

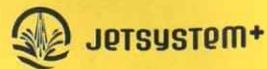
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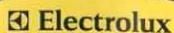


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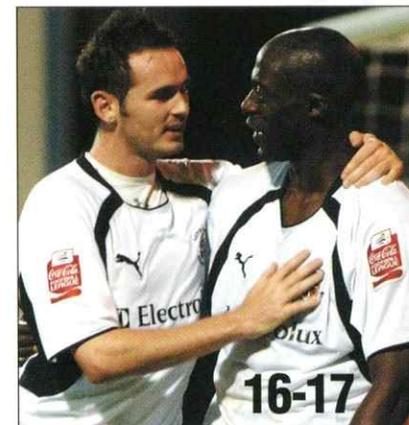
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COVER PICTURE: Matthew Spring strikes home Luton's third goal of the afternoon from the penalty spot against Gillingham

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The lads' win in last week's Carling Cup match against Sunderland will rank alongside some of the great cup performances and the noise made by our fans on the night said it all

GOOD evening and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for tonight's match against Northampton Town in our first ever game in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

This match falls in a very busy period for the team with League and Cup matches aplenty. As with all such periods it is vitally important to try and limit the injury front and the depth of our squad will add some protection against this.

The lads' win in last week's Carling Cup match against Sunderland will rank alongside some of our great cup performances and the noise made by our fans on the night said it all. The reward is another



home tie later this month (25th) against Charlton Athletic, who are currently lying seventh in the Championship and will be a stern test for the lads to put in a similar performance.

Obviously last Saturday's result at Leeds was not the one we wanted, and scant reward for the effort put in by Kevin and the team. Leeds has always been an intimidating place to go and we were somewhat concerned by some of the antics towards our fans.

I am confident though that the strong team spirit and work ethic now evident at the Club will pay dividends and reap its just rewards over a very long season!

We were delighted to host one of the games in the Football Association Under-17 International tournament last Sunday which resulted in a 3-0 win for England over Italy, a great match enjoyed by just over 3,200 supporters, predominantly youngsters.

In closing I would like to extend a warm welcome this evening to the directors, staff, players and supporters from Northampton Town. In just over a month we will be doing it all over again when we host our visitors in the Monday night live League match on Sky Sports.

Enjoy tonight's game.

**David Pinkney
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THE MANAGER

HELLO and we welcome Northampton Town to another Tuesday night cup game here at Kenilworth Road. If it's anything like last Tuesday night we're all in for a treat with a cracking atmosphere, an exciting game and – we hope – another good result for Luton Town.

I know some people think that this is a minor competition and some teams rest a lot of players, but as far as I'm concerned I want to win every game we play – and I don't just want a RUN in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, I want to get to Wembley and WIN it.

When I was at Huddersfield I was lucky enough to reach the final of this competition, which was then called the AutoWindscreens Shield. I know that our fans then had a great day out and certainly didn't think it was a Mickey Mouse cup.

So we'll give it respect.

That doesn't mean that I won't make some changes, though, because we have a few players who need to get a game or two under their belts. We haven't had a Reserves game for a couple of weeks and you can't let players go too long without a game.

But the priority has to be to win the match. I want winning to become a habit with this football club.

We especially need to bounce back from the disappointment of losing at Leeds on Saturday.

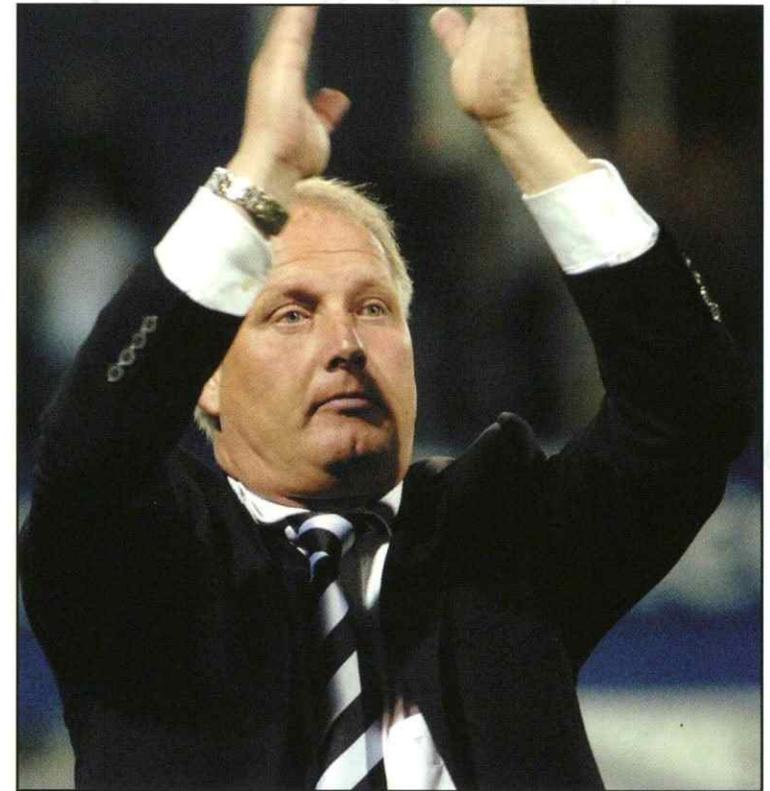
I thought we put on a great performance and I'm disappointed that we didn't get some sort of result, which I think we deserved.

What was most pleasing was that we had nearly 60 per cent of possession in the second half. But in the last third the killer touch just wasn't there. We need some fine tuning and we'll look at that.

We had a meeting of the players to look at areas where we can improve and take ourselves on to the next level and it was good that we could sit down and talk through some things with no recriminations or blame.

I know that many people who have seen us play this season are talking very highly about Luton Town.

Norman Hunter and Eddie Gray said afterwards that Luton are one of the best teams to come to Leeds and that it could have been Leeds' first loss of



I don't just want a good run in this competition, I want to get all the way to Wembley and win it

the season. And when senior people in the game say that, you've got to sit up and take notice.

The other pleasing aspect from last week is that the transfer window has closed and I'm delighted that no players moved out of Kenilworth Road. I admit that I was nervous and I wasn't too keen to pick the phone last week.

We had one or two inquiries for our players but they didn't reach our valuation. The Chairman was strong and said that unless it was right for Luton Town there's no need to do

anything, so I'm pleased to say that pressure is off us.

In fact we had an addition to the squad with Polish Under-21 defender Jaroslaw Fojut joining on loan from Bolton until the New Year. Welcome to him. He's 6ft 2in, a big, strong lad and a very, very good addition to the squad.

So get behind the boys tonight and let's see how far we can go in this cup.

Enjoy the game.

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THE CAPTAIN

OUR performance against Sunderland in the Carling Cup has certainly got to be up there as one of the great cup nights at Kenilworth Road.

A few of us still had the result on the last day of last season in the back of our minds so to complete a victory in the way that we did was very satisfying.

I think that result goes to prove just how far we have come from last season. The dressing room has certainly got a lot stronger in depth and we were delighted with the football we played that evening.

On a slightly disappointing note, it was surprising to see so many empty seats. However, credit must go to the fans who did turn up and for the noise and atmosphere they generated that evening.

The draw for the next round has paired us with Charlton and having been given a home tie, it will be good to see plenty of you back at Kenilworth Road for another huge cup game.

We were obviously disappointed with the result against Leeds United, and in particular with our first half performance.

We conceded a goal at a key moment in the match because had we gone in 0-0 at half-time, I felt we could have taken the game to Leeds a bit more.

