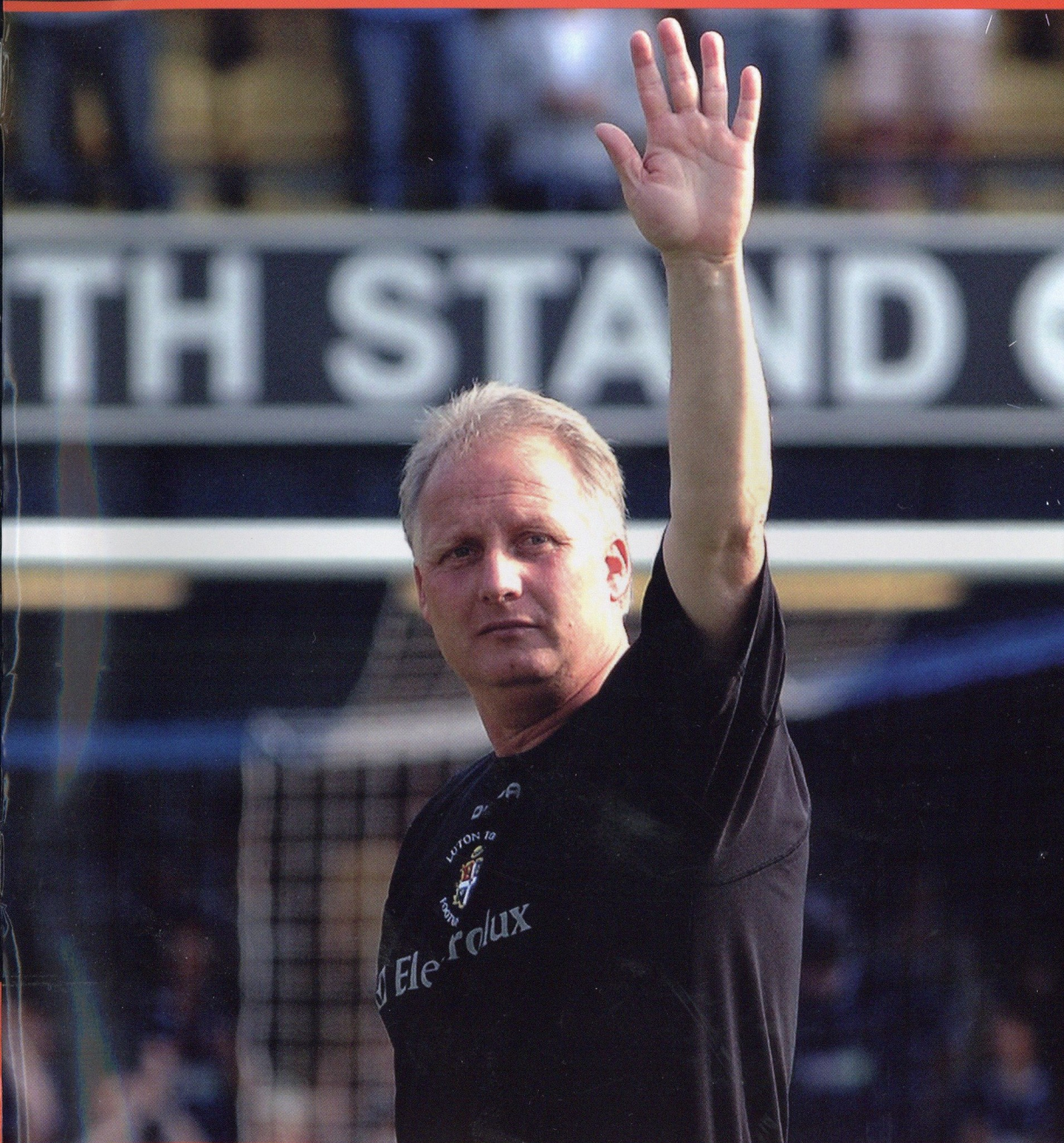


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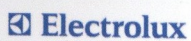


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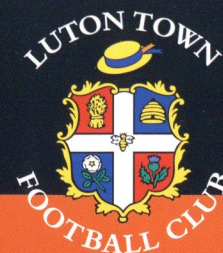
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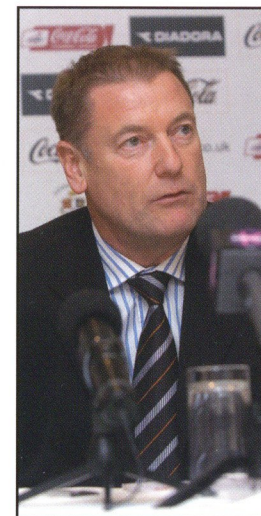
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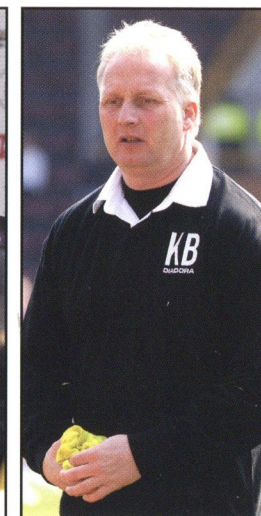
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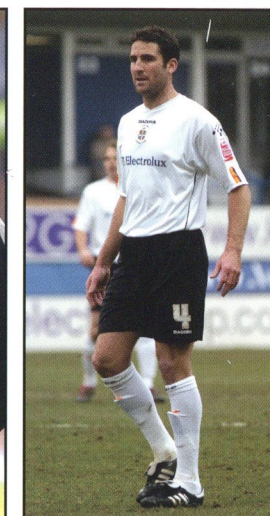
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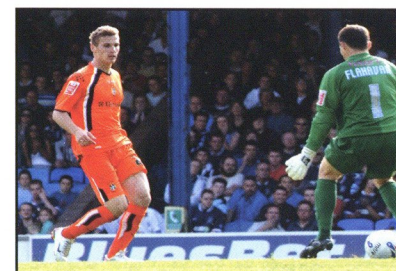
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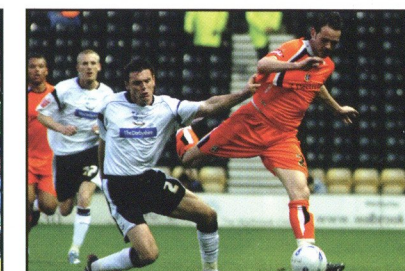
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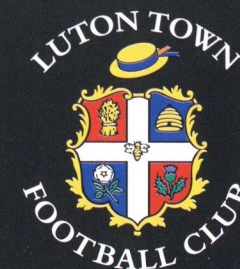
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From the Chairman

David Pinkney



**David Pinkney
Luton Town Chairman**

Hello and welcome to today's final game of the season. A special welcome to Chairman Niall Quinn, his manager Roy Keane and everyone from Sunderland and our warmest congratulations on their well deserved promotion to the Premiership.

This is the first opportunity since I acquired the club to let you know how excited I am about the future of this football club and the potential of what can be achieved if we all work together.

People have told me that I must be mad to become a football club chairman and they might be right. However, I'm here because I've been a Luton Town supporter since I was 14 and I want to see my team once again back in top flight football.

To do so will take a massive effort from a lot of people. I will shortly be setting up an advisory board consisting of highly respected business people to assist us in achieving this aim.

Clearly we have to have targets and ours is simple – in five years I want us to be in our new stadium at Junction 12, knocking on the door of the Premiership. Who knows? Others have done it, so why shouldn't we?

With the recent appointment of our new manager Kevin Blackwell, who I believe to be one of the brightest young managers around, we have already begun that process.

But for all this to happen we have to get everything right

both on and off the pitch. And that means ALL of us – board, staff, players and supporters – all pulling in the same direction. I will be ensuring that the Club will have a secure and strong financial footing to tackle the many challenges ahead.

I have already started to review the business and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. As we are entering the close season I will keep you all informed of the progress through our website and of course in the local media.

Enjoy the game get behind Kevin and the team today.

Have a great summer, see you next season

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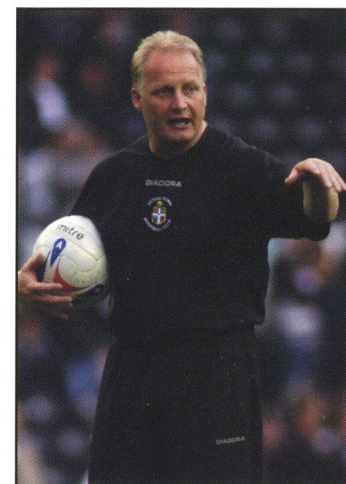
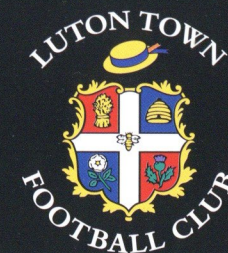
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From the Manager Kevin Blackwell



Kevin Blackwell
Luton Town Manager

Welcome to our final game of the season and a special welcome to Roy Keane and everyone from Sunderland. Warmest congratulations to Roy, his players and staff and all the supporters on a well-deserved promotion.

It's been a fairy story for Sunderland this season. Roy Keane's come into management and he seems to have taken to it like a duck to water. It's no mean achievement to get a club automatically promoted from what I consider to be probably the hardest division in professional football.

Sunderland have fantastic facilities, fantastic training ground, big support, but if we're going to set standards for ourselves, then why not try and chase Sunderland. If we could end up with a stadium half as good as theirs, perhaps we wouldn't be far off the Premiership ourselves.

It's great to try to reach the highest star and even if you don't quite make it, you've still gone a long way to having a good side.

Since our last home game, a new chairman, David Pinkney, has arrived and he brings such enthusiasm to the Club. He's the first to admit that he hasn't been in football before, but sometimes that brings with it a whole new raft of ideas and visions that will be good for the club. And if his track record as a businessman and his demands on people to succeed are anything to go by then we'd better all get used to being successful.

Today I'm looking for the boys to maintain the level of performances we've had recently. It was pleasing at Southend to continue from a very good performance against Derby even though we didn't get the result. Now I want to see if we can do it against Sunderland, the best or the second best team in the division. And that's a yardstick for the players to grab and prove themselves against.

It's always nice to get your first win under your belt and I thought our win at Southend was thoroughly deserved. Anyone who's been watching us will say that we've improved as the weeks have gone on. Anyone who's seen us at Queen's Park Rangers, Derby and Southend would say that we looked right for getting a result. We now look like a side that's very hard to beat. We've just been edged out in games at Derby and QPR, even against Plymouth after a very poor first half, second half we've had two

goals disallowed. When we played Southampton we had goals disallowed, so we've been edging up quite well.

After today I'm looking forward to having a short break as I didn't get one last year what with Play-Off finals and other things. But then it's going to be a very busy summer, in fact the work's started already. For the five weeks that I've been here we've been planning for next season and those plans are now well underway. The pre-season schedule is fairly well in place. The lads know what their roles and responsibilities are and hopefully we'll be able to start well next season.

The players also know what they need to do during the summer to maintain levels of fitness and to be fair they've handled the new regime quite well.

I think after maybe the first week and a half they started to become accustomed to it. I'm sure there'll be one or two things that they haven't seen yet, but they'll get used to those too.

Meanwhile, all our deepest sympathies from Luton Town Football Club go out to the family of David Rogers, who tragically died after running the London Marathon. He was a massive Luton fan and will be sadly missed by us all.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer and we look forward to welcoming you back for the new season.

Kevin Blackwell

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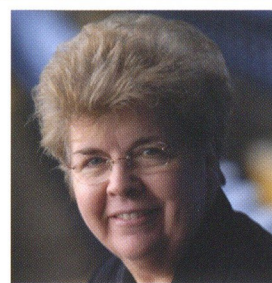
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From the Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery

Firstly, congratulations to everyone at Sunderland on their promotion to The FA Premier League.

A reminder that the final competitive match of the season is for the Under-18's who play in the final of the Beds FA Floodlit Cup next Wednesday May 9 against AFC Dunstable, kick off 7.45 pm at Roker Park, Stotford, Beds. Please do go and support the team.

There is a bucket collection today for the Pasque Hospice and I am sure that supporters will as always support this valuable local charity.

As always with the last match of the season, there are several pitch presentations before today's match, firstly the Player of the Year presentation from The Official Supporters Club by Kevin Barrett, their Chairman, to Leon Barnett. This will be followed by members and children of the Loyal Luton

Supporters Club to their Player of the Year David Bell.

We are pleased to have as our guest today Mrs Deason, a life-long Luton supporter and members of her family as they present Jon Bowden, Head Physiotherapist with a cheque for £1,795. This money will be used to purchase medical equipment in memory of her son Paul Deason, who worked so tirelessly for the Bobbers Club during his lifetime.

Today also sees the retirement of our Club Doctor Bill Berry after 29 years with the club (Please see page 55). Also retiring today is Dave Keeling who has worked for the Club for 33, firstly on our turnstiles and for the last 11 years as turnstile supervisor. We wish them both every happiness in their retirement.

The players from both teams will remain on the pitch after the final whistle to acknowledge

the supporters, but will only do so providing supporters keep off the playing area – please allow everyone to enjoy today.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone of you for your support through what has been a difficult season, both on and off the field.

Enjoy today, enjoy the summer, we look forward to seeing you back to Kenilworth Road when we will all welcome the challenge of the new season.

Cherry

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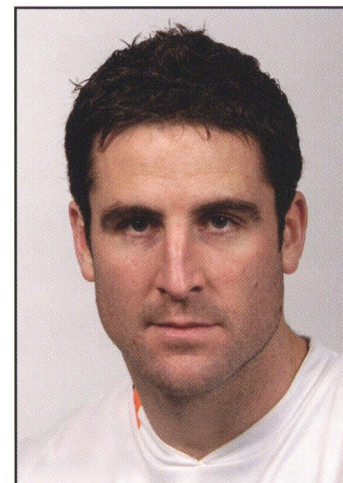
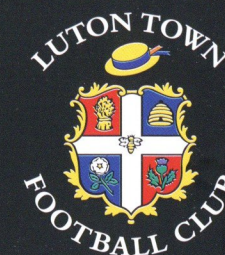
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From the Skipper

Chris Coyne



Chris Coyne
Luton Town Captain

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what I am sure will be an eventful final game of the season.

Many congratulations to Sunderland on their promotion success this year and a warm welcome back to Carlos Edwards, who makes his first return since leaving the Club earlier in the season.

It obviously makes a difference when you have money to spend, but Sunderland have set the standards in the Championship this season and have found that winning mentality.

Our own season has obviously been disappointing, from a personal point of view and collectively.

Performances over the last two games have been encouraging, but unfortunately it has been too little to late.

Our victory over Southend was encouraging. It would have been easy for us just to throw in the towel, but we put in a positive performance and we dug in with a professional display.

It would be nice to go out on a high this afternoon and I'm sure Birmingham will not want us to sit back.

We know that all eyes will be on Kenilworth Road this afternoon and we will want to show people that we have what it takes to compete with the best in this division.

However, the main focus is on next season and our aim to return to the Championship. The close season will allow us to switch off for a few weeks before we get stuck into a busy pre-season.

We will be returning earlier than usual, but this is the start of a

new era at the Club and although things will be slightly different than before, we will be hoping that it will be worth it in the long run.

As professionals, you need to keep yourself physically fit throughout the year and the gaffer has already been working on fitness.

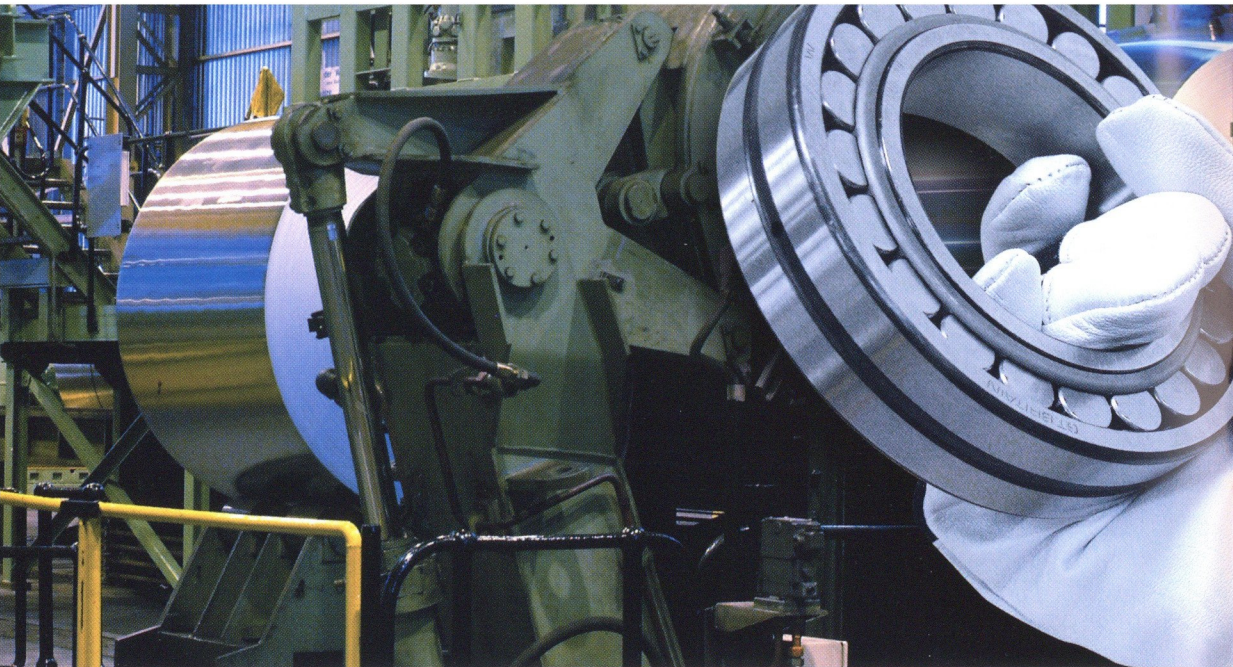
I would like to thank the fans who have continued to show their backing this season and come along to cheer us home and away whatever the results have been. It really means a lot to the players and we all appreciate it.

The support at Kenilworth Road especially has been fantastic and we look forward to your continued support next season, which will be vital.

I hope everyone enjoys the summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back in August.

Enjoy the game

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Congratulations to Sunderland

What seemed like mission impossible just eight months ago has just become mission accomplished for Sunderland boss Roy Keane. Or has it? GEOFF KNOX asks, do you really think he'll settle for second best in the Championship?

