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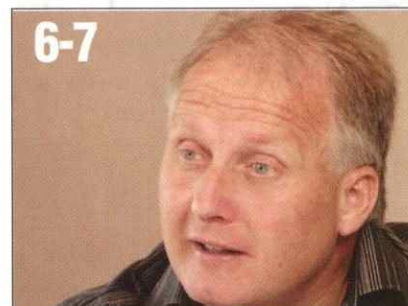
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THE CHAIRMAN

A WARM welcome to our visitors Port Vale their Chairman, directors, players and supporters for today's match.

Anyone who has travelled to support the Club this season will have been impressed with our performances. As we all know, sometimes in football the best team does not always win and that can certainly be said with most of our away games this season.

I am not losing sight of the fact that we have won five out of the nine League and Cup games played so far this season and that eventually talent instead of luck will ultimately prevail. We have plenty of time to impress as we will be judged over 46 League games against achieving our objective of getting back into the Championship.

In my programme notes for the Bristol game, I referred to the progress being made on our relocation to Junction 12. As you would expect, the Club is privy to a lot of confidential information, and it is because of this information that the Junction 12 site was chosen in the first place.

I can assure every fan that we have explored all unencumbered land/site locations available while also ensuring they have maximum accessibility from both road and rail. We need to deliver a magnificent state of the art stadium with multiple revenue streams and all the modern facilities that will enable Luton Town to compete at the highest level. I am fully aware of the responsibilities I am charged with to ensure the long term future of the Club is fully protected and that our fans and future fans have the facilities to maximise their match day experience.

The latest design is estimated to cost in excess of £50 million and we will shortly be making available a 'fly through' of the new stadium on our website for you all to see

DAVID PINKNEY



the scale of what we are planning.

Over the last six months LTFC have been forging a working relationship with Active Luton and the local council as we begin to integrate the work being carried out by our management and new advisory boards that will see us fully embrace the local community.

Part of this has been geared towards our new training ground, a must for any club and which is now nearing completion. Long hours, hard work and investment over the past months have seen the site transformed, with the installation of football offices and changing rooms along with bringing the pitches up to the required standard. This long-awaited facility will not only benefit the current team but importantly our future as we will be able to facilitate the training of all our youngsters at our new facility.

Football is all about entertainment

and by the time you have read this far you will have heard our new sound system that has been installed over the past three weeks. The system has been fitted not only to comply with the latest safety regulations required in public places, but equally as important to create a better atmosphere within the stadium itself. I am sure over the coming weeks our capable PA operator will help enhance and create a whole new experience for Luton supporters.

Finally, our next Carling Cup match against Charlton this Tuesday the 25th we hope will be one of the highlights of the season. Make sure you book early as tickets are in demand and who knows, like the game against Sunderland, we may surprise again. Be there and support the team.

David Pinkney
Chairman

GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another important League fixture, which I know will prove to be a difficult test for us.

I'm sure supporters who made the trip to Tranmere Rovers last Friday night will agree that once again we turned in another decent performance on our travels.

However, we are fully aware that we have got to turn our domination of possession in games into points.

I feel that things are not quite dropping for the boys at the moment, but to their credit, the players have continued to knuckle down and put in the hours on the training ground.

On the positive side, I was pleased to see Paul Furlong continue to be amongst the goals on Friday night. I think he has been a massive success story here. I have to be honest and say I didn't bring Paul here to do all the work he is doing now, but he is having to carry the can.

He is an example to any young professional to go and watch him at work, day-to-day. He is a credit to himself. That is why he is playing and looking as fit and as strong as he does now. At the moment I can't ask any more from Paul Furlong.

But we have looked back at our recent performances and we know we shouldn't have lost to Tranmere, we shouldn't have got beaten by Bristol Rovers and we should have got something at Leeds United.

However, sometimes you have to experience the downturn to appreciate the upturn.

People have looked at this side saying we are a top six team. That's not just me saying it, that's the papers,

I think we are 80 per cent of where we need to be in terms of putting the fundamentals in place at the Club

the people you respect and other managers. However, I have told the lads that it's OK for them to say it – we must go out there and do it. We have got to be a bit more resilient in our box and a bit more creative and courageous in the oppositions area. We are talking about that little extra inch everywhere on the pitch.

If you look on our season so far, we have won five, and lost four. Out of those four games if you take out the last four minutes then we would be much higher in the League. That is how fine the line is. It's no more.

I am like a fan – I want to be winning every game. However, like everything else there is an evolutionary process, which we are going through here at Luton Town.

Hopefully within the next three or four weeks, the training ground will be ready and that is another big step in the direction we want to go.

The Under-16 squad has now moved up to a new training complex in Baldock and along with that we have a new scouting structure on board.

We have wanted to move our youth policy to a new complex for a while. What we are trying to achieve with our youth set-up is another important area for the future of this Club. At our previous location at Vauxhall, we were using a quarter of

a pitch to train on and those sort of facilities are no place for young professionals to learn. Baldock is now a place designated to Luton Town. There is an education centre there as well along with a host of other facilities.

To build a club takes time and as much as everyone wants to walk in and see things happen straight away, it just don't work like that. It very rarely happens and when it does, it's only for a short spell because the fundamentals are not right.

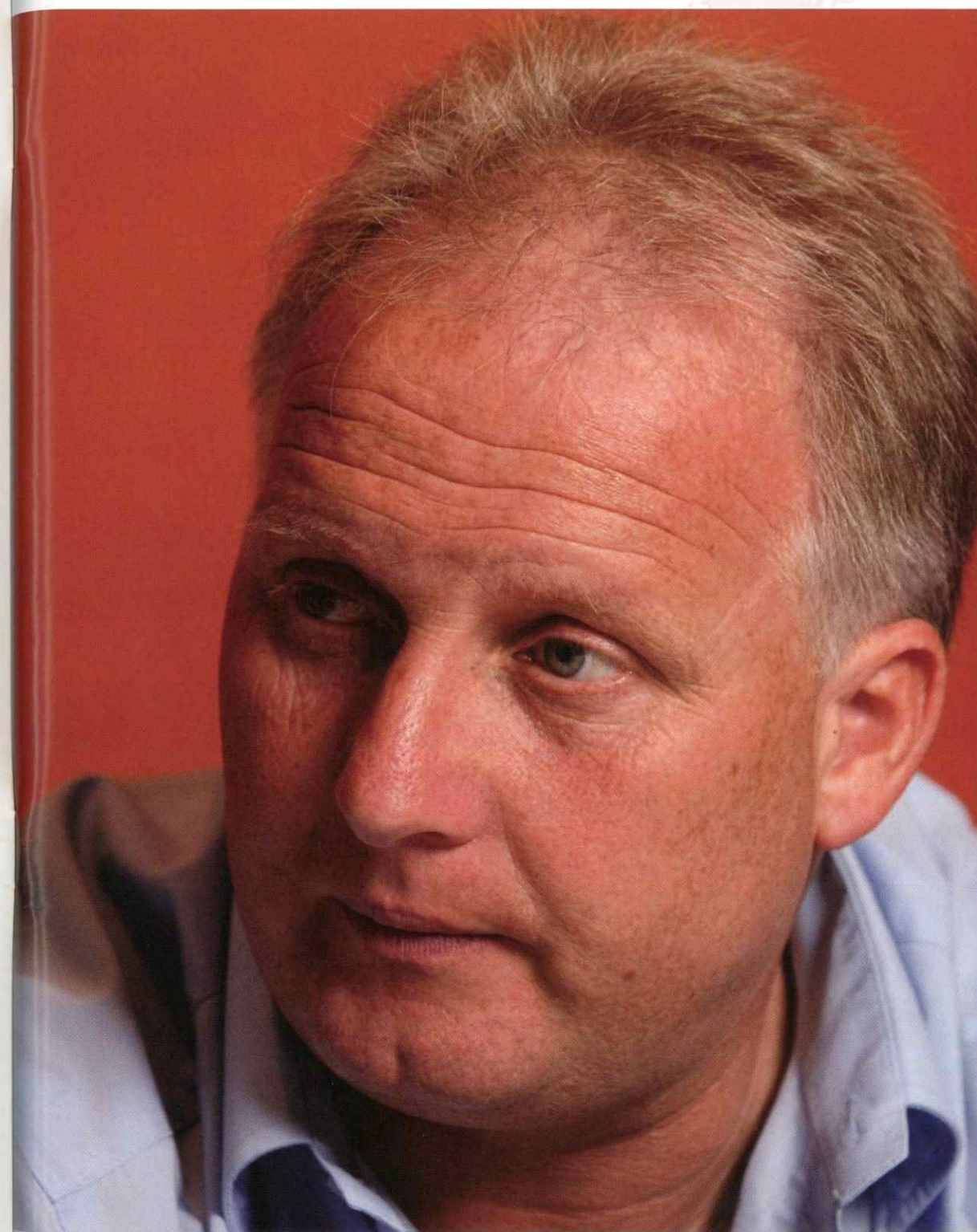
There are a lot of things happening within this football club. I think in terms of putting the fundamentals back in place I would say we are 80 per cent where we need to be."

Meanwhile, on the playing side, I was delighted to see Dave Edwards called into the senior Wales squad last week. That is credit to the player and the hard work he has put in this season.

We need your continued support this afternoon and we look forward to seeing you back at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday when we entertain Charlton in the Carling Cup.

**Enjoy the game
Kevin Blackwell**

KEVIN BLACKWELL





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THE CAPTAIN

OBVIOUSLY everyone was hugely disappointed with our result against Tranmere Rovers last Friday.

However on a more positive note, I felt we turned in another good performance. It's now just a matter of turning those performances into wins.

Performances have always been there, but when you lose a game there is no use dwelling on the defeat, you want points on the board.

You need to pick yourself up and start again and in some way we would rather have a poor performance but get the points on the board then have a good performance and come away with nothing, which I'm sure is what the fans want as well.

What's so frustrating for us all is that no one has outplayed us this season and no one has beaten us by more than a single goal. And in those defeats we have created enough chances to have won the games or at least got something from them.

We know that we are not that far off getting those winning results on a weekly basis and we hope to start that off this afternoon.

The formation we played at Tranmere was something different. I think it worked well going forward and I don't believe it was a defensive formation at all.

We played a similar formation last year against Burnley and it is another string to the bow that can be used if needs be.

Despite our disappointment on Friday, there are still 40-odd games to go and plenty of points to play for. Nobody is panicking and we will be taking one game at a time.

There has been a big turn around in personal and there is genuine belief within the camp that we have started to gel. The boys who have come in have settled in straight away and it's just a matter of getting the results that will take us up the table.

CHRIS COYNE



Despite our disappointment on Friday night against Tranmere, there are still 40-odd games to go and plenty of points for us to play for.

We now head into two home games, which is good, but at the end of the day 90 minutes is 90 minutes. People use this away game thing as a factor and it shouldn't be – it's just another game of football.

Finally it was pleasing to see Dave Edwards called up by Wales. It gives the Club a great profile and for Dave

himself, it's the chance to prove himself on the bigger stage. It is good that players are getting recognised for their performances.

Enjoy the game and continue to get behind the lads.

Coyne



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MAKE sure your voice is heard. We want you to tell us who you think deserves the coveted title of Luton Town Man Of The Match this afternoon.

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Hatters turn up the volume at the Kenny



LUTON are cranking up the noise around Kenilworth Road following the installation of brand new speakers.

The three week operation has seen 35 speakers erected around the ground, which is hoped will create a better atmosphere at Kenilworth Road.

The speakers have been on show at Coventry's Ricoh Arena and after testing the system during the week, they will be used for the first time this afternoon.

Chief Executive John Mitchell is confident that supporters will instantly spot the difference on a matchday.

"We are always looking at ways to improve the atmosphere around Kenilworth Road and we certainly think these speakers will help achieve that," said Mitchell.

"You can notice the vast improvement in the

sound quality. During our testing of the speakers this week, the noise coming out of them was incredible.

"Football is not only a sport but an entertainment business and I'm sure supporters will find a big difference with the new PA system."

Are you a Golden Gamble lucky winner?



There is still one lucky winner of our Golden Gamble ticket, which was unclaimed at our recent home game against Bristol Rovers.

At half-time, our PA announcer gave out the winning number - 04424 - and a £610 prize is yet to be received.

So double check them tickets and if you find that you are the lucky winner, call John Buttle at the Club on 01582 411622.



The Port Vale story from 1876

Beginnings

THE club was founded in Port Vale House in a suburb of Stoke in 1876. In 1884, they moved to Burslem and joined the Midland League as Burslem Port Vale, then were founder members of Football League Division Two in 1892. Four years of struggle later, the club dropped back to the Midland League for two years, came back, ran out of cash and resigned from the League in 1907. 'Burslem' was dropped and in 1919, when Leeds City were expelled from the League for illegal payments, Port Vale took their place.

Top player

WILF Kirkham is a legend at Vale Park in spite of the fact that he once left the club to join rivals Stoke City. Wilf still holds both major goalscoring records for Vale 74 years after he stopped playing for them. His 154 career League goals between 1923 and 1933, and his 38 goals in a season in 1926-27 will take some matching. The year after that record, Vale sold him to Stoke and were relegated. He returned to Vale Park in 1932 and his first game was against Stoke. Vale won 3-0, but Wilf, for once, didn't score.

Top manager

JOHN Rudge managed Vale for 14 years. He took over in December 1984 too late to stop them sliding into Division Four, but by spring 1989 had taken them up to Division Two. Three years later they went down but bounced back in a year and Rudge built a side with players like Naylor, Mills, Guppy, Porter, Tankard, McCarthy and current boss Martin Foyle. In 1996-97 that side finished eighth in the Championship, just four points off a Play-Off spot and a chance to go into the Premiership, Vale's highest ever finish.

Top game

Port Vale 2-1 Everton
FA Cup Round Four Replay: Feb 14, 1996
BEATING Crystal Palace in Round Three had given Vale a tough draw away to holders Everton, but second-half goals from Ian Bogie and Martin Foyle earned a replay. Bogie scored again in the replay to make it 1-1 at half time and then Jon McCarthy grabbed the winner to send Vale through to face mighty Leeds in Round Five. They again earned a replay with a 0-0 at Elland Road but lost 2-1 at home despite leading at half time.

By James Marsh

Although Vale took only one point from their first three games of the season, Martin Foyle's men then had a better spell with four points from two games.

A gritty 0-0 draw at Walsall followed an impressive 1-0 away win at Bournemouth. That match saw the Valiants create numerous chances but take just the one, when former England semi-pro international Luke Rodgers netted with an emphatic finish eight minutes from time.

