Ipswich's successful Academy in October 2001 and made his first team debut against Gillingham in season 2003-04. He spent just over a month on loan at Cambridge in 2004-05 and also established himself as first choice for the Welsh Under-21s. He was also named in John Toshack's senior Welsh squad for the World Cup clash against Austria at the Millennium Stadium in March. **SHANE SUPPLE** (pictured) is one of a number of Republic of Ireland youngsters at the Club's Academy. He was in goal when Ipswich beat Southampton to lift the FA Youth Cup in 2005. Capped by his country at youth levels, Shane established himself as first choice at Portman Road in 2005-06, making his debut at Leicester in August. **ANDREW PLUMMER** is another young keeper coming through the ranks.



The Defenders

JASON DE VOS, who won 50 international caps for Canada, arrived in England from Montreal Impact in 1996, signing for Darlington where he made 52 appearances, scoring six goals. He headed north to Scotland two years later, joining Dundee United and became a popular figure at Tannadice, clocking up 111 appearances for the club. Wigan paid £500,000 for him in 2001 and he was soon skipper at the JJB Stadium, playing a prominent part in the Latics' Second Division Championship campaign in 2002-03. He joined Ipswich on a free transfer and signed a new two-year deal in the summer, replacing Jim Magilton as club skipper. **ALEX BRUCE** started at Blackburn and signed for the club from trainee in July 2002. He went out on loan to Oldham in December 2004, playing eight times then left Blackburn without making a first-team appearance to join Birmingham in January 2005. Two days after signing at St Andrews he joined Oldham again for a second loan spell. In March 2005 he moved to Sheffield Wednesday on loan and played in their Second Division Play-Off Final win over Hartlepool. He made 12 appearances for Birmingham before signing a three-year deal at Ipswich on a free transfer. Alex is the son of former Manchester United skipper Steve Bruce. **RICHARD NAYLOR** is Ipswich's longest-serving player and a recent contract extension will keep him at Portman Road until 2009. Since being a youth player, he has made more than 300 appearances for Ipswich. **FABIAN WILNIS** (pictured) played in Holland with NAC Breda before arriving at Portman Road in January 1999. Wilnis is an orthodox full-back, but can also play as an attacking wing-back or in the middle of the defence. **DAN HARDING** has been capped four times by England Under-21s, winning his first cap in a 3-1 win over the Ukraine at the Riverside in August 2004. He joined Ipswich in August 2006 in a player exchange deal that took Ian Westlake to Leeds with an additional £500,000 going to Portman Road.

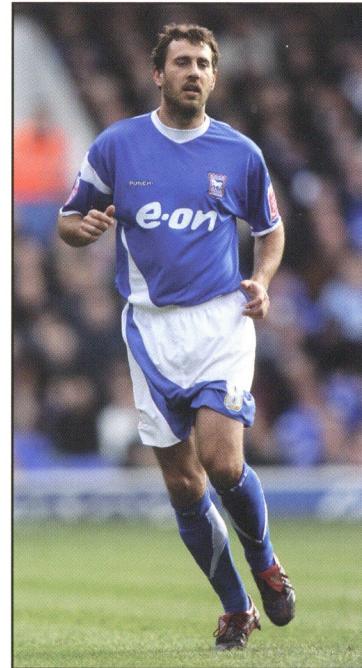


The Midfielders

SYLVAIN LEGWINSKI (pictured) started his career at Monaco and made 125 League appearances, scoring 13 goals. He joined Bordeaux in 1999-2000 and played 49 times for the club before moving to Fulham in a £3.3m deal. He made 128 Premiership appearances for the Cottagers, scoring eight goals before joining Ipswich on a two-year deal in August. **DARREN CURRIE** was at West Ham as a teenager, but left the club without making a first team appearance and joined Shrewsbury in February 1996. He played 83 League games for the Gay Meadow club before moving on to Plymouth on a short-term deal. He joined Barnet that summer and scored 19 goals in 127 League games before Wycombe paid out £200,000 for him in July 2001. He spent three years at Adams Park, before being released. He then moved to Brighton and was a virtual ever-present in their side until Ipswich paid out £250,000 for the wide player in December 2004. **GAVIN WILLIAMS** signed on loan from West Ham before making a permanent switch in January

2006, signing until the summer of 2009.

JAIME PETERS turned down the offer of joining Chelsea and Manchester United to commit to Ipswich in the summer of 2005. Capped by Canada at full international level, he operates on the right flank. **DANNY HAYES** is an Academy graduate who made his debut at Leeds in September 2005. A quick striker who can play down the middle or wide, he was part of the winning FA Youth Cup squad of 2005. **OWEN GARVEN** is another academy product who made his senior debut in 2004-05 at the age of 16, when he was a sub in the win over Brighton in November. He has won caps for the Republic of Ireland from Under-15 to Under-17 levels. He was a regular in FA Youth Cup success in 2005 but missed the decisive second-leg of the Final against Southampton after being rushed into hospital with a virus. **GARY ROBERTS** joined Ipswich on loan from Accrington and made the move permanent after some impressive performances. He was at Liverpool and Crewe as a schoolboy but then moved out of League football, playing in the Welsh League for Bangor before joining Accrington

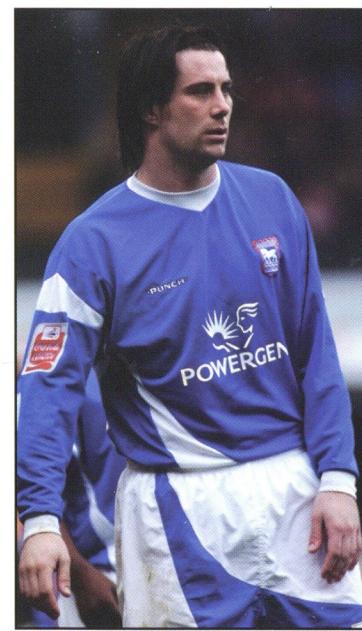


The Strikers

ALAN LEE (pictured) started his career at Aston Villa before moving to Burnley for £150,000 in July 1999. He made 20 appearances for the Clarets, then moved on to Rotherham in 2000 where he became a big hit, scoring 37 goals in 111 League games. A £850,000 move to Cardiff followed in August 2003 but the Galway-born striker never settled in Wales and joined Ipswich in January 2006. An instant favourite at Portman Road, he scored four times before a hamstring injury forced him to miss the last two games of the season. Republic of Ireland youth international **BILLY CLARKE** was knocking on the door of the Ipswich first team squad last season. He signed his first professional contract on his 17th birthday in December 2004 and his goals played a big part in Town's FA Youth Cup success although he missed both legs of the Final after sustaining medial knee ligament damage in the closing stages of the Semi-Final win at Tottenham. The youngster has scored

three goals in ten League starts. **JONATHAN WALTERS** started his career at Blackburn Rovers, scoring plenty of goals for their youth team before earning a move to Bolton Wanderers. He played a few first team games before signing for Hull City, then Wrexham and in 2006 he moved to Chester City. He signed for Ipswich in a deal worth £250,000 plus add-ons in mid-January 2007. Walters scored his first goal for Ipswich in their 2-1 win over Queens Park Rangers in March at Portman Road and has also played for the Republic of Ireland Under-21s.

GEORGE O'CALLAGHAN started at Port Vale and despite an offer from Tottenham midway through his five-year stay at Vale Park, he opted to remain at the club, where he made 34 appearances. He returned to Ireland in 2002 and played for Cork, helping them pick up their first League title in 12 years. He scored 11 goals, while also being named as the Eircom League Player Of The Year for 2005. O'Callaghan completed his move to Ipswich in January.



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Best league win: 7-0: vs Portsmouth 07-11-1964 Division 2
Worst league loss: 1-10: vs Fulham 26-12-1963 Division 1
Best cup win: 10-0: vs Floriana 25-09-1962 EC Cup Prelim
Most capped player: Allan Hunter: 47 Northern Ireland
League appearances: Mick Mills: 591 1966-82

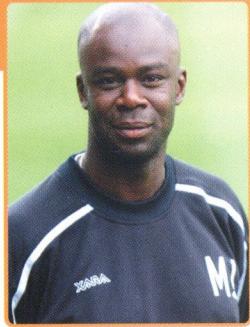
League goals: Ray Crawford: 203 1958-69
Goals in a season: Ted Phillips: 41 1956-57 Division 3S
Transfer fee received: £6,500,000: Kieron Dyer Newcastle July 1999
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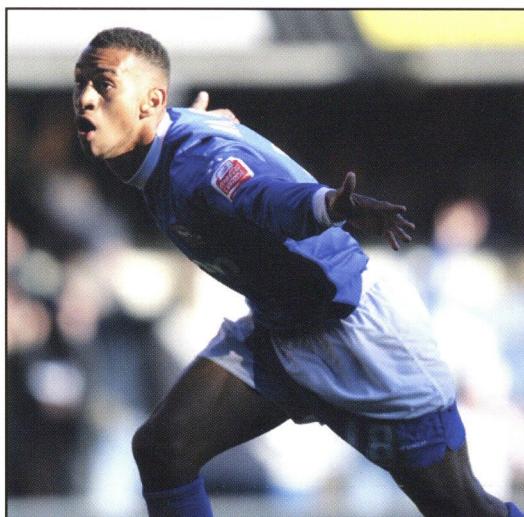
Opposition

Ipswich supporter Dwayne Rice gives a rundown on today's visitors.



■ How have Ipswich found things since the turn of the year?

It's been very mixed to say the least. Home defeats against Leicester and Southend United followed by an impressive away win against Hull says it all really. We haven't been consistent enough this season, which is a shame because we are a team who are more than capable of a top half finish.



■ What are Ipswich's aims for the remainder of the season?

To finish as high up the League as possible. I think we probably have enough points on the board now to stave off relegation.

■ How have Jim Magilton's most recent signings - Jonathan Walters, Gary Roberts and David Wright - settled in at Portman Road?

Pretty good. I like the look of David Wright. He has plenty of Premiership experience with Wigan and it shows. He reads the game very well and is strong in the tackles. Jonathan Walters has the potential of becoming a good signing, while Gary impressed on loan at the club, scoring twice in 11 games.



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

Alan Lee is in good form this season, but David Wright has strengthened our defence. Sylvain Legwinski will be another to keep an eye on.

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

It's a hard one to call, but I think Sunderland will do it along with Derby. Then it's a lottery through the play-offs although West Brom are currently in good form. Southampton are a long shot, but will probably need to string a few wins together now if they are to be in with a shout.

Out of the Blues

Football doesn't always follow a smooth path as young players try to make it to the top and follow their dreams of joining one of the big clubs. As Hatters striker SAM PARKIN knows success can come from the unlikeliest of directions when you least expect it. But that doesn't mean he has given up on the dream ALL footballers share... of playing for his country again

By Steven Dove - Photographs by Gareth Owen

Most players dream of making it to one of the big, mega-rich clubs in the Premiership, but success doesn't always work out that way. Hatter Sam Parkin's career really took off when he LEFT Chelsea.