The only champagne corks popping around Sunderland over the last seven days have been in the pubs and clubs, as the coaching staff and players still have the business of winning this division to attend to.

Roy Keane has instilled a mindset into his workers that if it can be done, then they'll try their damndest to get it done.

Victory for Sunderland here today – combined with a Birmingham slip-up at Deepdale – will hand Roy Keane his first silverware as a manager in his first season in charge. And with so many years of work ahead of him, who would bet on it being his last?

So enigmatic is Keane, it's almost slipped our mind that one of the most popular players in recent times at Kenilworth Road, Carlos Edwards, should make a welcome return to a Club he served so well, albeit for just a season-and-a-half.

Considering Edwards didn't even

journey north until January, and then he was out for five weeks with a shoulder injury some time after arriving, it's testament to his ability and professionalism that he's already their joint fourth highest scorer.

Crucially, almost all of Sunderland's outfield players have chipped in with goals during their surge up the table, with Edwards and David Connolly providing a genuinely destructive cutting edge to keep the points flowing.

Keane inherited a talented but deflated and wounded squad, but his shrewdness in the transfer market has rejuvenated what he called a perennial "yo-yo club" into a winning machine.

He now has a group of seasoned pros who want to play forever blended with young, hungry players who he can mould into the type of dedicated athletes necessary to make it in the Premiership next season.

The Sunderland board turned down an offer from their council to celebrate their promotion with an open-top bus ride through the city centre, citing the fact that they've only achieved a fraction of their ambitions so far.

At first glance, it seems mean to deny the fans some sort of homecoming, especially as promotion was won on a Sunday afternoon when the players and staff were at home and the manager was walking his dog.

It certainly won't be a popular decision with the local publicans.

However, make no mistake, this is a statement of intent, a sharpening of focus that will reverberate around the north-east of England.

Forget the significance of Roy Keane's return to Old Trafford next season. To the fans that's just one for the cameras.

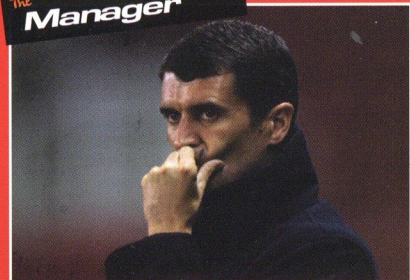
St James' Park will be the one that counts.



The Opponents

The Sunderland players who will be on show at Kenilworth Road today

The Manager



Roy Keane was named Sunderland manager in August 2006, taking over from Niall Quinn, the club's chairman. It was Keane's first manager's job after retiring from football at the end of the 2005-06 season as a Celtic player. Keane, born in Cork, Ireland, is a former Republic of Ireland captain who played for Nottingham Forest, Manchester United and Celtic in an outstanding career. Keane retired from playing professional football on Monday June 12, 2006, after receiving medical advice on a long-standing hip problem. The former midfielder played for Rockmount and Cobh Ramblers in Ireland before he moved to Forest. Brian Clough paid £47,000 for Keane who quickly impressed at the City Ground, making his debut against Liverpool in 1990. Manchester United signed Keane for a then record transfer fee of £3.75m in 1993 and he quickly became a first-team regular at Old Trafford, taking over from Eric Cantona as United captain in 1997 and skipping them to an unprecedented treble in 1999 – the Premier League, the FA Cup and the Champions League. Keane's trophy haul with Manchester United included seven Premiership titles (1994, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003), four FA Cups (1994, 1996, 1999, 2004), a European Cup (1999) and an Intercontinental Cup (1999). Keane signed for Celtic in December 2005 before retiring as a player at the end of that season.

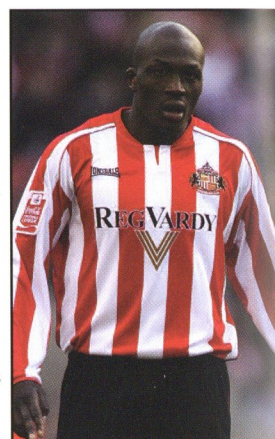
The Goalkeepers

Having missed the beginning of the campaign, **DARREN WARD** (pictured) has enjoyed a consistent season, his first at the Stadium of Light, having joined from Norwich City. Ward has played more than 500 career League and cup games over the past 14 years, which has included distinguished spells at Notts County and Nottingham Forest. The Worksop-born keeper began his career with Mansfield Town in 1992 and he made almost 100 appearances for the Stags before moving to Notts County. Sunderland signed **MARTON FULOP** in a loan deal from Tottenham in November 2006. Fulop joined the Black Cats on a permanent basis in January 2007 with Ben Alnwick going in the opposite direction. The 23-year-old Hungarian spent most of last season on loan with Coventry. He began his career with MTK Hungaria in 2001 before being loaned out to BKV Előre and then Bodajk FC in his homeland. Fulop joined Tottenham for a nominal fee in July 2004. Meanwhile, **TREVOR CARSON** was promoted to Sunderland's first team squad at the end of the 2005-06 season.



The Defenders

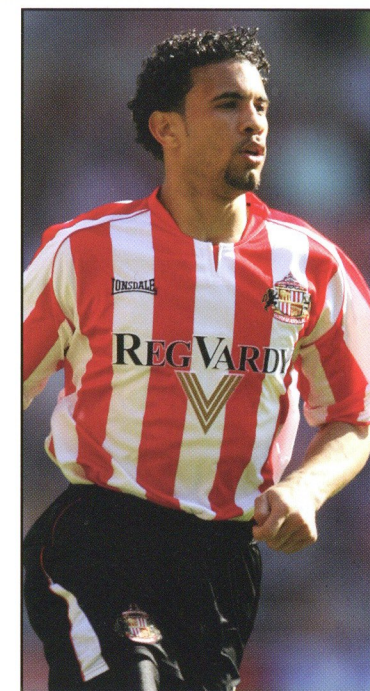
NYRON NOSWORTHY (pictured) completed his transfer from Gillingham to Sunderland in June 2005. The 24-year-old full-back signed a two-year deal at the Stadium of Light. He played no fewer than 199 league and cup games for Gillingham, where he began his career as a schoolboy. He got an early chance to impress at Sunderland when Stephen Wright suffered a long-term injury. Sunderland boss Roy Keane recently bolstered his defensive cover by acquiring two Manchester United players, **DANNY SIMPSON** and **JONNY EVANS** on loan. Simpson joined Sunderland in January 2007. The right-back has enjoyed two loan spells with Royal Antwerp, the first in January 2006 and then earlier this season. Meanwhile, Evans is a 19-year-old centre-back who has been at United's Academy for three years and is yet to make his professional debut, despite a strong season in United's reserves in the 2005-06. **KENNY CUNNINGHAM** signed for Sunderland on a free transfer after leaving Birmingham at the end of the 2005-06 season. The defender has won 62 caps for the Republic of Ireland during a career with Millwall, Wimbledon and the Blues. The defender, who signed a one-year deal at the Stadium of Light, was sidelined between October and January with a knee ligament injury. **STANISLAV VARGA** joined Sunderland for a second time in August 2006, three-and-a-half years after leaving the Stadium of Light. The towering Slovakian defender completed a two-year deal with the Black Cats from Celtic and played 33 times for Sunderland during his first spell at the Stadium of Light. **DANNY COLLINS** is a tough-tackling centre-back who joined Sunderland from Chester City in October 2004. Collins, moved to Chester from school but was released by his local club. He helped City to the Conference title in 2004, catching the eye of a number of bigger clubs – including Sunderland, Everton and Sheffield United – after a successful loan spell at Vauxhall Motors. Collins was quickly given a first team chance at the Stadium of Light and played a number of games in the Premiership last season.



The Midfielders

CARLOS EDWARDS (pictured) needs no introduction to Luton fans with the midfielder set to make his first appearance back at Kenilworth Road since departing for Sunderland in January. During his two year stay in Bedfordshire, Edwards made 74 appearances and was remembered for becoming the first Luton player since Mal Donaghy in 1982 to represent his country in the World Cup finals, when he played an important role in helping Trinidad and Tobago gain qualification to the 2006 tournament in Germany. Edwards arrived at Luton from Wrexham, where he had helped the Red Dragons win the LDV Vans trophy in 2005. Sunderland signed former Oxford player **DEAN WHITEHEAD** in June 2004. The midfielder made more than 100 appearances for the Us after coming through the ranks. Whitehead signed an initial three-year contract at the Stadium of Light but is now tied to the club until 2011. Whitehead, a huge success in Mick McCarthy's side as they won the Championship in the 2004-05 campaign, was voted Sunderland's player of the season in 2005-06 and has since been a regular under Roy Keane this season and

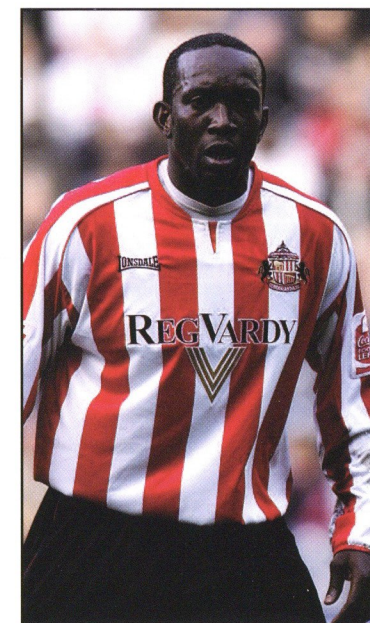
has skipped the side in Steve Caldwell's absence. **TOBIAS HYSEN** is the son of Liverpool's former Swedish centre-back Glen Hyesen, who played under Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness for the Merseysiders in the late 1980s and early 90s. The left winger joined the Black Cats from Djurgarden in a £1.7m deal. He began his career with Lundby IF in Sweden but moved on to Hacken, where he played 66 league games and scored 13 goals from 1999 to 2004, before signing for Djurgarden. **GRANT LEADBITTER** joined Sunderland from school and is now a first-team regular at the Stadium of Light. The midfielder broke into the first team after impressing during a loan spell at Rotherham in the 2005-06 season. Leadbitter has represented England at Under-16, 17, 18 and 19 levels and impressed so much that he signed a new two-year deal at the start of this season and has been a regular in Roy Keane's team. **GRAHAM KAVANAGH** is a Republic of Ireland international, who has played for Middlesbrough, Stoke, Cardiff and Wigan, while **LIAM MILLER**, who signed from Manchester United in August 2006, is a Republic of Ireland international who started his career with Celtic, where he made a number of Champions League appearances.



The Strikers

ANTHONY STOKES arrived at Sunderland on the back of some awesome performances at Falkirk, where he scored 18 goals in 16 games. Stokes is a promising Irish forward who signed for Arsenal in 2004, making just one appearance for the Gunners, in the Carling Cup in 2005. Roy Keane beat off competition from a number of top clubs to sign the teenager and he scored his first goal for Sunderland in a 2-0 away win at Plymouth. **STEPHEN ELLIOTT** joined Sunderland from Manchester City in the summer of 2004 – and made an immediate impact on Wearside. He scored 16 goals in an explosive first season at the Stadium of Light, earning him the club's Young Player of the Year award. The frontman was a prolific goalscorer at youth team level and made his Premiership debut for Manchester City in the 2003-04 season. He signed a three-year deal at the Stadium of Light and made 31 starts in his first season. He made his international debut for Ireland in November 2004 and is now a permanent fixture for his country. **DARYL MURPHY** is a former Luton player

having spent a spell at Kenilworth Road as a youngster. The Irishman signed a two-year contract at the Stadium of Light after completing a £100,000 transfer from Irish outfit Waterford. **STERN JOHN** moved to Sunderland from Coventry in January 2007 for an undisclosed fee. In doing so he became the third Trinidad and Tobago international at the Stadium of Light, following **DWIGHT YORKE** (pictured) and Carlos Edwards. John signed a two-and-a-half-year deal with the Black Cats. Meanwhile, Yorke is an experienced striker, who played for Trinidad & Tobago in the World Cup finals in Germany, and was signed by Sunderland from Sydney FC in Australia for £200,000. The former Aston Villa and Blackburn man signed a two-year deal at the Stadium of Light. Yorke began his career with Aston Villa, netting 97 goals before Sir Alex Ferguson paid a then British record £12.6m to take him to Old Trafford. Yorke and Keane were part of United's treble-winning side in 1999. Finally, **DAVID CONNOLLY** is the former Watford, Feyenoord, Wolves, Wimbledon, West Ham, Leicester and Wigan striker, who signed a three-year contract at the Stadium of Light in August 2006.

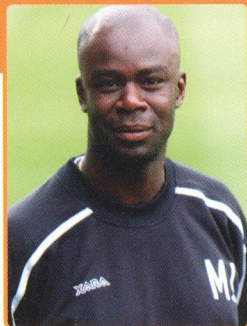


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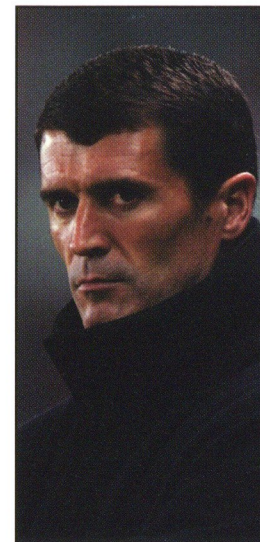
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View from the Opposition

Sunderland supporter Mark Rowlands gives a rundown on today's visitors



■ **Now promotion has been secured, how do you think Sunderland will find the Premiership next season?**

A lot of fans haven't even began to think of next season yet, we are all still celebrating promotion. However, if you look at our squad, I feel confident that we can really give the Premiership a go. We have a talented squad, an ambitious manager and with the possibility of some new faces in the summer, I can't see any reason why we won't finish in the top half.

■ **How have Roy Keane's January transfer window signings – Jonny Evans, Danny Simpson, Anthony Stokes and Stern John – settled in at the Stadium of Light?**

Jonny Evans and Danny Simpson have both joined us on loan from Manchester United and have made us strong in defence. For me, I think we are still to see the best of Anthony Stokes, but I believe he will have a big future at Sunderland because he looks a very talented player. As for Stern, he certainly adds competition for places and will be a useful addition for the Premiership next season.



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

Well Luton fans will know all about Carlos Edwards and it will be little surprise to them that his has been a massive hit with Sunderland fans. Keep an eye out for Nyron Nosworthy, who is a talented defender, while David Connolly has 12 goals this season and has been in good form in recent matches.

■ **What has been the key to success for Sunderland this season?**

Roy Keane! It is as simple as that. The players deserve a lot of praise, but Roy has worked wonders with the team, brought in some excellent players and got us playing entertaining football. Niall Quinn has done a fantastic job behind the scenes as well.

■ **Who do you think will join Sunderland and Birmingham in the Premiership next season?**

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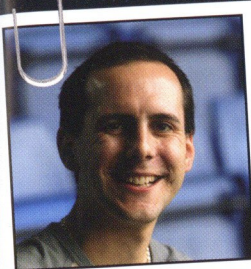
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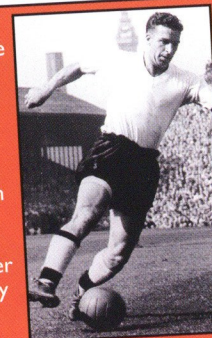
Stat Attack

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

Luton entertain Sunderland for the 25th time in the League, with both sides winning 11 of the previous meetings, leaving just two finishing in draws. The Hatters have the advantage with goals scored though, 49 to the visitors' 37. Luton have failed to win any of the four Cup matches at Kenilworth Road between the sides.

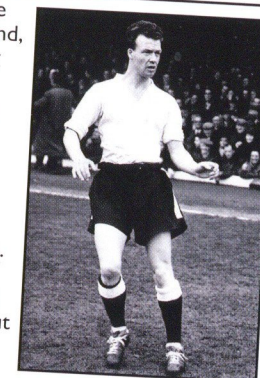
Six players have made the move North, starting with Reg Pearce in 1958. Pearce's penultimate appearance for the Hatters came against Sunderland, in a 7-1 victory. Vic Halom and Tom Finney joined Sunderland in the 1970s with both Alec Chamberlain and Phil Gray moving in the summer of 1993, a year after Luton had been relegated from the top flight. Chamberlain moved after five seasons and 158 appearances for Luton, while Gray, who was to return to Luton four years later, had scored 22 goals from 59 League appearances. The most recent signing is, of course, Carlos Edwards, who moved in the January transfer window. Edwards, who was signed on a free transfer from Wrexham in summer 2005, moved for more than a million pounds less than 18 months later. The Trinidad & Tobago international made 74 appearances and scored eight goals for the Hatters.

Luton had an unbelievable record against Sunderland in the opening three home League matches between the sides, winning 8-2, 6-2 and 7-1 in the 1950s. The largest attendance for this fixture, 25,802 in November 1955, treated to ten goals, with Bob Morton (pictured) scoring a hat-trick, Mick Cullen and Gordon Turner netting a brace each, and Jimmy Adam also scoring in the 8-2 win. Turner went on to score four goals in each of the other games mentioned, with Cullen and John Groves scoring in the 6-2 win on the opening day of the 1956-57 season. Groves also scored the next season, with Allan Brown hitting two, in the 7-1 win. These are the only three hat-tricks scored by Luton players against Sunderland.



Sunderland have scored three goals for Luton. Ray Daniel was the first to put into his own goal in March 1956, and then Bobby Moncur did the same in a 2-0 win for Luton in 1975-76, with Iain Munro scoring the Hatters' third in a 4-1 win in September 1983. All three of these players had International honours during their careers, Daniel represented Wales, while Moncur and Munro both played for Scotland.

Luton have bought five players from Sunderland, with one other joining on loan. The first purchase was George McNestry who played during 1930-32 and made 76 appearances, scoring 29 times in all competitions, before a move to Bristol Rovers. Luton had tried to buy Billy Bingham (pictured) when he was just 18, but he moved to top flight Sunderland instead.



When they were relegated, however, Bingham maintained First Division football by moving to the Hatters for £15,000. It was certainly money well spent, as Bingham – an Irish International – went on to make more than 100 appearances and scored 33 goals in just over two seasons before a move to Everton. The other three players to make the move were Terry Adamson, Brian Johnson and Hugh McLeish. They all failed to make a real impact at Luton, as they made only 16 appearances between them in the 1960s. Gerry Harrison joined on loan during the 1998-99 season, and made 15 appearances, including over an hour in goal against Wigan after Kelvin Davis was sent off!

