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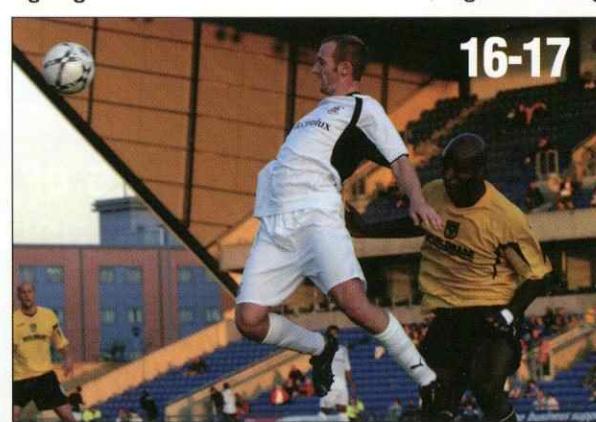
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DAVID PINKNEY

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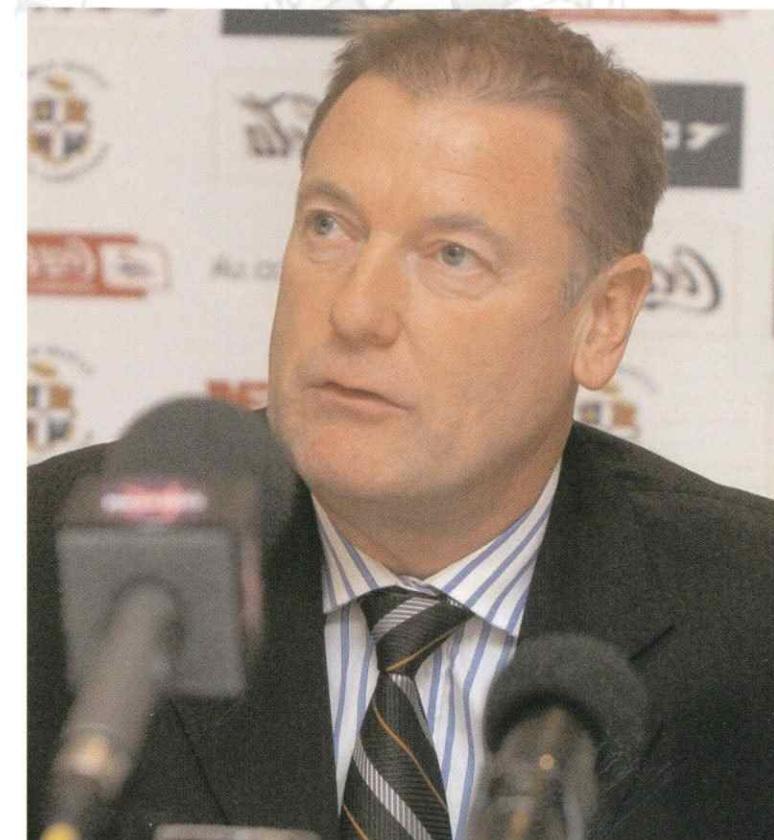
A VERY warm welcome to you all for this our first match of the 2007-08 season as we embark upon a new journey that will hopefully lead to us competing with the elite in the very not too distant future.

The close season has seen much activity on and off the field, both of which are ongoing as we strive to give you our fans a better all-round experience.

Many of our function rooms have had a facelift along with various other parts of the stadium, including the pitch, which is now back to its best.

Our football management team, led by our manager Kevin Blackwell, have been extremely active in bringing in new players as well as developing the long-term platform for the football business.

Today, having enclosed the top end



of the Kenilworth end car park (by the Club Shop and Ticket Office) we are able to open up this area for an additional catering unit to serve the Main Stand and Enclosure.

This now gives an additional opportunity for these fans to access the Club Shop at half time.

It is also our objective to enclose the whole of this car park and build a hospitality facility for the Kenny End fans to enjoy pre and post match.

We have also taken the decision to open up the Eric Morecambe room on a trial basis in order for our fans to enjoy both bar and food facilities pre and post match with other live matches being shown on big screen TV.

In addition, we are looking to install a new PA system, which is much-needed. Our plans for relocation

continue and the opening earlier this week of our new business hospitality room, 'the Club', provides us with a facility to showcase this to corporate Luton as well as providing a different match day experience for its new members.

Finally, a warm welcome to our visitors Hartlepool and their manager, former Luton hero Danny Wilson, their directors, management, players and supporters. We wish them well on their return to League One.

As I said when I took over, I will do everything I can to improve this wonderful football club and I look forward to seeing you all at the next home match.

Enjoy today and really get behind the lads. We are in this together.

David Pinkney
Chairman



WELCOME everybody to what will hopefully be not just the start of an exciting new season but also the start of a new era at Luton Town Football Club.

You the fans have a massive role to play. If we can all pull together, we will move forward as a team both on and off the pitch. We know how big our support is and how strong it is – you always give us a real boost, even away from home. So let's hope we can tap into that for what will turn out to be a good season.

Today, we welcome Hartlepool and their manager Danny Wilson, who played for many years here and is greatly respected in the game. It was no mean feat to get Hartlepool promoted last season. I'm sure Danny knows his way around Kenilworth Road very well. However I hope he goes home potless tonight and we'll put a bottle of wine on the coach back home for him!

We have been busy in the summer, bringing in nine new players with the signing of Paul McVeigh only yesterday. That adds yet another new face to our list of eight summer signings.

But we had to make that sort of change to the squad. By the end of last season it was a case of whoever was fit actually turned out against Sunderland. And that's why I've had to increase the strength of

the squad. I've taken eight out and put nine back in. You need a squad of 23 or 24 players because with three cup competitions, we could end up playing anything up to 60 games this season.

At the end of last season, I talked about experience and I've been delighted with the quality of experience that we've signed because Chris Perry, Paul Peschisolido and Darren Currie all had opportunities to stay and play in the Championship.

Perry felt that Luton had a better chance of success out of the two clubs he was considering and that just tells you that there is a belief about the place.

Paul Furlong is the fittest 38-year-old I've come across. He's inspired the other players because he's always out in front. And Don Hutchison brings a tremendous wealth of experience that he can pass on to the younger lads.

Add to that some younger faces like Dave Edwards, Alan Goodall and Richard Jackson and we now have a nice balance between young legs and old heads.

Sam Parkin has come back and I'm delighted with the shape he's in. I'm sure Sam can't wait to start playing football. He's an accomplished finisher and certainly in this division he's highly respected and that's an absolute plus.

At the end of last season our bench was

particularly weak, but when you look at it now I can start with two of Furlong, Parkin, Peschisolido, McVeigh, Drew Talbot or Calvin Andrew and have a choice of two more on the bench. It gives me a strong bench with some proven strikers on it and goals ultimately are going to win you the league.

We've revamped the Club off the pitch as well. If you look at Luton Town Football Club from April to now it's almost unrecognisable. The Board, the management and the team. That's a credit to everyone who's worked behind the scenes. The Chairman's come in and made a statement that he wants to move the Club forward and I don't think anyone can argue that that's happening.

We've got a new Youth policy that was desperately needed. And the appointment of Bob Curzon, as Youth Development Director, shows that we are actually doing something and not just talking about it. The new training ground is starting to take shape. The pitches look fantastic and we're just waiting for the completion of the buildings, which is on target.

We've even got a new team bus. So there's so many things that have changed as well as the playing side. And internally we've had the changing rooms and the hospitality rooms revamped.

So anyone who comes to Luton now will see that something's stirring there.

And we're using the appliance of science. Sport is all about inches and if you can get an inch ahead somewhere then it would be remiss of me as a manager to overlook that.

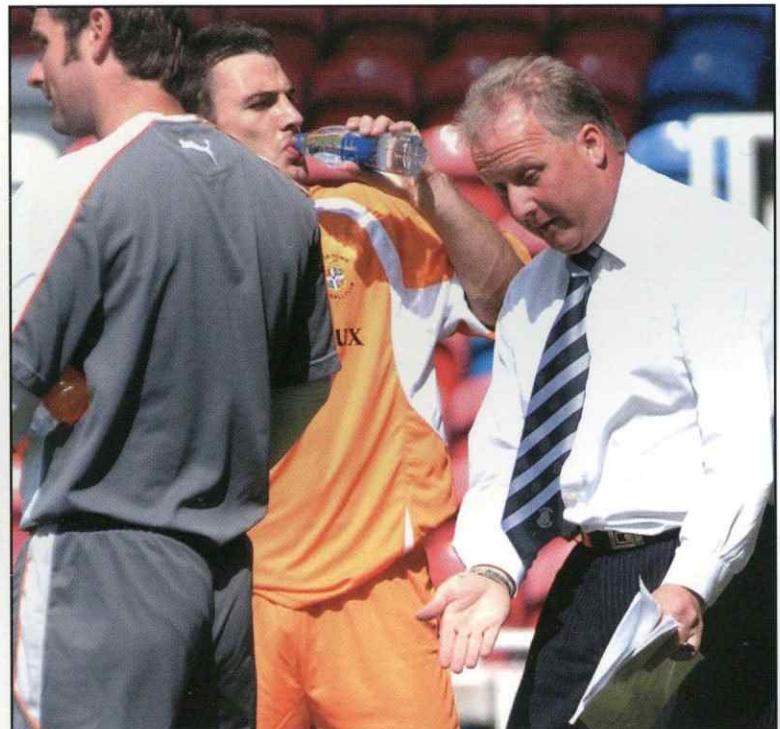
Bringing in Neil Lewis, the Sports Scientist, also brings in his connections with the universities. So we don't just have him here during the day but we have the ability to tap into a lot of the new ways of developing fitness and strength and psychology at our fingertips.

And in the medical department we have physios with high qualifications. It's a long way from the bucket and sponge.

Now we're all ready for kick-off. Pre-season has gone well. The lads have worked exceptionally hard and bought into what we're trying to do. A Sports Scientist makes certain things a lot harder than the players have been used to. But I can't thank the boys enough for making it a very good pre-season.

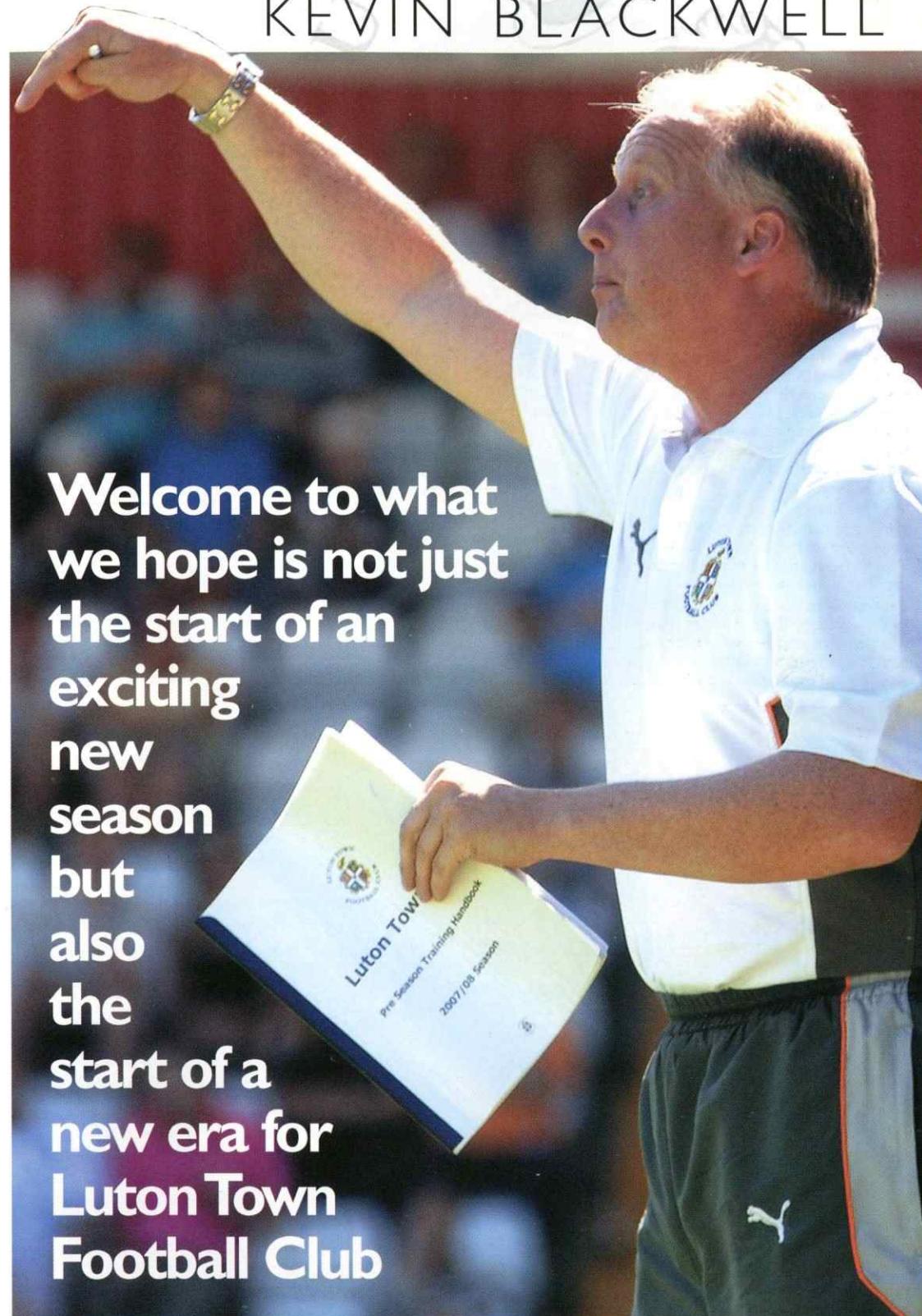
It's always nice to get the season going. We're like anyone else. We want to win our first game and we want to be there or thereabouts at the end. The desire among the squad is to get up among the promotion spots as quickly as possible and that's what we're going to look to do. Here's to a great season. Enjoy the game.

KEVIN BLACKWELL



IT'S LIKE THIS... the Luton manager explains a point to newcomer Alan Goodall at Rushden

KEVIN BLACKWELL



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THE CAPTAIN



CHRIS COYNE

THE long wait is over and a warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's fixture. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break.

It is good to finally get the new campaign underway and start afresh following the disappointments of last season.

We are looking forward with plenty of optimism. A lot has been happening around the Club this summer and the dressing room banter is as high as ever.

That has always been the same. Despite all the new faces around the squad at the moment, the spirit in the dressing room and on the training ground is exactly the same from when I first arrived at the Club.

I would like to welcome all of our summer signings to Kenilworth Road. They have fitted in with the rest of the squad extremely quickly and we are lucky to have some experienced players within the squad.

A lot has been said about the "age thing" with regards to the new players, but people are reading too much into that. What we have is a team of players who all have a desire to succeed. The new players have fitted in very quickly and we are all looking forward to getting the season underway.

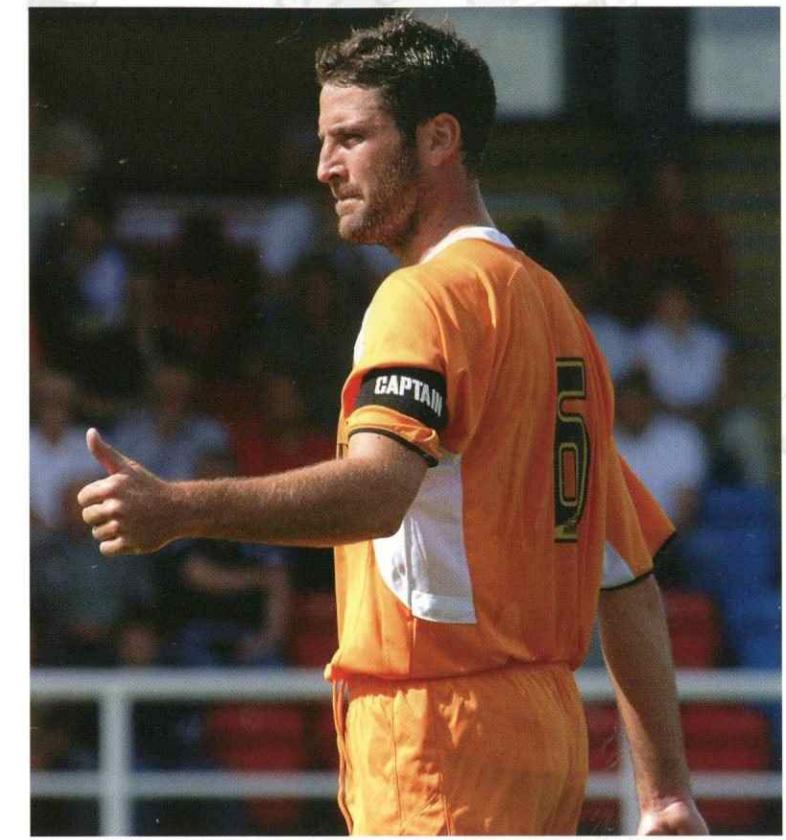
Our pre-season campaign has gone well apart from a few games being cancelled because of unfortunate circumstances. But we came through it unbeaten and we have managed to maintain a near fully fit squad throughout the summer but now it's time to put our hard work into action.

No two pre-seasons are ever the same and sometimes a change can do you the world of good. This time around, things have been more scientific, but certainly a new way to approach the season.

We had two pre-season tours which have been extremely beneficial. Personally, I prefer getting away for pre-season as you know you will be getting up to football every morning. It was a chance for the new lads to settle in and play a few matches. I would like to thank those supporters who came out to Norway for their support.

There have been plenty of changes around the Club over the summer and now is the time for everyone to look forward. The Club is moving in the right direction and is evolving into something that fans have been wanting for years.

Having been on the road all pre-season it's also good to finally be back at Kenilworth Road. In recent seasons, we have made Kenilworth Road a very



We are looking forward to the new season with plenty of optimism. A lot has been happening around the Club this summer and the dressing room banter is as high as ever

difficult place to come, and with your help we can once again make this happen for this season.

Today's match will be no easy task. Hartlepool will probably still be on somewhat of a high following their promotion.

However, we will be determined to get our season off to a good start. A good run of results at any stage of the season

is important so hopefully we can take our form from pre-season into this campaign.

Your support over recent years has become vital and we now need to you be right behind us as we face another challenging season. You can make a huge difference.

Continue to get behind the team and enjoy this afternoon's game.

Coyney



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CLUB SECRETARY



CHERRY NEWBERY

It is very fitting that David Preece and PC Jon Henry, two different but highly respected men whose lives were cut short, should be honoured side by side today



IT doesn't seem possible that yet again we are welcoming another new season to Kenilworth Road. Where did the close season go! However a very warm welcome to everyone as we start our new campaign.

The close season saw the untimely passing of Luton Legend David Preece, or Mini as we all knew him. He will be sadly missed by all his friends at Luton.

The respect that David held in the football world was clear to see from those who attended not only David's funeral but also his memorial service this week.

I have been asked by David's wife Louise and his daughters to convey their thanks for all the messages of tribute and support they have received and the donations to Cancer Research UK.

Anyone who would still like to contribute can still do so by sending their donation care of me here at the Club.

At 7.30am on the morning of Monday June 11, PC Jon Henry was murdered while protecting the people of our community.

Jon was a local lad who often worked on the police teams here at Kenilworth Road.