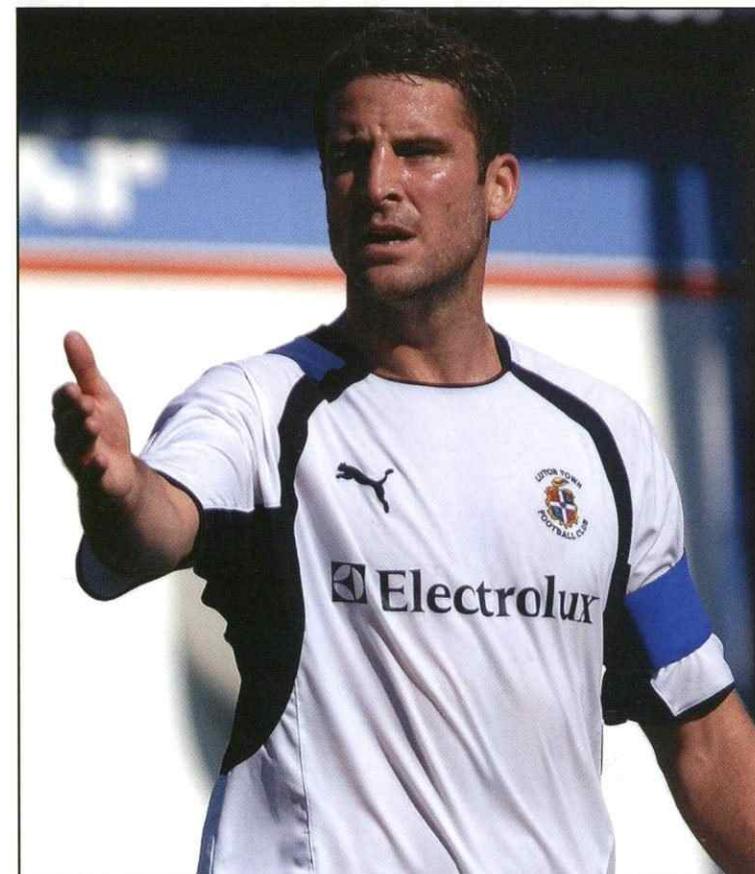
However, the second half was an improvement and we gave it a real go. We created more opportunities and kept Leeds on the back foot for large periods of the game.

I have to say, from where I was standing, I felt Paul Furlong's goal should have stood.

It was discussed at the end of the game and it was felt that it was only body checking, but the referee obviously didn't see it that way.

We now head into tonight's game against Northampton Town looking to record another cup victory at Kenilworth Road. Although the

CHRIS COYNE



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competition may not be high on the agenda for many, the players know how important local derbies are, not only for the supporters, but also for the Club.

There will be a lot of bragging rights up for grabs this evening and we will want to have the upper hand when we meet up again at Kenilworth Road

in the League in October. Finally, many congratulations to Dave Edwards, who will be once again representing Wales' Under-21 squad for their European Qualification match against France on Friday.

Enjoy the game

Coyne



GOAL... Paul Furlong manages to direct Drew Talbot's cross into the Gillingham net to give Luton a 2-1 advantage

MANAGER'S VIEW



"We played some superb stuff and moved the ball well, but it should have been all over at half-time. After 40 minutes we probably could have had about four or five. Overall I'm pleased, but I know we can still do better. In the first half, the two lads in midfield were superb. Dave Edwards will score goals, because he gets in there and he had three great chances for us. He has energy, but again it's the first time that particular pair have played together in midfield for us. There's so many permutations I need to get through before I know my strongest team, but what gave us the win today was the work of Paul Furlong and Drew Talbot.

— Kevin Blackwell

THE Hatters comfortably saw off Gillingham with a performance that deserved more than just three goals.

David Bell with a fine individual effort, Paul Furlong with his first goal for Luton and Matthew Spring from the spot all found the net after the Gills had somehow been allowed to level in the first-half through Mark Bentley.

Darren Currie and Chris Coyne both went close before Luton took the lead through Bell.

Picking the ball up wide on the left from Furlong's lay-off, the winger beat Barry Cogan with a Cruyff turn and then cut inside Nicky Southall before unleashing a thunderous low drive that flew in off the foot of the post from 22 yards.

Bentley levelled with a header; but Luton were in no mood to allow Gillingham back in the game as Furlong put the Hatters back in front.

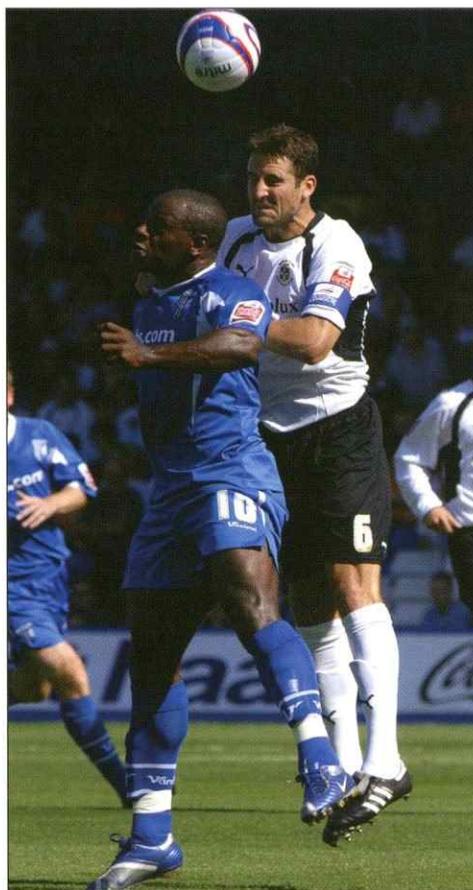
Currie's shot was deflected into the path of Drew Talbot, who crossed from the right hand side of the penalty area past the badly positioned Simon Royce for Furlong to net with a diving header.

The second half showed little in terms of entertainment, but Luton wrapped up victory from the spot after Paul McVeigh was sent crashing in the area by Bentley as he ran on to Richard Jackson's chipped pass and Spring found the top corner of the net from the spot despite Royce getting a hand to the ball.

LUTON 3 GILLINGHAM 1



AT FULL STRETCH... Dave Edwards manages to direct a shot at the Gillingham goal as Luton look to extend their advantage in the second half



HEADS... Chris Coyne towers above Delroy Facey



BATTLE... Dave Edwards and Ian Cox fight for possession



WATCHFUL EYE... Chris Coyne keeps Mark Bentley in sight

Northampton's legends & greats

Top player

TOMMY Fowler was on Everton's books in the war and played alongside Joe Mercer and Tommy Lawton. Then he joined the Cobblers and stayed for 16 years, making a club record 585 appearances for Northampton.



Top manager

DAVE Bowen is the manager who took Northampton into the First Division for the only time in their history in 1965. He took over in 1959 when they had just finished eighth in Division Four. The North Stand at Sixfields is named after him in gratitude. He also managed Arsenal and the Welsh national side.



Top game

Cobblers 1-1 Arsenal
Cobblers 1-1 Man United
Division One: August 25 & 28, 1965

AFTER a truly heroic rise from the bottom flight to the top in six years, Northampton's reward was that their first two home games in Division One were against two of the glamour sides. Twice in four days, Northampton battled for draws, but sadly the season went downhill and relegation followed.

By JAMES MARSH

AFTER a mixed start to the new season, tonight's Johnstone's Paint Trophy clash offers Northampton boss, Stuart Gray, the chance to assess his side away from the rigours of League One. The ex-Southampton manager has been an undoubted success for the Cobblers since taking charge in January, and has a wealth of top flight coaching experience to draw on as he looks to take Northampton up into the Championship.

A former assistant to Glen Hoddle at the Dell, Gray was appointed caretaker boss after the ex-England manager was lured away to Spurs in March 2001, and was given the role full time in June of that year. However, with Saints chairman Rupert Lowe jittery about a few poor results as the club bedded in at their new St Mary's Stadium, Gray was sacked just three months later.

Many thought him hard done by, and his subsequent success in caretaker or coaching roles at Aston Villa and Wolves – and now as manager at Northampton – suggest that his dismissal was premature.

Gray's appointment at the Sixfields Stadium followed the resignation last December of ex-England assistant coach John Gorman, who departed after a poor run of results which had left them near the bottom of the table.

