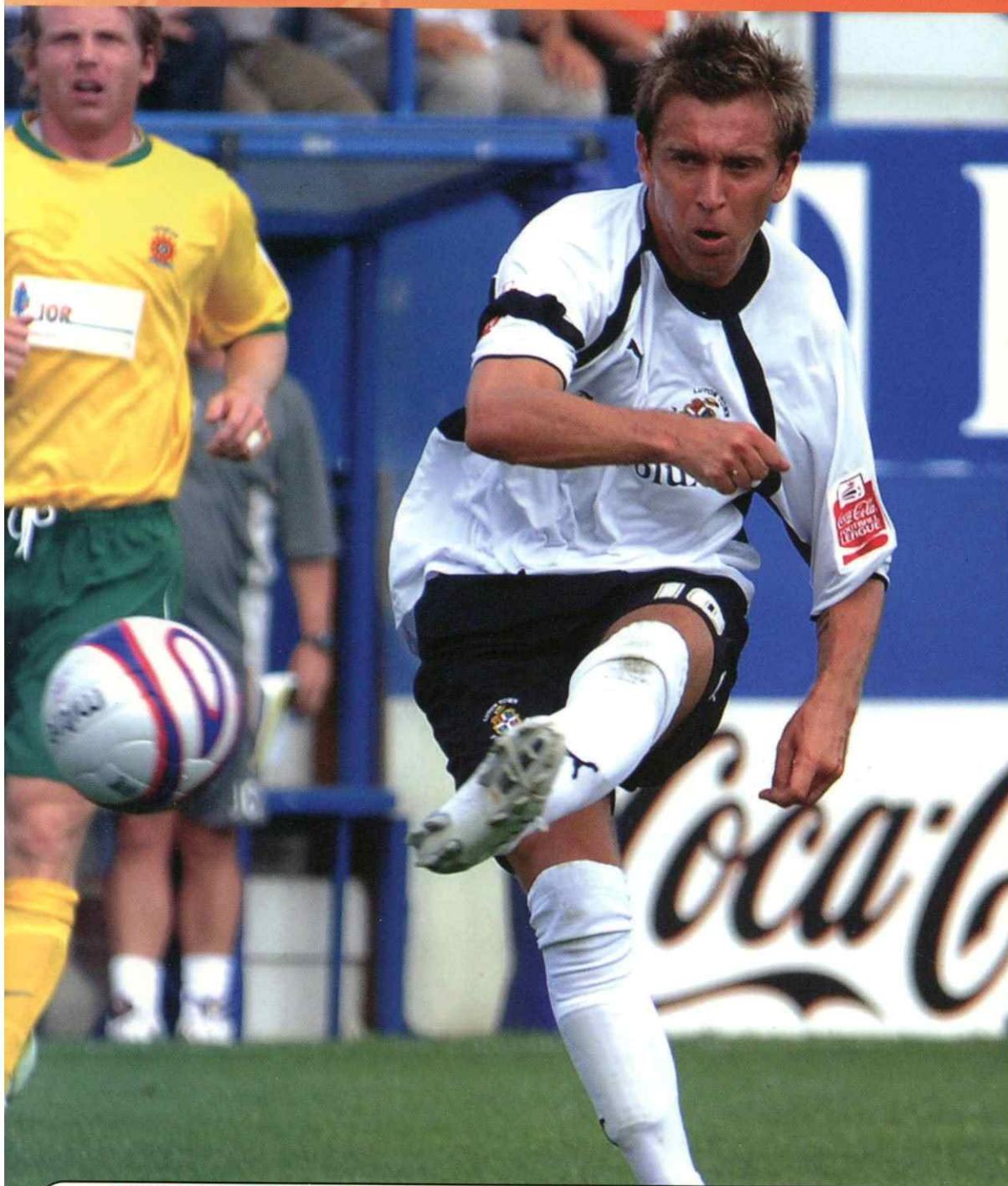


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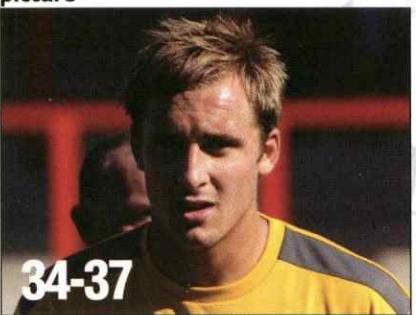
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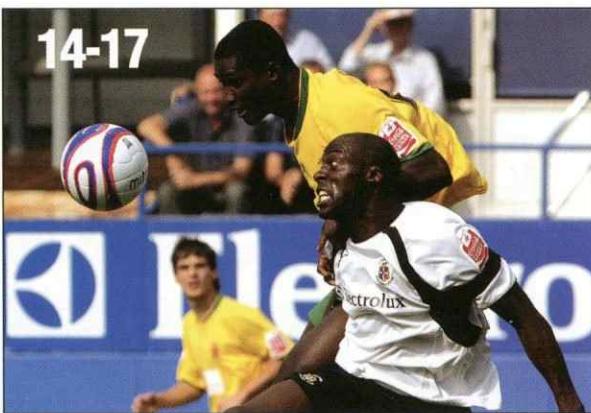
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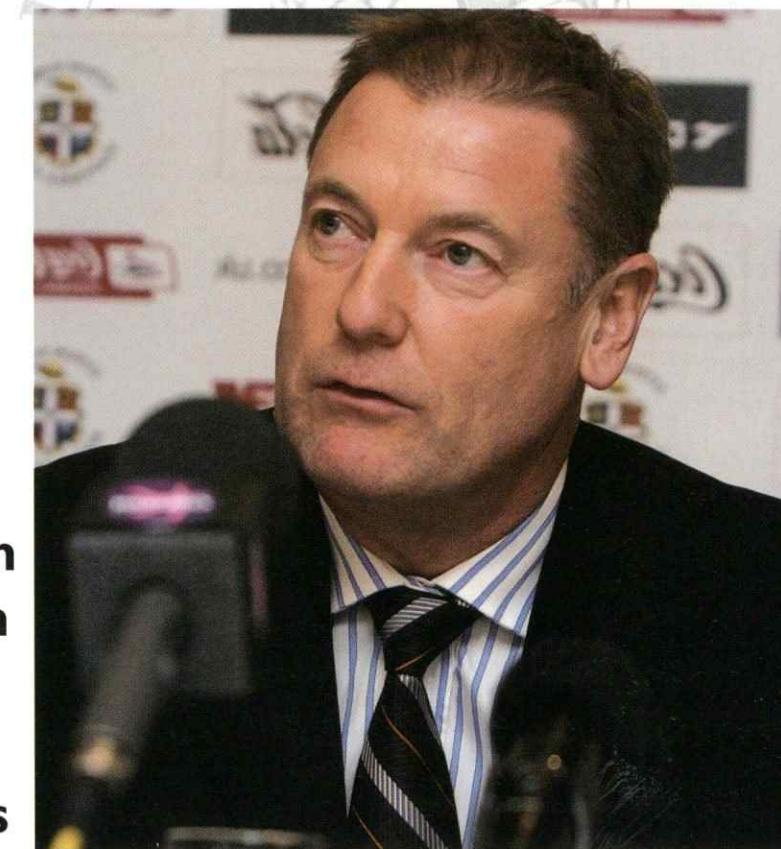
DAVID PINKNEY

On the field Kevin and the players have done well and we look forward to continuing success. Off the field, much work has been going on with continuing improvements

A VERY warm welcome to the second home match of the 2007-08 season. It has been an interesting couple of weeks both on and off the field.

On the field, Kevin and the players have done well and we look forward to continuing success. Off the field, much work has been on going with continuing improvements to the long-neglected infrastructure here at Kenilworth Road and the provision of our new training facility at Ely Way.

I know Kevin and his staff are very keen to take up residence



at Ely Way as soon as possible as this will provide the long-needed training facilities for both the First Team and our youth squads, and it is to this end I would like to thank both the operational team at the club and Active Luton for their efforts on this project.

Another project that continues to take shape is the planned improvements behind the Kenilworth Road stand, and we will be looking to start this work as soon as possible.

The decision to open up the Eric Morecambe room at our

last home game proved to be very popular, and these facilities are again available for you to enjoy today.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors Gillingham, their management team, supporters and board members.

In closing, I hope everyone has a good day and enjoy the game!

David Pinkney  
Chairman

## THE MANAGER

WELCOME back to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

I would like to start these programme notes by sending my condolences to the family of Liam Carroll, who was a mascot here at our last game against Hartlepool.

As some of you may know, Liam had been suffering from a long illness and unfortunately passed away just hours after the match.

It had been his ambition to be a mascot at Luton Town Football Club and we are so pleased that we were able to fulfill his dreams. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time.

Today's match represents another tough test for us. Gillingham have a manager at the helm in Ronnie Jepson who has built an established and fairly settled team during the two years he has been at the club. It will represent tough opposition for us and just because we are here at Kenilworth Road it doesn't give us any right to expect a win.

We will obviously be looking to bounce back to winning ways following our defeat at Swindon. I was disappointed in that result because we didn't perform to the level I expect.

After having two solid performances, we may have got a little carried away, and maybe that was a slap across the legs to wake us up a bit. I didn't think we closed the ball down well and earned the right to play at Swindon, which is something we have been working on at the training

ground, reacting positively and aggressively in winning the ball back.

After the opening three games of the season, I think we are 65 to 70 per cent of where we need to be. Time to rebuild takes patience and it's a virtue. The players are taking time to get use to what I am looking for and I believe there is more to come from us.

I have not seen anything in this division that should frighten us at the moment. It is a league you have to win by earning the right to play and that means having a scrap for 65 minutes and if you have extra quality that should come out on top. It is a tough league.

It has been a good week for Dave Edwards and I am delighted to see one of our players making a name for himself on the international scene. To be named captain of your country is a real great accolade, but I also think it shows the quality of the player that we have signed.

Our scouting team really have to be applauded for spotting Dave and then the Club to be applauded for taking him. I think the fans have taken to him already and he can move on and have an illustrious career, like so many players who come from Wales and chose to play at Luton.

We are pleased to see the return of David Bell, who came through a Reserve game on Tuesday night, but unfortunately Sam Parkin will go into hospital on Tuesday. He will have floating bones removed from his

lower ankle and we are hoping that will be the end of it.

Everyone hopes that after this next operation, Sam will be able to get on with his career. He has had bad luck with injuries, not only here, but at Ipswich as well. Everyone has got their fingers crossed that this is the last pit stop for him.

We are continuing our look to strengthen the squad and we haven't ruled moving in for someone on loan. We have identified players in every position who we could potentially come in for on a loan deal so we are looking at various options.

Today marks the first of four games at Kenilworth Road within two weeks. We have to make sure that Kenilworth Road is a hot bed and I hope you will continue the fantastic support you showed in our first game of the season against Hartlepool. I thought the fans were fantastic against Hartlepool, it was a great atmosphere here, and the players who have just arrived at the Club mentioned that after the game.

There is no doubt that sometimes the fans can make the difference. We all come to work, wanting to move mountains sometimes, but on occasions that doesn't happen. Sometimes it can take that chant from the fans or that raucous roar to make the difference.

Enjoy the game  
Kevin

# KEVIN BLACKWELL





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### THE CAPTAIN



# CHRIS COYNE

ALTHOUGH we have been relatively satisfied to the start we have made to the season, we have been slightly disappointed with our performances.

The defeat at Swindon was disappointing, particularly the manner in which we were beaten, conceding a goal right at the end.

We had a long chat after the game and looked at certain things that we needed to improve on. I know the manager said afterwards that as a team we failed to pressure the ball quick enough, which was probably a fair assessment on our performance.

I felt we had started well in the opening 20 minutes. We played some nice football, but we allowed Swindon to get back into the game.

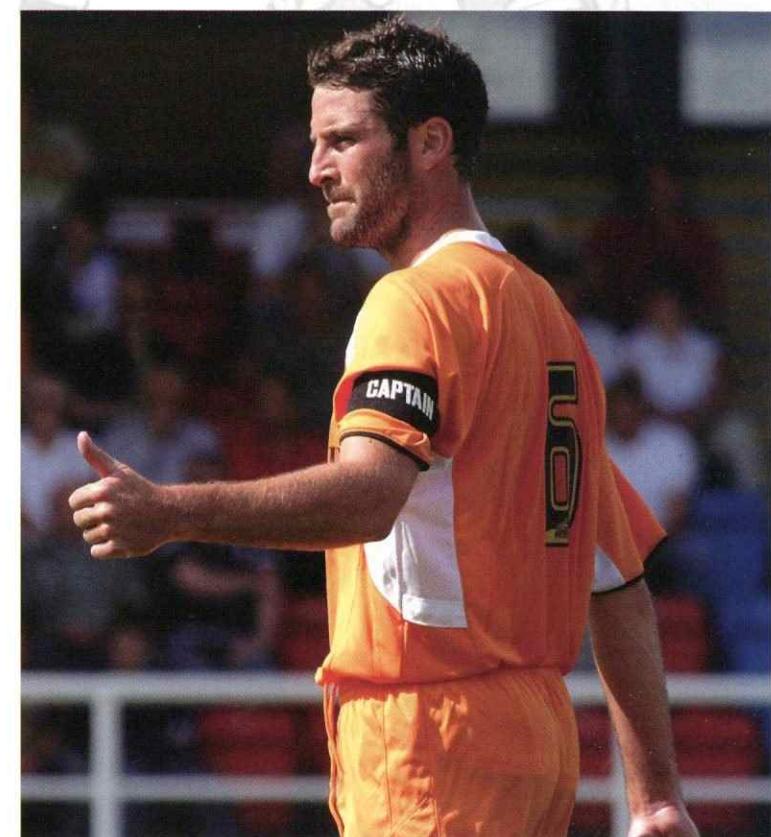
However the victories over Hartlepool and a Dagenham were hard earned wins. People may say that it takes time for new players to gel into a team and I still do believe that there is a lot more to come from this squad.

The game at Dagenham was played in difficult conditions and I know the fans had to really brave the elements that night, and at Swindon, so on behalf of the rest players, thank-you for your loyal and vocal support.

But the time for looking back on past results is now over. We have been trying to put a number of things right on the training ground this week and we are geared up for this afternoon.

That is not to say that today's game will be easy. Gillingham will be eager to get their first win of the season and they are a well organised side.

It was good to see Dave Edwards score for the Wales Under-21 squad in the week. He has enjoyed a fantastic week having also been



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named as captain for their game against Sweden. I haven't seen the goal yet, but he is telling the rest of the lads it was a tap-in, which I bet was very modest.

We now go into a run of four home matches from the next five. Kenilworth Road has become a

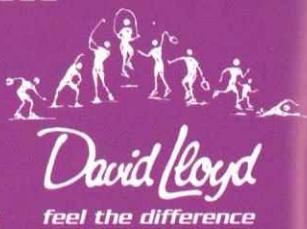
difficult place for the opposition to play and that has helped through your support so continue to get behind the lads as we will look to return to winning ways.