Luton is a close-knit community

which embraces both Luton Town FC and our local police. His death was a great shock to all.

It is fitting that two different but highly respected men whose lives were cut short are honoured side by side. Both David and Jon's families are here with us today as guests of the Club.

Representatives from Jon's policing team will join with both football teams to pay our respects with a minute's silence.

We will also remember at the same time Danny Bergara, who was a coach here in the late 1970s.

The close season has seen many improvements at the ground. I don't ever remember such a hive of industry around the place before with all the builders and staff who have worked so tirelessly to get the stadium ready for today's match.

A reminder to all supporters regarding the new No Smoking legislation that came into effect on July 1, and the Football League directive that makes the whole stadium complex No Smoking.

The only area where smoking will be allowed, as last season, is for Main Stand and Enclosure ticket holders, who will be able to use the area between the Ticket Office and Club Shop at half time only. Improvements in this area also mean that those



supporters will be able to purchase goods from the Club Shop at half time.

Reserve matches will again be played at Kenilworth Road and entry is via the press gate, free for season ticket holders on production of their season ticket, £3 for adults and £1 concessions.

Our first home game is on Tuesday September 11, when we play Peterborough United, kick-off 2pm. Please do come and support the team.

We were delighted to be invited by The Football Association to host one of the tournament matches for the England Under-17s.

The match is England v Italy on Sunday September 2, kick-off 3pm. Tickets are now on sale, or you can pay on the day.

Full details are now on the Official website and will appear in the next matchday programme.

Finally, like you, I am looking forward to an exciting and entertaining new season, so do get behind the team, enjoy the game and make this the beginning of a new era for all of us.

Cherry

David Preece

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A SUPERB player who was one of the first names on the teamsheet. He was respected by his colleagues and although he was small he was a big man in every way. He was a team player with a lovely left foot and a twinkling smile.

— DAVID PLEAT, Luton manager who signed David

OFF the pitch he was a pal of mine and it's hurt me a lot. David, Steve Foster and I all joined Luton in the same week and we were very, very close. He was a very good friend and we kept in touch right up until the day that he died. It's a terrible loss.

On the pitch we had a little thing going. He knew where I was going to be to pass to and I knew where he was going to be. He was a joy to play with.

It's a sad time and we all miss him very much.

— MICK HARFORD

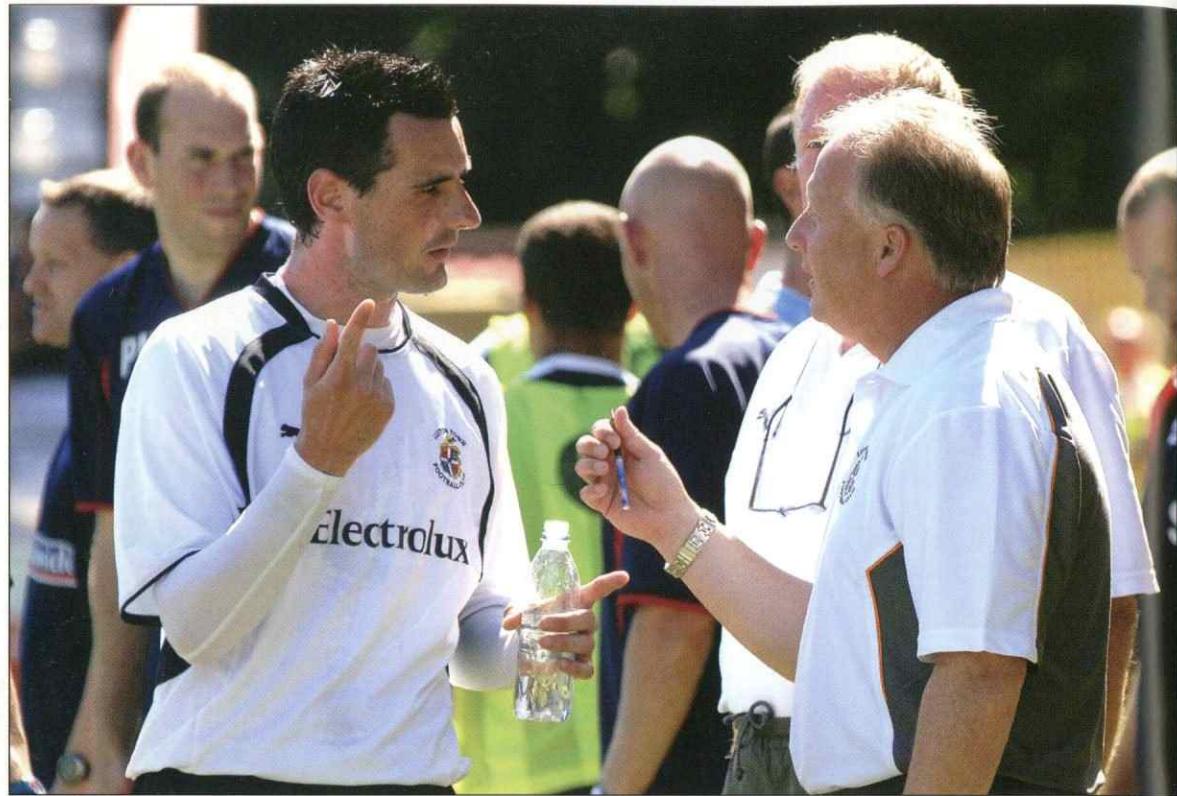
I WILL remember David as a tremendous player during one of the most successful times in Luton's history. He was an integral part of the team with his capacity to unlock defences with his superb left foot. 'Mini', as we called him, was a cheeky little beggar too — a great character and there was always something going on when he was there!

He will be sadly missed by colleagues and by fans who were privileged enough to have seen him play in his pomp.

— DANNY WILSON

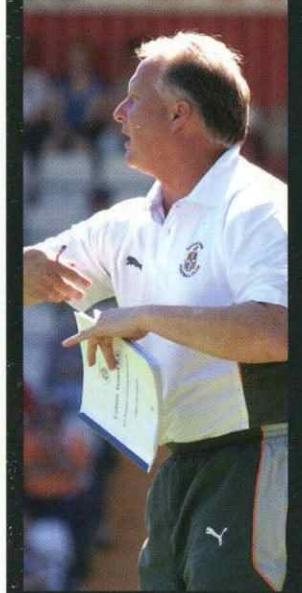


Everyone at Luton Town Football Club extends our deepest sympathies to the family of David Preece at this very sad time.
There will be a one-minute silence before today's match in David's memory.



TACTICS... Matthew Spring and Kevin Blackwell share a word

MANAGER'S VIEWS



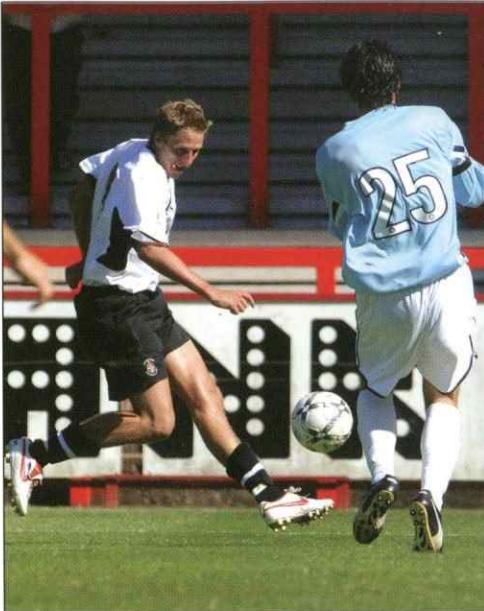
"I WAS very pleased. We started fairly slowly. We knew it was going to be tough coming here. They're still on a very good high. They beat Ipswich 3-0 so I think that shows you how tough the game was going to be, but I was delighted with our finish to the second half. It was excellent. It was a polished performance second half, particularly as it was away from home. I said to the lads at half time that we needed to know how we could handle coming in 1-0 down and I thought we handled it ever so well."

– Kevin Blackwell



Disposed... Craig Dobson manages to dispose Steve Robinson of possession

STEVENAGE 1 LUTON 2



SWEEPING... Dave Edwards gets over a cross from the flank



STEADY... Sam Parkin waits patiently to mount a Luton attack



CRUNCH... Dean Morgan gets in a challenge after replacing Be

DREW Talbot's fine individual goal preserved Luton's unbeaten pre-season campaign against Stevenage Borough.

The former Sheffield Wednesday striker scored with a goal that was worthy of winning any match, ten minutes from time.

The Hatters striker picked up a long pass from Kevin Foley down the right, cut inside his man, sent the ball through the legs of Ronnie Henry and coolly finished off with a side-footed shot into the bottom corner.

Luton had a scare after only 16 minutes when David Bell went down and was taken off as a precaution with a thigh niggle.

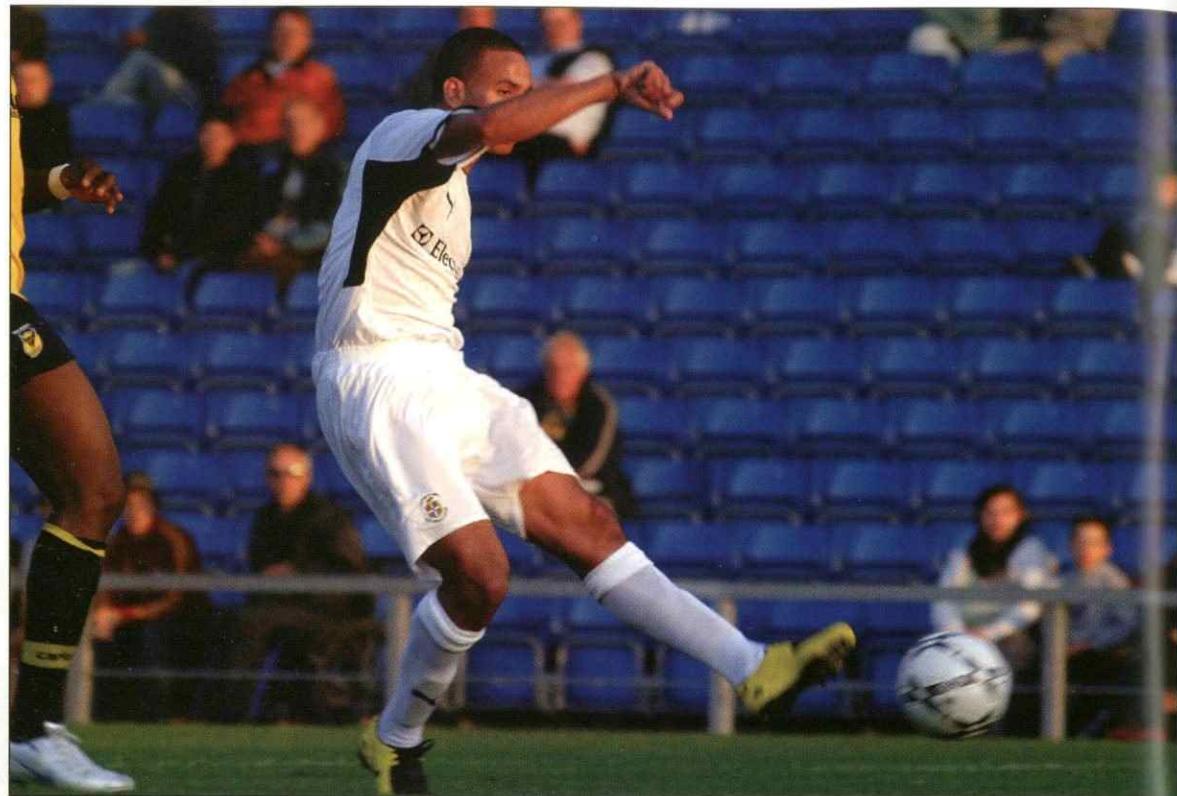
He was replaced by Dean Morgan, who was himself substituted for Steve Robinson 21 minutes later, manager Kevin Blackwell admitting that he had tried a tactical switch but was not happy with the result.

In a game played in hot and humid conditions at Broadhall Way, Luton had to come from behind after Stuart Lewis gave Stevenage a first-half lead.

It was an advantage that Stevenage probably deserved, but after looking surprisingly off the pace for much of the first half, Luton came out fighting for the second half and always looked as if they would get themselves back in the game.

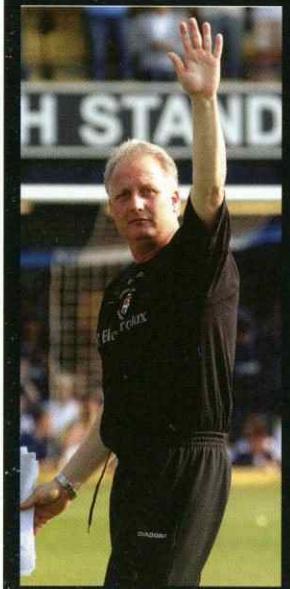
And they did on 61 minutes when Paul Peschisolido got Luton back on level terms when he followed up a shot from Sam Parkin that had been saved by Stevenage goalkeeper Alan Julian.

Although Talbot grabbed the winner, there were still some nervy moments for the visitors to contend with as Paul Furlong cleared Paul Hakim's header off the goal line in the closing stages.



GOAL... Dean Morgan stays cool to fire Luton into a 2-0 lead

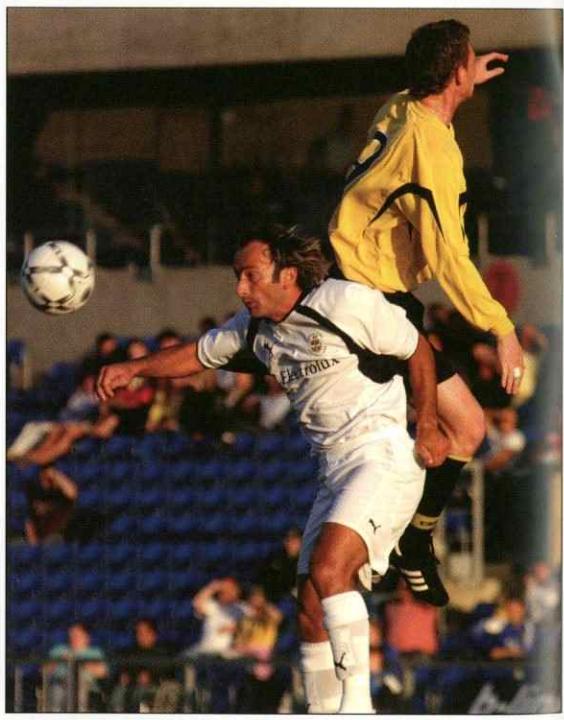
MANAGER'S VIEW



"WE did some good stuff. We got on top and their goalkeeper kept them in the game. He has made four world-class saves and had we scored those we would have been home and dry in the first half. Oxford were fairly strong and physical and I wanted to make sure as many players as possible got 90 minutes.

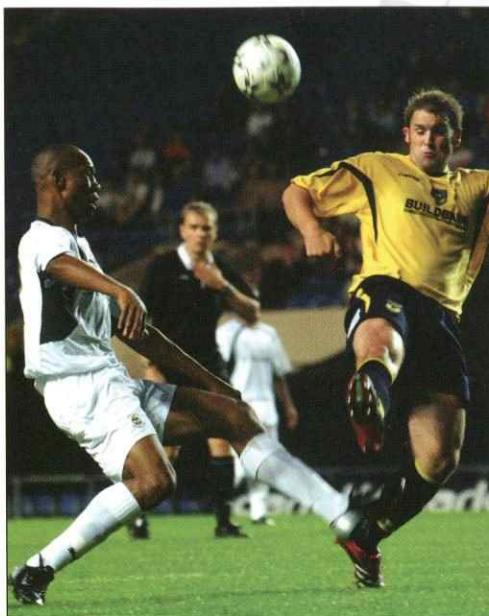
"Some of the players I wasn't happy with because of the goal that we conceded. I thought that was a nonsense for me and a naughty for the players to allow that to happen."

— Kevin Blackwell

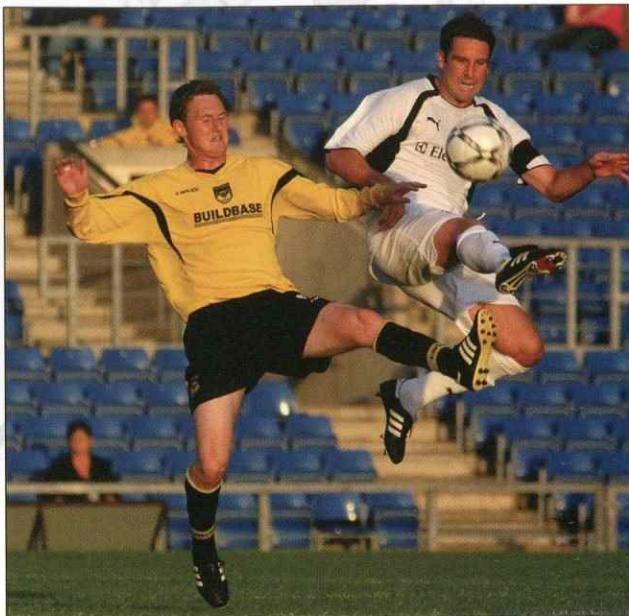


IT'S BEHIND YOU... Ahmet Brkovic wins a midfield battle

OXFORD 1 LUTON 2



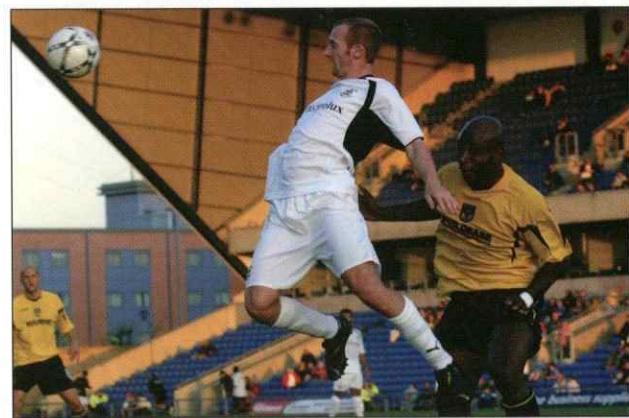
50-50... Calvin Andrew in the thick of the action



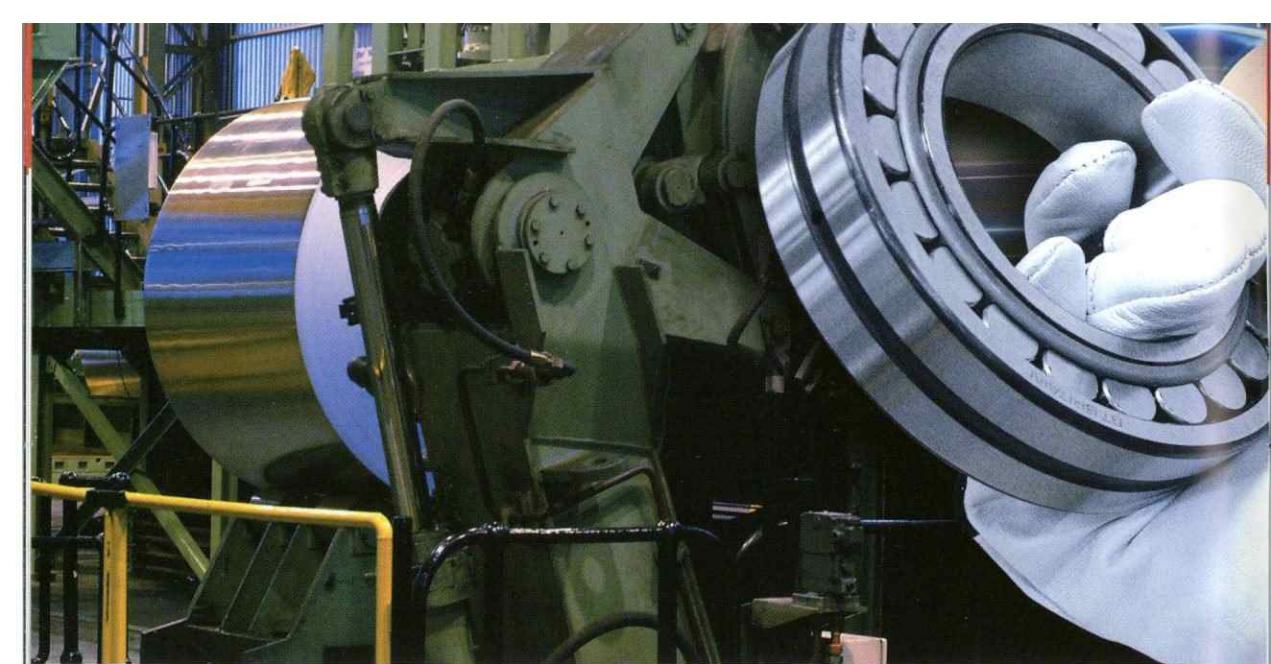
AIRBORNE... Chris Coyne flies through the air to win possession



HOTSHOT... Furlong fires a strike at goal against Oxford



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WELCOME TO HARTLEPOOL UNITED

The Hartlepool story from 1881 History

WEST Hartlepool AFC was formed in 1881, joined the Northern League and won the FA Amateur Cup in 1905. In 1908, the twin towns of Hartlepool and West Hartlepool combined to form Hartlepools United, but in 1910 West Hartlepool were wound up. Pools were founder members of the Third Division North in 1921. In 1968 the club changed its name to Hartlepool FC, but in 1977 that became Hartlepool United. Fans know them either as The Pool or Pools.

