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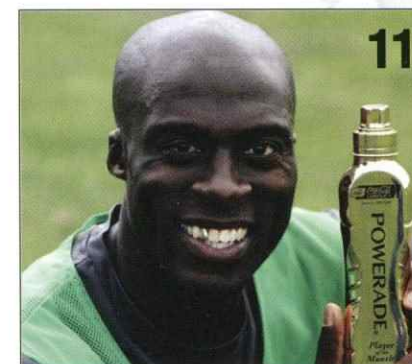
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THE CHAIRMAN

**Progress on
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completion**

A FEW weeks have now passed since the start of the new season and I think you will all agree that our progress thus far has been very encouraging, with inspirational performances in both League and cup competitions.

I hope today's draw for the next round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy has provided us with a favourable fixture, and like you all I look forward to our next Carling Cup match against Charlton on September 25. Make sure you don't miss another memorable match.

Congratulations must go to Paul Furlong on achieving the accolade of League One Player Of The Month for August. Paul's



experience has worked well in the squad and I'm sure everyone has been extremely impressed with his commitment to the Club. Keep it going, Paul!

Today, Kevin and his squad will turn their attentions back to the League and I'm sure the manager will be fielding a very strong squad this afternoon.

Bristol Rovers, who are equal with us on points in the League One table, enjoyed a successful season last year following their promotion from League Two and come to us unbeaten in the League and on the back of an impressive 2-2 draw against Nottingham Forest last weekend.

Progress on our much-needed relocation to J12 continues

apace and the plans for the new stadium are now nearing completion. These include the first draft of a three-dimensional fly through which fully illustrates the fantastic facilities the stadium will provide.

Most of my energy of late has been directed to working closely with Miller Partnership, our architects, to ensure that we can provide the best stadium for the long-term future of the Club.

It remains for me to welcome the directors, staff and players from Bristol Rovers to Kenilworth Road, and hope you all enjoy today's game.

**David Pinkney
Chairman**



A WARM welcome to Kenilworth Road this afternoon as we turn our attention back to league action against Bristol Rovers.

I thought we started well in Tuesday's win over Northampton. We could have been two or three up by half-time, but the game became too easy and we switched off slightly.

However those games are difficult, for both sides. It's hard for players to get excited about playing inside an empty ground, but it's up to them to get the fans going and I thought we did that early on.

Fortunately the performance and the victory has led to us having competition for places - so long may that continue.

When we played Sunderland in the Carling Cup I made changes to the side and I had a selection headache for the game at Leeds that weekend.

Unfortunately, we will be without Dave Edwards as he is on international duty with Wales' Under-21 squad against France, but one or two players have staked their claim for a start.

This afternoon's game will prove to be another big test for us. Bristol Rovers looked very impressive in their narrow defeat to West Ham United in the Carling Cup and come into this game unbeaten in the league.

They are a hard working side, who are difficult to break down so we can expect, once again, some tough opposition at Kenilworth Road.

I was pleased to see Paul Furlong being rewarded for his excellent early season form by being named August's Powerade Player Of The Month.

I think one or two people were a little critical of Paul in his first few

I was pleased to see Paul Furlong rewarded as Player Of The Month. He is an inspiration to the young players.

games, but he has certainly won supporters over now.

As a person you can't meet a nicer individual. As a professional he's an absolute credit and a real inspiration to the younger players. He has so much knowledge that he wants to pass on to other players, they just sit there and listen to him, and I've learnt a lot from him as well.

Paul has grabbed his opportunity with both hands, and to think that he's 38, he's a real credit to himself and to professional football.

Much was made during the summer about the age of some of the signings we brought to the club, but I think people are starting to see now why I've done certain things.

Stage one was about making sure we've got a team that's strong

enough to compete in this division. The next stage is to make sure that we identify talent that will take the club further.

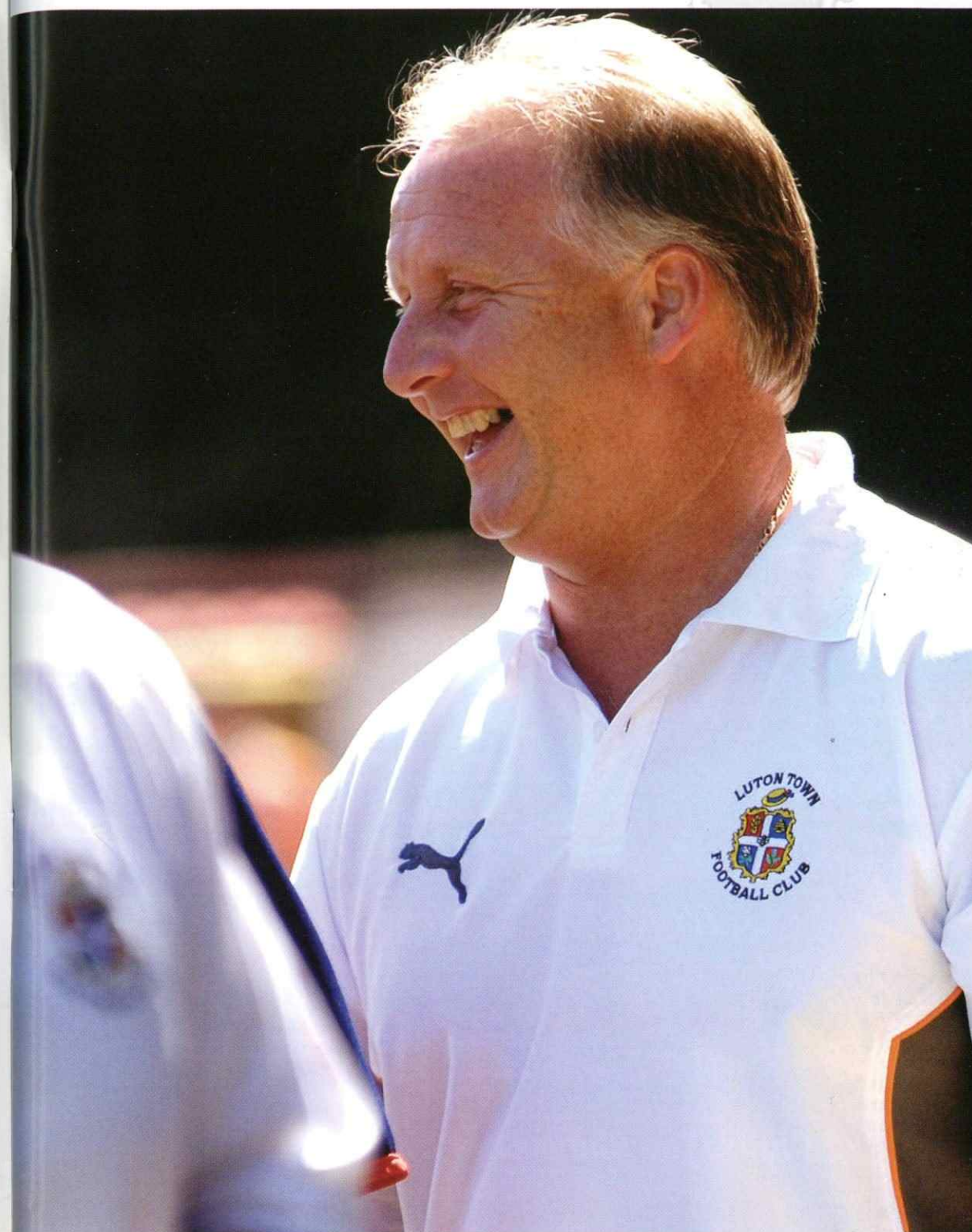
Today's game brings to an end a run of five games in 15 days, which would be a strain on any side. I think international breaks should be across the board. You step down a division, so you ultimately have smaller squads, less income and yet there is an increase in the games you play.

However, we go into this game in good shape, ready for another important battle and with your continued support we can look to maintain an unbeaten start at Kenilworth Road this season.

Enjoy the game

Kevin Blackwell

KEVIN BLACKWELL





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THE CAPTAIN

IT was good to return to winning ways against Northampton on Tuesday night.

No matter which competition you're playing in, a win is a win and we were happy with our performance.

It can be hard to sometimes get yourself motivated when you're playing in front of a half-empty stadium, but after we took an early lead, I felt we were in control of the game.

It was good to see both Don Hutchison and Paul Peschisolido get off the mark for the Club. Both players have been a big influence among the squad and have contributed a great deal on the training ground.

Paul's goal in particular was something special. He has a real eye for goal and with the quality of strikers we have at the Club now there is real competition for places.

The win over Northampton was important, particularly after our result against Leeds United last week. It means that we head into today's game in full confidence looking to extend our winning start at Kenilworth Road.

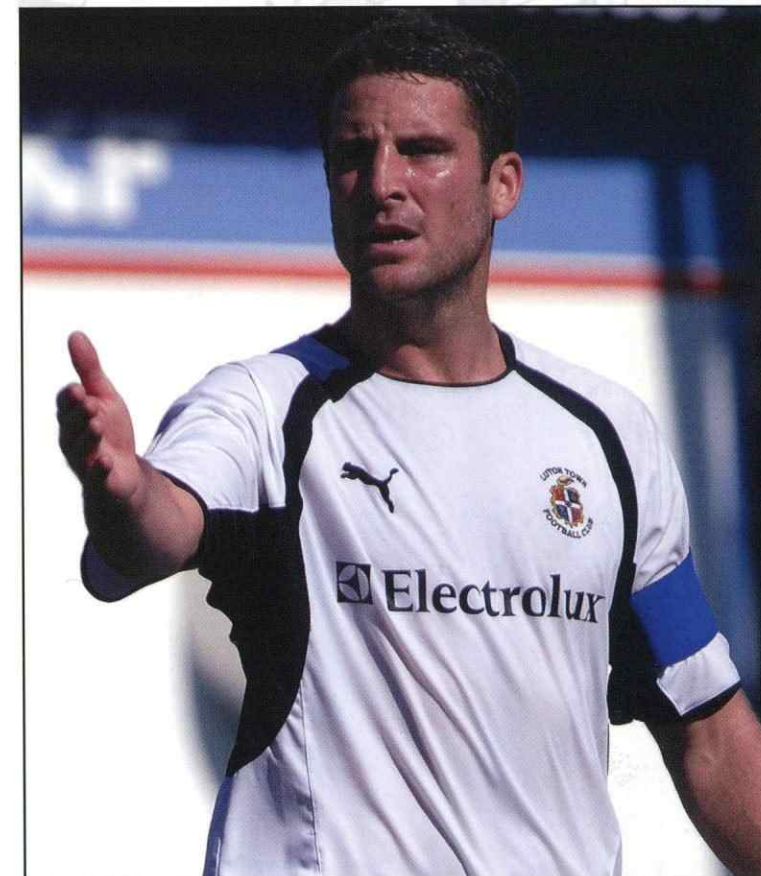
Of course we know today's match will be another huge test for us. Some of the lads played against Bristol Rovers last season in the Carling Cup and we were certainly put through our paces that night.

They come to us unbeaten in the League, and probably still riding on the crest of a wave following their promotion last season from League Two.

They have a strong squad, who are a hard-working side, and like to play some good football. I saw highlights of their Carling Cup defeat to West Ham United and they seemed unlucky not to have progressed in the competition.

It's unfortunate that we go into today's game without Dave Edwards, who is away on international duty with Wales, but it's a huge honour for him to be selected by his country again and we hope he had a successful

CHRIS COYNE



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night yesterday.

target.

It was good to see Paul Furlong pick up August's Player Of The Month for League One. He is a terrific player, who has bundles of energy and a real desire to win.

Finally, I would like to welcome new signing Jaroslav Fojut to the club following his arrival from Bolton Wanderers.

He thoroughly deserves his award and his two goals against Sunderland recently just shows that he is a striker who knows how to hit the

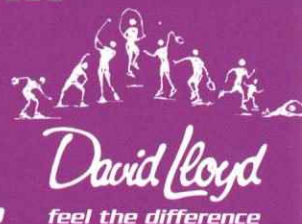
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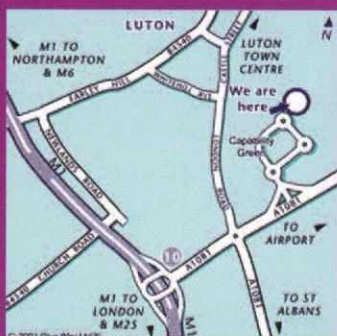
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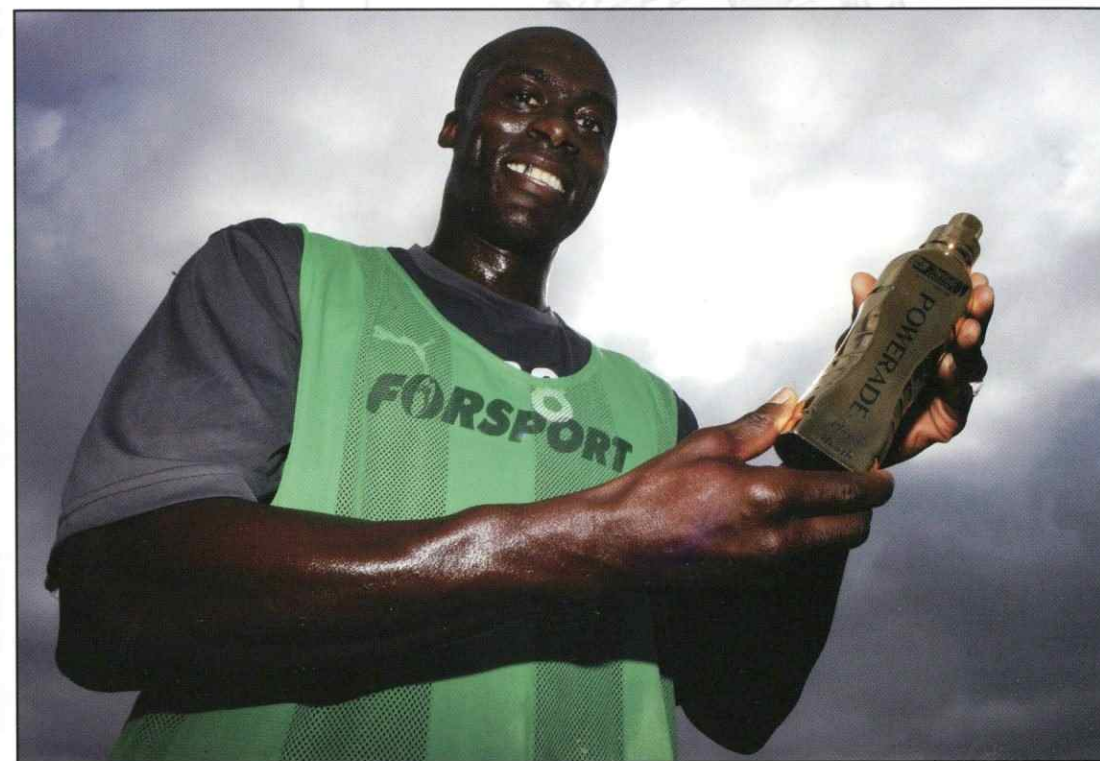
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PLAYER OF
THE MONTH

PAUL FURLONG



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Furlong notches August's Player of the Month accolade

Paul Furlong celebrated his outstanding start to the season by picking up August's Powerade Player of the Month.

The Hatters striker has been in a rich run of form having found the net three times in five August fixtures to help give Luton an excellent start to the season.

The former QPR man found the net in Luton's 3-1 win against Gillingham, before grabbing a brace in an eventful Carling Cup win against Sunderland.