"I had great times at Stamford Bridge," he remembers. "I have some really fond memories coming through the ranks at Chelsea and I played under some good managers. It was a great education. But when I look back, the three years at Swindon have been a real highlight of my career so far."

But while Sam may have had a back-to-front progression into football, his dreams are still the same as most players and he longs to pull on his country's shirt again.

He has already played for the Scotland B side and is now desperate to shake off his injury so that he can build towards that again

"It's a door that I haven't closed and I am hopeful that the opportunity will come up again."

For the moment, though, Sam is working as hard as he knows to get back to fitness and push for a first team return at Luton. It is especially hard on him today, when his former club Ipswich Town come to Kenilworth Road and he can't be there to take on his old team mates.

Having missed out on the trip to Portman Road earlier in the season, Sam will again be kicking every ball from the stands as he sits out the return fixture.

It's the one game of the season the Luton striker had his eye on when he arrived at Kenilworth Road in August 2006 after he completed a £340,000 move from the

Suffolk club. When Sam was snapped up by former Ipswich boss Joe Royle, expectations had been high that he could fill the gap after the likes of Darren Bent left for the Premiership.

Sam came with a reputation of a proven striker who had a sharp eye for goal. His record spoke volumes, having joined Ipswich from Swindon, where he had scored 73 goals in 142 appearances.

Unfortunately, Sam had a cruel slice of bad fortune as injury restricted his chances at Portman Road. But he showed his class by banging in five goals in a restricted season.

Determined not to be defeated, Parkin was ready to show what he can really do as this Championship season began.

But fate stepped in again and Ipswich decided to let him go, a decision that saw Luton boss Mike Newell beat the rest to capture his man on a three-year deal.

"I was a little surprised when Ipswich let me go," admitted Sam, who celebrated his 26th birthday on Wednesday.

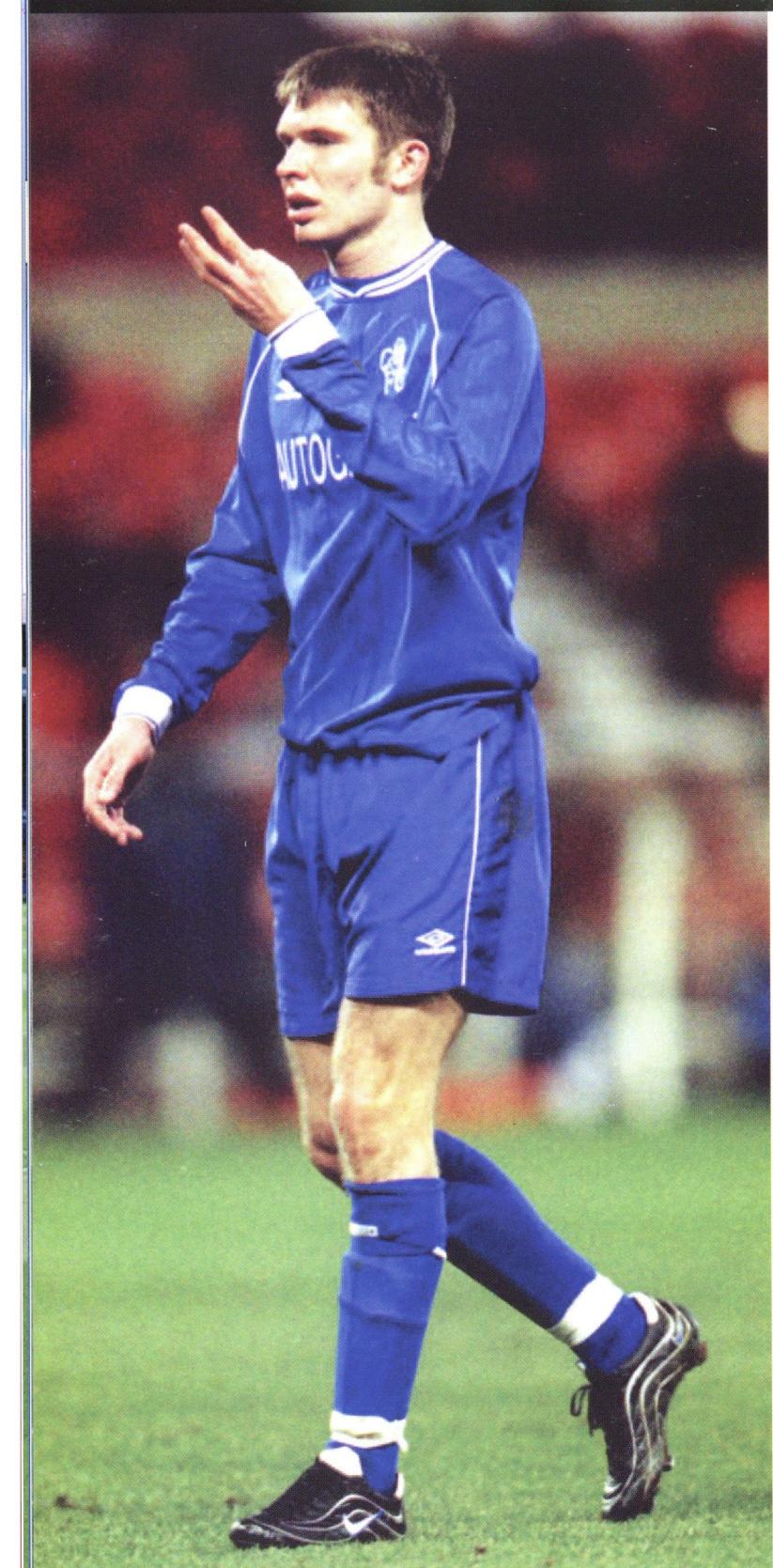
"I came back after an injury-ravaged season, which was a disappointing first season for me, but I was positive and looking forward to enjoying some success with the club.

"I never wanted to throw the towel in, but I think once Ipswich allowed me to talk to other clubs, the writing was on the wall.

"It was then up to me to make a decision to see where it would be best to further my career.

"I wasn't rushing out of the door at Ipswich by any stretch of the imagination but once they had accepted an





offer, I think it is best to move on."

Sam's promise had been spotted at an early age by Chelsea, who brought him through their youth set-up at Stamford Bridge.

However as an influx of promising talent came rising through the system, Sam and a host of other players were shipped out on loan, with the striker having spells at four other clubs in three years.

"I think when you are 18 years of age the lads that get put out on loan at Chelsea are the ones who are close to the first team squad. They were the ones who were put out to see if they could handle it in the professional game and make the step up into the Premiership."

However, Sam's own chances in the Premiership never arrived, despite impressive spells out on loan with Wycombe, Oldham and Millwall. Even a season-long loan at Northampton Town couldn't persuade Chelsea bosses that he should be given the opportunity.

With no first team debut forthcoming, Sam was left to consider his future and despite having a year left on his Chelsea contract he decided that it was time to move on.

So from luxury of Stamford Bridge it was off to the more humble County Ground at Swindon. It may not sound like a dream move, but for Sam it was a period of his career that he looks back with great fondness.

"Initially I thought it went well and that I might have a chance at Chelsea. However, once I had one or two loan moves and I wasn't getting anywhere near the first team, I knew it was time for me to review the situation.

"At that stage I thought it would be best for me to sign for Swindon permanently, rather than on another loan. Fortunately for me it was probably the best move I could have made."

Sam took to life in the professional game with ease. He quickly became a favourite among the Swindon fans and made an impressive start with a hat-trick on his debut.

He went on to score 26 goals in his

Did you know?

Sam Parkin scored five goals in 22 games during his stay at Ipswich. However, many Ipswich supporters may not have seen him score in the famous blue shirt as all five goals came in games away from Portman Road.

first season, Sam then helped Swindon reach the League One play-offs, but his 23 goals that year were in vain as the Robins lost to Brighton in the semi-finals.

Next season he banged in another 24 goals and that was enough for Ipswich to come in and take him up to the Championship.

"It started really well for me at Swindon and thankfully continued in that vein for a few years.

"The goals were flowing and the team almost got promoted in the second year. The only down side was that we didn't go up, which is something I regret to this day.

"I scored a hat-trick on my debut and we got to the play-offs the following year as well. I had three fantastic years at Swindon and probably the highlight was getting the move to Ipswich, which was something I worked so hard for."

"It has been slow, but hopefully I'm getting there. I'm back on the training ground every day and I am

Parkin's opinion on...

Manchester United, Liverpool or Chelsea. Which team to win in Europe?



I would probably say Chelsea. I think Liverpool and Manchester United have probably got more experience, but I have a sneaky feeling this may be Chelsea's year. They are a very organised side in Europe and although they may get pipped to the Premiership, I think the Champions League trophy is there for the taking.

Sam is still working hard on those international ambitions, too, and is hoping to get another chance on his return to Luton's squad. "There was talk of a call-up into the Under-21 Scotland side, but it never happened.

"However, I did play for Scotland B just over a year ago now. I played against Austria and really enjoyed the experience. If it wasn't for the injuries, it may have come around again and I am still hopeful that it will come up again."

Sam hopes it isn't long before Luton fans get to see him back in action in a Hatters shirt.

The ankle he injured at Hull in October has deprived Luton fans of seeing his talent at Kenilworth Road for a while, but signs of a recovery have been encouraging.

"It has been slow, but hopefully I'm getting there. I'm back on the training ground every day and I am

West Ham, Charlton and Watford. Are they relegated from the Premiership?



I think people had Charlton and Watford doomed in November. You can never really tell what is going to happen but the last few results suggest it could be the current bottom three who will get relegated.

just doing my rehabilitation. The latest X-rays I have had back from the surgeons suggest that everything is going well and he is happy for me to up my rehab and to try to get back as soon as possible.

"Obviously it is going to be a slow process, but hopefully I am through the worst of it now.

"I haven't set a time frame on when I will be back in full training. I am just taking every day as it comes but hopefully it will be sometime this season, by which time we will have picked up a few results along the way.

"Because I have had a couple of operations on the ankle, it's important that I don't rush back because then I really will be in trouble. It's important for me that everything goes right this time."