The two clean sheets delighted Foyle, who deservedly heaped praise on goalkeeper Joe Anyon and centre halves George Pilkington and Ashley Westwood, who has been highly influential since his loan move from Chester.

They came unstuck at home to Forest on Saturday when an own goal in the first three minutes and a header at the death saw them slip to a third League defeat.

However, three goals in seven games will worry Foyle most and he will be hoping he can inspire his strikers to show some of the same potency that marked his own playing days for the club.

Foyle scored 107 times for the Valiants throughout the 1990s, and was a stylish and technically astute finisher. After moving from Oxford in 1991 he went on to win the Autoglass Trophy in 1993 and scored some vital goals for the club, including strikes that sealed promotion in 1994 and staved off relegation in 1998.

After persistent injuries forced his retirement in 2000, he was retained at the club as Youth Team coach and stepped into the manager's office when it was vacated by former Luton favourite Brian Horton in 2004. He appointed fellow Vale legend

Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	Vale
League	11	7	10
FA Cup	1	1	0
Lge Cup	1	0	0
Total	13	8	10

Last meeting:

Feb 26, 2005: League One
Port Vale 3-1 Luton

Last season:

Port Vale finished 12th out of 24 in League One, 15 points off the Play-Offs and 13 points clear of relegation.

Last three Vale games:

Sep 1: Bournemouth 0-1 Port Vale (Rodgers)

Sep 8: Walsall 0-0 Port Vale

Sep 15: Port Vale 0-2 Nottingham Forest

Dean Glover as his assistant, and the two have remained in charge ever since.

Foyle's job has undoubtedly been hampered by numerous financial problems. After they won their first four games last season, hopes were high of a promotion push but in the end they finished in a comfortable 12th place.

Despite their League form tailing off somewhat, the season was lit up by a run to the Fourth Round of the Carling Cup, which only came to an end against Premiership Spurs. Although losing 3-1 at White Hart Lane, Foyle's men put in an exceptional performance and even took the lead through Leon Constantine. Constantine, in fact, scored 32 times in

Manager Martin Foyle will be hoping that he can inspire his strikers to show some of the same potency that marked his own playing days at Vale Park

72 appearances during his two years at Vale, but his somewhat languid approach divided fans down the middle, and his departure to Leeds in the summer was greeted with mixed emotions by the Vale Park fans. After a parting shot to the "boo boys", Constantine certainly appeared to leave with no regrets, as Vale's superstar fan Robbie Williams may have put it.

While the loss of Constantine might have been controversial, it is very clear that, with fellow striker Anko Sodje also departing in the close season, now is the time for players such as Rodgers and the exciting young loanee David McGoldrick to start stepping up to the mark if Vale are to break into the top six.



ASTUTE... Port Vale boss Martin Foyle

How Vale homed in on Wembley Of The North

PORT Vale moved to Vale Park in 1950 and it was such an impressive stadium and had plans to grow to a 70,000 capacity that it became known as The Wembley Of The North. Unfortunately the money ran out and two proposed new stands were never built. Vale Park is Vale's sixth ground. They started at Limekiln Lane and arrived at Vale Park via Westport, Moorland Road, Athletic Ground and Recreation Ground.

Record attendance: 49,768: v Aston Villa 20-2-1960 FA Cup R5

Highest gate receipts: £170,349: v Everton 14-2-1996 FA Cup R3

Best League win: 9-1: v Chesterfield 24-9-1932 Division 2

Worst League loss: 0-10: v Sheffield United 10-12-1892 Division 2

Best cup win: 7-1: v Irthlingborough 12-1-1907 FA Cup R1

Most caps: Chris Birchall 23 Trinidad & Tobago

Most League appearances: Roy Sproson: 761 1950-72

Most League goals: Wilf Kirkham: 154 1923-33

Most goals in a season: Wilf Kirkham: 38 1926-27 Division 2

Transfer fee received: £2,000,000: Gareth Ainsworth, Wimbledon, October 1998

Transfer fee paid: £500,000: Gareth Ainsworth, Lincoln, September 1997

The fan's view



DAVID JOHNSON
Port Vale Press Officer
on the Valiants' season

How have the Valiants found the opening month of the season?

We found it difficult to settle initially, with several new faces in the side, but the signs are looking reasonably good now the gaffer has re-shuffled the squad.

What are Port Vale's aims for this season?

As always, I think you have to take things game by game, but the first aim is to avoid the drop and then you look towards a Play-Off place.

Who was your most important close-season signing?

I don't think it is fair to single any one player out as they are all important – perhaps that is a question best asked at the end of the season.

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

Perhaps people usually point to their goalscorers as they are the ones who tend to hit the headlines, but for me, players like our skipper George Pilkington deserve more recognition – and keeper Joe Anyon, who has done so well in the absence of the injured Mark Goodlad.

Who do you think will win League One this season?

If it wasn't for the fact Leeds had 15 points docked, I would say they would do it and to be honest I still wouldn't rule it out, but it is wide open at the moment. Go on then, I'll stick my neck on the block and say Tranmere Rovers.



VALE OF DREAMS... home since 1950, the original plan was for a 70,000 capacity but money ran out

THE KEY MEN FOR

THE SKIPPER: 2 GEORGE PILKINGTON

NOW in his fifth season at Vale Park, George is highly admired by Port Vale fans. He started his career as a trainee at Everton but after failing to make the grade at Goodison Park, he moved to Vale where he has enjoyed an established career in which he has made more than 200 appearances for Vale, scoring nine goals during his time at Vale Park – six of which came last season as he enjoyed a consistent year. Before his move to Port Vale, he enjoyed a lengthy loan spell with Exeter City, where he made 11 appearances in total.

KEEPERS



No 1... Anyon
sustained just after Christmas last season. He went on to prove to be a more than capable deputy and a number of solid performances has meant that Vale boss Martin Foyle has kept faith with the 20-year-old goalkeeper. Joe is a former England Youth international and is predicted to have a bright future in the game.

1. Mark Goodlad: MARK joined from Nottingham Forest back in March 2000 and is highly rated at the club. He is three games short of his 250th appearance, and he enjoyed a terrific season last year before his campaign was cut short after he suffered a bad injury at Ashton Gate when he pulled up with his Achilles. He needed an operation and was out for the rest of the season, paving the way for Joe Anyon to stake his claim. Mark is highly regarded in the lower leagues and during the 2005-06 season, he faced four penalties in the Port Vale goal staying unbeaten for all four – he saved three and one hit the post.

VALE SKIP
Experienced
defender George
Pilkington

TEAM SHEET

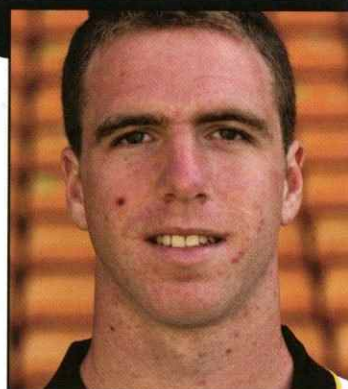
Last game:

Port Vale 0 - 2 Nottm Forest

- 12 Joe Anyon
- 20 Ashley Westwood
- 5 Keith Lowe
- 2 George Pilkington
- 11 Paul Edwards
- 7 Shane Tudor
- 17 Craig Rocastle
- 8 Paul Harsley
- 14 Dan Whitaker
- 25 David McGoldrick
- 9 Marc Richards

Subs:

- 16 Mark McGregor
(for Lowe 26)
- 24 Callum Willock
(for Whitaker 71)
- 10 Luke Rodgers
(for Richards 51)
- 4 Robin Hulbert
- 3 Jason Talbot



VERSATILE... on-loan defender Keith Lowe

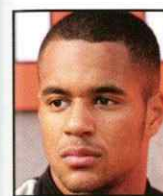
PORT VALE

TOP SCORER: 10 LUKE RODGERS

10. Luke Rodgers: HAVING scored six goals in nine League starts for Port Vale since signing from Crewe Alexandra, Luke Rodgers will be one to watch this afternoon. The former Shrewsbury man is a recognised goal scorer at this level of football. He has scored 88 goals throughout his career, including 73 strikes for Shrewsbury, and made just over 200 appearances.

THE STRIKERS

9. Marc Richards: MARC almost joined Vale in January 2007 as part of a proposed deal to take Leon Constantine to Oakwell. The move broke down, but Martin Foyle wasted no time in getting his man when the season was over, making Marc his first signing of the summer.



TALENT... McGoldrick

25. David McGoldrick: THIS highly talented striker is currently on loan from Southampton. The 19-year-old came through the youth squad at Notts County before joining Southampton. He was a member of the Saints Youth Team that reached the final of the FA Youth Cup in 2005, losing on aggregate to Ipswich Town.

24. Callum Willock: CALLUM started his career at Fulham before moving to Peterborough United and then later Brentford.

THE MIDFIELDERS



BATTLER... Harsley

4. Robin Hulbert: SIGNED from non-League Telford United, having previously played for Swindon Town, Bristol City and Shrewsbury Town on loan, Robin is currently in his fourth season at Vale Park.

7. Shane Tudor: Shane joined the club in the summer of 2007. He spent four seasons with Cambridge United where he scored a number of vital goals from midfield. He was instrumental in Leyton Orient's promotion from League Two last season, making 36 appearances for the Brisbane Road side.

8. Paul Harsley: A BATTLING utility player, Paul joined the club on a two-year contract in the summer of 2006, after previously playing for Scunthorpe United, Northampton Town and Macclesfield Town.

11. Paul Edwards: THIS midfielder began his professional career with Swindon Town, where he made 11 starts before moving to Wrexham. He spent two years in North Wales before moving on to Blackpool, where he spent 12 months before signing for Oldham in the summer of 2005.

14. Danny Whitaker: DANNY joined Vale in the summer of 2006 after spending five years with Macclesfield Town.

THE DEFENDERS

3. Jason Talbot: JASON began his career at Bolton Wanderers before joining Mansfield Town on a free. Brought to Port Vale on a free, he also had a short spell with Derby County.

5. Keith Lowe: A 21-YEAR-old centre half who can also play at full back, Keith is currently on loan from Wolves, and has previously been on loan at Burnley and Queens Park Rangers. He played four games on loan at Swansea City, and returned with a medal in his back pocket after the Welsh side won the LDV Vans Trophy at the Millennium Stadium.

6. Richard Walker: A FORMER Crewe Alexandra trainee, Richard made his League debut as a 20-year-old in November 2000, but he didn't become a regular until Crewe's promotion season two years later, when he made 44 appearances.

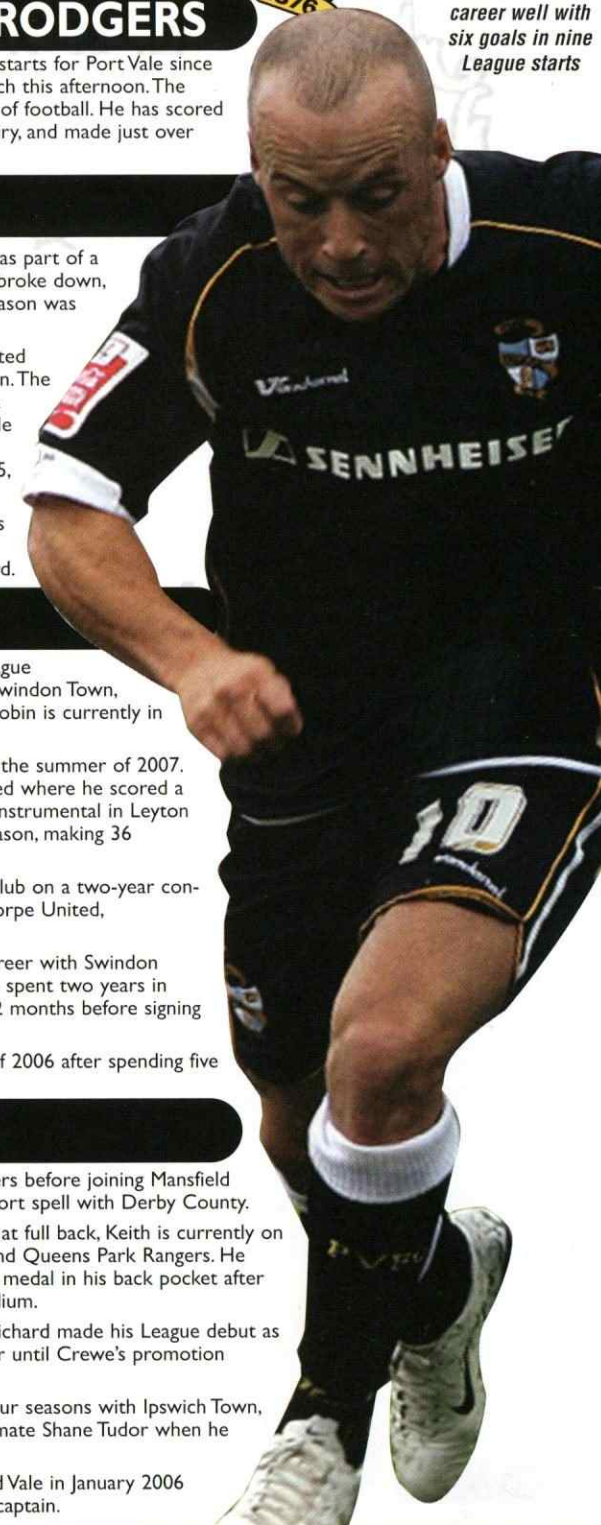
15. Justin Miller: SOUTH African-born Justin Miller spent four seasons with Ipswich Town, before moving on to Leyton Orient. He joined his fellow team mate Shane Tudor when he moved to Vale Park in the summer of 2007.

16. Mark McGregor: AN experienced defender, Mark joined Vale in January 2006 after falling out of favour at Blackpool where he had been club captain.



HOTSHOT:

Luke Rodgers is a proven goal scorer at this level and has started his Port Vale career well with six goals in nine League starts





Cherries injury blow

BOURNEMOUTH defender Warren Cummings broken an arm in Saturday's 1-1 draw with Northampton at Dean Court.

The left-back, 26, had come on as a substitute just after the interval after Russell Perrett suffered a suspected torn hamstring.

But Cummings lasted only 13 minutes before he fell awkwardly on his left side, and had to be helped off.

To add to boss Kevin Bond's injury woes, defender Ryan Garry was taken to hospital for an X-ray on a leg injury.

Barker eyeing more success

HARTLEPOOL United striker Richard Barker believes Pools have not finished climbing yet following promotion last season.

The north-east club roared into League One on the back of a club record run of 23 games unbeaten between November and the end of March.

Walsall just pipped Danny Wilson's men to the title but Barker is

confident that his Hartlepool side can maintain their momentum at the higher level.