Enjoy the game  
Coyney

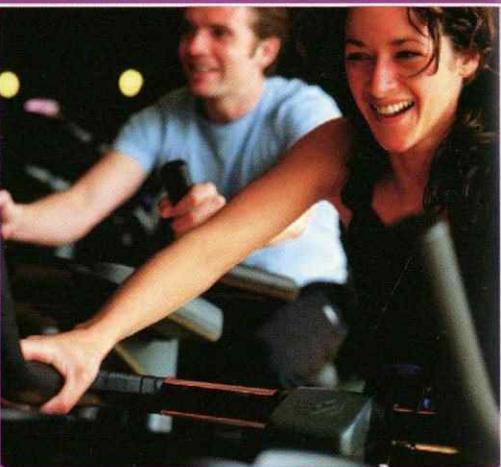


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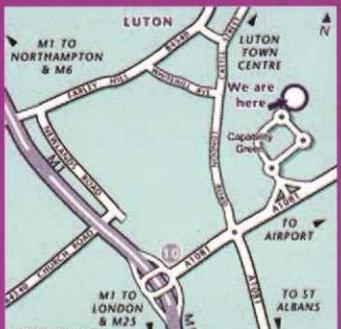
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It will be England's final game out of three after they face Northern Ireland on Wednesday August 29 and Turkey on Friday August 31.

So you could be watching the England boys trying to win the whole tournament here in Luton.

England coach Noel Blake wants Hatters fans of all ages to get behind his young Lions. "It's a great opportunity for fans to see players

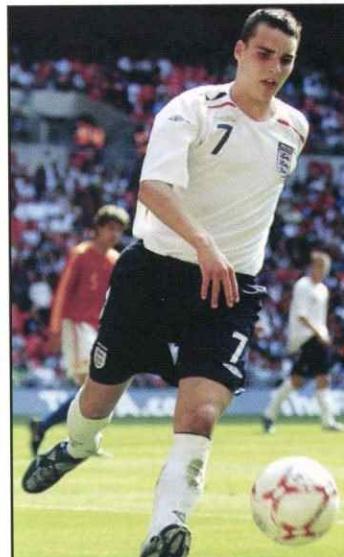
**England Under-17  
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who have the potential to achieve big things in the game," he said.

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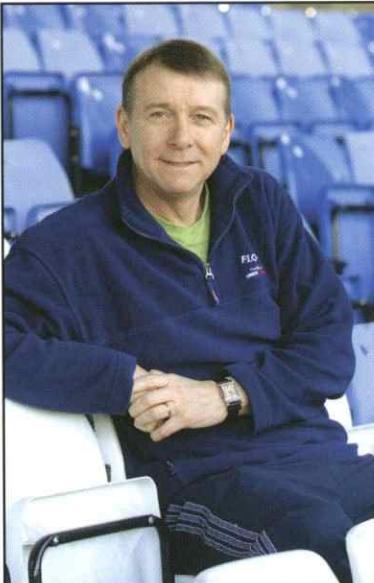


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## Former Hatters defender returns as Club Chaplin



LUTON are pleased to be welcoming back a former favourite to Kenilworth Road.

Ex-Hatters midfielder Alan West is returning to Kenilworth Road as the Club's Chaplin.

Alan, who made over 300 appearances for the Club, is currently involved with the Luton Christian Fellowship Church.

Many may remember Alan appearing in last season's matchday magazine before his run in the London Marathon.

But Alan, who signed for Luton from Burnley in 1973, is now looking forward to becoming a more regular visitor to Kenilworth Road.

Talking about his new role with the Club, West said: "I am very excited about returning to Luton Town as the Club's Chaplin.

"I obviously have a long association with the Club so I am delighted that I can come back and help in any way possible."

As a player, Alan won promotion and suffered relegation in his first two seasons and was regarded by many Luton supporters as a hard-working player who gave everything to the Hatters cause.

Alan spent seven years at Kenilworth Road as a player, scoring 17 goals before making the move to Millwall.

## A message from Safety Officer, Geoff Lovell



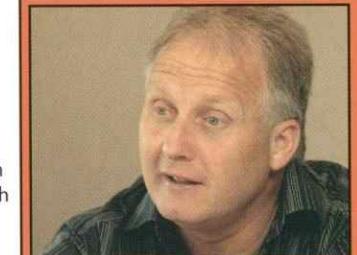
the end of the game.

We have emergency plans in place to deal with emergency situations in and around the stadium, but they can only work effectively with the cooperation of supporters.

Due to the restricted number of exit routes available it took longer to get everyone out safely than it would normally do and the support you afforded the police and stewards, both inside and outside the stadium, was greatly appreciated by them and the club.

Geoff Lovell  
Safety Officer

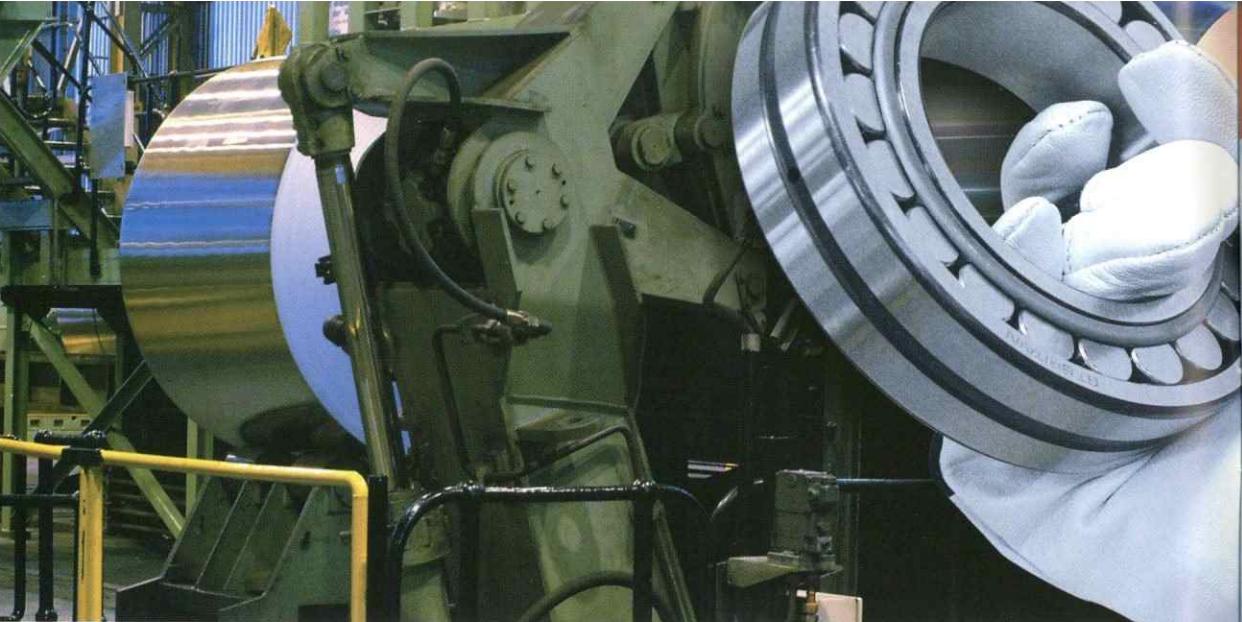
## Meet the manager



FANS can put their questions to Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell at Luton Town Supporters' Club's 'Meet The Manager' night on Thursday September 6.

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I WOULD like to take this opportunity to thank all supporters who were at the last home game for their patience and co-operation at the end of the Hartlepool game when we had to ask you to leave the stadium by different routes.

This was because of a serious incident that had

occurred in Kenilworth Road and Hazelbury Crescent shortly after the game had started.

Due to the seriousness of the incident the police needed to carry out detailed investigations at the scene, resulting in all exit routes at the Kenilworth end of the ground being closed at



## Hatters Line-Up

4-4-2



Substitutes:  
 Parkin (68 Furlong)  
 McVeigh (77 Peschisolido)  
 Hutchison (90 Currie)  
 Not used: Talbot, Keane  
 Coyne (62), Spring (72)  
 None

## Hartlepool Line-Up

4-2-2



Substitutes:  
 Porter (59 Humphreys)  
 Sweeney (68 Boland)  
 Not used: Budtz, Clarke, Gibb

Nelson (60)  
 None

REFEREE: Mark Haywood (West Midlands)

## LUTON 2 HARTLEPOOL 1



COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE SATURDAY AUGUST 11, 2007 KENILWORTH ROAD ATT: 8,013 ■ GOAL... Alan Goodall (partly hidden) heads home Luton's second goal of the afternoon



CELEBRATIONS... Darren Currie salutes Luton's opener and turns away to the Kenilworth Road end of the ground

## MANAGER'S VIEW



"I thought Hartlepool came and played well. They looked like a side that's been together for a long time and are on a good run. However, I was really pleased with the boys. We're still 65 to 70 per cent there. We saw the desire of the players who had come to the Club to do well. But when you've got seven people all trying to do that at the same time it can sometimes rub you up the wrong way. Currie took his goal very well. He's probably one of the best technicians in the Football League. And the second one was a great set play move, and to get a goal from it in your first game is really pleasing."

– Kevin Blackwell

Luton began life back in League One with a hard-fought 2-1 win over Hartlepool.

A new-look Luton side, which included seven of Kevin Blackwell's nine summer signings in the starting line-up, were pushed all the way by the League One newboys.

The visitors started the brighter and Ian Moore twice went close before Luton broke the deadlock.

After Alan Goodall had robbed Hartlepool of possession in the 34th minute, Darren Currie stepped inside his marker and expertly-placed his shot into the bottom left-hand corner.

The visitors continued to look dangerous and veteran Ritchie Humphreys drilled his shot wide at the start of the second half when well placed at the back post.

Goodall came close when a cleverly worked low free-kick was saved by visiting goalkeeper Aaron Lee-Barrett, but the former Rochdale man was soon celebrating his first goal for his new club.

With six minutes remaining, the full-back glanced home a Currie corner and despite the efforts of Hartlepool debutant Robbie Elliott to clear the ball off the goal line, referee Mark Haywood gave the goal.

Hartlepool found a way back when Richie Barker netted a last-minute consolation, converting a penalty after Chris Perry was adjudged to have fouled Antony Sweeney, but it was too late.

# LUTON 2 HARTLEPOOL 1



HEADS... Chris Perry and Steve Robinson see off the danger



COMEBACK... Sam Parkin returns to action for the Hatters



UP WE GO... Paul McVeigh in aerial action



CHARGE... Dave Edwards surges forward



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## GREAT PICTURES



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



## Christmas Hatters hit Arsenal for six

Date: Saturday December 27, 1958

Place: Highbury

THIS was the one present that Luton Town gave Arsenal over Christmas 1958. It's the only goal of the game, scored by Arsenal's Jimmy Bloomfield (10) on the far right.

The unusual photograph shows the ball half stopped by England international goalkeeper Ron Baynham before it barely trickled over the line watched by Ken Hawkes and Dave Pacey.

The Town's McNally (2) is seen sitting helplessly having failed to dispossess Arsenal winger Jackie Henderson. The Gunners player on the far side is future Hatters misfit Danny Clapton.

The goal gave Arsenal some small consolation for what happened the day before at Kenilworth Road in the days when sides met each other twice over the festive period.

For three years at the end of the 1950s, the Hatters had Christmas clashes with Arsenal and typical of the blood and thunder contests were

the games in 1958. On Boxing Day the Town were without the influential Bob Morton, who had a chill, and ace goalscorer Gordon Turner, who had tonsillitis.

Young Tony Gregory and the more experienced John Groves stepped into the breach but the Kenilworth Road crowd of 21,870 were fearing the worst, especially as the Hatters had not won since November 1.

In a game to remember, the Town went goal crazy, winning 6-3 in a pulsating contest. Gregory had the game of his life, laying on the first two goals for Jim Adam and Allan Brown and scoring one himself, while at the other end the Gunners' Len Julians, on his Arsenal debut, was well held by veteran skipper Syd Owen.

Arsenal manager George Swindin was not happy and promised changes to his well-beaten side for the return at

Highbury next day. He made three, including giving a debut to young Irishman Billy McCullough.

Meanwhile Luton had further injury worries with Owen and full-back Seamus Dunne out and replaced by Terry Kelly and Brendan McNally.

A massive crowd of 56,277 gathered at Highbury looking for revenge but were served up a limp affair which bore no resemblance to the excitement of only 24 hours before.

Gregory was kept quiet and although winger Billy Bingham had the measure of young McCullough, his crosses were wasted by the normally-reliable Brown, who missed two sitters.

Although the Town were perhaps unfortunate to fail to pick up a point at Highbury, they did not let their disappointment get the better of them as, in a glorious second half to the campaign, they fought through to the FA Cup Final at Wembley for the first time in their history.

## The Hartlepool story from 1893 History

A GROUP of Victorian gents formed New Brompton FC at the Napier Arms pub in May 1893 and became founder members of the Southern League, winning the Division Two title in 1895. They changed their name to Gillingham in 1913 and were founder members of the Third Division in 1920. The club went into administration and almost extinction in 1995 until Chairman Paul Scally took over. Since then, Gills have had two promotions, two Wembley appearances, and reached the FA Cup Quarter-Finals.

### Top player

STRIKER Robert Taylor spent just over 15 months at Gillingham in the late 1990s. He not only scored 39 goals in just 70 games, but also left Gills a cool £1m to the good in transfer fees.



Taylor's goal at Wembley came so close to lifting the Gills into the Championship in May 1999 and he played a major part in reaching the Play-Offs next season.

### Top manager

KEITH Peacock was a real fans' favourite, losing just 80 of his 334 games in charge between July 1981 and December 1987. He built a flamboyant, attacking team that fans loved to watch, with strikers Tony Cascarino and Dave Shearer up front. Also a Charlton legend, he has recently left the West Ham coaching staff

### Top game

Wigan 2 v Gillingham 3 (aet)

League One Play-Off Final: May 28, 2000  
AFTER the heartache of losing at the death to Man City a year earlier, it was Gillingham who came from behind to reach the Championship at Wembley a year later. Gills took the lead through a first half own goal, but Wigan forced extra time, then went 2-1 up. But goals from subs Steve Butler and Andy Thomson saw Gills celebrate at last.

DES O'DONNELL

By JAMES MARSH

AFTER two seasons of comfortable mid-table finishes, Gillingham will be looking to push towards a Play-Off place this time round. Manager Ronnie Jepson has made some solid buys over the summer and a top six spot might not be out of the question for Kent's only League club.

The Gills have certainly made a fiery start to the season, although perhaps not in the way they wanted, with three players sent off in their first two games.