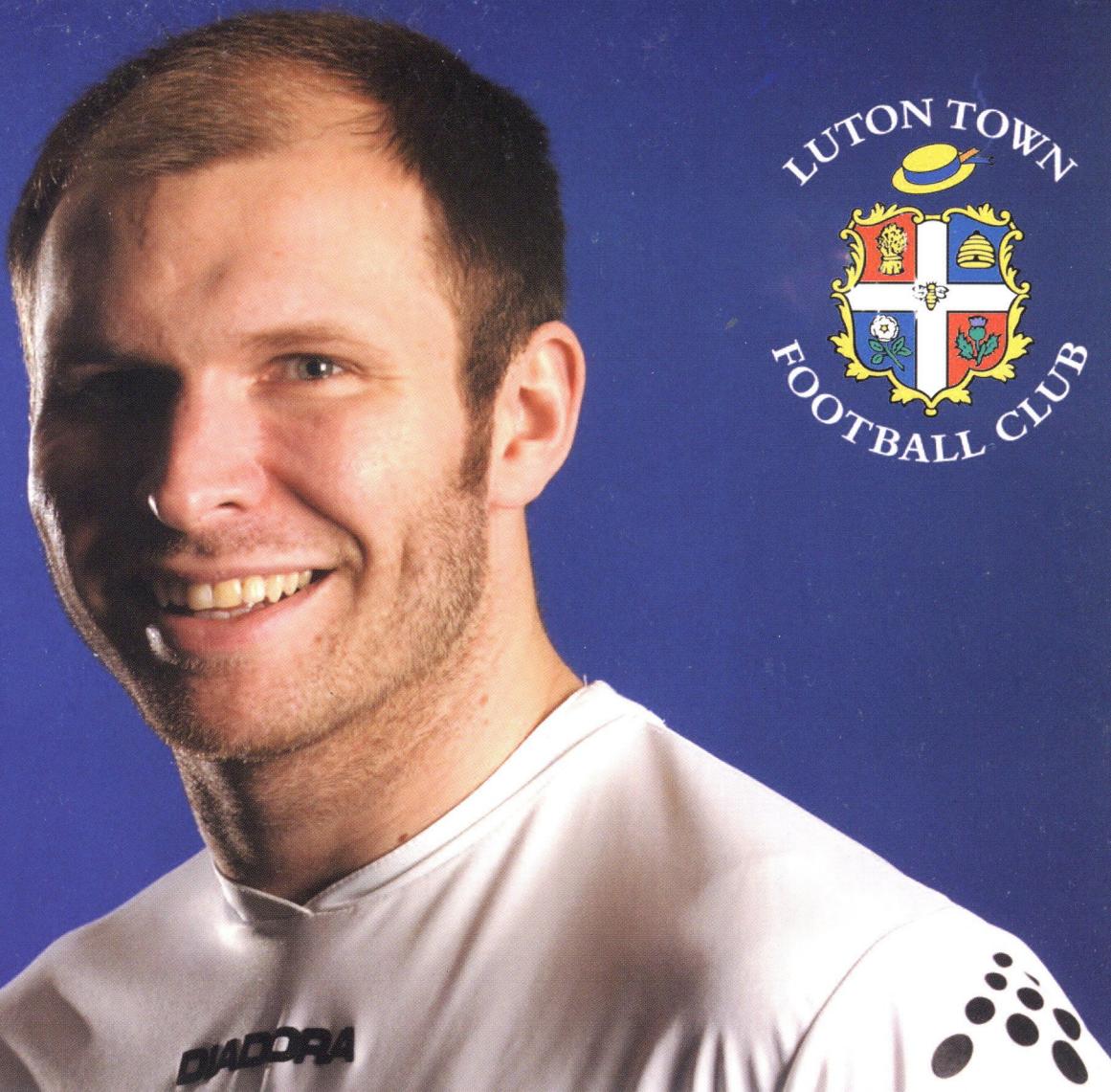
And then Sam can concentrate on following those football dreams.

The standard of refereeing



Referees have a tough job. I have been one of the people who wants to see goal line technology introduced. There have been some crazy decisions in recent times and although it may slow the game down slightly, it would be worth it.

MARK PARKER



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The A to Z of Luton Town

Roger Wash looks back on every post

war player to have appeared for Luton Town

Michael (Mike) John HARRISON

One of the many products of the Chelsea youth system of the 1950s, Mike made his debut for the Blues as a 16-year-old but in five years at Stamford Bridge never really established himself despite winning England Under-23 caps.

An £18,000 move to Blackburn in 1962 was the making of him as he earned a regular place there as an immensely powerful and quick winger. A transfer to Plymouth in 1967 was quickly followed by a move to Luton a year later and he helped the Hatters win promotion to Division Two with a tremendous penalty kick routine as his party piece.

Mike is now settled back in Plymouth and was a representative for a medical firm.



Andrew (Andy) HARROW

With Luton Town struggling for goals at the start of the 1980-81 campaign, manager David Pleat made a rare dip into the Scottish transfer market and bought Raith Rovers marksman Andy for £50,000. Sadly, Andy did not fit in at Kenilworth Road and his three full League appearances all ended in defeat for the Hatters and in each he did not get a sniff of a goal. Pleat engineered a swift return to Scotland for the disillusioned Andy with Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson glad to pay £50,000 for him. He did not last long at Pittodrie, though, and moved swiftly on to Motherwell, Raith and East Fife before settling down in Kirkcaldy.

John HARTSON

Luton Town scout Cyril Beach recommended several Welsh youngsters to the Hatters with Hartson another off the conveyor belt, signing professional terms in December 1992. Scoring on his League debut at the start of the following campaign, John's precocious talents came to the fore during a famous televised win over Newcastle in the FA Cup in February 1994. He scored the first in a 2-0 Fourth Round replay over the Geordies at Kenilworth Road.

The big clubs came sniffing around and Arsenal paid a record fee for a teenager of £2.5 million for the powerful striker in 1995. Since then he has become a regular for Wales and enjoyed several big money moves in both this country and Scotland.

John is currently with West Brom.



Richard George HARVEY

England Schoolboy and Youth international Richard worked his way up through the ranks at Luton Town before making his League debut as a 17-year-old in November 1986 in a 1-0 home win over QPR. A strong, fast left back or left sided player with a powerful shot, Richard eventually became a regular member of the Hatters top flight side.

He then began to have appalling luck with injuries which left him missing the best part of three seasons before he fought his way back into contention with the Town now drifting down through the divisions.

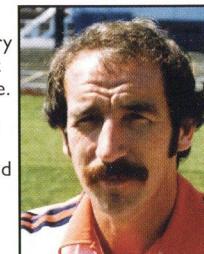
Eventually leaving Luton to join Aylesbury in 1998, Richard is now a postman in his home town of Letchworth.

Robert (Bob) James HATTON

"Have boots will travel" seemed to be the motto of Bob, who never hung about very long at most of his nine League clubs. But such was his prowess in front of goal that there was never any shortage of takers no matter how brief his stay was likely to be.

Bob was just the sort of experienced player that rookie Luton manager David Pleat needed in the summer of 1978 and although the wily striker stayed only the statutory two seasons, he took a young Brian Stein under his wing along the way and become a crowd favourite at Kenilworth Road.

After leaving the game, Bob worked in insurance and for the PFA as a financial adviser before retiring at 55. Bob now dabbles in property.



William (Willie) Stephanus HAVENGA

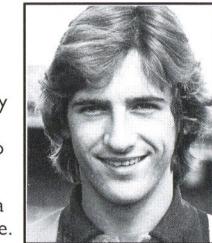
South African-born Willie came over to this country to join Birmingham City having been spotted playing for Bremner OB in his home country. Due to the size of the squad at St Andrews, he made only one League start in two years and accepted a move to Luton in May 1950 where he was given more of a chance. In his first season at Kenilworth Road he enjoyed a 16-game run in the side and scored a hat-trick against Swansea on Boxing Day 1950 but a broken wrist then hindered his progress.

A tiny winger with a fierce shot, he then moved on to Ipswich and had spells at Kettering, Worcester and Hinckley before returning to South Africa.

Gary John HEALE

Signed from Canvey Island by Luton Town in 1976 as an 18-year-old, Gary had an unbelievable start to his Hatters career, scoring on his debut during a 7-1 thrashing of Charlton in September 1977 and then getting two more in a League Cup second replay against Manchester City two months later. That was as good as it got for the skilful winger, though, as he fell out of favour under new manager David Pleat and was sold to Reading for £40,000, which was a record for the Royals at the time.

A regular in the Reading side for three years, Gary was then surprisingly sold to Sparta Rotterdam. He then moved to the States with his American wife and still coaches there.



Markus HEIKKINEN

Although born in Sweden due to his Finnish parents working there at the time, Markus regards himself as a Finn and has become a regular for the national team.

After playing for MyPa and HJK Helsinki, he wanted to try his luck in England and joined Portsmouth, where he was not given a fair crack of the whip and so headed north to Aberdeen, where he became a favourite.

Determined to play in England, Markus came to Mike Newell's Luton in 2005 and has not looked back since despite playing in an unfamiliar central defensive position as opposed to midfield where he is picked for his country. Markus was rightly voted Luton's Player Of The Season in 2005-06.

Vince Mark HILAIRE

Tricky winger Vince joined Crystal Palace from school, making more than 250 League appearances for the south London club and seemingly set to stay there for the rest of his career until a call came from Luton manager David Pleat in July 1984.

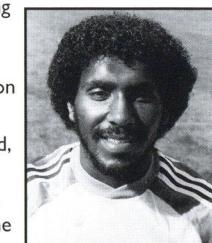
The chance of top flight Division One football was too good to turn down but, beset with injuries, Vince managed only nine games at Kenilworth Road before he was on his way again with Portsmouth paying £100,000 for him. He enjoyed four successful years at Fratton Park followed by spells at Leeds, Stoke and Exeter before becoming player/manager at Waterlooville. Vince now coaches junior football in the Portsmouth area.

Ricky Anthony HILL

Luton Town legend Ricky burst onto the scene as a 17-year-old. He came on as substitute in a dull end-of-season game against Bristol Rovers in 1976 and immediately lit up proceedings by laying on a goal with his first touch and scoring with his second.

After 12 months of being nurtured gently in the Reserves, Ricky eventually won a regular place which, barring injury, he kept for the next 12 years, picking up a promotion to the top flight and England caps along the way.

One of the finest midfielders in the Hatters' history, combining skill, strength and speed, Ricky left Luton in 1989 to seize a chance of French football with Le Havre.



After taking up coaching posts on both sides of the Atlantic, Ricky became manager at Kenilworth Road in 2000. Sadly, the job he craved turned sour, which was a great shame for the supporters who all badly wanted him to succeed.