Luton have completed only two doubles over Sunderland. The first came in 1955-56, which was also the first time the sides met in the League. Following on from the 8-2 victory, the Hatters won the reverse fixture 2-1 on March 7, courtesy of a goal from Ron Davies, and an own goal from Ray Daniel. The only other time the Hatters won both League fixtures was in 1972-73, and Sunderland also failed to score in either game as the Hatters won 2-0 at Roker Park and 1-0 at Kenilworth Road. Vic Halom and Jim Ryan scored in the away fixture, with Don Shanks netting the only goal of the game at Kenilworth Road. It was one of only two goals that Shanks scored in 90 League appearances for the Hatters. Sunderland meanwhile are looking for their fifth double over Luton, having won 2-1 at the Stadium of Light back in December.

And finally..... Brian Horton is the only Luton player to have scored a penalty against Sunderland, and that was the Hatters' only goal in a 3-1 defeat at Kenilworth Road in 1983.

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Five to

Remember

Roger Wash looks at five classic encounters
between Luton Town and Sunderland

November 19, 1955
Luton Town 8 Sunderland 2
Attendance: 25,802

By the time Division One new boys Sunderland came to Kenilworth Road, they were League leaders and had beaten a string of big name sides, including a 5-1 thrashing of mighty Wolves in the previous home game.

Sunderland had gone six games unbeaten and looked comfortable for 30 minutes – then four Hatters goals before half time turned the game on its head.

Bob Morton completed his first ever Luton hat-trick as the Town ran in four more goals after the break for an amazing win in what was turning into an amazing season.



☐ Brian Stein sees his penalty saved by Sunderland keeper Chris Turner in 1983, but he scored later

February 28, 1976
Luton Town 2 Sunderland 0
Attendance: 15,338

Despite Luton's off-field financial problems and board resignations, leading to the forced sale of star player Peter Anderson, the players took off on a seven game winning run over Christmas and into the New Year.

Form had dipped a little by the game against second-placed Sunderland, which was seen as a chance to kick start the season again. Sunderland came for a point but Ron Futchler missed three gilt-edged first half chances.

The breakthrough came on 65 minutes when Jim Husband forced Bobby Moncur into conceding an own goal with Futchler making the game safe near the end with a tap-in. The promotion push was now back on.

October 13, 1979
Luton Town 2 Sunderland 0
Attendance: 13,504

Mercurial winger David Moss had missed a large chunk of the previous season through injury but still finished as the Town's top League scorer. Now fully recovered, Moss was a handful alongside Brian Stein and Bob Hatton and the Hatters were up to second in the old Division Two. Mid-table Sunderland enjoyed the better of the opening

exchanges though, hitting the woodwork twice, but Moss opened the scoring with a delicate chip against the run of play just before the break.

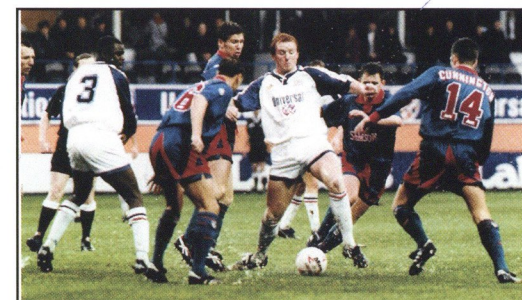
In the second half the Town were far more forceful and that man Moss netted the second on the hour to secure the points but the scoreline could have been even more emphatic had Stein's 20-yard shot not hit the crossbar.

September 3, 1983
Luton Town 4 Sunderland 1
Attendance: 10,846

After the trials of 1982-83 when relegation was avoided only on the final day, the Hatters looked a far more confident side at the start of the following campaign.

Fresh from a 3-0 win at Leicester, the Town set about Sunderland from the start but a penalty miss by Brian Stein seemed to take the wind out of the players' sails. A half-time pep talk by manager David Pleat worked as Ricky Hill slammed home a loose ball straight after the break with Paul Walsh scoring number two soon after.

Sunderland's Colin West reduced the deficit but a spectacular own goal from Iain Munro ensured it was plain sailing for the Hatters with Stein heading in yet another David Moss cross for No 4.



☐ John Hartson gets stuck in at Kenilworth Road in 1994

December 27, 1994
Luton Town 3 Sunderland 0
Attendance: 8,953

Sunderland manager Mick Buxton felt that the game should not have been given the go-ahead due to the sodden nature of the pitch but the conditions suited the Town's style of football with their fleet-footed players gliding over the surface.

Injuries to Paul Allen and Kerry Dixon meant recalls for Scott Oakes and John Hartson with both players out to prove a point. Two fierce low shots from Oakes, as the Town attacked the particularly boggy Oak Road goal, secured an interval lead and before Sunderland could exploit the same end Hartson powered in a header to completely deflate the Rokerites and secure an emphatic victory.

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Off me head, son

**Geoff Knox talks to
attack 24 hours
in Cardiff almost**

How times change in football. This time last year Matthew Spring was preparing for the biggest game of his life, the Championship Play-Off Final at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff.

Just another game, of course, with the small matter of a place in Premiership heaven at stake.

In addition, Matthew's team were playing Leeds United, the club who had let him go at the end of the previous season because he wasn't in their future plans.

Still, just another game for a real professional like Matthew.

The day before a match of this magnitude, you'd expect even the steeliest of players to have a few butterflies in their stomach.

However, it wasn't his stomach that was threatening his place in such an important game less than 24 hours before the big kick-off, but his head.

All of a sudden, telling himself in a calming way that playing against Leeds United on Sunday May 21, 2006 was just another game wasn't cutting it.

Panic was setting in that an illness that can rear up at the most inopportune of times was going to ruin the biggest day of his career so far.

"I had a MIGRAINE and I was ill! I was in bed at 6.30pm the night before the game, until 7am the next morning.

"I went down for breakfast and the coaches were all there so I went

**Luton Town's Matthew Spring about how a migraine
before he was due to appear in a Play-Off Final game
wrecked the biggest day of his career so far...**

back up to my room and lay there awake, ill.

"There was a bit of a doubt in my mind if I could play but obviously I didn't tell anyone how badly I was feeling at the time."

Fortunately for Matthew, respite was on its way.

"Then I managed to fall asleep until 10.30am and woke up and went for a walk. Luckily, later in the morning I felt better, so I took a few tablets and I played in the game.

"If I hadn't felt better I would never have put myself in that situation, but I wanted to play."

Matthew came through one of the greatest 90 minutes of his career unscathed, so surely it was now time to roll on the celebrations?

But another obstacle blocked his path.

"I got picked to do a drugs test after the game so I was out of the dressing room for half an hour. All the lads were drinking and celebrating and I missed all that.

"But we were soon on the bus going back to the hotel and having a great time, and when we got to the hotel there was food laid on and we then went out in Cardiff. It was a good night!"

All this drama in one day, and they were his good times...

Matthew moved to Leeds United with a heavy heart after spending the first seven years of his career at Kenilworth Road.

He felt he needed to develop as a player and as a man, and that would only be achieved by moving on to a new challenge.

However, an immense personal tragedy and a series of injuries restricted Matthew to the role of a bit part player at Elland Road, and when Aidy Boothroyd came calling, he decided to move on to Watford.

"I just wanted to play football, and I played 42 games that season and scored nine goals, which I was really pleased with."

Promotion to the top division of English football bore out what

Matthew had dreamed of all these years – playing against the likes of Ronaldo, Giggs and Sheringham – but the competitiveness of playing at that level meant that Spring was not a regular name on the team sheet.

A big squad was needed and Matthew slipped down the pecking order, forcing him to question his future at Vicarage Road.

"Aidy Boothroyd told me I wasn't in his plans. I appreciated that, and that's why I left."

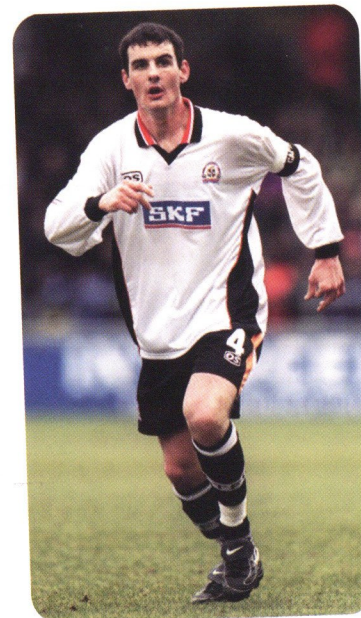
Brian Stein had made regular visits to Watford reserve games and spoke to Matthew about a possible return to Kenilworth Road. With other offers from bigger Championship clubs on the table, Spring had a decision to make.

"There were a few other options but with things going on at home I wanted to stay around this area."

After signing for £200,000 on a two-and-a-half year deal, Matthew soon found himself in a team that was going through a transitional stage – both on and off the pitch – although, to a man who has had a few hard knocks in his 27 years, he has been able to take it in his stride.

"It's a bit of a shock but you just have to get on with it. I made the choice to come here to try to play some football and I have done, so that's good for me.

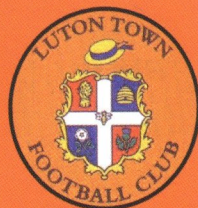
"Football's a weird game. One minute you can be down and the next you can be up."



□ A baby-faced Matthew Spring pictured in 2000



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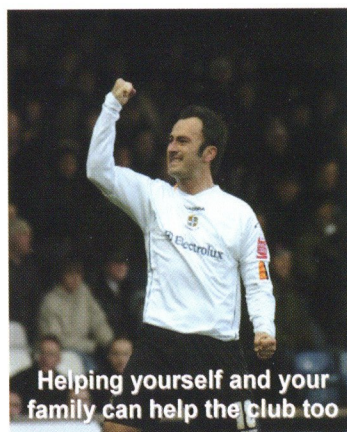
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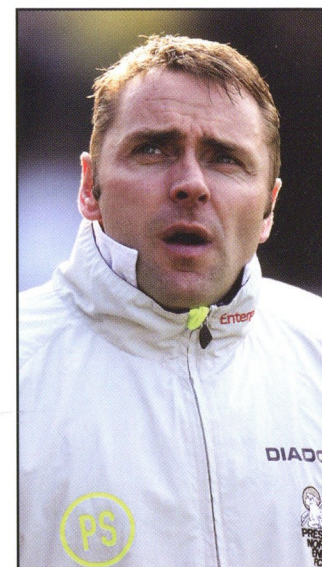
All eyes will be on Kenilworth Road this afternoon, as **SUNDERLAND** (2nd) go in search of the Championship title.

The promotion party has already been in full swing in Wearside, but the men from the North East will be hoping that a second celebration is just a few hours away.

Victory for Sunderland at Kenilworth Road, combined with **BIRMINGHAM** (1st) not picking up maximum points at **PRESTON** (8th), means the League title will be heading for the Stadium of Light.

It has been a fascinating battle at the top of the Championship table, with Birmingham, Sunderland and **DERBY** (3rd), fighting for the honour of League Champions until the very end.

However, there is still a hectic battle for the remaining Play-Off places with five teams still vying for three remaining spots.



Paul Simpson has seen his Preston side slip out of the play-offs

On paper, **SOUTHAMPTON** (6th) look to have the easiest task as they face already relegated **SOUTHEND** (23rd).

WEST BROM (4th) have been alarmingly out of form at the Hawthorns, with only one win in their last six, but have managed to maintain their Play-Off place through their results away from home.

The Baggies have a potentially tricky fixture at home to **BARNLEY** (20th), whose away form has seen them beat relegation, winning three of their last six.

WOLVES (5th) are currently in the final Play-Off place. They face a tricky trip to **LEICESTER** (17th), whose form under Nigel Worthington has seen them avoid relegation and could well lead to the former Norwich boss take control at the Walkers Stadium full time.

STOKE (7th) sit just outside the Play-Off and have quietly crept into contention having gone seven games undefeated. If they can extend that run against **QPR** (19th), they will make it into the top six, should any of their closest rivals slip.

Preston have somehow seen their season fall apart. Having occupied a top six position all season, Paul Simpson's team now know that even victory against Birmingham may not be enough to reach the Play-Off and as a result, the much sought-after David Nugent could be sold.

With **LEEDS** (22nd) looking as though they are already resigned to life in League One next season, the relegation issue has been settled and only a freak win against Derby would send **HULL** (21st) down, who have a home game against **PLYMOUTH** (12th).

TODAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

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

HOME FORM TABLE

Last six League games										
	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts			
SUNDERLAND	5	1	0	13	7	6	16			
Birmingham	5	0	1	9	2	7	15			
Burnley	4	2	0	13	3	10	14			
Sheff Wed	4	2	0	12	6	6	14			
Crystal Palace	4	1	1	12	5	7	13			
Stoke	4	1	1	12	7	5	13			
Plymouth	4	1	1	11	6	5	13			
Leeds	4	1	1	9	6	3	13			
Ipswich	4	0	2	12	6	6	12			
Preston	4	0	2	10	6	4	12			
Wolves	4	0	2	9	10	-1	12			
Derby County	3	2	1	11	6	5	11			
Colchester	3	2	1	9	4	5	11			
QPR	3	2	1	8	6	2	11			
Hull City	3	1	2	12	8	4	10			
Southampton	3	1	2	11	8	3	10			
Coventry	3	0	3	8	8	0	9			
Cardiff	2	1	3	7	6	1	7			
Norwich	2	1	3	5	6	-1	7			
Barnsley	2	0	4	5	8	-3	6			
Southend	1	2	3	6	12	-6	5			
West Brom	1	1	4	6	10	-4	4			
Leicester	0	3	3	6	10	-4	3			
LUTON	0	0	6	6	14	-8	0			

AWAY FORM TABLE

Last six League games										
	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts			
SUNDERLAND	4	1	1	9	6	3	13			
Sheff Wed	4	1	1	9	7	2	13			
West Brom	3	1	2	8	7	1	10			
Southampton	3	0	3	12	7	5	9			
Stoke	2	3	1	9	6	3	9			
Norwich	3	0	3	7	10	-3	9			
Barnsley	3	0	3	12	17	-5	9			
Ipswich	2	2	2	9	7	2	8			
Wolves	2	2	2	10	10	0	8			
QPR	2	1	3	7	8	-1	7			
Birmingham	2	1	3	6	8	-2	7			
Crystal Palace	2	1	3	6	8	-2	7			
Derby County	2	1	3	6	8	-2	7			
Colchester	2	1	3	8	12	-4	7			
Hull City	2	1	3	5	9	-4	7			
Leicester	2	1	3	6	11	-5	7			
Southend	2	0	4	8	15	-7	6			
Plymouth	1	2	3	5	12	-7	5			
LUTON	1	1	4	6	8	-2	4			
Burnley	1	1	4	3	7	-4	4			
Preston	1	0	5	5	10	-5	3			
Coventry	0	3	3	3	10	-7	3			
Leeds	0	2	4	3	7	-4	2			
Cardiff	0	1	5	3	10	-7	1			

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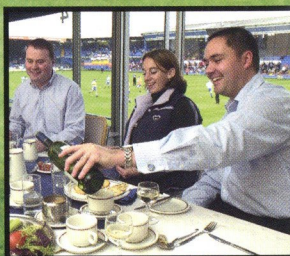
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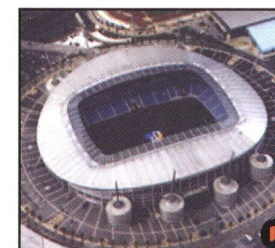
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Pit your wits in our fun test of all things football

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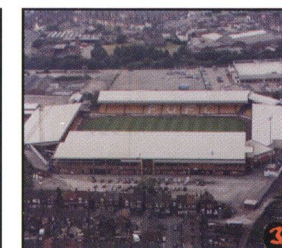
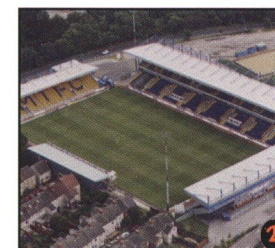
1. How much did Chelsea pay for Drogba when they signed him in 2004?
2. How many times has Paul Scholes won the Premiership with Man Utd?
3. Which team did Brazil beat in the 1994 World Cup final?
4. Who club play their home games at London Road?
5. Who did Dwight Yorke play for before Blackburn and Manchester United?
6. Cricket legend Ian Botham played League Football for which team?
7. In which country will this year's Champions League Final take place?
8. Who took both Derby & Nottingham Forest to the Championship in the 1970s?
9. Which African team defeated France in the 2002 World Cup opening match?
10. Who play their home games at Gay Meadow?

Name that Ground



Name the teams
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**SOUTHEND 1
LUTON 3**

**Goals: Andrew (20),
Spring (39), Idrizaj
(87)**

Attendance: 10,276

**Picture:
Southend's
Peter Clarke
keeps a watchful
eye on Luton
striker Calvin
Andrew, who
scored his first
goal of the
season at
Roots Hall**





Luton: Brill, Foley, Coyne (Langley 82), Barnett, Heikkinen, Emanuel (Davis 61), Spring, O'Leary, Idrizaj, Bell, Andrew (Talbot 78)

Subs not used: Keane, Brkovic.

Bookings: Andrew (27), Barnett (55), Heikkinen (57), O'Leary (75)

Goals: Andrew (20), Spring (39), Idrizaj (87)



Southend: Flahavan, Francis, Barrett, Maher (Hunt 32), Foran (Ademeno 82), Bradbury, Clarke (Prior 90), Campbell-Ryce, Hammell, Moussa, McCormack

Subs not used: Collis, Sodje.

Bookings: Barrett (51), McCormack (77), Bradbury (79), Clarke (88)

Goals: Bradbury (66)

From the Manager



"Performances are the precursor to results and this win has been coming for a long time. I would have liked it to have come sooner rather than later, but you have to remember how young this team is. But that can only be good for Luton Town Football Club."



□ **GOAL** - Calvin Andrew celebrates with Stephen O'Leary after the striker gave Luton the lead



□ **GOAL** - Besian Idrizaj completes the scoring as he nutmegs Southend keeper Darryl Flahavan

SOUTHEND 1 LUTON 3

Luton's first away win since September dragged Southend down to League One along with the Hatters next season.

It was manager Kevin Blackwell's first win as Luton boss since he joined the club on March 27.

The win came courtesy of goals from Calvin Andrew, Matthew Spring and Besian Idrizaj – all their firsts of the campaign.