He said: "I thought once we achieved promotion we would keep going.

"Sometimes teams go up and think fifth or sixth from bottom will do.

"But I had a feeling this club will keep going until they get what they deserve for the effort people have put in over



SUCCESS... Barker

the past few years." Barker moved to Hartlepool from Mansfield Town in January – a week after lining up against them

Double injury blow hits Rovers

DONCASTER defender Matthew Noble and midfielder Kevin Horlock have both been ruled out for lengthy spells.

The pair have both undergone further treatment on their respective injuries and are likely to be out of action for a number of weeks.

"Kevin had to go in for a second lot of shoulder surgery on Tuesday," said team physio John Dickens.

"Matthew Noble has a fractured bone in his wrist and has also had a pin put into it on Tuesday."



BRIGHTON have appointed former manager Barry Lloyd as chief scout on a full-time basis.

BRISTOL Rovers have given midfielder Charlie Clough a two-year professional contract.

BRISTOL City striker Jennison Myrie-Williams is staying on loan at Cheltenham for a second month.

CREWE'S Dario Gradi admits they have not pursued their interest in a couple of loan signings

BRIGHTON have appointed former Millwall chief executive Ken Brown as their managing director



Jackman set back

NORTHAMPTON defender Danny Jackman will see a specialist after his attempts to come back from a medial knee ligament injury ended in disappointment.

The 24-year-old broke down during his comeback training session last week.

Cohen in Forest praise

NOTTINGHAM Forest boss Colin Calderwood was full of praise for Chris Cohen after the midfielder's impressive debut display in the win over Port Vale.

Cohen was signed from Yeovil in the summer but had not played until Saturday's 2-0 win because of injury.



ANGRY... Ritchie

And boss Calderwood believes the midfielder is set to enjoy a successful career at Forest.

He said: "We knew he'd have a massive influence but it has been frustrating he has not been able to play.

"This is the only the beginning for him because he is an excellent player and can play a big part in our future."

Ritchie seeks improvements

HUDDERSFIELD boss Andy Ritchie admits his side will have to defend better this season if they are to make a challenge for promotion.

His comments came after a 3-2 defeat at home to Cheltenham Town on Saturday afternoon.

"We have to defend better if we want to be successful this season. We made our own mistakes and they've cost us. I'm very disappointed."



PRAISE... Chris Cohen



Hackney agrees new Carlisle deal

CARLISLE winger Simon Hackney has agreed a three-year contract extension at Brunton Park.

The 23-year-old has made 66 appearances and scored eight goals in all competitions since joining the club in February 2005 from Woodley Sports.

He spent seven months on the sidelines last season while he was recovering from a knee injury.

Onuora keen to take on Gillingham job

GILLINGHAM'S joint caretaker manager Iffy Onuora says he would be honoured if he was asked to be the new manager.

Onuora's caretaker reign along with Mick Docherty started with a 1-0 win against Brighton at the weekend.

"We're in charge at the moment. If the chairman chose to make that permanent then I'd be absolutely honoured and delighted to take over," Onuora said.

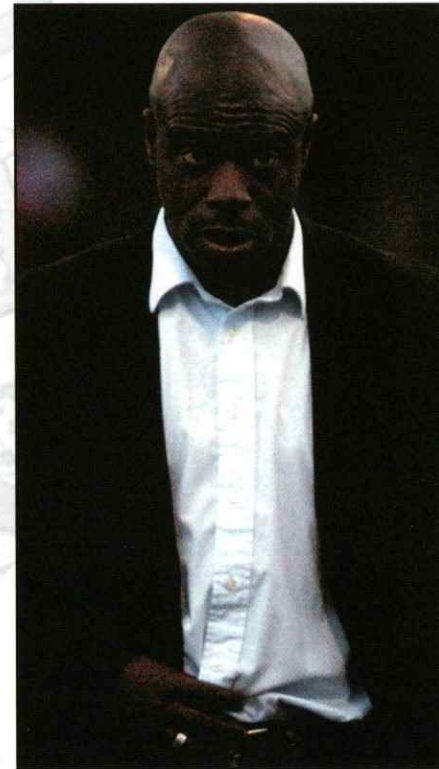
"If the chairman goes elsewhere then we will give the new manager our full support as we did with

Ronnie Jepson." First Team coach Onuora and assistant manager Docherty were placed in temporary charge on September 10.

Onuora, who was a fans' favourite as a player for the Gills, managed Swindon in 2005-06 and took up his coaching role at Priestfield in June 2007.

Docherty joined the coaching staff soon after Jepson became boss in 2005.

Jepson resigned on September 9 after the Gills fell to their fifth defeat from their first six games of the season.



HOPING... Iffy Onuora is keen to be Gillingham manager

CHESTER defender Ashley Westwood says he would relish a permanent deal at Port Vale following his loan move at the end of last month.

SOUTHEND'S Garry Richards has labelled his red card at Oldham a disgrace for his challenge on the Latics' Craig Davies.

WALSALL'S Banks's Stadium will play host to England women when they face Belarus in October.

FORMER Yeovil defender Paul Smith, who played for the club during the 1960s, has died at the age of 58.

Swindon boss happy

SWINDON manager Paul Sturrock was happy with his side's display in the 1-1 draw away to Hartlepool.

"I was pleased with our first-half performance and thought we terrorised them in parts," Sturrock said. "They could have nicked it at the end but we deserved a point.

Duo in contract talks

LEEDS strikers Tresor Kandol and Jermaine Beckford are in talks about new deals. Kandol is contracted until 2010 while Beckford's contract expires in two years. "We are negotiating with

Tresor and Jermaine," said boss Dennis Wise. "They both love it here now and they want to stay.

"They have started the season like a house on fire and they are a good partnership. At this moment, they're my future strikers for this club."



NEW DEAL... Kandol

Oldham sign Hazell

OLDHAM boss John Sheridan has strengthened his squad with left-sided defender Reuben Hazell.

The 28-year-old, who was a free agent after leaving Chesterfield at the end of last season, has signed a one-month deal at Boundary Park. Hazell made 80 appearances for Chesterfield in two seasons.

Johnston joins Bangor

TRANMERE defender Michael Johnston has joined League of Wales side Bangor City on loan until January 2008.

The 19-year-old has been a regular in the reserves over the past two seasons but has yet play for the First Team. Tranmere boss Ronnie Moore said: "Michael will gain some much-needed experience at Bangor."



Gray confident on Orient success

ORIENT striker Wayne Gray is confident the club can keep up their impressive early form which has seen them top League One.

"We've made a good start, and if we can continue with that, I'll be happy," said the striker.

"It's about getting as many points on the board as quickly as possible.

"But we are not worrying about anyone behind us."

Swans striker joy

SWANSEA striker Darryl Duffy breathed a huge sigh of relief after ending his goal drought in last week's 2-1 win over Carlisle.

"I probably should have run to get the ball back to the halfway line, but emotion took over," he said. "I thought it was going to be one of those nights again so I'm delighted to get off the mark."



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FLASHBACK



Luton head and shoulders above the rest

JOHN Moore receives a champagne shampoo from club secretary Bob Readhead watched by the laughing Tony Read, Max Dougan, Keith Allen, Ray Whittaker and Bruce Rioch as the Hatters celebrate winning the Division Four title in 1968.

After dropping from the old Division One to the basement in five years, this was the start of the road back after a historic campaign with records smashed and goals flying in from all angles.

The Town hovered around the promotion positions from the start of the season and finally leapt into the top slot in February following a 2-0 win at Brentford – a position they never relinquished although there were a few scares along the way.

After cementing top spot all seemed set fair but doubts crept in over Easter with a point dropped at home to Chester in a limp performance. Then a two-goal lead was thrown away at Notts County on Easter Monday leading to another draw. Although this

Score: Luton 4-0 Crewe
Date: Wednesday April 24, 1968
Place: Kenilworth Road

felt like a disaster at the time, in retrospect the Hatters were still six points clear at the top with only five games to play and had remained unbeaten for 17 matches!

All fears were dispelled the following Saturday when a Bruce Rioch special eight minutes from time in a dour clash at Halifax secured the win that made promotion a certainty. For supporters of my generation this was the first piece of success encountered and a good number of supporters today can reel off that promotion-winning side without a moment's thought.

There was no point in just winning promotion if you could take the championship as well and a massive, by Division Four standards, crowd of 18,904 turned up at Kenilworth Road

four days later to see the Hatters take on second-placed Crewe.

Although Crewe caused a couple of scares in the opening minutes, once Moore shot the Town in front after being first to react to a rebound off the goalkeeper, it was one way traffic.

Rioch slammed in number two after 20 minutes before Alan Slough tapped in the third, taking advantage of a goal-mouth scramble. A minute from the interval Rioch brought the house down after racing through the middle to slam the ball into the roof of the net.

The players could not keep up this tempo in the second half but stroked the ball around instead and on the final whistle the fans were encouraged to stay off the pitch while skipper Terry Branston was carried shoulder high around the ground.

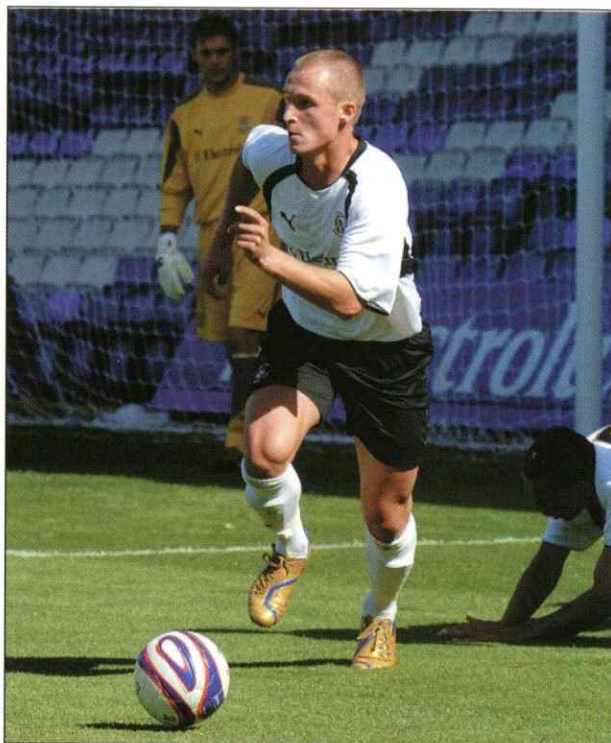
Job done, it was now back to the changing room to open the bubbly bought for them by director Tony Hunt and get down to some serious celebrating.



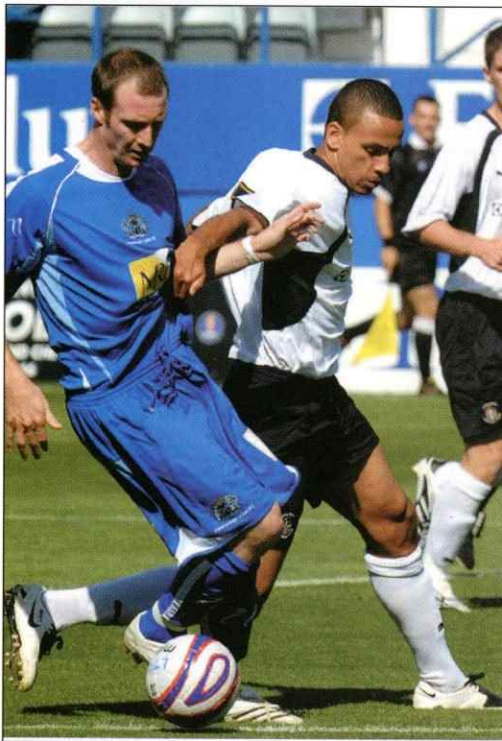
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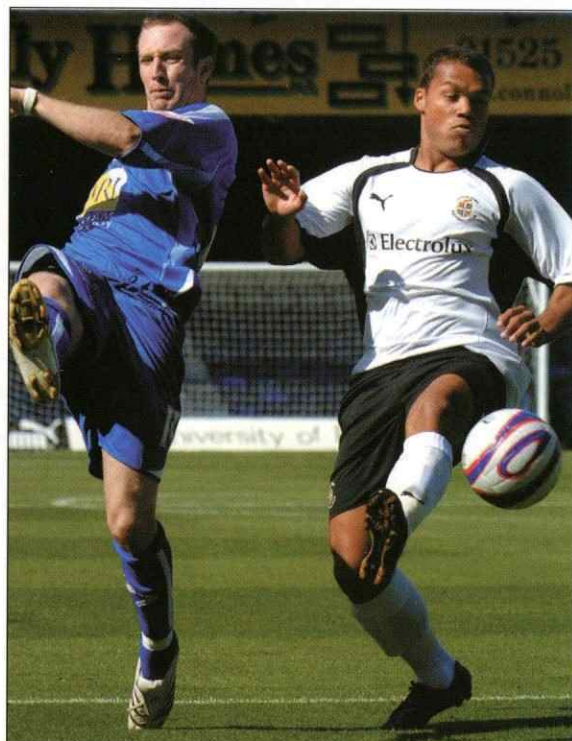
RETURN... Marlon Beresford gets back in action



IN CHARGE... Jaroslav Fojut shows his command at the back



THREAT... Dean Morgan troubled Posh throughout



BLOCK... Lewis Emanuel puts a stop to another attack

PETERBOROUGH RES 1



FULL STRETCH... Peterborough keeper Jalal just drops on the ball before Morgan and McVeigh can pounce

Captain Hutch steers Luton home

HATTERS veteran Don Hutchison played a new role in central defence and pulled all the strings as he marshalled his side to a comfortable win over Peterborough.

Hutchison, who was captain of the Luton side, has played almost all of his 400-plus League games in midfield. But he did not look out of his depth along-side loan signing Jaroslav Fojut.

Fojut, on loan from Bolton, looked dominating at the back and comfortable on the ball moving forward.

The game also marked a return for keeper Marlon Beresford, who has been out injured so far. And Lewis Emanuel, Dean Morgan, Ahmet Brkovic and Paul McVeigh got starts to try to impress watching boss Kevin Blackwell.

Luton also fielded two trialists in right-back David Pilgrim and midfielder Anthony Grant.

With Hutchison calling all the shots and encouraging young players such as Stephen O'Leary and Calvin Andrew, the Hatters never really looked in trouble and the only surprise was that it took until a minute before the break

for them to take the lead. It came when the lively Dean Morgan skipped past Callum Reed down the left, got to the by-line and fired over a sharp cross that hit Posh defender Darren Gourlay's head and flew into the back of the net.

It was no more than Luton deserved after they had played some crisp passing football in the first half while Peterborough were largely restricted to shots from distance and rarely troubled Beresford.