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Action Replay

vs Hull City,
Tuesday
March 13, 2007



LUTON 1
HULL 2

Attendance: 7,777
Luton Scorer:
Talbot (71)

**Picture: Clarke
Carlisle and
Hull's David
Livermore
battle for
possession
during our
clash at
Kenilworth
Road**



Luton: Beresford (Brill 34), Keane, Carlisle, Heikkinen, Davis, Foley, Langley (Feeney 46), Bell, Emanuel (Morgan 57), Talbot, Carlisle

Subs not used: Coyne, Runstrom

Bookings: Carlisle (3), Barnett (52)

Goals: Talbot (71)



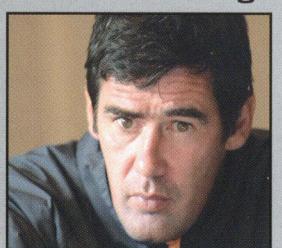
Hull City: Myhill, Ricketts, Turner, Delaney, Dawson, Parlour (Coles 89), Delaney, Livermore, Forster, Windass (Barmby 81), Elliott (Vaz Te 20)

Subs not used: Duke, Marney

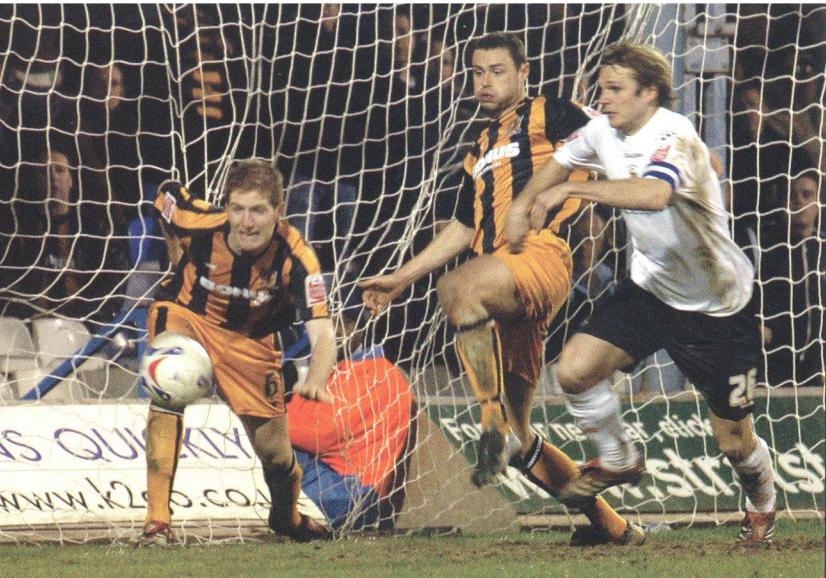
Bookings: Dawson (45), Livermore (62), Vaz Te (78), Elliott (88)

Goals: Livermore (21), Turner (63)

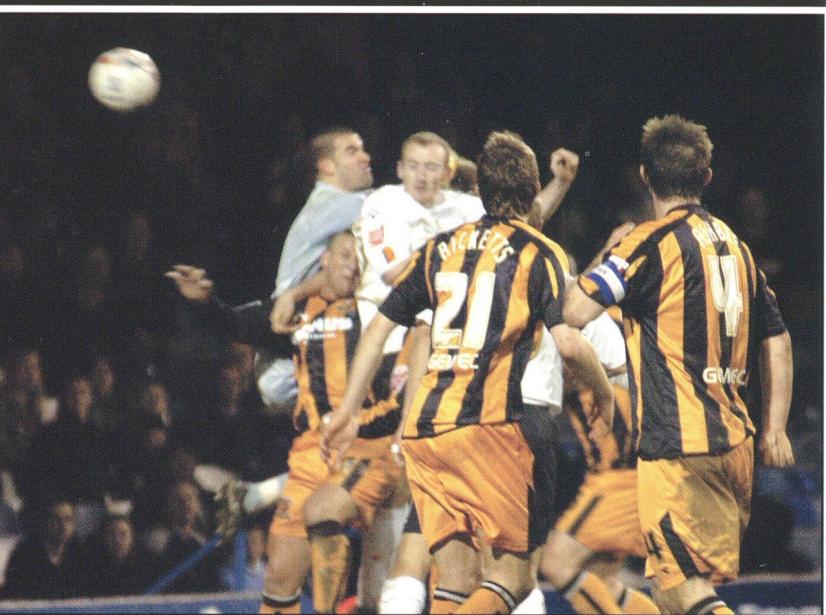
From the Manager



"I think their experience shone through tonight. They kept the ball at the right times and showed a little bit of composure, which we didn't. When you're in it, certain things go against you and we're not playing well at the moment. We weren't good enough tonight."



□ Markus Heikkinen desperately tries to turn the ball into the Hull net



□ GOAL - Drew Talbot gets Luton back into the game as his header finds the back of the Hull net

LUTON 1 HULL CITY 2

Drew Talbot's third goal of the season sparked a battling Luton fightback as the Hatters threw everything at Hull to try to earn a point.

The Luton striker pounced on 71 minutes and gave Luton hope of salvaging something after David Livermore and a sweet volley from Michael Turner had given Hull a 2-0 lead.

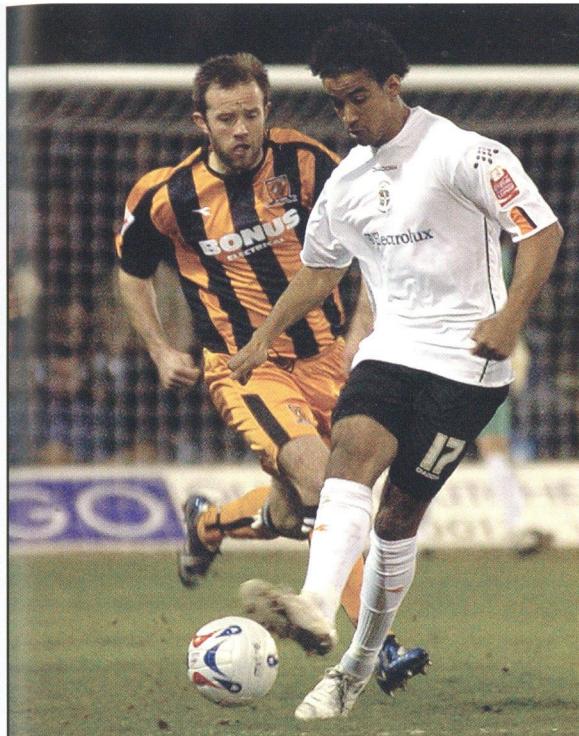
But despite throwing bodies forward, Luton were unable to find an equaliser and are now just one place off the foot of the Championship table.

Hull had taken the lead on 21 minutes when Sam Ricketts was the provider down the right and his pinpoint cross found Livermore, who rose highest in a packed penalty area to head

beyond the reach of Marlon Beresford. The Luton keeper was then stretchered off and Dean Brill took over in goal, making one fine second-half save.

Luton almost scored on 49 minutes when Lewis Emanuel's free-kick was headed back by Clarke Carlisle but Markus Heikkinen could not quite reach the ball. Hull then responded through Turner's clinical finish as a swept home a half volley from Livermore's free-kick on 63 minutes.

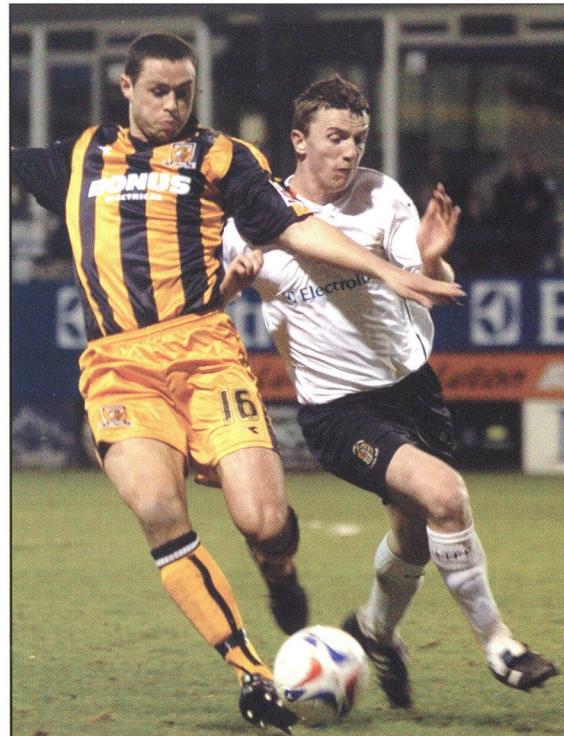
Talbot's brave header in a packed penalty area from Dean Morgan's free-kick got Luton back into the game, and the Hatters were denied a late equaliser when Myhill produced a stunning save to deny Warren Feeney.



□ Richard Langley made a return to Luton's midfield on Tuesday night



□ David Bell keeps Andy Dawson at bay as the midfielder tries to mount a Luton attack



□ Kevin Foley battles to make sure Damien Delaney goes nowhere



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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*

Andy Finch

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05 Russell Perrett

Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 16-08-73
Place Of Birth: Barton on Sea
Date Signed: Aug 2001
First Club: Lympstone
Last Club: Cardiff
2005/06 App: 12*
2005/06 Goals: 0*

Graham Bates & Chris Park

LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

10 Warren Feeney

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

Andrew Gordon

LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

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

Matthew Crossland

LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

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

Carole Jinks & Sharon Skinner

LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

26 Marko Heikkinen

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

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LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

30 Drew Talbot

Position: Striker
Date Of Birth: 19-10-86
Place Of Birth: Barnsley
Date Signed: Jan 2007
First Club: Sheff Wed
Last Club: Sheff Wed
2005/06 App: 0
2005/06 Goals: 0

**John Pyper, Gary Rovner,
Graham Denton, Stewart
Smith & Dave Wilkinson**

Brian Stein

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

02 Kevin Foley

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

Sally Mayne & Family

LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

06 Paul Underwood

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

AVAILABLE

LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

11 Dean Morgan

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

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LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

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: 12*
2005/06 Goals: 3*

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FOOTBALL CLUB

21 Keith Keane

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

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FOOTBALL CLUB

27 Peter Holmes

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

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FOOTBALL CLUB

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*

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LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

03 Sa Davis

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

Roger Davies, Carole Jinks & Sharon Skinner

LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

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*

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FOOTBALL CLUB

14 Michael Leary

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

AVAILABLE

LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

18 Ahmet Brkovic

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

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FOOTBALL CLUB

22 Danny Stevens

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

AVAILABLE

LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

28 David Bell

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

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LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

04 Chris Coyne

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

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LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

08 Steve Robinson

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

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LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

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*

Brian Hall

LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

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

Kevin Lennon

LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

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*

Kelly Knight

LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

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*

AVAILABLE

LUTON TOWN
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Mike Newell

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

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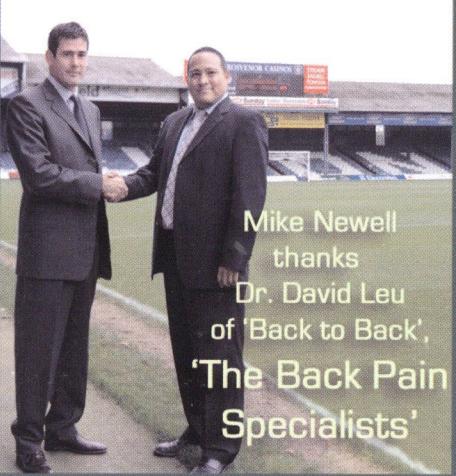
Mark Ridgway

Position: Youth Development
Officer
Place Of Birth: London

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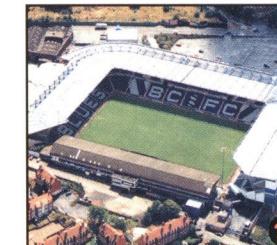
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2. With which current League One club did Frank Lampard spend a short spell on loan?
3. In which stadium was the 1998 World Cup Final staged?
4. Who was the first player to score 100 goals in the Premier League?
5. Which Spanish club did Henrik Larsson join from Celtic?
6. Which Spanish side did Rafael Benitez leave to join Liverpool?
7. From which English Club did Louis Saha join Manchester United?
8. England and Chelsea midfielder Wayne Bridge came to Stamford Bridge from which club?
9. Which Bolton player scored twice for a Europe XI against Manchester United at Old Trafford earlier this week?
10. Name the two teams who share the nickname 'The Robins'?