Top player

SCOTS midfielder John McGovern began his career at Hartlepool, where he was given his debut by boss Brian Clough at the age of 16. He followed Clough to Derby, Leeds and then Nottingham Forest, winning two European Cups, two Division One medals and two League Cups, making him perhaps the greatest player ever to star for Pools.



Top manager

BRIAN Clough was boss at Hartlepool from 1965-67 and used it as a springboard for one of the great careers, winning two European Cups with Nottingham Forest. Few would disagree with his only half tongue-in-cheek assessment: "I wouldn't say I was the best manager in the business, but I was in the top one."

Top game

Hartlepool 2 v Sheff Wed 4 (aet)

League One Play-Off Final: May 29, 2005
MORE than 16,000 Pools fans went to Cardiff and saw their side come from behind with goals by Eifion Williams and Jon Daly to lead 2-1. They were just seven minutes from the Championship when a dubious penalty was awarded and Chris Westwood sent off. The Owls went on to win 4-2 in extra time against 10 men who still feel they were robbed.

DES O'DONNELL

By STEWART CURTIS

LUTON welcome back to Kenilworth Road today one of the greatest Hatters heroes of all time – Danny Wilson. As a stylish and classy midfielder, he was an inspiration in the Luton side that rode high in the top flight in the late 1980s. Wilson scored 30 goals in his 142 Luton appearances, but just one of them makes him a Luton legend. It came at Wembley on April 24, 1988 and made the scoreline Arsenal 2 Luton 2. Shortly afterwards Brian Stein hit his second and the cup belonged to Luton Town.

Ever since, Wilson has had a great reception when he has returned to Kenilworth Road and today will be no exception. As a manager he went on to enjoy good times at Barnsley, Sheffield Wednesday and Bristol City – especially when he took unfashionable Barnsley into the Premiership in 1996-97.

Wilson took over at Hartlepool in June 2006 and in his first season in charge put another promotion on his CV by taking Pools up into League One and just one point away from finishing as champions – which makes him a hero with BOTH sets of supporters this afternoon.

A final day victory over fellow promotion hopefuls Bristol Rovers would have seen Pools take top-spot, but a 2-1 defeat left them having to settle for second.

A relatively quiet summer at Victoria Park has seen few players leave, with the most notable departure being goalkeeper Dimitrios Konstantopoulos. The Greek keeper's consistent performances for Pools in League Two saw him move on a Bosman transfer to Championship side

Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	Pools
League	7	1	6
FA Cup	1	0	0
Lge Cup	0	0	0
Total	8	1	6

Last meeting:

Feb 15, 2005: Hartlepool 2 (Davis 62og, Robson 90) Luton 3 (Coyne 21, Showunmi 58, Foley 64)

Last season:

Pools automatically promoted from League Two after finishing second.

Last three Pools games:

Apr 20, 2007: Pools 1-1 Notts County Brown (3)

Apr 28, 2007: Rochdale 2-0 Pools

May 5, 2007: Pools 1-2 Bristol Rovers Porter (32)

Coventry City, leaving Wilson a tough position to fill. But two new goalkeepers have headed for the North-East, with Dane Jan Budtz and former Norwich trainee Arran Lee-Barrett both vying for the Number 1 jersey.

However, the younger of the two, Lee-Barrett, is confident of first team football, saying when he arrived that: "I am looking to get a good first season in the League behind me with plenty of clean sheets."

Wilson has also signed former Scotland Under-21 captain Jamie McCunnie from Dunfermline, as well as Ghanaian-born defender Godwin Antwi on a season-long loan deal from Liverpool. Wilson was



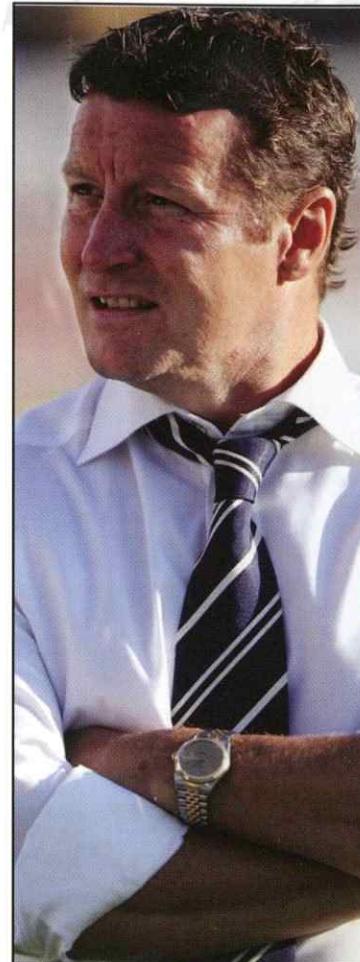
Royal appointments... named after Queen Victoria, it beat off an attack by the German air force

Danny Wilson's Wembley goal for Luton made him a Hatters legend. Now his promotion in his first season as Hartlepool boss means he is a hero with BOTH sets of fans

particularly delighted with Antwi, saying: "He has great pace and will be a big acquisition for us."

With lucrative friendlies against Dutch outfit AZ Alkmaar and Sam Allardyce's Newcastle, Hartlepool have prepared for the new campaign well.

Most Pools supporters would probably happily settle for a season of consolidation this time round, and at long 25-1 odds for the League One title, the bookies clearly believe that another promotion is perhaps unlikely this season. But settling for second best is not in Danny Wilson's make-up and no one should write off any side he sends out.



Legend... Wilson is a hero as player and boss

Rock-solid ground even the Kaiser couldn't shut

The Victoria Ground was built in 1886 in a disused limestone quarry by West Hartlepool Rugby Football Club, and was named after Queen Victoria in her Jubilee year. The Kaiser's air force almost destroyed the ground in 1916 when a German Zeppelin trying to escape attack jettisoned its bombs on the Victoria ground and blew up one of the main stands. A temporary stand was built that lasted until the 1980s.

Record attendance: 17,426: v Manchester United 5-1-1957 FA Cup R3

Highest gate receipts: £42,300: v Tottenham Hotspur 9-10-1990 League Cup R2

Most League goals: Ken Johnson: 98 1949-64

Most goals in a season: Joe Allon: 28 1990-91

Div 4

Transfer fee received: £750,000: Tommy Miller to Ipswich July 2001

Transfer fee paid: £75,000: Chris Freestone from Northampton March 1992

The fan's view

MICK GANNON of the Hartlepool Mail gives a rundown on his side

HOW has your pre-season gone?

Generally very well. The results have been a mixed bag but performances have been very encouraging.

They matched Newcastle United for long spells before going down 3-1 at Victoria Park and they also held Louis van Gaal's talented AZ Alkmaar side 1-1 at the Vic. They had one win and one defeat against tough opposition on tour in Holland (RKC Waalwijk 3-1 and Kiryat Shmona 0-2) and then a 2-1 defeat at Rotherham. The manager has experimented with formations but the squad looks well-equipped to handle League One.

What are Hartlepool's aims for this season?

Consolidation after promotion last season but if they can get a good start then a top half place and a push for the Play-Offs is not beyond them.

Who was your most important close-season signing?

Striker Ian Moore is determined to get his career back on track after a couple of injury-hit years at Leeds and he should be among the goals with Richard Barker.

WHO do you think will be your star players this season?

Defender Godwin Antwi looks to be superb signing. He is on a season loan from Liverpool and at only 19 looks a terrific prospect. He has great power and pace and wins everything at the back. Another to watch is James Brown. He had a sparkling first season in the first team last year and has come back looking just as sharp. He can play up front or wide and will be a handful for defenders.

Who do you think will be promoted from League One?

Nottingham Forest and Millwall look strong along with Luton – and Swansea will surely get it right eventually. They have spent big again, although losing talisman Lee Trundle might hurt them. With 2008 being Hartlepool's centenary year, perhaps it is about time they won their first piece of silverware...



THE KEY MEN FOR

THE SKIPPER:
MICKY
NELSON

LAST season's Player Of The Year and joint Players' Player Of The Year, Mickey has been a dominant force in the heart of Pools' defence since joining the Club in the summer of 2003.

He made a move to Bury from Bishop Auckland in 2001 having enjoyed a successful trial period and went on to become a fans' favourite at Gigg Lane.

Aggressive in the tackle and superb in the air, he was one of Pools' most consistent performers last season, winning numerous man-of-the-match awards for his commanding displays at the heart of defence.

KEEPERS

Jan Budtz started his career in Denmark before signing with Doncaster Rovers in 2005. During his first season with the Club, he enjoyed national fame when he starred in Doncaster's Carling Cup win over Manchester City.

Budtz saved two of the three penalties taken by Manchester City in the shoot-out, which Doncaster won 3-0. After losing his place at Doncaster, he signed for Hartlepool in the summer.

Hartlepool's second choice goalkeeper is **Arran Lee-Barrett**, a promising shot-stopper who has had spells with Coventry City and Cardiff. Last season, Lee-Barrett was playing football for non-League side Weymouth.

DRIVING FORCE

Mickey Nelson was voted Player Of The Year and joint Players' Player Of The Year last season

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FAME... Budtz

Arran Lee-Barrett

TEAM SHEET

Last game:

Rotherham 1-0 Pools

21 Arran Lee-Barrett
18 Ali Gibb
5 Michael Nelson
6 Ben Clark
8 Ritchie Humphreys
15 Antony Sweeney
4 Willie Boland
2 Jamie McCunnie
17 David Foley
9 Richard Barker
10 Joel Porter

Subs:

7 Gary Liddle
24 Michael Mackay
19 Matty Robson
22 Ian Moore
11 Andy Monkhouse
3 Robbie Elliott
1 Jan Budtz



HARTLEPOOL UNITED

TOP SCORER: RICHARD BARKER

DANNY Wilson finally got his man after Richard signed for Pools during the January 2007 transfer window to complete a move from Mansfield Town. The powerful striker quickly found his feet and was an instrumental part in Pools' promotion push – bagging nine goals including the winner at Wycombe Wanderers which sealed a top-three finish.

THE STRIKERS

Joel Porter joined the Club late in 2003 but by his own admission failed to settle quickly. After a rigorous pre-season, he showed the fans his true colours in the 2004-05 season, scoring 15 goals. Joel had a couple of injury-hit seasons, but is now looking forward to a successful League One campaign. **James Brown** really is one to watch and is rated very highly by everyone at Pools. After missing the majority of the 2005-06 season through injury, he forced his way back into contention and became a regular for Danny Wilson throughout last term. **David Foley** became the youngest player ever to play for the Club when he came on as a substitute against Port Vale in August 2003 aged just 16 years and 105 days. He is a player who has shot through the ranks at Victoria Park.



INJURIES... Porter

THE MIDFIELDERS



Willie Boland became new boss Danny Wilson's first signing in August 2006 when he joined from Cardiff City, where he had made more than 200 League appearances. **Ritchie Humphreys** arrived at Victoria Park in the summer of 2000 looking to rebuild his career after a broken leg that he suffered while playing for Cambridge United. He is an experienced player having started out at Sheffield Wednesday in the Premiership. He has also had spells with Port Vale, Scunthorpe and Cardiff City. **Gary Liddle** joined Hartlepool from Middlesbrough in August 2006 and was a consistent performer for the club last season, making 46 appearances in total. **Lee Bullock** joined Hartlepool from Cardiff City at the beginning of the 2005-06 season. He made 171 League appearances for York, his first club. **Andy Monkhouse** arrived at Hartlepool on loan from Swindon last season and made a great start as he played in eight games, winning eight times. It prompted Danny Wilson to sign him permanently in January 2007 and he played a vital role in the club's promotion from League Two. **Ali Gibb** is a midfielder who has had spells at Norwich, Northampton, Bristol Rovers and Stockport, while **Matty Robson** is one of a crop of players that have come through the ranks at Victoria Park.

THE DEFENDERS

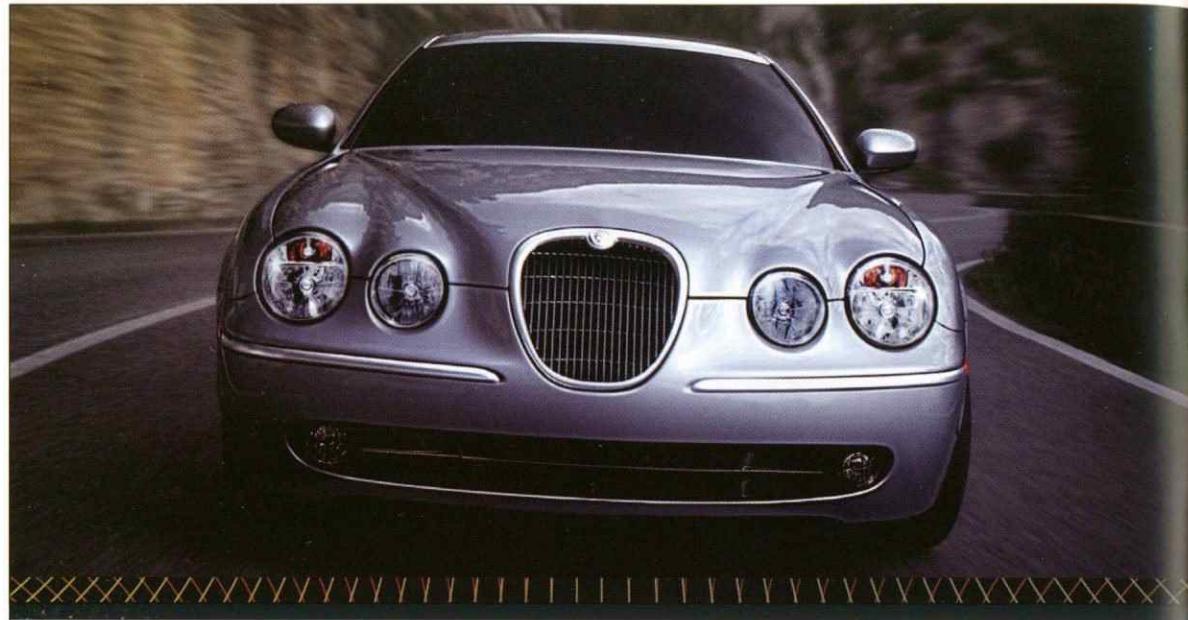
Jamie McCunnie and **Robbie Elliott** will both be hoping to make their debuts this afternoon after signing at Victoria Park in the summer. Jamie has spent all of his career in Scotland with spells at Dundee United, Ross County and Dunfermline. Meanwhile Robbie will be a name familiar to most after successful spells with Newcastle United, Sunderland, Bolton and Leeds United. **Ben Clark** was signed from Sunderland in October 2004 after five years at the Stadium of Light. He captained the England Under-19s in a Championship in Norway and has also represented his

country at Under-15 and Under-18 levels. Experienced defender **Mickey Barron** is the club's longest-serving player – the 2007-08 campaign will be his 12th at Victoria Park. Despite beginning as a centre-back, Barron is now an established right-back and gives his all for the cause.



TOP SCORERS

(All competitions 2006-07)	
Richard Barker	9
Jon Daly	9
Andy Monkhouse	7
James Brown	7
Eifion Williams	6
Darryl Duffy	5
Joel Porter	6
Ritchie Humphreys	4
Gary Liddle	4
Antony Sweeney	4



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ROGER WASH tells the stories behind some special moments in Hatters history



Dancing David's Maine Road mayhem

It had been a long week at the end of a very long season for Luton manager David Pleat. He had led his side to the championship of the old Division Two in glorious style in 1982 and with his bright, attacking squad of players taking the top flight by storm at the start of the next season all seemed set fair.

But then a long-term injury to top scorer Brian Stein revealed a lack of strength in depth up front and with the Town always looking likely to ship goals at the other end, the team started to plummet. After a disastrous Easter, the Hatters went six games unbeaten and just needed a home win over Everton on the penultimate Saturday to ensure Division One status would continue.

Luton went 1-0 up but the supporters were then shocked when the defence conceded FIVE goals without reply and with every other result going against them relegation loomed large again.

Two games remained, at Old Trafford on the Monday which was lost 0-3, and

**Date: Saturday May 14, 1983
Place: Maine Road, Manchester**

then back to Manchester on Saturday to take on the blue half of the city. The maths were simple, the Hatters needed to win to stay up while fellow strugglers City needed only a point to do the same and send Luton down.

David Pleat saw his whole Luton career compressed into a week and admitted later that the stress got to him. To top it all he learnt on the day before the big game that his father-in-law, a staunch Hatters fan, had died.

Through all this the players, ably led by experienced skipper Brian Horton, remained positive. Even though David Moss and Richard Money were injured and Brian Stein was ordered to play when he was not match fit, there was an air of confidence about Luton.

A crowd of 42,843 gathered at Maine Road including several thousand from Luton and the tense atmosphere

percolated on to the pitch with little football shown in the first half. City needed only a point, so there was no need for them to be positive and with the game seemingly destined to end goalless their tactics appeared spot on.

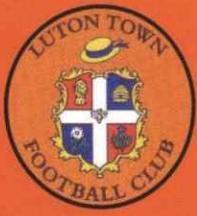
Five minutes from the end, a tired Stein managed to get over a cross at the second attempt. The ball was pushed out by City keeper Alex Williams. Late sub Raddy Antic, lurking on the edge of the area, smacked it back first time with Williams deflecting it past a defender on the line.