After a brief caretaker spell under first team coaches Ian Sampson and Jim Barron, Gray was given a two-and-a-half year contract. With Sampson and Barron retained in their coaching roles, Gray saw his side claw themselves up the League and eventually finish in a comfortable 14th position. As well as making several

	Luton	Draw	Cobblers
League	22	7	15
FA Cup	1	0	1
Lge Cup	1	0	0
Total	24	7	16

Last meeting:
Feb 15, 2003: League One Luton 3 v Northampton 2

Last season:
Northampton finished 14th in League One, 16 points off a Play-Off position and 12 clear of the relegation places.

Last three Cobblers games:
Aug 25, 2007: Cobblers 1-2 Yeovil (Hubertz 32)
Aug 29, 2007: Middlesbro 2-0 Cobblers
Sep 1, 2007: Orient 2-2 Cobblers (Hubertz 15, Daig 19)

astute loan signings, perhaps Gray's greatest achievement was to coax some epic performances out of existing players such as Brad Johnson and Jason Crowe.

Ex-Arsenal man Crowe, in particular, attracted considerable interest from other clubs over the summer and his decision to sign a new contract came as a huge relief to Cobblers' fans.

Although he holds the dubious distinction of receiving the fastest-ever red card by a debutant – when Uriah Rennie dismissed him after just 33 seconds in a match against Birmingham in 1997 – Crowe, alongside club captain Chris Doig, were key figures in tightening up a previously leaky defence. Arguably most influential,

Many thought Stuart Gray was hard done by to be sacked by Southampton, and his success at Villa, Wolves & Northampton suggests that dismissal was premature

however, was young goalkeeper Mark Bunn, who was unsurprisingly named Player Of The Season.

At the other end, the Cobblers suffered a blow when leading scorer Stuart McGleish left for Wycombe soon after Gray's appointment, but midfielder Brad Johnson stepped up to the mark and scored five times in 15 games.

He was well supported by striker Andy Kirk, who has already hit two goals in the first two games of this season. Another player to watch out for is the Dane Poul Hubertz, who joined from Millwall in the summer and scored his first for the club in an ill-deserved 2-1 defeat at home to Yeovil Town last month.



ASTUTE... Stuart Gray is hugely experienced

The fan's view



GEOFF DOYLE Sports Editor Radio Northampton (former BBC 3CR reporter)

How have the opening games gone?

Northampton have been a bit unlucky so far. They should have won some matches they have lost, but they need to be more clinical in front of goal and won't want to get involved in a scrap near the bottom.

What are Northampton's aims?

They finished mid-table last season and would settle for that again. Fans hope that reaching the Play-Offs might be a possibility but that's probably unrealistic. The club have ground re-development issues and so investment in the team isn't as strong as it was.

Who was your top summer signing?

Probably the RE-signing of defender Chris Doig. The captain was out of contract in the summer and looked like he was on his way. But he signed a new deal to the relief of most fans.

Who will be your star players?

Goalkeeper Mark Bunn and midfielder Bradley Johnson. Bunn was a revelation last season and needs to carry on developing. Johnson is a fantastic prospect and has what it takes to play at the top level.

Who will win this Trophy?

Whichever team cares most about it!

A round-up of the key players

KEEPER: 1 Mark Bunn

A COBBLERS youth player who signed as a pro in summer 2004. Mark is a highly-rated keeper who spent a large part of the 2003-04 season on loan at Ryman League side Kettering.

DEFENDERS: 2 Jason Crowe

JASON is a utility player who can operate in midfield or

defence. He arrived at Sixfields from Grimsby Town in 2005. A former Arsenal trainee and England Youth international, he cost Portsmouth £1 million as a 20-year-old. Has also played for Crystal Palace and Brentford.

4 Mark Hughes

EVERTON central defender who joined Northampton for

an undisclosed fee in January 2007. Merseyside-born 6ft 1in Mark came through the Goodison Youth Academy. Made his senior Everton debut in a Second Round League Cup tie at Peterborough in September 2006.

MIDFIELDERS: 17 Brad Johnson

BRADLEY is a young midfielder who signed a professional contract with the club in June 2005 after coming through the Cambridge United youth team. He made one substitute appearance for the Us while still a trainee, and also went on loan to Gravesend in the latter

in the Cobblers side tonight

half of 2005-2006. In April 2007 he signed a new deal keeping him at the club until June 2009.

18 Ryan Gilligan

RYAN arrived at Sixfields in August 2005 when the Cobblers took over the third year of his scholarship from Watford. A midfielder or striker, Gilligan had been watched by former boss Colin Calderwood for a long time.

11 Andrew Holt

ANDY joined the Cobblers under the Bosman Ruling after leaving Wrexham in summer 2006 and can play either at left-back or on the left side of

midfield. He joined Wrexham from Hull in summer 2004 and in his first season he won every Player Of The Year award available. The 6ft 1in Stockport-born player began his career at Oldham before moving to Hull in 2001 for a fee of £150,000.

STRIKERS: 23 Poul Hubertz

MILLWALL striker Poul

Hubertz joined on an initial 12-month contract in August 2007. The 6ft 5in Danish forward joined the Lions in summer 2006 after impressing on trial. He had previously played for Danish Superliga clubs Herfølge BK and AaB. In his first season in English football, he scored 10 goals for the Lions in 38 games.

TOP SCORER: 8 ANDY KIRK

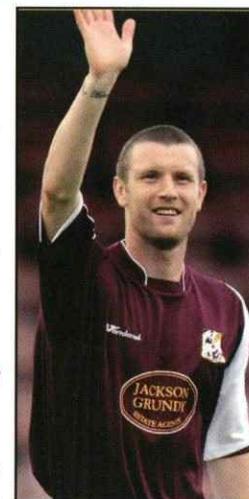
NORTHERN Ireland international Andy signed from Boston for £125,000 in March 2005. He made 134 appearances in the Scottish Premier League for Hearts, scoring 32 goals. At Boston, the 5ft 10in striker scored an impressive 20 goals in 29 games. He made a great start to this season with a goal in each of the first three matches.



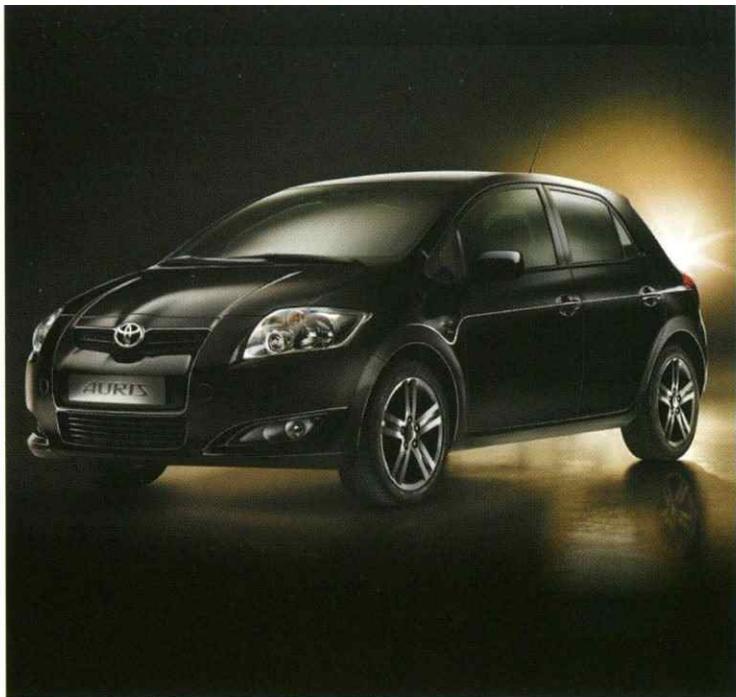
EVER-PRESENT... Chris Doig

SKIPPER: 6 CHRIS DOIG

NOTTINGHAM Forest trainee Chris had a loan spell at Sixfields in 2003 and returned permanently in summer 2005. The 6ft 2in centre back made 93 appearances at Forest, 76 of them starts. Born in Dumfries, he made the switch to Northampton under the Bosman Ruling. Last season, he made 42 appearances for the Cobblers.