Name that Ground



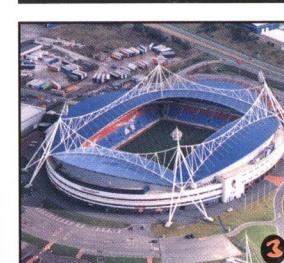
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Name the teams
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BURNLEY V LUTON TOWN
Saturday March 31, 2007
Kick-Off 3pm



LUTON SUPPORTERS CAN PURCHASE TICKETS ON THE DAY AT BURNLEY ALTHOUGH NO CONCESSION PRICES WILL BE AVAILABLE

ALLOCATION: We have received an initial allocation of 1,234

SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: Tickets are on general sale now until 12 noon on Friday March 30 (subject to availability.)

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

Adult £18, Seniors (over 60) £11.50, Juniors (Under 16) £9

Wheelchair and Ambulant Disabled £18 with a Carer free of charge



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
LUTON TOWN V SOUTHAMPTON
Saturday April 7, 2007
Kick-Off 3pm



Tickets are now on sale at normal pre-matchday prices.

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



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
QPR V LUTON TOWN
Monday April 9, 2007
Kick-Off 3pm



THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET FOR LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS

ALLOCATION: We have received an allocation of 2,700.

SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: Tickets are on general sale now until close of business on Saturday April 7 (subject to availability.)

TICKET PRICES: Ticket for this fixtures are priced as follows:

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COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
LUTON TOWN V PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
Saturday April 14, 2007
Kick-Off 3pm



Tickets are now on sale at normal pre-matchday prices.

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



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP DERBY COUNTY V LUTON TOWN

Friday April 20, 2007

Kick-Off 7:45pm



Luton Supporters can purchase tickets in advance from the ticket office or pay on the day at Derby although prices will increase by £3 per Adult and £1 per Junior/Senior.

Please note the change of date for this fixture due to a live television broadcast

ALLOCATION: We have received an initial allocation of 1,206.

SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: Tickets are on general sale now until 12 noon Thursday April 19 (subject to availability.)

TICKET PRICES: Ticket prices prior to matchday is as follows:

Adult £24 Seniors (over 60) £12 Juniors (Under 16) £8

Wheelchair and Disabled supporters will need to contact Derby direct for ticket information.



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
SOUTHEND UNITED V LUTON TOWN
Saturday April 28, 2007
Kick-Off 3pm



THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS.

ALLOCATION: We have received an initial allocation of 1,455

SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: Tickets are on general sale now until 12 noon Friday April 27 (subject to availability.)

TICKET PRICES: Ticket for this fixtures are priced as follows

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

Parking: There is a car park available at the cricket ground, by Turf Moor, which costs £3. Otherwise, its street parking.

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Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 9am with a stop at MK Coachway approximately 30 minutes later. The fare for LTSC members is £20, £18 concessions and £22 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

SUPPORTERS CLUBS

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The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 8:00am and Luton at 9:00pm. Costs for this trip is £19.50 adults and £16 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.

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 11:00am and Luton at 12:00pm. 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.

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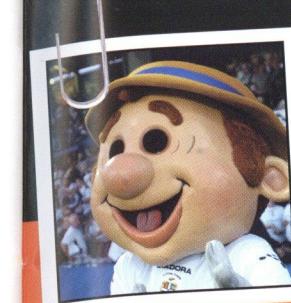
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What did the chewing gum say to the shoe?

I'm stuck on you

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**Name:
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Age: 8

**Favourite Player:
Ahmet Brkovic**

**School Attended:
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**Hobbies:
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Away Mascot



**Name:
George Byrne
Age: 14
Favourite Player: Gavin Williams**

Junior Hatters Quiz

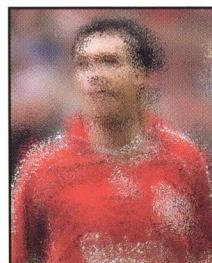
**Can you identify these Premiership footballers?
The answers can be found below.**



ANSWER



ANSWER



ANSWER

Answers - Guess who: E. Hadij Diouf, Robbie Keane, Robbie Fowler

Away Mascot

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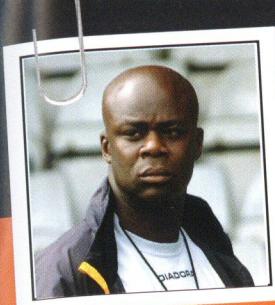
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Marvin Johnson on a defeat for the young Hatters at Brighton

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Date	Opponent	KO/Result
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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 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	P-P
Sat 17	QPR	L - 0-5
Sat 24	Wycombe Wanderers	L - 2-4
March		
Sat 03	Northampton Town	W - 5-1
Sat 10	Brighton & Hove Albion	L - 0-3
Sat 17	Gillingham	11am
Sat 24	Brighton & Hove Albion	11am
Sat 31	Brentford	11am
April		
Sat 14	Rushden & Diamonds	11am

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Gillingham	17	10	3	4	40	27	33
QPR	15	10	2	3	37	19	32
Southend	16	9	3	4	34	22	30
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Rushden & D	18	6	4	8	20	33	22
Brentford	18	5	5	8	17	20	17
Leyton Orient	17	5	2	10	15	28	17
Northampton	15	3	4	8	21	37	13
Portsmouth	15	1	1	13	10	31	4

"I was pleased with the way the lads responded in the second half. We played better football and gave Brighton more of a competitive game."

Saturday March 10
Football League Youth Alliance
South East Division
Brighton & Hove Albion Youth 3
v Luton Town Youth 0

Youth team coach Marvin Johnson was pleased with his lads' second-half performance despite slipping to a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Brighton & Hove Albion.

The Seagulls raced into a two goal lead in a first half described by Johnson as 'poor', but Luton responded well after the break and could have easily reduced the deficit.

The result meant Brighton leapfrogged over the Hatters in the Youth Alliance League table.

"It was a poor first half," explained Marvin. "We had kept Brighton at bay until the 35th minute, but they scored twice before the interval.

"Our passing was poor in the first half and we rarely threatened the Brighton goal. We got what we deserved at half-time.

"In the second half we played a lot better. Jamie McGuinness and Matthew Kenneford had good chances when they were through on goal and had we scored before Brighton got their third, we may have been able to get a point.

"I was pleased with the way the lads responded in the second half. We played better football and gave Brighton more of a competitive game."

Johnson is now calling on his players for a strong finish to the season with five league games remaining, starting with today's trip to Gillingham.

"We have some big games coming up and I want the lads to finish the season off strongly."

"There will be some players who will be playing for their futures and others who I will take a closer look at from the Under-16 set-up."

Two players who were not involved in Saturday's game at Brighton were Ed Asafu-Adjaye and Ryan Charles, who have joined Walton and Hersham, and Hitchin Town respectively on a work experience deal.

Asafu-Adjaye has impressed at the Ryman Premier League strugglers by hitting two goals in his last two games.

On the injury front, Ashley Harrison-Barker is close to making a return to the side and resumed training earlier this week after four weeks out with a hernia injury.

Meanwhile, the youth department have signed Ricky Bigg from Watford on a scholarship after impressing on a short trial at the Club.

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Luton Town Ladies

**Dave Baker reports on the latest
from the Luton Ladies side**

Last weekend's action saw all of our youth teams that played come away with good wins.

The Under-15 A side progressed through to the semi-final of the League Cup after they defeated Barking 6-0.

They started the game at an electrifying pace and were 4-0 up inside the first 20 minutes.

Kelly Moss started the scoring. That goal was followed soon after with a strike from Chloe Barnes. Yasmin Hickling and Jasmine Hall then added two more goals.

The scoring was completed in the second half with goals by Kerry Stratton and a second for Yasmin Hickling.

They now face cup holders Enfield Town in the semi-final.

The Under-15 B squad were in league action, and they came away from their match at Garston with a 12-0 win.

A long ball forward had caught Clare Howe offside, but the ball ran through to the City keeper. The referee said play on as the keeper



□ **Terri Petit scores the third goal in the Under 13's 3-0 win against Letchworth**

The Under-14s were up against their bogey side Cambridge City, who they have not beaten for three years.

The first half did not produce any goals, but the Town had keeper Beth Lake to thank for a couple of top quality saves for keeping the score level.

Early in the second half City went in front when The Town defence were caught cold from a quickly-taken free kick.

But within two minutes the Town were level when Leanne Lizaitis hit a powerful shot from a narrow angle into the top corner of the net.

That goal gave the Town a huge lift, and they then piled on the pressure, and eventually a second goal came, but in bizarre circumstances.

That was also the end of the scoring as the Under-13s gained a comfortable 3-0 win.

Olivia Dacosta scored the first, and that was quickly followed by a goal from Maisie Wyatt. Terri Petit added the third goal when she headed in from an Amelia Glean corner.

That was also the end of the scoring as the Under-13s gained a comfortable 3-0 win.

The Under-11s found themselves a goal down early in their game against Hitchin Town.

But they rallied and came back to earn a comprehensive 6-1 win, Kerry Keyte scoring a hat-trick.

Other goals came from Ceylon Hickman, Amy Runciman and Kally Wilson.

The Under-10s stay in second place in the league and keep their league title aspirations alive as they scored a 5-0 win over Hatfield.

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Football in the

Community

Stuart Smith brings us the latest news from the Community Department



Brave Ashcroft reach the Final

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game. Well done to Ashcroft High School's Under-13 Girls squad, who reached the Final of the Football League Under-13 Girls Cup 2006-07 Area Finals.

Eight girls and their coach Mel Hickman played at Brentford on March 1, in a group with schools representing Queens Park Rangers, Wycombe and Barnet. In the group stages goals were hard to come by except for QPR, who were head and shoulders above anybody else at the tournament. They included three players from the Pro Club Girls Centre of Excellence and the level of quality showed.

Despite a set-back against QPR, the girls performed well and finished joint second in the group with an identical record to Barnet, so we had a Golden Goal play-off against Barnet, which Luton won with a fine goal from Amber Eden.

In the semi-final against host club Brentford and again goals were hard to come by, not helped by the fact that only keepers were allowed in the goal area forcing too many long shots and making the winning of a corner totally pointless.

The game ended 0-0 and went to a penalty shoot-out, which we won 3-2 despite missing our first two penalties. Great character from the girls involved.

On to the Final which, to be honest, was a game too far. QPR beat the girls 5-0, which somewhat flattered them but once we were 2-0 down we had to push forward and the girls were picked off on the break. Sometimes a team are better than you and you just have to accept defeat.

However, the girls' commitment and attitude were exemplary and overall they should be proud of themselves and the way



■ Ashcroft Under-13's with their coach Mel Hickman: Chloe Watson, Lauren McLellan, Charlotte Lamb, Senal Lamb, Amber Eden, Shannon Charles, Deanna Wright, Sophie Watson and Alana McCabe

they proudly wore the shirt and represented Luton Town.