Speaking on Furlong's award, Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell said: "I think one or two people were a little bit critical in Paul's first game or two but I think he's won them over now."

"As a professional he's an absolute credit and a real inspiration to the younger players. He thoroughly deserves this award."

Furlong beat off competition from Leyton Orient's Sean Thornton, Jermaine Beckford of Leeds United and Tranmere Rovers midfielder Chris Greenacre.

Chairman of the Powerade Player of the Month Awards panel, Chris Kamara, believes Furlong's form for Luton has warranted this early achievement.

Kamara said: "Paul has been a great acquisition for Luton and is continuing to defy the critics."

"He has shown superb form for his new club so far and even at 38 looks a shrewd piece of business from Kevin Blackwell."

Meanwhile, former Southend United striker Freddy Eastwood won the Championship Player of the Month for his new club Wolves, while Morecambe defender Jim Bentley won the accolade in League Two.





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LOTTERY NEWS

Supporters lottery heading for a brand new look thanks to Debenhams



Pictures by Andrew Dean

OVER the next month, our popular Supporters Lottery, which helps provide additional revenue for the youth department, will have a brand new look.

Following the appointment of Bob Curson, as the Director of Youth Football, the club are keen to capitalise on the potential that the lottery presents, therefore maximising the funds made available to the youth department.

We are pleased to announce that Debenhams will continue their sponsorship of the lottery, continuing our strong relationship, which will allow us to offer a higher calibre of prizes not seen before.

Managing Director, Andrew Dean said: "We are delighted that Debenhams will continue this sponsorship and we view

the Supporters Lottery as an excellent way to help generate additional funds for the youth department."

Meanwhile, 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.

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.

The club hope to run similar events in the future.

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Hatters Line-Up

4-4-2



Substitutes:

Keane (35 Jackson)

McVeigh (70 Morgan)

Andrew (78 Talbot)

Not used: Hutchison, Brkovic

Yellow Morgan

Red None

Sunderland's Line-Up

4-4-2



Substitutes:

Connolly (62 Murphy)

Etuhu (62 O'Donovan)

Yorke (78 Stokes)

Not used: Carson, Donoghue

Yellow Connolly, Etuhu, Halford, Wallace

Red Halford (61)

REFEREE: Trevor Kettle (Berkshire)

LUTON 3 SUNDERLAND 0



CARLING CUP SECOND ROUND TUESDAY AUGUST 28, 2007 KENILWORTH ROAD ATT: 4,401 ECSTASY... Dean Morgan celebrates with goal scorer David Bell as Luton take the lead



GOAL... Paul Furlong calmly lifts the ball into the Sunderland net after being given time and space in the penalty area

MANAGER'S VIEW



"I think that goes some way to paying the fans back for the last game of last season. To get beaten 5-0 on your home soil is never easy to take but that was a terrific performance tonight. We had to focus and make sure that when we went 1-0 up we didn't let them come back at us and I thought that we played on the front foot all night and once again Drew Talbot and Paul Furlong - at 39 - were the inspiration for the team. Then we've got wide men with ability in Morgan and Bell who caused them problems all night. Robinson and Spring were the match of their midfield two and our back four looked solid all night. The keeper had one shot to save and he saved it. So from one to 11 and the subs that came on, they all did a great job."

— Kevin Blackwell

LUTON pulled off a sensational giant-killing by outplaying Premiership Sunderland from start to finish.

Sunderland were reduced to 10 men when Greg Halford was given a second yellow on 62 minutes, but by then Luton were in such control it would have mattered little.

Goals from David Bell on 16 minutes and Paul Furlong on 43 and 75 were no more than the Hatters deserved as they booked their place in the Carling Cup Third Round and wiped out memories of the 5-0 drubbing at the end of last season.

Luton looked assured throughout and played with class and style. Premiership Sunderland by contrast were uncertain and out of sorts.

The Hatters took the lead after Dean Morgan had been hauled down on the edge of the box by Halford enabling Bell to rifle his shot through the wall and inside the left hand post.

Sunderland had a few chances with Murphy and Stokes having a couple of shots each, but Luton were playing the better football.

It was no surprise when Luton went 2-0 up. Goodall played the ball out of defence and found Furlong inside the area on the left in yards of space. As Sunderland goalkeeper Darren Ward came out, the big forward turned, looked up and calmly lifted the ball high over him and into the empty net.

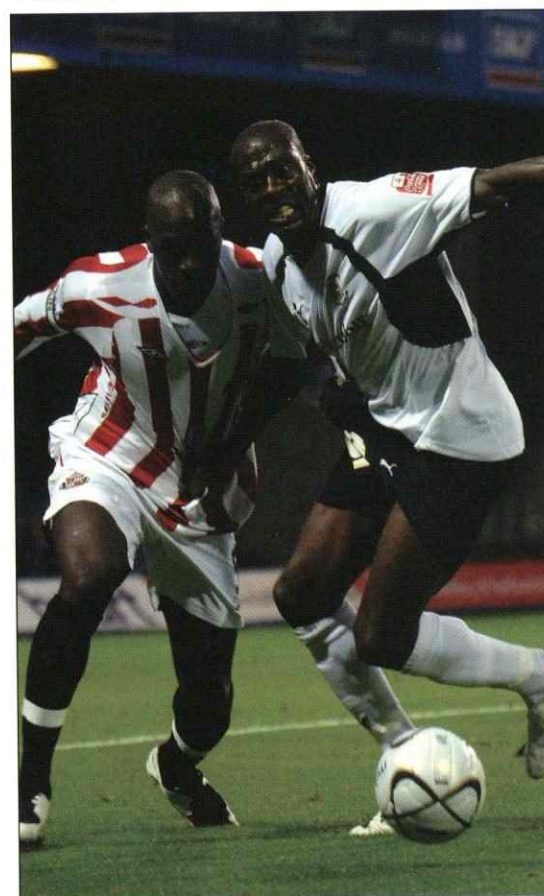
Sunderland did hit the bar from Anthony Stokes's dipping shot from distance but Chopra headed the rebound into David Forde's grateful arms just before the break.

But Sunderland were never really in the game and Luton made it 3-0 in the second-half as Chris Coyne took a free kick from halfway, which Bell headed back across goal from the right, and Furlong pounced first to tuck it inside the far post to complete a memorable night at Kenilworth Road.

LUTON 3 SUNDERLAND 0



GOAL... David Bell rifles home a free-kick from the edge of the area through the wall to give Luton an early lead



TUSSLE... Paul Furlong is in the thick of the action at Kenilworth Road



SHOOT... Keith Keane ventures forward and tries his luck at goal



MOBBED... Bell is congratulated by team-mates after scoring Luton's opener



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FLASHBACK

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



Move over Supermac, here comes Ron

TEENAGE sensation Ron Futcher shapes to shoot against Newcastle at Kenilworth Road with three Magpies defenders powerless to stop him.

The game was the first back at Kenilworth Road for ex Hatter Malcolm Macdonald, but there was now a new striker making a name for himself Supermac's old club.

This shot went wide but Ron had the last laugh when he powered in the only goal of the game in the second half.

Ron, together with his twin brother Paul, was signed by the Hatters in the summer of 1974 just as the Town had won promotion to the top flight for the first time since 1960.

The fee of £125,000 represented a record for the purchase of teenagers and was probably more than the Club could afford at the time.

The twins were used sparingly at first but by Christmas, with the Hatters propping up the table, manager Harry Haslam decided to give youth a chance

Score: Luton 1-0 Newcastle

Date: Saturday February 8, 1975

Place: Kenilworth Road

by firstly throwing in full-back Steve Buckley and then central defender Paul.

The first time the twins played together in Luton shirts came on Boxing Day 1974 when the basement Hatters travelled to top-of-the-table Ipswich and returned with both points thanks to a last-minute header from Ron.

Two days later Ron wrote another chapter in the Town's history book when scoring a hat-trick at Kenilworth Road in a 3-2 win over Wolves, much to the delight of the crowd of 19,642.

The Town were now on a roll and director Eric Morecambe said afterwards, "I am not going to shave until we lose and on this form I will have whiskers down to my knees!"

After a run of four games without defeat Eric eventually had to shave on January 18 after a 0-1 defeat at Burnley where the Hatters did everything but score a goal.

This setback did not seem to upset the players, who ground out a 1-1 draw at Sheffield United in their next game leading up to the visit of Newcastle, which was the first home match in a month.

Supermac, who had left Kenilworth Road in 1971 for a massive £180,000, was by now revered on Tyneside. He was made captain for the day against his old colleagues and was determined to show the Hatters how much he had improved in the meantime.

Try as he might, Macdonald could not find a way past a solid Luton defence with Paul Futcher outstanding and it was left to the young pretender Ron to show him how to put the ball in the net and set the Town up for a pulsating run-in to the end of the campaign.



Bristol Rovers story from 1883 Beginnings

FIVE young men met in a restaurant in Stapleton Road, Eastville, Bristol in 1883 and formed the Black Arabs, who played their first game on December 1 that year. They also called themselves the Purdown Poachers and changed this to Eastville Rovers a year later. They played in the Western League, then the Birmingham and District League, and the name became Bristol Rovers in 1899. Rovers joined the Southern League in 1899, won it in 1904-05, and in 1920 entered the Football League in Division Three (South).

Top player

BARRY Hayles was the one who got away from Luton. Bristol Rovers picked him up from Stevenage for £250,000 and he was an immediate success, scoring an impressive 34 goals in just 66 League games. A big, bustling forward, he caught the eye of Premiership sides and 15 months after leaving Broadhall Way, signed for Fulham for £2 million.



Top manager

ROVERS have had big name managers, including Gerry Francis, Malcolm Allison and Ian Holloway, but the boss who took them to their highest League position of 6th in the second tier in 1955-56 and 1958-59 (what would be a Championship Play-Off spot today) was Bert Tann. Manager for 18 years, he was a stickler for work, saying: "A footballer's life is an easy one, but it is a seven days a week job. Every player is under trainer's orders 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We make that plain to every new player."

Top game

Newcastle 0 v Bristol Rovers 0
FA Cup Quarter-Final: Feb 24, 1951

THE Pirates have twice reached the Quarter-Finals of the FA Cup, both during Bert Tann's time as boss. The first was in 1951 when they were drawn away to Newcastle. In a season when Rovers finished 6th in Division Three (S) and Newcastle 4th in the top flight, it was quite an ask, but Rovers came away with a heroic replay. Sadly, the magic ended there as they lost 3-1 at home.

DES O'DONNELL

By Stewart Curtis

BRISTOL Rovers are starting their 125th year, and what better way to mark it than by stepping back into the third tier of English football. Back in familiar League One surroundings, the club started the season with a win and three draws in the League, as well as knocking Championship Crystal Palace out of the Carling Cup First Round on penalties.

In fact the only game Rovers have lost all season was at home to Premiership West Ham in the Second Round of the Carling Cup and that by a single goal.

The 2006-07 season saw Wembley success, when they beat Shrewsbury 3-1 to claim their first ever Play-Off Final win in front of more than 61,000 fans.

Boss Paul Trollope, a former Welsh international, saw out his playing days at the Memorial Ground, before being promoted into the manager's office in summer 2005. He took the job alongside ex Hatters boss Lennie Lawrence, who is Rovers' Director of Football.

Having guided the club to a respectable 12th in his first season in charge, he made some astute signings to clinch promotion. But things started badly. After 12 games, Rovers had only three wins and were 19th in the table. They had also already been knocked out in the Carling Cup First Round in a penalty shoot-out by Luton – the last time the two sides met.

But from November onwards Rovers really turned on the style. Launching themselves back up the table with five straight wins, they went on to lose just seven League games in the last seven months of the season. On the last day, Rovers were seventh, in the final Play-Off

Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	Pirates
League	31	21	24
FA Cup	2	1	2
Lge Cup	2	2	2
Total	35	24	28

Last meeting:

Aug 22, 2006: Carling Cup Round One
Pirates 1-1 Luton (Luton win 5-3 on pens)

Last season:

Bristol Rovers finished sixth in League Two, and beat Lincoln 7-4 and then Shrewsbury 3-1 in the Play-Offs.

Last three Cats games:

Aug 25: Oldham 0-1 Pirates (Jacobson 38)

Aug 28: Pirates 1-2 West Ham (Williams 72)

Sep 9: Pirates 2-2 Nottingham Forest
(Anthony 25, Walker pen 28)

spot. But they were left a formidable trip to second-placed Hartlepool, who were hoping to lift the League title.

If Rovers slipped up, a host of sides were waiting to leapfrog them into the Play-Offs, but a second-half comeback saw them win 2-1, thanks to a Richard Walker penalty and a Rickie Lambert strike just four minutes from time.

They beat Lincoln City 7-4 in the Semi-Finals, and with the new Wembley hosting the Play-Offs for the first time, Rovers fans were among the first to enjoy the magnificent new arena, a trip which ended in promotion back to League One.

As if 2006-07 wasn't exciting enough for

The only game that Rovers have lost all season was at home to Premiership West Ham in the Carling Cup and that by just a single goal

Pirates fans, they also reached the Final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, only to go down 3-2 to Doncaster Rovers. However, most Gashead fans were happy to accept this as they had knocked out local rivals Bristol City in the Southern Area Final.

With no departures from last season, manager Paul Trollope has brought in just three newcomers. Defender Joe Jacobson arriving from Cardiff City, and David Pipe from Notts County, but their main buy in the summer was Hereford United striker Andy Williams, who bagged eight goals to help keep Hereford in the Football League. Fans will be hoping he can score a few more to help continue the club's impressive start back in League One.



ASTUTE... boss Paul Trollope has bought well

From Purdown to a new look Memorial Ground

ROVERS have had six grounds since they began at Purdown. Over the next 14 years, they moved to Ashley Hill, Ridgeway and then Eastville, where they stayed for 90 years. Twerton Park was then home for 11 years before they bought the Memorial Ground from Bristol Rugby Club, who were in administration. The ground has a capacity of just under 12,000 but Rovers plan to increase that to 18,500, beginning work in May 1008.

Record attendance: 9,464: v Liverpool 08-02-1992 FA Cup R4

Highest gate receipts: £62480: v Liverpool 08-02-1992 FA Cup R4

Best League win: 7-0: v Brighton & Hove Albion 29-11-1952 Division 3S

Worst League loss: 0-12: v Luton Town 13-04-1936 Division 3S

Best cup win: 6-0: v Merthyr Tydfil 14-11-1987 FA Cup R1

Most caps: Vitalijs Astafjevs: 31 Latvia

Most League appearances: Stuart Taylor: 545 1966-80

Most League goals: Geoff Bradford: 245 1949-64

Most goals in a season: Geoff Bradford: 33 1952-53 Division 3S

Transfer fee received: £2,000,000: Barry Hayles Fulham November 1998

Transfer fee paid: £370,000: Andy Tilson Queen's Park Rangers November 1992

The fan's view



Rovers fan MARK CHAPMAN on the Pirates' season so far

How was the atmosphere after you won promotion last season?

As you can imagine it was electrifying. A lot of supporters had a strong feeling that we could give promotion a real go last season, but to go up in the manner that we did was brilliant. We have a good manager who is working wonders and hope more success is around the corner.

How have Rovers found their opening games in League One?

Well, we are undefeated in the League so I don't think anyone is complaining. Obviously there is a long way to go and plenty of football to be played, but we have a decent squad this season and we could cause a few upsets along the way. Anyone who saw us play West Ham on Sky would probably agree that we are capable of holding our own in League One. We are playing some terrific football and that is full credit to the players and the management staff.

Who is your most important close season signing?

There hasn't been much transfer activity, but the arrival of David Pipe has certainly helped bolster the midfield. He has been an excellent signing and hopefully we can add a bit more to the squad when the transfer window reopens in January.