Despite Lee Bradbury scoring a consolation for the home-side, Southend seemed more resigned to their fate than Luton, who could have easily recorded a far superior victory.

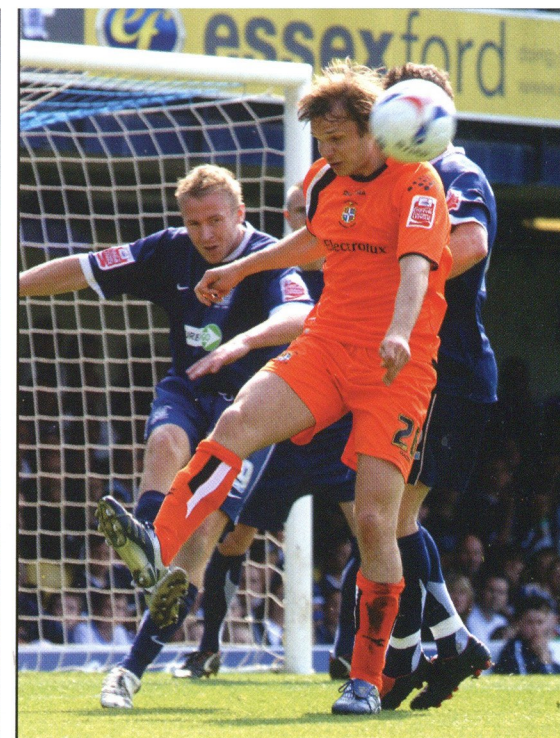
The opening goal of a scorching afternoon at Roots Hall came in the 20th minute when David Bell's pinpoint cross found Andrew who, despite taking a heavy first touch, dinked the ball past the onrushing Darryl Flahavan from close range.

Luton doubled their lead in the 39th minute when Spring capitalised on some sloppy Southend defending to chest the ball and then unleash a superb volley into the top corner of the net.

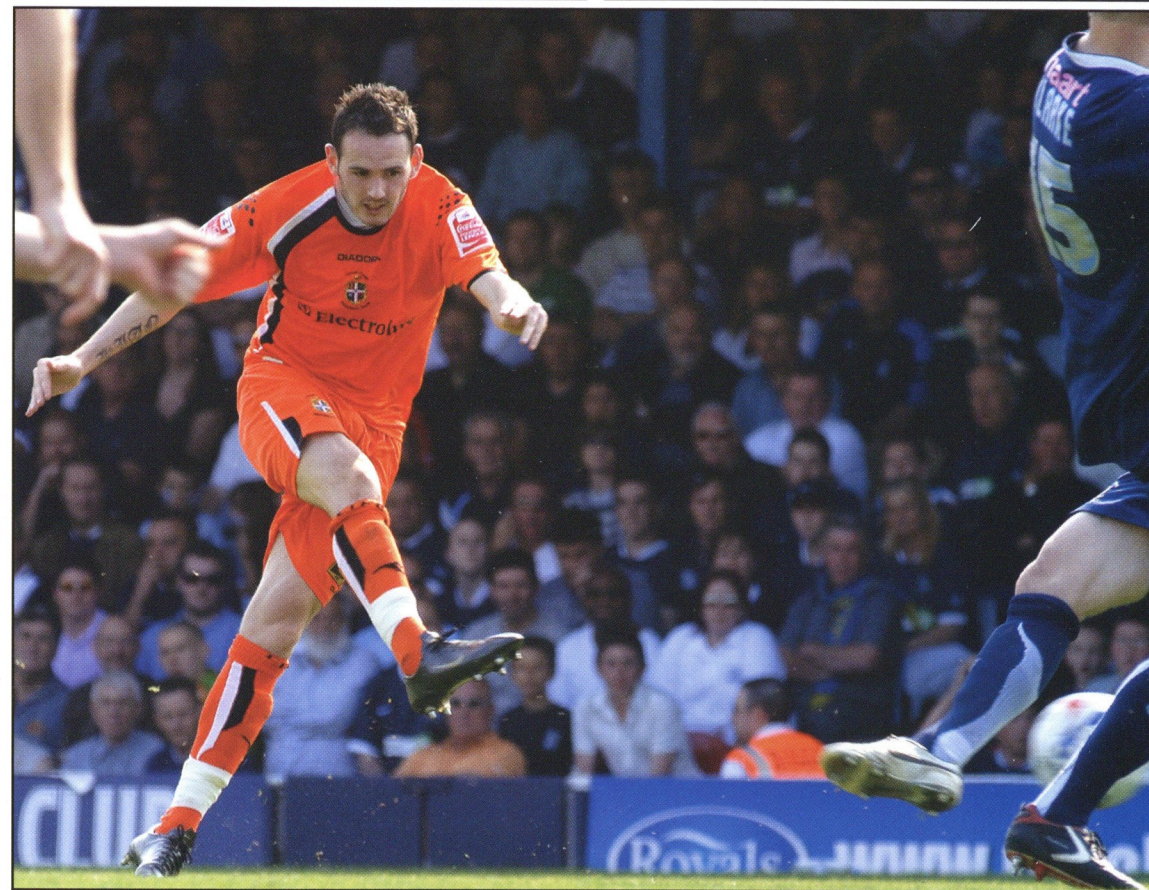
Southend got themselves back into the game thanks to Bradbury's close range effort, but Idrizaj made the game safe when his clinical finish found the bottom corner of the net.



□ **Lewis Emanuel gets in front of Jamal Campbell-Ryce**



□ **Markus Heikkinen clears the danger for the Hatters**



□ **David Bell, who was instrumental down the left flank, fires in a long range shot for the Hatters**

Why Luton's new Chairman David Pinkney is happy to take risks on and off the track

Driving force



Put your shirt on it... David Pinkney with his British Touring Car Championship Alfa Romeo 156
Picture: PETER STILL



On our way... the new Luton team of Blackwell and Pinkney at our Wembley kit launch
Picture: JANE RUSSELL

IT takes a certain kind of mind to be so determined to get your car round the next bend of a race-track in front that you'll risk your life to do it. Again. And again.

You have to be part comic book hero, part gambler, part lunatic... But when you listen to new Luton Chairman David Pinkney talking about why he does it, somehow his enthusiasm makes it sound the most natural thing in the world.

Sadly I am unable to attend Sunday's match as I will be racing at Thruxton, which is the fastest, most dangerous circuit in the UK and coming up to the pit straight we're

It's tough on the racetrack and in business but luckily I've had a lot of success in both

clocking about 158 miles an hour. And I love it for some reason.

"Mad, but I love the challenge, the speed and being absolutely over the limit, out of control almost. You're a crash waiting to happen," he says, a demonic gleam in his eye, talking

faster than an overheating piston.

David drives in the British Touring Car Championship, which is no two-bit tournament. It's around the fifth-largest championship in the world and last year attracted some 50 million TV viewers and pulled in an average 31,000 spectators to each of its 30 races.

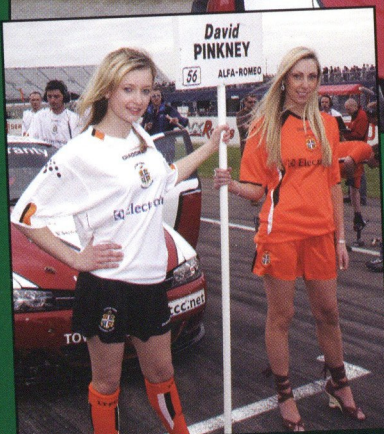
So how has someone with this apparently reckless mindset succeeded so well in the cold, calculating business world? Does putting a suit on make him more clinical, more ruthless?

"I approach business in the same way I drive, but I'm far more

On the racetrack or football field, winners need the right back-up, says the Chairman



□ Pits top... John Mitchell joins David Pinkney and the BTCC crew at Rockingham



□ David's grid girls back the Hatters cause

Team works

*'I would not have walked in here if
We're all like-minded and we're all*

*I didn't know the people in charge.
here for the good of the business'*



□ Ace of club... Kevin Blackwell, Cherry Newbery and John Mitchell toast David



□ David in traditional Day One pose

controlled. I'm basically a gambler but I've been successful throughout my career by gambling.

"It's tough on the racetrack and in business, but luckily I've had a lot of success in both. I wouldn't say I'm ruthless, but I'm not stupid.

"I'm a very logical person. If one and one make two, I'll do it. And I will take chances."

But isn't taking over at Luton – a business that is losing more than £2million a

year – a bit more than a gamble? "I suppose I've got to be taking a chance getting involved with Luton. Everyone I've spoken to says I'm a fool, but the bigger picture looks good and I just

love the challenge. I've gone in with both eyes open. "All I want to do is help Luton and try to get in to the Premiership and into our new stadium at Junction 12 and, yeah, we currently have got big losses and we've got to make sure that they're paid. Meanwhile I will bridge the £2million gap. Obviously it will cost me money to get to and into our new stadium."

And what is his ideal timescale?

"Within five years is the target. The dream is to build our new stadium and be knocking on the door of the Premiership within that timeframe. And I don't see why not. "I think Kevin Blackwell's unbelievable. The presence the guy's got and the sup-

port he is getting from the players, it just feels different, they're totally motivated. He's a ray of light."

David is also impressed with Luton's back-room team – and would not have bought into the Club unless he had been.

"I wouldn't have walked in here if I didn't know the people in charge. I'm a great mate of John Mitchell and have been for 30-odd years.

And I've known Kevin for some time too, as my brother's one of his best mates.

"So I know I can trust them. Kevin says we've got problems here, this needs changing, that needs changing – but everything is from his heart and

but everything is from his heart and everything's for the best. "John's the same. Cherry's the same. We're all like-minded and we're all here for the good of the business and we will do what we need to do."

David can understand, though, the frustration of supporters who have heard a new stadium talked about for decades. But only talked about. "Yeah, I can understand the fans' scepticism. But if this club stays at Kenilworth Road, it's going to go under. It's no good staying here and throwing good money after bad and unless we get planning permission we'll never get where we need to be.

"And until we do we can't grow big enough to stop being a selling club. We have some good players here and

somebody will come knocking on our door and I am not looking forward to it because I don't want to sell our players. But if big clubs come in and the player knows he can

go to a bigger club and multiply his salary, he's going to go, isn't he? And it's hard to stand in his way. "But there are a lot of talented players around that we can bring in to strengthen our squad. It's going to be a busy summer, especially for Kevin."

It's all a long way from the school kid who used to come down to Kenilworth Road with his mates to cheer on the Town. David moved to Luton from York when he was just 14. "It was a big move and I'd no idea where we were going. My father was Sales Director of Nabisco Foods in

Welwyn Garden City and he was promoted to that position when we moved here. He looked around and he

chose that job and here we came.

"I lived in Montrose Avenue, off the New Bedford Road and went to Denbigh Road School just round the corner. They were very happy days."

David Pinkney is nothing if not resilient. He's a born competitor, as determined in the boardroom as he is on the racetrack. He also knows how to have a laugh.

"You've got to have a sense of humour, haven't you," he says. "I mean, we're here to enjoy life, aren't we and I am looking forward to having a lot of enjoyment here at Luton".



□ Season stars... Keith Keane, Leon Barnett, David Bell and Dean Brill with their trophies at the Supporters Club Presentation evening
Pictures: GARETH OWEN



□ Hatters hero... Kingsley Black at the awards

Luton's young stars are cup winners

Four of Luton's brightest young players scooped the awards at the annual Supporters Club Presentation Evening, giving plenty of room for optimism about the future.

Former Hatters hero Kingsley Black was guest speaker last Sunday at the Vauxhall Recreation Club in Luton, and fondly recounted tales of Luton's Littlewoods Cup glory against Arsenal at Wembley and his encounters with his former employer, Brian Clough.

Honours were even as David Bell, 23, and Leon Barnett, 21, scooped two awards each from the six categories available, with Dean Brill, 21, and Keith Keane, 20, also collecting gongs.

Barnett's haul included the LTSC Player of the Season and the Players' Player of the Season,

capping a fine year that has seen him rise from a fringe squad member to one of the Club's crown jewels in the space of a few months.

An ecstatic Leon said: "I'm well happy. The Players' Player means a lot to me as it's good to get recognition from the lads, but I'm really thankful to the Supporters Club as well. It's nice to get both."

The turning point for Leon was the opening game against Leicester when Chris Coyne had to pull out with a knee problem hours before kick-off.

"I did OK in the pre-season, and then Chris got injured so I started the game, and then I scored the first goal of the season, which was pleasing."

Versatile Leon played central midfield, centre forward and right back as well as his favoured

centre half role this season. And he refused to rule out adding keeper to that list. "I played one game in goal for the Youth team, so you never know!"

David Bell picked up the Internet Player of the Season – voted for on the Club's official website www.lutontown.co.uk – and the LTSC Young Members' Player of the Season, chosen by LTSC junior members.

He admitted that at the start of the season he wasn't even sure if he would get a chance to play at all. David told us: "For the first eight games I was sitting in the stands. I wasn't even on the bench and it didn't look like I was going to be involved. But I kept patient and kept working hard and I knew once I got in the team I'd stay there."

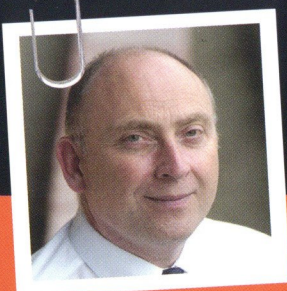
Hatters keeper Dean Brill collected the Young

Luton Town Player of the Season gong. A very happy Dean said: "I was surprised! There have been so many young players in the side this year that I thought would be ahead of me, but this is the best season I've had so far."

Keith Keane capped a fine season when he picked up the coveted Goal of the Season award for his fine effort at the Hawthorns in Luton's 3-2 defeat against West Brom.

Keith enthused: "I don't score too many goals so to get just one and then for it to win Goal of the Season is a big, big bonus."

"I had a rocky first half of the season when I wasn't playing at all, then I got in the side when there were a few injuries and I've just tried to do the best I can since then."



The A to Z of Luton Town

Roger Wash looks back on every post war player to have appeared for Luton Town

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John James Stewart (Stewart) IMLACH

Lossiemouth-born Stewart crossed the border to sign for Bury in 1952 but it was at Nottingham Forest where he made a name for himself as a very fast, skilful winger picking up Scottish international caps along the way.

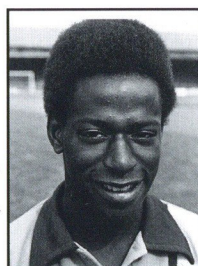
He starred for Forest in the 1959 FA Cup Final against Luton, it came as a surprise when he joined the freshly relegated Hatters for £8,000 a year later. New manager Sam Bartram followed Stewart into Kenilworth Road and soon carried out a cull of players early in the following campaign which saw the bewildered winger on his way to Coventry after only eight games.

After finishing his playing career, Stewart coached at Everton, Blackpool and Bury before going back to his pre-football job as a joiner. Stewart died in 2001 but his son Gary has recently brought out a book on his dad entitled "My father and other working class football heroes", which is highly recommended.

Godfrey Patrick INGRAM

Local boy Godfrey was a schoolboy prodigy, starring for England schoolboys and he was predicted a glittering career after signing on for the Hatters in 1977. Undoubtedly supremely talented, Godfrey did not find the physical side of the English game to his liking and was in and out of the side at Kenilworth Road.

Godfrey moved to the USA in 1981 and found the playing style there far more suited to his talents and he enjoyed a ten-year stint playing for St Louis Storm and San Jose Earthquakes, banging in goals for fun and was at one time voted the Most Valuable Player in the NASL. Godfrey still has coaching interests in the States as well as a home in Bedfordshire.



Matthew (Matt) Alan JACKSON

Another schoolboy international star, Matt signed on for Luton in July 1990 before making his League debut as a substitute in a 0-2 defeat at Arsenal in August 1991. Eight games and two months later though, the commanding and intelligent defender was off to Everton for £600,000 where he played for five years' picking up an FA Cup winners' medal in 1995 during his stay there. A move to Norwich in 1996 followed and then on to Wigan in 2001 where he seems to get better with age and is now club captain at the JJB Stadium marshalling his defence against the best the Premiership can throw at it.

Julian Colin JAMES

Luton coach John Moore first spotted Tring-born Julian playing in a county schools match at Hemel Hempstead and he eventually signed professional forms in June 1988.

Julian was dismissed for a supposed professional foul when making his full Hatters debut in a Littlewoods Cup tie at Leeds the following season, but his evening was not completely ruined as the Town did go on to win the tie.

First and foremost a defender, James could play anywhere along the back and his versatility became a godsend to a succession of Luton Town managers. Capped twice for England at Under-21 level, he became a regular in the Hatters side in 1991-92 and apart from injuries was a feature in the team until a badly-broken leg suffered at Bristol Rovers in April 1998 effectively ended his career.



Julian now runs his own building firm.

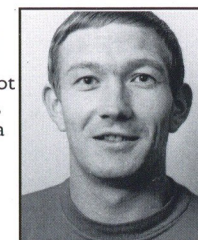
Percy George Burge JAMES

Rhondda-born Percy was 32 when he was picked up by Luton Town from amateur side Oxford City in 1949. The clever left winger made a scoring debut in a 2-5 defeat at Bury in October 1949 and kept his place the following week when leaders Tottenham were held to a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road in front of a then record League crowd of 27,319.

The Welsh Amateur international then surprisingly found himself out of the sidelines and, although earning good reviews as part of a strong Hatters Reserve side, he decided to return to non-League football, joining Worcester City, where he eventually became player/manager. Percy died in 1993.

Frederick (Fred) JARDINE

It was a surprise in footballing circles when Fred was given a free transfer by Dundee but the Hatters moved swiftly to sign the pacy left winger from under the noses of Wolves in 1961. Sadly, Fred joined a Luton side that was tumbling through the divisions and it was not until they were in football's basement that he managed to win a regular place in the team, by which time he had been converted to a full-back. His surging runs on the overlap and a perfectly-executed sliding tackle endeared him to the Luton crowd as the Town won the Division Four championship in 1968. After 202 appearances, his chances in the side dwindled after that and after a short spell at Torquay he hung up his boots. Fred worked at John Pope's gents outfitters in Dunstable Road for many years and still lives in Luton.