● As a reward, the girls of Ashcroft High School and Stopsley High School – winners and runners-up in our local heats – are today replaying their Final from our local heats of the Football League Girls Under-13 cup.

Enjoy the game

Stuart Smith

Football League Under-13 Girl's Cup 2006-07: Area Finals					
Group Stage		Group Play-Off		Semi-Final	
Luton	0-0	Barnet			
QPR	3-0	Luton	Luton	1-0	Barnet
Wycombe	0-1	Luton	(Luton win by Golden Goal)	(Luton win 3-2 on penalties)	Brentford
					QPR

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



Commercial news with Peter Davis

**Peter Davis on the latest news from the
Commercial Department**

May I extend a warm welcome to all of our commercial partners, executive members, together with this afternoon's sponsors to our game against Ipswich Town.

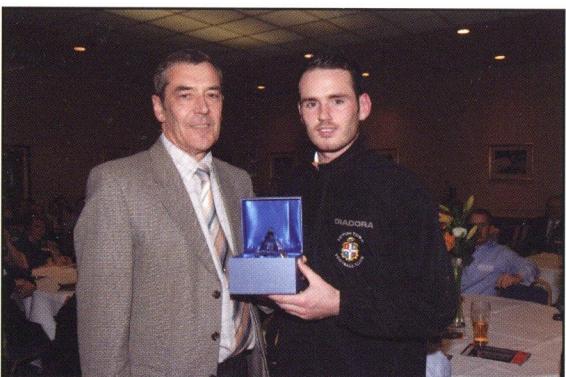
With eight League matches remaining until the end of the season and a very healthy 24 points still to play for, I can assure you that our confidence is high and we have a positive belief in our ability as a Club to battle through the current difficulties, while continuing to compete in every aspect of our business, both on and off the field.

Therefore it is tremendous to see your commercial support continuing unabated in every aspect of the Club's business activities and in particular for the final surge of match VIP hospitality and advertising bookings that we have had as we enter this final, crucial part of the season.

This afternoon's sponsors include Debenhams department store, our In2Win Lottery sponsor and in for the first time this season, Wickes, one of our Football League partners.

Thank you for your continued and magnificent support, enjoy the game

Peter



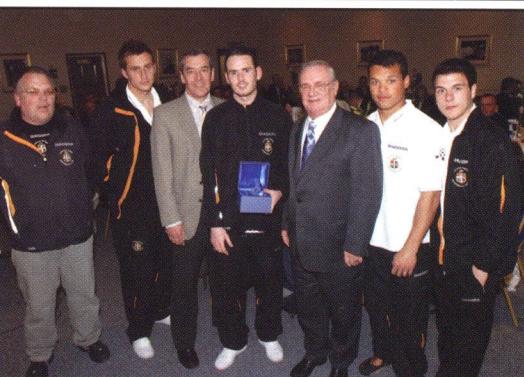
□ Ray Fisher presenting David Bell with his Man Of The Match Award for Hull City



□ Pat Lawson, guest of Luton Town's Kelly-Ann Hooker, receiving her commemorative certificate from squad members



□ Richard Bird and Mark Panter, Luton Town groundsmen, with their families in the home dugout pre-match against Hull City



□ Stadium Manager Peter Kemp together with his family and friends plus members of the first team squad

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We are delighted to be able to welcome Hedley Marsh, together with the guests of Luton-based, Debenhams department store, as this afternoon's match sponsor. Debenhams need no formal introduction from us, as they are firmly established as Luton's premier store, who for nearly two seasons have been supporting the club by retailing the complete range of Luton Town replica sportswear, leisure wear and accessories. In addition they joined us this season as sponsors of our In2Win Lottery, as well as being prime time advertisers, on our LED Sky Sports presentations. Hedley Marsh, who is General Manager of the store, is also a self-confessed life long supporter of Ipswich Town, possibly due to the fact that he was born in Suffolk. Therefore I think we owe him and Debenhams an additional thank you, for the sponsoring of Luton Town, although of course I think we should probably stop short of asking him to select the Man Of The Match.

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Commercial Mascot

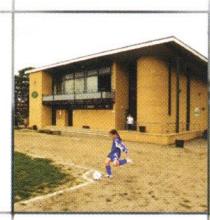
Rob & Joshua Norman



It's with great pleasure that we introduce for second time this season a commercial mascot duo of brothers in the persons of 11-year-old Rob (pictured right) and eight-year-old Joshua Norman (pictured left). To have one family representative is always a privilege, but to have the opportunity of introducing brothers on the same afternoon is very rare. Living in Barton-le-Clay, Bob attends Arnold Middle School, while Joshua goes to Ramsey Manor Lower School. You can see where the football passion comes from with Rob playing



for Barton Rovers Under-12's on Saturdays and Shillingtons Under-11's on Sundays. Joshua plays for his school team, Ramsey Lions, and would you believe, both then play rugby, cricket and find time for PS2 games. Mum and Dad must be totally exhausted. David Bell and Dean Brill are the lads' favourite players, who they will meet together with the rest of the squad today. Many members of the Norman family have travelled to Kenilworth Road to see Rob and Joshua, including "Grandad" who has made the journey all the way from County Kerry in southern Ireland. We at the Club all hope the whole family have a great and memorable afternoon with us.



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On the Web

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

Play for Luton

(At poker, that is...)

Millions of people are joining the poker revolution and playing with friends, in tournaments and online all over the country. And if you fancy trying your hand at this great fun game, then why not have a go via the official Luton Town website?

Hatters' supporters can take part in poker tournaments every Monday and Tuesday evening, with the chance to win some fantastic prizes. And remember every fan who signs up to PokerStars.com – whether they play for free or for cash – earns money for Luton Town Football Club.

Our online official poker partner, PokerStars.com run two weekly competitions. On Monday nights at 8pm, there is a Free UK Football Challenge Tournament. Then there's a Football Fans \$50 Added competition on Tuesday nights, also at 8pm. Entry to both is absolutely FREE, there's no catch, you don't need to enter any credit card information.

Just follow the simple instructions to register for the competitions, which start promptly.

To join the fun, all you have to do is download the console software so that you can see the table and take your seat when the action starts.



Top table... what the game looks like when you take a seat via the Luton Town website

If you haven't done so already, you will need to open an account to play, but this takes only a few minutes.

Then click on Tourney, and then Private from the Main Lobby, scroll down to find the competition and follow the simple instructions to register, using the password you are given on the website.

And that's it. You're ready to play.

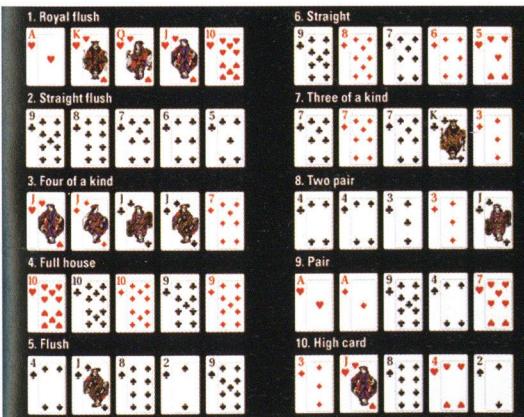
Then it's time to put on your best poker face, bluff, hustle and back your hands with the best of them. And if you can beat off the challenge from supporters from across the rest of the country, you will win a brilliant prize from PokerStars.com.

Then if you get very good at the game, PokerStars.com run national competitions exclusively for supporters. There are three qualifying rounds and the top three finishers from each tournament play head-to-head in the final where the winner will receive a £1,000 cheque for their club.

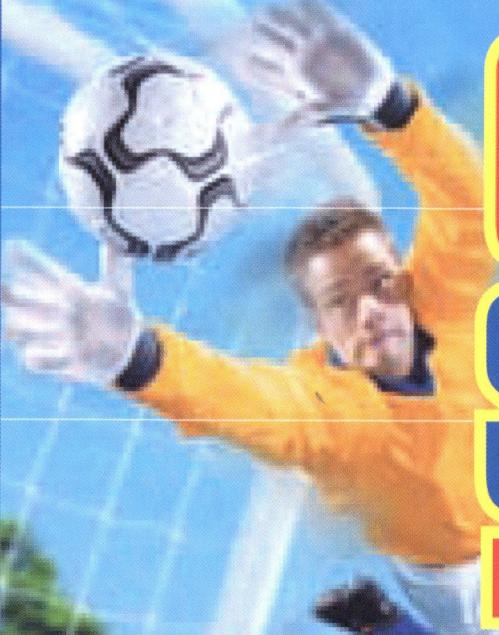
Whether you are a serious poker punter or the occasional online player, there is a competition to suit you on PokerStars.com

Don't worry if you're new to the game either. There is a full set of rules and explanations of which hands beat which on the website. When you first go into PokerStars.com, click the How To Play Poker button and you will see the hands explained as on the left, plus a complete run-down on all the rules, the terms, , how betting works, how the online card table operates and much, much more.

So why not give it a try and have a go at the game that is taking the nation by storm. And you never know, you might be on a winner...

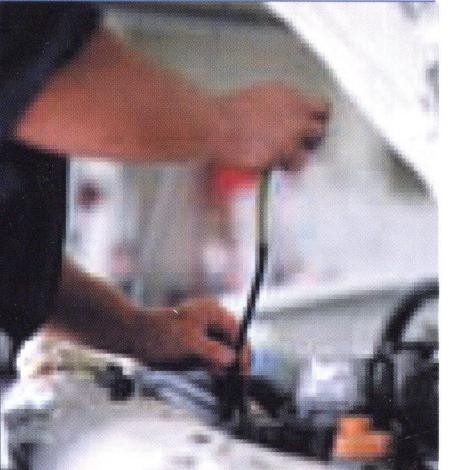


Top ten... how to rank the best hands in order so that you know when to hold and when to fold



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A round-up of the latest
from around the Club

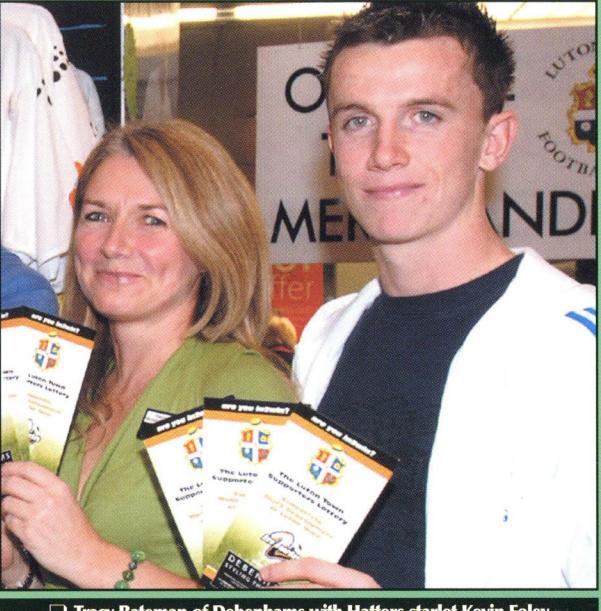
Kev scores a stores draw

Our friends at Debenhams secured the signatures of Luton stars Kevin Foley, Dean Brill, Keith Keane and Leon Barnett this week when the lads popped in to help promote the official Luton merchandising department in the store. Tracy Bateman and Store Manager Hedley Marsh were on hand to welcome the lads and the fans who queued to meet them.