For Luton, Morgan was always a danger down the left and his cross on the half hour picked out Brkovic, but the Croatian's header flew wide.

Luton had a scare just after the hour mark when Peterborough had the ball in the net but were denied by the linesman's flag.

Beresford pulled off an excellent save to his right to keep out a well-struck shot from Gavin Strachan and Alfie Potter turned the loose ball into the net but was ruled offside.

But it was only a setback for Posh as five minutes later they equalised.

Former Walsall midfielder Dean Keates

met Callum Reed's deep cross from the right beyond the far post and looped it back over Beresford.

The Hatters quickly came back and two minutes later they were in front again. Promising Youth player Elliott Osborne-Ricketts came on as a sub in central midfield and after some sloppy Posh defending, the ball came out to him and he fired an unstoppable shot into the top right corner of the Peterborough net from 20 yards.

Then nine minutes from time Luton made it safe as Posh seemed to flag. Morgan whipped in yet another cross from the left and McVeigh neatly steered it home at the near post.

Luton then saw out the game as skipper Hutchison made sure there was no way back for Peterborough.

LUTON: Beresford, Pilgrim (Osborne-Ricketts 60), Emanuel (Hogarth 83), Hutchison, Fojut, O'Leary, Morgan, Grant (Charles 88), Andrew, McVeigh, Brkovic. Subs not used: Faulds, McGuinness.

PETERBOROUGH: Jalal, Reed, Gourlay, Gaughran, Blanchett, Gain, Strachan, Keates, Potter, Howe, Makail-Smith. Subs: McKewon, Pennells, Andrews, Cook, Ginty.

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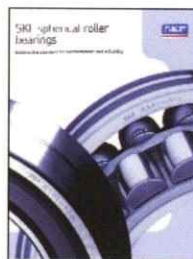


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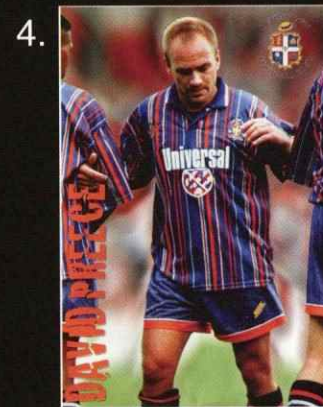


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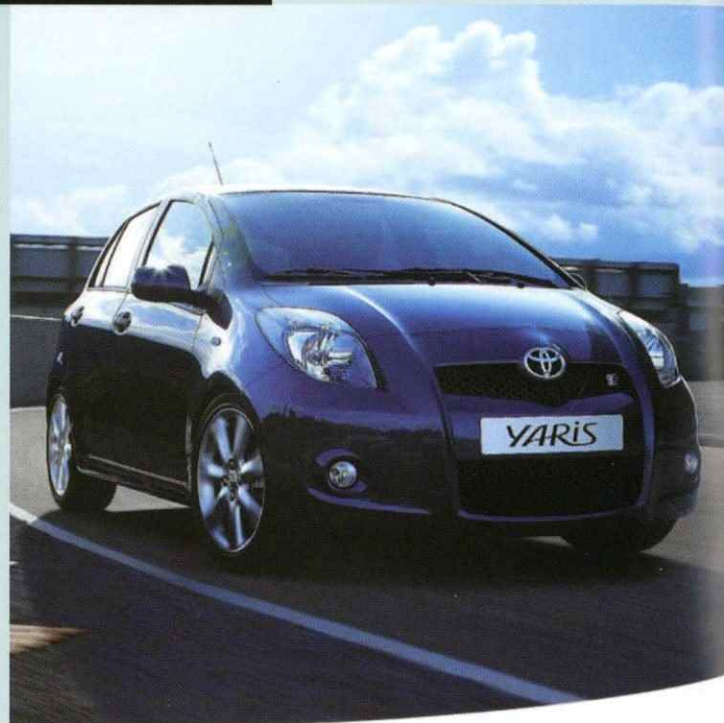
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THE STATISTICS

SIMON PITTS finds some fascinating facts about today's teams

SIMON'S STATS



14 times the sides have met in the League at the Kenny, Luton winning eight, drawing five, and losing one – the first meeting, in 1898. Luton have scored 24 and let in 10.

4 players have scored twice in this fixture: Gordon Turner in 1954-55 in a 4-2 win; John O'Rourke and Gordon Riddick both did it in a 5-0 win in 1966; and Tony Thorpe in a 3-2 win in 1995-96.

7 players who featured in the last meeting here are still at Luton. Ahmet Brkovic scored the winner with a late scissors kick in December 2004. The others are Calvin Andrew, Marlon Beresford, Chris Coyne, Sol Davis, Stephen O'Leary, and Paul Underwood.

4 times games have finished 1-1, making it the most common scoreline. In 1900 Bob Draper scored Luton's goal, with David Pleat netting in 1964. Another future Luton manager, John Moore, scored in April 1967, and Steve Howard earned a point on the last day of 2000-01.



AT THE DOUBLE... Tony Thorpe

16,704 is the highest attendance for this fixture and came back in April 1955. Luton were promoted to the top flight at the end of the season, with Vale finishing in 17th position.

5,079 is the lowest gate, in September 2003, when Gary McSheffrey and Kevin Foley scored in a 2-0 win for the Hatters in League One.

9,859 days passed between the two clubs meeting in the League at Kenilworth Road. The Hatters won 2-0 on March 9, 1968 with goals from Ian Buxton and Bruce Rioch, and it was two days short of 27 YEARS later that the sides met again. Luton were victorious this time, too, courtesy of second-half goals from Paul Telfer and Kerry Dixon. The sides ended the season in 16th and 17th, with Luton ahead on goal difference.

2 games have finished with Luton failing to score against Vale at home. The first was the 1-0 defeat against Burslem Port Vale in 1898, and the only other time Vale kept a clean sheet was in 2002 when, despite Luton laying siege to their goal, the game ended goal-less. Vale were the first team not to concede at Kenilworth Road that season.

Each way movers

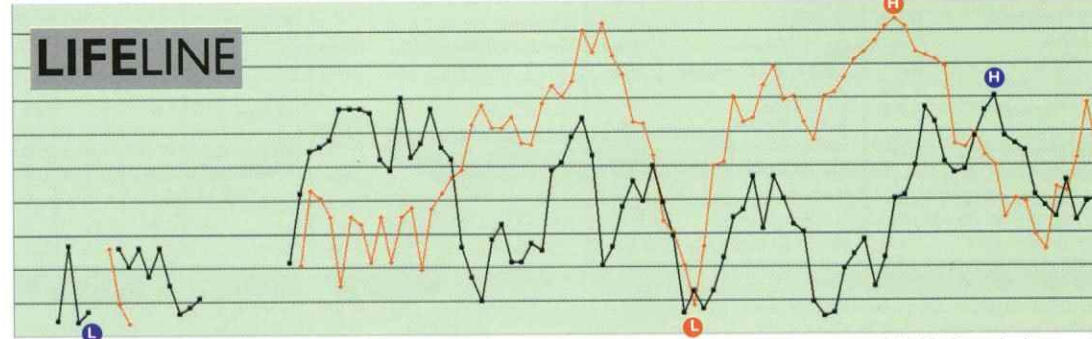
1 player only has moved from Port Vale to Luton Town. Joe Pointen made the switch after playing for Luton between 1926-28. Pointen made 71 appearances, and scored 13 goals in his two seasons at Kenilworth Road.

2 players have moved the other way from Kenilworth Road to Vale Park, and both of these were in the 1920s. Louis Bookman made 81 appearances and scored 5 goals for Luton between 1920-22. The only other player, James Harkins, had only made four appearances for Luton during the 1927-28 season, but he scored in three of these.



4 players have scored their first League goal for Luton against Vale: Peter MacEwan, David Pleat, Kevin Foley and Dwight Marshall. MacEwan netted in his seventh League game in April 1955, while it took David Pleat only five League starts to get his first. Kevin Foley scored on his tenth League appearance, though he already had a League Cup goal. Dwight Marshall is the only player to score his first Luton goal against Vale away from Kenilworth Road. It was the only one of the game in September 1994. He too had scored in the League Cup, but his first League goal came in his fifth game.

LIFELINE



Hatters and Valiants past

THIS week's LIFELINE shows how Luton and Port Vale's fortunes have risen and fallen over the years. Port Vale's high point came in 1996-97 when they finished 8th in the Championship, just four points off a Play-Off spot and a crack at the Premiership. Their low point was a second from bottom finish in 1894-95. 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.



I'LL TAKE YOU ALL ON... Elliott Osborne-Ricketts keeps the ball away from four red-shirted Colchester players during Luton's 3-0 victory

Luton 3-0 Colchester

Howells 46,
Maitland 67,
Hamilton 83

LUTON'S youngsters grabbed their first victory of the season thanks to an impressive 3-0 win over Colchester.

Jake Howells, Matthew Maitland and Dean Hamilton scored their first goals of the season in the second half to help secure all three points.

And Hatters boss Chris Cummins was more than pleased with the performance.

"We dominated the game from start to finish," said Cummins. "We passed the ball, created lots of chances and defended really well. We had worked all week on possession and keeping the ball and we did that very well. We restricted them to only two efforts on goal."

The youth boss was delighted with the second half performance and was full of

Late show makes it 3 and easy

praise for the opening goal, which saw first year Jake Howells score at the far post from a Jamie McGuinness cross.

Cummins continued: "I thought we deserved to go in at half time one up. We played well and created a few chances without troubling the keeper."

Just after the hour, Luton doubled their advantage when a George Beavan free-kick fell to Matthew Maitland, who scored from six yards.

And after goalkeeper Ross Faulds had

kept Colchester at bay with a string of fine saves, substitute Dean Hamilton added the third seven minutes from time when he rounded the visitors' goalkeeper to slot into an empty net from 12 yards.

Cummins was full of praise for Man Of The Match Elliott Osborne-Ricketts.

"I thought the pick of the bunch was Elliott. He ran the show, kept the ball, won the ball and got his call up to the Reserves in the week.

"I also thought Jamie McGuinness did very well. He was very aggressive and he was causing the full-back plenty of problems and getting crosses in."

Cummins was pleased that work on the training ground was coming through.

"We've worked very hard on getting the wide man into the box while the other crosses so I was pleased to see that. But some of them were playing within themselves. I still think we can do a lot more."

Under-18 results, fixtures and table

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Appearances

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Ryan Charles.....4	Matthew Maitland.....3 (1)	Riccardo Biggi.....1 (1)
Ashley Harrison-Barker.....4	Ross Faulds.....3	Scott Sinclair.....1 (1)
Jamie McGuinness.....4	Dean Hamilton.....2 (2)	Aaron Fletcher.....1
Mark Farthing.....3 (1)	Elliott Osborne-Ricketts.....2 (1)	Joshua Cranwell.....0
Harry Hogarth.....3 (1)	Ben Strang.....2	

Leading scorers

Ryan Charles.....3	Jake Howells.....2	Mark Farthing.....1	Dean Hamilton.....1	Ashley Harrison-Barker.....1	Matthew Maitland.....1
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ZOE WOOD reports on the latest news and games

Bad day as young Hatters pay the penalties for some individual mistakes

THE young Hatters lost out in a crazy second half that saw them concede two penalties before both sides had a man sent off in their first Puma Youth Cup game of the season.

In a five-goal first half, Luton took the lead with a Ryan Charles header, went 2-1 down and then levelled with an individual goal from Jake Howells, but fell 3-2 behind right on half time.

But those two second-half penalties ended Luton's hopes of a comeback and handed Argyle a comfortable win.

Youth boss Chris Cummins was far from happy. "In a game where we hadn't played badly, five individual mistakes cost us the game."

The match started well for Luton as they went ahead inside three minutes.

Elliott Osborne-Ricketts found Jamie McGuinness with a neat through ball and his cross was met at the far post by Ryan Charles who headed home to make it 1-0. Plymouth equalised from a free-kick just outside the box after a foul by Dean Hamilton.

Argyle then took the lead for the first time from a tap-in after some poor Luton defending, but the young Hatters responded well and on 35 minutes, Jake Howells beat two players before slotting in at the far post to make it 2-2.

A mis-timed defensive header allowed Plymouth to take a 3-2 lead at the



FLYING HIGH... Matthew Maitland rises head and shoulders above Plymouth

Luton 2-5 Plymouth

Charles 3,
Howells 35

HT 2-3

break. Then came that disastrous second half. First Luton lost influential midfielder Osborne-Ricketts with a groin strain after 10 minutes and almost immediately conceded a penalty after a reckless challenge in the box.

Twenty minutes from the end, a second penalty ended any thoughts of a Luton recovery. Then near the end the referee showed a red card to each side after Matthew Maitland and a Plymouth player were involved in a minor scuffle.

It was a bad end to a bad afternoon, and Cummins was far from pleased with his side's performance.

"I'm obviously very disappointed," he said. "It's not often I can't wait for the



ORDER... keeper Faulds organises Luton

game to end but I was embarrassed by the lack of effort and the lack of quality that we showed because we are a lot better than we are showing, we're a lot fitter than we're showing and we've got a lot more aggression and quality than we're showing.

"The lads have got to learn from their mistakes and the hardest thing at the moment is they're not learning from those mistakes. I've got no problems with lads making errors but I don't think individuals are learning because it's the same thing week in week out.

"At half time I wasn't too disappointed because we had played well, kept possession and generally I thought we did OK first half.

"We lost Elliott ten minutes into the second half and he was probably the best player on the pitch.

"That was a massive loss and we conceded a penalty just after he came off with the full-back diving in the box which is a blatant penalty and put us 4-2 down.

"I'm going to use the Puma Youth Cup to bring a few of the young ones in, give some of the Under-16s the opportunity to play. I gave a few of the lads the chance to play against Plymouth and I'll be looking to bring in some Under-16s as we go."