Day one saw them have two men sent off in the Cotswolds sunshine as they went down 1-0 away to Cheltenham. First Trinidad and Tobago international Ian Cox was dismissed for a professional foul, then former West Ham and Man City tyro Steve Lomas was shown a second yellow.

Veteran midfielder Nicky Southall was later involved in the controversial sending off of Cheltenham scorer Steven Gillespie in an incident which ended a disappointing day for Jepson.

Gills then had a tough Carling Cup trip to Championship Watford and were already two goals down when they had ex Hatter Efe Sodje sent off before conceding a third.

And on Saturday their woes continued as they again failed to score in their home opener, going down 2-0 against Tranmere with a goal in each half.

It makes three games without a goal, so the summer signing of pacy frontman Delroy Facey from Rotherham could be crucial when he finds his feet. He has the pedigree after scoring 10 times in 43 appearances for Rotherham last season. He has to fill the gap after the summer departure to Blackpool of last season's top scorer

### Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	Pools
League	23	11	14
FA Cup	2	0	0
League Cup	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Last meeting:

Apr 22, 2000: League One Gillingham 2 (Hessenthaler 9, Southall 60) Luton 0

#### Last season:

Gillingham finished 16th in League One, 12 points clear of the drop zone and 16 points off the Play-Offs

#### Last three Gills games:

Aug 11, 2007: Cheltenham 1-0 Gills

Aug 14, 2007: Watford 3-0 Gills (Carling Cup, First Round)

Aug 18, 2007: Gills 0-2 Tranmere

er, midfielder Michael Flynn.

Jepson himself knows a thing or two about strike power, having been a prolific scorer in the lower leagues during his own playing career. "Rocket Ronnie" – as he became known during successful spells at Burnley, Huddersfield and Bury – started the 2005-06 season as assistant to Neale Cooper and took over from his boss that autumn after the Gills suffered a poor run of form and an embarrassing FA Cup defeat to non-League Burscough.

Jepson was appointed as caretaker boss, but was offered the job full time after just two months, such was the turnaround in fortunes he inspired. The club eventually finished in a creditable 14th place in

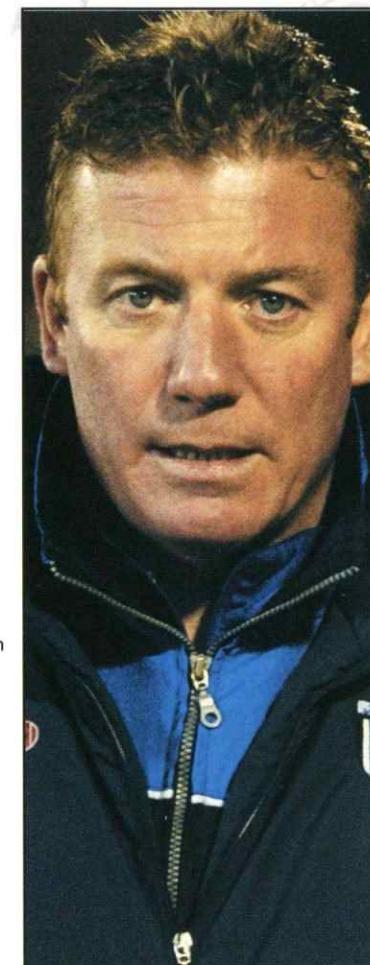
# WELCOME TO GILLINGHAM

**Rocket Ronnie Jepson knows all about scoring goals from his playing days, so he'll be looking to improve on three games without a goal for his side so far this season**

Jepson's first season in charge. But after those heroics, last season's 16th position was something of an anti-climax and Jepson culled 12 of his squad in the summer to try to improve on this.

Key to boosting their position will be an upturn in away form. Last season saw the Priestfield Stadium turned into something of a fortress, with Gills winning a very impressive 14 League games at home.

However, on the road they managed only three wins, losing 14 matches and conceding a whopping total of 53 goals on their travels – the highest in the division. They will be looking to put things right at both ends of the pitch, starting this afternoon.



TURNAROUND... Ronnie Jepson revived Gills



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THE plot of land that the Priestfield Stadium stands on was bought for just £600 in 1893 and has been Gillingham's home ever since. It was also home to Brighton for two seasons in the late 1990s when they travelled 70 miles to home games. The ground was developed in 1923 and largely stayed the same until 1995 when the new board built three modern stands that saw the capacity swell to the present 10,952.

**Record attendance:** 23,002: v QPR 10-1-1948 FA Cup R3

**Highest gate receipts:** £80,184: v Sheffield Wednesday 7-1-1995 FA Cup R3

**Best League win:** 10-0: v Chesterfield 5-9-1987 Div 3

**Worst League loss:** 2-9: v Nottingham Forest 18-11-1950 Div 3S

**Best cup win:** 10-1: v Gorleston 16-11-1957 FA Cup R1

**Most caps:** Ian Cox: 11 Trinidad & Tobago 1948 FA Cup R3

**Most League appearances:** John Simpson: 571 1957-72

**Most League goals:** Brian Yeo: 135 1963-75

**Most goals in a season:** Brian Yeo: 31 1973-74 Div 4

**Transfer fee received:** £1.5m: Robert Taylor to Manchester City November 1999

**Transfer fee paid:** £600,000: Carl Asaba from Reading August 1998



### The fan's view

**Interview with Gillingham Football Club's Media and Publications manager Jamie Reid.**

**How did Gillingham's pre-season programme go?**

We did okay in pre-season. Our two high-profile matches were against Charlton Athletic and Colchester United. We came up against a very strong Charlton side and lost but then beat a good Colchester side 4-2. I don't think you can read too much into pre-season matches but the convincing victory over Colchester certainly proved to be a good night!

**How have the Gills found their opening games?**

Things haven't gone as well as we would have hoped so far. We've lost both of our league matches and are also out of the Carling Cup. Eleven new faces have arrived and it naturally takes time for things to gel. Hopefully results will start to pick up but it doesn't get any easier with today's game against our good friends from Luton.

**What are the aims for the season?**

The first aim is to improve on last season. Ideally the club would like a play-off spot but it's a real tough year and a lot of clubs have really strengthened. It's arguably tougher this season than last so hopefully we can pick up points early in the season and then see where that takes us.

**Who is your most important close season signing?**

I'm not one to single out individuals because I believe in team culture. If all of the new players succeed then the club will enjoy a good season. This year manager Ronnie Jepson has brought some good players to the club but the squad isn't the biggest. Hopefully one or two further additions will still arrive and prove to be important acquisitions.

**Who do you think will get promoted to the Championship?**

It promises to be a real exciting division because a number of clubs have the ability to impress. The likes of Nottingham Forest and Oldham Athletic should feature prominently but the relegated sides Leeds United, Southend and our opponents today, Luton Town, will also be in the mix. And let's not discount the Super Gills because we have the ability to surprise one or two. Hopefully this will be our year!

## THE KEY MEN FOR

THE SKIPPER:  
ANDREW CROFTS

AFTER an outstanding campaign last season, which saw him become the Supporters' Player of the Season, Andrew Crofts was handed the captain's armband by manager Ronnie Jepson for the 2007-08 season. A midfielder by trade, Crofts made his debut for the Gills at the age of 16 after a rapid rise through the youth ranks at Priestfield. He has now gone on to make more than 120 appearances for his side. He has progressed through the Welsh international ranks, from Under-19 to his full international debut in the 2005-06 season. He also captained the Welsh Under-21 side in May 2006 during a 5-1 win over Estonia. He made his full Welsh international debut as a substitute against Azerbaijan in October 2005. He has become a popular player with the Gillingham fans and was involved in the Welsh squad that played Bulgaria in an international friendly on Wednesday night.

## KEEPERS

After impressing during a loan spell last season, when Gillingham had a goalkeeping crisis, **Simon Royce** joined the Club on a one-year deal in the summer. Royce may be familiar to Luton

supporters after having a short spell here in 2004. Royce is experienced



**EX HATTER...** Royce shot-stopper who has had distinguished careers at Southend United and QPR. Injuries have restricted **Kelvin Jack** to just nine appearances at Priestfield. However he was selected for Trinidad's 2006 World Cup squad and played in their final game in the competition against Paraguay. Finally, **Derek Stillie** signed a one-year contract at Gillingham in July 2007

## LEADING THE PACK

Andrew Crofts was given the captain's armband following an outstanding 2006-07 campaign

## GILLINGHAM

## TOP SCORER: GARY MULLIGAN

NOW in his third season at Gillingham, **Gary Mulligan** is likely to be leading the attack. Mulligan, who started his career at Wolves, scored nine goals last season during an impressive campaign. He has had spells with Rushden & Diamonds and Sheffield United, while he also spent time on-loan at Port Vale during 2005.

## LEADING THE LINE

**Mulligan** will be looking for even more than his nine goals last season

## THE STRIKERS

**DELROY Facey** is a well-travelled striker who made Gillingham his ninth professional club in 2007. Much of his success came while playing for Huddersfield, where he spent seven years of his career. He spent time in the Premiership playing for Bolton, while also having spells at Hull, Tranmere, Rotherham and Oldham. **David Graham** is another new face brought in by manager Ronnie Jepson in the summer and he is a player who has played in the UEFA Cup with Glasgow Rangers. He started his career at Torquay United, where he made over 120 appearances for the Club before enjoying spells with Wigan Athletic and Sheffield Wednesday. The striker has also earned eight caps for Scotland's Under-21 side. **Andy Pugh** is a striker who signed scholarship forms with Gillingham in 2005 and has made three appearances for the first team.



EXPERIENCE... Facey

## THE MIDFIELDERS



FAVOURITE... Southall

**EXPERIENCE** dominates Gillingham's midfield. **Steve Lomas** first made his name with Manchester City, before moving to West Ham, where he made 227 competitive appearances. He went on to join QPR and gained 46 caps for Northern Ireland, scoring three goals. Although **Mark Bentley** hasn't played at the same level as Lomas, he still has plenty of experience following a three-year career at Southend United. He has spent most of his career playing non-League football with Enfield, Aldershot and Gravesend and Northfleet. Another player with plenty of experience is **Nicky Southall**, who is in his third spell with the Club. He is a firm favourite with the Gillingham fans and has made more than 250 appearances for the Club. He is one of a few footballers who has played in every division of English League football. **Aaron Brown** was released by Swindon over the summer and snapped up by Gillingham to bolster the midfield. Brown has spent most of his career at Bristol City, where he made more than 150 appearances for the Ashton Gate club. He has had loan spells at Torquay and Cheltenham while at QPR, where he spent two years from 2004. **Barry Cogan** is an Irish midfielder who has previously played for Millwall, where he featured as a substitute in the 2004 FA Cup Final.

## THE DEFENDERS

Two former Luton defenders are with Gillingham this afternoon. **Efetobore Sodje** and **Duncan Jupp** both return to Kenilworth Road following short spells with the Club. Sodje, who is a former Macclesfield and Southend player, made nine appearances for the Hatters while Jupp, who is also a former Southend man, made five appearances during the 2002-03 season. **Craig Armstrong** is a new recruit from Cheltenham, who has had successful times at Nottingham Forest and Huddersfield Town. Gills boss Ronnie Jepson also strengthened his defence by acquiring **Simon King** from Barnet. King won three caps for the England non-League team, scoring the winning goal on his debut against Italy. **Ian Cox**, a Trinidad and Tobago international, signed a new contract during the summer keeping him at Priestfield for another year, while **Sean Clohessy** is in his third year as a professional, having at one time been on the books of Arsenal.



NEW BOY... Sodje

## TEAM SHEET

## Last game:

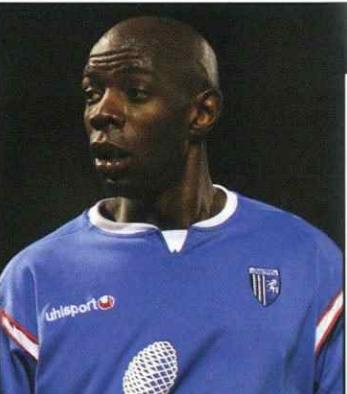
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- 12 Simon Royce
- 11 Nicky Southall
- 6 Ian Cox
- 5 Simon King
- 3 Craig Armstrong
- 8 Mark Bentley
- 4 Steve Lomas
- 7 Andrew Crofts
- 10 Delroy Facey
- 14 Aaron Brown
- 20 David Graham

Subs:

- 22 Derek Stillie
- 23 Barry Cogan
- 18 Craig Stone
- 19 Sean Clohessy
- 17 Andy Pugh

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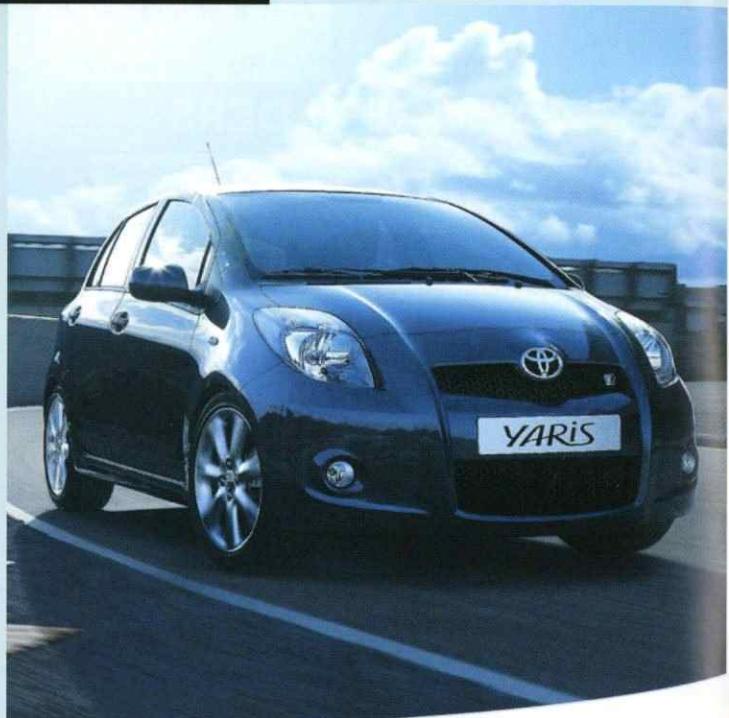
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## THE STATISTICS

SIMON PITTS finds some fascinating facts about today's teams



**4** is the number of consecutive home League matches against Gillingham in which Jimmy Yardley scored. The run started in a 6-1 win on November 19, 1927, and next season he netted in an 8-0 win. Five months later Yardley scored the second in a 2-0 win, and in February 1931 he hit another in a 4-1 win.

**12** is the number of yards from where a penalty is scored, and Luton have three successful spot kicks against Gillingham. George Dennis scored the first in a 6-1 win in 1927-28, Malcolm MacDonald netted at Gillingham in August 1969 when the Hatters won 2-0, and Liam George scored another in a 3-1 win in October 1999.