Cue mayhem, as the players fell on Antic before realising that they needed to hang on to their lead for the final few minutes, which seemed an eternity.

On the final whistle, David Pleat let out all his pent-up pressure by scampering across the pitch to find skipper Horton. The run was captured by BBC cameras and has been played many times since to much hilarity – but I'm sure Pleat does not give a stuff!



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THE STATISTICS

SIMON PITTS finds some fascinating facts about today's teams

18 different players have scored for Luton against Hartlepool. They are: Steve Howard (5), Gary McSheffrey (2) and one each for John O'Rourke, Bruce Rioch, Michael Leary, Graham French, Terry Branston, Laurie Sheffield, Brian Lewis, Dean Crowe, Matthew Taylor, Marvin Johnson, Ahmet Brkovic, Chris Coyne, Enoch Showman and Kevin Foley in the League. In the FA Cup, Mickey Weir and Darren McDonough have scored one each.

4 in a row—that's how many consecutive games Steve Howard scored in against his former side. The run started in December 2001 in a 2-2 draw at Kenilworth Road. Howie then scored twice in August 2003 and this time the Hatters won 3-2 at home. Hartlepool got revenge the following April at Victoria Park, but again Howard netted in a 4-3 defeat, and then he opened the scoring in a 3-0 win in October the same year back at Kenilworth Road.

7 is the number of League meetings between Luton and Hartlepool at Kenilworth Road, with Luton winning five, one draw and one defeat. The Hatters have scored 14 goals and conceded 7.

5 times Luton have managed to score three goals against Hartlepool in total of 15 competitive matches, but no player has scored a hat-trick in this fixture.

142 – that's how many appearances current Hartlepool manager Danny Wilson made for Luton Town. He also scored 30 goals, including Luton's second in their 3-2 League Cup Final win against Arsenal in 1988.

Five-fer... Luton's Steve Howard



That goal levelled the game at 2-2 before Brian Stein's late winner.

— that's how many times the clubs have met in cup competitions.

The solitary game was an FA Cup Third Round tie at Victoria Park on January 9, 1988 and the Hatters won 3-1.

2 very different positions by one player in the same year... Tony Read played for Luton against Hartlepool in March 1967, coming on as an outfield substitute for Graham French. Then in September of the same year, he played in goal in the reverse fixture – and kept a clean sheet.

0 – there has never been a goal-less draw in a competitive game between the two sides.

Each way movers

3 Hartlepool players have joined the Hatters, and two of those were in the 1930s. Billy Thayne and Gordon Dreyer played for only a couple of seasons each for Luton before moves to Northampton and Bedford respectively. Neither player scored for the Hatters. Adam Boyd was a £500,000 signing last summer, and made 23 appearances and scored twice in all competitions during 2006-07.

2 players have moved to Hartlepool from Luton. John Foster had made 50 appearances and scored 3 goals for Luton before his move in 1924, while Terry Adamson managed only two games for the Hatters in 1966-67 after his transfer south from Sunderland. Kelvin Davis did make a loan move to Hartlepool in 1997-98, making three appearances. His first match back in goal for Luton was a 0-0 draw at Fulham.



13,145

is the biggest gate for this fixture, and saw the biggest win for Luton, by three goals to nil. Brian Lewis, Laurie Sheffield and Bruce Rioch were all scorers in October 1968. This scoreline was matched when the sides last met at Kenilworth Road back in Luton's Championship-winning 2004-05 season.



Highs & lows

Luton Town
High: 1986-87 – 7th Div 1 (Top flight)
Low: 1966-67 – 17th Div 4

Hartlepool
High: 1956-57 – 2nd Div 3 North
Low: 1959-60 & 1962-63 – last Div 4

Introducing
LIFELINE

Welcome to our brand new feature: **LIFELINE** shows where a team has been a roller-coaster over the years with some spectacular highs and crashing lows, while Pools fans have often had a hard grind down the years. Watch out for **LIFELINE** in every home programme.





Trio sign new deals

BRISTOL Rovers winger Lewis Haldane has signed a new three-year deal with the club, which will see him stay at the Memorial Stadium until summer 2010.

And striker Richard Walker and defender Chris Carruthers have also agreed new contracts with the League One side.

Walker has agreed a two-year deal and Carruthers has signed a one-year deal.

Meanwhile, manager Paul Trollope has decided to retire as a player:

Southend in Barrett row

SOUTHEND have hit back at Essex rivals Colchester, after the U's revealed they had made an "undisclosed six-figure" bid for defender Adam Barrett.

BBC Essex believes the bid for Barrett, 27, who has one year remaining on his contract, is in the region of £200,000.

But Shrimpers chairman Ron Martin told his club's website:

Ritchie grabs Vale's Kamara

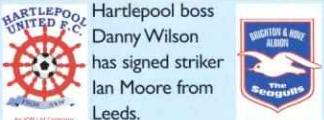
Huddersfield boss Andy Ritchie has completed the signing of former Port Vale winger Malvin Kamara.

Kamara, 23, has signed a two-year deal and follows the signings of the experienced pair of defender Frank Sinclair and striker Danny Cadamarteri.

"I'm very excited. Malvin can open up defences and he will cause problems," Ritchie told his club's website.



Bournemouth have signed midfielder Marvin Bartley from Hampton & Richmond.



Hartlepools United boss Danny Wilson has signed striker Ian Moore from Leeds.



FORMER Luton trialist Martin Brittain has been given a week-long trial by Carlisle boss Neil McDonald.

The 22-year-old former Ipswich winger, who started his career at Newcastle, joined Ipswich in August 2006 before having two loan spells at Yeovil last season. McDonald told the club website:

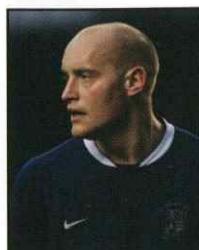


Gills capture Royce

GILLINGHAM have signed goalkeeper Simon Royce on a one-year deal.

Royce, who played three games for the Gills during a loan spell at Priestfield last season, joins from Championship side QPR.

The 35-year-old made 20 appearances for Rangers last season.



ROW... Adam Barrett

Barrett has made 116 League appearances since joining Southend from Bristol Rovers in 2004, having also played for Plymouth and Mansfield.

He helped them win



Brighton have been given the go-ahead to build a new 22,000-seater stadium.



Torquay United have signed Millwall striker Chris Zebroski on loan.

Birmingham midfielder Neil Kilkenny has joined Oldham on loan.



Leeds lose their appeal over 15 point penalty

LEEDS have lost their appeal against a 15-point deduction for the start of the new season following a breach of the Football League's insolvency policy.

The chairmen of the other 71 Football League clubs voted "overwhelmingly" to sanction Leeds and then again to uphold the original punishment. In both cases, the outcome was higher than a 75 per cent majority vote.

Leeds chairman Ken Bates had insisted the League One outfit had not broken any rules. Bates had sent a letter to all Football League chairmen, arguing that the punishment was a

"breach of natural justice".

It was imposed on August 4, the same day that Leeds were granted their "golden share", which allowed them to compete in the Football League this coming season. The share had been suspended when Leeds went into administration at the end of last season, a decision that automatically incurred a 10-point penalty and thus sealed their relegation from the Championship.

The League want clubs coming out of administration to do so via a company voluntary arrangement (CVA), with football creditors paid in full.



LOSER... Leeds Chairman Ken Bates lost his appeal

Yeovil Town manager Russell Slade has confirmed his interest in signing Swansea City midfielder Ian Craney.

League One newcomers Walsall have signed ex-Derby defender Paul Boertien.

Yeovil Town have signed talented midfielder Lee Peltier on loan from Premiership Liverpool.

Cheltenham central defender Gavin Caines will be out for six weeks after damaging cartilage in a knee.



Carlisle look at Brittain

"We're bringing him in to have a look at him this week and we'll get him training. He may get involved in the friendly games that we have, so we'll just see how it all goes once he is with us."

Brittain is familiar to Luton supporters after he had a trial at Kenilworth Road in the summer.

The midfielder played in our pre-season friendly with Dagenham & Redbridge.



NEW TRIAL... Brittain

Ling lets Murray go

LEYTON Orient boss Martin Ling has decided against offering a contract to ex-Northampton defender Fred Murray.

Ling said: "Fred wasn't quite what we were looking for. He needs games after spending such a long time out injured."



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Kaid joins Swindon

SWINDON Town have snatched striker Kaid Mohamed from under the noses of Wrexham. Free agent Mohamed has signed a one-year deal with the League One side after impressing on trial. Mohamed had spent several weeks with Wrexham.



DONCASTER have completed the signing of Scottish trialist Gordon Greer on a two-year contract.

The 26-year-old defender turned down a new contract offer with Kilmarnock. Greer,

who started his career with Clyde, has spent the last three seasons at Rugby Park after spells with Blackburn and Stockport.

But he married in the summer and his English wife preferred him to move back down south.



Rovers sign Greer

TRANMERE have completed the signing of goalkeeper Danny Coyne. The Welsh international made more than 100 appearances for the club between 1992 and 1999.

Coyne said: "It's like coming home and it's nice to be back. I want to do well with Tranmere and I can't wait to start playing at Prenton Park again."



Coyne back home



Gradi tells Brown to be patient

CREWE technical director Dario Gradi says Junior Brown will have to be patient as he tries to secure himself a regular first-team place.

The youngster scored twice in the club's pre-season win at Quorn.

"Junior is still a young lad trying to find his feet at senior level and is still settling in," Gradi said. "He still has work to do. You'd say he needs 12 months behind him but he could surprise everyone and come in a lot earlier."



Foyle short of strikers

PORT Vale boss Martin Foyle says an injury to striker Marc Richards has left him short of fit forwards. Richards's groin injury leaves Akpo Sodje and Luke Rodgers as Vale's only experienced strikers. "Marc Richards is a little bit sore, but we don't know the full extent yet."

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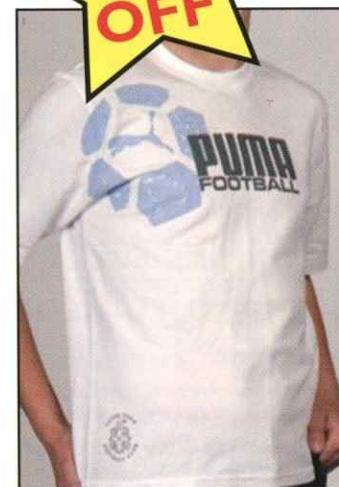
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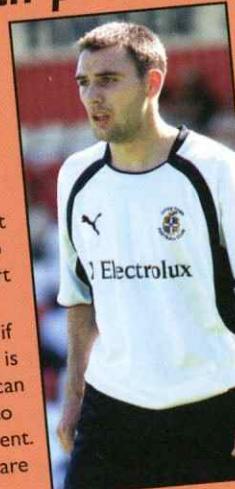
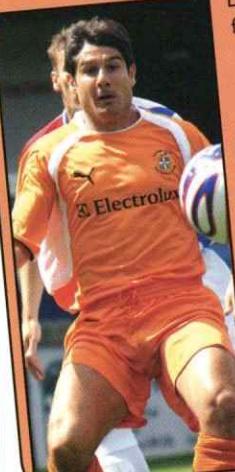
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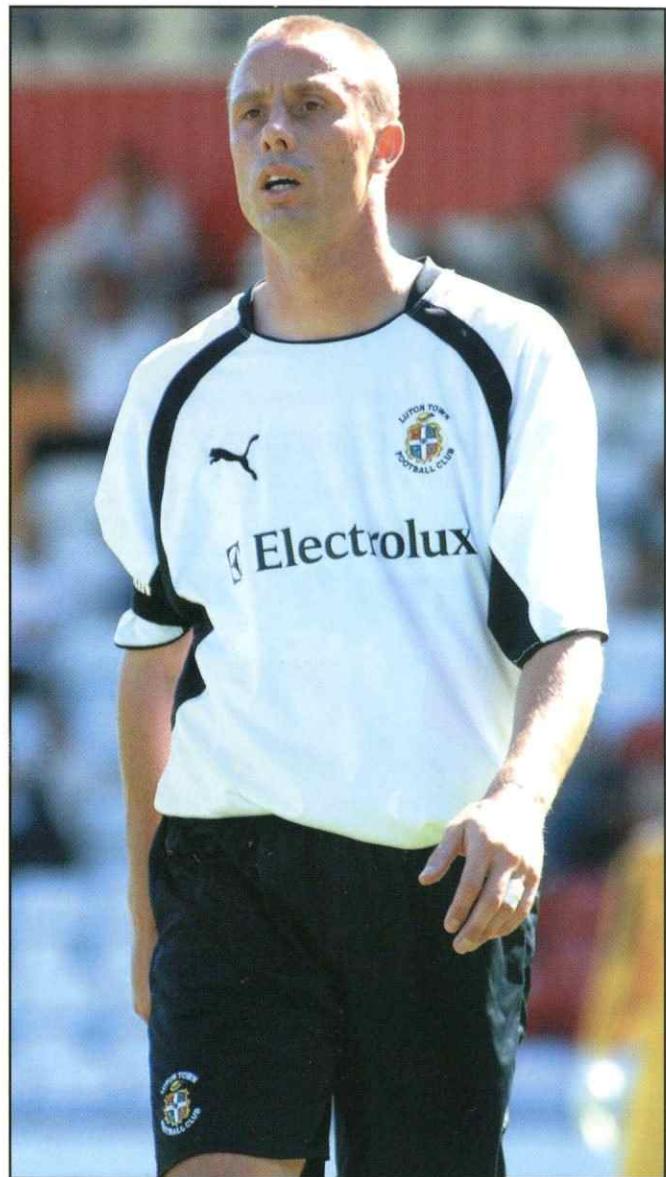


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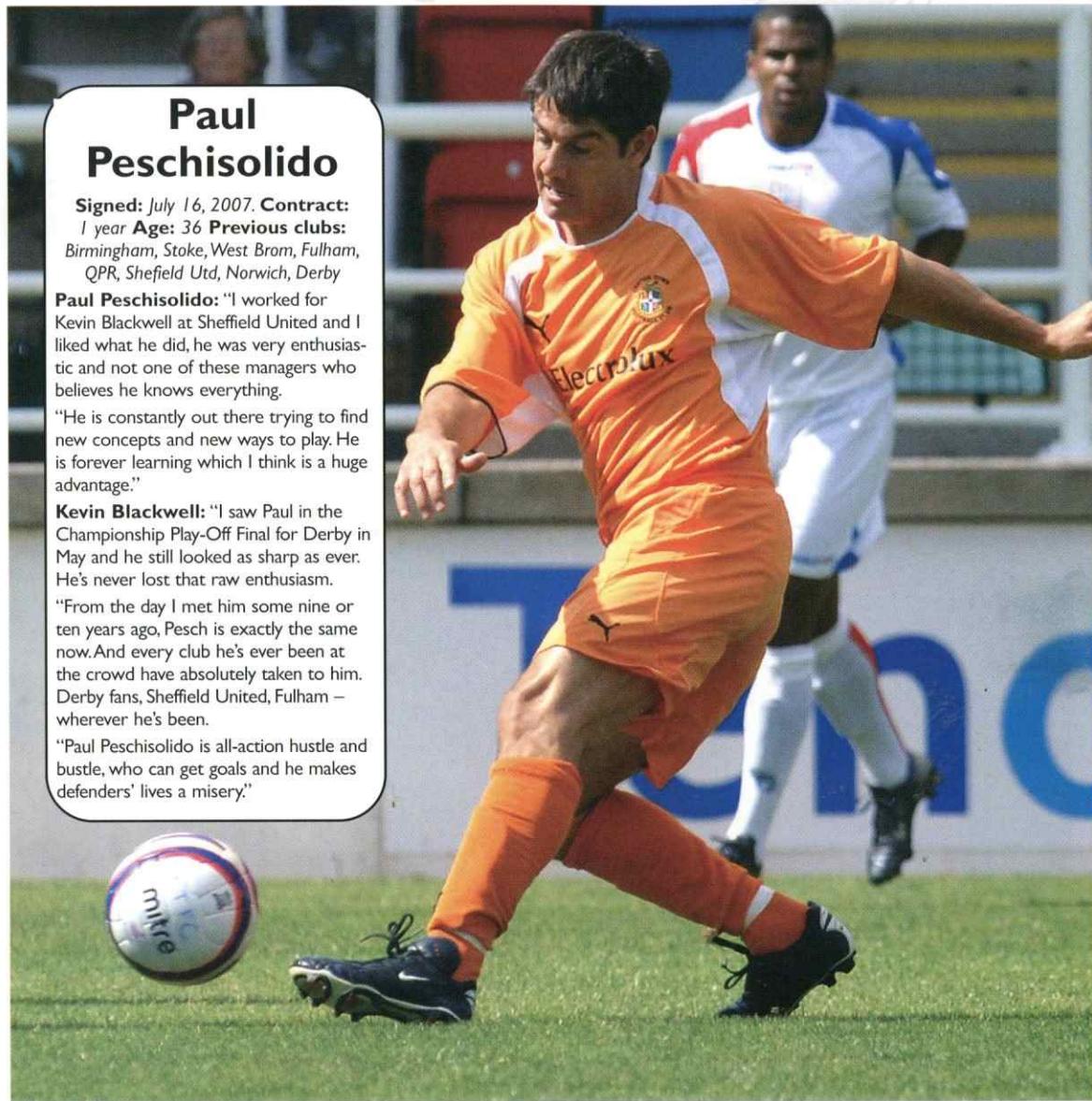
BLACKWELL'S

**Chris Perry****Signed: July 5, 2007. Contract: 2 years Age: 34****Previous clubs:** Wimbledon, Spurs, Charlton, West Brom**Chris Perry:** "I was impressed by the Club's outlook and I think Luton have a very good chance of returning to the Championship next season."**Kevin Blackwell:** "An experienced player. Last season Chris Coyne at 28 was our oldest defender. We had Brilly 21, Foley 22, Leon Barnett 21, Lewis Emanuel 22... It meant we had Coyne at a young 28 carrying the weight of the whole back five, so I had to get some experience in."

"And to get Chris Perry was a superb bit of business. You don't very often get the opportunity to sign the quality of a Chris Perry with his knowledge and his experience – not just on the pitch but off it."

**Don Hutchison****Signed: July 26, 2007. Contract: 1 year Age: 36****Previous clubs:** Hartlepool, Liverpool, West Ham, Sheffield Utd, Everton, Sunderland, Millwall, Coventry**Don Hutchison:** "The Gaffer wants me to pass on a bit of experience to the younger lads, but I'm still ultra-competitive and I'll fight for my shirt too."**Kevin Blackwell:** "Been around the block. You need people who have been there, done that and bought the T-shirt AND are eloquent enough and confident enough to pass that message on to the youngsters. And Don Hutchison fits that bill perfectly."**Richard Jackson****Signed: August 6, 2007. Contract: 2 years Age: 28****Previous clubs:** Scarborough, Derby**Richard Jackson:** "I wanted to come to a team who will be challenging for promotion this season and I think with all the signings that will happen at Luton."**Kevin Blackwell:** "Richard can play in a number of positions. He has been playing in the Championship with Derby and it means I have a player of a good standard. It improves the depth of the squad. I want us to be a bit stronger in defence and he fits the type of player I am looking for."