What are the aims for the season?

Despite our positive start, we have to be realistic. I would be delighted with a top half finish – maybe challenging for the Play-Offs. It is a difficult league with some quality teams. Leeds, Oldham, Swindon and Forest have all been in the top division recently so it's going to be hard.

Who will go up from League One?

I still think Leeds can't be overlooked – despite their 15 point deduction. They have a decent squad, a good manager and a great set-up. I think Luton will be up there, especially looking at some of the signings they have made over the summer. But I think Doncaster are my team for the League title this season. On paper, they have a really strong squad and will certainly be a difficult team to beat at their brand new stadium.



THANKS FOR THE MEMORIAL... the club plans to increase capacity from 12,000 to 18,500

THE SKIPPER: 7 STUART CAMPBELL

BORN in Corby, Northants, Stuart Campbell, 29, has 14 Under-21 caps for Scotland as his grandparents are Scottish. He was a trainee at Leicester City but did not break into the First Team, making 37 League appearances in five years. After loan spells at Birmingham and Grimsby, he moved to Blundell Park permanently in 2001 for £200,000 and went on to make 117 League appearances, all but one of them starts, before switching to Bristol Rovers on a free in summer 2004. He has made more than 100 League appearances for the Pirates and has been ever-present this season.

KEEPERS

1 STEVE PHILLIPS: The West Country keeper was signed by Bristol City from non-League Paulton Rovers in 1997 and went on to play more than 350 games. Then in August 2006 he moved across the city to rivals Bristol Rovers, taking over the No 1 jersey from Scott Shearer and helping the Pirates to a Play-Off spot in 2006-07. He also won the Player Of The Year title on the way. And he picked up League Two's Player Of The Month for November by not conceding a single League goal in the month. As an extra accolade, Phillips was named as the Football League's Golden Glove for keeping most clean sheets in 2006-07.

13 MIKE GREEN: Signed his first pro contract in summer 2006 having graduated from the Rovers' Centre of Excellence at Filton College. He earned a place in the Rovers squad for last season, and has also had a loan spell at Mangotsfield United in the Southern League Premier Division.

**PIRATE
CAP'N**
U-21 Scots
player
Stuart
Campbell

No 1... Phillips

TEAM SHEET

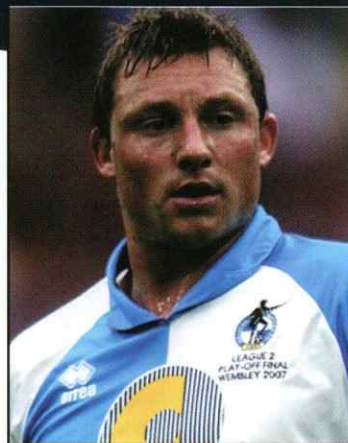
Last game:

Pirates 2-2 Forest

- 1 Steve Phillips
- 32 Aaron Lescot
- 15 Byron Anthony
- 6 Steve Elliott
- 11 Chris Carruthers
- 14 David Pipe
- 7 Stuart Campbell
- 20 Craig Disley
- 26 Lewis Haldane
- 8 Andrew Williams
- 10 Richard Walker

Subs:

- 3 Joe Jacobson
(for Haldane 65)
- 9 Rickie Lambert
(for Walker 66)
- 4 Sammy Igoe
(for Pipe 75)
- 5 Craig Hinton
- 19 Sean Rigg



BLACKPOOL TOWER... Steve Elliott

TOP SCORER: 20 CRAIG DISLEY

20 Craig Disley: Disley was a Mansfield trainee who made more than 150 appearances for the Stags in five years at Field Mill, scoring 16 League goals from midfield. He joined Rovers in June 2004, and this season has scored two vital goals, first to secure a Carling Cup draw against Crystal Palace when the Pirates won on penalties and then to earn a point against Crewe.

THE STRIKERS

10 Richard Walker: Birmingham-born Walker started at Aston Villa, but made his name at Blackpool with 12 goals in 62 League games. A natural goalscorer, he formed a fine partnership with Junior Agogo before the Ghanaian went to Forest. Signed from Blackpool in 2004, he has hit 42 League goals in 122 games.

8 Andrew Williams: A Hereford Youth Team player, he was the club's top scorer in 2005-06 with 13 goals, including in the Semi and Final of the Conference Play-Offs that saw his side win League status. Turned down a move to Rovers in January 2007 but after the Pirates were promoted to League One, he joined them on a free in July 2007.

26 Lewis Haldane: Welsh Under-21 international started at Southampton's Youth Academy but moved to Rovers in July 2002. He has played more than 140 games and scored 16 goals. An ever-present in last year's promotion side.



VILLAIN... Walker

THE MIDFIELDERS

4 Sammy Igoe: Crowd pleaser Sammy played two games for Luton at the end of 2002-03 but showed some sparkling touches. Played 160 League games at Portsmouth, 87 at Reading, and had spells at Swindon and Millwall before joining Rovers in 2006.

9 Rickie Lambert: After short spells at Blackpool and Macclesfield, he moved to Stockport in June 2002 for £300,000 and made 98 appearances. He then had 18 months at Rochdale, scoring 28 goals in 64 League games before joining Rovers in 2006.

FAVOURITE... Igoe **11 Chris Carruthers:** Played 74 League games with his first club Northampton before joining Bristol Rovers first on loan in March 2005 and has since made 105 total appearances as a regular for the Pirates.

14 David Pipe: A right-back, right-wing or sweeper, he has captained Wales Under-21s. Played 141 League games for Notts County before joining Rovers in July.

32 Aaron Lescott: Started at Aston Villa and joined Sheffield Wednesday for £100,000 in 2000, then had a spell at Stockport before joining Rovers in March 2004, since when he has played 101 League games.

THE DEFENDERS

6 Steve Elliott: A Derby trainee, he made 72 League appearances then switched to Blackpool and made 28 more before joining Rovers in June 2004. Made 85 appearances in his first two seasons, scoring four goals.

15 Byron Anthony: A product of Cardiff's youth system and a Welsh Under-21 international. Couldn't break into the Cardiff side so after a loan spell at Forest Green Rovers, he joined Bristol Rovers in July 2006 and has since made 39 appearances. Known as Lord Byron or just The Lord.

3 Joe Jacobson: A very similar career to Byron's. Another Cardiff trainee and Welsh Under-21 international, the left-back signed as a pro and made his League debut at home to Norwich City in April 2006. Made his first start in August that year at home to Barnet and was voted Man of The Match by the local press. In November 2006 a loan to Torquay fell through and he joined Accrington Stanley on loan instead. Moved to Rovers in February 2007.

5 Craig Hinton: Can play anywhere along the back line. A trainee at Birmingham but did not make his debut and went to Kidderminster, where he played 214 League games. Joined Rovers in June 2004 and has formed a defensive partnership with Steve Elliott, playing more than 100 League games.



**STAG
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Craig Disley
joined Rovers
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THE STATISTICS

SIMON PITTS finds some fascinating facts about today's teams

SIMON'S STATS



38 times Rovers have played League games at Luton, second only to 43 between Luton and QPR. Luton have 24 wins, 9 draws and 5 losses, scored 91 goals and let in 38.

20 League matches is Luton's unbeaten home record against Bristol Rovers. It started after Rovers won on their first two visits in 1920-21 and 21-22. The Hatters won 1-0 next season, and didn't lose again until August 1964, going down 2-0.

12 goals in a game is Luton's record League win and it was against Rovers on April 13, 1936. Joe Payne scored a record 10 in a 12-0 win.

5 hat-tricks have been scored by Luton against Rovers. Sam Bell hit the first in a 6-2 win in 1934-35. Payne scored his 'triple hat-trick' next season. In March 1964, John O'Rourke hit three in a 4-2 win, in 1979 Bob Hatton hit his only hat-trick in a 3-1 win, and next season Brian Stein did it in a 4-2 at Rovers.



TOP TEN... legend Joe Payne

20,120 is the biggest attendance for this fixture and saw Luton win 2-0 with two from Charlie Watkins in the final home game of 1954-55. Luton won 3-0 on the last day at Doncaster, and ended 2nd - enough to put the Hatters in the top flight for the first time ever.

2,272 is the lowest attendance for this fixture and those few fans saw a 1-1 draw in March 1933, Davie Hutchison scoring for Luton.

3 times Bristol Rovers have kept clean sheets at Kenilworth Road. There were goal-less draws in 1923-24 and 2000-01. Rovers' only win with a clean sheet was in 1964-65.

15 times Luton have scored three or more against Rovers. As well as the 12-0, Luton won 6-2 in 34-35, and have scored four goals six times, including a 4-0 in 1969-70. Malcolm Macdonald, Keith Allen, John Collins and Matt Tees scored. Luton won promotion with Rovers four points back in third. Six months earlier Luton won 3-0 with goals from Laurie Sheffield, Keith Allen and Brian Lewis. The last League meeting at Luton in 2001-02 also finished 3-0 with goals from Steve Howard, Chris Coyne and a Kevin Nicholls penalty.

Each way movers

3 players have moved from Rovers to Luton. Keeper Charlie Preedy was first in 1934-35. Steve White joined Luton in 1979, made 83 appearances and score 26 goals before moving to Charlton. Gary Waddock came to Kenilworth Road in September 1994, and played in 178 games, scoring three goals, one of them at Rovers in 1997, but Luton lost 3-2.

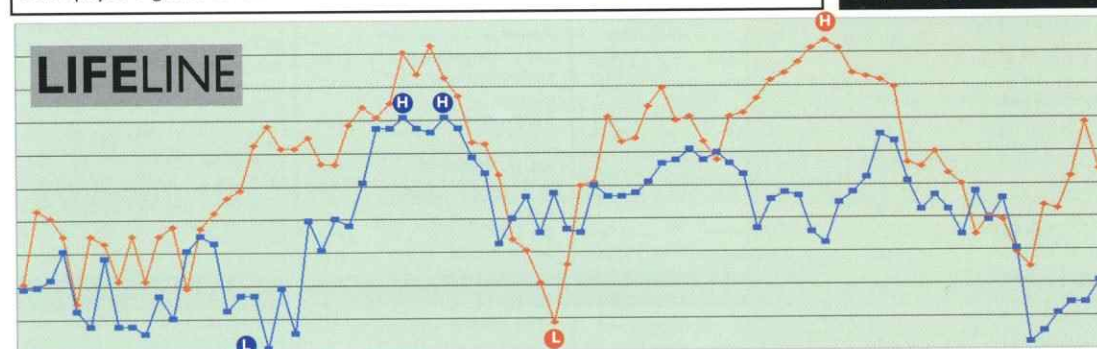
5 players have left Luton for Rovers, but I doubt any of you saw them... John Black played 101 games for Luton between 1926-29. Next season Jimmy Armfield, George McNestry and John Muir all made Luton debuts. Armfield and Muir hardly featured and left for Bristol. McNestry scored 3 goals against Rovers in two games in 1930-31, and a season later moved, having played 76 games and scored 29 goals. Robert Carte played 6 games for Luton in 1937-39 before his transfer.



The Hatters have met Rovers 87 times in all. Luton have won 35, Rovers 28 with 24 draws

4 times the Hatters have won a League match 4-2 against Rovers - more than against any other team at Kenilworth Road. Andy Rennie scored twice in 1928-29, and 32 years and 2 days later goals from Mike Tracey, Joe McBride, Gordon Turner and an own goal made it four again. Turner scored in March 1964 to add to O'Rourke's hat-trick, and in November 1976 Ron Fletcher scored twice, along with goals from John Aston and Jimmy Husband.

LIFELINE



Hatters and Pirates past

THIS week's LIFELINE shows how Luton and Bristol Rovers' fortunes have risen and fallen over the years. Rovers had a double high in 1955-56 and 58-59 when they finished 6th in the old Division Two, now the Championship. Today that would be a Play-Off spot and a chance of the Premiership. Their low

was bottom of Div 3 (South) in 1938-39. 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.

How Harry swotter scores top marks on and off the pitch

MAKING the grade at football needs brains as well as muscle and skill, and one of Luton's youngest defenders has plenty of grey cells.

Harry Hogarth has just scored top marks in his GCSEs and plans to put the same dedication into football. "I got seven A*s, two As and two Bs, so yeah I was pretty happy with them," he said.

"Now I'm going on to do English Literature as an A level at evening class on Tuesdays because I got good marks in English Literature and I want to keep my options open in case football doesn't work out.

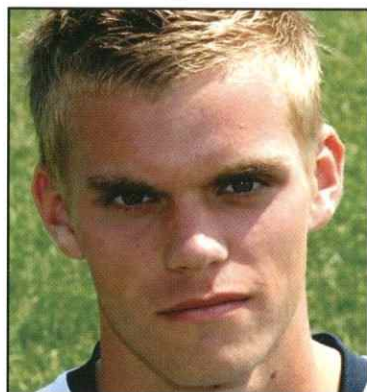
"College is good. It's a little bit different from school but all the teachers are nice.

"I just really want to do as well as I can. I want to cement a place in the Youth Team and play in the Reserves as well and hopefully get a pro contract at the end."

Although football has been a part of his life from a young age, first playing for Watford in the Under-11s, Harry is level-headed enough to have other ambitions if it doesn't work out for him.

"I want to go to uni and do something in Sports Science and get to the highest level, which would be Internationals. And I'll always have my English."

For now, though, he's a First Year settling with a new group, and he's pleased with the way it's going. "It's really good. All the lads



A STAR... Harry Hogarth had seven A*s

are easy to get along with. I've been made to feel really welcome."

Between football and college there is little time off.

"When I get a moment I just like to relax and play Tiger Woods and Pro Evolution on the PlayStation. I quite like reading Harry Potter and Sebastian Faulks and just chilling with my friends."

And the summer was not much more relaxing for Harry.

"I went to a running and coaching place in London so I didn't manage to get away. My best holiday was when I went to France

Faves

McDonald's or Burger King?
Neither. I don't eat fast food,
I like pasta

Last film seen?
Remember The Titans

Favourite film?
Green Mile

Last album bought?
Newton Faulkner

Buy an album or download it?
Buy an album

Night in or night out?
Night in

Favourite TV show?
Skins

Who's your hero?
Jonny Wilkinson or Lance
Armstrong

with my cousin and had a good time there."

The 16-year-old is living in digs away from his family, but he doesn't mind the lifestyle.

"I live in Farley Hill with a few other players. I don't mind staying away from home. I'm in a room with my mate so I'm not on my own. I went on trial at a few other clubs and had to live away, so I got used to it. I do miss my family but I try to keep in contact."

Harry has other plans, too, that involve his own set of wheels.

"At the moment I get a lift in every morning with a Second Year but I hope to start learning to drive when I turn 17."