William (Billy) John JENNINGS

Although born in Hackney and having trials with Tottenham, Billy joined Watford as a 17-year-old and soon became known as a predatory goalscorer, leading to a £110,000 switch to West Ham in 1974 where he picked up an FA Cup winners' medal a year later. Slight and not particularly tall, Billy was tremendous in the air but a bad Achilles injury saw his effectiveness wane in the top flight and he moved on to Orient in 1979. A short term deal took him to Luton in March 1982 when Hatters manager David Pleat was looking for experienced cover and Billy scored a vital goal against Norwich over Easter which virtually confirmed promotion to Division One. After a brief tour of non-League clubs, Billy then concentrated on his restaurant businesses in London and Brentwood.

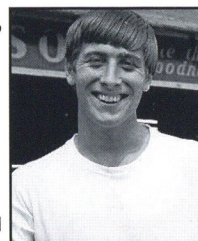
James (Jimmy) Thomas JINKS

Londoner Jimmy joined Millwall in 1938 and made a scoring League debut for the Lions on the closing day of the 1938-39 season. During the war years he was a prolific scorer, averaging almost a goal a game, and appeared for Millwall at Wembley in the 1945 Football League South Cup Final against Joe Payne's Chelsea. A clever two-footed centre forward, Jimmy moved on to Fulham in 1948 and then on to Luton in March 1950. By then he was almost 34 but his experience in a few cameo appearances helped keep the threat of relegation at bay. Following a short stay at Aldershot, Jimmy played for Ashford and Snowdown Colliery Workers before leaving the game. Jimmy died in Eltham in 1981.

Brian JOHNSON

Brian starred for the Sunderland youth team which lost to Arsenal in the 1966 Youth Cup Final but was not retained at the season's end and was snapped up by Luton along with team mate Terry Adamson. A speedy and brave winger, Brian made his Hatters debut in a 0-0 draw at Chester in October 1966 and made eight appearances over the course of that campaign, including winning a Man Of The Match award when his promptings tore York City apart as the Town won 5-1 at Kenilworth Road on the final day of the season.

With Luton supporters thinking that Brian had done enough to earn a regular place, he was unable to displace Ray Whittaker in 1967-68 as the Hatters walked away with the championship of Division Four. Brian turned his back on the game after that and returned to his native Newcastle where he joined Royal Mail.

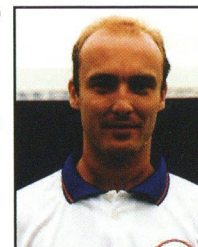


Gavin JOHNSON

Stowmarket-born Gavin joined Ipswich from school and went on to make more than 100 League appearances for the Portman Road side over six seasons despite suffering a succession of serious knee injuries.

Given a free transfer in 1995, Gavin was snapped up by Luton manager Terry Westley but could manage only a handful of games as the Town struggled in Division One. By the time the Hatters had recruited Lennie Lawrence to the hot seat, Gavin was on loan at Wigan and eventually moved to Springfield Park permanently for £15,000.

Considering his early injury record as well as subsequent broken legs, this solid and obviously indestructible left sided midfielder or defender has gone on to enjoy a long career and is still turning out at Conference level with Oxford at the age of 36.



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LUTON 0**

**Attendance:
28,499**

Picture: Matthew Spring surges forward for the Hatters and delivers a cross into the Derby penalty area during the second half at Pride Park





Luton: Brill, Foley, Coyne, Barnett, Emanuel, O'Leary (Langley 73), Spring, Heikkinen, Bell, Andrew, Talbot (Idrizaj 66)

Subs not used: Perrett, Boyd, Keane.

Bookings: Idrizaj (84)



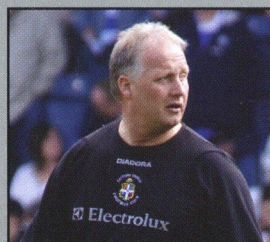
Derby: Bywater, Edworthy, McEveley, Leacock, Jones, Howard, Currie (Lupoli 65), Oakley, Teale (Pearson 74), Barnes (Fagan 80), Nyatanga

Subs not used: Grant, Mears

Bookings: None

Goals: Nyatanga (37)

From the Manager



"It was more than a battling performance, there was a bit of quality there as well. With eight players under the age of 23 they've done Luton proud tonight. We just didn't get the breaks when we needed them and lacked the experience and cutting edge. That was the difference between the two teams tonight."



□ David Bell skips past the challenge of Derby's Marc Edworthy



□ Drew Talbot shields the ball from Derby's Nyatanga

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A single goal from Lewin Nyatanga was enough to help Derby claim all three points at Pride Park, but they were pushed all the way by a determined Luton side, who put in a spirited performance in front of a live television audience.

It was a defeat that condemned Luton to League One football next season, but they could have gained a deserved point had they enjoyed better luck in front of goal.

The Hatters were bombarded by constant Derby pressure in the first-half and the Rams took a deserved lead when Nyatanga's

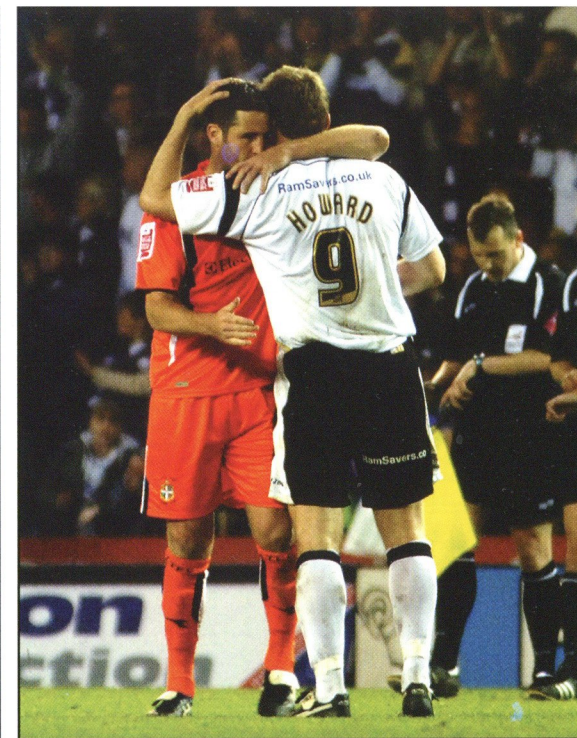
followed-up shot in the 37th minute found its way past Hatters goalkeeper Dean Brill.

Luton's young shot-stopper had kept his side in the game during the first-half with a number of impressive saves, including one from former Hatter Steve Howard, whose glancing header in the 29th minute was tipped over the crossbar.

In the second half, Luton had the better chances with Barnett going close in the 65th minute before Besian Idrizaj forced Derby goalkeeper Stephen Bywater into a low save down to his left.



□ Matthew Spring rises above a challenge from Giles Barnes



□ Steve Howard and Chris Coyne at the final whistle



□ Lewis Emanuel blocks an attempted cross by Derby's Gary Teale



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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

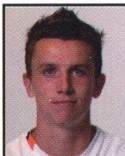
01 ^{Marion} Beresford



Position: Goalkeeper
Date Of Birth: 02-09-69
Place Of Birth: Barton on Sea
Date Signed: June 2004
First Club: Sheffield Wed
Previous Club: Barnsley
2005/06 Apps: 43*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



02 ^{Kevin} Foley



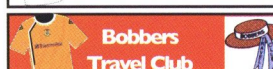
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 01-11-84
Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002
2005/06 Apps: 39*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



03 ^{Sol} Davis



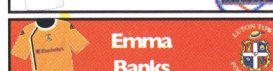
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 04-09-79
Place Of Birth: Chesham
Date Signed: August 2002
First Club: Swindon Town
Last Club: Swindon Town
2005/06 Apps: 23*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



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 Apps: 33*
2005/06 Goals: 3*



05 ^{Russell} Perrett



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



06 ^{Paul} Underwood



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



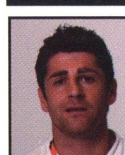
07 ^{Matthew} Spring



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



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 Apps: 27*
2005/06 Goals: 3*



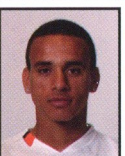
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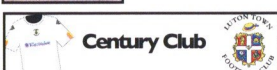
Position: Striker
Date Of Birth: 17-01-81
Place Of Birth: Belfast
Date Signed: March 2005
First Club: Bradford
Last Club: Stockport
2005/06 Apps: 45*
2005/06 Goals: 7*



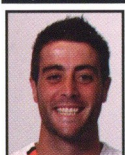
11 ^{Dean} Morgan



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



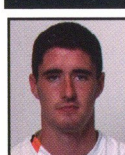
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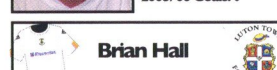
Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 17-04-83
Place Of Birth: Ealing
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002
Last Club: Valsall (loan)
2005/06 Apps: 1*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



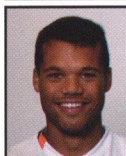
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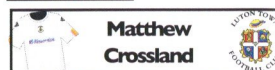
Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 02/02/85
Place Of Birth: London
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2001
Last Club: Tranmere (loan)
2005/06 Apps: 1*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



16 ^{Lewis} Emanuel



Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 14-10-83
Place Of Birth: Bradford
Date Signed: July 2006
First Club: Bradford
Last Club: Bradford
2005/06 Apps: 4*
2005/06 Goals: 2



17 ^{Richard} Langley



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



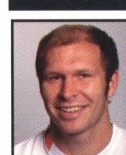
18 ^{Ahmet} Brkovic



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 Apps: 44*
2005/06 Goals: 8*



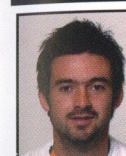
19 ^{Sam} Parkin



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



20 ^{Adam} Boyd



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



21 ^{Keith} Keane



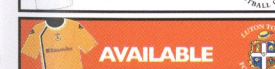
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 20-11-86
Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2003
2005/06 Apps: 12*
2005/06 Goals: 1*



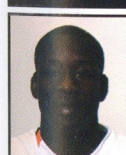
22 ^{Danny} Stevens



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



25 ^{Leon} Barnett



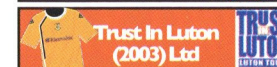
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 30-11-85
Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002
Last Club: Aylesbury (loan)
2005/06 Apps: 22*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



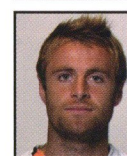
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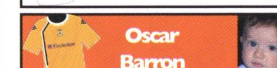
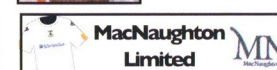
Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 13-10-78
Place Of Birth: Katrineholm
Date Signed: July 2005
First Club: HJK Helsinki
Last Club: Aberdeen
2005/06 Apps: 40*
2005/06 Goals: 2*



27 ^{Peter} Holmes



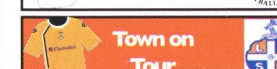
Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 18-11-80
Place Of Birth: Bishop Auckland
Date Signed: Aug 2000
First Club: Sheffield Wed
Last Club: Sheffield Wed
2005/06 Apps: 25*
2005/06 Goals: 2*



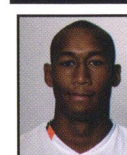
28 ^{David} Bell



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 Apps: 9*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



29 ^{Calvin} Andrew



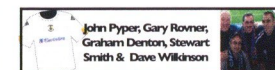
Position: Striker
Date Of Birth: 19-12-86
Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2004
Last Club: Bristol City (loan)
2005/06 Apps: 1*
2005/06 Goals: 1*



30 ^{Drew} Talbot



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



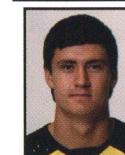
33 ^{Dean} Brill



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



34 ^{Zac} Barrett



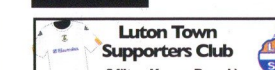
Position: Goalkeeper
Date Of Birth: 25-5-88
Place Of Birth: Severage
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2006
2005/06 Apps: 0*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



^{Kevin} Blackwell



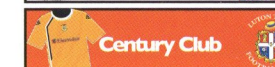
Position: Manager
Place Of Birth: Luton
Arrived: March 2007
Previous Manager: Leeds United
Playing Career: Barton Rovers, Barnet, Boston United, Scarborough, Notts County, Torquay United, Huddersfield Town, Plymouth, Bury and Sheffield United



^{Brian} Stein



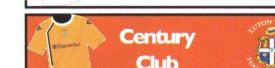
Position: Assistant Manager
Place Of Birth: Cape Town
Playing Career: Barnet, Amersham, Caen, Luton Town, Edgeware Town



^{Marvin} Johnson



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



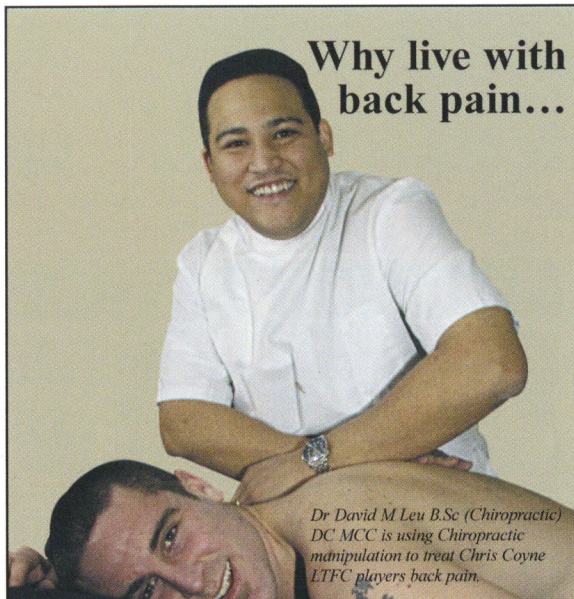
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Position: Youth Development Officer
Place Of Birth: London




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Luton Reserves

Hatters hang on for a victory over Oxford United at Kenilworth Road

Tuesday May 1
Pontin's Holidays
Combination: East Division
Luton Town Reserves 3
(Stevens pen 22, Kenneford 31, Asafu-Adjaye 34)
Oxford United Reserves 2

Luton Town Reserves won their final match of the season at Kenilworth Road against Oxford United Reserves, but made hard work of it and almost let slip a three-goal lead.

Despite the Hatters storming to a 3-0 half-time lead with goals from Danny Stevens (pen), Matthew Kenneford and Edward Asafu-Adjaye, the Us took advantage of two unfortunate errors from Zac Barrett to set up a tense finale in the Pontin's Holidays Combination match.

The win elevates Luton to fourth in the table, and with one match to play could they could even finish the season in third place.

The coaching staff selected a very youthful Reserve side to face the Us, with Danny Stevens the oldest player in the team at the ripe old age of 20.

The visitors also had a young side out, steered by the experienced 36-year-old centre-half Georges Santos – who played twice against the Hatters in the Championship last season for QPR.

In a pulsating first half, Luton never looked like relinquishing their unbeaten home record and were soon off the mark when the Us gifted them a penalty after 22 minutes.

There seemed little danger when Ashley Harrison-Barker was needlessly held back just inside the penalty area by Oxford defender James Clarke while receiving a throw-in, and the referee had no option but to award the home side a penalty.

Stevens – the most experienced Luton player on the pitch – fortunately chose power over precision this time as he drove home the spot kick.

The goal of the game was undoubtedly Luton's second. Kenneford, fresh from scoring a hat-trick for the Youth Team last weekend, cut inside from the left wing and unleashed a 30-yard screamer into the top right corner of the net to put the Hatters in control after 31 minutes.

Three minutes later, Asafu-Adjaye nodded home a Stevens corner and all three points seemed wrapped up for the home side.

Rob Elvins then spurned a glorious chance to drag the visitors back into the game when he headed straight at Barrett from eight yards before he made amends for his miss 12 minutes into the second half when his speculative shot from the edge of a crowded area wasn't dealt with by Barrett.

A slight deflection caused the ball to bounce awkwardly in front of the keeper, who could only watch in horror as his attempted parry bounced off his chest and spun into the net.

Six minutes later, there was more woe as Barrett misjudged an inswinging Josh Kennet corner. His attempted punched clearance fell kindly for the lively Billy Beechers, who gleefully headed in from just a yard out.

Smelling a point or three, the Us stepped up another gear and the impressive Beechers was causing the home defenders problems. However, Barrett made amends for his earlier misjudgement with some stunning late saves to preserve the scoreline, while up the other end a rasping Stevens effort cannoned off the underside of the bar and bounced to safety.

LUTON RESERVES: Zac Barrett, Russell Short, George Beavan, Rob Sinclair, Edward Asafu-Adjaye, Ben Strang, Danny Stevens, Shaun Ross, Ashley Harrison-Barker (Ryan Charles

64), Elliott Osborne-Ricketts (Jamie McGuinness 68), Matthew Kenneford

Subs not used: Joe Selby, Ross Faulds

OXFORD UNITED RESERVES: Gareth Tucker, Josh Kennet, Aaron Gonzalez (Andrew Younie 64), Georges Santos (Chris Weedon 64), James Clarke, Andrew Gunn, Josh Mulvany, Callum Kearnes, Rob Elvins, Billy Beechers, Daniel Meade

Subs not used: Jerome Anderson, Ben Spilman

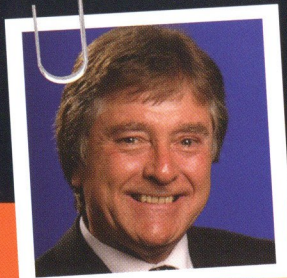
LTFC RESERVES

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
February		
Mon 5	Oxford United	W 1-0
Tues 13	Ipswich Town	L 0-1
Wed 21	Stevenage Borough	L 0-3
March		
Tue 20	MK Dons	W 3-0
Tues 27	Southend United	W 2-0
April		
Tue 3	Northampton	W 2-1
Tue 10	Ipswich Town	D 2-2
Wed 25	Colchester United	L 0-1
May		
Tue 1	Oxford United	W 3-2
Thurs 3	Norwich City*	2pm

*Home game but being played at Norwich

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	18	13	2	3	45	18	41
Colchester	18	8	8	2	21	10	32
Southend	18	9	2	7	32	28	29
LUTON	17	8	3	6	31	24	27
Northampton	18	7	4	7	22	23	25
Norwich	17	6	6	5	30	25	24
Leyton Orient	17	5	8	4	26	20	23
MK Dons	18	7	2	9	26	35	23
Stevenage	17	2	5	10	17	34	11
Oxford	18	1	4	13	13	46	7

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Commercial news with **Peter Davis**

Peter Davis on the latest news from the Commercial Department

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to today's sponsors, together with all of our commercial partners, to our final game of the 2006-07 season. Visitors of Sunderland have just been promoted at the first attempt back into the Premiership, and we all in the Commercial Department would like to offer our congratulations and wish them every future success.