Debenhams Hedley Marsh

Hedley said: "We are always delighted to welcome the Football Club into our store and are even more delighted to be Match Sponsors for the Ipswich game."



Tracy Bateman of Debenhams with Hatters starlet Kevin Foley

Mr Geoffrey Hillyard

The funeral of Geoffrey Hillyard will take place on Wednesday March 28 at 1pm at the Luton Crematorium, Stopsley. Geoff had been a Luton Town Football Club supporter for more than 70 years, as was his father, and he was a season ticket holder for much of that time.

He has many friends in the Main Stand and they are all welcome to attend the funeral.

Geoff had a season ticket in the Main Stand, Block B, Row N, Seat Number 15.

He had a remarkable memory of all things connected with Luton Town, and one of his proudest memories was witnessing Joe Payne scoring his 10 goals in a League game against Bristol Rovers on April 13, 1936. Even in his later years, Geoff could still give an account of every one of them.

Our sincere condolences go to his family.

Mr Bob Barrett

We have recently been advised of the death of a long-time Luton supporter Bob Barrett, who died in January at the age of 87. He was very well known in the licence trade as a licensed broker under the name of Fred Barrett, a concern founded by his father and now carried on by his daughter Julie and her family.

Bob had supported the club for more than 75 years, and in later years he was a season ticket holder in the Main Stand along with his grandson and granddaughter.

Bob was also known to many supporters through his involvement with Toc H, the Luton Round Table and the Luton Hospital Commentaries Scheme, for which he was not only a founding member and commentator but also secretary.

The scheme commented on all first team and many away games as well. It broadcast to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital, St Mary's Hospital (now closed) as well as a number of old people's home in the area until the arrival of local radio sports coverage in the 1980s.

Our sincere condolences go to his family.


**SUNDAY
11
MARCH**

Grant hopeful on Earnshaw return

Norwich manager Peter Grant has revealed that leading scorer Robert Earnshaw could make a return before the end of the season.

The Wales international tore a groin muscle in January and it was first feared he would miss the whole season.

Grant said: "I know how hard he's working but as an injured player there are a million things you don't feel."

"Earnie hasn't kicked a ball yet and he's not twisting and turning. But I'm hoping he'll be able to play."

Grant added: "From a psychological point of view I would like him to get a run out but I will only do that if he's 100% fit."



ALSO... New Leicester chairman Milan Mandaric believes the club's facilities and fan base mean it will only be a matter of time before they are a Premiership club.

**MONDAY
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Davies to miss rest of the season

West Brom defender Curtis Davies will miss the rest of the campaign after breaking a metatarsal bone.

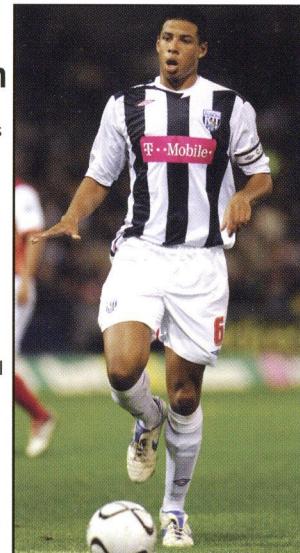
The injury happened during the first-half of the Baggies' 3-2 defeat at home to Crystal Palace on Wednesday.

The 22-year-old was replaced by Martin Albrechtsen, who saw red two minutes after his arrival for a professional foul on Michael Hughes.

Davies had recently been named in the England Under-21 squad to play Italy at Wembley on March 24.

"Curtis has broken his metatarsal clean through and will miss the rest of the season," said West Brom boss Tony Mowbray.

"It's a big blow because he has been an inspiration to us defensively."



ALSO... Burnley midfielder Chris McCann has agreed an extension to his current contract at Turf Moor.....Colchester midfielder Robbie King has extended his loan deal with Heybridge Swifts for a further month.

**TUESDAY
13
MARCH**

Leeds seeking council help



Leeds United want Leeds City Council to help them buy back Elland Road stadium and their Thorp Arch training ground.

The Championship side pay £1.5m a year to a British Virgin Islands company to play at Elland Road. Leeds have a buy-back option of £13m on the stadium and £5m on Thorp Arch which were sold to avoid administration.

Chief Executive Shaun Harvey told the Yorkshire Evening Post: "If the club owned the stadium there would no longer be any mystery as to who owns it."

Both Elland Road and Thorp Arch were sold before chairman Ken Bates's arrival in January 2003 as Leeds battled to avoid administration.

ALSO... Midfielder Scott Sinclair extends his loan from Chelsea to Plymouth for a third and final month.....Leyton Orient sign Southend midfielder Gary Hooper on loan until the end of the season.....

**WEDNESDAY
14
MARCH**

Nugent in line for England call



Preston's David Nugent is set to be called into the England squad if any of the front-line strikers are injured.

England coach Steve McClaren watched the 21-year-old play against Ipswich in the Championship game on Tuesday.

"I would have no hesitation, through his performances in the Under-21s, to put him in the squad," said McClaren.

McClaren will name his 23-man squad for the Euro 2008 qualifiers against Israel and Andorra, with Paul Robinson set to continue in goal.

England have worries over Aaron Lennon, whose knee injury has flared up again, and Rio Ferdinand, who cracked a rib during Manchester United's FA Cup tie at Middlesbrough.

ALSO... Barnsley midfielder Nicky Wroe has his loan spell extended at Bury for a second month.....Cardiff City chairman Peter Ridsdale admits plans for a new stadium had to be scaled down to ensure the long-awaited project finally goes ahead.

**THURSDAY
15
MARCH**

Ridsdale rubbishes shoot-out idea

Cardiff say they will fiercely oppose plans to scrap draws in favour of deciding games on penalty shoot-outs.

The radical proposal is one of the ideas the 72 club chairmen have agreed to investigate through a Football League working party.

But Cardiff chairman Peter Ridsdale said: "It's a nonsense idea and won't make the game more exciting. People will come to Cardiff, stick 11 men behind the ball hoping for a draw and the try to beat us on penalties."

The idea was originally put forward in the recent Football League Fans Survey.



ALSO... Burton Albion are closing in on the signing of former Ipswich striker David Johnson.....Hull City have swooped to sign Liverpool youngster Lee Peltier on loan until the end of the season.

**FRIDAY
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Currie makes loan move to Derby

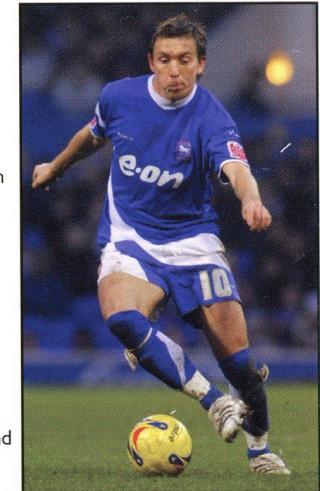
Derby County have signed Ipswich winger Darren Currie on loan until the end of the season.

Earlier this year, the 32-year-old had a trial with LA Galaxy – the club David Beckham will join in the summer.

Currie, who could make his Derby debut on Saturday, made three substitute appearances during a two-week period before returning to the UK.

He had a loan spell at Coventry earlier in the season and is out of contract with Ipswich in the summer. Currie joined Ipswich from Brighton in December 2004 for £50,000.

ALSO... Southampton goalkeeper Kelvin Davis denies a Football Association misconduct charge following an incident during Saturday's game against Stoke.....Football League chairman Lord Mawhinney is confident the end-of-season play-off finals will be held at Wembley.