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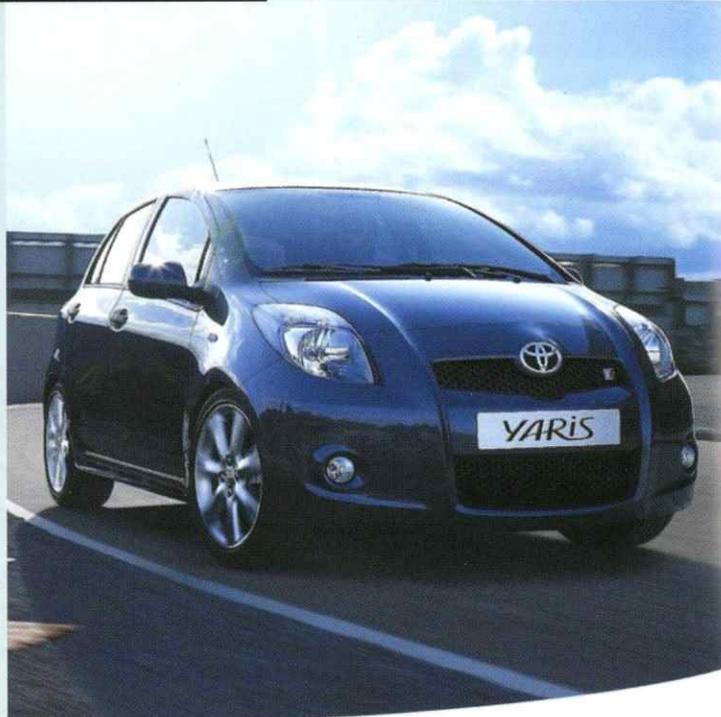
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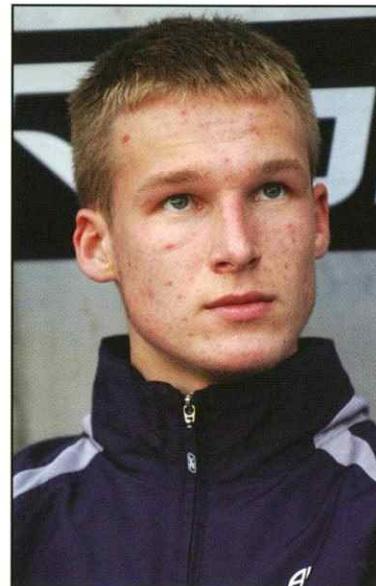
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AROUND THE GROUND

CLUB NEWS

Boss swoops for Polish defender on transfer deadline day



THERE was activity at Kenilworth Road on transfer deadline day as Polish defender Jaroslaw Fojut joined the club on loan until the new year.

Fojut has been one of a number of young rising stars at Bolton Wanderers and comes to Kenilworth Road in a bid to gain First Team experience.

The 19-year-old defender has been with Bolton since 2004 after playing with a number of clubs in his homeland.

He is highly rated at the Reebok Stadium and has also played for the Polish youth national team.

Fojut made his first senior appear-

ance for the club, coming on as a substitute, during the FA Cup Third Round 3-0 victory over Watford in 2006 before making his Premiership debut in a 1-1 draw against Portsmouth later that year.

Speaking about the new signing, Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell said: "He is a big, strong defender and he will make a very good addition to the squad.

"He has a good attitude towards the game and has been highly rated by people at Bolton Wanderers."

Fojut has been handed squad number 31 for his stay at Kenilworth Road.

Players make Debenhams the star attraction



Picture by Andrew Dean

LUTON fans were given a real treat at Luton's Debenhams store in the Arndale Centre recently.

Hundreds of Luton supporters took the opportunity to meet four of Kevin Blackwell's team – Darren Currie, Paul McVeigh, Don Hutchison and Ahmet Brkovic. Also present was Luton's very

own mascot – Happy Harry.

As well as getting autographs, meeting the players and having pictures taken, fans also got the chance to take a look around Luton Town's section within the Debenhams store.

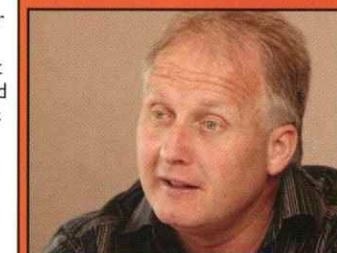
Luton have a wide range

of leisure and sportswear at Debenhams, so supporters who can't get to the Club Shop can find a whole range of Hatters products in the Arndale Centre.

Speaking on the event, Luton's Managing Director Andrew Dean said: "The event was a big success and we were delighted to see so many people come down to Debenhams.

"Our involvement with Debenhams is hugely important both on the retail front and their kind sponsorship of the Luton Town Supporters Lottery. Our hope is to hold similar events within the near future."

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.

The evening takes place at the Eric Morecambe suite at Kenilworth Road at 7:30pm and entrance is £3 for members and £5 for non-members.

You can book your ticket at the Supporters Club kiosk at Kenilworth Road today.

NICE ONE, PARTNER...
David Bell and Paul
Furlong congratulate
each other on a good
night's work.



Hatters kill off Keano's Premiership giants

KENILWORTH Road has seen some memorable nights of cup football, but not many to beat Luton's 3-0 demolition of Premiership Sunderland in the Carling Cup Second Round. Every player was a hero but the night was especially sweet for Paul Furlong and David Bell, who between them scored the goals to knock Roy Keano's side out of the cup.

Furlong, who with three goals is the Club's early top scorer, said: "I felt we were up and at them from the first whistle and caught them by surprise. We didn't allow them to get into their passing rhythm. You sometimes have to make the game a little bit ugly. The Premiership side wants to get the ball down and play, but we didn't allow them to.

"I was very pleased with my goals. At this stage of my career it's always nice to score, but more importantly it's about getting results."

The striker's first goal of the evening showed why Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell brought the 38-year-old to Kenilworth Road. He picked up a long ball from Alan Goodall and showed great experience to loop a shot over Sunderland keeper Darren Ward to give the Hatters a 2-0 lead.

"I was surprised to have so much space. It was a great ball from Goodall and I managed to get on the end of it.

"The keeper pretty much made my mind up for me. I don't know whether he tried to come for the ball and saw that



SQUAD A RESULT... Luton's players celebrate Bell's opening goal he wasn't going to get there and started to back-pedal, but then it was just a case of looping it over his head.

"People look at it when you're one-on-one and think it is easy, but it isn't."

David Bell, making only his second appearance of the season, had fired Luton into the lead after 16 minutes with a driven free-kick after Dean Morgan was brought down.

Bell said: "Morgs got fouled on the edge of the box and it

was one of those where it is right by the 18-yard line so it's hard to go up and over the wall. I just thought I would hit it as hard as I could and luckily it went through the wall and into the back of the net.

"A few of us had in our minds that we got thrashed last season against Sunderland, but with the gaffer bringing in some experienced players I think that showed through.

"When we played last year we may have been a little bit young, a bit naive but this year we have brought in that experience and we now have a blend and the right balance to challenge for promotion.

"If you look at someone like Furs, he looks after himself so well, he has a great physique, he's really strong and he holds the ball up. He can also run in behind the defenders and for the younger lads, it's good to look at someone like him and the way he conducts himself. He is a brilliant role model!" And Bell was delighted with the backing from Luton's fans.

"The atmosphere was surprising because when you looked around the stadium it wasn't that full, but if you turned your back to the crowd, the noise made it seem like it was full – it was a really good atmosphere."