Electrolux Global Design launch Wembley Stadium

Last week saw the launch of our major sponsors Electrolux's brand new range of domestic appliances at the fabulous new Wembley Stadium. The Electrolux launch to its trade partners and press, who attended from throughout the UK and Ireland also provided the opportunity for us to jointly present our 2007-08 playing and replica kits as supplied by our new partner, global manufacturer Puma. Following the kit reveal on each of the three days, which was attended by members of our squad, a penalty shoot-out for the Luton-based Pasque Charity took place. With £15 a goal being donated to the Pasque by Electrolux there was no shortage of volunteers from guests attending and in spite of an admirable job being done by Zac Barratt, Dean Brill and Marlon Beresford the total achieved for the Pasque amounted to many thousands of pounds. It was a privilege to be involved in such a tremendous event and we all at the Club thank Electrolux for the opportunity to be part of it.

Thank you all for what has been another season of tremendous support and contribution to all of our commercial projects and initiatives. Have a great summer and see you all in just a few short months time.

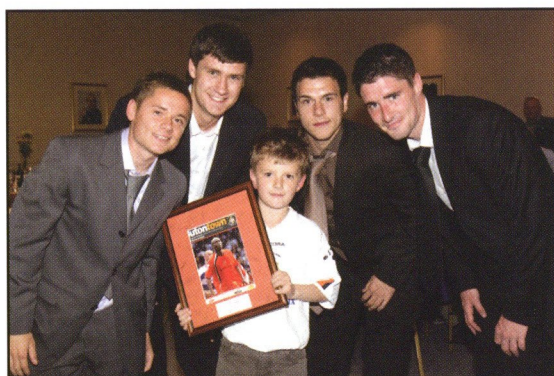
Enjoy the game
Peter



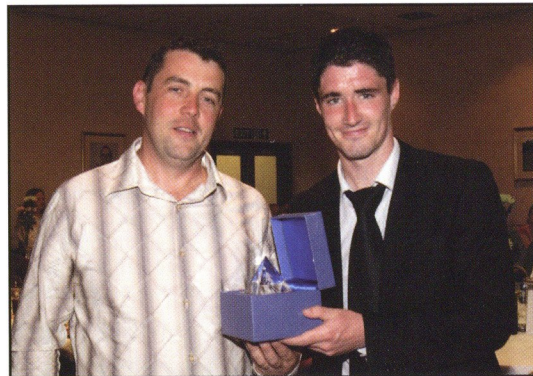
Commercial Mascot Bradley Star receiving his Certificate from Luton players



Plymouth Match Sponsors Ultra Contract Services in the dugout before the match



Thomas Hodges receiving his Commercial Mascot Certificate after the Plymouth game



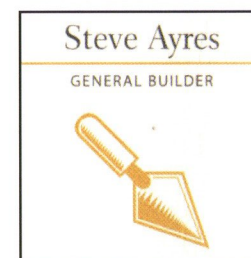
Plymouth Man of the Match Stephen O'Leary receiving his trophy from Darren Whiley

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As it is the final game of the season what could be more fitting than to welcome back as Match Sponsor one of the Club's staunchest commercial supporters, Tom McLoughlin together with the guests and management of MACS Plasterboard Systems. Luton-based Macs, specialise in Dry Lining and are Plasterboard specialists operating on a national basis, covering both new build as well as renovation and restoration. Tom would like to offer all at the Club the very best of luck for next season and a speedy return to the Championship. MACS Plasterboard Systems can be contacted on 01582 722060

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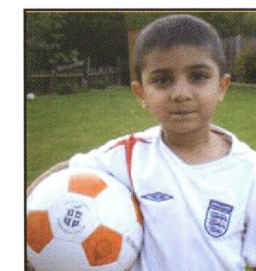
We also welcome back for season's final match, a company that is one of our commercial department's staunchest supporters. It is with great pleasure that we wish a good afternoon to local builder Steve Ayres together with his party of close friends and business associates. Football has always played an important part of Steve's life. He himself played in various local leagues and of course he is an avid Hatters fan. Steve would also like to extend his best wishes to Kevin Blackwell and all the players for next season and to wish them every success. Steve Ayres can be contacted on 01582 873390

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Now to welcome probably what is one of our more unusual sponsoring groups FTM, or Friends of the Match, as their spokesman Iain Turner told me earlier this week. Principally started by a group of friends at University, FTM comprises Iain, Patrick Turner, Mick McAlroy, Shaun Highfield, James Hudson, Michael Willmore, Darren Moore, Neil Spanton, Richard Jaques and Loise Dowsett, who meet up and attend various sporting events throughout the year. This gives them the opportunity to celebrate their history and the part members have played in the organisation over the years. FTM would also like to welcome all their guests this afternoon and we hope they all have a great day.

Commercial Mascot:
Rian Jai Popat



It is with great pleasure that we welcome Rian Jai Popat and his family this afternoon, with Rian being the last of this season's commercial mascots. Joining us today all the way from Leicester, where Rian attends Catherine Infants School, his hobbies include football, together with cricket and collecting model aircraft. Rian regularly attends Kenilworth Road together with his dad Pankaj and cites Chris Coyne, our Club Captain, as his favourite Town player. Rian will be meeting Chris plus the full team squad during his afternoon with us. We all hope that Rian and his family have a great time with us today.

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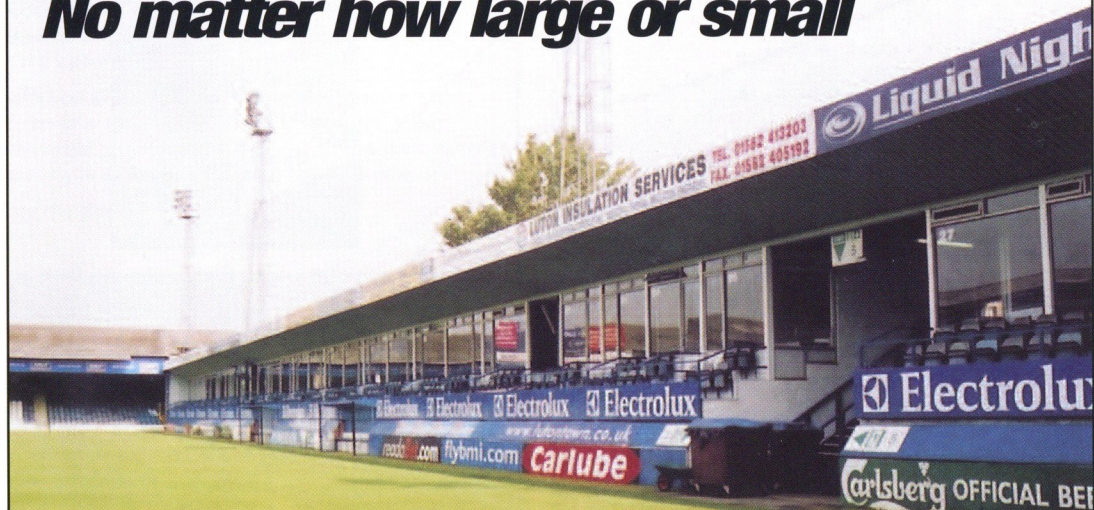
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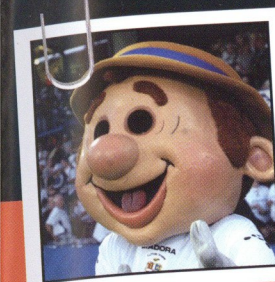
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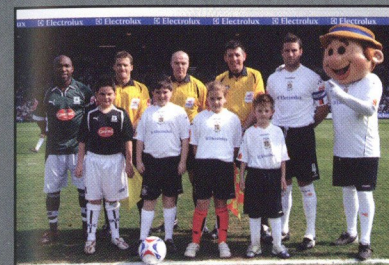
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Recent Mascots



The matchday mascots are pictured at our last game at Kenilworth Road against Plymouth Argyle, with both team captains and officials before the match.

Happy Birthday

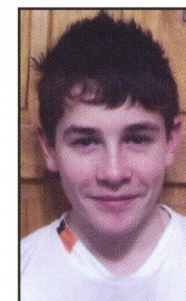
The following Junior Hatters members will be celebrating their birthdays in May and June.

Sam Cook	Keith Moore
Matthew Collett	Connor Warner
Lee Westley	David Oakley
Tom Gallant	Jack Collias
Matthew Fleckney	Roxy Harper
Laura Goodship	Robert Oliver
Cory Kilsby	Ryan Hill
Steven James	Jamie Webber
Daisy Abraham	Danny Fuge
Jack Wallace	Andrew Hymus
Jack Barnes	Anna Bright
Jay Sharpe	Jason Thorne
Hannah Waring	Jamie Allen
Natasha Abbott	

Today's Mascots

A big welcome to today's Mascot

Home Mascot



Name:
Matthew Colley
Age: 15 today
Favourite Player:
Steve Robinson
School Attended:
Icknield High School
Hobbies:
Football, golf and hockey

Away Mascot

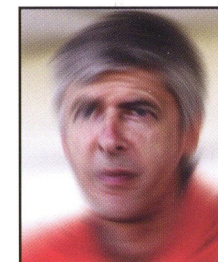


Name:
Jack Smith
Age: 7
Favourite Player:
Carlos Edwards

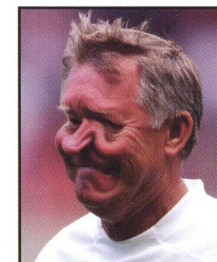
Junior Hatters Quiz

Can you identify these Premiership managers?

The answers can be found below.



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ANSWERS - GUESS WHO: Arsene Wenger, Alex Ferguson and David Moyes

Away Mascot

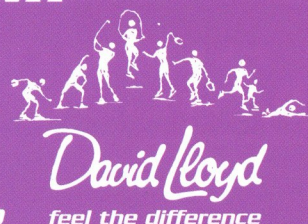
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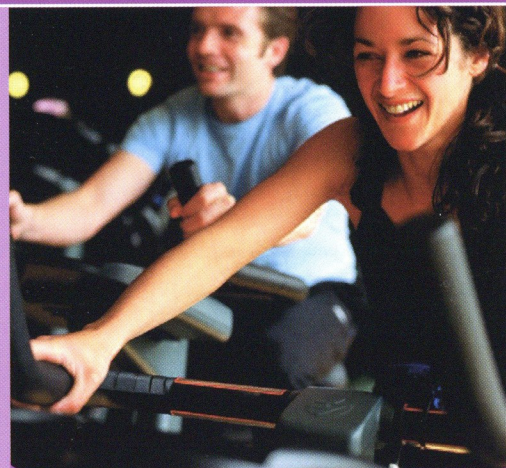


David Lloyd and Luton Town Football Club are now at "Another Level"

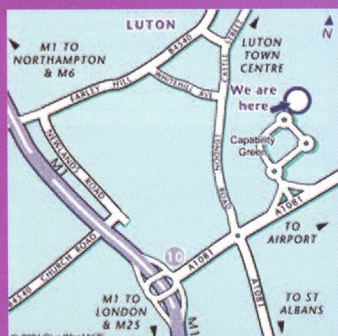
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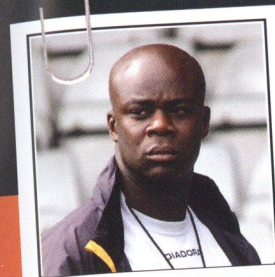
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Luton Youths

Marvin Johnson looks back on a win against Portsmouth and over the past campaign



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Portsmouth Youth 0

Luton Town's Youth Team signed off their Puma Youth Alliance League campaign in style with a fine 3-0 victory over Portsmouth.

Matthew Kenneford was the hero of the hour at Newlands Road, helping himself to a hat-trick at the expense of the division's bottom side.

A strong finish to the season has seen Marvin Johnson's boys win their last three games and finish in an impressive sixth position in the South East Conference table.

Youth Team Coach Marvin Johnson said: "This was a near faultless display from the lads and by far our best performance of the season."

"Our passing and keeping hold of the ball was fantastic and it has been an excellent finish to the season from the boys."

"Matthew will get all the praise for his hat-trick, but it was an all-round solid performance from the boys and a pleasing way to finish off the season."

Johnson has described the season as "encouraging" and he has seen some of his players achieve personal milestones in their careers.

They include Mark Farthing, who was selected for England Under-16 Schools trials, Ryan Charles, who enjoyed a successful loan spell at Hitchin Town and Ed Asafu-Adjaye, who has been called up into the senior squad.

In the meantime, the Youth Department have offered Jake Howells, Josh Cramwell, Ricky Biggi, Scott Sinclair and Farthing

scholarships for next season and all are expected to sign their contracts shortly.

And Russell Preston, Rob Sinclair, Asafu-Adjaye and Kenneford are expected to learn whether they will be handed pro contracts by Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell within the next couple of days.

Talking about the season, Johnson continued: "Overall, I think the lads will be disappointed where they have finished in the table."

"When I look back over some of the games which we have lost, I think there was every chance we could have finished in the top three or four."

"Unfortunately, we have been too inconsistent this campaign, although when you look at what some of the players have achieved and where we were last season, I think we have made some positive steps forward."

The Youth Team are continually indebted to the contribution from their sponsors, The Luton Town Supporters Club, who have once again played a major role in supporting the department financially.

Johnson added: "I would like to thank the Luton Town Supporters Club for all their hard work and support throughout the season."

"The money they provide helps with the development of our players and contributes towards the purchase of some much-needed equipment."

"Their work is so vitally important to the success of the Youth Team and we are grateful for their contribution."

Meanwhile, the Youth Department are looking for accommodation for the new intake of scholars next season. If you think you can help, please contact Marvin at the club on **01582 411622**.

LTFC YOUTH

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

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QPR	22	15	3	4	52	27	48
Southend	22	14	4	4	47	28	46
Gillingham	22	14	4	4	49	32	46
Wycombe W	22	14	4	6	41	21	40
Brighton	22	9	6	7	27	21	33
LUTON T	22	10	2	10	38	39	32
Colchester	22	8	7	7	38	35	31
Rushden & D	22	7	4	11	24	40	25
Brentford	22	6	6	10	22	27	24
Leyton Orient	22	6	4	12	25	39	22
Northampton	22	4	6	12	34	54	18
Portsmouth	22	1	2	19	12	46	5

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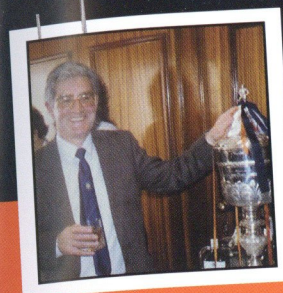
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Dr

Bill Berry

After 29 years of service at Luton Town,
Dr Bill Berry is preparing for his final game
at Kenilworth Road this afternoon

Having spent 29 years treating Luton players at Kenilworth Road, Hatters Doctor Bill Berry is finally hanging up his stethoscope.

Today will mark an emotional occasion for the Stevenage-based doctor as he heads into full retirement, leaving behind a job that has been full of happy memories.

Dr Berry arrived at Kenilworth Road during David Pleat's first stint as manager of Luton in 1978 and has been through the highs and lows during our recent history, which has included four Wembley appearances, three promotions and four relegations.

"This afternoon will obviously be a very emotional time for me," admitted the 76-year-old. "It has been a long, but happy stay for me.

"I have met so many wonderful people, made plenty of good friends and enjoyed every moment of working for Luton Town Football Club.

"It's a fantastic club. I can't say that I was a Luton fan when I first arrived, but after 29 years I have certainly developed the Luton Town bug and it is hard not to become a fan."

Dr Berry arrived at Luton in fairly unusual circumstances while working as a doctor for Stevenage Borough in the old Southern Division, as he explains.

"I met David Pleat at Stevenage. David used to come and watch some of the games at Broadhall Way and one afternoon we got speaking.

"The physiotherapist at Stevenage at the time was not properly qualified and I ended up teaching him some basic sports medicine.

"He eventually went on to reach his qualifications through the FA and later became a physiotherapist at Luton. It was through him, and having met up with David previously, that I landed the role of Club Doctor for Luton Town."

Dr Berry's love affair with Luton Town even exceeded his expectations and at the time of being offered the position as Club Doctor, he was cagey on the move.

"I went to see David and spoke to him about coming to Luton Town. I remember saying to him 'I will come for one season and we will see how it goes'. Now here I am almost 30 years later.

"It was just so difficult to leave at the time because I had just fallen in love with the Club and the job. Working for Luton has been so

enjoyable and has given me so many happy memories.

"The Littlewoods Cup Final and our promotion to the First Division will have to go down as my fondest memories, but along the way I have met so many special people."

Dr Berry reflected back on some past memories and recalled an occasion when Paul Walsh was signed by Luton in 1982.

"One of the most bizarre stories for me was when David Pleat signed Paul Walsh. At the time he was being tracked by a lot of clubs and David had a real eye for spotting talent at a young age.

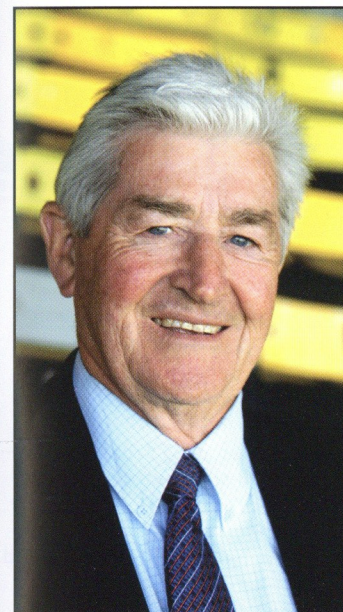
"There was so much speculation in the media about Paul's future because he had been doing so well at Charlton that it was decided that his medical would be done at my home. We also had a similar scenario with Paul Elliott."

Although not working in an official capacity, Dr Berry is still hoping to be a regular visitor to Kenilworth Road and, along with his wife Pat.

"I'm going to miss it, but I will back here next season. What I will miss most is the friendliness of the staff and supporters as well as the banter with the players.

"I hope to still help out here and there whenever possible – Luton Town probably won't get rid of me that easy."

Everyone at Luton Town Football Club would like to thank Dr Berry for his tireless work at Kenilworth Road and wish him a happy retirement.