SUPER EIGHT

**Paul Peschisolido****Signed: July 16, 2007. Contract: 1 year Age: 36 Previous clubs: Birmingham, Stoke, West Brom, Fulham, QPR, Sheffield Utd, Norwich, Derby****Paul Peschisolido:** "I worked for Kevin Blackwell at Sheffield United and I liked what he did, he was very enthusiastic and not one of these managers who believes he knows everything."

"He is constantly out there trying to find new concepts and new ways to play. He is forever learning which I think is a huge advantage."

Kevin Blackwell: "I saw Paul in the Championship Play-Off Final for Derby in May and he still looked as sharp as ever. He's never lost that raw enthusiasm."

"From the day I met him some nine or ten years ago, Pesch is exactly the same now. And every club he's ever been at the crowd have absolutely taken to him. Derby fans, Sheffield United, Fulham – wherever he's been."

"Paul Peschisolido is all-action hustle and bustle, who can get goals and he makes defenders' lives a misery."

'There will be a balance between young lads learning their trade and senior pros'**Kevin Blackwell:** "I brought all the senior pros in to help in a coaching role as well. I've not actually got a Reserve team manager this year so all those senior lads will have a part to play."

"Two or three of them have voiced an interest in coaching so we will start helping them along that route. A couple of lads even if they don't play for me this season, the work that they will do behind the scenes will help the likes of Stephen O'Leary, Drew Talbot, Calvin Andrew,

or Belly or Foley or Keane – most are 20 or 21 and have no experience."

"The lads I've brought in have mountains of experience and then we've got lads like Edwards who are still learning their trade. So there will be a balance. Some will play and some will have their role in the changing room."

**Meet Paul Furlong, Darren Currie, Dave Edwards and Alan Goodall on Pages 34&35**

MEET THE NEW SIGNINGS

Paul Furlong

Signed: July 4, 2007. **Contract:** 1 year **Age:** 38
Previous clubs: Coventry, Watford, Chelsea, Birmingham, QPR, Sheffield United

Paul Furlong: "I haven't arrived just to make the numbers up. I want to be part of things and try to get promotion. I can tell, having spoken to Kevin Blackwell, that despite the Club being relegated last season, the ambition is very high. I feel there will be interesting times here at Luton. I still have a lot to offer and believe I can do a job for the Club."

Kevin Blackwell: "I don't think I have to say any more than look at what he did to us at the end of last season at QPR. He came on for 20 minutes and absolutely turned the game on its head. We were more than comfortable, coasting towards what would have been a crucial win and Furl's came on and used all his experience to win a dubious penalty and then head the winner."

"And I looked at our bench last season and there was no experience. He brings massive experience that can help us win games."

**Darren Currie**

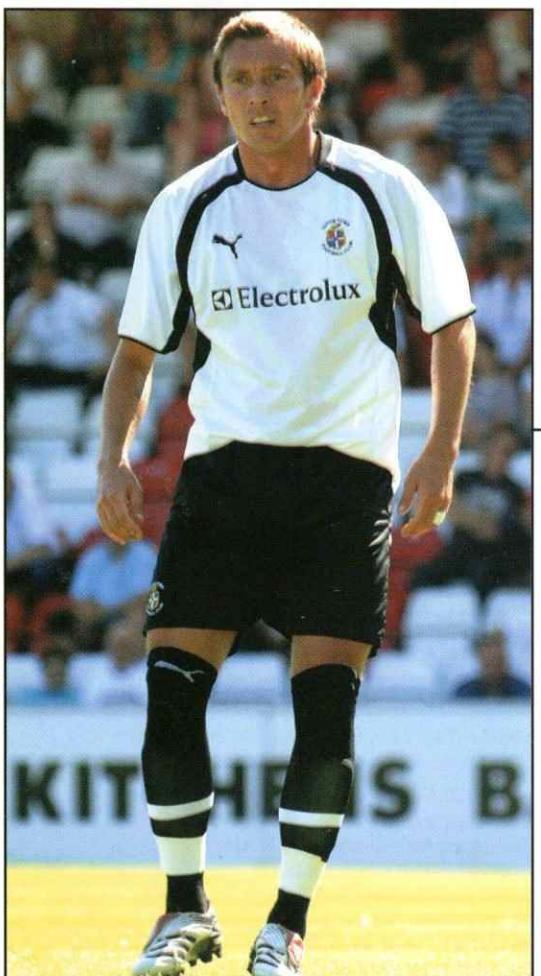
Signed: July 2, 2007. **Contract:** 2 years **Age:** 32
Previous clubs: West Ham, Shrewsbury, Leyton Orient, Plymouth, Barnet, Wycombe, Brighton, Ipswich, Coventry, Derby

Darren Currie: "One of the biggest factors in me joining the Club was when I played against Luton for Derby. Although we won 1-0 on the day, Luton played very well. There were a lot of young players in the team and they gave a very good account of themselves. I knew there was a good future here with some promising kids."

Kevin Blackwell: "Darren is an old head whose job will be to help nurture our young lads."

"We had a young squad who lacked experience in certain areas and at certain times in games last year and Darren will provide us with some extra strength in midfield."

"He's a set play specialist. Give him the ball and he quickly becomes a crowd favourite. He is something that Luton's always had – a classy lad, who can get the ball, bring people into play, and calm games down. You can give Darren Currie the ball for a couple of minutes and he'll look after it."

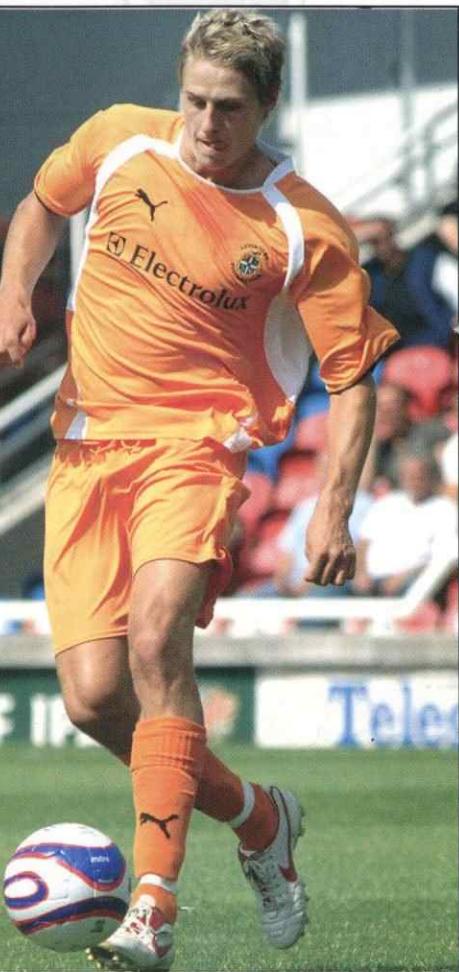
**Dave Edwards**

Signed: July 26, 2007. **Contract:** 3 years **Age:** 21
Previous clubs: Shrewsbury

Dave Edwards: "Kevin Blackwell virtually sold the Club to me. He is an ambitious manager and knows exactly what he is trying to achieve."

"I have enjoyed playing for Wales Under-21s so to come to Luton, playing at a better level and a higher standard will hopefully help me achieve my senior chance."

Kevin Blackwell: "I tracked him for a little while and knew there was massive interest. He was at the right age of 21 as Goodall is. I did say at the end of last season how I was building a squad and that I needed experience and then I went and signed two lads and people must have said: 'I thought you wanted experience and you've gone and signed young 'uns and we've already got a good crop of youngsters.' But Edwards has so much to give. Great energy. Enthusiasm. And I think the world's his oyster. Dave really can in my opinion from what I've seen so far go a long, long way in the game."

**Alan Goodall**

Signed: July 27, 2007. **Contract:** 2 years **Age:** 25

Previous club: Rochdale

Alan Goodall: "I want to play at the highest level I can and I think Luton's the right move for me. It just felt right. I'm very excited, looking forward to getting started."

"Hopefully we can push for one of the places to go straight up. Speaking to the Manager and everyone else here, that's their plans and that's what I hope is going to happen."

"The manager showed me the plans and what's going on and it's looking good for Luton Town Football Club."

"I can promise the Luton fans that I'll never give up and no matter how hard it is, I'll keep going."

Kevin Blackwell: "He's a lad who had to work for a living and realises what a great life this football is and he has a great hunger."

"He reminds me of Steve Buckley who was here for years, came from Burton Albion and had a lot of success. I see no reason why Goodall can't be the same."

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Back Row (left to right): Ed Asafu-Adjaye, Drew Talbot, Keith Keane, Richard Langley, Calvin Andrew, Sam Parkin, Paul Underwood, Steve Robinson, Ahmet Brkovic
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Front Row: Kevin Foley, Darren Currie, Don Hutchison, Chris Coyne, Kevin Blackwell (Manager), Sam Ellis (Assistant Manager), Chris Perry, Dean Morgan, Paul Peschisolido, David Bell

Charles snatches three early goals as young Hatters have a mixed pre-season campaign

IT has been a busy pre-season for Luton's youngsters, which started in emphatic style as many were involved in an impressive performance against Hitchin Town.

Goalkeeper Ross Faulds and striker Ryan Charles were both in the starting line-up, which also included new signings Chris Perry and Paul Furlong.

Joe Selby, Mark Farthing, Ashley Harrison-Barker and Elliott Osborne-Ricketts were just some of the other players who came on as second-half substitutes.

But the highlight of a physically demanding game was Charles's first goal of pre-season – a stunning 25-yard shot that sailed over the head of the Hitchin goalkeeper.

Charles was on the score sheet again in a 1-1 draw with Leighton Town.

After going in 1-0 down at the break and only being saved from a bigger deficit by two superb saves from goalkeeper Faulds, Hatters rallied in the second period and earned a draw when Charles bravely headed home at the near

A round-up of the pre-season action

post after a cross from the right with 20 minutes to go.

Luton's youngsters then suffered back-to-back defeats against strong opposition when they first lost 3-2 to Rugby Town. Mark Farthing and Osborne-Ricketts were the Luton scorers.

The second defeat came in the final of the Beds Premier Cup where Dunstable Town sneaked to a 3-2 extra time win. Dunstable took the lead when Daniel Douglas let rip with a 25-yard volley in the 65th minute. But Hatters forced the game into added time when Calvin Andrew struck in the 88th minute.

Luton looked to have sealed the win when Ryan Charles netted in the first period of extra time. But Dunstable rallied to claim the victory with Chris Marsh firing in another long-ranger in the 110th minute before substitute Mark Burfoot converted from close range minutes later.



HOT SHOT... Ryan Charles has scored three goals so far

Under-18 results, fixtures and table

August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
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Leading scorers

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Ashley Harrison-Barker.....0
Joshua Cranwell.....0
Jake Howells.....0

LUTON TOWN YOUTH TEAM

ZOE WOOD reports on the latest news and games

Cummins vows to give all his squad a chance to shine

CHRIS Cummins has a new season message for his first Youth Team squad – if you're good enough, you're old enough.

Luton's new Director of Youth has inherited a squad of 16 players for the new season, including new recruits right back Riccardo Biggi and centre back Harry Hogarth.

And Cummins is looking forward to the task ahead as he sets about producing Luton Town's stars of the future.

Cummins told us in an exclusive interview: "If an Under-16 lad comes in and does well and he deserves to play, then he will play. I won't just play second years because they are second years."

"It's my job is to produce players so I'll play what I feel is the strongest team at the time and if that's an Under-16 or and Under-17, they will play ahead of Under-18s if they deserve to play."

With a busy season about to start, Cummins highlighted the points that he and his squad are most looking forward to in the coming season.

"Obviously the first game of the season is something that everyone looks forward to. It is important at any level to have a good start and hope that all the hard work and preparation that has gone into a busy pre-season pays off."

"The First Round Proper of the FA Youth Cup is played in early November. This is a chance to meet the teams that you don't normally play and also an opportunity to play in the



DETERMINED... Chris Cummins will give all his lads a chance

stadium under floodlights, which many have not done yet."

Cummins added: "My role at the club is Director of Youth Football and my first five to six weeks have seen me spend a lot of time working with the Youth Team. Since the start of August our Under-9s to Under-16s have returned and started their pre-season."

"The Under-15s and Under-16s have been coming in during the day and training alongside the Youth Team and pros. And all our Under-9s to Under-14s have been training twice a week in the evenings."

"Over the next few months there will be a lot going on and it will be my job to improve what I see are the five pillars for developing players: recruitment, environment, coaching, pathways and opportunities, and the holistic support."

"It is also my job to keep fans up to date with how this is going and where you may be able to help us as supporters. I would also like to wish everyone at the club and the supporters good luck for the season ahead."

Keep up to date with all the Youth Team news, results and match reports at www.lutontown.co.uk



MANAGER'S VIEW



"I WAS really pleased with the performance. I thought we played some smashing stuff at times and we should really have been ahead at the interval."

"This was Rushden's sixth pre-season game of the campaign, so I knew it was never going to be easy. I told the boys before

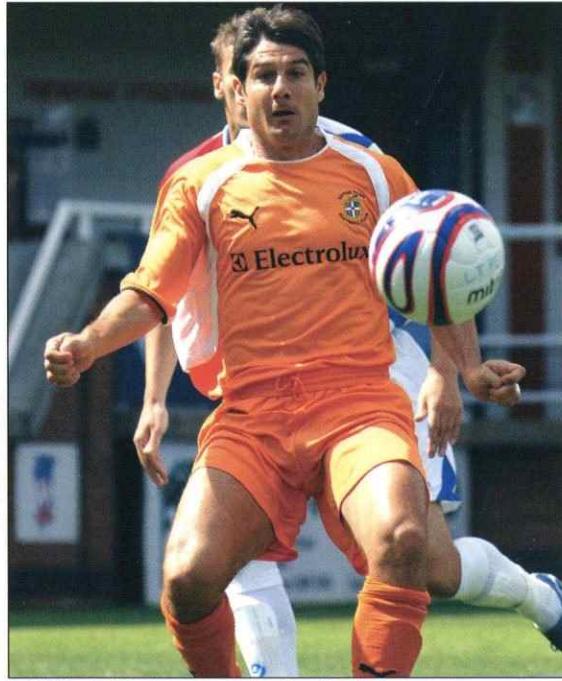
kick-off: 'Don't underestimate Rushden because they will be looking to beat you.'

"I thought we played some nice, one-touch football which is what Luton are renowned for, and that we showed a good mixture of putting our foot in when we needed to and showing that we can play some flowing, passing football."

"I was pleased with all the players. They showed good hunger today."

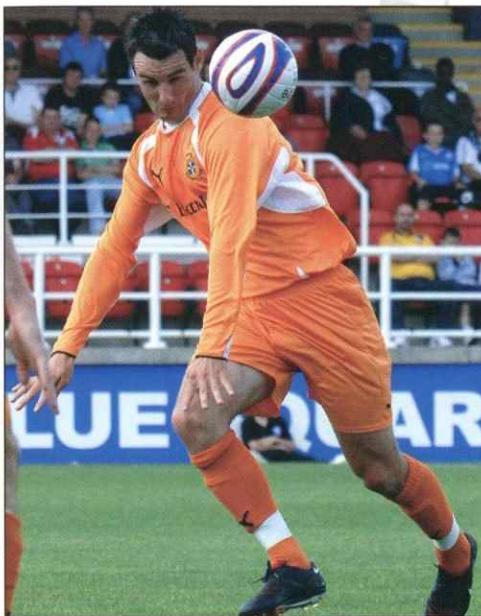
– Kevin Blackwell

TEASER... Paul Furlong takes on a Rushden defender close to the by-line



STEADY... Paul Peschisolido steadies himself as he is put under pressure

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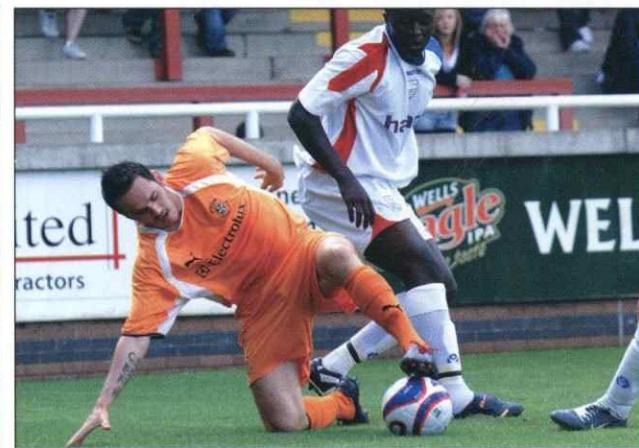
ON MY HEAD... Matthew Spring guides a midfield pass



NEW BOY... David Edwards brings the ball out to start another move



HEADS UP... Sam Parkin rises to flick on a long ball from the back



FLOORED... but David Bell still manages to keep possession from Rushden

A FULL-strength Luton side were held by non-League Rushden & Diamonds at Nene Park.

However, it was a game that saw many of Kevin Blackwell's new recruits impress as the Hatters controlled large periods of the match.

New signing Paul Peschisolido had Luton's best chances but was twice foiled by Rushden keeper Paul Bastock.

Chris Perry and Darren Currie gave assured performances while Dave Edwards and Alan Goodall both impressed in front of more than 1,000 fans at Nene Park.

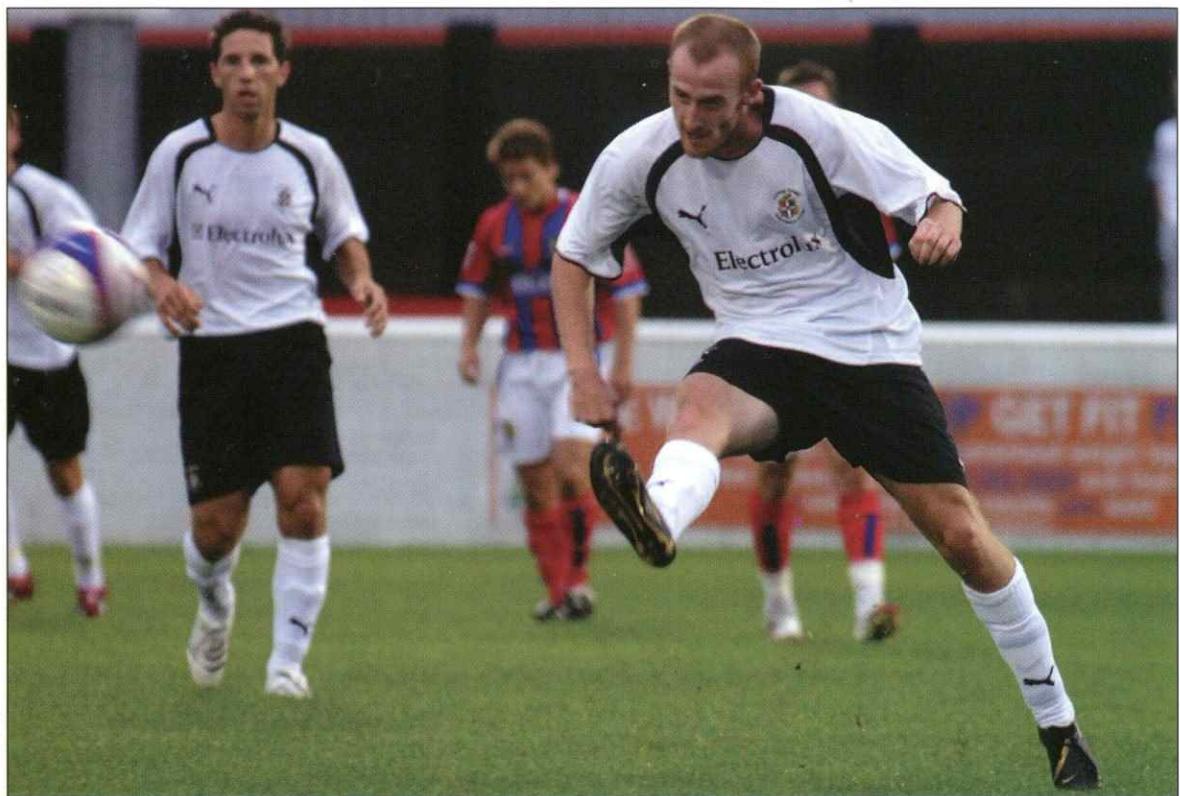
The only down side to an otherwise encouraging Luton display was Richard Langley leaving on a stretcher after being used as a makeshift centre-half in the second-half. Rushden almost made

the perfect start when Brill was forced to make a low dive to his right to keep out Curtis Woodhouse's effort after only 20 seconds as Dean Howell pulled back a cross from the left.