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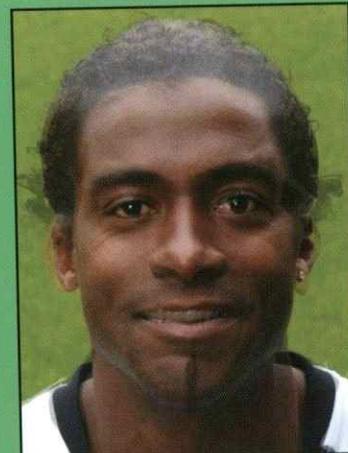
LET'S GET QUIZZICAL



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 Football League club was managed by Welsh goalscoring legend Ian Rush between 2004 and 2005?
- 2 WHICH Premiership defender recently became the highest paid player in the country, signing a new contract worth a reported £135,000 a week?
- 3 BRAZIL won this year's Copa America, but in which country was it held?
- 4 WHICH Scottish League side are currently ground sharing with Motherwell?
- 5 WHICH German football legend recently endorsed England's bid to host the 2018 World Cup?
- 6 GIGG Lane is the home of which football league team?
- 7 WHO is the last Englishman to manage a team in the European Cup Final?
- 8 WHICH football club have moved to a new home called New Meadow?
- 9 WHICH two teams will jointly host the 2012 European Championships?
- 10 WHO won last seasons Johnstone's Paint Trophy - beating Bristol Rovers 3-2 at the Millennium Stadium?



Question 1



Question 4



Question 8



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*** 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.

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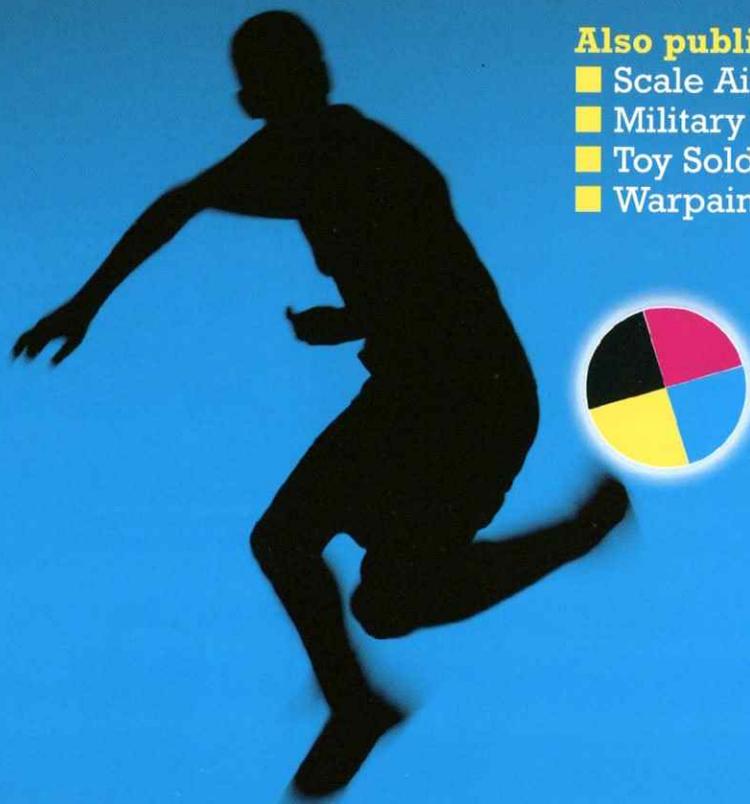
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THE STATISTICS

SIMON'S STATS



SIMON PITTS finds some fascinating facts on this tournament

4 is the number of previous cup competitions that the Hatters have played in that are similar to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. In the 1980s Luton played in the Simod Cup, which was followed by the Zenith Data Systems Cup competition, and then the AutoWindscreens Shield, and the LDV Vans Trophy.

6 is how many minutes it took Ahmet Brkovic to score Luton's only hat-trick in these competitions. It came at Stevenage Borough in an LDV Vans Trophy match in 2002-03. With the Hatters trailing 2-1 at half time, the Croatian turned the game on its head with a lightning second-half hat-trick, completed just past the hour mark.

27 matches were played in those four previous competitions. Only seven of these have been played at Kenilworth Road, with Luton winning five and losing the other two. The Hatters have scored 16 goals and conceded 10, so an average of nearly 4 goals per fixture.

1,071 days have passed since Luton played their last match in one of these competitions. It was in the LDV Vans Trophy and the Hatters lost 2-0 at Swansea.

3 players who played in that Swansea match in 2004-05 are still with Luton Town. They are Calvin Andrew, Keith Keane and Stephen O'Leary.



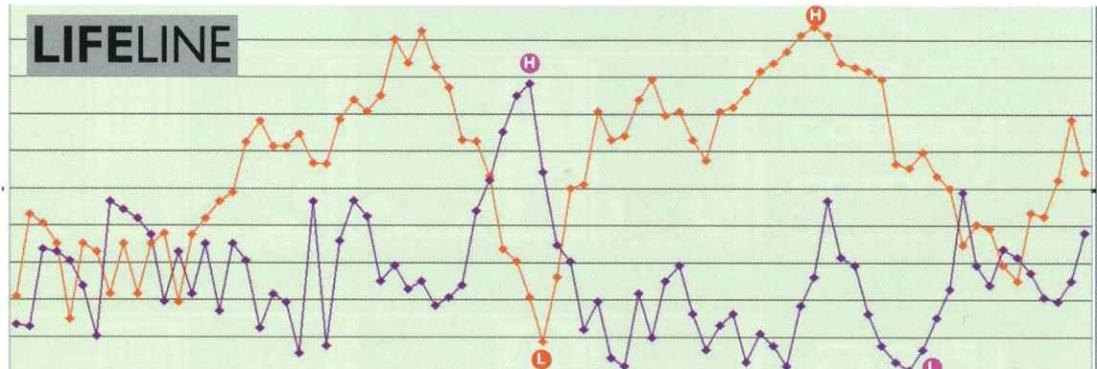
SIX OF THE BEST... Brko grabbed quick hat-trick

5 is the most goals scored by Luton in one of these fixtures. A 5-1 win against West Ham in the Zenith Data Systems Cup in 1990-91 was secured with a brace from Sean Farrell, and goals from Jason Rees, Lars Elstrup, and Kingsley Black.

1 Wembley appearance came in the 1987-88 Simod Cup Final, but it was a disappointing 4-1 defeat for the top flight Hatters against Division Two Reading. Mick Harford scored Luton's only goal to give Luton the lead. But less than a month later, the Hatters were back at Wembley, beating Arsenal in the Littlewoods Cup Final.

12 consecutive games was Luton's record scoring streak in these four competitions, starting with a 2-1 win at Everton in the Simod Cup in 1987-88. The run ended with a 1-0 defeat in the AutoWindscreens Shield in 1996-97. The side that ended the run were tonight's visitors Northampton Town.

4 players scored their only goals for Luton Town in these competitions. Jason Rees scored against both West Ham and Crystal Palace in the Zenith Data Systems competition during 1990-91. Dean Brennan scored his only Luton goal at Dagenham & Redbridge in a 3-2 defeat in the LDV Vans Trophy during 2001-02. Joe Deeney, who only made two First Team appearances for the Hatters, scored at Woking in a 2-0 victory in the same competition the following season. Matthew Judge scored the decisive goal at Stevenage Borough in 2003-04.

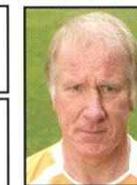
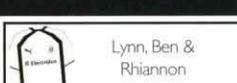


Hatters and Cobblers file

THIS week's **LIFELINE** shows how Luton and Northampton's fortunes have risen and fallen over the years in a graph that plots where they finished in every season. The Cobblers' high was back in 1965-66, their only season in the top flight when they finished second bottom of Division One. The low was a 92nd place finish, bottom of League Two in 1993-94. 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.



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Richard Barrington Michael LANGLEY

Cool and skilful midfielder Richard joined his local side QPR as a youth trainee before making his League debut in an away game at Swindon in 1998. Although beset by injury at Loftus Road he was always on the team sheet when fit and his displays and some vital goals earned his team a place in the Division Two Play-Off Final in 2003 when Rangers lost to Cardiff.

Only two games into the following season Richard moved to Cardiff for £250,000 and enjoyed two years in South Wales before returning to Rangers and from there to Luton in the summer of 2006.