Under-18 results, fixtures and table

August	Sat 27 Swansea (PY)	11am	Sat 19 Peterborough	11am	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Sat 18 Southend	D 3-3	November	February	Wycombe	2	1	1	0	7	3	4		
September				Northampton	2	1	1	0	4	3	4		
Sat 1 QPR	D 1-1	Sat 10 Brentford	11am	Sat 9 Brighton	11am	Rushden & D	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Sat 8 Colchester	11am	Sat 17 Northampton	11am	Sat 16 Southend	11am	Brentford	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Sat 15 Plymouth (PY)	11am	December	March	QPR	2	1	1	0	2	1	4		
Sat 22 QPR (PY)	11am	Sat 1 Barnett	11am	Sat 1 QPR	11am	Brighton	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
Sat 29 B'mouth (PY)	11am	Sat 8 Rushden & D	11am	Sat 8 Colchester	11am	Leyton O	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
October		Sat 15 Leyton Orient	11am	Sat 15 Brentford	11am	Colchester	2	1	0	1	4	6	3
Sat 6 Brentford (PY)	11am	January	Sat 29 Northampton	11am	LUTON	2	0	2	0	4	2		
Sat 13 Barnett (PY)	11am	Sat 5 Wycombe	11am	April	Southend	2	0	1	1	5	8	1	
Sat 20 Brighton (PY)	11am	Sat 12 Gillingham	11am	Sat 5 Rushden	11am	Peterborough	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
				Sat 19 Barnett	11am	Gillingham	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
						Barnet	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Appearances												Leading scorers	
George Beavan.....	2	Harry Hogarth	2	Dean Hamilton	1 (1)	Ryan Charles	2						
Ryan Charles.....	2	Jake Howells.....	2	Matthew Maitland	1 (1)	Ashley Harrison-Barker	1						
Ashley Harrison-Barker	2	Aaron Fletcher	1	Riccardo Biggi	0 (1)	Mark Farthing.....	1						
Jamie McGuinness.....	2	Joe Selby.....	1	Scott Sinclair	0 (1)								
Ben Strang.....	2	Ross Faulds.....	1	Joshua Cranwell	0								
Mark Farthing	2	Elliott Osborne-Ricketts.....	1 (1)										

ZOE WOOD reports on the latest news and games

Farthing cashes in early but the young Hatters pay price at end

THE young Hatters picked up their second draw in two games when Mark Farthing's early goal was enough to earn a 1-1 draw at QPR.

Ryan Charles went on a strong run down the wing, crossed to Jake Howells and he cut it back for Mark Farthing to score at the near post.

Luton hung on to their lead until the 75th minute, but came under a lot of pressure from a lively QPR side.

In the end, the Hatters even had a chance to win it when substitute Elliott Osbourne-Ricketts hit the bar in stoppage time at the end.

Director of Youth Chris Cummins was disappointed with his side's performance, though.

He told us: "We started off very well. QPR were decent – very strong, very physical. The first five or ten minutes we played very well, and created about three chances.

"Ryan Charles had a good early shot saved and Jake Howells shot wide at about three or four minutes. Then we scored the opener after Ryan Charles had a great run down the wing.

"I've got to be honest with you, after that we were very disappointing. We showed a lack of quality, a lack of desire, a lack of enthusiasm. It's the first time I've had to question their attitudes and desire in the two to three months I've been here.

"We had to defend for our lives and we defended OK but once we won the ball back we gave it away very easily. QPR scored their goal from a set piece at about 75 minutes and to be honest how they didn't win the game I don't know and I don't think their manager does either.

"And yet in the 91st minute we had a free kick and Elliott Osbourne-Ricketts hit the bar and we could have won the game. I'm not one for result. I look more at the performance and

QPR 1-1 Luton

HT 0-1

Farthing (4)

overall I've got to say fair play to them they ground out a draw, but very disappointing overall with the team performance, their quality and attitude and work rate.

"Maybe I'm being a little bit unfair on them. They are a good group, a decent bunch of lads. For the last two months I've put so much information on them, so much work, so much effort and time that I just think they've hit a wall a little bit. I think I've probably overloaded them and we've got to take that into consideration. But I can't have a lack of effort.

"We drew the week before when we should have won and we've drawn this when perhaps we should have lost. So we should be on three points and instead we're on two, but we're still unbeaten.

"We've worked very hard this week on possession and using the ball. I'm just looking for an improved performance on last week. I judge them all individually and they've all got their own personal targets to improve on to improve on. If they get that right then the result takes care of itself.

"I believe we are one of the strongest teams in the division. QPR will probably be one of the best teams we play all season and we've proved we can contend. We haven't played well and we got a draw.

"We've only got the one injury now – Josh Cranwell, who's been out with a hamstring for three weeks."

LUTON TEAM: Ross Faulds, Harry Hogarth, George Beavan, Dean Hamilton (Elliott Osbourne-Ricketts 45), Matt Maitland, Ben Strang, Jamie McGuinness (Scott Sinclair 63), Mark Farthing, Ashley Harrison-Barker, Ryan Charles, Jake Howells. Subs not used: Riccardo Biggi, Josh Cranwell.



Youths expand medical department

By CHRIS CUMMINS
Director of Youth

Luton Town's Centre of Excellence continues to develop with the recruitment of three new part-time therapists.

Following several days of interviewing at Kenilworth Road, Head Physiotherapist, Jon Edmondson along with myself appointed Tina Calvano (a senior chartered physiotherapist), Otilie Quince (FA diploma) and Kathryn Allen (sports rehabilitation). These recruits will provide on-site medical cover for the Centre of Excellence.

Based at Baldock Training Centre, the therapists will use their qualification and experience in sport and the treatment of musculoskeletal condition to provide the highest quality medical input for the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of all Centre of Excellence players.

"Luton Town Football Club provide high quality coaching and medical care to all players from the Centre of Excellence to first team level," said Head Physiotherapist Jon Edmondson.

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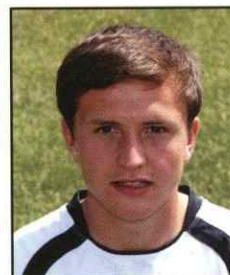


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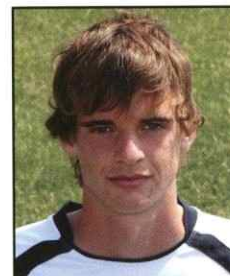
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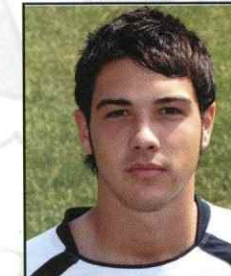
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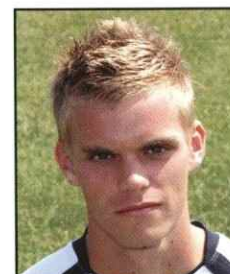
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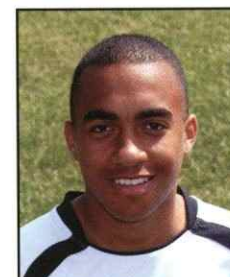
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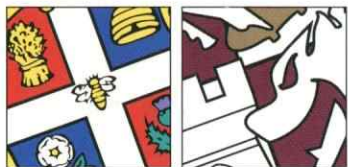


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Ben Strang

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4-4-2



Substitutes:

McVeigh (22 Bell)

Peschisolido (46 Talbot)

Morgan (84 Andrew)

Not used: Coyne, O'Leary

■ Hutchison, Keane, Robinson

■ None

Northampton Line-Up

4-4-2



Substitutes:

Crowe (28 Doig)

Kirk (55 Hubertz)

Gilligan (68 Dyer)

Not used: Holt, Dunn

■ Hubertz

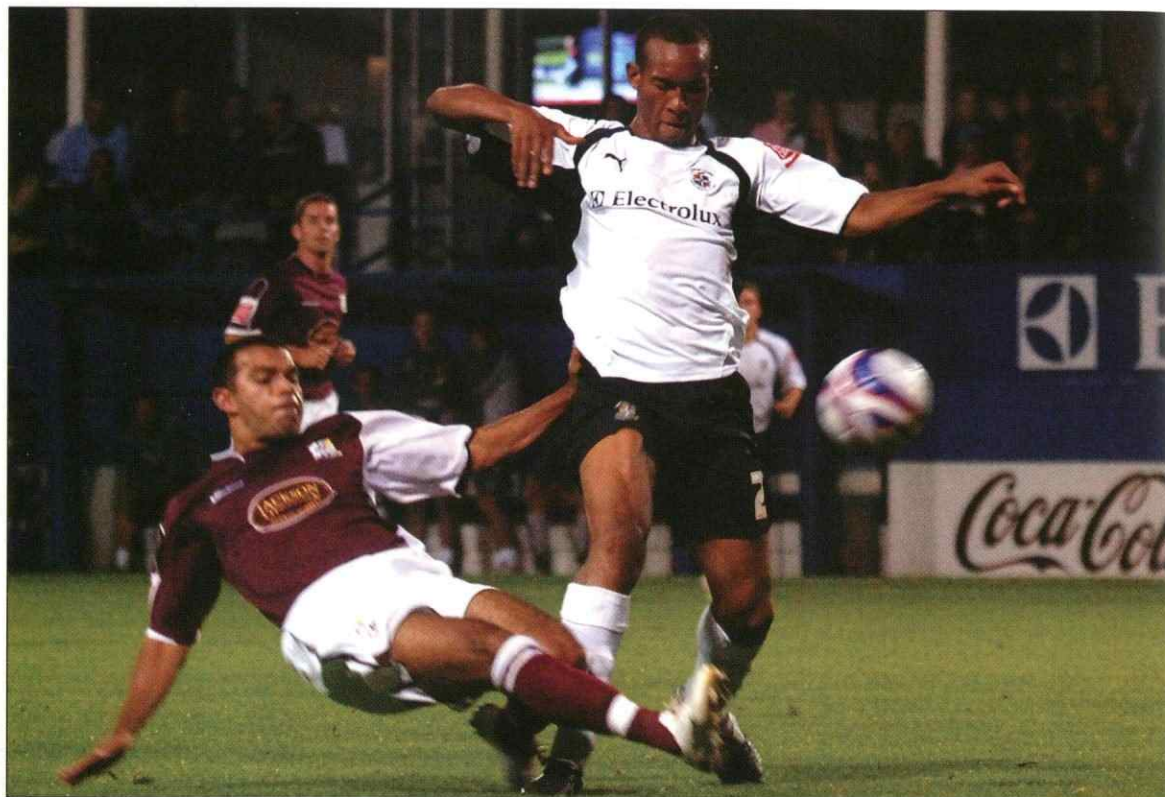
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REFEREE: Ray Lee (Essex)

LUTON 2 NORTHAMPTON 0

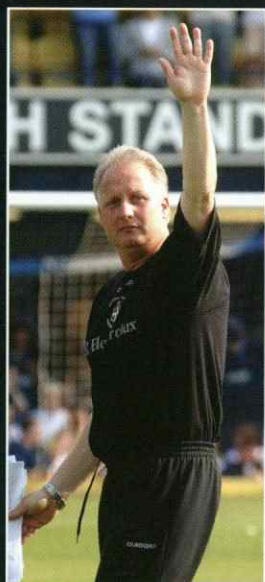


JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4 2007 KENILWORTH ROAD ATT: 2,532 ■ GOAL... Don Hutchison turns away in delight as he gives Luton a half-time lead



ATTACK... Calvin Andrew surges forward into the Northampton penalty area as Luton look to extend their lead

MANAGER'S VIEW



"I thought we started well and should have been two or three up. However then the game became a little bit too easy and we switched off a little bit. These games are difficult both for Northampton and for Luton. Trying to get excited about an empty ground is hard so it's up to the players to get the fans going and I thought we did that early on, then maybe stepped off the pace a little bit. I'm pleased to get quite a few players a game and that was the exercise really.

Kevin Blackwell

DON Hutchison and Paul Peschisolido both hit their first Hatters goals as Luton brushed aside Northampton in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

Hutchison set Town on their way with a simple finish in the 12th minute.

David Bell's corner kick was met with a firm 12-yard downward header from Calvin Andrew and after the ball was blocked on the line, Hutchison stroked home from a yard out.

And Peschisolido put the gloss on a steady night's work with a clinical strike three minutes into the second period.

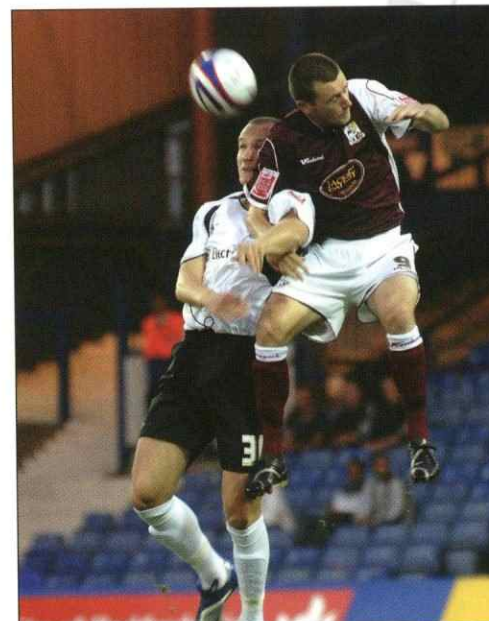
Steve Robinson was the provider, neatly beating two players in midfield before sliding the ball through to Peschisolido, who drilled home low to Mark Bunn's right with an instant drive from 20-yards.

The Cobblers had there chances and thought they had a chance to reduce the arrears a minute after going two goals behind when Poul Hubertz was sent tumbling in the area under Chris Perry's challenge but no penalty was awarded.

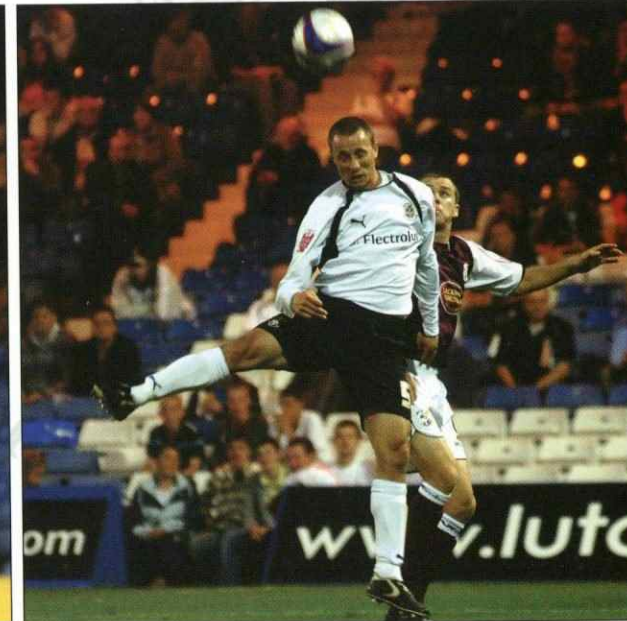
But Luton were sensing victory was in the can and created another opportunity on the hour as Peschisolido laid off a pass to McVeigh, who curled a 25-yarder just past the post.

The Luton striker then had a further chance at the end and almost put the lid on the tie when he cut inside from the left but fired just past the post eight minutes from time.

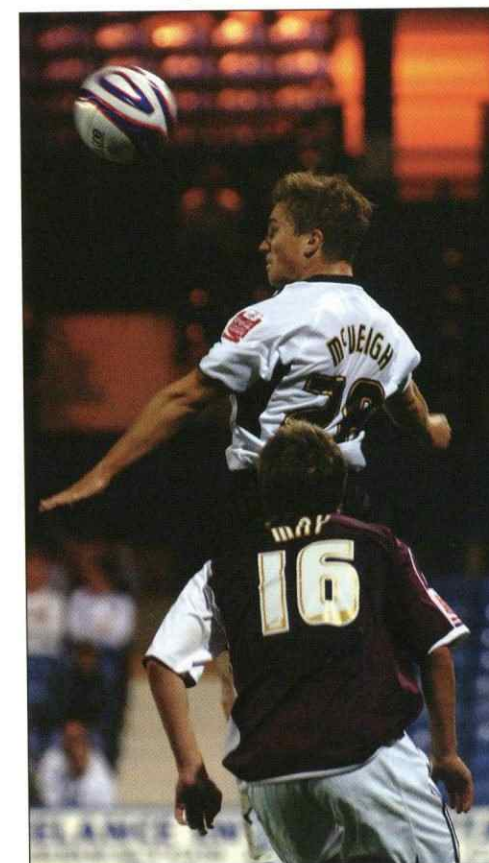
LUTON 2 NORTHAMPTON 0



DEBUT... Jaroslaw Fojut in the thick of the action



HEADS UP... Chris Perry clears the danger for the Hatters.