**3** hat-trick heroes for Luton against the Gills are Ernie Simms (December 31, 1921), Andy Rennie (April 13, 1929), and Joe Payne (April 7, 1937).



SPOT ON... Malcolm Macdonald

**16** is the number of League matches played between the two sides before Gillingham won their first match at Kenilworth Road. Their 2-0 win finally came on April 17, 1965. Luton were relegated just a few weeks later.

**24** is the number of League games played at Kenilworth Road between the teams. Of these the Hatters have won 16, drawn 5 and lost 3.

**3** cup matches have been played at Kenilworth Road between the sides: two FA Cup Second Round wins for Luton in the 1960s, and a League Cup First Round, 2nd Leg draw in 1979.

**8** goals is the biggest margin of victory. Luton won 8-0 on April 13, 1929, with five goals from Andy Rennie, and one each from Jimmy Yardley, Harry Woods and Lewis Bedford.

**17,402** is the biggest crowd for this fixture and came on December 27, 1969. Luton lost 2-1 with Mike Keen scoring for the Hatters. This was one of only two home defeats for Luton that season as they finished second and were promoted to Division Two.

**3,996** is the lowest crowd. They saw a 2-2 draw on May 1, 1935. Jack Ball and George Martin scored.

**10,237**

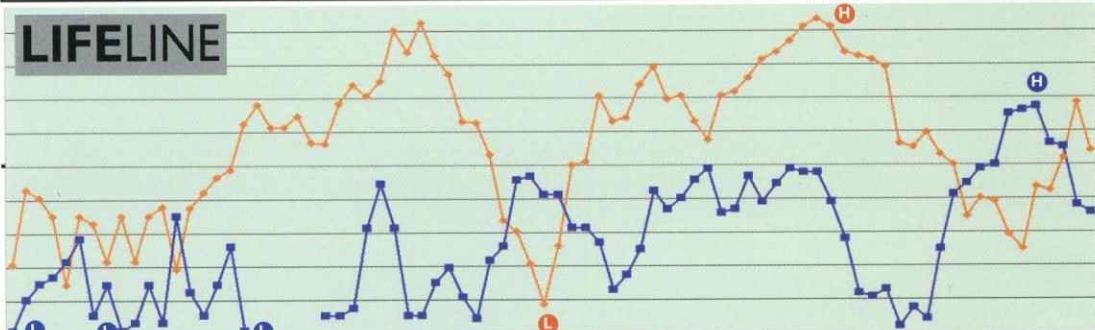
days elapsed after one League game between Luton and Gillingham back in the Thirties until they met again. The Hatters won 5-2 in April 1937 and then the sides did not meet in the League again until April 1965, when Gillingham got their revenge with 2-0 win.



## Each way movers

**3** players have moved from Gillingham to Luton, and all in the 1930s. Wilf Crompton played 54 matches for Luton and scored 16 goals before retiring through injury. George Kidd played 10 games without scoring, and Harry Loasby scored 14 goals in just 15 games in 1931-32, before joining Kettering.

**9** Luton players have been sold to Gillingham. Robert Boylen, Alec Smeaton, Joe Daly and Arthur Mills moved in the 1930s, followed by Bill and Charlie Burtenshaw, and Bill Collins in the 1940s. Tony Thear and Gordon Riddick both finished their Luton careers in the 1966-67 season before moves to Gillingham. Riddick had played more than 100 games for the Hatters and scored 17 goals. Thear hit five goals in 15 games for Luton.



## Hatters & Gills' ups and downs

THIS week's **LIFELINE** shows how Luton and Gillingham's fortunes have risen and fallen over the years in a graph that plots where they finished in every season. Luton's low point came with a 17th place in Division Four in 1966-67 and their high a top flight 7th place in 1986-87. The Gills' high was 11th in the Championship in 2002-03. Their three low points were early on, when they came bottom of Division Three South in 1920-21, 1928-29 and 1937-38.



## PITCH TALK

ANY summer's work on a football pitch is hard, but it gets even tougher when one of the two groundsmen breaks his leg and is on crutches for eight weeks in the middle of it all.

So it is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of both of them that the pitch is in such good condition for the start of the new season.

Here, RICHARD BIRD and MARK PANTER give their account of the ups and downs of the close season's work.

THIS summer's pitch maintenance programme has certainly been harder than normal. After last season's exceptionally wet winter and the problems that this brought with drainage, it was imperative that last season's grass was stripped off down to a depth of 5mm in order to clean up the top surface.

Due to the volumes of rainfall, the pitch was suffering from a covering of algae and organic matter, which was making it difficult for rainwater to find the drainage system.

"During January," says Richard, "the pitch was waterlogged on numerous occasions. So much so that it was impossible to take machinery onto it because of the extra damage that this would cause, even though a fair amount of grass cover was lost. Previous season's pitches with last year's rainfall would have resulted in huge divots and a totally uneven surface."

At the end of last season, the summer renovations did not get off to the best of starts because nine days before work was due to start Richard fell down the stairs of his Dunstable home, dislocating his left ankle and breaking

his leg. This resulted in him being on crutches for eight weeks and out of action all summer while he had THREE ankle operations to straighten him out.

**CUTTING IT...** Mark Panter has endured a busy summer looking after the Kenilworth pitch

good having him in the background to provide support and ideas on how to improve the pitch."

Extra staff were brought in by Richard to help Mark maintain not only the Kenilworth Road pitch, but also the Rugby Club training ground and the new training facility on the old Electrolux Sports Ground. Staff were also used to help tidy up the surrounds of the Kenilworth Road pitch.

Mark adds: "I had to make sure that the pitch was playable one week before the first game because the manager had asked to play a training match on it on the Tuesday so that the new players could get used to the stadium.

"A training session also took place on the Thursday and then the players practised free kicks and set pieces on the day before the Hartlepool match.

"Each time, I had to make sure all the divots were repaired and the pitch was cut and watered afterwards to keep it in top condition for the first game."

Both Richard and Mark were concerned that due to a wet summer the root depth would not be as strong as it should be. However, seeing the way the pitch handled the training sessions and the Hartlepool match, the signs are encouraging that the pitch is improving."

It's just as well as starting from this afternoon's match against Gillingham, the pitch will be used for SIX games in 18 days, giving it a real test to how it plays and handles the wear.

Richard and Mark are hoping that all their hard work will help the team to promotion in May.

# GROUND MATTERS

with RICHARD BIRD and MARK PANTER



**BACK IN ACTION...** Richard Bird works through the pain as the hard work continues

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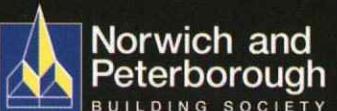
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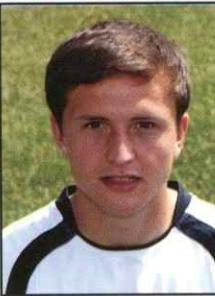
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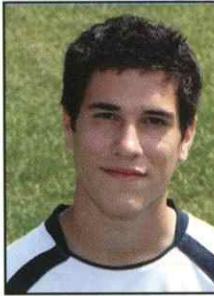
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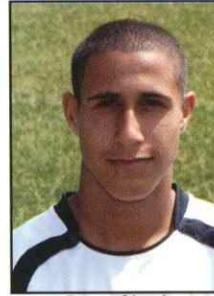
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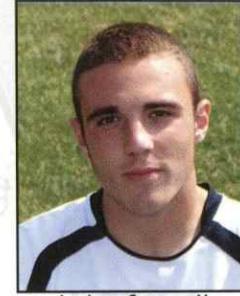
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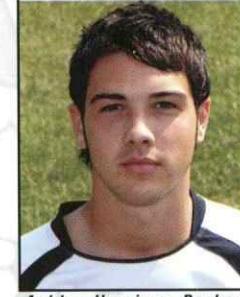
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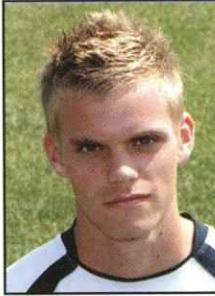
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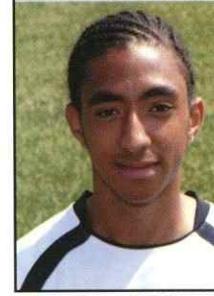
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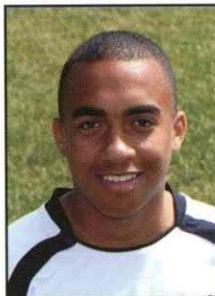
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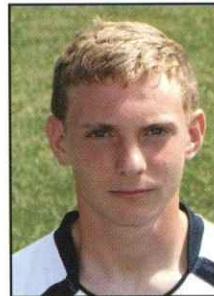
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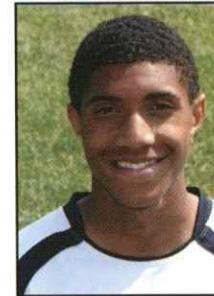
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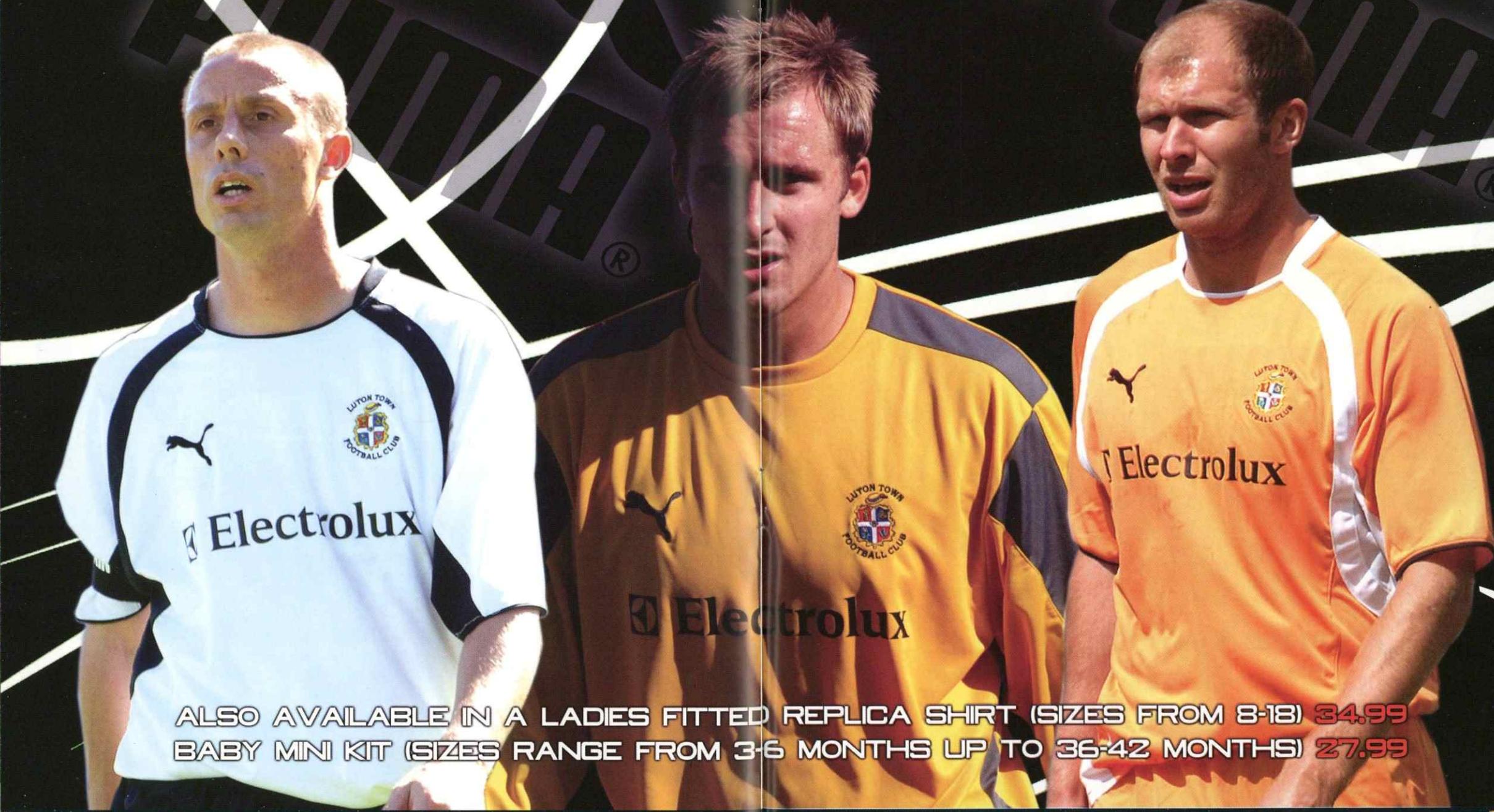
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## DEAN BRILL

DEAN Brill has a new aim this season - to make Luton's No 1 jersey his own.

It's a goal that is slightly different from the start of any other season in that he goes into this campaign as first choice keeper.

The Luton-born youngster has risen up the pecking order at Kenilworth Road after a number of fine performances in the run-up to last season.

And Brill believes that his early season success has been a reward for his hard work, effort and patience in recent season - but he is not getting too carried away.

"It's nice to actually start the season and know where I am going," said the 21-year-old. "I know what I have got to do, but now it is up to me to do as well as I can and do as much as I can for the team.

"I have worked hard to get where I am, but that is obviously not the main aim. For me, I have to do all I can to keep my place in the side and make it as difficult as I can for the manager to replace me.

"It's just the same for me as it is for the outfield players. If I am not doing it then obviously someone else has to come in. So for me it's simple. I just have to keep the shirt on my back."

But Brill knows he has plenty of people to thank for his opportunity.

Although the youngster has put in the hours on the training ground, he is the first to accept that he has needed guidance from others around him.

The support of Hatters goalkeeper coach Dmitri Kharine has been second-to-none as well as that of Marlon Beresford - who had several seasons as the Club's leading goalkeeper.

And it typifies the spirit inside the Luton camp that the two continue to work closely on the training ground, analysing every second of every game in order to help improve Brill's game.

"Marlon has been a big influence on me," continued Brill. "I have been with him for a couple of years and he has always helped me, been encouraging and positive towards me.

"I still speak to Marlon about what

# MY GOAL

by DEAN BRILL

**It's not really making amends. It's more of case of getting back on the right track. Three points is what you need every week so hopefully we can do the job again this afternoon**

goes on and we are always talking about what we can do in games to help our performance so it's still good for me to have him around.

"We are in a funny little position as goalkeepers. You work primarily on your own on the training ground but obviously as a goalkeeper you have to help each other out all the time."

Another thanks will go out to today's opponents, Gillingham. Brill highlights the importance of his loan move to the Priestfield Stadium last season, at a time when he was in desperate need of action.

He made eight appearances for the Club and earned some rave reviews from manager Ronnie Jepson.