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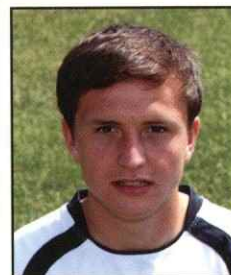
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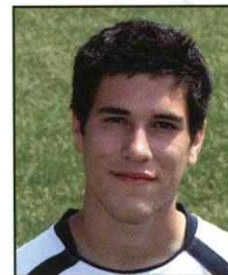
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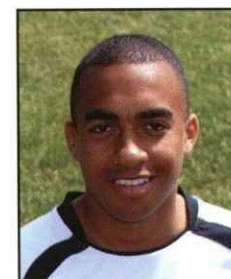
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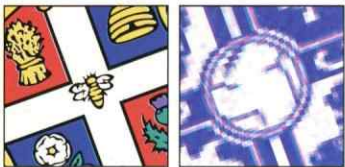


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Hatters Line-Up

4-5-1



Substitutes:
Brkovic (76 Bell)
Fojut (85 Robinson)
Peschosolido (90 Morgan)
Not used: Currie, McVeigh

Yellow Bell
Red None

Tranmere Line-Up

4-4-2



Substitutes:
Curran (71 Taylor)
Kay (76 Jennings)
Not used: Achterberg, Tremarco, Jones

Yellow None
Red None

REFEREE: Anthony Bates (Staffordshire)

TRANMERE 2 LUTON 1

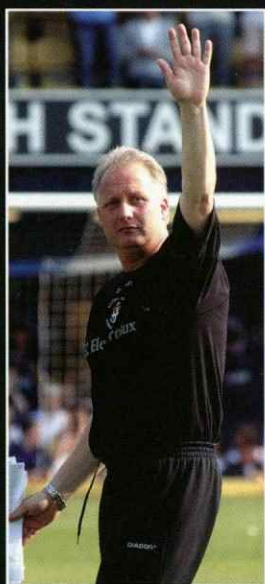


COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14 2007 PRENTON PARK ATT: 6,525 ■ SURGING FORWARD... Paul Furlong powers past the trailing Tranmere defence



GOAL... Paul Furlong, playing as the lone striker, notches his fourth goal of the season with this towering header at the back post

MANAGER'S VIEW



"We had a chat with the lads and we are a little disappointed to lose after a performance like that. We are just not getting the breaks at the moment. We are shading possession and looking a decent side but we are just not finishing off the game. We had chances in the second half to finish the game off, but we have got to look at ourselves and keep on improving. I haven't seen the video and I will see who is doing what and where and we will look to improve on it – that's all we can do."

Kevin Blackwell

LUTON had their first away win of the season in their grasp against Tranmere, but threw it away in an amazing final five minutes at Prenton Park.

Paul Furlong's fourth goal of the season inside the opening six minutes had given the Hatters the perfect start to the game.

The former QPR man rose highest at the back post to connect with David Bell's inswinging corner to give Luton a 1-0 lead in the Friday night fixture.

Tranmere should have been on level terms much earlier than they eventually were with Gareth Taylor and Chris Greenacre both squandering chances.

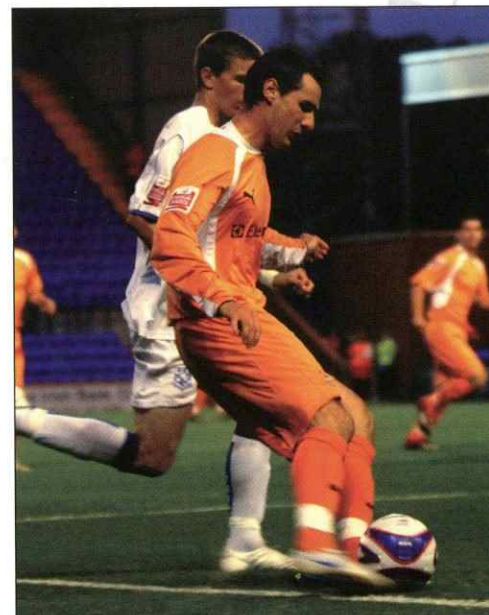
But despite being let off the hook on a number of occasions through some sloppy Tranmere finishing, Luton still looked well in control of the game.

The Hatters, who were playing a 4-5-1 formation, had chances to extend the lead themselves with Bell and Dean Morgan going close.

But it still looked as though the Hatters were heading for victory until a disastrous ending to the game saw them conceded twice in the final five minutes, with two Tranmere substitutes – firstly Craig Curran and then Antony Kay – both scoring to seal all three points for the home side.

Curran latched onto a mis-directed header from Chris Coyne to smash a half-volley past David Forde before Kay grabbed the win with a powerful looping header from Steve Davies's free-kick.

TRANMERE 2 LUTON 1



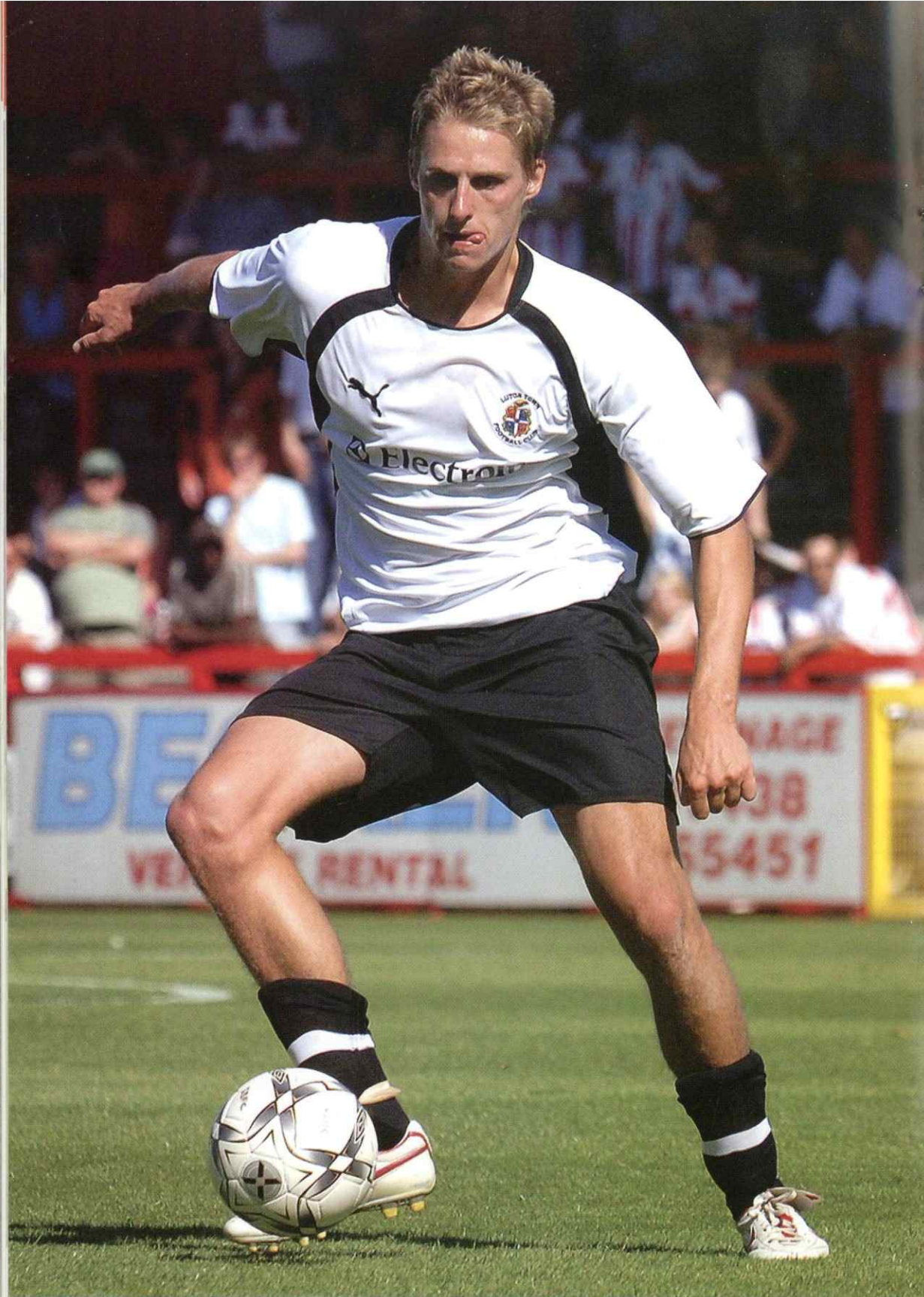
GOING FOR GOAL... Matthew Spring mounts a Hatters attack



BATTLE... Tranmere's Gareth Taylor climbs on the top of Hatters skipper Chris Coyne



GOODBYE... Hatters midfielder Dean Morgan leaves Tranmere's Steven Jennings in his wake with a neat turn



DAVE EDWARDS

AIR MILES

by DAVE EDWARDS

I don't think there are many Welsh teams who can come away from France very disappointed with a 1-0 defeat...

WHAT a week it's been for Dave Edwards. From Leeds to London, on to France, back to Cardiff and finally a trip to Slovakia and back to Luton – it's the sort of air miles David Beckham is more used to.

But it's all been worth it for the former Shrewsbury midfielder who has quickly become a firm favourite with the Hatters fans after his wonder strike in the recent game at Swindon Town.

Edwards, who was Kevin Blackwell's first signing of the summer, has settled into life quickly at Kenilworth Road, but the midfielder admits after that busy schedule, he is glad to get back to some kind of normality.

"It's been different," said the 21-year-old. "However, I am glad in a way to have come back to a bit of reality. I've been here, there and everywhere for the past couple of weeks.

"Straight after the Leeds game I went down to London to meet with the Welsh Under-21 squad, then we moved to France for the week and then I was called into the First Team where I went to Slovakia with the senior team."

After another solid performance in the Hatters midfield against Leeds, Edwards joined his Welsh Under-21 squad for their European Championship qualifier in France.

And Edwards almost captained the side to a priceless point, but an unfortunate own goal from Neal Eardley, cost the Welsh a share of the spoils.

However, the midfielder is confident that Wales can qualify for the finals of the Under-21 European Championship in Sweden.

Along with the French, Wales have been drawn in the same group as Malta, Bosnia, and Romania.

Edwards continued: "France are probably one of the best teams in the world at Under-21 level, but we went there to go and win it. There was no point we going out there and letting France come onto us.

"The Welsh Under-21 squad has got a really good team at the moment

and we went to France playing some really good football. We conceded just before half-time, which wasn't ideal, but overall we played some good stuff and I don't think there are many Welsh teams who can come away from France very disappointed with a 1-0 defeat.

"Although we didn't get the result, we feel as though we can push on in this qualification group. We have got the hardest game out of the way and next we play Malta at home, so it does give us a good chance to bounce back to winning ways."

No sooner had Edwards touched down in Britain than he was back in the air again as Wales boss John Toshack came calling.

An injury crisis in the Welsh camp before their game against Slovakia saw Edwards given an unexpected chance to prove his worth on the main international stage.

And although he was an unused substitute for the game out in Bratislava, Edwards gained plenty of experience that he hopes to bring back to his career with Luton.

"It was nice to train with the First Team because there are some quality players in the Wales squad and hopefully if I can continue to work hard and play well for Luton then I might be able to be a regular in the squad.

"For me, it was good experience. I spent the game on the bench, but it's just nice to have that feel of what international games are like. Now I'm just hoping that I can keep myself within the squad.

"It's totally different, international football. It has given me a little more

confidence if anything and I think it will help me develop as a footballer in the future."

For now however, Edwards is firmly turning his attentions to his career with Luton and propelling the Club back up the League One table.

He reflects on the game against Tranmere with much disappointment, but is confident that it won't be long before the Hatters are back on the winning track.

"I know the lads were disappointed at the Tranmere result because we felt we played some good football. We are just not getting the rub of the green at the moment, but we are confident it will come good soon.

"Tranmere were second in the League but we know we are more than capable of being right up there. We didn't want to sit back and I didn't feel we done that because after five minutes we were a goal up.

"It's just a shame how it ended up really. It may have been a lack of concentration that we need to work on. But the new system didn't bother me. I felt comfortable playing that way, as I know all of the lads did.

"The home games I have played in this season, I believe we look very creative. To go away from home and get an early goal like we did, there are times when you don't have to keep charging up field and you have to protect what you have got, which is what we tried to do, but it just didn't pay off.

"We will get goals in this team and when we get that result, I am sure we will kick on and start climbing the League."





Dave **Edwards**

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Spaghetti Bolognese

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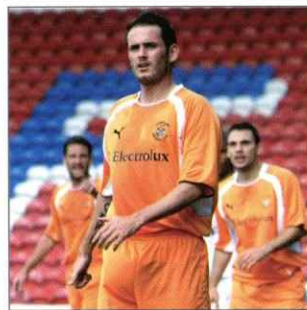
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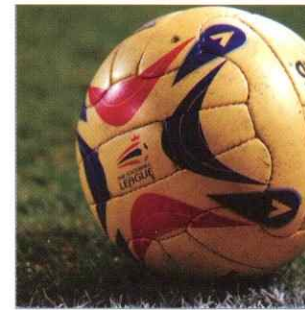
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Commercial Mascot



We welcome to Kenilworth Road this afternoon Sam Ivens, and his family, from Harpenden. Sam attends Grove Junior School in Harpenden and is a huge supporter of the Hatters. His favourite player is Hatters skipper Chris Coyne, who he hopes to meet this afternoon. We hope Sam and his family enjoy their day out at Kenilworth Road today.



Hatters Line-Up

4-4-2



Substitutes:

Peschisolido (67 Talbot)

Morgan (78 Currie)

Hutchison (89 Goodall)

Not used: Andrew, Fojut

Robinson

None

Bristol Rovers' Line-Up

4-4-2



Substitutes:

Hinton (77 Ryan Green)

Walker (77 Williams)

Rigg (89 Lambert)

Not used: Book, Lines

Carruthers

None

REFEREE: F Graham (Essex)

LUTON 1 BRISTOL ROVERS 2

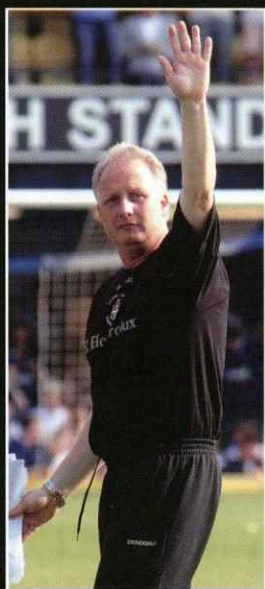


COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2007 KENILWORTH ROAD ATT: 6,131 MINE... Drew Talbot makes sure that he wins this ball as Rovers' Chris Carruthers looks on



THIRD TIME LUCKY... Matthew Spring fires Luton level from the penalty spot after his first two kicks were ordered to be retaken

MANAGER'S VIEW



"It's a case of could do better. It was a near faultless first-half performance, but we didn't create enough in the last third for all our dominance.

"We went behind to a wonder goal, but the lads got back into it and kept playing.

"The penalty was a farce although Springy held his nerve, but fair play to Bristol Rovers – they kept going.

"They knew they were coming to a fortress and didn't try to come out.

"Unfortunately for us we've come up against all the promoted sides.

"We played Hartlepool, Dagenham and Swindon when they were on a high after promotion and it was the same again today."

Kevin Blackwell

LUTON suffered their first home defeat of the season after a Rickie Lambert brace maintained Bristol Rovers' unbeaten start.