UP AND AWAY... Paul McVeigh heads clear as Ben May looks on



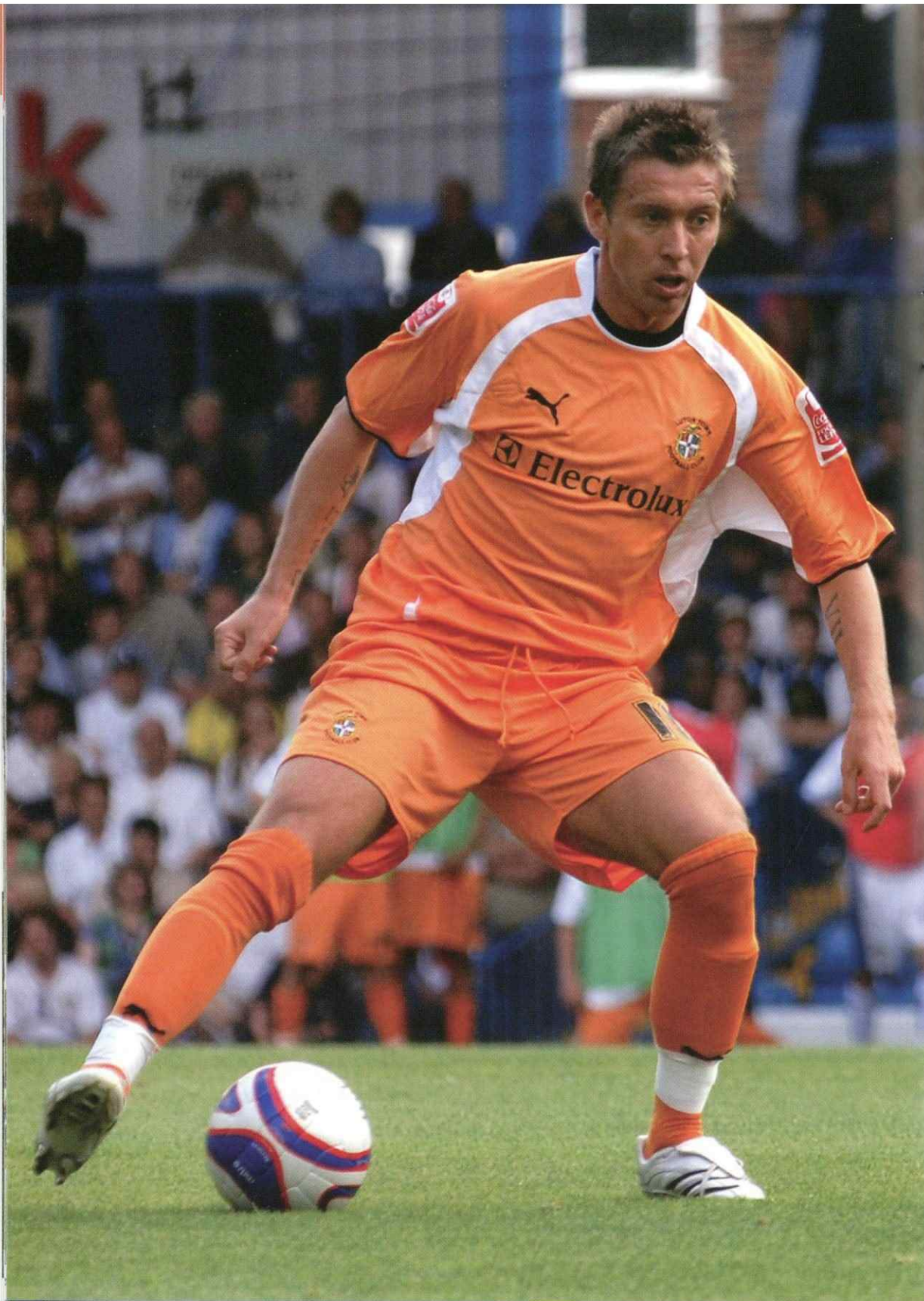
UNDER CONTROL... Dean Morgan shields the ball away from danger.



BATTLE... Paul Peschisolido in action



ATTACK... Ahmet Brkovic whips in a



DARREN CURRIE

THE GOOD TIMES

by DARREN CURRIE

The gaffer has brought in the experience that you need at this level and we have young players pushing through. I think he has got the balance just about right

THERE is no doubt about it – Darren Currie has enjoyed a successful career in professional football. And now he wants more of the same. A lot more.

And that's why he is so excited about life at Kenilworth Road this season.

The Hampstead-born winger is ready for more good times at Luton and so far life couldn't be much better.

Having scored Luton's opening goal of the season in the win over Hartlepool, Currie left Kenilworth Road immediately after our recent victory against Gillingham just in time to see his wife give birth to a healthy baby boy.

Now the Ipswich man hopes to celebrate with more success on the field.

"I have settled in really well," he told us. "It's a fantastic place to come to work every day.

"When I first came to Luton, I knew some of the lads from when I was at other clubs.

"It has been a bit strange with so many new faces coming into the side, but everyone has come in and got along really well."

Currie became Luton's third signing of the summer after he was released from his contract at Ipswich Town.

The 32-year-old had been at Ipswich for four years before he found himself out of favour under the new management team at Portman Road following Joe Royle's sacking.

Loan spells at Derby County and Coventry City followed, along with a three-game trial spell with David Beckham's LA Galaxy, but in the summer Currie found himself without a club.

That was until Kevin Blackwell came knocking and Currie hasn't looked back since, signing a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road.

"I don't believe I have come here for the wrong reasons. I want to come here and be as successful as I can and get this Club back in the Championship.

"I enjoyed my time at Ipswich and playing in the Championship was obviously a great experience because you play at some fantastic stadiums.

"But this is a club who will have considered themselves unfortunate to have left the Championship last season."

Currie now wants to help Luton to another three points at home this afternoon, but he admits that the players are looking to make improvements in their results away from Kenilworth Road.

"We have obviously made a good start at home this season, but we haven't taken that form away from home.

"However if you look at the two games at Swindon and then at Leeds, we could have easily got a point from both.

"We know it's going to be the case this season that we are the team everyone wants to beat because we are the former

Championship club.

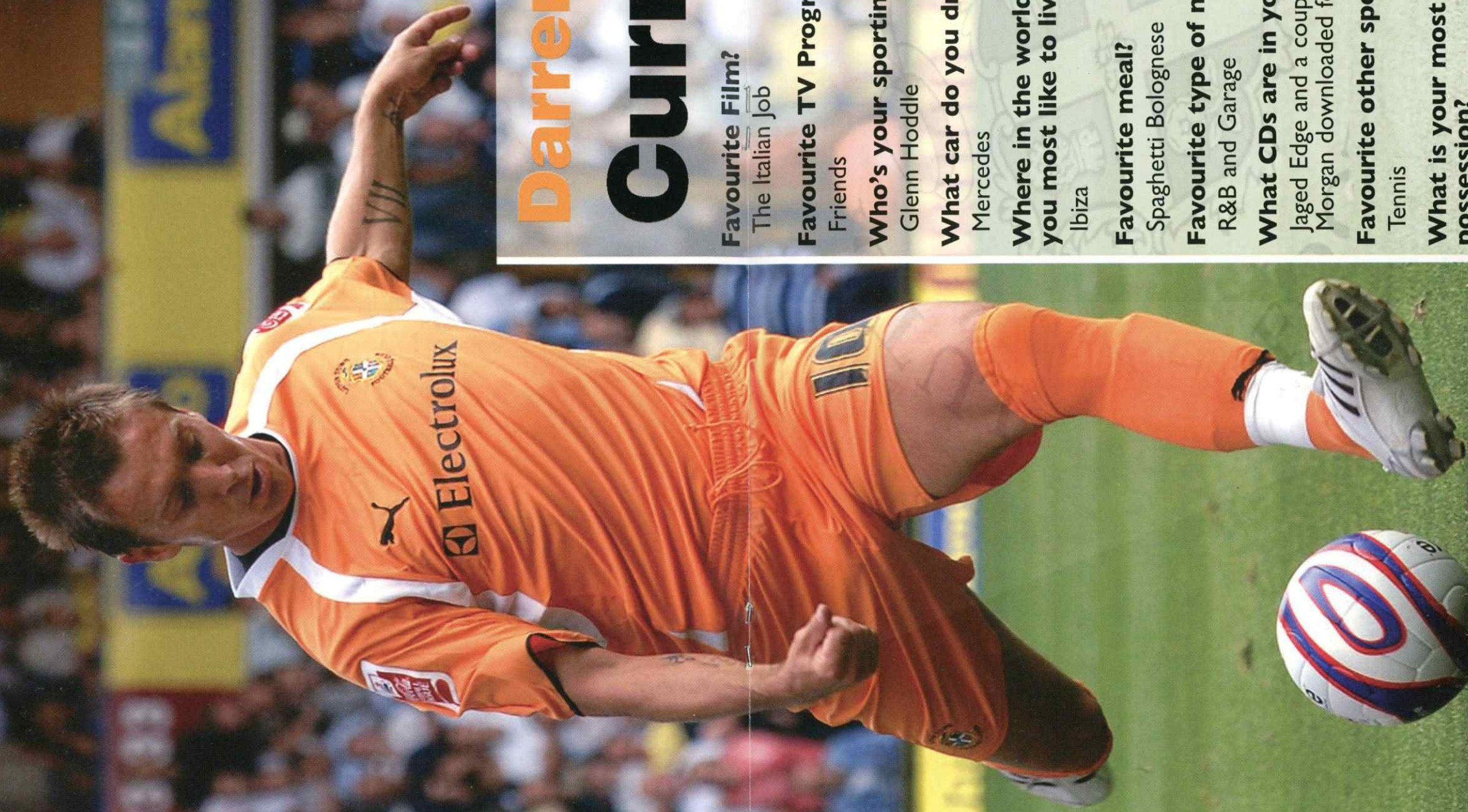
"We want to make it very difficult for the other teams in the division and we have got to be looking to win 30 games this season to get ourselves promoted."

And Currie believes Luton have got the balance just right when it comes to the squad's assault on the League One title.

"I think the gaffer has got the balance just about right," said Currie. "He has brought in that experience you need at this level and people who have been there and done it.

"When you look at someone like Paul Furlong, who is 38, he is the kind of player you want around the Club to help some of the younger players develop their game.

"And if you have the younger players continuing to push through, like they have done over the years at Luton, then the future can only be bright for the Club."



Darren

Currie

Favourite Film?

The Italian Job

Favourite TV Programme?

Friends

Who's your sporting hero?

Glenn Hoddle

What car do you drive?

Mercedes

Where in the world would you most like to live?

Ibiza

Favourite meal?

Spaghetti Bolognese

Favourite type of music?

R&B and Garage

What CDs are in your car?

Jaged Edge and a couple that Dean Morgan downloaded for me

Favourite other sport?

Tennis

What is your most prized possession?

My family

**Hatters Line-Up****4-4-2****Substitutes:**

Morgan (64 Currie)

McVeigh (76 Talbot)

Andrew (76 Furlong)

Not used: Hutchison, Robinson

None

None

Leeds Line-Up**4-4-2****Substitutes:**

Clapham (73 Thompson)

Not used: Martin, Howson, Parker, Ameobi

None

None

REFEREE: Clive Oliver (Northumberland)

LEEDS UNITED 1 LUTON 0

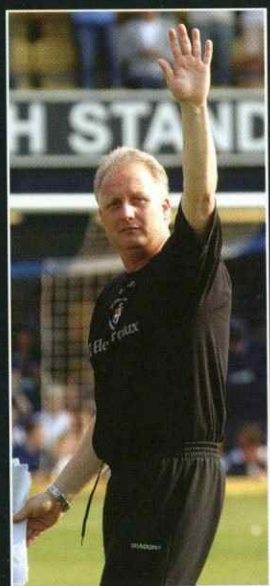


COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2007 LLAND ROAD ATT: 26,586 ■ DETERMINATION... Dave Edwards fights off the challenge from Leeds defender Frazer Richardson



SHIRTY... Paul Furlong gets to grips with Leeds United defender Rui Marques at Elland Road as he sets up a Luton attack

MANAGER'S VIEW



"I think everyone was looking forward to the game. We didn't come to sit back, we came here to try and win it was as simple as that. At the moment Leeds are on a crest of a wave. I think the 15 points deduction has had a real galvanising effect on them. They have won this game and there are no complaints from me on that. I felt we put on a performance and I am sure many people felt we would sit back, but that is certainly not the style if you have the players that I have got. Maybe we should have done more with the balls in the box so from that respect I am bitterly disappointed."

Kevin Blackwell

LUTON old boy Tresor Kandol scored the only goal of the game as Leeds took all three points at Elland Road.

The result was harsh on Luton, who put in a spirited performance, and also had a Paul Furlong effort ruled out midway through the second half.

Leeds had much of the early going and Jermaine Beckford and Kandol both had efforts within the opening ten minutes, which fortunately for the Hatters flew straight into the arms of on-loan goalkeeper David Forde.

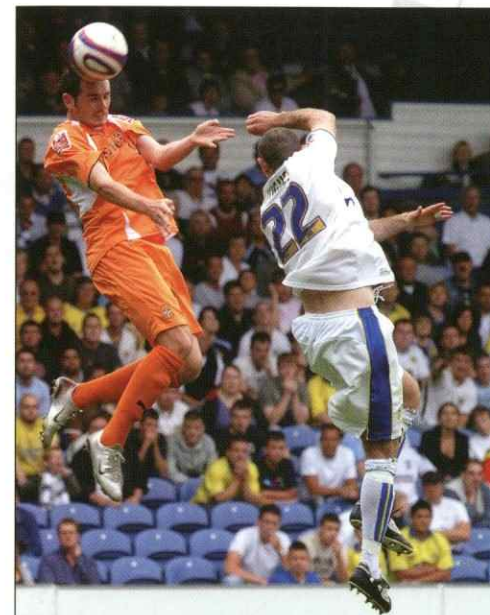
But the Hatters soon began to get themselves into the game and Leeds goalkeeper Casper Ankergren was almost embarrassed on 20 minutes when he failed to deal with Darren Currie's cross from the right, which David Bell almost poked home the loose ball.

Luton's Alan Goodall then tried his luck with a low shot on 31 minutes after a Hatters free-kick had not been cleared by the Leeds defence. But after missing a good chance to help his side take the lead, Goodall was the culprit as Leeds took the lead on the stroke of half-time.

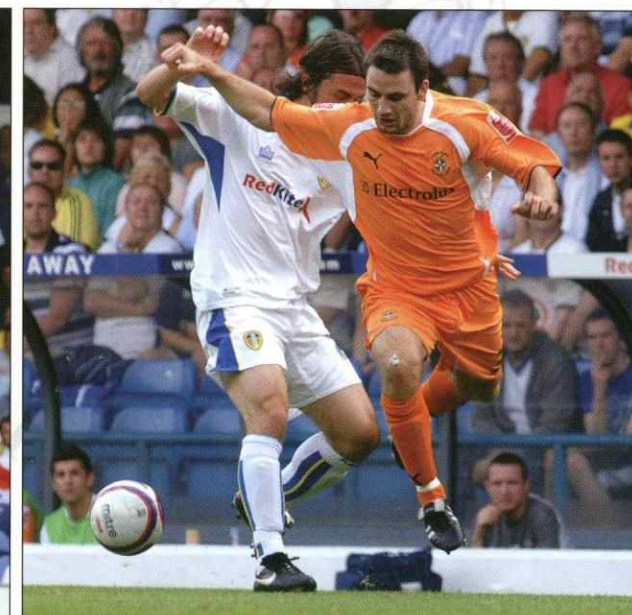
His simple pass went astray and after Leeds broke down the Luton end, the ball reached Seb Carole on the left. He cut inside and slipped a pass to Kandol, who struck a first-time shot beyond the reach of Forde.