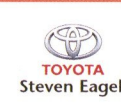
Dr Bill Berry will end his 29-year stay at Kenilworth Road this afternoon

We would like to welcome today's visitors to Kenilworth Road



Football in the Community

Stuart Smith brings us the latest news
from the Community Department



Good afternoon and welcome to today's game. I would like to use our pages today to update you on two major projects the department has recently undertaken.

On Wednesday April 25 we were fortunate enough to have been asked to host the Football League Community Cup Championship South Regional Final.

Eleven schools representing the following clubs participated:

Birmingham City	Cardiff City
Crystal Palace	Colchester United
Plymouth Argyle	Luton Town
QPR	Norwich City
Southampton	West Bromwich Albion
Southend United	



The teams were competing for the major prize of playing against Derby County, the winners of the Northern Final at the new Wembley Stadium on Championship Play-Off day.

Icknield Primary School represented our club and performed very well and were unlucky not to reach the final. Going into the last game of the group they needed only a 1 - 0 win to qualify. Unfortunately they came out with a 0-0 draw and failed to go through.

Overall the tournament was very close as the League Tables show.

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S'hampton	4	2	1	1	7	3	7	Southend	5	2	2	1	3	1	8
QPR	4	2	0	2	5	4	6	Luton	5	2	1	1	4	2	7
Birmingham	4	1	0	3	2	10	3	Norwich	5	2	1	2	4	5	7
Plymouth	4	0	1	3	0	4	1	Colchester	5	2	0	3	3	2	6
								WBA	5	2	0	3	4	7	6



Crystal Palace and Southend qualified for the final with Crystal Palace going through unbeaten having not conceded a goal.

The final was a tight affair, finishing 0-0 in normal time with Palace going on to win 1-0 after extra time.

I wish Crystal Palace well in the final at Wembley and would like to thank the PFA for offering us the opportunity to host such a prestigious event. I would like to also thank Chris Coyne for giving up his time and coming to present all the children with their medals.



We welcomed the Luton Town Girls Academy at our last home game against Plymouth.

The Academy were presented to the crowd and were photographed on the Kenilworth Road turf.

Members of the Academy are as follows:

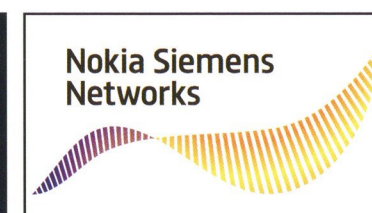
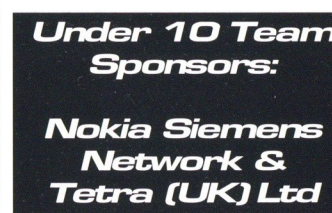
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KAYLEIGH NIAS
CLARA WISE
CHLOE SCOTT
KRISTIE KEYTE
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MEGAN BARTLETT

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BETHANY STANFIELD
RACHEL EVANS
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KATIE DAVIS
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In July, the department is taking nine boys squad over various age groups to Finland to take part in the Kokkola Cup. We are thankful to Tetra (UK) Ltd and Nokia Siemens Network for their kind sponsorship and support towards our Under 10 team.



Some boys have also secured individual sponsors and they are

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Wonway UK Ltd Sponsors Harry Elliott (U12)

To sign off this season I would like to thank all the staff in the Community Department, everybody at Luton Town Football Club, our sponsors and everybody at the PFA for their continued support over the season.

Most of all I thank all of our supporters who continue to back the Community activities and have helped us progress so quickly. I look forward to seeing you all again next season

Enjoy the game and the summer.

Stuart Smith





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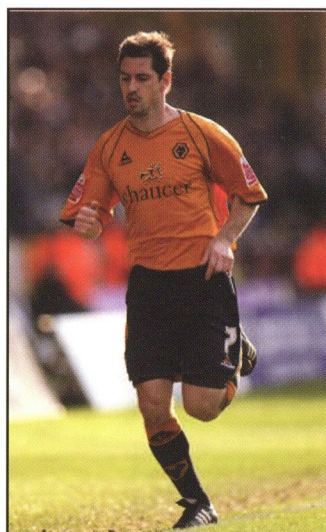
McNamara waiting on Wolves

Wolves defender Jackie McNamara will wait to see what the Molineux club have to offer him before deciding what his future holds beyond the summer.

The Scotland international, nearing the end of his contract, has been linked with Hibernian and Livingston. But the 33-year-old insists he has had no contact with either Scottish club.

"I will wait until we see if we get into the Play-Offs and hopefully get up to the Premiership and sit down and speak to Wolves then," said McNamara.

Mick McCarthy's side sit in sixth place in the Coca-Cola Championship, a point above the chasing pack in the race for the Play-Offs.



ALSO... West Brom striker Stuart Nichols returns to the Hawthorns after cutting short his loan spell at Bristol Rovers.....Leeds United give a trial to Manchester United pair Jamie Mullan and Aaron Burns.

SUNDAY
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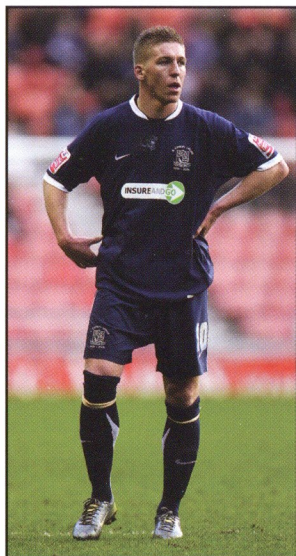
Eastwood reveals Wales ambition

Southend striker Freddy Eastwood is one of five uncapped players in the Wales squad for the games with New Zealand and the Czech Republic.

The Basildon man, 23, is joined by Wayne Hennessey, Chris Gunter, Neal Eardley and Daniel Nardiello. Danny Gabbidon and Rob Earnshaw return from groin injuries to a squad at full strength excepting Mark Delaney (knee).

Darren Ward, Paul Jones, Richard Duffy, Ryan Valentine, David Cotterill, Chris Llewellyn and Paul Parry are left out.

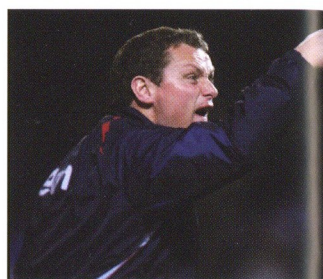
Wales face New Zealand for the first time in a capped match in a friendly at Wrexham's Racecourse Ground on May 26. That match will be used as a warm-up for the Euro 2008 qualifier against the Czechs on June 2.



ALSO... Preston striker Danny Dichio joins Major League Soccer side Toronto FC.....Coventry City lose their appeal against the red card shown to defender Ben Turner in Saturday's 1-0 home defeat by West Bromwich Albion.

MONDAY
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APRIL

De Vos fears losing boss Magilton



Ipswich captain Jason De Vos says the club must hang on to rookie manager Jim Magilton amid speculation he is next in line for the Northern Ireland job.

Lawrie Sanchez, on a short-term deal as Fulham boss, is expected to stand down as Northern Ireland manager after this year's Euro 2008 qualifiers.

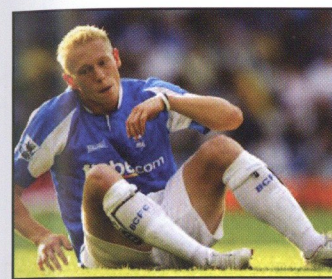
De Vos said: "It wouldn't surprise me if Jim was linked with that kind of job but we want him here. We are trying to build for the coming seasons - it doesn't happen overnight."

Magilton was appointed Ipswich boss in June last year after finishing his playing career with a seven-year spell at Portman Road.

ALSO... Southend recall Gary Hooper from his loan spell with Leyton Orient,West Brom recall defender Steve Watson from his loan spell at Sheffield Wednesday..... David Nugent says his future at Preston will be decided by whether the club win promotion.

TUESDAY
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Forssell set for £1m Hanover move



Birmingham striker Mikael Forssell is poised to make a £1m switch to German side Hanover.

The Finland international could move when the transfer window reopens on June 1, subject to concluding any contractual issues with Blues.

The ex-Chelsea forward has been dogged by recent knee problems and unable to hold a regular first-team spot.

But he said: "I want to be playing football and I think that going to Hanover is certainly a possibility."

Forssell scored 19 goals in his first season at St Andrews in 2003-04 when on loan from Stamford Bridge.

ALSO... Plymouth have signed a new two-year shirt sponsorship deal with Cornwall-based food company Ginsters..... Norwich manager Peter Grant admits he is still unsure whether Dion Dublin will be at the club next season.

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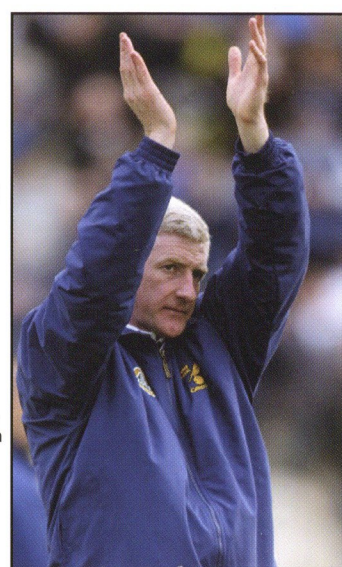
Worthington awaits Foxes decision

Nigel Worthington has re-iterated his desire to land the Leicester City manager's job on a full-time basis. Former Norwich and Blackpool boss Worthington came in on April 11 on a caretaker basis with the Foxes five points off the relegation zone.

Having steered them to safety, he is now waiting to hear if the job is his.

"I'm in the frame as much as anyone else," he said. "I'm within the club and I've done as much as I can to prove I'm the man for the job."

Worthington was sacked by Norwich in October 2006 after six years in the hot-seat at Carrow Road.



ALSO... Stoke's promotion hopes have been dealt a blow after winger Liam Lawrence picked up an injury which will rule him out for the rest of the season.....Barnsley defender Antony Kay has been given a club fine and dropped for the last match of the season for breaches of the club discipline rules.

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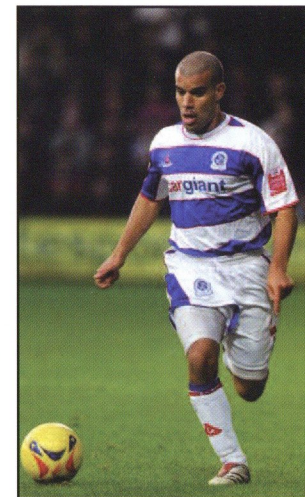
Eight players told to leave QPR

QPR have offered new deals to Marcus Bignot and Marc Nygaard, but Kevin Gallen and Marc Bicham are among eight players handed free transfers.

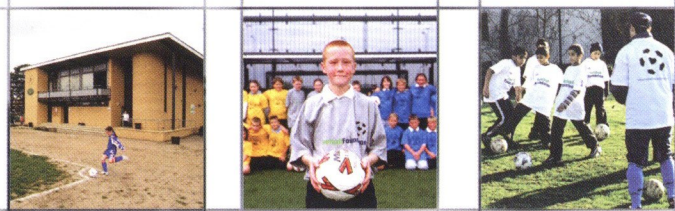
Bignot and Nygaard have both been rewarded with 12-month extensions.

However, midfielder Bicham and forward Gallen are no longer wanted along with Steve Lomas.

Striker Paul Furlong, goalkeepers Simon Royce and Paul Jones, defender Mauro Milanese and midfielder Armel Tchakounte have been told to leave.



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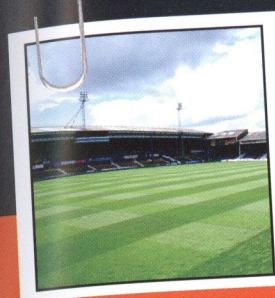
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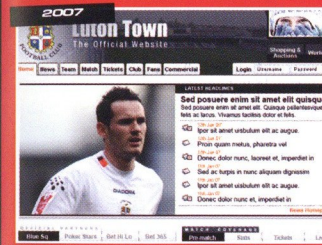
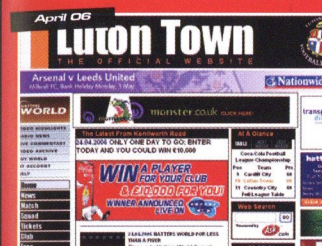
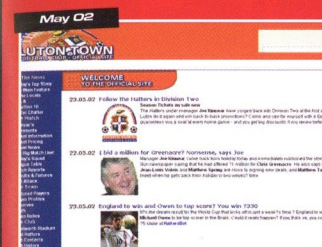
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News from Kenilworth Road

A round-up of the latest news from around the Club

A whole new web



While the players may be busy preparing for their summer holidays in the sun and taking a back seat for a while, there is plenty of work to be done around the rest of the Club – including a makeover of the official club website www.lutontown.co.uk.

All of the club websites that form part of the Football League interactive network are being upgraded and the Hatters will be among the first to take on the new look. Bristol City were the first to trial the next generation of websites in April and all the others will soon follow.

When the new site is launched, you will no longer need to register to get into it, only content on Hatters World will need a username and password.

The new site will be easier to navigate around and find what you are looking for thanks to a series of tabs at the top of each page and a series of short cuts to link straight to other relevant content. For example, all news stories will contain quick links to related articles, and the latest headline news (both on the main site and World) will run down the right hand side of the story. At the foot of the page will be text links to all off the main sections

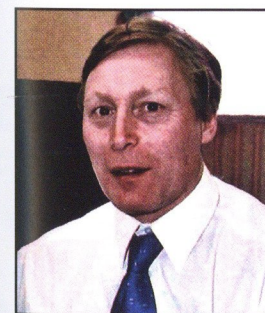
on the site and LutonTown.co.uk will also be powered by a brand new search engine provided by Yahoo, that will make it easier for you to search the website, as well as the world wide web from the same convenient search box.

Hatters World will also be upgraded and improved, giving match highlights in a larger media player at double the quality, to make the most of faster Broadband speeds, with highlights streamed at a rate of 650k.

All of our popular range of services will continue to be available. As well as Hatters World you will still be able to get free news updates from the Luton Town Desktop News Alert Service if you have downloaded the software to your PC – full details of both are available on LutonTown.co.uk if you would like to know more.

Breaking news stories will continue to be distributed to handheld devices via the Hatters M-Mag and the Hatters SMS service, so there will be no shortage of ways to keep in touch with all the important news about the Town as we prepare for an exciting new chapter in the Club's history.

Paul Deason



Paul Deason was a founder member of the Bobbers Travel Club and was their travel co-ordinator for many years.

Sadly, Paul died after a short illness last September, aged 53.

Until he fell ill, Paul had not missed a single league or cup match, home and away, since 1976. He had visited 133 league grounds in total - 117 of them with Luton Town.

During the half-time interval, members of Paul's family will present a cheque for £1,795 to the Football Club's Physiotherapy Unit.

The donation will cover the cost of two items of specialist medical equipment – a VectorPulse Combined 2/4 Pole Interferential Vacuum Unit and a rowing machine – both of which have been purchased by the Bobbers Travel Club as a tribute to Paul's memory.

Those making the presentation will include his mother Dolly, who still regularly travels to away games, and his brothers Peter and Mark.

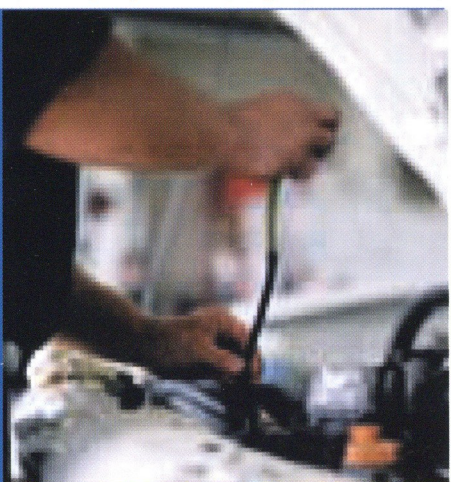
Over the years, the Bobbers Travel Club have donated approximately £30,000 to the Club to buy physiotherapy equipment.

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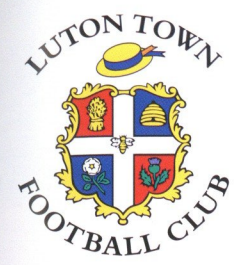
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Luton Ladies

David Baker looks back on the latest news from the Luton Ladies squad

As we close in towards the end of our Club's tenth season, the progress that has been made since the first youth squad assembled in 1996 has been nothing short of remarkable. Luton Town Ladies remains one of the largest and most successful female clubs in England.

The First Team have progressed and established themselves at the national third level and the Reserves have fought their way into the top league in London, which marks another major step forward as the club now looks set to cash in on the long-term benefits of its youth policy. All of the current senior squad are local and most are products of the carefully-nurtured youth squads who compete within the strongest possible regional leagues.

Off the field there have been major strides forward with the youth section of the club acquiring its own facility and club house and the coaching teams are currently being

revamped in preparation for next season as we strive to raise standards yet further. Nowadays in professional football, the Ladies have perished at high profile clubs such as Manchester United and we would like to thank Luton Town for continually supporting and helping us to achieve our medium term ambition of moving towards the level of the country's elite clubs.

The First Team look set to finish in sixth position, which is progress and an excellent achievement bearing in mind they are competing against the strongest clubs in the very large geographical area of South West England with some clubs paying their players considerable wages. All the more remarkable is the fact that we have been deprived of three senior goalkeepers since Christmas through serious injury and illness and the club's thanks go to Amy Summerfield, Emma Leete and Nikki Baker, who have all bravely taken on the gloves for extended periods.

The real success story of the season is surely the Under-10 squad. They were put together as strangers and coached during the late summer by three of our young senior players and have responded magnificently in reaching two cup finals. They are also still in with a good chance of lifting the league championship. Their last match saw them squeeze into the League Cup Final with a penalty shoot-out victory over Stotfold and they will now again meet their fierce rivals Tottenham Hotspur in the final.

The Under-14s have undergone several changes during the season and it was a very nice reward for them to meet Hitchin Town at Top Field last Tuesday night. They dominated the match for long periods, returning with a fine 3-0 win thanks to goals from Grace Shiels and a double from Leanne Lizaitis. They complete their season in the same manner as the Under-10s with a cup final against Spurs.

The whole club is seeking to build on another successful season at senior and youth level and will be pleased to hear from any prospective new players aged from eight to adult. New and enthusiastic coaches are also sought in a number of key areas and age groups.