And if there is one person who doesn't need telling that this afternoon's match will be a tough task for the Hatters, it's Brill.

"Ronnie is a good manager. He is very honest and he helped me out a lot when I was down there. Gillingham will be up for it this afternoon, they will be ready and they will know exactly what they are doing when they come here.

"Gillingham was a good time for me. At that stage of my career, I just needed games under my belt because I hadn't really played many competitive League matches.

"Gillingham were good enough to put

me straight into the team. It was good for my confidence and to get back into the run of playing games. It was a good experience for me.

"There was never really any talk of me going to Gillingham permanently - it was just all about me getting some games.

"It was a good arrangement for all parties. Luton needed me to play games so that I could push for the First Team and be fit. It helped me push on, and Gillingham were struggling for a goalkeeper."

Brill is now setting his sights on the future and is confident that the Club can return to winning ways following the set back at Swindon last weekend.

"Obviously with the two indifferent results it has been a slightly different start to the season. We need time to get together and sort things out but I think the lads are pulling together in the same way.

"We will gradually get better as the season goes on. There are a lot of new faces but they are all experienced lads and we know our jobs as a team. It is just a matter of putting it together now.

"It's not really making amends. It's more of case of getting back on the right track. Three points is what you need every week so hopefully we can do the job again this afternoon."

# DEAN BRILL

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## The real Dean Brill

**Favourite Film?**

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**Favourite TV Programme?**

Rome

**Who's your sporting hero?**

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**What car do you drive?**

Ford Focus

**What CDs do you currently have in  
your car?**

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**Where in the world would you most  
like to live?**

Spain

**Favourite meal?**

Sunday Roast

**Favourite Artist?**

Artic Monkeys

**What is your most prized possession?**

My car

**Apart from football, what is your  
favourite sport?**

Tennis



## DAGENHAM AND REDBRIDGE 1 LUTON 2

## Hatters Line-Up

4-4-2



## Substitutes:

Furlong (43 Parkin)  
McVeigh (78 Morgan)  
Not used: Perry, O'Leary, Brkovic

None

None

## Dagenham Line-Up

4-2-2



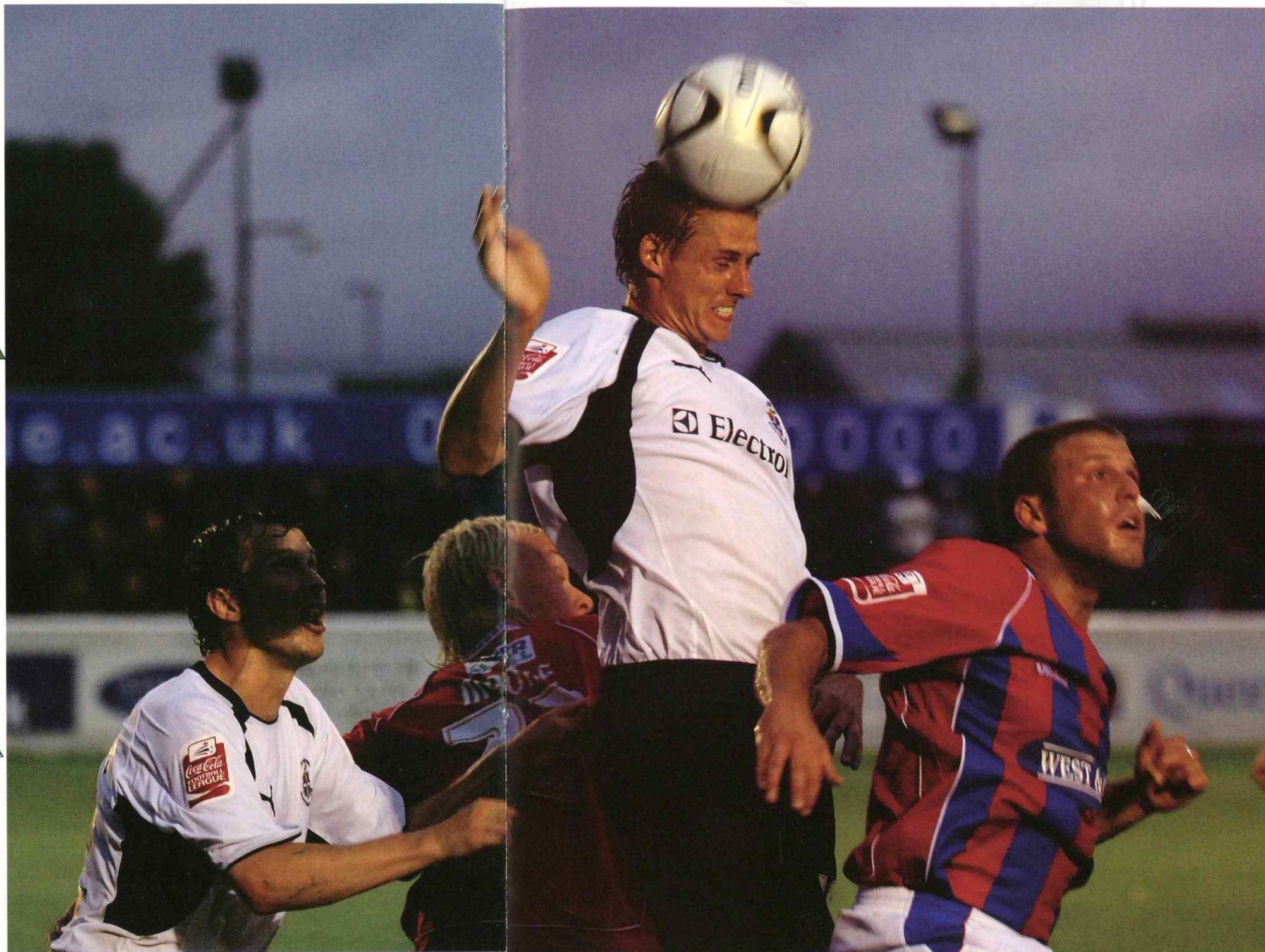
## Substitutes:

Huke (46 Rainford)  
Strevens (68 Nurse)  
Not used: Thompson, Graham, Okuonghae

None

None

REFEREE: Mike Thorpe (Suffolk)

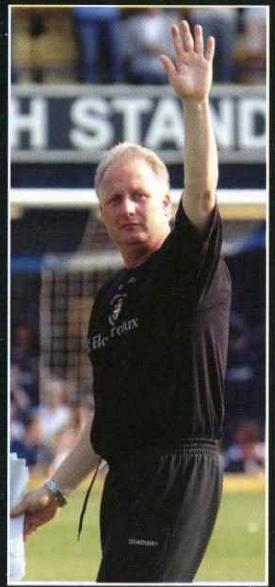


CARLING CUP ROUND ONE TUESDAY AUGUST 14, 2007 VICTORIA ROAD ATT: 1,754 ■ ON ME HEAD... Dave Edwards is sandwiched by the Dagenham defence



**TUMBLE...** Paul Furlong slips on the damp Dagenham & Redbridge pitch but almost finds a way past goalkeeper Tony Roberts

## MANAGER'S VIEW



"We knew it was going to be tough. Dagenham ran away with the Conference and we knew that, without being harsh, it was going to be as direct as you're going to come across. I said to the lads: 'Listen, if we don't mix fire with fire here, they'll win. Many clubs have come here in the FA Cup and that's exactly what's happened to them. Dagenham have got a great cup record and cup tradition but I thought that we applied ourselves well. I thought for long periods we were fairly comfortable and we should really have finished the game off a lot earlier. It was a sloppy goal that we let in and the players knew that."

Kevin Blackwell

Luton escaped a Carling Cup upset in the first ever professional match to be played at Dagenham & Redbridge's Victoria Road.

A Matthew Spring penalty and a cool finish from Drew Talbot did the damage as the visitors spoilt the party for last year's Conference winners.

Luton were thankful to three wonderful saves from youngster Dean Brill before the Hatters opened the scoring on 42 minutes.

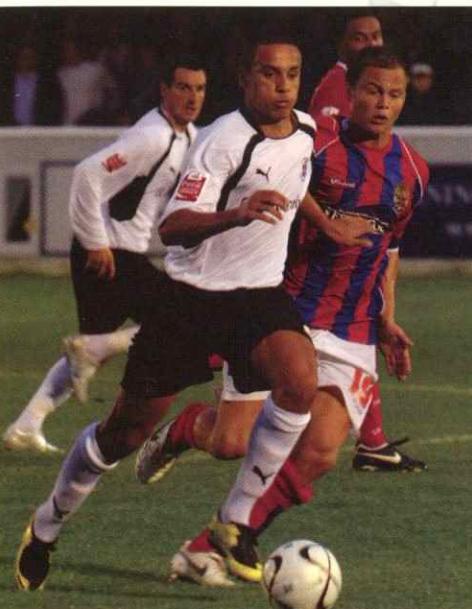
After referee Mike Thorpe pointed to the spot when Talbot was bundled over in the box by Jon Nurse, Spring stepped up to send Dagenham goalkeeper Tony Roberts the wrong way from the spot.

The Hatters were not having everything their own way and Nurse went close for the home side moments after the restart, but Luton soon settled and doubled their advantage in the 69th minute.

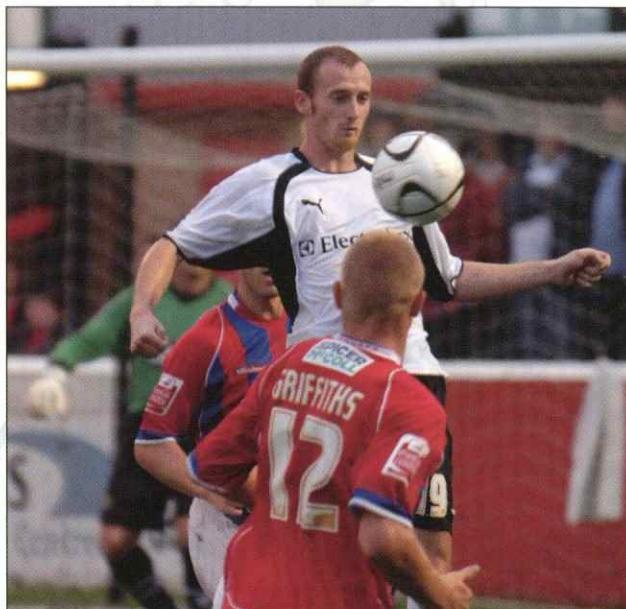
Paul Furlong found Talbot scampering down the middle and the former Sheffield Wednesday man fired a low shot that deflected over the legs of Roberts off Danny Foster.

But, in a game played in torrential downpours, Luton were made to sweat for victory after Dagenham produced a tense finish.

Dagenham refused to let their heads drop and pulled a goal back from substitute Ben Strevens, but despite a late flurry of chances, an equaliser never materialised.



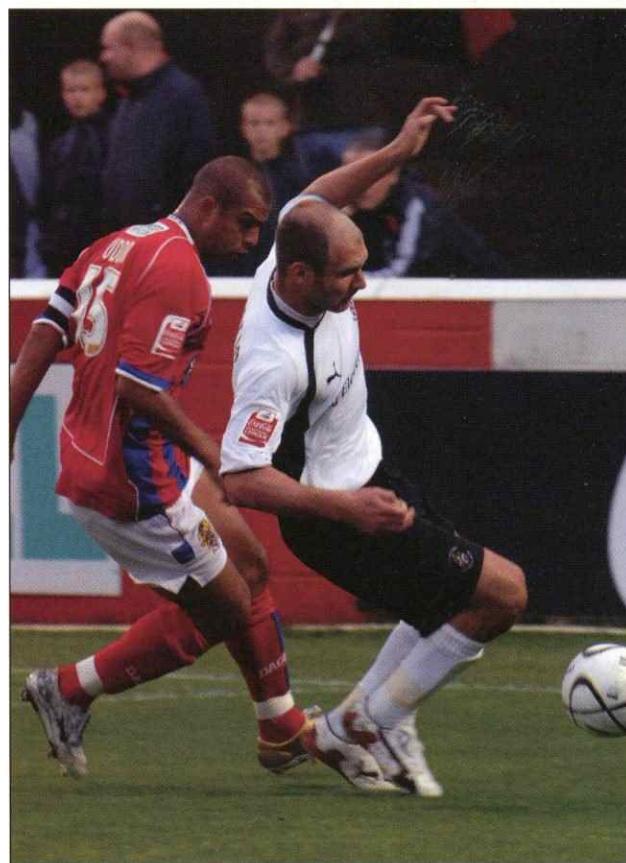
**ON THE ATTACK...** Dean Morgan surges forward



**COMPOSED...** Drew Talbot steadies himself as Luton mount an attack

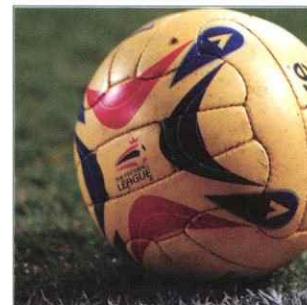
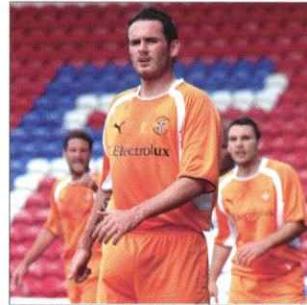


**RAIN MAN...** Drew Talbot celebrates in the downpour



**BATTLE STATIONS...** Sam Parkin competes with Dagenham's Anwar Uddi

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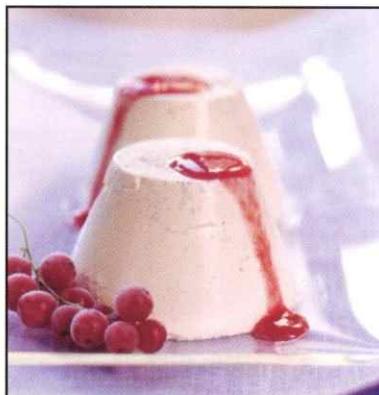
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- Framed commemorative programme
- Presentation of Man of the Match award plus meet the players
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- Half-time refreshments
- Matchday programme and teamsheet

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### Your Package includes

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- Company Logo on the front of the match programme
- Editorial write-up in the match programme
- Presentation of the actual matchball, plus meet the players
- Plus Matchday Hospitality

### Cost based on a minimum of 4 guests

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## Corporate Hospitality

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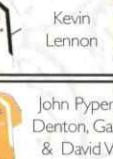
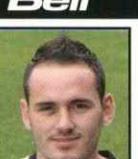
### Hospitality Package

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## COMMUNITY CHAT

STUART SMITH gives us the latest news from the Community Department



GOOD afternoon and welcome to today's game. We are now in the middle of our hectic Summer Holiday programme, with some new courses added to the very successful old favourites.

The first is an Advance Course, which takes place at Play Football.Net and is designed to help the more experienced player in local clubs to improve the technical side of their game. We will run this in all school holidays, so if you are interested please call the Community Office on 01582 391927.