Luton had chances in the second half with Dave Edwards hitting a shot straight at Ankergren on 72 minutes, but the Hatters couldn't force their way through.

LEEDS UNITED 1 LUTON 0



GOING FOR GOAL... David Bell tries his luck with a header

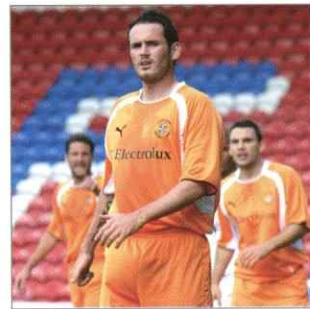


SEE YA... Alan Goodall skips past the challenge of Leeds midfielder David Prutt



OVER THE TOP... Matthew Spring tries to loop the ball over the oncoming Leeds United defence at Elland Road

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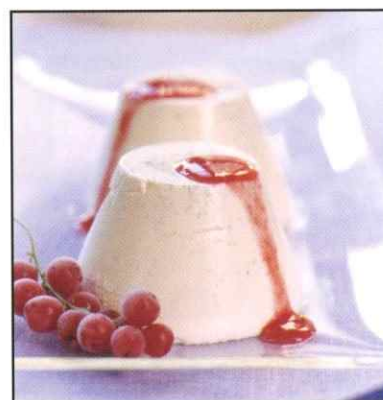
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COMMUNITY CHAT

STUART SMITH gives us the latest news from the Community Department

FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



GOOD AFTERNOON and welcome to today's game, I would also like to welcome to Luton Town Football in the Community our latest recruit to the Full Time Staff.

We have appointed our part time community coach Stuart English as Community Development Officer responsible for the Mid Beds Area.

Stuart is a Level 3 Coach who has been working for us for over a year coaching in the Development Centres and the Girls Academy.

Stuart has also worked in his own coaching company delivering curriculum, after-school and holiday activities in the Mid Beds Area.

I have for a while believed that as a

Community Department our representation in these areas has been below par, solely due to the fact that we are working at full stretch and have not had the available staff to cover this work.

Stuart's mandate will be to create opportunities for schools, local football clubs and most of all the children to link and work with this Football Club.

Thanks to Stuart's previous work we have a head start with the schools and work will begin immediately in five different schools.

In the first instance throughout the area we will be offering After School Clubs, Evening and Saturday Soccer Schools, Holiday Courses, Fun Ball

sessions for the Under-5s and also Penalty Shoot-Outs in schools to assist them with their fundraising.

Like all the activities we provide, the emphasis is on fun and participation provided in a safe environment where hidden learning can take place in order to further every child's development.

This appointment for us is another step forward in raising the profile of our Football Club throughout the county and highlighting the positives coming from the Club at the moment.

On a personal note I would like to wish Stuart a long and successful time with the Department.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our TIPS Development Centre Programme restarts this month. Enrolment is now taking place and places are going very quickly. In the next home programme we will be providing much more detail of the successes of last year and our plans and expectations for the forthcoming season.



ACTION... from one of last season's development centre fixtures

Book on our First Kicks programme

Our popular FIRST KICKS programme gets underway soon and booking your place could not be simpler. We have a number of course dates at the Playfootball.net venue. These dates are:

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Sept 2007: 15th & 22nd

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Dec 2007: 1st, 8th & 15th

COURSE 3
Jan 2008: 12th, 19th & 26th

Feb 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'



Smith's new deal

DONCASTER goal-keeper Ben Smith has signed a contract extension which ties him to the Club until 2009.

Former Newcastle stopper Smith, 20, joined Rovers initially on non-contract terms last August before earning a longer deal.

He made 23 League and cup appearances for the Yorkshire side last season.

"I'm now looking forward to working my hardest and starting to challenge Neil Sullivan for the starting spot," he told Doncaster's website.

Albion make double swoop



BRIGHTON and Hove Albion have completed two midfield loan signings before the transfer window closed.

Ipswich's George O'Callaghan, 27, and Le Havre's David Martot, 26, go straight into the squad for the home game with Southend United.

Manager Dean Wilkins told BBC SCR: "Martot's a mobile midfielder who can do

a bit of everything. "George is a strong character who will take responsibility and we are hoping he will bring a rhythm to our game."

O'Callaghan turned down the offer of a permanent move to the League One club after failing to agree personal terms.

Former Port Vale man O'Callaghan moved to Portman Road from Cork City in January for an undisclosed fee and has made 12 First



MOVED... O'Callaghan

Team appearances, scoring one goal.

Meanwhile, Martot has impressed during his spell on trial with Brighton this week.



Bullock heads to Mansfield

HARTLEPOOL United midfielder Lee Bullock has joined Mansfield Town on a month's loan.

Bullock, 26, moved to the Stags after failing to figure for Pools this season since their promotion to League One. "He's got experience and an eye for goal. He gives us an extra dimension in the middle of the park," Mansfield boss Billy Dearden told his club's website.

Lions snap up Arsenal's Simpson

MILLWALL have signed teenage Arsenal forward Jay Simpson on loan until January.

The 18-year-old is a regular for the Gunners' reserves, and scored an FA Youth Cup hat-trick last season.

"Jay is a very promising young player - he is quick, strong and aggressive," Lions manager Willie Donachie told Millwall's website. "He will add something to our squad."



Salisbury City have completed the permanent signing of on-loan Bristol Rovers midfielder Andy Sandell.



Chelsea defender Harry Worley has joined Carlisle United on a one-month loan deal.



Gillingham boss Ronnie Jepson says he shares fans' frustrations at their bad start.



Leeds boss Dennis Wise is League One's manager of the month for August.



Leyton Orient have signed Birmingham defender Sam Oji on a month's loan.

Cherries bag Bradbury



Southend striker Lee Bradbury has made his loan move to Bournemouth permanent, and has signed a contract at Dean Court until the end of the season.

Bradbury, 32, joined on loan last week until January, and made an impressive debut in the 2-1 win at Doncaster.

Also, Leicester winger Max Gradel, 19, has extended his month-long loan at Bournemouth until January.

"We all saw at Doncaster the positive impact Bradders had on the side," Cherries vice-chairman Steve Sly said. Bradbury scored nine goals in 52 senior appearances for the Shrimpers since joining them in January 2006.



COMEBACK... Caines

Duo step up comeback

Cheltenham defender Gavin Caines has returned to training ahead of schedule.

The 23-year-old looked set to be ruled out for six weeks when he damaged knee cartilage as he fell awkwardly during a training session in late July.

Also back in non-contact training is fellow centre-back Michael Wylde, who broke his jaw in early August.



SIGNING... Lee Bradbury

Tilson adds firepower to Shrimpers

Southend boss Steve Tilson has filled the gap left by Lee Bradbury's move to Bournemouth by signing strikers Leon Clarke and Eric Odiambo on loan.

Clarke, 22, has joined the Shrimpers from Sheffield Wednesday until January.

He has started just four games for the Owls since joining from Wolves for an undisclosed fee in January.

Odiambo, 18, joins from Leicester for a month and made his first-team debut in the 3-2 Carling Cup defeat against Aston Villa

last October. Assistant boss Paul Brush told the Shrimpers' website: "We saw Eric play before the end of last season and he is very highly rated as a young player everywhere in this country."

"It has been worthwhile to go through all of those weeks to make sure that we got him."

Meanwhile, Barnsley have signed Jamaica winger Jamal Campbell-Ryce for an undisclosed fee from Southend.

Shrimpers boss Steve Tilson had revealed that Barnsley were showing interest in the 24-year-old last weekend.



FIREPOWER... Leon Clarke has moved to Southend



Nottingham Forest have formed a partnership with top Republic of Ireland junior side Crumlin United.



Oldham Athletic midfielder Neil Wood has left the club after his contract was cancelled.



Swindon midfielder Andy Caton is set to join non-League side Swindon Supermarine on a month's loan.



Midfielder Justin Cochrane has signed a new short-term deal with Yeovil Town, say the club.



Vale snap up striker

Port Vale have signed young Southampton striker David McGoldrick on loan until January. McGoldrick spent time on loan at Bournemouth last season.

"I am delighted to get him in," said Vale boss Martin Foyle. "He has pace and he's exactly what we need now."

Barnard heads to Crewe



Crewe have signed Tottenham striker Lee Barnard on a five-month loan deal.

Boss Dario Gradi had planned to bring in the 23-year-old earlier but his arrival was delayed by an injury he

picked up during training. Barnard has gained first-team experience while on loan at Exeter City, Stevenage Borough, Leyton Orient and Northampton Town.

However, Barnard is yet to start a League match for Tottenham.



LOAN... Barnard

Doran's loan move



Walsall defender Peter Doran has joined Conference North club Worcester City on a month's loan.

The 18-year-old signed his first professional contract this summer and is highly rated at the Bescot Stadium.

"It feels great to know I'm going out to play First Team football. It'll be a good experience for me," Doran said.

Rovers say 'no' to Leeds



Tranmere Rovers have turned down a third bid from Leeds for Steve Davies.

The club hope to secure Davies, 19, on a new contract at Prenton Park but are still awaiting a response from the player.

"Clubs have much less power than they used to, even with younger players, and there is only so much we can do," boss Ronnie Moore said.



Feeney joins Swans

Swansea have signed Andrea Orlandi on a free transfer from Alaves and former Luton striker Warren Feeney on loan from Cardiff.

Orlandi, 23, can play anywhere on the left or up front, and has signed for a year at the Liberty Stadium.

Northern Ireland striker Feeney, 26, has signed a four-month loan deal.

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KIDS' CORNER

JUNIOR HATTERS



SNAP... mascot Leo Dudley lines up with Chris Coyne, Happy Harry and officials before the Sunderland Carling Cup game

TODAY'S MASCOT

Name:Ross White
Age:Eight (yesterday!)
Favourite Player:David Bell
School:Rushmead Primary
Hobbies:Football
Who do you come to matches with?Dad
and Grandad
Where do you sit?Kenilworth Upper



PROUD DAY... Ross White

TODAY'S BALL BOYS

Name:Nathan Denham
Age:11
From:Luton
Favourite Player:Chris Coyne
Name:Jaeren Coathup
Age:13
From:Stockwood, Worcs
Favourite Player:David Bell

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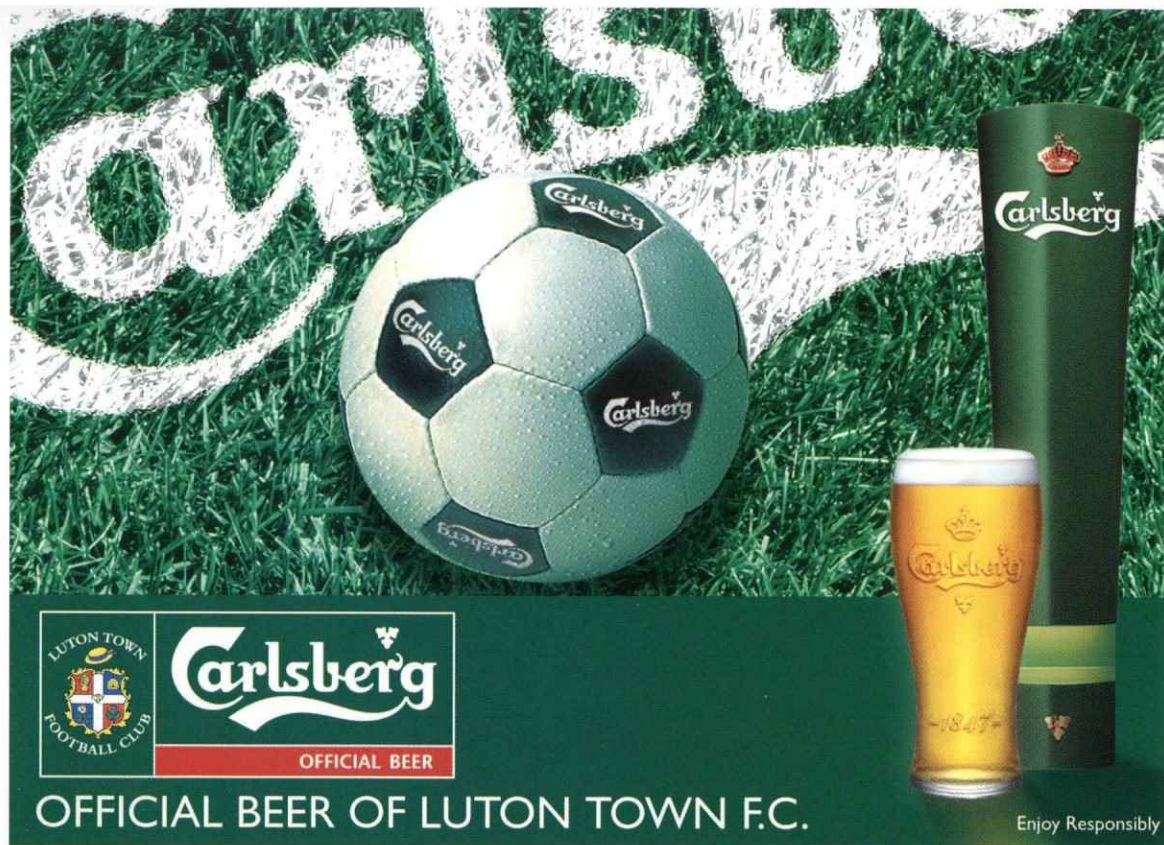
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FOOTBALL POSERS

LET'S GET QUIZZICAL



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

Two's who?

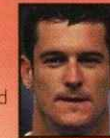
HOW well do you know your Luton stars? Through the magic of computers we have morphed two people into one, so the pictures on the left is half-way between TWO Hatters favourites – but which ones? And who are the TWO staff members who go to make up the image on the right? It's a whole new twist to the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



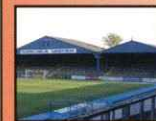
TWO BECOME ONE... Can you spot them?

10 to test you

- 1 WHO was the last English manager to win the FA Cup?
- 2 WHICH is Scotland's oldest football club?
- 3 BEFORE Preston's David Nugent last season, which then Sunderland player in 1999 was the last outfield player to be capped for England while playing in the second tier of English football?
- 4 WHICH was the first game to be staged at the new Wembley stadium on March 24?



Question 3



Question 5

- 5 WHICH League club play their home games at Brunton Park?
- 6 IN which country will this year's Women's World Cup be held?
- 7 WHO was the last Englishman to manage Chelsea?
- 8 DARREN Ferguson is the manager of which League Two club?
- 9 FORMER Luton defender Curtis Davies has recently moved to which Premiership club?
- 10 ALTHOUGH retired, who still holds the record as the most expensive footballer following his £46.5m transfer from Juventus to Real Madrid in 2001?



Question 8



Badge bodge

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 A DOWEL ROUNDUP

2 GREEN HUNTS

3 JOIN OUR HOMES

4 TEN HEN DEW

5 AWAKE MAIN JIBE

All answers on Page 69

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GIRL TALK

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



JOY.. Chanice Jimenez celebrates with goal scorer Terri Petit during the Under-14's win over Reading

A MUCH-changed First Team squad began their third campaign at Combination level at home to Team Weston.