If you are interested in joining Luton Town, or know anyone who may be, you are advised not to leave it until the end of summer but to register your interest now by calling me on 01582 896140 or by emailing lutonbelles@hotmail.com



Leanne Lizaitis (second from the left) celebrates with her team mates after scoring the first goal in the Under 14s 3-0 win over Hitchin Town on Tuesday evening

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SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jamie Cureton	Colchester	23	1	24
Michael Chopra	Cardiff	22	0	22
Diomansy Kamara	West Brom	20	2	22
Grzegorz Rasiak	Southampton	18	2	20
Robert Earnshaw	Norwich	18	0	18
Chris Iwelumo	Colchester	18	0	18
Steve Howard	Derby	16	1	17
Alan Lee	Ipswich	16	1	17
David Nugent	Preston	15	2	17

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Hillsborough	Sheff Wed	22	69	3.14
The Hawthorns	West Brom	22	68	3.09
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	22	68	3.09
Portman Road	Ipswich	22	65	2.95
Roots Hall	Southend	22	67	2.91
Layer Road Ground	Colchester	22	63	2.86
The KC Stadium	Hull	22	62	2.82
Home Park	Plymouth	23	62	2.70
Molineux Stadium	Wolves	23	61	2.65
Loftus Road Stadium	QPR	22	58	2.64
Turf Moor	Burnley	22	55	2.50
Elland Road	Leeds	23	57	2.48
Deepdale	Preston	22	54	2.45
Stadium of Light	Sunderland	23	56	2.43
Oakwell Stadium	Barnsley	23	56	2.43
St Andrews	Birmingham	23	55	2.39
Ricoh Arena	Coventry	23	55	2.39
Selhurst Park	Crystal Pal	23	55	2.39
The Walkers Stadium	Leicester	22	52	2.36
Carrow Road	Norwich	23	54	2.35
St Marys Stadium	Southampton	22	51	2.32
Pride Park Stadium	Derby	22	50	2.27
Ninian Park	Cardiff	23	51	2.22
Britannia Stadium	Stoke	23	51	2.22

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..
shots on target 345 Southampton. shots off target 311 Southampton. corners 334 Plymouth. hit woodwork 17 West Brom. offsides 186 Leicester. fouls 708 Hull. yellow cards 96 Leeds. red cards 9 West Brom.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 134 Michael Chopra (Cardiff). Shots on target 64 Michael Chopra (Cardiff). Shots off target 70 Michael Chopra (Cardiff). Assists 18 Gary McSheffrey (Birmingham). Crosses 211 Wade Elliott (Burnley). Offsides 80 Jamie Cureton (Colchester). Fouls 145 Steve Howard (Derby). Free-kicks won 107 Patrick Kisnorbo (Leicester).



2006/07 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER

1395

RIGHT FOOT 733 goals

52.5%

LEFT FOOT 332 goals

23.8%

HEADERS 293 goals

21.0%

Own goals 35 (2.5%), Other body part 2 (0.2%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

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

By a substitute after coming on
Bradley W-Phillips (So'ton vs Birmingham) 0:10

DISCIPLINARY



3.1 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 used2694

Offsides3594

Corners5949

Shots Off Target5872

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

2 1 1

*up to and including 29/04/2007

RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	32
0-1	53
0-2	18
0-3	7
0-4	3
0-5	-
0-6	1
1-0	70
1-1	58
1-2	42
1-3	12
1-4	2
1-5	1
2-0	47
2-1	51
2-2	27
2-3	14
2-4	4
2-5	1
3-0	21
3-1	24
3-2	18
3-3	5
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-0	5
4-1	7
4-2	5
4-3	2
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	4
5-1	5
5-2	1
5-3	-
5-4	-
5-5	-

2007-08 prices

Season Tickets

Call the Ticket Office on 0870 017 0656

The Club have reviewed season ticket prices for Season 2007/8 and summarise below the rationale for the changes made. We are very conscious of our younger and senior supporters and have further incentivised those categories. We have also listened to the many supporters in respect of season tickets for those aged 60 to 65 and we are pleased to advise you that these supporters will now receive a discount.

Whilst we will be renewing season tickets for those youngsters who had the special price in the Kenilworth Stand, this will only be available for existing season ticket holders. However, we have now extended the family season ticket, of one adult ticket and one junior ticket (same family) to both

the Kenilworth Upper and Lower tiers as well as the Family Stand.

We have also been conscious of the void for those who are not full time students, but are aged between 16 and 21, again we are now offering this age group a discount.

In respect of all other prices, they will remain the same.

Season ticket renewal forms will be posted out shortly and will also be available via the Club's website. In the event of any query, please do not hesitate to contact the ticket office who will be happy to assist you.

Stand	Pre match day prices 2007/08	Season Ticket Renewals (04/06/07)	New Season Tickets	x 23 matches
Main Stand A - E				
Adults	£26	£483	£538	£598
Under 16/ Full Time Student/ Over 65	£12	£223	£249	£276
Age 16-21	£15	£280	£311	£345
Age 60-65	£21	£391	£435	£483
Main Stand F				
Adults	£21.50	£396	£446	£495
Under 16/ Full Time Student/ Over 65	£11	£205	£228	£253
Age 16-21	£14	£260	£290	£322
Age 60-65	£19.50	£363	£404	£449
Main Stand G - Restricted View				
Adults	£15	£280	£310	£345
Under 16/ Full Time Student/ Over 65	£9	£168	£186	£207
Age 16-21	£12	£223	£249	£276
Age 60-65	£13	£242	£269	£299
Main Stand Enclosure C-G				
Adults	£21.50	£396	£446	£495
Under 16/ Full Time Student/ Over 65	£11	£205	£228	£253
Age 16-21	£14	£260	£290	£322
Age 60-65	£19.50	£363	£404	£449
Restricted View - Blocks A B H J				
Adults	£15	£280	£310	£345
Under 16/ Full Time Student/ Over 65	£9	£168	£186	£207
Age 16-21	£12	£223	£249	£276
Age 60-65	£13	£242	£269	£299
Kenilworth Upper & Lower Tier				
Adults	£21.50	£396	£446	£495
Under 16/ Full Time Student/ Over 65	£11	£205	£228	£253
Age 16-21	£14	£260	£290	£322
Age 60-65	£19.50	£363	£404	£449
Kenilworth Upper & Lower Tier Family Ticket				
Minimum purchase to qualify: 1 adult & 1 junior (same family)				
Adults	£17.50	£326	£363	£403
Under 16	£8	£149	£166	£184
Family Stand				
Family Season Ticket				
Minimum purchase to qualify: 1 adult & 1 junior (same family)				
Adults	£17.50	£326	£363	£403
Under 16	£8	£149	£166	£184

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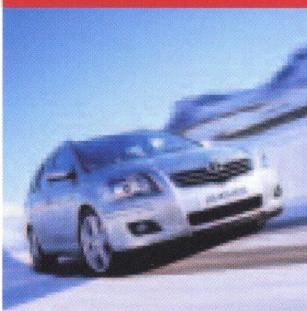
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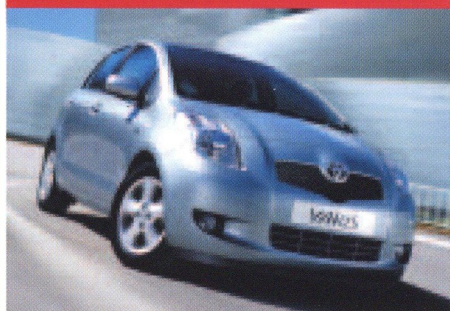
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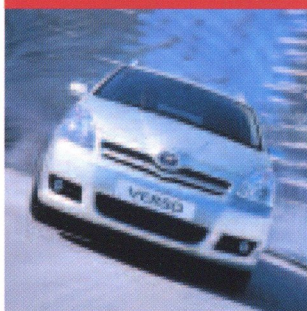
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This Season										International App			Luton Town Career	
	League App	Gls	Cup Competitions App	Gls	Total App	Gls	Disciplinary Yel	Red		Nation	Caps	Gls	App	Gls
1	Marlon BERESFORD	26	0	5	0	31	0	1	1				133	0
2	Kevin FOLEY	38(1)	0	3(2)	0	41(3)	0	0	0	Rep U21 (plus Rep 'B')	2	0	166	5
3	Sol DAVIS	20(4)	0	5	0	25(4)	0	4	1				184	2
4	Chris COYNE	10(7)	0	4	0	14(7)	0	1	0				226	15
5	Russell PERRETT	8(2)	1	3	0	11(2)	0	2	0				109	9
6	Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				72	5
7	Carlos EDWARDS	26	6	2(1)	0	28(1)	6	1	0	Trin & Tob	3	0	74	8
7	Matthew SPRING	13	1	0	0	13	1	2	0				302	31
8	Steve ROBINSON	35(1)	0	4	0	39(1)	0	5	0				174	11
9	Bjorn RUNSTROM	7(1)	2	0	0	7(1)	2	2	0				8	2
9	Rowan VINE	26	12	2(2)	2	28(2)	14	9	0				111	33
10	Warren FEENEY	15(13)	2	3	2	18(13)	4	2	0	N Ireland	1(6)	0	82	11
11	Dean MORGAN	22(15)	4	4(2)	1	26(17)	5	3	0				82	11
14	Michael LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				32	3
15	Stephen O'LEARY	4(2)	1	3(1)	0	7(3)	1	1	0				37	3
16	Lewis EMANUEL	38(1)	2	2	0	40(1)	2	5	1		Rep 'B'	1	0	41
17	Richard LANGLEY	18(10)	1	4	0	22(10)	1	3	1				32	1
18	Ahmet BRKOVIC	14(5)	3	4(1)	0	18(6)	3	2	0				218	38
19	Sam PARKIN	7(1)	1	0	0	7(1)	1	1	0				7	1
20	Adam BOYD	5(14)	1	4(1)	1	9(15)	2	0	0				26	2
21	Keith KEANE	16(2)	1	3(1)	0	19(3)	1	2	0	Finland	5	0	70	3
22	Danny STEVENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1	0
23	Dean KIELY	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0				11	0
23	Besian IDRIZAJ	2(4)	1	0	0	2(4)	1	2	0				6	1
24	Shaun ROSS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0
25	Leon BARNETT	38	3	4	0	42	3	9	0			69	3	
26	Markus HEIKKINEN	36	1	0	0	36	1	7	0			76	3	
27	Peter HOLMES	3(2)	0	2	0	3(2)	0	2	0			127	12	
28	David BELL	27(6)	4	5	0	32(4)	4	1	1			48	4	
29	Calvin ANDREW	4(2)	1	0	0	4(2)	1	3	0			17	3	
30	Drew TALBOT	13(2)	3	1	0	14(2)	3	1	0			16	3	
31	Clarke CARLISLE	4(1)	0	0	0	4(1)	0	1	0			5	0	
33	Dean BRILL	8(2)	0	1	0	9(2)	0	0	0			24	0	
34	Zac BARRETT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	

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

ALL THE GOALS

HOW THEY WENT IN:

SHOTS:40 HEADERS:11
PENALTIES:4 OWN GOALS:3
FREE-KICKS:1 TOTAL:59

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 46 - W 12 - D 19 - L 15 - F 26 - A 33 PTS 55

SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 46 - W 11 - D 16 - L 19 - F 31 - A 45 PTS 49

OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal:16
Opponents score first goal:26
No goals scored:5
Luton Town score first and win:10
Luton Town score first and draw:3
Luton Town score first and lose:3
Luton Town fail to score:15
Opponents score first and win:21
Opponents score first and draw:3
Opponents score first and lose:2
Opponents fail to score:7
Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End:21
Luton goals at the Oak Road End:12
Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End:18
Opponents goals at the Oak Road End:15



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

2006/07 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

TODAY'S REFEREE

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

Mason, from Lancashire, officiated in 37 games last season, producing 90 yellow cards and three red card.

Today will be his ninth Championship match this season, and his most recent game was when he officiated in Tottenham's 3-2 win at Middlesbrough.

Mason has officiated in 32 games so far this season, producing 80 yellow cards and three reds.



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4) Peterborough, 5) Aston Villa, 6) Scunthorpe, 7) Greece,
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Name That Ground: 1) Manchester City, 2) Mansfield
Town, 3) Port Vale

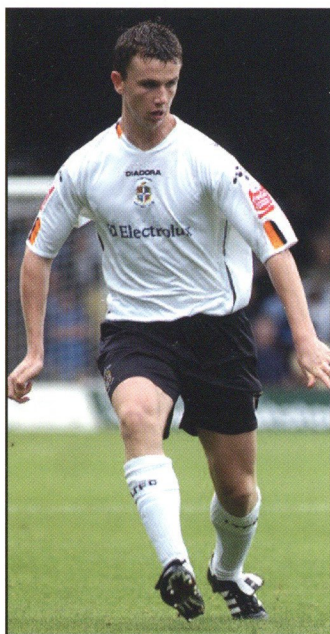


Look ahead to 2007/08 Season

Simon Pitts looks ahead to the teams Luton will be facing next season

There are still some ifs, buts and maybes over relegation and promotion issues in the Football League, so Luton's possible opponents for next seasons is drawn from 30 teams. Some things are certain, though, for example trips to Crewe, Gillingham, Port Vale and Walsall to name but a few.

If it's new grounds you're after, then you'll be hoping that Yeovil and Swansea fail to progress through the League One Play-Offs. One guaranteed new ground will be the Keepmoat Stadium, home of Doncaster Rovers. Should Yeovil remain in League One, then it will be the first time the Hatters have played them in League action, although the sides did meet in the League Cup during 2003-04, when Kevin Foley scored his first goal for the Hatters in a 4-1 win.



Kevin Foley scored his first goal for the Hatters against Yeovil, a team Luton could face next season

So starting with the definite opponents for next season, there are 16 clubs confirmed as playing League One football in 2007-08. Of these Luton have played Millwall the most times, with 68 previous League encounters. Millwall are also one of just four teams that have more wins over the Hatters than vice versa, but more on the others later. Southend, a team that Luton relegated last weekend with a 3-1 win at Roots Hall will play in the same division as the Hatters for the 29th time next season. Brighton & Hove Albion have played the Hatters in just one season fewer than Southend, with Bournemouth, Gillingham and Leyton Orient not far behind. The Hatters don't have a very good record at Northampton Town so next season will be a good opportunity to improve on just five wins from 22 visits to the Cobblers. Walsall also have a good home record against Luton, but historically they struggle when travelling to Kenilworth Road. Port Vale have only won once at Luton, and that was their first ever visit as Burslem Port Vale in November 1898.

Doncaster, Huddersfield and Tranmere were all in League One when the Hatters won the Championship in 2004-05, while Carlisle have maintained their status for next season after consecutive promotions from the Conference. Our meetings with Crewe have produced six wins each, with also a draw and defeat at home. There have been just seven previous seasons with Hartlepool in the same league, and Luton average a win every season. Other than Yeovil who, as mentioned Luton have never played in league competition, Cheltenham are the team Luton have played the least, with the Hatters unbeaten with two home wins and two away draws.

As for the potential opponents. It's looking extremely likely that it'll be Leeds joining the Hatters and

Southend in being relegated from the Championship, however mathematically it could also be Hull. With 40 matches played previously Leeds have the upper hand over the Hatters, and join Millwall in having more wins than defeats against Luton. The two other Clubs who can boast this record are battling it out for promotion from League One. We know Scunthorpe are promoted as Champions, and yesterday either Bristol City, Nottingham Forest or Blackpool will have joined them automatically. It's Forest and City who have more wins than defeats against the Hatters, although Luton haven't played at the City Ground since 1994. The Play-Offs will involve the two unlucky teams, with Yeovil and either Oldham or Swansea, who were separated by just two goals before yesterday's games.

The four relegation places have been confirmed in League One, so Luton won't be playing Bradford, Brentford, Chesterfield or Rotherham. Instead they will face Walsall and Hartlepool, who have been confirmed as promoted from League Two. Joining them will be either Swindon or MK Dons, and the sides were at home to Walsall and Accrington Stanley respectively yesterday. The Play-Offs will be between one of those teams, and three from Lincoln, Shrewsbury, Bristol Rovers and Stockport. Luton have faced Rovers more times than any other potential League One sides, and in fact only Queen's Park Rangers have had more league meetings with the Hatters than the Bristol side.

Next season should see Luton score their 500th goal in the third tier of English football at Kenilworth Road, as they are currently on 462. And the Hatters need 49 more goals to bring up 3,500 League goals in all divisions at home. Three wins and a draw will see Luton hit 4,000 points in League football, so let's just hope it's only seven points needed after today.



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●●	SOL DAVIS	3
●●	CHRIS COYNE	4
●●	RUSSELL PERRETT	5
●●	PAUL UNDERWOOD	6
●●	MATTHEW SPRING	7
●●	STEVE ROBINSON	8
●●	WARREN FEENEY	10
●●	DEAN MORGAN	11
●●	MICHAEL LEARY	14
●●	STEPHEN O'LEARY	15
●●	LEWIS EMANUEL	16
●●	RICHARD LANGLEY	17
●●	AHMET BRKOVIC	18
●●	SAM PARKIN	19
●●	ADAM BOYD	20
●●	KEITH KEANE	21
●●	DANNY STEVENS	22
●●	BESIAN IDRIZAJ	23
●●	SHAUN ROSS	24
●●	LEON BARNETT	25
●●	MARKUS HEIKKINEN	26
●●	PETER HOLMES	27
●●	DAVID BELL	28
●●	CALVIN ANDREW	29
●●	DREW TALBOT	30
●●	DEAN BRILL	33
●●	ZAC BARRETT	34

SUNDERLAND

Manager: Roy Keane

Played Scored

●●	2 STEPHEN WRIGHT
●●	3 DANNY SIMPSON
●●	4 JONNY EVANS
●●	5 KENNY CUNNINGHAM
●●	7 CARLOS EDWARDS
●●	8 DEAN WHITEHEAD
●●	9 ANTHONY STOKES
●●	10 STEPHEN ELLIOTT
●●	11 DARYL MURPHY
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●●	15 DANNY COLLINS
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●●	18 WILLIAM MOCQUET
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●●	21 KEVIN SMITH
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●●	23 GRANT LEADBITTER
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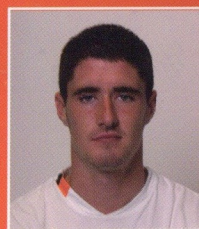
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