Although playing for England at youth level, Richard has now won several caps for Jamaica.

David LAWSON

Born in Wallsend, it was only natural that David should join his boyhood favourites Newcastle from school but he failed to get a First Team game at St James and so moved to lowly Bradford Park Avenue in 1967, where he got his first taste of League action.

A safe rather than spectacular goalkeeper with sound positional sense, David made the short move to Huddersfield in 1970 and turned out for the Terriers in the top flight. When Huddersfield were relegated, David commanded the British record fee for a goalkeeper of £85,000 when he went to Everton where he became a crowd favourite.

When he finally lost his place to George Wood, David accepted a free transfer to Luton in 1978 but it did not work for him at Kenilworth Road and he moved to Stockport only five months later, hastened by the Hatters signing of Jake Findlay.

Michael Antonio LEARY

Another London-born youngster who was spotted by Luton Town scouts and enticed to Kenilworth Road where there was a better than even chance of making an eventual First Team appearance.

A strong-tackling midfielder, Michael moved up through the ranks and made his League debut in a 1-1 draw at home to QPR in September 2003 and opened his goalscoring account with a brace in a 3-4 defeat at Hartlepool the following April.

Sadly, Michael could not force his way into a regular First Team spot with the Hatters and after long loan spells with Bristol Rover, Walsall and Brentford, he has now moved to Barnet on a permanent contract.

Roland (Roly) Arthur LEGATE

Roland was turning out for his local side Arlesey in the Parthenon League and attracting scouts from several clubs which meant that Luton Town had to move smartly to sign him on professional terms on his 17th birthday in May 1956.

Five months later Roland was making a goalscoring debut in Division One but after three appearances it was back to the Reserves and although National Service took a chunk out of his career it was not until the 1960-61 campaign that the forceful winger earned a recall and scored four goals in five games to answer his doubters.

He was released at the end of the following season but eight goals from 15 starts from the left wing was an eye-catching return. After spells at Yiewsley, Folkestone and Stevenage, Roly returned to Arlesey as a player and manager for many years.

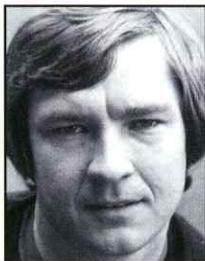
Brian LEWIS

Starting off with Crystal Palace in 1960, Brian soon made a name for himself as a clever midfielder and inside forward and it was not long before he made the step up to Portsmouth in Division Two and then on to Coventry for whom he scored their first goal in the top flight in 1967.

Finding himself out of the Sky Blues side, Brian amazingly accepted a £35,000 move to Luton in 1968 just as the Hatters had won promotion from Division Four. He became an instant crowd favourite, top scored over the 1968-69 season, won countless penalties with gamesmanship and saw four opposition players sent off for retaliation!

New manager Alec Stock was not so keen and moved him on to Oxford and from there he went to Colchester, with whom he starred in the famous FA Cup win over Leeds before finishing his League career back at Portsmouth.

Brian sadly died of cancer at age 55 in 1998.



OF LUTON TOWN

player to have appeared for THE HATTERS in the Football League

David LINDSAY

Luton paid £8,000 to St Mirren for dour full-back David in the summer of 1948. The Hatters did well to entice the well-built Scot to Kenilworth Road as a host of clubs, most notably Middlesbrough from Division One, had seen David build a reputation for himself north of the border and he was on the verge of international honours. That he had played for the Town as a war-time guest probably helped to secure his signature.

Unfortunately, David did not last long at Luton. After only seven games at the start of the 1948-49 campaign, he lost his place and with Reserve football not suiting him, he accepted a move to Barnsley who happily paid £8,000 so the Hatters were not out of pocket.

David enjoyed four seasons at Oakwell before taking up with Wisbech Town, where he became player-manager. David died in 1992.

Desmond (Des) Martin LINTON

Although born in Birmingham, Des joined Leicester from school and was voted their Young Player Of The Year in 1990. Having broken into the Foxes League side, it came as a surprise when he was allowed to move to Luton as part of the deal that took Steve Thompson to Filbert Street.

A tall, fast defender who liked to push forward down the flanks, Des was injured almost as soon as he started his Luton career and it was not until the 1992-93 season that he won a regular place in the Hatters side, when he was playing mainly at right back.

After he lost his place at Kenilworth Road, Des moved on to Peterborough on transfer deadline day in 1997 and after a short spell with Swindon finished his playing career with Cambridge City.

Des now runs a courier business alongside some of his old Luton playing colleagues.

Stephen (Steve) Eric LITT

Steve was turned down by his home town club Carlisle as a youngster but was then taken on as an apprentice at Blackpool only to be released in the summer of 1972.

New Luton manager Harry Haslam, after listening to his old pal Paddy Sowden, the youth team manager at Bloomfield Road, decided to give the giant 18-year-old centre-half a try and awarded him a contract at Kenilworth Road.

Steve waited patiently for his chance before making his League debut during the 1973-74 season, but as understudy to the consistent and rarely injured John Faulkner his appearances were limited.

A frustrated Steve left these shores in 1976 to join Minnesota Kicks. He returned a year later to enjoy a season with Northampton before emigrating to the States for good.

Adam Spencer LOCKE

Adam joined his local side Crystal Palace as a youth trainee but after signing professional forms in 1988 failed to win a First Team place and so moved to Southend where he was altogether more successful.

A clever, ball-playing midfielder or wing back who liked to get forward, Adam was surprisingly transferred to Colchester in 1994 and then on to Bristol City three years later where he was voted the Find Of The Season in his first year.

Signed by Luton manager Lennie Lawrence in 1999 to add experience to a young squad, Adam made more than 60 League appearances for the Hatters before losing his place when new boss Joe Kinnear swept through the club.

Adam was still turning out for Clanfield in Hampshire last season.

Christopher (Chris) LONG

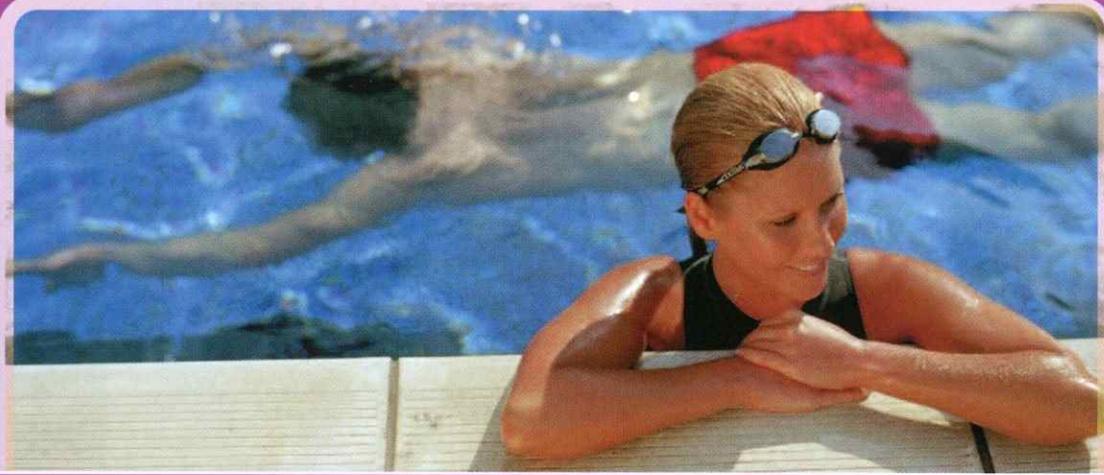
Making his debut for Hatfield Town as a youngster, Chris was spotted by Luton Town who offered him professional terms in February 1966 on his 18th birthday.

Only two months later he was making his League debut in a patched-up Hatters side at Barrow, a game which the Town won 1-0 against the odds. Down to 12 fit men, Luton manager George Martin was forced to pick Chris, who acquitted himself well on the left wing managing to get across some useful centres.

Sadly that was as good as it got for Chris, who left Kenilworth Road for Stevenage and then back to Hatfield, his home town club. Chris still lives in Hatfield.