The newly-shaped team were off to a flyer when Janine Daly controlled Michelle Byrne's cross to round the keeper and give Town a fourth-minute lead.

The visitors continued to play an ineffective offside trap and it was only some lax finishing that prevented a first-half rout.

Weston rarely threatened and Luton increased their lead when Tamzine Neale beat her opponent and her shot was too hot for the keeper to handle as she could only parry the ball into the roof of the net to make it 2-0.

The points were made safe in unusual fashion as a lofted ball into the danger area was turned past her own keeper by the visitors' centre-half for the third goal.

Town's fitness really told later on and it was no surprise when a fourth goal arrived via Rebecca Kane, who latched onto a superb through pass from Becky Clark to finish first touch.

It was an excellent start to the season but there are tough times to come as

Reading had never been beaten but that did not daunt Luton. They stormed into a three-goal lead in 15 minutes

we struggle to overcome an injury crisis. A shortage of players hit the Reserves hard following their third consecutive promotion but a new-look side performed really well and were unlucky not to have taken a first half lead when Laura Day's shot was palmed round the post.

A double salvo from the visitors Tower

Hamlets mid way through the second half left Town 2-0 down and it may have been worse had keeper Emma Leete not saved a late penalty.

The youth sides are nearing the start of their season and the Under-14s and 15s made the short trip to take on Reading's Academy sides.

The Under-14s opponents had never been beaten but that did not daunt Luton as they stormed into a three-goal lead in just 15 minutes and by the end of the match they had doubled their tally, winning by 6-0.

The Under-15s were equally successful, winning 4-2.

The Under-11s friendly action came against Bedford, who were also unbeaten. Quick passing football and some excellent combination play twice gave Luton a three-goal cushion as Chloe Scott scored a first-half hat-trick.

Bedford pulled a goal back on the stroke of half time but Scottie added her fourth, finishing another fine Town move.

Bedford showed outstanding spirit in the second half to take advantage of a defensive error and a penalty to share the spoils in a very entertaining 4-4 draw.



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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Kevin Blackwell

Played 11 Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 7 For 12 Against 19
Av Pts/game 0.91
Biggest Win(s) Won 3-1 on 2 occasions
Biggest Loss(es) Luton 0
Sunderland 5 (06/05/2007).

Paul Trollope

Played 87 Won 36 Drawn 21 Lost 30 For 102 Against 96
Av Pts/game 1.48
Biggest Win(s) Bristol Rvs 4 Accrington S 0 (23/12/2006). Biggest Loss(es) Northampton 4 Bristol Rvs 0 (19/11/2005).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0 Kevin Blackwell0 Paul Trollope0
Goals 0 Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots

Paul
Furlong 9

shots on target

David
Edwards 4

shots off target

Paul
Furlong 6

assists

Darren
Currie 2

crosses

Darren
Currie 11

fouls

Paul
Furlong 14

free-kicks-won

Paul
Furlong 9



GAMES SINCE

1	a win	2
0	a home win	5
2	an away win	0
0	a defeat	1
3	a home defeat	1
0	an away defeat	2
8	a score draw	0
7	a no score draw	17
0	conceding a goal	0
1	scoring a goal	0
3	conceding > 1	0
1	scoring > 1	0
1	keeping a clean sheet	2
0	failing to score	17
1	back to back wins	9
11	back to back defeats	32
1	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	0
1	win by > one	10
9	loss by > one	6

Player with the most...

shots

Richard
Walker 8

shots on target

Stuart
Campbell 2

shots off target

Richard
Walker 7

assists

Richard
Walker 1

crosses

David
Pipe 11

fouls

Joe
Jacobson 8

free-kicks-won

Andrew
Williams 5

SHARP SHOOTERS

Luton	CCFL Cup			Tot	Bristol Rvs	CCFL Cup			Tot
Paul Furlong	1	2	3		Andrew Williams	1	1	2	
David Bell	1	1	2		Craig Disley	1	1	2	
Matthew Spring	1	1	2		Byron Anthony	1	0	1	

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

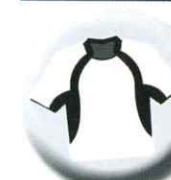
Played76 Luton wins31 Bristol Rvs wins24
Draws21 Goals 136 (1.8 per game) Goals 114 (1.5 per game)
0-0's4 Times failed to score 15 Times failed to score 20

Biggest League win at Luton for each team:

13/04/1936 Luton 12-0 Bristol Rvs

19/02/2000 Luton 1-4 Bristol Rvs

2007/08 LEAGUE STATS



7	Position	8
4	Played	4
2	Won	1
0	Drawn	3
2	Lost	0
6	Goals For	5
5	Goals Against	4
6	Points	6



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	0	1	7	0	1	0	13

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	0	1	14	1	2	0	8

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	0	0	4	1	2	0	10

Record When Conceding First

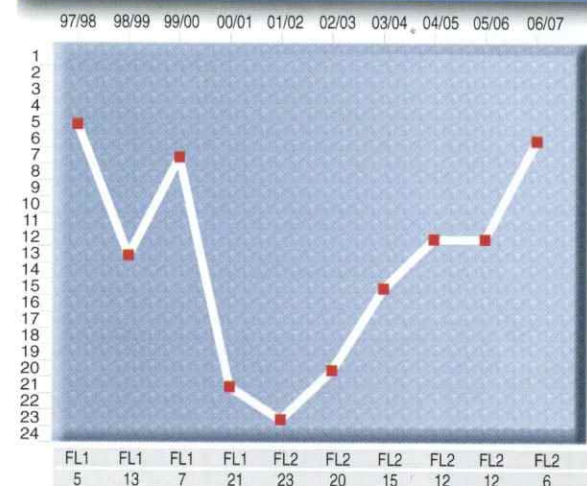
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	0	2	20	0	1	0	11

Match Scores

Wins: 2-1[1], 3-1[1], Losses: 0-1[1], 1-2[1], Draws: None

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

BRISTOL RVS - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 02/09/2007





THE A-Z

ROGER WASH looks at every post-war

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John (Jack) LORNIE

Scottish Schoolboy international Jack was snapped up by Leicester in March 1958 from junior club Banks O'Dee. Although scoring on his League debut for the Foxes, he was always regarded as reserve centre-forward at Filbert Street and made only eight appearances (including one against Luton) in three years before signing for Luton in 1961 for £3,500.

Jack never let the side down, as he proved by his six goals in 19 League appearances, but he was playing in a side that was slipping down the divisions at Kenilworth Road and he left for Carlisle as the Hatters plunged into Division Three in 1963.

Subsequently turning out for Tranmere and Ross County, Jack is now living back in Aberdeen.

Mark Usher LOWNDS

Strong and enthusiastic wing-half Mark was plying his trade with Ryhope Colliery Welfare when he was recommended to Luton Town by their scout in the north-east.

Mark initially signed for the Hatters as a part-time professional as he wanted to complete his apprenticeship first, but eventually made his League debut playing in an unfamiliar forward role and scoring in a 5-1 trouncing of Swansea in January 1962.

Gaining a regular place in the side in his favoured left-half position following relegation to Division Three in 1963, Mark always gave 100 per cent but was powerless to prevent the slide into Division Four in 1965.

Mark left the club that summer on a free-transfer and has settled in South Africa.

Roy Evan LUNNISS

Roy was picked up by Crystal Palace manager George Smith from Carshalton, signing professional forms in April 1960 and going on to make 25 League appearances as a solid, take-no-prisoners type of full-back. When he was released in 1963, he was signed again by Smith, now manager at Portsmouth, and became a regular member of the Pompey squad over the next three seasons before being released for breach of contract.

Roy had a spell playing in South Africa before returning to England and signing a short-term contract with Luton, who were managed by one of his old Portsmouth playing colleagues, Allan Brown. His only League outing for the Hatters came in a 3-0 home win over Brentford on the last day of 1966 but he was "carrying timber", looked unfit and was allowed to leave.

Roy joined up with Oakland Clippers and settled in the States, although he is now back in London.

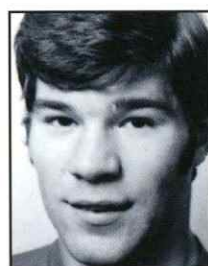


Malcolm Ian MACDONALD

When Luton signed a little-known full-back from Fulham for £17,500 in the summer of 1969 it raised no more than a couple of column inches in the local press. Within a few months, converted to a forward because of injuries, Mac became a goalscoring sensation and in two seasons at Kenilworth Road netted 49 goals in 88 League starts and earned himself a big money move to Newcastle.

On Tyneside, Mac became every bit the hero he had been at Luton, only this time he started to pick up England caps along the way, scoring five in one international, before surprisingly accepting a £333,333 transfer to Arsenal in 1976.

Wear and tear to his knees forced him into retirement at the age of 29 and on rejoining Fulham, Mac took over the hot seat in 1980 and guided the Cottagers to promotion. He resigned after publicity about his private life and is now a radio broadcaster on Tyneside.



Malcolm Peter (Peter) MacEWAN

Former Luton favourite Billy Arnison returned to South Africa after a career-ending injury, became a part-time scout for the Hatters and recommended big centre-forward Peter to his old club.

Peter, who had been turning out for Germiston Callies, swapped the South African summer for the English winter of 1954 and within 24 hours of stepping off the plane was playing First Team football for Luton in a friendly against Hajduk Split.

Peter holds the distinction of scoring two goals at Doncaster that helped clinch promotion in 1955 and then scored on the Town's first game in Division One. In the summer of 1956, Peter decided to return to Johannesburg, where he became a sportswear rep.

OF LUTON TOWN

player to have appeared for THE HATTERS in the Football League

Neil MADDEN

Born in Luton in 1962, Neil came up through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and eventually got his first team chance in the final home game of the 1979-80 season against Wrexham.

The Town had just missed out on promotion to the top flight and used the clash with the Robins to blood a couple of youngsters with Neil replacing Alan West in midfield and Clive Goodyear taking the place of centre-half Mike Saxby. The Hatters won 2-0 with Neil acquitting himself well but that was to be his last chance and he left Kenilworth Road to join Hitchin.

Neil still lives in Luton and works at the airport.

Lee Richard Samuel MANSELL

Rarely can a player have made such an impact on his First Team debut as Lee when he scored for the Hatters 58 seconds into an FA Cup replay against QPR at Loftus Road in 2001.

Showing enthusiasm and a good turn of pace from midfield, Lee was virtually ever present for the remainder of that season, scoring five goals from 18 League starts as the Town plunged into Division Three. After starting as first choice the following season, Lee lost his place to Ahmet Brkovic and apart from a reasonable run in 2003-04 he was always on the periphery of the action.

Leaving Luton on a free transfer in 2005, Lee went to Oxford where he was voted Player Of The Year as United dropped out of the Football League and sadly the same thing happened with his next club, Torquay.



Wilson Edmund (Eddie) MARSH

Although born in Dundee, Eddie moved with his parents to London at the age of ten and was picked up by Charlton from Erith & Belvedere after impressing Addicks manager Jimmy Seed in a representative game.

Because of the form of Charlton goalkeeper and future Hatters manager Sam Bartram, the patient Eddie had to bide his time and made only 26 League appearances in eight years at the Valley.

When Luton goalkeeper Bernard Streten hung up his gloves in 1957, Eddie made the move to Kenilworth Road but frustratingly he found himself second fiddle to the consistent Ron Baynham and made only two appearances in two years.

A final move to Torquay was more to his liking and on retirement he settled in the West Country and worked for Berger Paints.

Dwight Wayne MARSHALL

Dwight turned out for several non-League clubs in the London area, but big time football seemed to have passed the 25-year-old by and he looked on an unsuccessful trial at Crystal Palace as the last throw of the dice.

Fortunately, Palace coach Wally Downes recommended him to Plymouth, where he made up for lost time by finishing top scorer in his first season. A £150,000 move to David Pleat's Luton in 1994 saw the lightning-quick striker top score once more but a badly broken ankle in 1995-96 was blamed for the Hatters sinking to relegation.

Dwight took a long time to recover from the break and then found it difficult to re-establish himself in the side and so moved back to Plymouth in 1998.

Dwight has subsequently played for Kingstonian, Slough and Aylesbury.



Damian MATTHEW

Chelsea prodigy Damian had already starred for the Blues and made nine England Under-21 appearances when he was loaned out to Luton in September 1992 to further his football education.

The Hatters were suffering from an injury crisis at the time and Damian stepped in to help stem the tide without particularly catching the eye.

A big money move to Crystal Palace then followed but it was a subsequent move to Burnley in 1996, where he finally won a regular First Team place in midfield and also showed his shooting prowess with several well-taken goals.

Damian's final move came in 1998 when he went to Northampton but after only two appearances in two years at Sixfields he had accept that a back injury had put paid to his football career.

After six years working in Chelsea's academy, Damian is now coach to the Charlton Under-18s.



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AROUND
THE GROUND

CLUB NEWS

Club welcome Norwegian pair at Kenilworth Road this afternoon



LUTON are pleased to be welcoming two very special guests to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

On occasions, the Club welcome supporters to Kenilworth Road from all across the globe and today sees two more of Luton's closest overseas followers visit us.

Michael Ross is an avid Luton Town supporter who lives in Oslo, Norway, and has been following the club for many years.

This is one of many visits he has made to Kenilworth Road, but for friend Ingar Saetre (pictured), this will be his first trip to the Club.

Saetre has been a supporter for 20-years and has never been to Kenilworth Road. However, he will be in the crowd this afternoon hoping that Luton can continue their unbeaten home run this season.

Saetre, 27, comes from a remote island off the Norwegian coast and follows the latest news concerning the club via the internet.

Everybody at the club hopes that both Michael and Ingar enjoy today's game and hope that it won't be long before they visit us again.

A message from Safety Officer, Geoff Lovell



this bottle. If any supporter has information regarding the identity of the offender, I would ask them to please contact either myself or Cherry at the Club.

Missile throwing is a criminal offence under the Football Offences Act and the club will take the strongest action against anyone convicted of this offence. Not only will the offender receive a banning order from all football grounds, but a lifetime club ban from this Club.

Geoff Lovell
Safety Officer

Towards the end of the recent Carling Cup game against Sunderland, a half empty bottle of Fanta was thrown onto the pitch, landing near the Sunderland goalkeeper. This bottle was thrown from the area around the main catering unit under the

Family Stand. As a result the referee, who witnessed the bottle landing on the pitch, has reported the club to the Football Association which could result in the FA taking action against the Club.

We wish to trace the individual who threw

Reserves get ready for action



LUTON'S reserve side are back in action for their first Pontin's Holiday Combination fixture at Kenilworth Road this season.

The Hatters take on Peterborough United at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday September 11, kick-off 2pm.

The second string side will be hoping to kick-start their season after going down to Norwich in their opening game of the season.