This course also includes a Question and Answer Session with one of the professional players at the Club. The first

of these was held this week with Steve Robinson as guest. I would like to thank Steve for his time in the face of an interesting range of questions.

The syllabus for this course includes:

Speed, Agility and Quickness,  
Receiving,  
Defending  
Possession  
Crossing and Finishing  
Dribbling  
Running with Ball

There will also be small-sided games and tournaments.

The second of the new holiday initiatives is the introduction of our Saturday First



NICE TO MEET YOU.... Steve Robinson meets children at the recent Summer Holiday Soccer Programme

## How to book your place

Booking your place on the First Kicks programme could not be simpler.

We have a number of course dates at the Playfootball.net venue.

These dates are:

### COURSE 1

Sept 2007: 8TH, 15TH, 22ND

### COURSE 2:

Oct 2007: 13TH, 20TH, 27TH,

Nov 2007: 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, 24TH

Dec 2007: 1ST, 8TH, 15TH

### COURSE 3:

January 2008: 12TH, 19TH, 26TH

February 2008: 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD,

March 2008: 1ST, 8TH, 15TH

Payment for any one course is only by a block booking of £50 payable in advance.

Payment for any two courses is £90 paid in advance.

Payment for any three courses is £120 paid in advance.

If you book and pay for two or more courses you will be issued with a proof of payment pass which you will need to bring to each session. Cheques should be made payable to "Luton Town Football in the Community".



## Captain Anderton

Bournemouth boss Kevin Bond says he has given midfielder Darren Anderton the captaincy to try and get more out of the former England international.

Bond said: "I picked Darren because Neil Young and Paul Telfer are leaders by nature.

"I think I can get a bit more from Darren vocally and in leadership.

"I had nothing to gain making Young or Telfer captain. They will give you those leadership qualities whether they are captain or not."

Gillingham boss Ronnie Jepson says he will not panic despite his side not having scored a goal this season.

Midfielder Joe Allen has been rewarded with a new contract by Swansea City.

Southend have given a professional contract to teenage midfielder Peggy Lokando.

Port Vale have strengthened their squad by signing striker Callum Willock.

Forest midfielder Lewis McGugan will have an operation on his ankle.



## Livesey staying

Carlisle defender Danny Livesey has signed a contract extension which will keep him at Brunton Park until 2010.

The 22-year-old initially joined the Cumbrians on loan from Bolton in December 2004, making the move permanent a month later.

## Rovers target City's Mills

Doncaster are set to sign Manchester City defender Matthew Mills on a six-month loan deal.

The 20-year-old previously played under Rovers boss Sean O'Driscoll in a loan spell at Bournemouth when he was a Southampton player.

Mills also had a loan spell at

Colchester last term. "He is quick and strong in the air - he has got everything. It's just a case of putting it all together at the same time," O'Driscoll told Rovers' website.

Mills has started just one Premier League game since joining City from Southampton in January 2006.

## Kilkenny seals move

Birmingham midfielder Neil Kilkenny's protracted loan move to Oldham has finally been completed.

The deal had been put on hold after the Blues pulled out of a £3m deal to sign another midfielder, Hossam Ghaly from Tottenham, the previous week.



NEW BOY... Kilkenny



SIGNING... Matthew Mills

## Rovers in stadium delay

Bristol Rovers will play all their home games at the Memorial Ground next season because of a delay in developing the ground.

Rovers' chairman Ron Craig said: "We are very disappointed with the delay to the start of building our new stadium.

Work on developing "The Mem" into an 18,500-seater stadium will now begin in May 2008, with a scheduled completion date of December 2009.

"However, looking on the bright side, it is a bonus that we can complete our first season back in League One without having the disruption of moving half way through



STAYING... Memorial Ground

our league fixtures.

The new stadium will also include a number of facilities such as shops, hotels and a parking zone for residents.



## Takeover done at Swindon

A new company has taken formal control of Swindon Town FC, it has been announced. The board said it had signed a contract with Best Holdings SGPS S.A. but has not released any more information about who is involved.

It is thought the company is Portuguese.

Director Bob Holt said more information would be released soon, but that it was business as usual at the club's County Ground.



## Yeovil snap up United's Jones

Manchester United midfielder Ritchie Jones has joined Yeovil Town in a loan deal running until the end of December.

The 20-year-old, who has made five first-team appearances for United, also had loan spells with Colchester and Barnsley last season.

Meanwhile, Grovers boss Russell Slade has allowed Ishmael Welsh to move to Torquay United on a season-long loan.



Port Vale have strengthened their squad by signing striker Callum Willock.



Forest midfielder Lewis McGugan will have an operation on his ankle.



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JUNIOR HATTERS



OPENING DAY... Liam Carroll and mascot Sid Gosling line up with Happy Harry, players and officials at the Hartlepool game

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

THE following Junior Hatters celebrate their birthdays in August. Many Happy Returns to you all!

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- Daniel Coles
- George Mills
- Darran Sangster
- Zak Tilley
- Jack Davison
- Tommy Lennon
- Theo Bates
- Lewis Bush
- Amy Hall
- Christopher Foster
- Harry Bellinger
- Thomas Fox-Johnson



### TODAY'S MASCOT

Name: ..... Daisy Abraham  
Age: ..... Eight

Favourite Player: ..... Chris Coyne

School: ..... Stream Woods

Hobbies: ..... Swimming, dancing and cinema

Who do you come to matches with? ..... Dad

Where do you sit? ..... Main Stand Enclosure

KIDS! Why not join our popular Junior Hatters Club this season? Here's a list of all the goodies you'll get for just £12 a year (or £8 for renewals):

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- \* Birthday card signed by your favourite player
- \* Christmas card signed by the players
- \* Christmas disco with the players
- \* Chance to be mascot at away games (please call us for details)
- \* Newsletters
- \* 10% off our coaching courses
- \* Saturday matchday club (supervised)
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- \* Evening match clubs - watch the game with the Junior Hatters for a bargain £7 (fully supervised)
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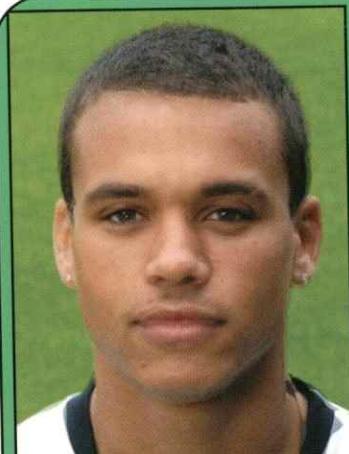
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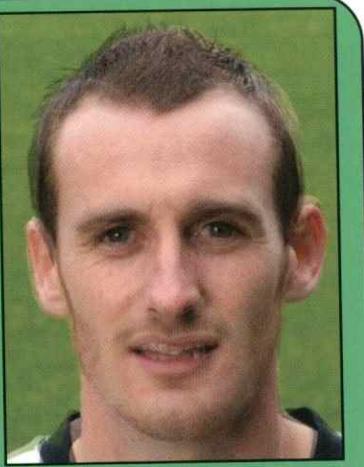
### FOOTBALL POSERS



TWO'S THIS... Which Luton stars are these?

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 seeing double?



TWO BECOME ONE... Can you spot them?

## 10 to test you

- 1 WHICH Premier League club has not won a major trophy since the UEFA Cup back in 1969?
- 2 WHO scored the first Premiership goal of the 2007-08 season?
- 3 FROM which club did Chelsea sign Steve Sidwell?
- 4 WHICH club are nicknamed The Cobblers?
- 5 WHO is the all-time leading goal scorer in the final rounds of the FIFA World Cup?



Question 3

- 6 WHERE will the 2007-08 Champions League final be played?
- 7 WHICH League Two team are managed by former Northern Ireland boss Sammy McIlroy?
- 8 IN which city would you find the two English League grounds which are closest to each other?
- 9 WHICH European football team play their home matches at the Delle Alpi?
- 10 WHO are the current Carling Cup holders?



Question 9



Question 7



**Badge badge**

WE'VE got in a bit of a muddle with our soccer club badges. Which TWO badges make up each of the ones printed here?



## \* LETTERS PLAY \*

CAN you unjumble these letters to find the name of:

- 1 a Luton player,
- 2 a team's nickname,
- 3 a Premiership manager,
- 4 a League One ground and
- 5 a Luton Town legend.

- 1 THAT PERMS WING
- 2 MEGA SIP
- 3 HEARD PRANK CRY
- 4 RADAR BOY PUNK
- 5 DRONE TORN RUG

All answers on Page 69

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GIRL TALK



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



Joy.. Luton's Under-14's celebrate their goal in the Cup Final against Tottenham

PREPARATIONS are now well underway for the new season with the club fielding 10 teams from Under10 to senior level in a number of testing pre-season friendly matches.

However, much like their male counterparts the Firsts and Reserves have been hit by poor weather and postponements.

The only match to date saw a mixed Town XI register a 2-1 win against Hendon with goals a minute either side of half time.

Luton fell behind early on after a defensive mix up but Janine Daly equalised with a trademark 25-yard free kick. Rebecca Kane smashed in what turned out to be the winner and promising debutant Kirsty McIntosh was unlucky to have a goal ruled out.

Keeper Nikki Duncan, a close season signing from Northampton Town, pulled off an outstanding save with five minutes, left clawing out a header from the top corner.

The Under-14 and Under-15 squads take

**All squads have made a number of new signings to strengthen the depth of quality throughout the club.**

on Reading and Southampton in their search for quality opponents to provide a true test of their progress in

recent months. The squads will be travelling by coach to their opponents in order to prepare them for the type of journeys they can expect when they progress to senior level.

All squads have made a number of new signings to strengthen the depth of quality throughout the club.

It is very encouraging that many of those new players come from as far afield as north and south London, Northampton and Milton Keynes, which is a fair indication that the club is heading in the right direction to achieve its ambition of top flight football.

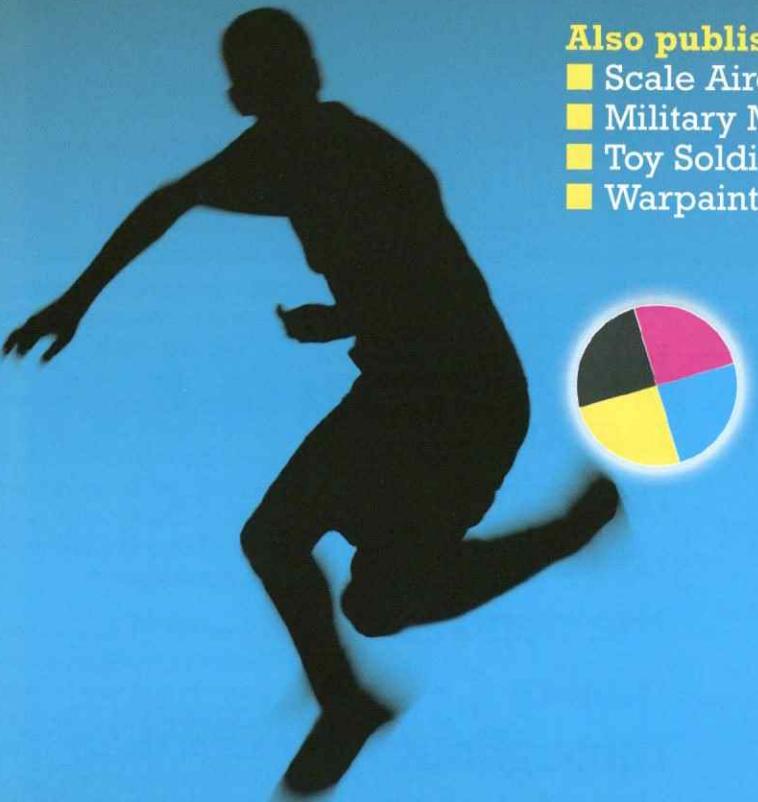
The tail end of last season brought double Cup Final disappointment for the Under-10s and Under-14s at the hands of Tottenham Hotspur. Clare Howe gave the Under-14s the lead with a brilliantly-taken free kick, but a powerful Spurs side fought back to win in extra time.

The Under-10s may well have been out of sight but luck was out for them as they went down 2-0.

● Players are still sought in all age groups including senior level (especially a goalkeeper) as well as a coach/manager for the newly formed Under-12 side. Please contact Dave at [lutonbelles@hotmail.com](mailto:lutonbelles@hotmail.com) for further details.

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## MANAGERIAL RECORDS

### Kevin Blackwell

Played 9 Won 2 Drawn 1 Lost 6 For 9  
 Against 17  
 Av Pts/game 0.78  
 Biggest Win(s) Southend 1 Luton 3  
 (28/04/2007). Biggest Loss(es) Luton 6  
 Sunderland 5 (06/05/2007).

### Ronnie Jepson

Played 77 Won 29 Drawn 15 Lost 33  
 For 93 Against 120  
 Av Pts/game 1.32  
 Biggest Win(s) Won 3-2 on 3 occasions  
 Biggest Loss(es) Bristol City 6  
 Gillingham 0 (18/03/2006).

## MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Kevin Blackwell .....	0	Ronnie Jepson .....	0
Draws ..0		Goals 0		Goals 0

### Player with the most...

#### shots

Paul  
 Furlong 5

#### shots on target

Darren  
 Currie 2

#### shots off target

Paul  
 Furlong 4

#### assists

Darren  
 Currie 2

#### crosses

Darren  
 Currie 4

#### fouls

Paul  
 Furlong 11

#### free-kicks-won

Paul  
 Furlong 6



## GAMES SINCE

1	a win	4	
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1	an away win	3	
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1	a home defeat	0	
0	an away defeat	0	
5	a score draw	3	
4	a no score draw	81	
0	conceding a goal	0	
0	scoring a goal	3	
0	conceding > 1	0	
1	scoring > 1	3	
4	keeping a clean sheet	10	
4	failing to score	0	
1	back to back wins	9	
8	back to back defeats	0	
1	gaining a point	3	
0	losing a point	0	
7	win by > one	4	
6	loss by > one	0	

## SHARP SHOOTERS

Luton	CCFL	Cup	Tot	Gillingham	CCFL	Cup	Tot
Alan Goodall	1	0	1	Aaron Brown	0	0	0
Darren Currie	1	0	1	Andrew Crofts	0	0	0
David Edwards	1	0	1	Andy Pugh	0	0	0

## TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ...48	Luton wins .....	23	Gillingham wins .....	14
Draws ....11	Goals 90 (1.9 per game)		Goals 56 (1.2 per game)	
0-0's .....4	Times failed to score 13		Times failed to score 15	

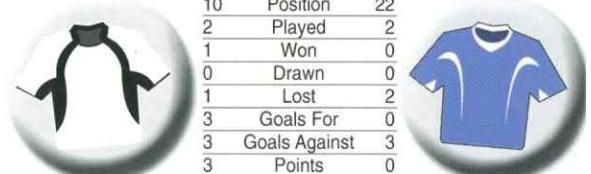
### Biggest League win at Luton for each team:

13/04/1929 Luton 8-0 Gillingham  
 17/04/1965 Luton 0-2 Gillingham

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## 2007/08 LEAGUE STATS



## Record When Scoring First

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1	0	0	5	0	0	0	20

## Record When Conceding First

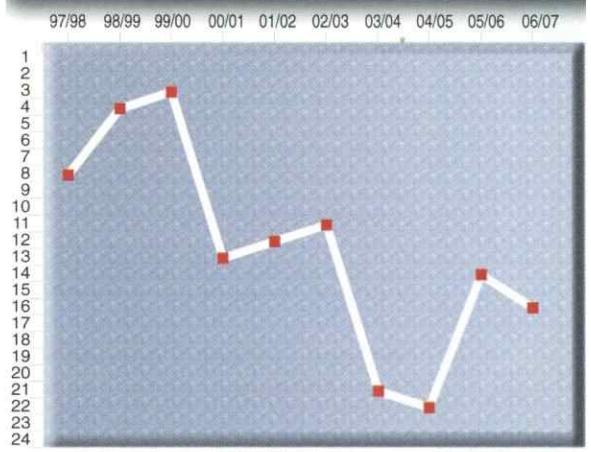
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	0	1	16	0	0	2	24

## Match Scores

Wins: 2-1[1], Losses: 1-2[1],  
 Draws: None

Wins: None, Losses: 0-1[1], 0-2[1],  
 Draws: None

## GILLINGHAM - TEN SEASON RECORD



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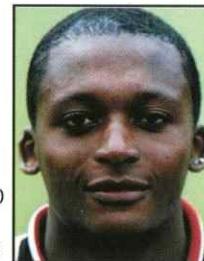
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M**Tresor Osmar KANDOL**

African-born Tresor was spotted by Luton Town scouts when playing in London and signed YTS forms for the Hatters in the summer of 1997. He was awarded a full-time contract a year later and made his League debut at Bristol Rovers in February 1999. An undoubtedly talented striker with a languid style, Tresor was also high maintenance and soon fell out with new Luton manager Joe Kinnear, who showed him the door. After brief attempts at reviving his League career failed, Tresor moved around the non-League circuit before re-surfacing at Barnet, who paid Dagenham and Redbridge £50,000 for him in January 2006.

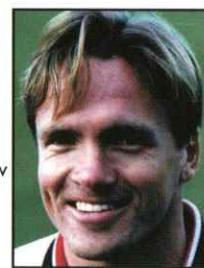
At Barnet his goals kept the Bees in the Football League and in a remarkable reversal of fortune he found his way into the Championship with Leeds last season.

**Kent KARLSEN**

Looking for strength in the spine of his team, Luton manager Ricky Hill went to Scandinavia for a centre-half who had served a solid apprenticeship in the Norwegian Premier League. An Under-21 international, Kent's five years with Valerenga brought considerable success, including a Norwegian FA Cup-winner's medal, and Hill moved swiftly to sign the player in November 2000 after a short trial period.

Sadly, Kent's stay at Kenilworth Road was short as Hill was dismissed soon after and new boss Joe Kinnear had his own preferences for central defence.

Kent left Luton after only six League appearances and returned to Norway, where he was last seen turning out for FK Tonsberg.

**Robert (Rob) Steven KEAN**

At the start of the 1997-98 season, Luton manager Lennie Lawrence was suffering a horrendous injury crisis culminating in only 14 players being available for an away trip to Bristol City at the end of September.

Of those 14, four would be making their League debuts, including Rob Kean, who came on as substitute for skipper Gary Waddock. Luton-born and a member of the successful youth squad at Kenilworth Road which won the South East Counties Championship in consecutive seasons, Kean was a promising midfielder but he did not get the opportunity to add to his solitary appearance, being released the following summer. Rob, who still lives in Luton, is now an aircraft engineer, and recently turned out for Hemel Hempstead against the Hatters in a pre-season friendly.

**Keith Francis KEANE**

Another local boy who rose through the ranks, Keith joined the Hatters from school and signed professional forms in August 2004 by which time he already had 15 League appearances under his belt.

A genuine utility player, 17-year-old Keith opened his Hatters account as a full-back at Wycombe in February 2004 and acquitted himself well against the speedy Jermaine McSporran. It was not long before he scored his first goal, with a last-minute winner at home to Bristol City the following April.

He won a League One championship medal the following season, has Eire Under-21 caps, was Young Player Of The Season in 2005-06 and scored the Goal Of The Season for 2006-07 in a televised clash at West Bromwich. It is difficult to realise that Keith is still only 20.

**Michael (Mike) Thomas KEEN**

Mike had already enjoyed one footballing career which would have been the envy of most professional players. Then he came to Luton and had a second.

Signing on for QPR in 1959, Mike soon established himself in the side and as skipper oversaw the club's rise from Division Three to Division One as well as picking up the League Cup along the way.

Following ex-manager Alec Stock to Luton in 1969, the cultured midfielder skippered the Hatters to Division Two and then saw his side narrowly fail to win back-to-back promotions.



After leaving the Town, Mike had a spell as player and manager at Watford before taking the hot seat at Northampton and Wycombe. Since leaving the game, Mike has run sports shops in Wycombe and Bicester.

OF LUTON TOWN

player to have appeared for THE HATTERS in the Football League

**William (Billy) KELLOCK**

A Glaswegian midfielder who failed to make the grade at Aston Villa, Billy moved to Cardiff in 1972 and made his League debut for the Bluebirds as an 18-year-old. Short stays at Norwich and Millwall followed before he dropped out of the League to join Kettering.

At Kettering Billy fulfilled his potential as an aggressive goalscoring midfielder and he continued to shine at Peterborough, where he banged in 43 goals in 134 starts.

Luton manager David Pleat paid £30,000 for the talented Billy just as the Hatters were about to enter the top flight in 1982 but his stay was short, presumably because Pleat did not think he could cut it in Division One.

Transfers to Wolves, who he helped to promotion, Southend, Port Vale and Halifax followed before he finished back at Kettering where he managed a Country Club.

**Terence (Terry) William John KELLY**

Local boy Terry signed on for his home town side Luton in 1950 after starring for Vauxhall Motors, but he then he had to spend two years in the RAF on National Service before he could begin a career at Kenilworth Road.

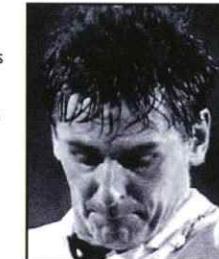
A tall, commanding centre-half, Terry had a problem displacing skipper Syd Owen from that position so he made his debut at centre forward at Bristol Rovers in 1954 and scored. Terry had to wait until Syd retired before claiming a regular spot in the Luton side but by the time he left the club to join Cambridge City in 1963 he had racked up 136 League appearances for the Hatters.

After a spell at Dunstable, Terry worked at Vauxhall until retirement and was still living in Luton at the time of his sad, recent death.

**Michael (Mick) Francis Martin KENNEDY**

A true football journeyman, Mick played more than 500 League games for ten clubs who paid more than £1 million for his services. And he earned a reputation as a midfield enforcer and self-styled hard man in a long career.

Starting off at Halifax, Mick rarely stayed longer than two years at a club apart from Portsmouth, who he helped to the top flight in 1987. The Hatters were one of the sides where he stayed only 12 months but the 1989-90 season was not without incident as Mick worked under three managers, was sent off twice and made sure that Derby did not score by fair means or foul after coming on as substitute in the final day 3-2 win at the Baseball Ground which saved the Hatters from relegation.



Eire international Mick now runs a Soccer School in Lahinch, Co Clare.

**Spencer Charles KETTLEY**

Welshman Spencer was stationed at Bletchley and was turning out for Newbury Town as the war drew to a close when he was picked up by Luton in August 1944 as the Club attempted to rebuild.

Despite being regarded as a wing-half, it was at inside-forward that Spencer made his only League appearance for the Hatters in a 1-2 home defeat against Leicester in October 1946.

Spencer filled a variety of positions for the Reserve side over that 1946-47 campaign but it was said at the time that "he did not seem to have recovered completely from (war) service in the tropics." Spencer proved everyone wrong though by continuing to play football at non-League and parks level until he was 54.

After a career in the shoe trade, Spencer lives in retirement in Desborough.

**Derek Tennyson KEVAN**

Derek was nearing the end of an illustrious career by the time he signed for Luton Town in December 1966 but his transfer was seen as a major coup for a side that was struggling at the wrong end of Division Four.

Born in Ripon, Derek had started out at Bradford PA but it was while at West Brom that he earned 14 caps for England and rattled in 157 goals in 262 League appearances. He continued to score for Chelsea, Manchester City, Crystal Palace and Peterborough before becoming one of Luton manager Allan Brown's first signings.

Although playing only 11 League games for the Hatters before moving to Stockport in exchange for Keith Allen, Derek certainly re-awakened enthusiasm at Kenilworth Road.

Derek now lives in retirement in Spain.

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## SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Andy Kirk	Northampton	2	1	3
Lee Bradbury	Southend	0	3	3
Gary Roberts	Crewe	2	0	2
Danny Graham	Carlisle	1	1	2
Luke Beckett	Huddersfield	2	0	2
Chris Greenacre	Tranmere	2	0	2
James Hayter	Doncaster	1	1	2
Craig Disley	Bristol Rvs	1	1	2
Craig Davies	Oldham	1	1	2

## WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Elland Road	Leeds	1	5	5.00
Boundary Park	Oldham	1	3	3.00
Prenton Park	Tranmere	1	3	3.00
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	1	3	3.00
Roots Hall	Southend	1	3	3.00
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	1	3	3.00
County Ground	Swindon	1	3	3.00
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	1	3	3.00
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	1	3	3.00
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	1	2	2.00
Bescot Stadium	Walsall	1	2	2.00
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	1	2	2.00
Vale Park	Port Vale	1	2	2.00
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	1	2	2.00
Huish Park	Yeovil	1	1	1.00
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	1	1	1.00
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemth	1	1	1.00
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	1	1	1.00
Brunton Park	Carlisle	1	1	1.00
The Den	Millwall	1	1	1.00
Leyton Stadium	Leyton Orient	1	1	1.00
City Ground	Nottm Forest	0	0.00	
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	1	0	0.00
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	1	0	0.00

## TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..  
shots on target 18 Leyton Orient. shots off target 21  
Swansea. corners 20 Swansea. hit woodwork 3  
Swansea. offides 12 Nottm Forest. fouls 37 Leeds.  
yellow cards 6 Northampton. red cards 2 Gillingham.

## PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..  
Shots 8 Tommy Mooney (Walsall). Shots on target 6  
Wayne Gray (Leyton Orient). Shots off target 5 Calvin  
Zola (Tranmere). Assists 2 Darren Currie (Luton).  
Crosses 11 David Pipe (Bristol Rvs). Offsides 7  
Steven Gillespie (Cheltenham). Fouls 11 Paul Connor  
(Cheltenham). Free-kicks won 11 Paul Connor  
(Cheltenham).

## GOAL COUNTER

46

RIGHT FOOT 20 goals

43.5%

LEFT FOOT 9 goals

19.6%

HEADERS 17 goals

37.0%

Own goals 0 (0.0%), Other body part 0 (0%)

## QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match  
Alan Thompson (Leeds vs Southend) 3:22

By a substitute after coming on  
A. Williams (Bristol Rvs vs Port Vale) 3:35



3.2 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

## QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match  
Andy Robinson (Oldham vs Swansea) 15:05

By a substitute after coming on  
Poul Hubertz (Northampton vs Swindon) 4:57

## SUB TOTALS

Subs used ..... 120

Offsides ..... 139

Corners ..... 265

Shots Off Target ..... 219

## BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

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# Ryan Charles on football, Weetabix and Harry Potter

LUTON'S wonder-boy Ryan Charles aims to be Luton's top goal scorer... with a little help from Weetabix and Harry Potter.

The young striker who can't stop scoring puts it down to his superstitions and his insistence on a bowl of his favourite cereal on matchdays.

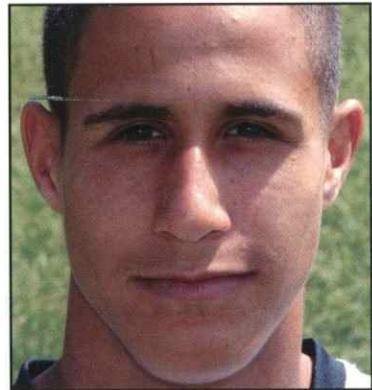
"Before a game I have a set routine," he says. "I shower, eat Weetabix with warm milk and always pack my bag in exactly the same way."

And when he's chilling out on a rare free day, Charles turns to a famous boy wizard for inspiration. "I go to the movies with some of the boys now and again, but there is a lot of football so I have to rest up for the start of the week."

"The last film I saw was Harry Potter and it was pretty good, but I haven't read any of the books yet."

Even with so much football in his life there's only one thing he really wants to do in the evenings, though. "After a game I just go home and watch Match Of The Day and Sky Sports."

Having taken part in a busy pre-season, Charles has loved his chance of playing with some of Luton's First Team, and scoring two goals along the way: "You can't get enough of playing with the First Team really. They help you and make you play in different ways and help you get better as a footballer. It's good for the



WIZARD... Ryan Charles is a Potter fan

experience and makes me play better. They make you up your game."

And he knows exactly where he wants to push himself. "This season I really want to win the league with the youth team and hopefully earn a professional contract. I want to be top scorer for the whole of Luton Town Football Club. Hopefully I can score 20 this season."

With no certainties in football, though, Charles is realistic about the future. "In football there's ups and downs. It's good to play football all the time and that's what I really want to do. But you've got to get on with college as well because

## Faves

McDonald's or  
Burger King?  
McDonald's

Favourite film?  
Rush Hour

Would you rather buy an  
album or download it?  
Download it

Night in or night out?  
Night in

Favourite TV show?  
Dream Team

Who's your hero?  
Ian Wright

you need your education in case football  
doesn't work out."

With new people arriving on and off the pitch, Charles is pleased with how things are going: "The First Years have settled in really well, we all get on and as a team, we're gelling well, and that's always a good thing for the start of the season."

"It's good working with Chris Cummins. We're doing more technical work and he's got his own way of coaching. I think I'm improving more and more as a footballer."

Thanks to those bowls of Weetabix.