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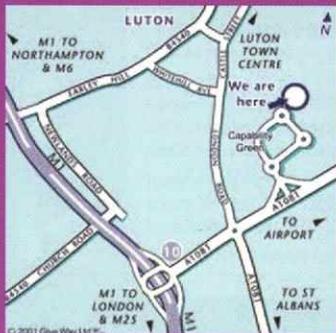
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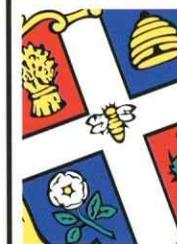
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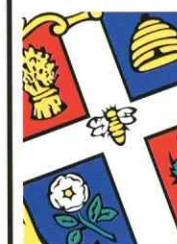
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Doncaster	4	0	1	1	1 2	1	0	1	3 3	-1	4	
Bournemouth	4	0	0	2	0 2	1	1	0	2 1	-1	4	
Cheltenham	4	1	1	0	2 1	0	0	2	0 2	-1	4	
Millwall	4	1	0	1	2 2	0	1	1	0 1	-1	4	
Port Vale	4	0	1	1	1 3	1	0	1	1 1	-2	4	
Nottm Forest	4	0	1	1	1 2	0	2	0	2 2	-1	3	
Southend	4	1	0	1	2 2	0	0	2	3 7	-4	3	
Gillingham	4	1	0	1	2 3	0	0	2	1 4	-4	3	
Oldham	4	1	0	1	2 2	0	0	2	1 5	-4	3	
Northampton	4	0	1	1	2 3	0	1	1	3 4	-2	2	
Walsall	4	0	1	1	2 4	0	0	2	1 3	-4	1	
Leeds United	4	2	0	0	5 1	2	0	0	4 2	+6	-3	

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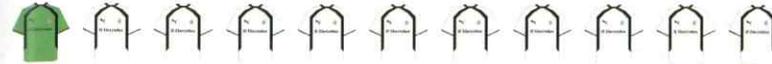
2007-08 APPEARANCES

LEAGUE	This Season				Luton Town Career			
	App	GS	CUP COMPETITION	TOTAL	App	GS	DISCIPLINARY	GOALS
Calvin ANDREW	0(2)	0	0(1)	0	0(5)	0	0	21
David BELL	2	1	1	1	3	1	0	0
Dean BRILL	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	26
Almet BRKOVIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	219
Chris COYNE	4	0	2	0	6	0	1	234
Darren CURRIE	4	1	0	0	4	1	0	4
Sal DAVIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184
Dave EDWARDS	4	1	1	0	5	1	0	5
Lewis EMANUEL	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	43
Jaroslav FOLUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David FORDE	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	3
Paul FURLONG	4	1	1(1)	2	5(1)	3	0	6
Alan GOODALL	4	1	1	0	5	1	0	5
Don HUTCHISON	0(2)	0	1	0	1(2)	0	0	3
Richard JACKSON	3	0	2	0	5	0	0	5
Keith KEANE	1	0	1(1)	0	2(1)	0	0	74
Richard LANGLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Paul McVEIGH	0(4)	0	0(2)	0	0(6)	0	0	6
Dean MORGAN	0(2)	0	2	0	2(2)	0	1	84
Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Sam PARKIN	0(1)	0	1	0	1(1)	0	0	10
Chris PERRY	4	0	1	0	5	0	0	5
Paul PESCHISOLDO	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Steve ROBINSON	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	180
Matthew SPRING	4	1	2	1	6	2	1	309
Drew TALBOT	2(1)	0	1(1)	1	3(2)	1	0	21
Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72

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

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RESULTS AND FIXTURES



SUBSTITUTES

Date	Opponent	Venue	Score	Att	Away	Pos
Sat Aug 11	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	2-1	8,013	608	3
Tue Aug 14	Dagenham & Redbridge (CCI)	A	2-1	1,754	397	-
Sat Aug 18	Swindon Town	A	1-2	7,520	1,013	10
Sat Aug 25	GILLINGHAM	H	3-1	6,178	508	4
Tues Aug 28	SUNDERLAND (CC2)	H	3-0	4,401	787	-
Sat Sept 1	Leeds United	A	0-1	26,856	tbc	7
Tues Sept 4	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	19:45			
Sat Sept 8	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	12:00			
Fri Sept 14	Tranmere Rovers	A	19:45			
Sat Sept 22	PORT VALE	H	15:00			
Tues Sept 25	CHARLTON ATH	H	19:45			
Sat Sept 29	Huddersfield Town	A	15:00			
Tue Oct 2	Yeovil Town	A	19:45			
Sat Oct 6	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	15:00			
Mon Oct 15	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	19:45			
Sat Oct 20	Crewe Alexandra	A	15:00			
Sat Oct 27	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	15:00			
Sat Nov 3	Brighton	A	15:00			
Tue Nov 6	CARLISLE UNITED	H	19:45			
Sat Nov 10	F.A. Cup 1					
Sat Nov 17	Walsall	A	15:00			
Sat Nov 24	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	15:00			
Sat Dec 1	F.A. Cup 2					
Tue Dec 4	Oldham Athletic	A	19:45			
Sat Dec 8	MILLWALL	H	15:00			
Fri Dec 14	Cheltenham Town	A	19:45			
Sat Dec 22	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	15:00			
Wed Dec 26	Bristol Rovers	A	15:00			
Sat Dec 29	Port Vale	A	15:00			
Tue Jan 1	YEOVL TOWN	H	15:00			
Sat Jan 5	AFC Bournemouth	A	15:00			
Sat Jan 12	SWANSEA CITY	H	15:00			
Sat Jan 19	Leyton Orient	A	15:00			
Sat Jan 26	LEEDS UNITED	H	15:00			
Tue Jan 29	SWINDON TOWN	H	19:45			
Sat Feb 2	Hartlepool United	A	15:00			
Sat Feb 9	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	15:00			
Tue Feb 12	Gillingham	A	19:45			
Sat Feb 16	LEYTON ORIENT	H	15:00			
Fri Feb 22	Swansea City	A	19:45			
Sat Mar 1	WALSALL	H	15:00			
Sat Mar 8	Southend United	A	15:00			
Tue Mar 11	Carlisle United	A	19:45			
Sat Mar 15	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	15:00			
Sat Mar 22	CHELTHENHAM TOWN	H	15:00			
Mon Mar 24	Millwall	A	15:00			
Sat Mar 29	CREWE ALEXNDRA	H	15:00			
Sat Apr 5	Northampton Town	A	15:00			
Sat Apr 12	BRIGHTON	H	15:00			
Sat Apr 19	Nottingham Forest	A	15:00			
Sat Apr 26	Doncaster Rovers	A	15:00			
Sat May 3	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	15:00			

Brill	Jackson	Perry	Coyne	GOODALL	Edwards	Robinson	Spring	CURRIE	Peschisoldo	Furlong	Hutchison	Keane	McVeigh	Parkin	Talbot
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Brill	Jackson	Perry	Coyne	Goodall	EDWARDS	Robinson	Spring	Currie	Peschisoldo	Furlong	Hutchison	Keane	McVeigh	Morgan	Talbot
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QUIZ ANSWERS

TWO'S WHO First picture: Paul Underwood and Dave Edwards. Second picture: Paul Furlong and Richard Langley.

10 TO TEST YOU 1) Chester City, 2) John Terry, 3) Venezuela, 4) Gretna, 5) Franz Beckenbauer, 6) Bury, 7) Terry Venables (Barcelona in 1986), 8) Shrewsbury, 9) Poland and Ukraine, 10) Doncaster

BADGE BODGE Top: Cheltenham and Burnley. Bottom: Port Vale and Norwich City.