Luton's 2006/07 Stats

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

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

DATE	Fixture	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Barrett	Boyd	Brkovic	Morgan	Perrett	
AUG 06	LEICESTER CITY*	2-0	8,131	1,198	2	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Barrett	Boyd	Brkovic	Morgan	Perrett	
Tues 8	Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	22,613	719	3	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Coyne	Morgan	Perrett	
Sat 12	Norwich City	2-3	22,863	1,221	6	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Coyne	Morgan	Perrett	
Sat 19	STOKE CITY	2-2	7,727	614	5	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Coyne	Davis	Emanuel	Holmes	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Brkovic	Keane	Morgan	
Tues 22	Bristol Rovers (CC1)	1-1◆	2,882	275	-	Beresford	Keane	Barnett	Coyne	Davis	Brkovic	Holmes	Langley	Bell	Boyd	Morgan	Brill	Edwards	Foley	Stevens	Vine	
Sat 26	Wolves	0-1	19,378	1,069	10	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Bell	Keane	Morgan	Parkin	
Sat 9	CRYSTAL PALACE	2-1	9,187	1,800	6	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Keane	Morgan	
Tues 12	COLCHESTER UNITED	1-1	7,609	429	7	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Keane	Morgan	
Sat 16	Cardiff City	1-4	14,108	329	12	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Coyne	Feeney	Morgan	
Tues 19	Brentford (CC2)	3-0	3,005	598	-	Beresford	Edwards	Barnett	Keane	Holmes	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Boyd	Feeney	Brill	Foley	Langley	Stevens	Vine	
Sat 23	WBA	2-2	9,332	1,737	12	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine2	Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Feeney	Holmes	Keane	
Sat 30	Barnsley	2-1	10,175	738	11	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Parkin	Brill	Brkovic	Davis	Feeney	Keane	
Sat 14	BIRMINGHAM CITY	3-2	9,275	1,503	7	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Edwards	Vine2	Parkin	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Keane	
Tues 17	Hull City	0-0	14,895	232	7	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Boyd	Feeney	Brill	Foley	Langley	Stevens	
Sat 21	LEEDS UNITED	5-1	10,260	1,800	5	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Davis	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Keane	O'Leary	
Tues 24	Everton (CC3)	0-4	27,149	2,334	-	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Keane	Davis	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Emanuel	
Sun 29	Ipswich Town*	0-5	20,975	tbc	9	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Keane	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Feeney	Holmes	
Tues 31	BURNLEY	0-2	7,664	698	9	Beresford	Edwards	Barnett	Heikkinen	Holmes	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Keane	O'Leary	
Sat 4	Preston North End	0-3	13,094	423	12	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Holmes	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Brkovic	Fenney	
Sat 11	QPR	2-3	9,007	1,533	16	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Boyd	Barrett	Feeney	Holmes	Morgan	
Sat 18	DERBY COUNTY	0-2	9,708	1,753	18	Beresford	Foley	Barnett	Perrett	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Vine	Boyd	Brill	Bell	Feeney	Holmes	Morgan	
Sat 25	Southampton	1-2	20,482	573	20	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Perrett	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Perrett	Vine	Boyd	Brill	Bell	Feeney	Holmes	Morgan
Tues 28	Plymouth Argyle	0-1	9,965	186	20	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Perrett	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Heikkinen	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Brkovic	O'Leary	Perrett	
Sat 02	PRESTON NORTH END	2-0	7,665	809	18	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Morgan	Beresford	Boyd	Feeney	Langley	
Sat 09	Sunderland	1-2	30,445	543	19	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Morgan	Beresford	Boyd	Feeney	Langley	
Fri 15	SOUTHEND UNITED*	0-0	7,468	497	18	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Morgan	Beresford	Boyd	Feeney	O'Leary	
Sat 23	COVENTRY CITY	3-1	8,299	933	19	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Morgan	Beresford	Boyd	Feeney	Langley	
Tues 26	Colchester United	1-4	5,427	762	19	Kiely	Foley	Coyne	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Barnett	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Morgan	Beresford	Boyd	Feeney	Holmes	
Fri 29	Birmingham City*	2-2	24,642	485	19	Kiely	Foley	Coyne	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Brkovic	Barnett	Langley	Edwards	Vine	Feeney	Beresford	Boyd	Davis	Holmes	O'Leary	
Mon 1	CARDIFF CITY	0-0	8,004	579	19	Kiely	Foley	Edwards	Barnett	Perrett	Davis	Morgan	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Beresford	Boyd	Holmes	O'Leary	
Sat 6	QPR (FA Cup 3rd Rd)	2-2	10,064	2,305	-	Beresford	Barnett	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	Morgan	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Bell	Brkovic	Feeney	Holmes	
Fri 12	WBA*	2-3	19,927	390	19	Kiely	Foley	Keane	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Coyne	Langley	
Sat 20	BARNESLEY	0-2	7,441	382	20	Kiely	Foley	Barnett	Keane	Barnett	Coyne	Davis	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Morgan	Beresford	Boyd	Feeney	Brill	
Tues 23	QPR (FA Cup 3rd Rd rep)	1-0*	7,494	1,492	-	Beresford	Foley	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Beresford	Boyd	Holmes	O'Leary	
Sat 27	BLACKBURN (FA Cup 4th Rd)	0-4	5,887	723	-	Beresford	Foley	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Keane	Holmes	
Tues 30	Coventry City	0-1	18,781	591	21	Beresford	Foley	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	O'Leary	Stevens	
Sat 3	Leicester City	1-1	20,410	683	20	Beresford	Foley	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Morgan	Beresford	Boyd	Feeney	Langley	
Sat 17	Stoke City	0-0	12,375	tbc	19	Beresford	Foley	Coyne	Perrett	Davis	Heikkinen	Holmes	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Asafu-Adjaye	O'Leary	
Tues 20	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	3-2*	8,011	1,191	19	Beresford	Foley	Coyne	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Asafu-Adjaye	O'Leary	
Sat 24	Crystal Palace	1-2*	16,177	861	19	Beresford	Foley	Coyne	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Morgan	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Asafu-Adjaye	O'Leary	
Tues 27	NORWICH CITY	2-3	8,868	1,194	20	Beresford	Keane	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Bell	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Feeney	Morgan	
Sat 3	WOLVES	2-3	10,002	1,800	20	Beresford	Keane	Barnett	Heikkinen	Emanuel	Bell	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Carlisle	Davis	
Sat 10	Leeds United	0-1	27,138	tbc	22	Beresford	Keane	Carlisle	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Robinson	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Langley	Spring	
Tues 13	HULL CITY	1-2	7,777	621	23	Beresford	Keane	Carlisle	Heikkinen	Davis	Emanuel	Langley	Bell	Brkovic	Vine	Feeney	Brill	Boyd	Asafu-Adjaye	Boyd	Langley	
Sat 17	IPSWICH TOWN	15:00																				
Sat 31	Burnley	15:00																				
Sat 7	SOUTHAMPTON	15:00																				
Mon 9	QPR	15:00																				
Sat 14	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	15:00																				
Sat 21	Derby County	15:00																				
Sat 28	Southend United	15:00																				
Sun 6	SUNDERLAND	13:00																				

2006/07 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME				AWAY				Pts	GD			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Birmingham	37	12	5	2	30	16	9	2	7	24	18	70	+2
Derby	38	10	5	4	26	17	11	2	6	25	21	70	+1
Sunderland	38	11	4	4	29	14	9	3	7	29	25	67	+1
Preston	37	13	4	3	33	13	6	4	8	21	28	65	+1
Wolves	38	10	5	4	26</								

Coming Next

to Kenilworth Road



Luton Town V Southampton

Saturday April 17, 2007, Kick-Off 3pm

By Des O'Donnell

Play-off hopefuls Southampton are Luton Town's next opponents, making the trip from the south coast over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. Currently sitting just outside the play-off positions, they are still looking for a return to the top flight.

The Saints (so called after being formed from the St Mary's young men's association) have mixed form at the moment. Luton can take hope from the fact that while their home form is very good, they have won only one of their last six away matches, losing four and drawing one.

Luton lost the away fixture at the St Mary's Stadium this season 2-1. Russell Perrett equalised after Chris Baird had put the home team ahead, only for Grzegorz Rasiak to convert a penalty after Leon Barnett had handled inside the box.

The last time the Saints came marching in to Kenilworth Road was a different matter altogether. It was Luton's first home game after promotion to the Championship last season.

In a frenetic atmosphere, the Hatters beat Harry Redknapp's side 3-2. Dean Morgan grabbed a last-minute winner with a superb strike from distance into the top corner after Kevin Nicholls and Ahmet Brkovic had made the game all square.

This season, manager George Burley is looking for that elusive play-off place. He has some strong players, particularly in the shape of Polish striker Grzegorz Rasiak.

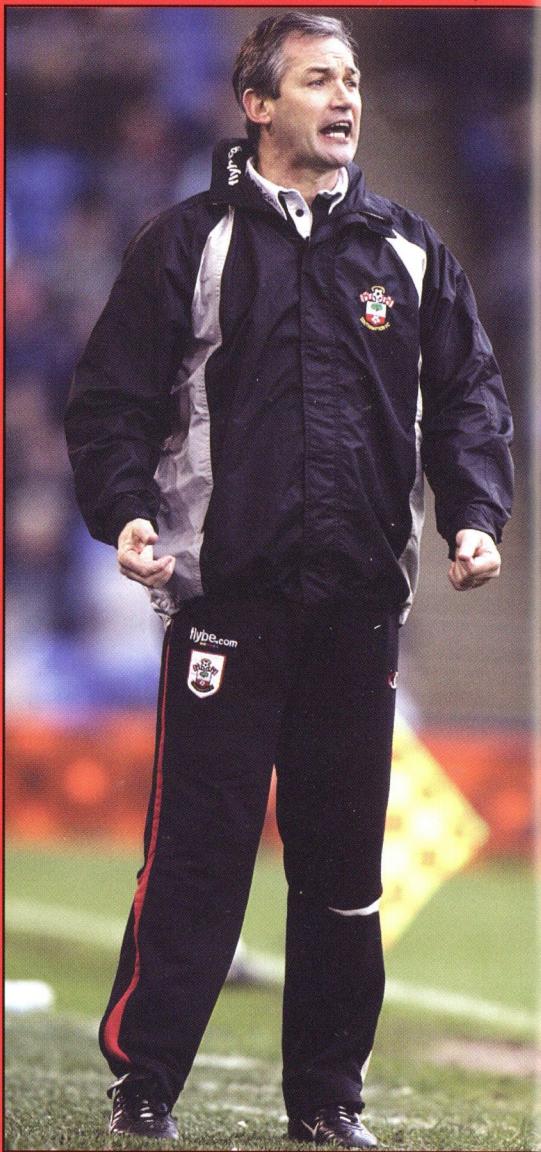
The former Spurs and Derby player has found the net 20 times this season in all competitions and is a formidable presence for the Saints up front.

His other strike partners are just as impressive, with Trinidad & Tobago international Kenwyne Jones scoring 14 so far this season and Bradley Wright-Phillips nine.

Wright-Phillips signed for Southampton from Manchester City after the Saints won the Coca-Cola Sign A Player competition, picking up £250,000 to put towards an undisclosed fee.

Behind the scenes, Southampton have made a change at the top, with Leon Crouch coming in as the new chairman.

Crouch took over when Michael Wilde failed to attract any new investment to the club. This afternoon, he will be hoping his side can push on towards the Premiership as soon as possible.



Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	Southampton
League	19	16	22
FA Cup	1	1	2
League Cup	1	1	0
Total	21	18	24

Read Mike Newell's pre-match comments on this match on www.lutontown.co.uk



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LUTON TOWN

Player Score

✓	MARLON BERESFORD	1
✓	KEVIN FOLEY	2
●	SOL DAVIS	3
●	CHRIS COYNE	4
●	RUSSELL PERRETT	5
●	PAUL UNDERWOOD	6
●	MATTHEW SPRING	7
✓	STEVE ROBINSON	8
●	BJORN RUNSTROM	9
●	WARREN FEENEY	10
●	DEAN MORGAN	11
●	MICHAEL LEARY	14
✗	STEPHEN O'LEARY	15
✓	LEWIS EMANUEL	16
●	RICHARD LANGLEY	17
●	AHMET BRKOVIC	18
●	SAM PARKIN	19
●	ADAM BOYD	20
✓	KEITH KEANE	21
●	DANNY STEVENS	22
●	SHAUN ROSS	24
✓	LEON BARNETT	25
●	MARKUS HEIKKINEN	26
●	PETER HOLMES	27
✓	DAVID BELL	28
●	CALVIN ANDREW	29
✓	DREW TALBOT	30
✓	CLARKE CARLISLE	31
✓	DEAN BRILL	33
✓	ZAC BARRETT	34

IPSWICH TOWN

Player Score

1	SHANE SUPPLE	✓
2	FABIAN WILNIS	●
3	MATTHEW RICHARDS	●
4	JASON DE VOS	●
5	ALEX BRUCE	●
6	RICHARD NAYLOR	●
7	OWEN GARVAN	●
8	SYLVAIN LEGWINSKI	●
10	DARREN CURRIE	●
11	GAVIN WILLIAMS	●
12	JAIME PETERS	●
14	ALAN LEE	●
15	LUIS CASTRO SITO	●
16	CHRIS CASEMENT	●
17	DEAN BOWDITCH	●
18	DANNY HAYNES	●
19	JONATHAN WALTERS	●
20	DAVID WRIGHT	●
21	GEORGE O'CALLAGHAN	●
22	DARRYL KNIGHTS	●
23	DAN HARDING	●
24	BILLY CLARKE	●
25	ANDY RHODES	●
26	SCOTT BARRON	●
28	MARTIN BRITTAINE	●
29	JIM MAGILTON	●
30	SAMMY MOORE	●
31	MICHAEL SYNNOTT	●
32	IAN MILLER	●
33	GARY ROBERTS	●
34	LEWIS PRICE	✓
35	JAMES KRAUSE	●
36	LIAM TROTTER	●
37	ANDREW PLUMMER	●

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