But Luton then dominated as Peschisolido's diving header on 11 minutes was superbly kept out by Bastock before Darren Currie swept over a cross from the left which found the head of the unmarked Coyne, but the skipper guided his effort past the wrong side of Bastock's post.

The second half saw little in terms of chances although Luton thought they had broken the deadlock on 84 minutes when Drew Talbot slid the ball home at the far post.

But the former Sheffield Wednesday man was caught in an offside position as Dean Morgan threaded over a cross from the right.



ASSISTANT MANAGER



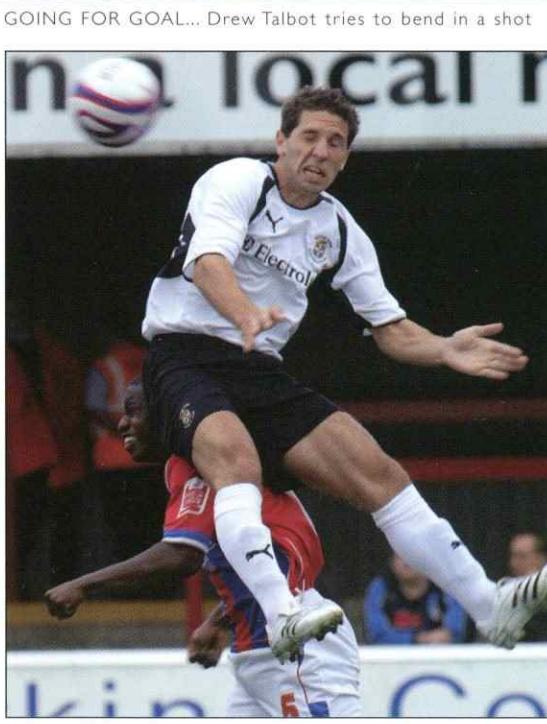
"IT was a smashing workout. It was a competitive game and the senior players that we were looking to get minutes out on the pitch all got them.

"From the injuries point of view, it's a bit messy but those things can sometimes happen.

"It's good to have such competitive games in pre-season. The games we have played, we have chosen because we feel they will be competitive matches.

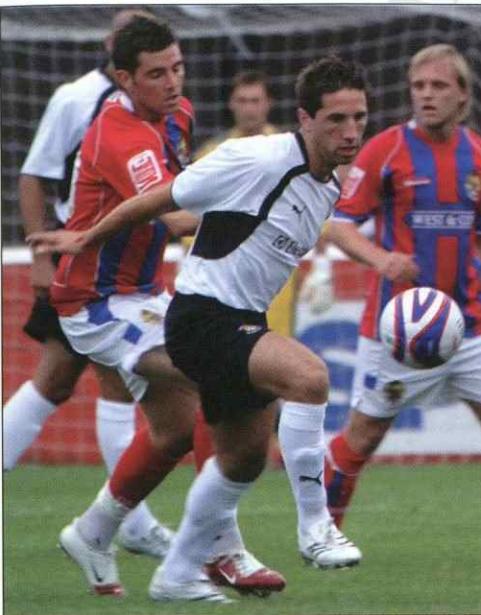
"We want to come to places like Dagenham because these teams want to beat you."

— Sam Ellis



TRIALIST... Alexis Bertin gets in the thick of the action

DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE I LUTON I



MIXING IT... Alexis Bertin comes under pressure

LUTON fielded six trialists for this typical pre-season friendly against Dagenham & Redbridge.

The Hatters started with Watford youngster Marvin McCoy, Arsenal defender Joe O'Cearuill, former Newcastle United winger Martin Brittain and Frenchman Alexis Bertin.

Luton also took a look at midfielder Joel Grant and ex-Bradford man Xavier Barrau, who both made second-half appearances.

But the Hatters cut short their interest in all of the trialists as they failed to impress in a 1-1 draw at Victoria Road.

It was youngster Ryan Charles who was on target for the Hatters as he struck his third goal in pre-season to help Luton came from behind against the League Two new boys.

The Luton striker deflected Ahmet Brkovic's long-range effort on 71 minutes to cancel out a well-taken shot from Dagenham's Bai Mas Lettejallow at the start of the second half.

The game almost got off to a great start when Luton came close to taking the lead after only 50 seconds as Dean Morgan's acute-angle shot was palmed away by Dagenham goalkeeper David Hogan.

But Dagenham themselves had a chance to take the lead through Jamie Taylor's 25-yard effort.

The home side then did go in front when Lettejallow rifled a shot into the corner of Dean Brill's net.

It looked as if Luton would suffer their first defeat of pre-season, but Charles popped up with the equaliser.



NICE TO MEET YOU... captain Paul Furlong at the kick-off



TAKING AIM... Richard Langley sweeps over a dangerous cross



LEADING THE LINE... Furlong partnered Drew Talbot in attack

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Nottm Forest	3-1	Carlisle	25-1
Doncaster	8-1	Hartlepool	28-1
Swansea	10-1	Bristol Rovers	33-1
Millwall	11-1	Northampton	40-1
Luton	12-1	Swindon	40-1
Southend	14-1	Crewe	40-1
Oldham	14-1	Walsall	40-1
Tranmere	20-1	Gillingham	40-1
Huddersfield	20-1	Leyton Orient	40-1
Yeovil	22-1	Port Vale	50-1
Leeds	25-1	Bournemouth	66-1
Brighton	25-1	Cheltenham	66-1

LUTON are fourth favourites to go straight back up as champions, according to HattersBet, our very own betting service. The Hatters are quoted at a tempting 12-1 to lift the title they won three years ago by 12 points. Forest are 3-1 favourites to take the crown, with Doncaster (8-1), Swansea – in spite of selling hotshot Lee Trundle – (10-1) and Millwall (11-1) all close behind them. Southend, now without Freddy Eastwood, are 14-1 along with Oldham. Luton are also well represented in the top scorer odds with two strikers in the Top 20. Forest's Nathan Tyson is favourite to win the League

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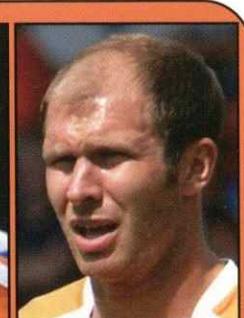
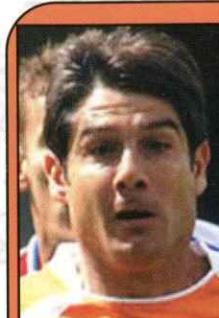
One Golden Boot at 8-1 ahead of Darren Byfield of

Millwall at 10-1, but Hatters Paul Peschisolido (20-1) and Sam Parkin (25-1) could be good bets. Find all these bets at www.hattersbet.co.uk or call 0800 322 365.

ROBINS TOP FOR DROP

IN spite of their 15-point deduction, Leeds are not favourites to go down. The bookies make Cheltenham hot to drop at 11-8, with Orient next best bet at 6-4, followed by Bournemouth at 7-4. Then come Leeds at odds of 2-1 to start next season in League Two.

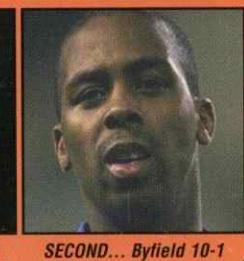
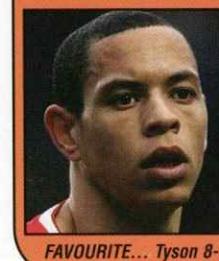
Cheltenham	11-8	Hartlepool	4-1
Leyton Orient	6-4	Huddersfield	11-2
Bournemouth	7-4	Yeovil	7-1
Leeds	2-1	Carlisle	7-1
Walsall	5-2	Tranmere	9-1
Northampton	11-4	Southend	9-1
Bristol Rovers	11-4	Oldham	10-1
Swindon	3-1	Luton	12-1
Port Vale	3-1	Millwall	12-1
Crewe	10-3	Doncaster	16-1
Gillingham	7-2	Swansea	20-1
Brighton	7-2	Nottm Forest	40-1



HITMAN... Peschisolido 20-1 COMEBACK... Parkin 25-1

STRIKE PAIR HIT TOP 20

Nathan Tyson (Nottm Forest)	8-1
Darren Byfield (Millwall)	10-1
Paul Heffernan (Doncaster)	12-1
Nicky Maynard (Crewe)	12-1
Nicky Forster (Brighton)	14-1
Jermaine Beckford (Leeds)	16-1
Ian Moore (Hartlepool)	20-1
Chris Greenacre (Tranmere)	20-1
Grant Holt (Nottm Forest)	20-1
Danny Graham (Carlisle)	20-1
Craig Davies (Oldham)	20-1
Darryl Duffy (Swansea)	20-1
James Hayter (Doncaster)	18-1
Neil Harris (Millwall)	20-1
Paul Peschisolido (Luton)	20-1
Junior Agogo (Nottm Forest)	20-1
Adam Boyd (Leyton Orient)	20-1
Sam Parkin (Luton)	25-1
Luke Beckett (Huddersfield)	25-1
Richard Barker (Hartlepool)	25-1
Lee Hughes (Oldham)	25-1
Charlie MacDonald (Southend)	28-1
Michael Ricketts (Oldham)	33-1
Tommy Mooney (Walsall)	33-1
Richard Walker (Bristol Rovers)	33-1
Paul Furlong (Luton)	40-1
Richie Foran (Southend)	40-1
Jo Kuffour (Bournemouth)	40-1
Akpo Sodje (Port Vale)	40-1



FAVOURITE... Tyson 8-1

SECOND... Byfield 10-1

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IT'S not just on the pitch that there have been changes at Kenilworth Road.

While manager Kevin Blackwell has been busy rebuilding his team during the summer, Chairman David Pinkney and fellow board members are overseeing some reconstructing at Kenilworth Road itself.

And here we show you the new look for the old Kenilworth Suite. New for the 2007-08 season, it will create a top level of corporate hospitality called 'the CLUB', which aims to tap onto big businesses in and around Luton that have traditionally been difficult to attract to the Hatters.

A high-tech conferencing suite and bar has been built in place of the former Kenilworth Suite, and linked to the redeveloped boardroom.

Workman have also been in over the close season to take on a number of jobs including expanding the

Club Shop, refitting the changing rooms, redecorating the Millennium Club and the Century Club, updating the press facilities and revamping the Joe Payne executive suite.

Other intended improvements will include a new PA system and a new area behind the Kenilworth Road end for supporters to relax before kick-off, as well as during half-time and after the match.

This is hoped to include music, entertainment for children and access to the Club Shop from a new entrance within a fenced off area near to the ticket office. Work has already begun on this improvement.

Chief Executive John Mitchell said: "Every area of the business is now being addressed.

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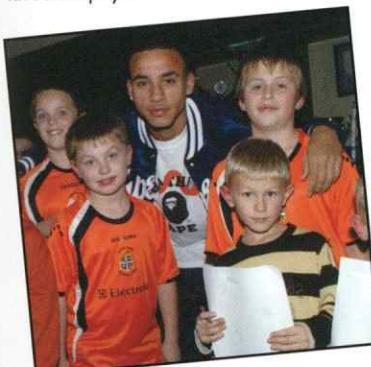
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The following members have celebrated their birthdays in July:

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Conor Naughton
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Conor Danes
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Jack Cook
Aaron Hall
Oliver Murtagh
Lucas Coles
Justin Baker
David Firth
Christopher Brennan
Charlie Poulton
Kieran Robbins
Katy Pearson
Alfie Meade

Today's Mascot



Name: Sid Gosling

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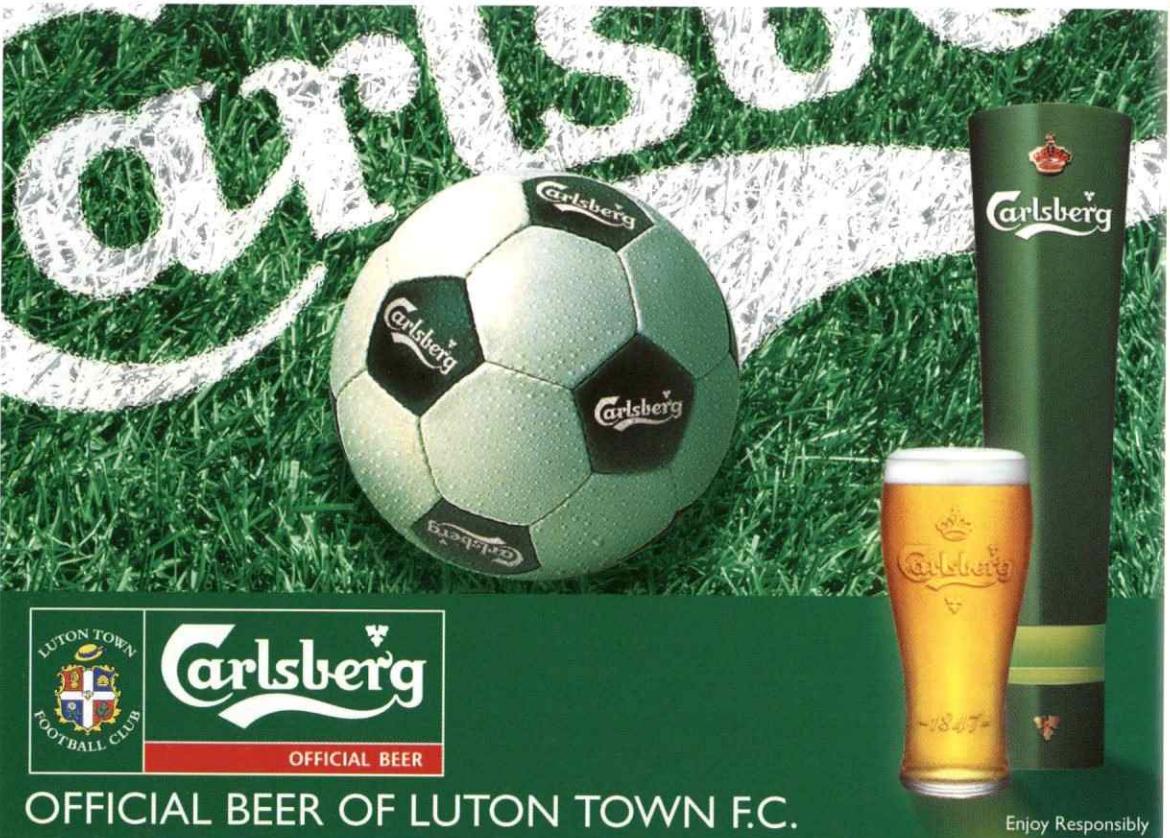
Favourite Player:

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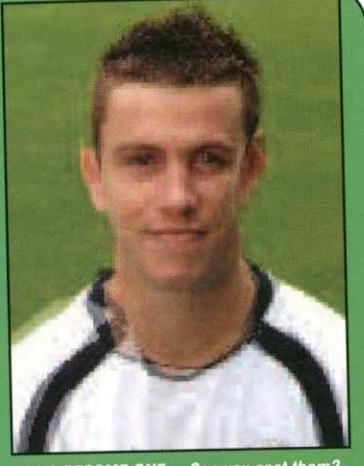
FOOTBALL POSERS

LET'S GET QUIZZICAL



**Two's
who?**

HOW well do you know your Luton stars? Through the magic of computers we have morphed two players into one, so the picture on the left is half-way between TWO Hatters favourites – but which ones? And who are the TWO players who go to make up the image on the right? It's a whole new twist to the old one-two, but will it leave you floored?



TWO BECOME ONE... Can you spot them?

10 to test you

1 FORMER Arsenal player Jose Antonio Reyes has agreed to join which Spanish side?



Question 1

2 WHICH team has made the most appearances in the FA Cup final – four – without ever lifting the trophy?

3 WHO opened the scoring as Manchester United won the Community Shield against Chelsea last week?

4 NEW Arsenal striker Eduardo Da Silva plays for which national side?



Question 5

5 WHICH side formerly played their home games at the Baseball Ground?

6 WHICH team are nicknamed The Shrimpers?

7 WHICH Chelsea player was named runner-up to Brazilian midfielder Ronaldinho in the European Footballer Of The Year award in 2005?

8 WHO is the manager of League One side Walsall?

9 MANCHESTER City new boy Rolando Bianchi scored 18 goals in two seasons for which Serie A side?

10 WHO recently became the manager of Northern Ireland?



Question 10



Badge badge

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* LETTERS PLAY *

CAN you unjumble these letters to find the name of a Luton player, a team's nickname, a Premiership manager, a League One ground and a Luton legend. And just to make it harder, we're not going to tell you which is which. Nasty, eh?

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LUTON LADIES

DAVE BAKER reports on the latest action from the Luton Town Ladies

The ladies squad... The Luton Town ladies squad line-up for their pre-season photocall



THE Ladies concluded their most successful season to date with the two longest away trips of the season to runners-up Plymouth Argyle and champions Newquay.

Town had never before managed to gain a point off Argyle, who had become somewhat of a bogey side and preparations were hampered by some players suffering from stomach upsets.

Luton fell behind early on but fought back to equalise from a set piece when Tanya Blackslay volleyed home.

Plymouth regained the lead somewhat against the run of play but once again Luton came back strongly and drew level when Janine Daly found the top corner with a 25-yard free kick.

Town's superior fitness then kicked in and Daly's superb volley from outside the box smashed into the net only to be controversially disallowed for offside, so Luton had to settle for a 2-2 draw.

The final game of the season at Newquay brought one of the finest performances yet from a buoyant Luton side.

Due to the Cornish side having

It is great credit to the Ladies that they put together a five-month unbeaten run to haul themselves up into a sixth place finish

considerable financial backing, many of their players are semi-professional but that counted for nothing as Town defended brilliantly against a usually prolific attack.

Daly then found Micky Taylor with a through ball and she scooped it over the advancing keeper to give Luton a well-deserved lead.

Confidence grew and grew and the points were made safe when Michelle Byrne sent in a pin point cross for Daly to volley in

at the near post. This was the first time in Newquay's history that any team had kept a clean sheet in Cornwall and we were only the second team to take all three points in six years.

It is hoped that this season will begin on a more positive note than last when Town were hit by a severe injury crisis leaving us bottom of the league after six games.

It is great credit to the Ladies that they put together a five-month unbeaten run to haul themselves into a sixth place finish.

● The Ladies are still seeking players capable of playing at a high level and in particular a senior goalkeeper aged 16 or above.