The striker scored with a spectacular 30-yard volley inside two minutes. Luton got back into it under strange circumstances when Paul Furlong was brought down by Byron Anthony. Matthew Spring scored from the spot but had to re-take the kick after referee Fred Graham ruled that Luton players were inside the area.

Spring scored with his second effort, but AGAIN the referee said there was encroachment and ordered a third kick – to the fury of the Luton bench. Ice-cool Spring kept calm and stuck the ball in the net for a THIRD time and at last the goal was allowed to stand.

Luton full-back Richard Jackson was back in the Hatters starting line-up as one of six changes from the side that beat Northampton Town in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in midweek.

With Dave Edwards away on international duty, Steve Robinson returned to the centre of midfield while keeper David Forde was back in place of Dean Brill. Both Luton's midweek scorers, Don Hutchison and Paul Peschisolido, were on the bench as Drew Talbot and Paul Furlong returned in attack. Chris Coyne was also back in place of Jaroslav Fojut.

In the last 10 minutes, Luton keeper Forde had to pull off two fine saves from successive corners to keep out Lambert and Elliott.

But it was third time lucky for Rovers as a short corner on 82 minutes from Campbell was flicked on by Disley at the near post and Lambert headed home from close range.

Luton threw men forward in search for an equaliser and it nearly came in the first of four minutes of stoppage time but Peschisolido had an effort cleared off the line by Anthony.

LUTON 1 BRISTOL ROVERS 2



THE BOSS... Chris Coyne soars above everyone to head clear



FLAT OUT... Paul Peschisolido forces Rovers keeper Phillips into a last-ditch



FIRING LINE... Craig Disley flinches and turns away as Matthew Spring unleashes a second-half pile-driver at the Rovers goal

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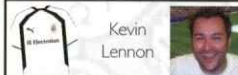



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LUTON STARS

CHAMPIONS



POWER PLAY... Vidar Riseth holds off Michael Essien at Stamford Bridge. the style is the same in his Luton days (below)



STOPPER... Lars keeping Chelsea at bay and (inset) as Luton's No 1



Former Hatters Lars & Vidar hold Chelsea in Europe

TWO former Luton stars helped tiny Rosenborg hold the Chelski billionaires to a draw at Stamford Bridge in the Champions League last Tuesday.

Vidar Riseth, many people's Man Of The Match, played 12 games for the Hatters in 1995-96 after manager Lennie Lawrence signed him for £110k from Konsviger. He has since played for Celtic, ASK Linz and 1860 Munich.

Chelsea 1-1 Rosenborg
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Keeper Lars Hirschfeld played five games on loan from Spurs in 2003. The Canadian international kept two clean sheets for Luton.

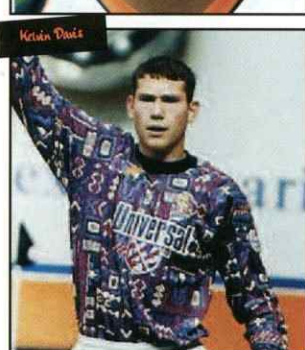
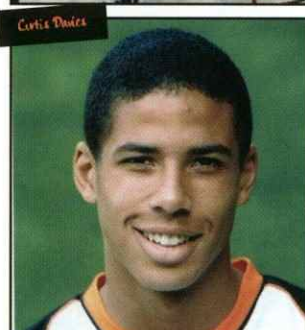
After spells at Gillingham, Dundee United and Leicester, he moved to Tromso and then Rosenborg, helping them become 2006 Norwegian Champions.





FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

STUART SMITH gives us the latest news from the Community Department



GOOD afternoon and welcome to today's game. We are now only a week away from the launch of this season's TIPS Football Development Programme. After the success of last year when 22 players progressed through the system and into our Centre of Excellence, the Programme has been expanded to include more venues around the county. Also the structure has been improved to allow more children to participate. Last year at we ran a Soccer Centre at each venue once a week and also a Performance Centre once a week for the players to progress into. This year the Soccer Centre structure stays the same but there will be two Performance Centres.

The Performance Centres, which all of the players you can see on these pages have come through, will both take place at Crawley Green Sports Club once a week. We now have a more progressive route for the children involved in the Centre with the gaps between the Development Centre activities and the Development Centre and the Centre of Excellence being reduced.

Below is all the information regarding this years TIPS programme. To book as always please call the Office on 01582 391937 for a flyer and more information.

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SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE DAYS AND TIMES:

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HITCHIN	WEDNESDAY	18:00 - 19:00	18:00 - 19:00	18:00 - 19:00	18:00 - 19:00	N/A
ST NEOTS	WEDNESDAY	17:30 - 18:30	17:30 - 18:30	17:30 - 18:30	17:30 - 18:30	N/A
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LUTON	FRIDAY	17:30 - 18:30	17:30 - 18:30	18:30 - 19:30	18:30 - 19:30	18:30 - 19:30
GOALKEEPER	FRIDAY	17:30 - 18:30	17:30 - 18:30	18:30 - 19:30	18:30 - 19:30	N/A

SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE DAYS AND TIMES:

DATES (WEEK BEGINNING):	MATCH DATE
Term 1: September 24th - November 26th	Saturday November 3rd
Term 2: December 3rd - February 18th	Saturday February 2nd
Term 3: February 25th - May 5th	Saturday April 26th

- You don't have to have attended previous terms to join Term 2 or 3.
- You can pay for one term at a time or all three terms at once.
- Times and venues for match TBC
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SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE CONTACT DETAILS

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WHAT ARE LUTON TOWN SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CENTRES?

Soccer Centres are the entry level into our Talent Identification Programme (TIPS). They are held at four venues throughout Beds and North Herts and are open to:

- Ambitious players wishing to progress towards becoming a pro footballer.
- Established club players wishing to improve their ability.
- Newcomers wishing to master the basics.

WHAT IS THE COST AND WHAT WILL I GAIN FROM ATTENDING?

The cost is £40 for ten practical sessions (nine training and one match). You will receive training from excellent coaches at great facilities, a comprehensive written assessment and the opportunity to fulfil your potential as a footballer.

I AM AN EXPERIENCED PLAYER. IS THE SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE SUITABLE FOR ME?

Yes. Where numbers allow we will put experienced players together and ensure that the coaching pushes you as a player. Likewise, for players who are less experienced, training will target their needs.

WHAT WILL WE WORK ON IN TRAINING?

The four elements we feel are vital in making it as a professional footballer:

Technique - Insight - Personality - Speed

WHO WILL MY COACH BE?

All staff will have an enhanced CRB (police record) check, a first aid qualification and will hold a minimum of the Level 2 FA Coaching Certificate. There will also be an involvement from Centre of Excellence staff to enhance the assessment procedure.

CAN I PLAY FOR MY SCHOOL AND CLUB DURING MY TIME AT THE CENTRE?

Yes. The only commitment we ask you to make is to do your best to attend training and matches.

HOW WILL MY PROGRESS BE ASSESSED AND COMMUNICATED?

You will receive a written assessment and the opportunity to discuss this with your coach at the end of each term.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO WELL?

If your coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during or at the end of the term, you will be given the opportunity to progress to the Performance Centre/ Centre of Excellence. Players who display particular talent can be moved up through the programme after a few weeks, while the system also caters for those who wish to progress at a slower rate.

WHAT IS THE PERFORMANCE CENTRE?

The Performance Centre is the middle level fitting into our Talent Identification Programme. The top level is the Centre of Excellence, the entry level is the Soccer Development Centre.

BY ATTENDING THE SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AM I GUARANTEED TO GET A CHANCE AT A HIGHER LEVEL

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ROVER AND IN... mascot Ross White lines up with Chris Coyne, Stuart Campbell and officials before the Bristol Rovers match

TODAY'S MASCOT

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Age:.....Nine
Favourite Player:.....David Bell
School:.....Warden Hill Junior
Hobbies:.....Football and PlayStation
Who do you come to matches with?.....Dad
and brother
Where do you sit?.....Family Enclosure



BRIGHT BOY... Cameron

TODAY'S BALL BOY

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From:.....London
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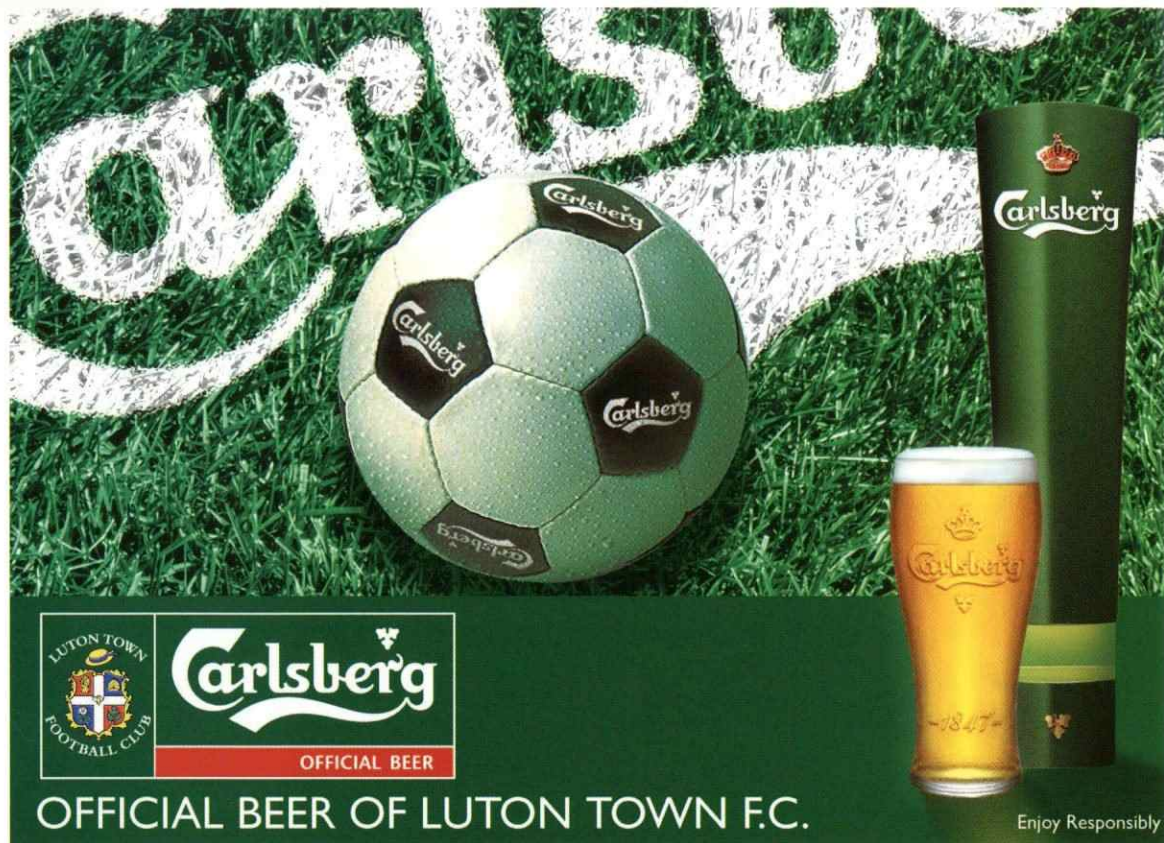
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TWO'S THIS... Which Luton stars are these?

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



TWO BECOME ONE... Can you spot them?

10 to test you

- 1 WHICH two Premiership managers at the start of the season had played in a winning European Cup Final side?
- 2 WHO were the two losing Semi-Finalists in this year's FA Cup?
- 3 BOUNDARY Park in the home ground of which Football League side?



Question 3



Question 6

- 4 WHO scored England's first goal in the 2008 European Championship qualifiers in the 5-0 rout of Andorra?
- 5 WHICH Football League side's name begins with five consonants?
- 6 WITH which club did current Aston Villa boss Martin O'Neill start his managerial career?
- 7 NANTES finished bottom of the top league in which European country last season?
- 8 WHICH Scotland player scored the only goal of the game in their famous 1-0 win over France recently?
- 9 FROM which Spanish club did Liverpool sign Fernando Torres?
- 10 WHO is the current goalkeeping coach of England?



Question 9



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 CAMP EVIL HUG

3 MY ELM SEA

4 A DAD WITH MINUTES

2 ACE RAINS

5 ON TIN HARBOR

All answers on Page 69

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GIRL TALK

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

THE First Team have produced their best start for four years in spite of being on their travels and having to reorganise the defence to cope with absentees and injuries.

A trip to Forest Green Rovers showed a significant improvement on last year's visit with many of the starting line-up from that game no longer part of the squad.

The newly-built stadium provided a nice backdrop to some fine football from the Town, who forced the home keeper into a number of saves to keep out efforts from Rebecca Kane and Tamzine Neale.

Luton conceded a sucker punch just after the break and then found it hard to get back in the game as Rovers fought hard to hold on, although Kane did hit a post.

With just 12 minutes left, Kane produced a cross from the corner flag that was met on the volley by Amy Summerfield to equalise.

Rovers then began to lose their way and when a corner was not properly cleared, Cath Tomlin threaded a ball through to Kane, and she thrashed it past the keeper, who could only push it into the corner.

But when the points seemed safe, the home side equalised in the 93rd minute. Whether this was a point gained or two points lost is still a matter for argument.

There were no such disputes last week when Luton made the local trip to Chesham United, who held a previously unbeaten record against the Town.

A superb fighting team performance made sure of all three points in a 1-0 win with Rebecca Kane again grabbing the winner.

All credit to the defence which saw goal scoring Michelle Byrne at right back and left winger Lizzie Randall at centre half. She was partnered by 16-year-old Sarah Hawkins, who again showed her potential at this level. Becky Clark was again in good form on the left and keeper Nikki Duncan was only really tested once when she blocked a close range effort.

Town will now have the opportunity to build on their good start with upcoming home games against Yeovil Town and Southampton Saints.

There were winning starts for five of the youth teams with the most emphatic coming from the Under-13s, who were 5-0 winners at Hitchin Town. Georgia Hardy, Senel Chapman, Hayley Watson, Rachel Kosky and an own goal gave Town the win.

The Under-12s also hit the ground running with a 2-1 win over Harpenden. Trailing 0-1, they had keeper Chloe Wilding to thank for a couple of excellent saves before Kerry Keyte equalised following a jinking run into the box. The winner came in spectacular style from a free kick from Zhane Quashie.



SMILES... Sophie Mann (centre) after Grace Shiels (right) heads in her corner for the Under-15s' sixth

Awayday Ladies produce their best start for four seasons in spite of injuries

The Under-14s were too powerful for their Stevenage Borough counterparts, winning 8-3 on their travels. A blistering start saw them notch six goals early on with double strikes from the three new signings Holly Sheridan, Mirella Tambini and Shanice Jimenez. Rachel Spendelow and Terri Petit were also on target.