## Under-18 results, fixtures and table

### August

Sat 18 Southend D 3-3

### September

Sat 1 QPR 11am

Sat 8 Colchester 11am

Sat 15 Plymouth (PY) 11am

Sat 22 QPR (PY) 11am

Sat 29 B'mouth (PY) 11am

### October

Sat 6 Brentford (PY) 11am

Sat 13 Barnet (PY) 11am

Sat 20 Brighton (PY) 11am

### Appearances

Aaron Fletcher 1

George Beavan 1

Ryan Charles 1

Ashley Harrison-Barker 1

Jamie McGuiness 1

Elliott Osborne-Ricketts 1

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Joe Selby 1

Ben Strang 1

Mark Farthing 1

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FIRSTLY, we would like to thank supporters for their assistance in leaving the stadium by alternative exits at the end of the Hartlepool match.

This was necessary because both Hazelbury Crescent and Kenilworth Road were closed due to an incident that occurred just after kick-off when one of our young supporters was very badly injured.

I am very pleased to advise you that the young man is now at home recovering and it was good to see him there when I visited his family last weekend.

While it will take a little while for him to recover fully, he is desperate to get back watching his team, so we have made arrangements for him to come to the next match with his family.

Today sees the start of a very hectic couple of weeks. Next Tuesday we have a home match with Sunderland in the Second Round of the Carling Cup. This is an all-ticket match for all supporters. The Ticket Office will open after the game today and again on Bank Holiday Monday

from 10am to 5pm to assist supporters.

Many of you will be aware that the wrong prices were advertised for the away match at Leeds United on September 1, however this information did come from Leeds and it was only when we received the tickets that we became aware of the problem - so apologies to all.

Sunday September 2 sees us hosting one of the matches in The Football Association Under-17 Tournament and the match at Kenilworth Road will be England v Italy, kicking off at 3pm. For prices see Page 11.

We have a home draw in the First Round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy and this match will be played here at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday September 4, KO 7.45pm. This match will be pay at the turnstile only with unreserved seating. Please see Pages 66 and 67 for ticket prices.

The Professional Game Match Officials (PGMO), the body responsible for providing and managing all match officials in English professional football, have



## CHERRY NEWBERY

announced the appointment of former Referee David Allison, 58, to the position of National Group Manager. Mr Allison replaces Jim Ashworth, who is retiring at the end of the month.

Jim has always been very helpful to us here at Kenilworth Road in arranging referees for pre-season friendly matches etc and we wish him a very happy retirement.

We are very pleased that former Luton Town player Alan West has agreed to become the Club's Chaplain and he will be available to players, staff and supporters alike. He can be contacted via his church office of 01582 619990.

Finally, we were very sorry to learn recently of the passing of Terry Kelly, who played for the Club in the 1950s along with such others as Seamus Dunn, Syd Owen and Gordon Turner. Terry's father Tim Kelly also worked as a coach at the Club at the time. We send sincere condolences to Mr Kelly's family at this sad time.

Enjoy the game and as always get behind the team.

**Cherry**



## LUTON TOWN v SUNDERLAND

**Tuesday August 28, 2007 Carling Cup Round Two 7:45pm**

This is an ALL TICKET match for ALL supporters. No tickets will be available to purchase on the day of the match.

Normal pre-match day league prices will apply for this match.

Tickets are currently on sale and the ticket office will have extended hours to assist supporters (view opposite page).

**SEASON TICKET HOLDERS & MEMBERS**

Season Ticket holders and members are able to purchase one ticket and two guest tickets for this fixture.

Tickets will be available to purchase until close of business on Monday 27th August. (subject to availability).

There will be no general sale for this match.



## 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 have received an initial allocation of 1,700 tickets for the South East Corner.

**TICKET PRICES:** Tickets are priced as follows:

Adults: £20, Seniors (over 60): £13, Juniors (under 16): £10



## LUTON TOWN v NORTHAMPTON TOWN

**Saturday September 4, 2007 Johnstone's Paint Trophy - Southern East Section - Round One 7:45pm**

There will be unreserved seating for this game

Cash Turnstiles will be in operation on the day of the game. No tickets will be available in advance.

**TICKET PRICES:** Tickets are priced as follows:

Adults: £8, Seniors (over 65) and Juniors (Under-16 unaccompanied by an adult): £4, Juniors (Under-16 accompanied by an adult): FREE



## LUTON TOWN v BRISTOL ROVERS

**Saturday September 8, 2007 League One 12 noon**

Please note the change of kick-off time for this fixture.

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.



## TRANMERE ROVERS v LUTON TOWN

**Friday September 14, 2007 League One 7:45pm**

This game is pay on the night via a cash turnstiles so no tickets will be available from the Luton Town Ticket Office. Please note the date and kick-off time for this fixture.

**ALLOCATION:** We have been allocated 2,000 seats for this fixture.

**TICKET PRICES:** Tickets are priced as follows:

Adults: £16.50, Seniors (over 60) and Young Persons (17-22): £9, Juniors (under 16): £5

Please note Disabled and Young Persons tickets will need to be purchased from the Tranmere Rovers Ticket Office prior to kick-off with the valid documentation.

## TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

**Saturday August 25 (Home match day) - 9am to kick-off and after match as required**

**Monday August 27 (Bank Holiday) - 10am to 5pm**

**Monday-Friday**  
**Home Matchday Saturday**

10am - 5pm  
9am - 3pm  
plus after the game

**Friday before a home match**  
**Non home matchday Saturday**

10am - 6pm  
9am - 12pm

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

TRAVEL TO: LEEDS UNITED



**Address:** Elland Road, Leeds, LS1 1 0ES

**Road:** Follow the Motorway M1 northbound and then onto the M621. You will pass the ground on your left and then you need to take the next exit from the motorway and turn left onto the A6110 ring road. Take the next left onto Elland Road for the ground.

**Town on Tour** will be leaving Maple Road at 10am, with a stop at MK Coachway approximately 30 minutes later. The fare for LTSC members is £19, £17 concessions and £21 non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone **07960 567465**. You can book online by visiting the fans section of [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) or via [www.lutontownfc.co.uk](http://www.lutontownfc.co.uk)

**The Bobbers Travel Club** will depart from Cranfield at 8:30am and Luton at 9:30am. Cost for this trip is £19 adults and £15 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone **01234 856542**.

TRAVEL TO: TRANMERE ROVERS



**Address:** Prenton Rd West, Birkenhead, CH42 9PY

**Road:** From M6 exit at junction 20 and join the M56. Exit the M56 at junction 15 and join the M53 and exit at Junction 4 and take the B5151 Mount Road from the fourth exit of the roundabout (the ground is signposted from here). After two and a half miles when Mount Road becomes Storeton Road, turn right into Prenton Road West and the ground will be visible on the right hand side.

**Town on Tour** will be leaving Maple Road at 2pm, with a stop at MK Coachway approximately 30 minutes later. The fare for LTSC members is £19, £17 concessions and £21 non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone **07960 567465**. You can book online by visiting the fans section of [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) or via [www.lutontownfc.co.uk](http://www.lutontownfc.co.uk)

**The Bobbers Travel Club** will depart from Cranfield at 12:30pm and Luton at 1:30pm. Cost for this trip is £19 adults and £15 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone **01234 856542**.



## SUBSTITUTES

## LATEST COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					Gd	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Leyton Orient	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	6
Huddersfield	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	6
Crewe Alexandra	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	4
Swindon Town	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	4
Carlisle United	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	4
Millwall	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
Tranmere Rovers	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	3
Brighton	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	3
Hartlepool United	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	3
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Oldham Athletic	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
Cheltenham Town	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
Yeovil Town	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
Bristol Rovers	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
Nottm Forest	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Northampton Town	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	1
Doncaster Rovers	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	-1	1
Port Vale	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	1
Swansea City	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	-1	1
Walsall	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	1
Bournemouth	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1	1
Gillingham	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	-3	0
Southend United	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	4	-4	0
Leeds United	2	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	2	1	4	-9

## 2007-08 APPEARANCES

This Season			Luton Town Career				
LEAGUE	CUP COMPETITION	TOTAL	DISCIPLINARY	APPEARANCES	GOALS		
Calvin ANDREW	App Gls	App Gls	App Gls	App Gls	App Gls	2	
David BELL	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	4	
Dean BRILL	2 0	1 0	0 3	0 0	0 0	0	
Ahmet BRKOVIC	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	38	
Chris COYNE	2 0	1 0	0 3	0 1	0 0	230	
Darren CUPRIE	2 1	0 0	0 2	1 1	0 0	2	
Sci DAVIS	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	184	
Dave EDWARDS	2 1	1 0	0 3	1 0	0 0	3	
Lewis EMANUEL	0 0	1 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	43	
Paul FURLONG	2 0	0 0	0 1	0 21	0 0	3	
Alan GOODALL	2 1	0 0	0 2	1 0	0 0	2	
Don HUTCHISON	0 1	0 1	0 10	0 0	0 0	3	
Richard JACKSON	2 0	1 0	0 3	0 0	0 0	3	
Keith KEANE	0 0	1 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	72	
Richard LANGLEY	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	33	
Paul McVEIGH	0 2	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	1	
Dean MORGAN	0 1	0 1	0 1	0 11	0 0	82	
Stephen O'LEARY	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	38	
Sam PARKIN	0 1	0 1	0 1	0 11	0 0	10	
Chris PERRY	2 0	0 0	0 2	0 0	0 0	2	
Paul PESCHISOLDO	2 0	0 0	0 2	0 0	0 0	2	
Steve ROBINSON	2 0	0 0	0 2	0 0	0 0	179	
Matthew SPRING	2 0	1 0	1 3	1 1	0 0	306	
Drew TALBOT	0 1	0 0	0 1	0 2	0 0	18	
Paul UNDERWOOD	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	5	

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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## QUIZ ANSWERS

**TWO'S WHO** First picture: Lewis Emanuel and Dean Morgan. Second picture: Drew Talbot and Matthew Spring.

**10 TO TEST YOU** 1) Newcastle, 2) Michael Chopra, 3) Reading, 4) Northampton, 5) Ronaldo, 6) Moscow, 7) Morecambe, 8) Nottingham, 9) Juventus, 10) Chelsea

**BADGE BODGE** Top: Leeds and Bristol Rovers. Bottom: Barnsley and Huddersfield.

**LETTERS PLAY** Luton player: Matthew Spring. Team's nickname: Magpies (Newcastle United). Premiership manager: Harry Redknapp. League One ground: Boundary Park (Oldham). Luton legend: Gordon Turner.

FA Cup Fixture Johnstone's Paint Trophy CARLING CUP Carling Cup Fixture SKY SPORTS Sky Sports

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**Tuesday**  
**August 28, 2007**  
**Carling Cup R2**  
**Kick-Off 7.45pm**

## Luton Town v **SUNDERLAND**

By Des O'Donnell

WHEN Luton and Sunderland shook hands at the end of last season, it seemed that they would not be playing each other for a while. The Black Cats under their inspirational new boss Roy Keane were off to the Premiership as champions. Luton's rebuilding under a new board and new manager would be starting in League One.

But football is nothing if not surprising and now the Black Cats are back at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday night with the Hatters having a chance to claim a major scalp in the Second Round of the Carling Cup.

The statistics do not make happy reading. The teams have met four times in the League Cup, with Sunderland winning every time. But stats are there to be re-written.

Last season's League match at The Stadium of Light started well when Dean Morgan put the Hatters ahead on five minutes. But Sunderland equalised within four minutes and clinched the points with a second. The rematch at Kenilworth Road came when an injury-hit Luton had already been relegated and Sunderland were rampant.

But the two sides who meet on Tuesday will look very little like the teams that turned out last time.

Luton under Kevin Blackwell have nine new faces in the squad and Keane has so far bought in £27 million worth of players, with chairman Niall Quinn saying he still has more to spend. The latest signing is Craig Gordon. The Scottish goalkeeper made the move to the North East from Hearts for a cool £9 million this month, making him Britain's most expensive keeper. Other additions include Manchester United's Kieran Richardson (£5.5m) and Michael Chopra from Cardiff (£5m).

Sunderland have had a mixed start to the season with two late goals in two matches bringing them four points before the wheels came off last Saturday and the Black Cats crashed 3-0 at Wigan, leading by all accounts to Keane doing a passable impression of his former boss Sir Alex Ferguson's famous hairdryer act.

It had started so well. At White Hart Lane on the opening day, with almost the last kick of the game, new signing Michael Chopra opened his account and left Spurs feeling sick. Then when Birmingham looked on course to take the points, another late strike, this time from Stern John, saved a point.

You have to look back to the 1994-95 season for Luton's last victory over Sunderland with a 3-0 win thanks to two goals from Scott Oakes and one from John Hartson. Kevin Blackwell would settle for a scruffy 1-0 with a deflection off someone's knee and a lucrative tie in the next round. Even if it means redecorating the visitors' dressing room to put some paint back on the walls.



## Head 2 head

	Luton	Draw	Sunderland
League	13	9	24
FA Cup	0	2	4
League Cup	0	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>32</b>

Jermaine Jenas



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# The line-ups

## Luton Town

**Manager:** Kevin Blackwell  
**Colours:** White shirts, black shorts

		Pl	Sc
1	<b>Dean Brill</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	<b>Alan Goodall</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	<b>Don Hutchison</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	<b>Chris Perry</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	<b>Chris Coyne</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	<b>Dean Morgan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	<b>David Bell</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	<b>Sam Parkin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	<b>Darren Currie</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	<b>Paul Peschisolido</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	<b>Richard Jackson</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	<b>Steve Robinson</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	<b>Stephen O'Leary</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	<b>David Edwards</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	<b>Lewis Emanuel</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	<b>Ahmet Brkovic</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	<b>Drew Talbot</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	<b>Calvin Andrew</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	<b>Keith Keane</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	<b>Richard Langley</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	<b>Paul Underwood</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	<b>Matthew Spring</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	<b>Sol Davis</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	<b>Paul McVeigh</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	<b>Paul Furlong</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Gillingham

**Manager:** Ronnie Jepson  
**Colours:** Blue shirts and blue shorts

		Pl	Sc
1	<b>Kelvin Jack</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	<b>Duncan Jupp</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	<b>Craig Armstrong</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	<b>Steve Lomas</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	<b>Simon King</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	<b>Ian Cox</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	<b>Andrew Crofts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	<b>Mark Bentley</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	<b>Gary Mulligan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	<b>Delroy Facey</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	<b>Nicky Southall</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	<b>Simon Royce</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	<b>Aaron Brown</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	<b>Luke Howell</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	<b>Efetobore Sodje</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	<b>Andy Pugh</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	<b>Craig Stone</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	<b>Sean Clohessy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	<b>David Graham</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	<b>Derek Stillie</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	<b>Barry Cogan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	<b>Alan Pouton</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	<b>Luis Chambers</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Hatters' last team

**Swindon 2 Luton 1**



Goals: Edwards (66)  
Subs: McVeigh for Peschisolido (62), Talbot for Currie (72), Morgan for Furlong (89),

Currie

None

## Pools' last team

**Gills 0 Tranmere 2**



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

None

None

## MATCH OFFICIALS

- Referee: **A M Penn**
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