If there are any youth players who wish to represent Luton Town then we are still actively recruiting in all age groups from Under-10 to Under-15.

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24	Position	2
46	Played	46
10	Won	26
10	Drawn	10
26	Lost	10
53	Goals For	65
81	Goals Against	40
40	Points	88

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
5	5	14	21	10	6	6	3

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
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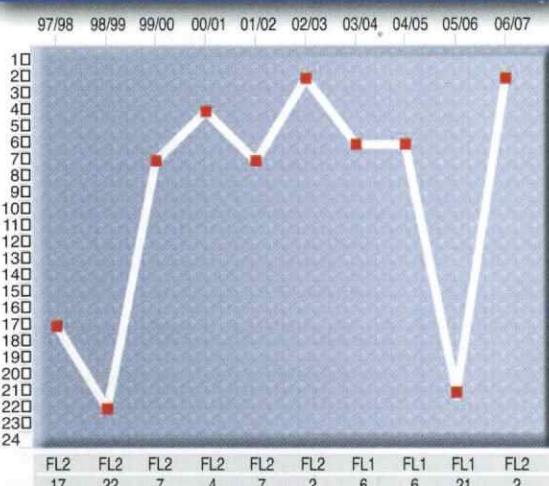
Record When Conceding First

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2	3	23	19	3	4	8	7

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[1], 2-0[2], 2-1[2], 3-1[2], 3-2[2], 5-1[1], Losses: 0-1[5], 0-2[5], 0-3[1], 0-5[2], 1-2[5], 1-4[2], 2-3[6], Draws: 0-0[5], 1-1[2], 2-2[3]	Wins: 1-0[11], 2-0[5], 2-1[2], 3-0[3], 3-1[1], 3-2[2], 4-1[1], 5-3[1], Losses: 0-1[2], 0-2[3], 0-3[1], 1-2[3], 1-3[1], Draws: 0-0[3], 1-1[6], 3-3[1]
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HARLEPOOL - TEN SEASON RECORD



SHARP SHOOTERS

Luton	CCFL	Cup	Tot	Hartlepool	CCFL	Cup	Tot
Rowan Vine	12	2	14	Jon Daly	9	0	9
Carlos Edwards	6	0	6	Richard Barker	9	0	9
Dean Morgan	4	1	5	Andy Monkhouse	7	0	7

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played14	Luton wins7	Hartlepool wins6
Draws1	Goals 24 (1.7 per game)	Goals 21 (1.5 per game)
0-0's0	Times failed to score 3	Times failed to score 3

Biggest League win at Luton for each team:

08/10/2004 & 12/10/1968 Luton 3-0 Hartlepool

27/03/1967 Luton 0-2 Hartlepool

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THE A-Z OF LUTON TOWN

player to have appeared for THE HATTERS in the Football League

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Besian IDRIZAJ

Born in Vienna of Kosovan parents, Besian made his debut for Linzer ASK in the Austrian league as a 15-year-old. Such was his progress that he was voted Austria's Young Player Of The Year in 2004-05 as well as picking up Under-21 caps including one against England, when he finished on the winning side.

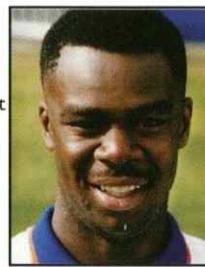
After a trial period, Besian joined his boyhood favourites Liverpool on a two-year contract in 2005 where he became a regular in the Anfield Reserve side. Sent out to Luton on loan in March 2007, he came to a club in turmoil with manager Mike Newell just departed and it was understandable that he was unable to show his full talents, although the tall striker did net a coolly-taken goal against Southend as the season drew to a close.

Marvin Anthony JOHNSON

Picked up by the Hatters from school football in Aylesbury, Marvin was moved into defence for the Youth side before signing professional forms in October 1986.

With an established partnership of Steve Foster and Mal Donaghy in the Town's top flight defence at the time, Marvin had to bide his time but once he established himself in the side he was difficult to budge and went on to make 373 League appearances for his only club before hanging up his boots in 2002.

Showing whole-hearted effort and a penchant for spectacular own goals, Marvin moved into a coaching position with the club when he stopped playing.



Robert (Rob) Simon JOHNSON

Bedford-born Rob turned professional for Luton in August 1979 but his career was almost over before it started as he suffered two serious knee injuries which he had to get over before making his League debut for Lincoln on loan in August 1983.

The tenacious full-back earned his Hatters debut soon after but further injuries meant that his appearances were only sporadic over the next six years, although he did turn out in the magical Littlewoods Cup Final win over Arsenal in 1988.

A move to David Pleat's Leicester in 1989 was not a success and after spells at Barnet and Hitchin, he turned to physiotherapy which he had studied during his long periods on the sidelines.

Rob is currently a physio with the English Institute of Sport.

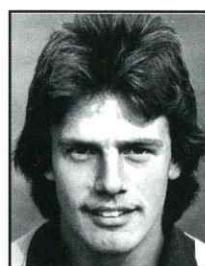


Graham JONES

Tough, no-nonsense defender Graham came up through the ranks at Kenilworth Road where he learnt his trade under then youth coach David Pleat.

He made his League debut on the final day of the 1975-76 season in a 3-0 win over Blackpool, but could never stake a regular place in the Luton side and after four years of trying was happy to make a move to Torquay which was far more to his liking, as he missed only one game during his first two seasons at Plainmoor.

Graham moved back to his home town area when joining Stockport in 1983 and from there turned out for Runcorn, Altrincham, Northwich Victoria and finally Colne Dynamoes.



Leslie (Les) Clifford JONES

Although born in Wales, Les came to the notice of Luton Town when playing for Luton District and South Beds League side Craig Athletic.

Cool under pressure – too cool some said – and able to play in both full-back positions, Les made his debut at the back end of the 1950-51 season and eventually earned a fairly regular place in the Hatters side despite having to compete against both Seamus Dunne and Bud Aherne.

Often mentioned in dispatches to the Welsh international selectors, Les asked for a transfer after losing his place to Ken Hawkes, and moved to Aston Villa where he made only five appearances before signing up with the Army.

On leaving the forces, Les joined Worcester City before hanging his boots up. Les is now back in Luton.



Alan Graham JUDGE

Proving that goalkeepers can go on much longer than outfield players, Alan was still pulling on his gloves for Banbury United last season at the age of 46!

Born in Kingsbury, Alan joined Luton from school and signed professional forms in 1978 before making his debut at Newcastle on the closing day of the 1979-80 season. Regarded as number two to Jake Findlay at Kenilworth Road, Alan nevertheless earned headlines when saving Gerry Gow's penalty at fellow promotion contenders Rotherham during the Hatter's championship winning campaign of 1981-82.

Alan accepted a step-down to Reading in 1982 and was back in the top flight with Oxford three years later where he won a Milk Cup winners medal.

Matthew Peter JUDGE

Barking-born Matthew came to the Hatters from school with his early performances for the Youth team, where he scored goals for fun, giving rise to great expectations for the future.

A natural goalscorer, Matthew was used sparingly, appearing in the LDV Vans Trophy and as substitute in the FA Cup clash at Wigan in December 2002 before making his League debut also as a substitute during a 5-0 win at Colchester in April 2003.

Despite a cracking last-minute winner at Stevenage in the following season's LDV competition Matthew, by now an Eire youth international, made only one further substitute appearance before being surprisingly released in 2004.

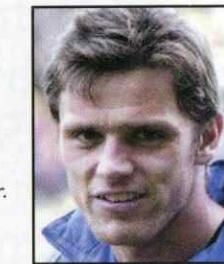
Matthew was seen back at Kenilworth Road last season meeting up with some of his old colleagues and is playing his football in Eire with Sligo.

Duncan Alan JUPP

Duncan came up through the youth system at Fulham, winning nine Scottish Under-21 caps along the way and his form gave rise to a big money move to Premiership Wimbledon in 1996.

Sadly, Duncan made only 30 League appearances in six years with the Dons and accepted a transfer to Notts County in 2002 closely followed by a further move to Luton in February 2003, where he joined up with his old Wimbledon boss Joe Kinnear. Released at the end of that campaign, Duncan joined Southend and helped them win two consecutive promotions with his marauding forays down the wing allied to solid defensive full-back play.

Duncan signed on for Gillingham in the summer of 2006 and was a regular in the Gills defence last season.



Stephen (Steve) KABBA

Lightning quick striker Steve was on the books of Crystal Palace as a youth trainee and as part of his football education was loaned out to Joe Kinnear's Luton in March 2002 just as the Hatters were about to win promotion from Division Three. Steve came on as substitute in three games where his quality was evident but despite attempts by Kinnear, Palace would not part with him although they had a change of heart a few months later, selling him to Sheffield United for £250,000.

At Bramall Lane a succession of injuries plus a surfeit of strikers cut down his appearances and he was pleased to move back nearer to his London birthplace when joining Watford for £500,000 in January 2007.

Christopher (Chris) KAMARA

After failing to gain an apprenticeship with home town club Middlesbrough, Chris joined the Navy and while stationed at Portsmouth caught the eye of Pompey scouts leading to him being bought out by the club and making his League debut against Luton as a 17-year-old in 1975.

A tough-tackling midfield leader, Chris went through a variety of clubs before joining David Pleat's Luton in November 1991 as the Hatters were clinging on to top flight football. Loaned out to Sheffield United a year later, Chris spoke out in the press against the hierarchy at Luton but was then forced to eat humble pie when the Blades returned him to Kenilworth Road. Chris finished his playing career at Bradford City before managing the Bantams and is now well known as a pundit on Sky Sports.



Run for the Pasque Hospice, Keech Cottage Hospital

and Rotary Youth Trust for Luton.

5k. Fun Run Sunday October 14th. £5
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Also; 10.3k. and Half Marathon Races

10.3k. £11. (Attached £9.) Half Marathon £15. (Attached £13.)

Fun Run starts at 9.20am. 10.3k. at 10am. Half Marathon 10.45am.

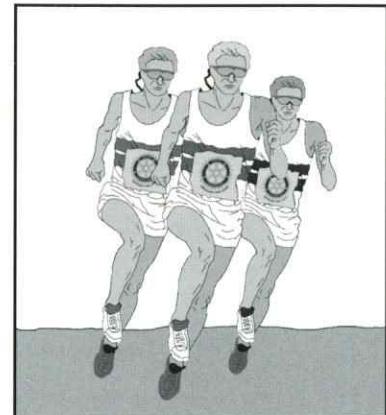
Contact John Cook, Rotary Club of Luton North, 209 Sharpenhoe Road, Streatley, Luton. LU3 3PR. Tel; 01582-881695.

E.mail; john@cook209323,fsnet.co.uk Or enter on-line at <http://www.runnersworld.co.uk>
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COMMUNITY CHAT

STUART SMITH gives us the latest news from the Community Department



WINNERS... the victorious Under-12s celebrate their success in Finland



SUCCESS... Luton Town's Under-9 squad enjoy their triumph

What a cracking Finnish

WELCOME to a new season at Kenilworth Road. The summer has been a busy time as always for the Community Department.

Firstly, we have expanded by taking on our Modern Apprentice Elliot Smith as a full-time Community Coach. His responsibilities will be to deliver Curriculum Activities in schools, coach at Development Centres, Soccer Schools and Holiday Courses and also help with the administration.

Also Trish Johnson, our part-time office administrator, has become full-time, which will make us more efficient.

One of the biggest projects of the close season was our week-long Development Centre Tour to Finland. Here is a summary:

- Monday July 16: 102 young players, and 12 nervous staff from our Performance Centre met at Stansted Airport for a three-hour flight to Helsinki. The Performance Centre is the middle tier in the club's Talent Identification Programme, and the tour to Finland was the climax to its first season.

The boys competed in eight age groups in the Kokkola Cup, an international tournament with 350 teams from 12 countries.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS & SUMMARIES

1998 Boys: In a non-competitive tournament, won eight and drew one. Star Player: Harry Lander.

1997 Boys: Champions. Won Final vs GBK Centenario at a canter after really tough Quarter- and Semi-Finals. Star Player: Patrick McCafferty.

1996 Boys: Third. Lost to Lokomotiv of Russia in the Semis but lifted themselves to beat JBK 3-2 in 3rd Place Play-Off. Star Player: Reece King.

1995 Boys: We entered 2 Teams: Town finished 5th. Hatters were Champions, beating Daugava 6-2. Star Players: Cody O'Neill & Kit Ellam.

1994 Boys: Thirteenth. Lost in Second Round on penalties to FC Punaiset. Star Player: Andre Murell.

1993 Boys: Champions. Beat Russians FK Zvezda 2-0 in final. Star Player: Pete Bampton.

1990 Boys: Fifth. Lost to KPV 1-0 in Quarters. Star Player: Anthony Wright.

credit, Luton won three of the six competitive age groups they entered, with every team qualifying to the knock-out stages. And our youngest side, though playing in a non-competitive age group won all their games. So although they didn't pick up a trophy, as far as they were concerned they were also winners of their age group.

The tour was an enormous success with many players surpassing themselves in terms of the professional standards expected on and off the pitch.

On a personal note I would like to thank all the staff who contributed to such a successful trip. They are:

Gregg Broughton, Ken Slatter, Pam Hodgetts, Phil Simons, Stuart English, James Hughes, Alkesh Lalji, Andy Kempton, John Frame, Jon De Souza and Albert Ball. Gregg in particular planned and organised the whole trip and its success is a credit to him.

In the coming weeks I will update you on more of the Department's close season activities

Enjoy the game,

Stuart Smith



TOWN ON TOUR... the Luton party along with the staff in Finland

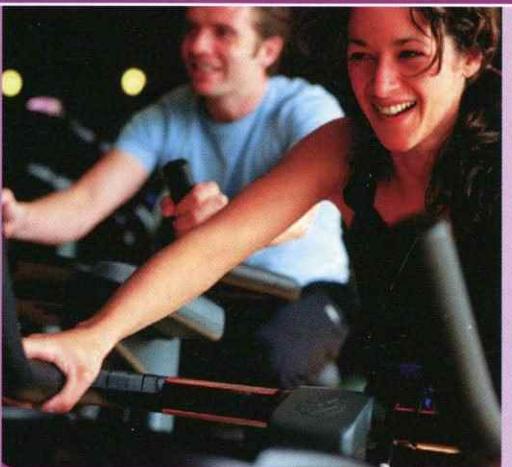


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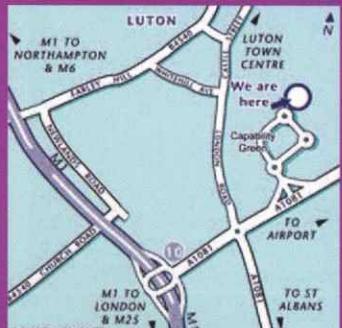
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2006/07 SEASON

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

0-0	38
0-1	47
0-2	37
0-3	7
0-4	5
0-5	-
1-0	72
1-1	65
1-2	30
1-3	15
1-4	5
1-5	1
2-0	44
2-1	49
2-2	33
2-3	12
2-4	3
2-5	1
3-0	21
3-1	25
3-2	15
3-3	3
3-4	-
3-5	-
3-6	1
4-0	3
4-1	6
4-2	4
4-3	2
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	4
5-1	4
5-2	-
5-3	-
5-4	-
5-5	-

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Billy Sharp	Scunthorpe	30	2	32
Leon Constantine	Port Vale	22	4	26
Luke Varney	Crewe	17	8	25
Chris Porter	Oldham	22	1	23
Paul Heffernan	Doncaster	11	10	21
Lee Trundle	Swansea	19	1	20
Chris Greenacre	Tranmere	17	2	19
Andrew Morrell	Blackpool	16	3	19
Nicky Maynard	Crewe	16	3	19

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	23	77	3.35
Millmoor Ground	Rotherham	23	76	3.30
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	23	70	3.04
Bloomfield Road	Blackpool	23	65	2.83
Griffin Park	Brentford	23	65	2.83
Leyton Stadium	Leyton Orient	23	62	2.70
Vale Park	Port Vale	23	61	2.65
Brunton Park	Carlisle	23	59	2.57
Intersonic Stadium	Bradford	23	58	2.52
Glanford Park	Scunthorpe	23	57	2.48
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	23	57	2.48
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	23	56	2.43
Ashton Gate	Bristol City	23	55	2.39
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	23	55	2.39
Prenton Park	Tranmere	23	55	2.39
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	23	55	2.39
Boundary Park	Oldham	23	54	2.35
City Ground	Nottm Forest	23	54	2.35
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	23	53	2.30
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	23	53	2.30
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	23	52	2.26
The Den	Millwall	23	52	2.26
Recreation Ground	Chesterfield	23	51	2.22
Huish Park	Yeovil	23	34	1.48

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most...
shots on target 324 Swansea. shots off target 330 Bristol City. corners 322 Carlisle. hit woodwork 24 Swansea. offsides 203 Blackpool. fouls 639 Millwall. yellow cards 92 Millwall. red cards 8 Swansea.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most...
Shots 140 Billy Sharp (Scunthorpe). Shots on target 81 Billy Sharp (Scunthorpe). **Shots off target 59** Billy Sharp (Scunthorpe). Assists 14 Andy Liddell (Oldham). Crosses 184 Chris Shuker (Tranmere). Offsides 81 Billy Sharp (Scunthorpe). Fouls 93 Gareth Taylor (Tranmere). Free-kicks won 87 Richard Wellens (Oldham).