We have two Under-15 squads this season and two very able teams they are too. The Division One outfit fell behind to Leigh Rockets but fought back to equalise through Stephanie Anes, who has recently signed from Fulham. The game was largely one-way traffic but the elusive winner would just not

come. The other squad had no goal shyness at all, winning 6-1 against Hemel Hempstead. Grace Shiels and Sophie Mann both scored twice to add to a headed goal from Megan Palmer and an own goal.

Fightback of the week came from the Under-11s, who were twice trailing Garston before finally over-running them 5-2. Chloe Scott and Rebecca Reeve scored twice and again the opposition added to the goal tally.

Missing out were the Under-16s, who dominated Bedwell Rangers throughout but could not score the goals and unluckily went down 2-0.



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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Kevin Blackwell	Martin Foyle
Played 13 Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 9 For 14 Against 23 Av Pts/game 0.77 Biggest Win(s) Won 3-1 on 2 occasions Biggest Loss(es) Luton 0 Sunderland 5 (06/05/2007).	Played 161 Won 60 Drawn 29 Lost 72 For 190 Against 205 Av Pts/game 1.30 Biggest Win(s) Rotherham 1 Port Vale 5 (10/03/2007). Biggest Loss(es) Bournemouth 4 Port Vale 0 (16/10/2004).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Kevin Blackwell	0	Martin Foyle	0
Draws ..0	Goals 0		Goals 0	

Player with the most...

shots
Paul
Furlong 13

shots on target
David
Edwards 7

shots off target
Paul
Furlong 8

assists
Darren
Currie 2

crosses
Darren
Currie 17

fouls
Paul
Furlong 17

free-kicks-won
Paul
Furlong 13



Player with the most...

shots
Danny
Whitaker 12

shots on target
David
McGoldrick 6

shots off target
Danny
Whitaker 9

assists
David
McGoldrick 1

crosses
Paul
Edwards 13

fouls
Marc
Richards 10

free-kicks-won
Paul
Edwards 12

GAMES SINCE

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

SHARP SHOOTERS

Luton	CCFL Cup	Tot	Port Vale	CCFL Cup	Tot
Paul Furlong	2	2	4	Luke Rodgers	2
Matthew Spring	2	1	3		
David Bell	1	1	2		

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played28	Luton wins	11	Port Vale wins	10
Draws7	Goals 32 (1.1 per game)		Goals 29 (1.0 per game)	
0-0's2	Times failed to score 10		Times failed to score 8	

Biggest League win at Luton for each team:

14/05/1966 Luton 5-0 Port Vale

05/11/1898 Luton 0-1 Port Vale

Stat Pack



2007/08 LEAGUE STATS

17	Position	21
6	Played	6
2	Won	1
0	Drawn	2
4	Lost	3
8	Goals For	2
9	Goals Against	6
6	Points	5

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	0	3	13	0	1	2	21

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	0	1	19	1	1	1	17

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	0	1	11	1	1	0	15

Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	0	3	21	0	0	3	23

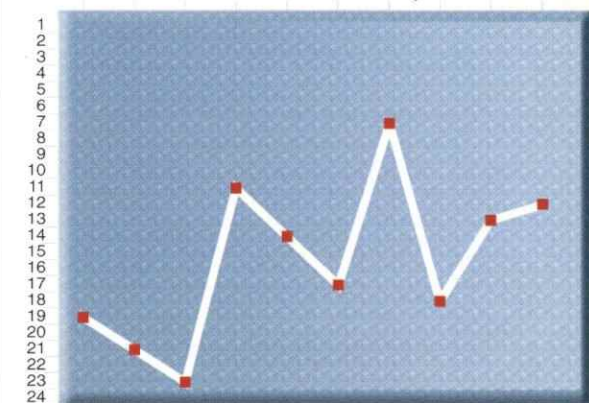
Match Scores

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

Wins: 1-0[1], Losses: 0-1[1], 0-2[2], 1-2[3], Draws: 0-0[1], 1-1[1]

PORT VALE - TEN SEASON RECORD

97/98 98/99 99/00 00/01 01/02 02/03 03/04 04/05 05/06 06/07



FLC 19 21 23 FL1 11 14 FL1 17 7 18 FL1 13 12

*up to and including 16/09/2007



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ROGER WASH looks at every post-war

THE A-Z

Robert (Rob) David MATTHEWS

Rob first caught the eye of Notts County when turning out for Shephed Charterhouse while studying for a degree at Loughborough University.

He signed for the Magpies in March 1992 and made his full debut against the Hatters at Meadow Lane on the final day of that season, scoring twice to send the Town down from Division One after ten years at the top.

Injuries cut back his appearances at Meadow Lane but after returning to the side and firing on all cylinders he was snapped up by David Pleat's Luton for £80,000 in March 1995. Sadly things did not work out at Kenilworth Road and he became York City's record signing six months later. After that the hard-working winger or inside forward appeared for several League clubs in the north, finishing with Hull for whom he scored the only goal here in 2001.

Rob was last at Northwich Victoria.

Patrick (Pat) Comerford McAULEY

"Snake-hipped, a football artist with delightful footwork and great intelligence and a true craftsman," was one of the compliments paid to one of the finest natural footballers to wear a Glasgow Celtic shirt.

Celtic attempted to build their post-War side around the talented Pat but the player suddenly demanded more money or a transfer which caused much anguish at Parkhead.

Luton Town manager Dally Duncan made a cheeky attempt to bring the player to his struggling Division Two side and succeeded for £4,500 in December 1950. Unfortunately, Pat was not a success in the hurly-burly of English lower League football and moved on to Kettering and then back to Scotland with Albion Rovers.

Pat was a crane operator at Ravenscraig at the time of his death in 1970, aged only 48.

Alan McBAIN

Strong-tackling full-back Alan was picked up by Swansea who had seen him play Scottish junior football with Aberdeen. After making no headway at the Vetch, he made the move to Carlisle where he settled down to make 70 League appearances in three seasons.

In June 1963, Carlisle made a bid for Luton goalkeeper Alan Ross and forward Jack Lornie but Hatters manager Bill Harvey insisted on McBain being included as part of the deal having already seen him perform.

It took Alan a while to stake a regular place at Kenilworth Road but after doing so he was difficult to dislodge. Released after the Town plunged into Division Four in 1965, Alan joined Corby for whom he starred in an FA Cup upset against the Hatters the following season.

Alan now lives back in Aberdeen in retirement.

Joseph (Joe) McBRIDE

A fee of £12,500 took archetypal centre-forward Joe from Kilmarnock to Wolves in December 1959 but surprisingly his style did not fit in at Molineux and he was allowed to move to Luton only two months later.

It was said that Joe was signed behind manager Syd Owen's back but the bustling striker managed to net six goals in 13 starts in a struggling Luton side that eventually dropped to Division Two at the end of the campaign.

Early in the following season Joe was transferred to Partick Thistle, in exchange for Jim Fleming, and his skill in the air and two footed ability on the deck continued to catch the eye. This led to an eventual move to Celtic where he became Jock Stein's first signing and, but for injury, he would have played in the 1967 European Cup Final win over Inter.

Albert McCANN

Maidenhead-born Albert was invited to Kenilworth Road along with his brother and initially worked part time in the Club's offices before signing professional forms in 1959.

Making a promising debut in April 1960, just as the Hatters were about to be relegated from Division One, Albert seemed set for a long Luton career but was not given a fair crack of the whip and was allowed to move to Coventry in 1961.

After a sound first season at Highfield Road, the bandy-legged midfielder fell out of favour with new manager Jimmy Hill and, disillusioned, signed for Portsmouth.

At last his skills were recognised and he went on to make 338 League appearances over 12 years at Fratton Park and also earned a testimonial.

Albert later managed a newsagents in Portsmouth before running a care home on Hayling Island.



OF LUTON TOWN

player to have appeared for THE HATTERS in the Football League

William Harvey (Harvey) McCREADIE

After becoming Accrington Stanley's youngest-ever League player at the age of 16 in 1959, young Scottish centre-forward Harvey began to attract the scouts with the eventual winners being Luton Town, who paid £5,500 for his services in January 1960.

Harvey was given only one chance at Luton, in a 2-3 defeat at Wolves, as the Town slipped out of Division One but by then off-field problems were beginning to bite with fines for failure to report for training and going absent without leave.

The final straw came with his arrest following an altercation at the California Ballroom in Dunstable and manager Sam Bartram quickly off-loaded him to Wrexham.

He fared little better at the Racecourse and moved swiftly on to Northwich and Mossley before returning to Scotland with Hibs.

William (Billy) Stirling McDERMENT

Picked up from Scottish junior football by Leicester in 1961, Billy had difficulty in winning a permanent place in the Foxes line-up and in six years at Filbert Street made only 23 League appearances.

Regarded as a big signing by Luton in 1967, as the Hatters were about to embark on their successful Division Four championship season, Billy was the original utility man at Kenilworth Road appearing in every outfield position apart from inside-left in his two years with the Club.

The wholehearted Scot then spent a less-than-successful spell at Notts County before moving back to Scotland with Morton where he enjoyed an extended run in the top flight.

Darron Karl McDONOUGH

Although born in Belgium, Darron was brought up in the Manchester area and joined Oldham straight from school.

After scoring for the Latics on his League debut in 1990, Darron became a crowd favourite at Boundary Park with his bravery and tough tackling, as borne out by his dismissal at Luton in 1982! Although defence was probably his best position, he could play in midfield and attack and Oldham supporters were sad when top flight Luton paid £87,000 for his services in 1986.

Injuries caused more often than not by his bravery meant Darron missed chunks of his four years at Kenilworth Road including the 1988 League Cup Final, although he did appear at Wembley in 1989.

After leaving Luton to become Kevin Keegan's first signing at Newcastle, Darron was forced to quit the game due to a snapped Achilles. Darron now lives near Oldham in a house he built himself and helps his wife with her sandwich and tea shop business.

Richard (Ricky) Patrick McEVOY

One of the many Dublin boys who came to Luton Town over the years, Ricky signed professional forms as an 18-year-old in August 1985 and soon made a name for himself in the Reserve side as a skilful midfielder.

Ricky's only First Team chance came on Boxing Day 1986 when he replaced the injured Darron McDonough just after half-time in a 0-2 home defeat at the hands of Watford.

Although he gained some experience on loan at Cambridge United later in that season, Ricky decided to return to Dublin on receiving an offer from Shamrock Rovers.

Gavin Gregory McGOWAN

England schoolboy and youth international Gavin seemed to have his career mapped out when he made his League debut for Arsenal as a 17-year-old in 1993 and then went on to help the Gunners win the FA Youth Cup a year later.

Sadly, Gavin's early promise at Highbury did not continue and after two loan spells at Luton, he joined the Hatters on a free transfer in 1998.

A skilful, attacking full-back Gavin unfortunately played in a Luton side that was eventually destined to be relegated to the football basement and so was not able to see his abilities flourish in a winning side.

After leaving Luton, Gavin turned out for many non-League clubs around London and was at Redhill last season combining his football with a coaching job in Dulwich.



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SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jermaine Beckford	Leeds	5	0	5
Tresor Kandol	Leeds	5	0	5
Jason Scotland	Swansea	3	2	5
Adam Boyd	L Orient	4	1	5
James Brown	Hartlepool	2	2	4
Andy Kirk	Northampton	3	1	4
Paul Furlong	Luton	2	2	4
Lloyd Owusu	Yeovil	2	2	4
Craig Davies	Oldham	2	2	4

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	3	11	3.67
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	3	10	3.33
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	3	10	3.33
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	3	9	3.00
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	3	8	2.67
Prenton Park	Tranmere	3	8	2.67
Elland Road	Leeds	3	8	2.67
Roots Hall	Southend	3	7	2.33
The Den	Millwall	3	7	2.33
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	3	7	2.33
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	3	7	2.33
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	3	6	2.00
Bescot Stadium	Walsall	3	6	2.00
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	3	6	2.00
Vale Park	Port Vale	3	6	2.00
County Ground	Swindon	3	6	2.00
Leyton Stadium	L Orient	3	6	2.00
Boundary Park	Oldham	3	5	1.67
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	3	5	1.67
City Ground	Nottm Forest	2	3	1.50
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	2	3	1.50
Huish Park	Yeovil	3	4	1.33
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	3	4	1.33
Brunton Park	Carlisle	3	3	1.00

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..
shots on target 47 Leyton Orient. shots off target 46 Northampton. corners 44 Bristol Rovers. hit woodwork 4 Swansea. offsides 25 Huddersfield. fouls 108 Leeds. yellow cards 16 Northampton. red cards 2 Southend.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 23 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). Shots on target 13 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). Shots off target 14 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). Assists 4 Chris Shuker (Tranmere). Crosses 33 Max-Alain Gradel (Bournemouth). Offsides 14 Luke Bockett (Huddersfield). Fouls 22 Paul Connor (Cheltenham). Free-kicks won 22 Joe Garner (Carlisle).

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2007/08 SEASON

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STATS**

GOAL COUNTER

155

RIGHT FOOT

80 goals

51.6%

LEFT FOOT

34 goals

21.9%

HEADERS

38 goals

24.5%

Own goals 3 (1.9%), Other body part 0 (0%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Richard Lambert (Luton vs Bristol Rovers) 1:47

By a substitute after coming on

Troy Deeney (Walsall vs Millwall) 2:28

DISCIPLINARY



2.8 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 used	355
Offsides	409
Corners	768
Shots Off Target	733

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

0 3 1

RESULTS

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

0-0	4
0-1	7
0-2	5
0-3	1
0-4	-
0-5	-
1-0	11
1-1	9
1-2	9
1-3	1
1-4	-
1-5	-
2-0	5
2-1	9
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5-3	-
5-4	-
5-5	-

*up to and including 16/09/2007

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LUTON TRAVEL

ON THE ROAD



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Galpharm Stadium

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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 6:30am, 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

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 6am and Luton at 7am. 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**.



Yeovil Town's
Huish Park

Address: Lufton Way, Yeovil,
Somerset, BA22 8YF

Road: Take the M1 south and join the M25, heading to the M3. When on the M3 exit junction 8 and continue straight ahead onto the A303. Leave the A303 at the Cartgate roundabout and take the A3088 towards Yeovil. Follow the road for nine miles until you reach a roundabout on the outskirts of Yeovil with the Westlands Airfield directly in front of you. Turn left at this

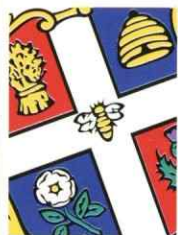
roundabout and then continue straight on. As you pass the entrance to an Asda superstore, take the next left for the ground.

Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 2:30pm. The fare for LTSC members is £18, concessions £16 and non-members £20. 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 1:30pm and Luton at 2:30pm. Cost for this trip is £17 adults and £14 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**.





LUTON TOWN v CHARLTON ATHLETIC

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

Normal pre-matchday League prices apply for this match.

GENERAL SALE

Tickets are currently on general sale.

Tickets will be available to purchase until kick-off on the night of the game.



HUDDERSFIELD TOWN v LUTON TOWN

Saturday September 29, 2007 League One 12 noon

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF KICK-OFF TIME

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.

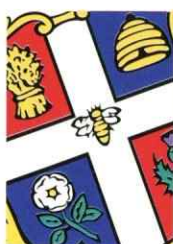
ALLOCATION: We have an initial allocation of 1,000 seats

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



YEOVIL TOWN v LUTON TOWN

Tuesday October 2, 2007 League One 7:45pm

Tickets can be purchased on the night at Yeovil, however, there is a price increase of £2 on all tickets with the exception of Juniors.

Tickets are on sale now from the Ticket Office. They will remain on sale until Monday October 1st, 12noon.

ALLOCATION: We have an initial allocation of 500 terrace tickets (uncovered) and 30 seats.

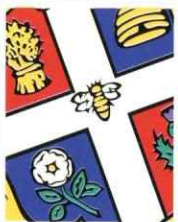
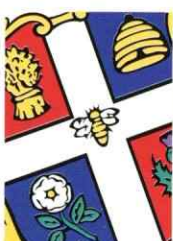
TICKET PRICES:

Terrace: Adults - £15, Seniors (over 65) and Full Time Students - £10,
Juniors (16 or under) - £5

Covered Seating: Adults - £17, Seniors (over 65) and Full Time Students - £14, Juniors (16 or under) - £6

Wheelchair Disabled tickets (with a carer free of charge) - £12,

Ambulant Disabled Tickets (with a carer free of charge) - £14



LUTON TOWN v DONCASTER ROVERS

Saturday October 6, 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.

● SEE box opposite for the latest offers on this game



GILLINGHAM v LUTON TOWN

Tuesday October 9, 2007 Johnstone's Paint Trophy R2 7:45pm

Pay on the night only at Gillingham

TICKET PRICES:

Adults - £10, Seniors (over 60) - £7.50,

Accompanied children - free



LUTON TOWN v NORTHAMPTON TOWN

Monday October 15, 2007 League One 7:45pm

PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME OF KICK OFF DUE TO LIVE COVERAGE ON SKY TV

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

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

● SEE box below for the latest offers on this game



3 GREAT OCTOBER TICKET OFFERS

Kids for a quid

Children will be able to enjoy our games against Doncaster Rovers (October 6) and Northampton Town (October 15) for just £1 providing they come with a full-paying adult.

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Buy a ticket for both Doncaster (October 6) and Northampton (October 15) and at the same time we will give you a FREE ticket (to the same value) for Nottingham Forest (October 27).

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Season Ticket holders can bring a friend to either the Doncaster (October 6) or Northampton (October 15) games for just £10 per match.

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

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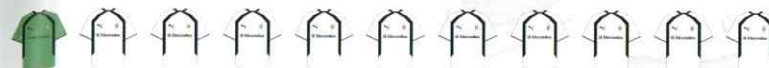
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Tranmere	6	2	0	1	5	3	2	1	0	4	1	+5	13			
Hartlepool	6	2	1	0	7	3	1	0	2	3	4	+3	10			
Carlisle	6	2	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	3	+2	10			
Yeovil Town	6	1	1	1	2	2	2	0	1	3	2	+1	10			
Brighton	6	3	0	0	8	3	0	0	3	1	5	+1	9			
Southend	6	2	0	1	5	2	1	0	2	4	7	0	9			
Bristol Rovers	6	0	2	1	3	6	2	1	0	4	2	-1	9			
Huddersfield	6	1	0	2	3	5	2	0	1	3	3	-2	9			
Crewe	6	2	0	1	4	3	0	2	1	2	4	-1	8			
Swansea City	5	1	1	1	3	3	1	0	1	4	3	+1	7			
Swindon Town	6	1	1	1	3	3	0	3	0	3	3	0	7			
Cheltenham	5	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	3	4	0	7			
Doncaster	6	1	1	1	3	2	1	0	2	3	5	-1	7			
Nottm Forest	5	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	4	2	+1	6			
Northampton	6	1	1	1	4	3	0	2	1	4	5	0	6			
Luton Town	6	2	0	1	6	4	0	0	3	2	5	-1	6			
Gillingham	6	2	0	1	3	3	0	0	3	1	7	-6	6			
Bournemouth	6	0	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	-2	5			
Walsall	6	0	2	1	2	4	1	0	2	3	4	-3	5			
Port Vale	6	0	1	2	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	-4	5			
Millwall	6	1	0	2	3	4	0	1	2	0	4	-5	4			
Leeds United	6	3	0	0	7	1	3	0	0	7	2	+1	3			
Oldham	5	1	0	2	2	3	0	0	2	1	5	-5	3			

*Leeds deducted 15 points

2007-08 APPEARANCES

	This Season								Luton Career	
	LEAGUE	CUPS	TOTAL	DISCIPLINARY	APPEARANCES	GOALS				
	App	GS	App	GS	App	GS	Yel	Red	22	2
Calvin ANDREW	0 (2)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (3)	0	0	0	22	2
David BELL	4	1	2	1	6	1	1	0	54	6
Dean BRILL	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	29	0
Ahmet BRKOVIC	0 (1)	0	1	0	1 (1)	0	0	0	221	38
Chris COYNE	6	0	2	0	8	0	1	0	236	15
Darren CURRIE	5	1	0	0	5	1	1	0	5	1
Sol DAVIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184	2
Dave EDWARDS	5	1	1	0	6	1	0	0	6	1
Lewis EMANUEL	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	43	2
Jaroslav FOJUT	0 (1)	0	1	0	1 (1)	0	0	0	2	0
David FORDE	4	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	5	0
Paul FURLONG	6	2	1 (1)	2	7 (1)	4	0	0	8	4
Alan GOODALL	6	1	2	0	8	1	0	0	8	1
Don HUTCHISON	0 (3)	0	2	1	2 (3)	0	0	0	5	1
Richard JACKSON	5	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	7	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	1 (3)	0	2 (1)	0	3 (4)	0	1	0	87	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	6	0	2	0	8	0	1	0	8	0
Paul PESCHISOLDO	2 (2)	0	1	1	3 (2)	0	0	0	5	1
Steve ROBINSON	4	0	2	0	6	0	1	0	183	11
Matthew SPRING	6	2	2	1	8	3	1	0	311	33
Drew TALBOT	3 (1)	0	2 (1)	1	5 (2)	1	0	0	23	3
Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	5

RESULTS AND FIXTURES



SUBSTITUTES

Date	Opponent	Venue	Score	Att	Away	Pos
Sat Aug 11	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	2-1	8,013	608	3
Tue Aug 14	Dagenham & Redbridge (CCI)	A	2-1	1,754	397	-
Sat Aug 18	Swindon Town	A	1-2	7,520	1,013	10
Sat Aug 25	GILLINGHAM	H	3-1	6,178	508	4
Tues Aug 28	SUNDERLAND (CC2)	H	3-0	4,401	787	-
Sat Sept 1	Leeds United	A	0-1	26,856	tbc	7
Tues Sept 4	NORTHAMPTON (JPT1)	H	2-0	2,532	373	-
Sat Sept 8	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	1-2	6,131	564	11
Fri Sept 14	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-2	6,525	252	17
Sat Sept 22	PORT VALE	H	15:00			
Tues Sept 25	CHARLTON ATH	H	19:45			
Sat Sept 29	Huddersfield Town	A	12:00			
Tue Oct 2	Yeovil Town	A	19:45			
Sat Oct 6	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	15:00			
Mon Oct 15	NORTHAMPTONTOWN H	19:45				
Sat Oct 20	Crewe Alexandra	A	15:00			
Sat Oct 27	NOTTINGHAM FOREST H	15:00				
Sat Nov 3	Brighton	A	15:00			
Tue Nov 6	CARLISLE UNITED	H	19:45			
Sat Nov 10	F.A. Cup 1					
Sat Nov 17	Walsall	A	15:00			
Sat Nov 24	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	15:00			
Sat Dec 1	F.A. Cup 2					
Tue Dec 4	Oldham Athletic	A	19:45			
Sat Dec 8	MILLWALL	H	15:00			
Fri Dec 14	Cheltenham Town	A	19:45			
Sat Dec 22	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	15:00			
Wed Dec 26	Bristol Rovers	A	15:00			
Sat Dec 29	Port Vale	A	15:00			
Tue Jan 1	YEOVL TOWN	H	15:00			
Sat Jan 5	AFC Bournemouth	A	15:00			
Sat Jan 12	SWANSEA CITY	H	15:00			
Sat Jan 19	Leyton Orient	A	15:00			
Sat Jan 26	LEEDS UNITED	H	15:00			
Tue Jan 29	SWINDON TOWN	H	19:45			
Sat Feb 2	Hartlepool United	A	15:00			
Sat Feb 9	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	15:00			
Tue Feb 12	Gillingham	A	19:45			
Sat Feb 16	LEYTON ORIENT	H	15:00			
Fri Feb 22	Swansea City	A	19:45			
Sat Mar 1	WALSALL	H	15:00			
Sat Mar 8	Southend United	A	15:00			
Tue Mar 11	Carlisle United	A	19:45			
Sat Mar 15	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	15:00			
Sat Mar 22	CHELTHENHAM TOWN	H	15:00			
Mon Mar 24	Millwall	A	15:00			
Sat Mar 29	CREWE ALEXNDRA	H	15:00			
Sat Apr 5	Northampton Town	A	15:00			
Sat Apr 12	BRIGHTON	H	15:00			
Sat Apr 19	Nottingham Forest	A	15:00			
Sat Apr 26	Doncaster Rovers	A	15:00			
Sat May 3	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	15:00			

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QUIZ ANSWERS

TWO'S WHO First picture: Ahmet Brkovic and Keith Keane. Second picture: Alan Goodall and Don Hutchison

10 TO TEST YOU 1) Sammy Lee and Martin O'Neill, 2) Watford and Blackburn, 3) Oldham Athletic, 4) Peter Crouch, 5) Crystal Palace, 6) Wycombe Wanderers, 7) France, 8) James McFadden, 9) Atletico Madrid, 10) Ray Clemence

BADGE BODGE Top: Brighton and Oldham. Bottom: Northampton and Wolves.

LETTERS PLAY Luton player: Paul McVeigh. Team's nickname: Canaries (Norwich City). Premiership manager: Sammy Lee (Bolton Wanderers). League One ground: Withead Stadium (Brighton and Hove Albion). Luton legend: Brian Horton

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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Tuesday
September 25, 2007
Carling Cup Round 3
Kick-Off 7.45pm

Luton Town v **CHARLTON**

WHEN the music stopped last Christmas and Alan Pardew and Alan Curbishley finally swapped their musical chairs, the dog-fight to stay in the Premiership began.

It ended in heartbreak for the Valley fans as they finished four points from safety and went down with Watford and Sheffield United.

Pardew had started with four points from two games, drawing with Fulham and beating Villa at The Valley, but then lost four out of six. There was brief hope with three wins out of four, including victories over fellow strugglers West Ham and Wigan, as well as a point at doomed Watford. But no wins from the last seven games and only four points from the last 21 spelled the end of the line.

It meant the inevitable exodus of players who didn't fancy life in the Championship for one reason or another as Jimmy-Floyd Hasselbaink, Dennis Rommedahl, Luke Young and Souleymane Diawara headed to the exits.

That added more than £3million to the parachute payments for going down as well as hugely reducing the wages bill, but did little to compensate for the massive loss of revenue that dropping out of the Premiership means.

So Pardew was left with the task of getting them back as quickly as possible. He spent just over £3million, buying Zheng Zhi from Shandong Luneng for £2m, Izale McLeod from MK Dons for £1.1m and Dean Sinclair from Barnet for £125k. Not big names but it's working.

Charlton are currently third in the Championship just four points behind the leader. Their record is three wins, two draws and one defeat from their six League games and things are looking rosy.

With 10 goals scored already, Addicks fans are more than happy. Four of those came from Andy Reid, a £3m buy from Spurs a year ago, and two each by Chris Iwelumo, who joined on a free from Colchester last May, and ex-Pompey striker Svetoslav Todorov, who was another free capture in the close season.

So who says you need masses of money to succeed? One thing Charlton will have to worry about as they face former Addick Chris Perry, now a Hatter, is that they have never beaten Luton in any cup competition.

REBUILDING...
 Addicks
 manager
 Alan
 Pardew



Head 2 head

	Luton	Draw	Charlton
League	29	11	22
FA Cup	1	0	0
League Cup	3	2	0
TOTAL	33 (49%)	13 (19%)	22 (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	■	■

Port Vale

Manager: Martin Foyle

Colours: White shirts, white shorts

	Pl	Sc
1 Mark Goodlad	□	□
2 George Pilkington	□	□
3 Jason Talbot	□	□
4 Robin Hulbert	□	□
5 Keith Lowe	□	□
6 Richard Walker	□	□
7 Shane Tudor	□	□
8 Paul Harsley	□	□
9 Marc Richards	□	□
10 Luke Rodgers	□	□
11 Paul Edwards	□	□
12 Joe Anyon	□	□
14 Danny Whitaker	□	□
15 Justin Miller	□	□
16 Mark McGregor	□	□
17 Craig Rocastle	□	□
18 Colin Miles	□	□
19 Joe Cardle	□	□
20 Ashley Westwood	□	□
21 Danny Glover	□	□
22 Luke Prosser	□	□
23 Charlie O'Loughlin	□	□
24 Calum Willock	□	□
25 David McGoldrick	□	□
26 Chris Martin	□	□

Hatters' last team Tranmere 2 Luton 1



Goals: Furlong (5)
Subs: Brkovic for Bell (77), Fojut for Robinson (84), Peschisolido for Morgan (90)
Not used: Currie, McVeigh

■ Bell
■ None

Valiants' last team Port Vale 0 Nottm Forest 2



Goals:
Subs: McGregor for Lowe (26), Rodgers for Richards (51), Willock for Whitaker (71)
Not used: Hulbert, Talbot

■ Edwards, Westwood
■ None

MATCH OFFICIALS

- Referee: P W Melin
- Assistant: B C Holderness
- Assistant: P C Martin
- 4th Official: G R Young

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