LETTERS PLAY Luton player: Sam Parkin. Team's nickname: The Potters (Stoke). Premiership manager: Rafa Benitez (Liverpool). League One ground: Bescot Stadium (Walsall). Luton legend: Kingsley Black

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COMING NEXT



Saturday
September 8, 2007
League One
Kick-Off 12noon

Luton Town v **BRISTOL ROVERS**

By Des O'Donnell

THE Pirates were promoted last year via the Play-Offs, and manager Paul Trollope will be hoping to consolidate their position in League One and build for the future. Like a lot of clubs he doesn't have millions to spend in the transfer market, but his team knows how to win games.

Rovers visit Kenilworth Road off the back of a good start to the season, drawing 1-1 with Port Vale and knocking Crystal Palace out of the Carling Cup on penalties. Trollope was disappointed that Rovers didn't win at Port Vale after numerous chances went begging, although the cup victory was compensation enough. Two Craig Bellamy goals were enough to see Rovers go out in Round Two of the Carling Cup 2-1 at home to West Ham.

They then disappointingly gave up a 2-0 lead to draw 2-2 at home to Nottingham Forest last Saturday.

Luton met Rovers in the League Cup last August at the Memorial Ground. After a close fought match ended 1-1, Luton went on to clinch the win on penalties.

The last League meetings were in 2001-02, when Rovers took the points in Bristol with a 3-2 win. But at the Kenny, Luton scored an impressive 3-0 win, Steve Howard, Chris Coyne and Kevin Nicholls from the spot getting the goals.

Rovers players to look out for include midfielder Craig Disley, a strong attacking player who can break fast down the middle. Former Derby County defender Steve Elliot will be the man to watch on free kicks, after he rattled the woodwork a couple of times at Port Vale.

Another defender who is a big favourite at the Memorial Ground after he hit the spot kick that took Rovers into the next round of the Carling Cup, is Byron Antony. Not having a recognised goalscorer, Trollope has brought in journeyman striker Richard Walker. We may even see an appearance of former Luton midfielder Sammy Igoe.

One thing you won't see from Bristol Rovers is a No 12 shirt. In 2003 the Gasheads, as the Rovers fans call themselves, were awarded the number permanently after supporting their team through three tough seasons

Some famous faces have led the Pirate Ship over the years with Gerry Francis at the helm twice, Malcolm Allison in the early 90s and from 1996 to 2001, and the unique Ian Holloway, still remembered fondly by the fans.

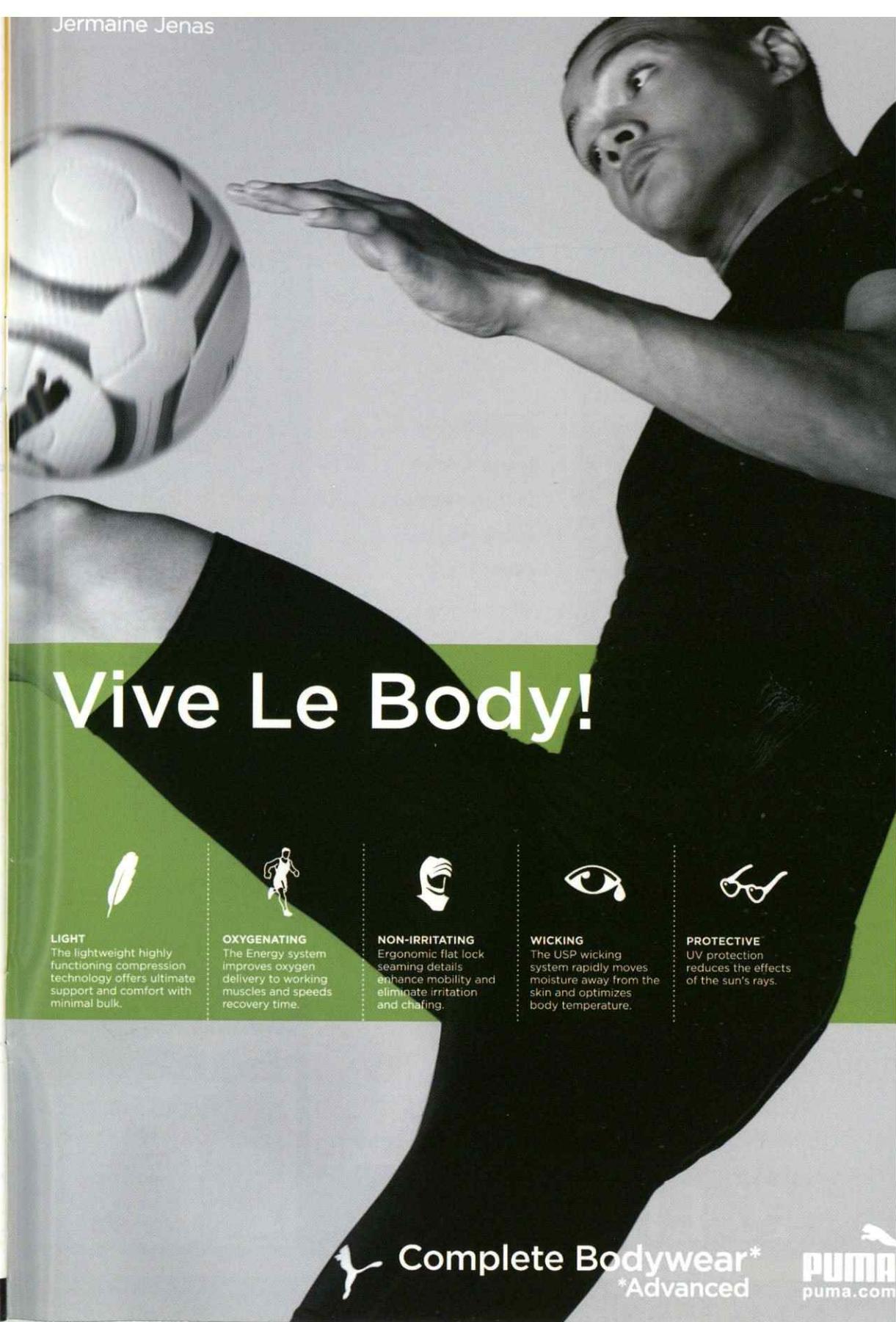
Once known as The Black Arabs, Rovers will not want to be reminded of the worst defeat in their history, when they faced the Hatters in 1936 and lost 12-0.



Head 2 head

	Luton	Draw	Bristol Rovers
League	31	21	24
FA Cup	2	1	2
League Cup	2	2	2
TOTAL	35	24	28

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The line-ups

Luton Town

Manager: Kevin Blackwell
Colours: White shirts, black shorts

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

Northampton Town

Manager: Stuart Gray
Colours: Claret and white shirts, white shorts

	Pl	Sc
1 Mark Bunn	■	■
2 Jason Crowe	■	■
3 Danny Jackman	■	■
4 Mark Hughes	■	■
6 Chris Doig	■	■
7 Giles Coke	■	■
8 Andy Kirk	■	■
9 Colin Larkin	■	■
11 Andrew Holt	■	■
12 Ian Henderson	■	■
13 Chris Dunn	■	■
14 Joe Burnell	■	■
15 Brett Johnson	■	■
16 Danny May	■	■
17 Bradley Johnson	■	■
18 Ryan Gilligan	■	■
19 Liam Dolman	■	■
20 Alex Dyer	■	■
21 Daniel Jones	■	■
22 James Quinn	■	■
23 Poul Hubertz	■	■

Hatters' last team Leeds 1 Luton 0



Goals:
 Subs: Morgan for Currie (64), Andrew for Furlong (76), Talbot for McVeigh (76)
 Not used: Hutchison, Robinson

None
 None

Cobblers' last team Leyton Orient 2 Cobblers 2



Goals: Poul Hubertz (15), Chris Doig (19)
 Subs: Larkin for Henderson (60), Holt for Dolman (71), Gilligan for Burnell (78)
 Not used: Dunn, Johnson

Henderson, Jones, Crowe, Hubertz
 None

MATCH OFFICIALS

- Referee: **R Lee**
- Assistant: **D Sheldrake**
- Assistant: **E I Smith**
- 4th Official: **J D A Hopkins**

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