GOAL COUNTER

1387

RIGHT FOOT 772 goals
55.7%

LEFT FOOT 310 goals
22.4%

HEADERS 276 goals
19.9%

Own goals 23 (1.7%), Other body part 6 (0.6%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS
From the start of a match
Michael Husbands (Port Vale vs Nottm F) 0:14
By a substitute after coming on
M. Williams (Millwall vs Oldham) 0:39

DISCIPLINARY
2.7 cards per match 0.2 cards per match
 1476
 90

QUICK-FIRE CARDS
From the start of a match
Justin Cochrane (Brighton vs Rotherham) 0:48
By a substitute after coming on
Anthony Barry (Yeovil vs Scunthorpe) 0:52

SUB TOTALS
Subs used 2580
Offsides 3431
Corners 6023
Shots Off Target 6098
BEAT THE TRAFFIC
Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

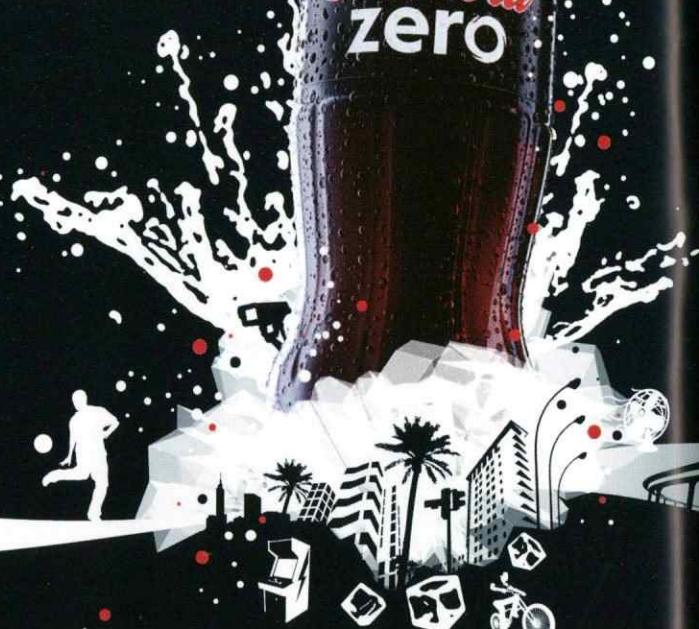
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BIG FRONT MEN WITHOUT THE LONG-BALL TACTICS

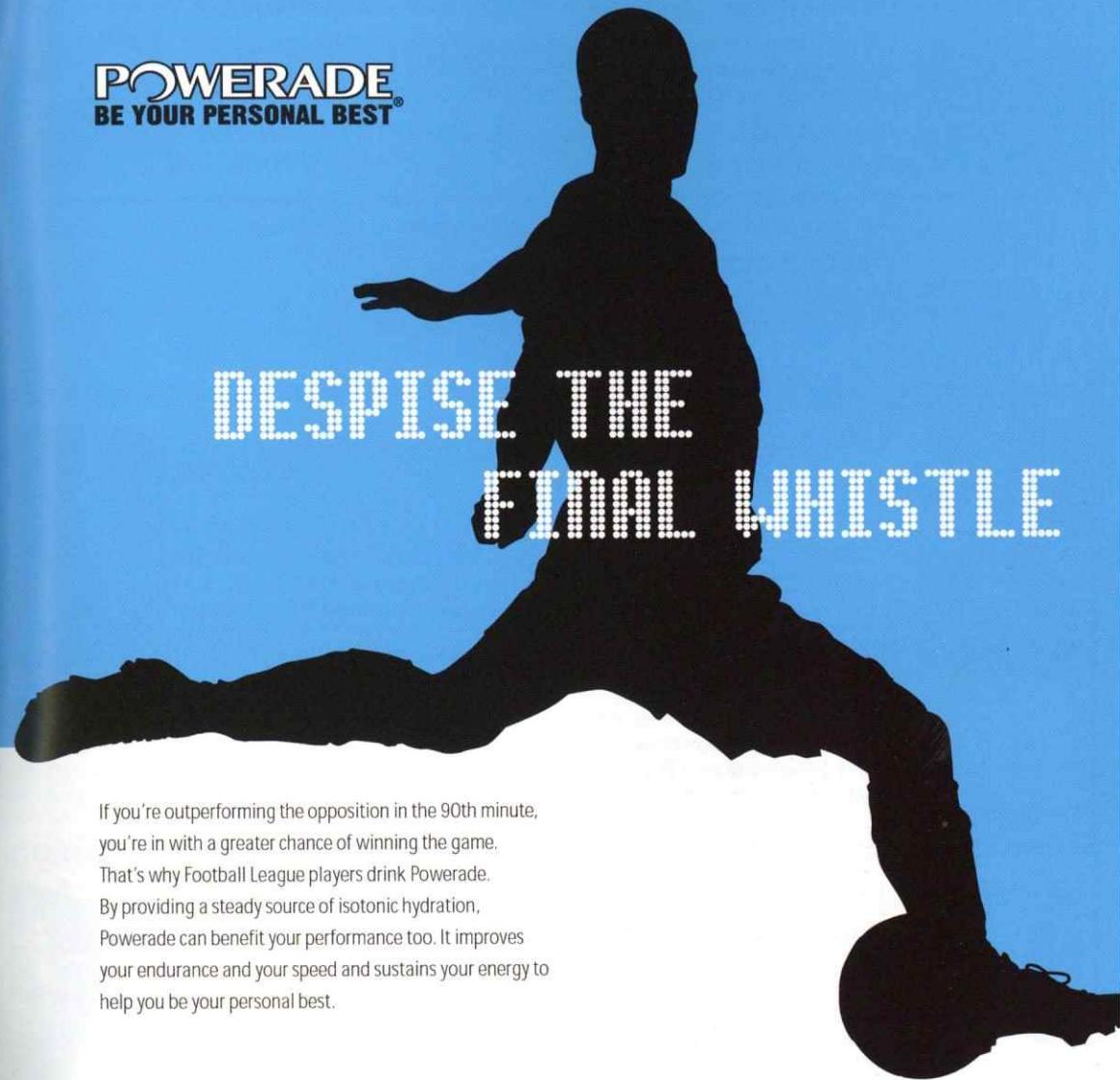


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DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE v LUTON TOWN

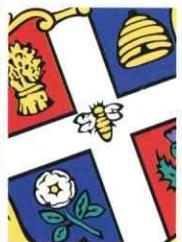
Tuesday August 14, 2007 Carling Cup Round One 7:45pm**Luton fans can buy tickets on the night at Dagenham although tickets will cost between £2 and £4 extra each if not bought in advance****ALLOCATION:** We have received an allocation of 250 seats and 1,200 terrace tickets.**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS:** Tickets are currently on general sale until close of business on Monday August 13 (subject to availability).**TICKET PRICES:** Tickets are priced as follows:**Terrace** Adults: £13, Seniors (over 65) and Students: £9, Juniors (16 and under): £6**Seats** Adults: £16, Seniors (over 65), Students and Juniors (16 and under): £10

SWINDON TOWN v LUTON TOWN

Saturday August 18, 2007 League One 3pm**Luton fans can buy tickets on the day at Swindon although there will be no Student discount available there****ALLOCATION:** We have received an initial allocation of 500 tickets (total allocation 2000) for the uncovered Stratton Bank Stand.**SELLING ARRANGEMENTS:** Tickets are on general sale at the Ticket Office now until 12 noon on Friday August 17.**TICKET PRICES:** Tickets are priced as follows:

Adults: £15, Seniors (over 60): £12, Students with valid ID: £12, Juniors (15 or under): £7

Wheelchair Disabled: £10 with a carer free of charge.



LUTON TOWN v GILLINGHAM

Saturday August 25, 2007 League One 3pm

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

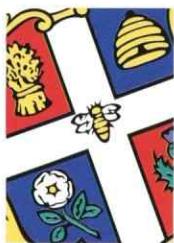
Please note that there is a £2 price increase for tickets bought on the day of the game.



LEEDS UNITED v LUTON TOWN

Saturday September 1, 2007 League One 3pm**This is an ALL TICKET game and Luton fans will have to buy tickets from the Ticket Office in advance****ALLOCATION:** We will receive an initial allocation of 1,700 tickets for the South East Corner. We are currently awaiting delivery of these tickets.**TICKET PRICES:** Tickets are priced as follows:

Adults: £15, Seniors (over 60): £13, Juniors (under 16): £10



TICKET OFFICE

LUTON TOWN v BRISTOL ROVERS

Saturday September 8, 2007 League One 12 noon**Please note the early kick off time**

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

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



TRAVEL INFORMATION

TRAVEL TO: DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE



TRAVEL TO: SWINDON TOWN

**Road:** Leave the M25 at J27 and take the M11 towards London. At the end of the M11 continue onto the A406 towards Docklands and London City Airport. At the intersection with the A13, turn onto this road towards Dagenham/Dartford Tunnel. As you near Dagenham, you will see a cinema complex. At this point you leave the A13 and join the A1306 towards Dagenham. At the third set of traffic lights turn left at the McDonalds. At the end of this road you will come to a large roundabout, (known as the Bull roundabout, after the public house of the same name) at which you turn left into Rainham Road. Pass Dagenham East tube station on the left and Victoria Road is a quarter of a mile further on, on the same side of the road.**Road:** Take the M1 southbound to join the M25 west towards Heathrow. Exit the M25 for the M4 at J15. Leave the M4 at J15 and follow A345 (Queens Drive) to Drake's roundabout. Turn left towards the Magic Roundabout (a series of small roundabouts that join up to make a large one). The County Ground is on the corner of this roundabout.**Town on Tour** will be leaving Maple Road at 11:15am. The fare for LTSC members is £14, £12 concessions and £16 non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone **07960 567465**. You can book online by visiting the fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk or via www.lutontownfc.co.uk**The Bobbers Travel Club** will depart from Cranfield at 10:30am and Luton at 11:30pm. Cost for this trip is £13 adults and £11 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone **01234 856542**.**Town on Tour** are hoping to run coaches for this trip. This will be decided if there are sufficient numbers. Should this trip go ahead, coaches will be leaving Maple Road at 4:30pm. The fare for LTSC members is £13, £15 concessions and £17 non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone **07960 567465**. You can book online by visiting the fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk or on the website www.lutontownfc.co.uk**The Bobbers Travel Club** will depart from Cranfield at 10:30am and Luton at 11:30pm. Cost for this trip is £13 adults and £11 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone **01234 856542**.

TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday-Friday**Home Matchday Saturday****10am - 5pm****9am - 3pm****plus after the game****Friday before a home match****10am - 6pm****Non home matchday Saturday****9am - 12pm**

RESULTS AND FIXTURES



SUBSTITUTES

LATEST COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					Gd	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	L	F	A		
Bournemouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brighton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bristol Rovers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlisle United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cheltenham Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crewe Alexandra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Doncaster Rov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gillingham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hartlepool United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Huddersfield Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leyton Orient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LUTON TOWN	0											
Millwall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northampton Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nottingham Forest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oldham Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Vale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southend United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swansea City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swindon Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tranmere Rovers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walsall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yeovil Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leeds United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-15

2007-08 APPEARANCES

LEAGUE	This Season		Luton Town Career		DISCIPLINARY	APPEARANCES	GOALS
	APP	GLS	APP	GLS			
Calvin ANDREW	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Zac BARRETT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David BELL	0	0	0	0	0	49	4
Marlon BERESFORD	0	0	0	0	0	133	0
Dean BRILL	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
Ahmet BRKOVIC	0	0	0	0	0	219	38
Chris COYNE	0	0	0	0	0	227	15
Darren CURRIE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sci DAVIS	0	0	0	0	0	184	2
Dave EDWARDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lewis EMANUEL	0	0	0	0	0	42	2
Kevin FOLEY	0	0	0	0	0	166	5
Paul FURLONG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alan GOODALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don HUTCHISON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richard JACKSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keith KEANE	0	0	0	0	0	71	3
Richard LANGLEY	0	0	0	0	0	33	1
Paul McVEIGH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dean MORGAN	0	0	0	0	0	82	11
Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	38	3
Sam PARKIN	0	0	0	0	0	7	1
Chris PERRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul PESCHISOLIDO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steve ROBINSON	0	0	0	0	0	174	11
Matthew SPRING	0	0	0	0	0	303	31
Drew TALBOT	0	0	0	0	0	16	3
Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	72	6

Goalscorers in Capitals & bold. ■ Denotes player booked ■ Denotes player sent off ▲ First Substitute ▲ Second Substitute ▲ Third Substitute OG Denotes own goal in Luton's favour

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COMING NEXT



Saturday
August 25,
2007
Kick-Off 3pm
Luton Town v
Gillingham

By Des O'Donnell

The Gills make the short trip round the M25 from Kent to Kenilworth Road, looking to improve on their last two mid-table finishes. After some turbulent times in the nineties where the club nearly became extinct, a saviour in the shape of Paul Scally took over the Gills and transformed their fortunes.

Rebuilding most of the Priestfield Stadium, which now has a 10,952 capacity, Scally has stabilised the club. There was success on the field as well as in 2000, after 107 years, the Gills reached the Championship for the first time in their history after beating Wigan 3-2 in the Play-Off Final.

Gillingham have also had their fair share of Play-Off dramas. In the 1999 League One Final in front of 43,000 Gills fans, they were 2-0 up in the 90th minute. With victory and promotion in their grasp, they let Manchester City score in the 90th & 95th minute, ultimately taking the match to penalties, with City winning.

The last meetings between Luton and Gillingham were in the 1999-2000 season. The Hatters lost at Priestfield 2-0, but made amends at Kenilworth Road with a 3-1 victory.

With manager Ronnie Jepson now starting his second full season in charge, the Gills defence has a distinctly Caribbean flavour with three Trinidad & Tobago Internationals. Keeper Kelvin Jack, formerly with Dundee, signed last year to join two other Soca Warriors – Brent Sacho and Ian Cox. There is also an ex-Luton player at the back in the shape of Duncan Jupp. And in front of him, midfielder Michael Flynn notched 10 goals last season.

The Gills do not seem to have a prolific striker at the moment, but have high hopes for Republic of Ireland international Gary Mulligan. The Irish Under-21 striker joined the club on an initial one-month loan from Sheffield United during the 2006 January transfer window. An ankle injury cut his spell short but he recovered and returned to Priestfield for a further loan, then signed a two-year deal for the Gills on a free transfer from Sheffield United in May 2006.

The latest signing is goalkeeper Simon Royce from QPR who will be competing with Jack for the No 1 jersey.

The Gills will arrive at Luton after tough matches with Cheltenham (A), Tranmere (H) and a League Cup clash at Vicarage Road against Watford. The Hatters will be looking to keep up the August heat on the Kent side and a repeat of the scoreline from '99.

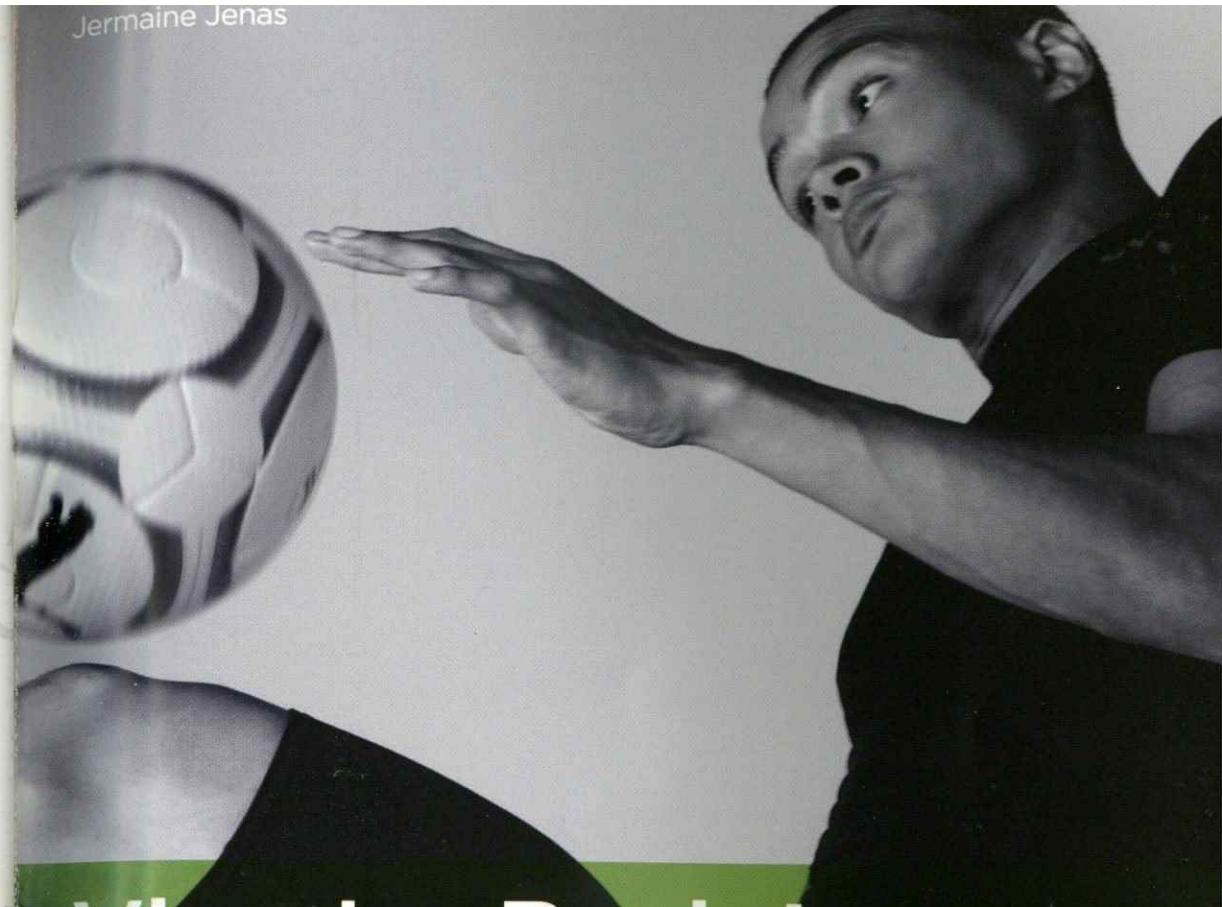


THE BOSS...
Ronnie Jepson
will be looking
to improve on
a couple of
mid-table
finishes

Head 2 head

	Luton	Draw	Gillingham
League	23	11	14
FA Cup	2	0	0
League Cup	1	1	1
TOTAL	26	12	15

Jermaine Jenas



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The line-ups

Luton Town

Manager: Kevin Blackwell
Colours: White shirts, black shorts

	Pl	Sc
Dean Brill	■	■
Kevin Foley	■	■
Alan Goodall	■	■
Don Hutchison	■	■
Chris Perry	■	■
Chris Coyne	■	■
Dean Morgan	■	■
David Bell	■	■
Sam Parkin	■	■
Darren Currie	■	■
Paul Peschisolido	■	■
Richard Jackson	■	■
Marlon Beresford	■	■
Steve Robinson	■	■
Stephen O'Leary	■	■
David Edwards	■	■
Lewis Emanuel	■	■
Ahmet Brkovic	■	■
Drew Talbot	■	■
Calvin Andrew	■	■
Keith Keane	■	■
Richard Langley	■	■
Paul Underwood	■	■
Matthew Spring	■	■
Sol Davis	■	■
Paul Furlong	■	■
Zac Barrett	■	■

Due to late transfers, squad numbers still to be finalised

Hartlepool

Manager: Danny Wilson
Colours: Blue and white striped shirts, white shorts

	Pl	Sc
1 Jan Budtz	■	■
2 Jamie McCunnie	■	■
3 Robbie Elliott	■	■
4 Willie Boland	■	■
5 Michael Nelson	■	■
6 Ben Clark	■	■
7 Gary Liddle	■	■
8 Ritchie Humphreys	■	■
9 Richard Barker	■	■
10 Joel Porter	■	■
11 Andy Monkhouse	■	■
12 Mickey Barron	■	■
14 James Brown	■	■
15 Antony Sweeney	■	■
16 Lee Bullock	■	■
17 David Foley	■	■
18 Ali Gibb	■	■
19 Matty Robson	■	■
20 Godwin Antwi	■	■
21 Arran Lee-Barrett	■	■
22 Ian Moore	■	■
23 Stephen Turnbull	■	■
24 Michael Mackay	■	■
25 Michael Maidens	■	■
26 Michael Rae	■	■
29 Tom Haigh	■	■
30 Martin Young	■	■
31 Scott Allison	■	■

Hatters' last team

Stevenage 1 Luton 2



Goals: Peschisolido (61), Talbot (80)
 Subs: Morgan for Bell (16), Robinson for Morgan (37), Talbot for Peschisolido (75), Furlong for Parkin (76).

Yellow card: None

Red card: None

Pools' last team

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Goals: Liddle, Sweeney, Boland, Foley, McCunnie, Barker, Porter.
 Subs: Liddle for Gibb (46), Robson for Humphreys (46), Mackay for Porter (46), Moore for Foley (51), Monkhouse for Sweeney (59).

Yellow card: None

Red card: None

MATCH OFFICIALS

- Referee: M. Haywood
- Assistant: D. Buck
- Assistant: M. George
- 4th Official: G. S. Evetts

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