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SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jason Scotland	Swansea	3	1	4
Richard Wellens	Doncaster	2	1	3
Andy Kirk	Northampton	2	1	3
Tresor Kandol	Leeds	3	0	3
Chris Greenacre	Tranmere	3	0	3
Paul Furlong	Luton	1	2	3
Craig Davies	Oldham	2	1	3
Luke Rodgers	Port Vale	2	1	3
Adam Boyd	L Orient	2	1	3

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	2	8	4.00
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	2	8	4.00
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	2	7	3.50
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	2	6	3.00
Bescot Stadium	Walsall	2	6	3.00
Elland Road	Leeds	2	6	3.00
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	2	5	2.50
Prenton Park	Tranmere	2	5	2.50
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	2	5	2.50
County Ground	Swindon	2	5	2.50
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	2	5	2.50
Leyton Stadium	L Orient	2	5	2.50
Boundary Park	Oldham	2	4	2.00
Vale Park	Port Vale	2	4	2.00
Roots Hall	Southend	2	4	2.00
The Den	Millwall	2	4	2.00
Huish Park	Yeovil	2	3	1.50
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	2	3	1.50
City Ground	Nottm Forest	2	3	1.50
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	2	3	1.50
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	2	3	1.50
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	2	3	1.50
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	2	2	1.00
Brunton Park	Carlisle	2	2	1.00

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..
shots on target 39 Leyton Orient. **shots off target** 29 Port Vale. **corners** 34 Swansea. **hit woodwork** 4 Swansea. **offsides** 19 Crewe. **fouls** 73 Leeds. **yellow cards** 12 Northampton. **red cards** 2 Gillingham.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 15 Kris Commons (Nottm Forest). **Shots on target** 8 Wayne Gray (Leyton Orient). **Shots off target** 8 Kris Commons (Nottm Forest). **Assists** 3 Chris Shuker (Tranmere). **Crosses** 19 John Melligan (Leyton Orient). **Offsides** 10 Luke Beckett (Huddersfield). **Fouls** 21 Paul Connor (Cheltenham). **Free-kicks won** 17 Joe Garner (Carlisle).



2007/08 SEASON

actim STATS

GOAL COUNTER 109

RIGHT FOOT 53 goals

48.6%

LEFT FOOT 24 goals

22.0%

HEADERS 31 goals

28.4%

Own goals 1 (0.9%), 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
 Andrew Williams (Bristol Rvs vs Port Vale) 3:35

DISCIPLINARY



2.9 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match
 M-A Gradel (Doncaster vs Bournemouth) 3:24

By a substitute after coming on
 Shaun Cooper (Bournemouth vs Doncaster) 4:29

SUB TOTALS

Subs used237

Offsides290

Corners519

Shots Off Target476

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

0 1 9

RESULTS

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

0-0	3
0-1	3
0-2	4
0-3	-
0-4	-
0-5	-
1-0	9
1-1	7
1-2	7
1-3	1
1-4	-
1-5	-
2-0	1
2-1	7
2-2	2
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2-4	-
2-5	-
3-0	-
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4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	-
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5-3	-
5-4	-
5-5	-

*up to and including 02/09/2007

Wishing all the team and supporters a successful 2007/2008 season!...



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AT THE KENNY

INTERNATIONAL



SENSATIONAL.... the new young England stars of tomorrow were a class above their Italian opponents as they eased to a 3-0 victory at Kenilworth Road

England turn on the style as Italians are beaten at the Kenny

International football returned to Kenilworth Road last weekend as England concluded an encouraging campaign in the U17 international tournament with a 3-0 victory over Italy.

Just over 3,200 spectators watched as goals from Andros Townsend, Ryan Donaldson and Cameron Stewart ensured a comfortable victory for the hosts as Noel Blake's side ended the tournament with two wins and a draw.

After a tight opening spell Tottenham forward Townsend opened the scoring on 20 minutes with his third goal of the tournament, having netted twice in their previous tie against Northern Ireland.

It was Stewart who created the goal as his run and low cross was turned in by Townsend, who lunged in at the back post.

England were encouraged by taking

**England U17 - 3
Italy U-17 - 0
Kenilworth Road, Sunday Sept 2, 3pm**

the lead and ten minutes later their efforts were rewarded with a second goal.

Mitchell McPike laid into the path of Donaldson, and despite having his back to goal the Newcastle youngster did not waste the opportunity, turning his marker before dispatching a low drive into the bottom corner.

The Italians also had no answer to the pace and skill of Stewart and Jacob Mellis on the flanks, and the two combined to make the game safe five minutes after half-time.

Mellis was the architect, cutting in from the left hand side and finding Stewart, who skilfully beat his marker and calmly placed the ball into the bottom

corner past the helpless Italian keeper Colombi.

England were well in control by this stage and restricted the visitors to long-range attempts as they wrapped up an emphatic victory.

With the full U17 team competing well in the World Cup in South Korea, Noel Blake and his side have proved that the future is bright at this level.

England: Rudd (Norwich City); Gordon (Leeds Utd), Solly (Charlton), James (Manchester Utd), Briggs (Fulham); Mellis (Chelsea), Norwood (Manchester Utd)(O'Neill, 68), McPike (Birmingham City), Stewart (Manchester Utd)Ajose (Manchester Utd), 51); Townsend (Tottenham), Donaldson (Newcastle Utd) (Phillip (Chelsea, 59)

Subs not used: Bostock (Crystal Palace), Lyness (Birmingham City)

Attendance: 3,272





TRANMERE ROVERS v LUTON TOWN

Friday September 14, 2007 League One 7:45pm

This game is pay on the night via cash turnstiles so no tickets will be available from the Luton Town Ticket Office. Please note the date and kick-off time. This is due to a request from the police at Tranmere as Everton are at home to Manchester United on the Saturday.

ALLOCATION: We have been allocated 2,000 seats.

TICKET PRICES:

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 bought from the Tranmere Rovers Ticket Office before kick-off with valid documentation.



LUTON TOWN v PORT VALE

Saturday September 22, 2007 League One 3pm

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

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



LUTON TOWN v CHARLTON ATHLETIC

Tuesday September 25, 2007 Carling Cup Round Three 7:45pm

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

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Season Ticket holders seats will be reserved for them until close of business on September 15.

Season Ticket holders will also be able to buy 3 guest tickets (These will be non Season Ticket holder seats and are subject to availability).

Season Ticket holders who have completed the Cup Authorisation form need do nothing – their tickets will be posted out automatically to them.

MEMBERS

Members will be able to buy 1 ticket and 3 guest tickets (These will be non Season Ticket holder seats and are subject to availability).

GENERAL SALE

Tickets will be available on general sale from Monday September 17.

Tickets will be available to buy until kick-off on the night of the game (subject to availability).



HUDDERSFIELD TOWN v LUTON TOWN

Saturday September 29, 2007 League One 3pm

Tickets can be purchased on the day at Huddersfield, however, there is a price increase ranging from £1 to £2.50 per ticket.

Tickets are on sale now from the Ticket Office. They will remain on sale until Friday September 28, 12 noon.

ALLOCATION: We have an initial allocation of 1,000 seats

TICKET PRICES:

Adults - £16.50, Seniors (over 60) and Full Time Students - £9,
Juniors (16 or under) - £5
Wheelchair Disabled Tickets (with a carer free of charge) - £11,
Ambulant Disabled Tickets (with a carer free of charge) - £16.50



TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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: TRANMERE ROVERS



Address: Prenton Road West, Birkenhead, CH42 9PY

Road: Take the M1 north and then the M6. Exit the M6 at Junction 20 and join the M56. Leave the M56 at Junction 15 and take the M53 to Junction 4, then 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 is visible on your right.

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, concessions £17 and non-members £21. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone **07960 567465**. You can book online by visiting the Fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk or via www.lutontownfc.co.uk

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 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**.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

TRAVEL TO: HUDDERSFIELD TOWN



Address: Galpharm Stadium, Huddersfield, HD1 6PX

Road: Take the M1 north and leave the motorway at Junction 38, taking the A637 and then the A642 into Huddersfield. As you approach the town centre try to keep to the right hand lane as you will turn right at the island and go onto the A62 Leeds Road. The stadium is a short distance down this road on the right

Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 9:30am, with a stop at MK Coachway approximately 30 minutes later. The fare for LTSC members is £19, concessions £17 and non-members £21. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone **07960 567465**. You can book online by visiting the Fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk or via www.lutontownfc.co.uk

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LATEST COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gd Pts
Leyton Orient	4	1	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	4	1	+4 10
Carlisle	4	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	3	1	+4 10
Hartlepool	4	2	0	0	6	2	1	0	1	3	2	+5 9
Huddersfield	4	1	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	3	1	+1 9
Tranmere	4	1	0	1	3	2	1	1	0	3	1	+3 7
Yeovil Town	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	2	2	+1 7
LUTON TOWN	4	2	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	1	3	+1 6
Bristol Rovers	4	0	2	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	1	+1 6
Swindon Town	4	1	1	0	3	2	0	2	0	2	2	+1 6
Brighton	4	2	0	0	5	3	0	0	2	1	4	-1 6
Crewe	4	1	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	2	-1 5
Swansea City	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	4	3	0 4
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

*Leeds deducted 15 points

2007-08 APPEARANCES

	This Season						Luton Town Career			
	LEAGUE	CUP	COMPETITION	TOTAL	DISCIPLINARY	GOALS	APPEARANCES	GOALS	GOALS	GOALS
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	Yel	Red	App	Gls
Calvin ANDREW	0 (2)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (3)	0	0	0	22	2
David BELL	2	1	2	1	4	1	0	0	52	6
Dean BRILL	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	29	0
Almet BRKOVIC	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	220	38
Chris COYNE	4	0	2	0	6	0	1	0	234	15
Darren CURRIE	4	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	4	1
Sol DAVIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184	2
Dave EDWARDS	4	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	5	1
Lewis EMANUEL	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	43	2
Jaroslav FOJUT	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
David FORDE	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Paul FURLONG	4	1	1 (1)	2	5 (1)	3	0	0	6	3
Alan GOODALL	4	1	2	0	5	1	0	0	6	1
Dan HUTCHISON	0 (2)	0	2	1	1 (2)	0	0	0	4	1
Richard JACKSON	3	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	0
Keith KEANE	1	0	2 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	0	0	75	3
Richard LANGLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	1
Paul McVEIGH	0 (4)	0	0 (3)	0	0 (6)	0	0	0	7	0
Dean MORGAN	0 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (3)	0	1	0	85	11
Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	3
Sam PARKIN	0 (1)	0	1	0	1 (1)	0	0	0	10	1
Chris PERRY	4	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	6	0
Paul PESCHISOLDO	2	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	3	1
Steve ROBINSON	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	181	11
Matthew SPRING	4	1	2	1	6	2	1	0	309	32
Drew TALBOT	2 (1)	0	2 (1)	1	4 (2)	1	0	0	22	3
Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	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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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 (CC1) 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 (JPT1) H		2-0	2,532	373	-
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	CHELtenham 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			

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Brill	Jackson	Perry	Coyne	Goodall	EDWARDS	Robinson	Spring	Currie	Peschisoldo	Furlong	Hutchison	Keane	McVeigh	Morgan	Talbot
Forde	Jackson	Perry	Coyne	Goodall	Currie	Edwards	SPRING	BELL	FURLONG	Talbot	Andrew	Hutchison	Keane	McVeigh	Robinson
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QUIZ ANSWERS

TWO'S WHO First picture: Don Hutchison and Matthew Spring. Second picture: Kevin Blackwell and John Carver.

10 TO TEST YOU 1) Joe Royle (with Everton in 1995), 2) Kilmarnock, 3) Michael Gray, 4) England U21 v Italy U21, 5) Carlisle, 6) China, 7) Glenn Hoddle, 8) Peterborough, 9) Aston Villa, 10) Zinedine Zidane

BADGE BODGE Top: West Brom and Southend. Bottom: Sunderland and Swindon

LETTERS PLAY Luton player: Paul Underwood. Team's nickname: The Gunners (Arsenal). Premiership manager: Jose Mourinho (Chelsea). League One ground: The New Den (Millwall). Luton legend: Emeke Nwajobi



Saturday
September 22, 2007
League One
Kick-Off 3pm
Luton Town v
PORT VALE

By Des O'Donnell

THE Valiants make the trip down from the Potteries later this month hoping to improve on a fairly shaky start to the season that leaves them currently in 17th place, just a point clear of the drop zone. After drawing at home to Bristol Rovers on the opening day, they lost at Yeovil and then at home to Hartlepool. At the same time, they went out of the Carling Cup at home to League Two strugglers Wrexham, although they did get back on track with a first win of the season at Bournemouth last Saturday.

But their aim of bettering last season's mid-table finish looks in doubt.

It's only a couple of years since Luton last played Port Vale in League One, when the Hatters lost away at Vale Park 3-1. At Kenilworth Road the match looked to be headed towards a tedious draw when Ahmet Brkovic stole the show with an 84th-minute overhead scissors kick to seal the points.

To add to the Vale's woes, they have just lost one of their key assets in Akpo Sodje, who signed for Sheffield Wednesday on the final day of the transfer window.

A crowd favourite, Sodje became a Valiant after leaving Darlington last year, and scored 16 goals in his first season at Vale Park.

Skipper George Pilkington is a strong presence in the Valiant line-up. Moving from Exeter City in 2003, the quiet and unassuming defender has become a key player in the Vale set up, marshalling his side from the back.

With Sodje gone, Luke Rodgers is expected to fill the void and he began well with the only goal at Bournemouth last weekend to grab the points just eight minutes from time. It was his third of the season. Rodgers joined in January this year and settled in well with some strong pre-season performances, scoring seven in five matches.

The Valiants have a hard month in September with three away games at Bournemouth, Walsall and Luton on top of two tough home fixtures against promotion favourites Nottingham Forest and newly-relegated Southend.

Under-pressure boss Martin Foyle has asked the fans for their patience as he searches for consistency. Foyle has been heavily criticised by the local press and in recent interviews he has admitted that he is finding it hard to remain positive with the continuous brickbats fired at him from both the press and radio.

With a poor start, a manager under pressure and the loss of a key striker, things could be looking better for the Stoke-on-Trent boys. Like their most famous fan Robbie

UNDER
PRESSURE:
Vale boss
Martin Foyle



Head 2 head

	Luton	Draw	Port Vale
League	11	7	10
FA Cup	1	1	0
League Cup	1	0	0
TOTAL	13 (42%)	8 (26%)	10 (32%)

Jermaine Jenas

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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 Jaroslav Fojut	■	■

Bristol Rovers

Manager: Paul Trollope

Colours: Blue and white shirts, white shorts

	Pl	Sc
1 Steve Phillips	□	□
2 Ryan Green	□	□
3 Joe Jacobson	□	□
4 Sammy Igoe	□	□
5 Craig Hinton	□	□
6 Steve Elliott	□	□
7 Stuart Campbell	□	□
8 Andrew Williams	□	□
9 Rickie Lambert	□	□
10 Richard Walker	□	□
11 Chris Carruthers	□	□
13 Mike Green	□	□
14 David Pipe	□	□
15 Byron Anthony	□	□
17 Andy Sandell	□	□
18 Chris Lines	□	□
19 Sean Rigg	□	□
20 Craig Disley	□	□
21 Tom Parrinello	□	□
22 James Palmer	□	□
23 Ryan Paddock	□	□
24 Alex Kite	□	□
25 Tom Godsell	□	□
26 Lewis Haldane	□	□
27 Matt Groves	□	□
28 Adam Mahdi	□	□
29 Josh Klein-Davies	□	□
30 Charles Reece	□	□
31 Charlie Clough	□	□
32 Aaron Lescott	□	□

Hatters' last team Luton 2 Northampton 0



Goals: Hutchison (12), Peschisolido (48)
Subs: McVeigh for Bell (22), Peschisolido for Talbot (46), Morgan for Andrew (84)
Not used: Coyne, O'Leary

■ Hutchison, Keane, Robinson
■ None

Pirates' last team Pirates 2 Nottm Forest 2



Goals: Anthony (25), Walker (28)
Subs: Jacobson for Haldane (65), Lambert for Walker (66), Igoe for Pipe (75)
Not used: Dunn, Johnson

■ Lescott, Williams
■ None

MATCH OFFICIALS

- Referee: **F Graham**
- Assistant: **S Burt**
- Assistant: **K G Yeo**
- 4th Official: **M McLaughlin**

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