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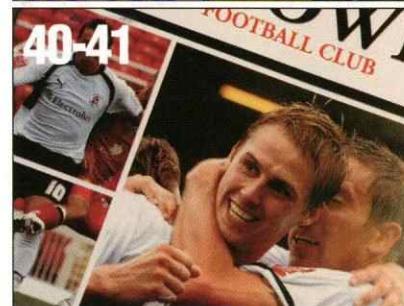
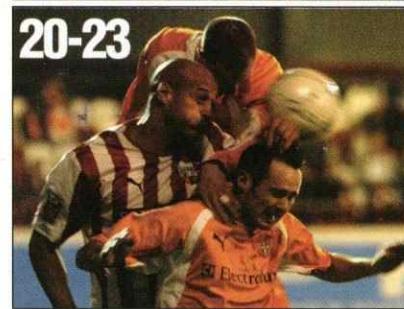
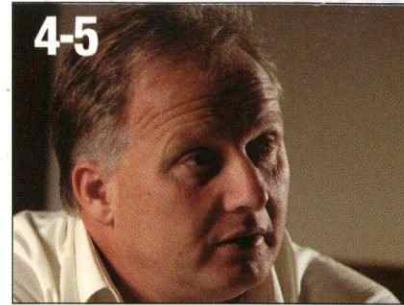
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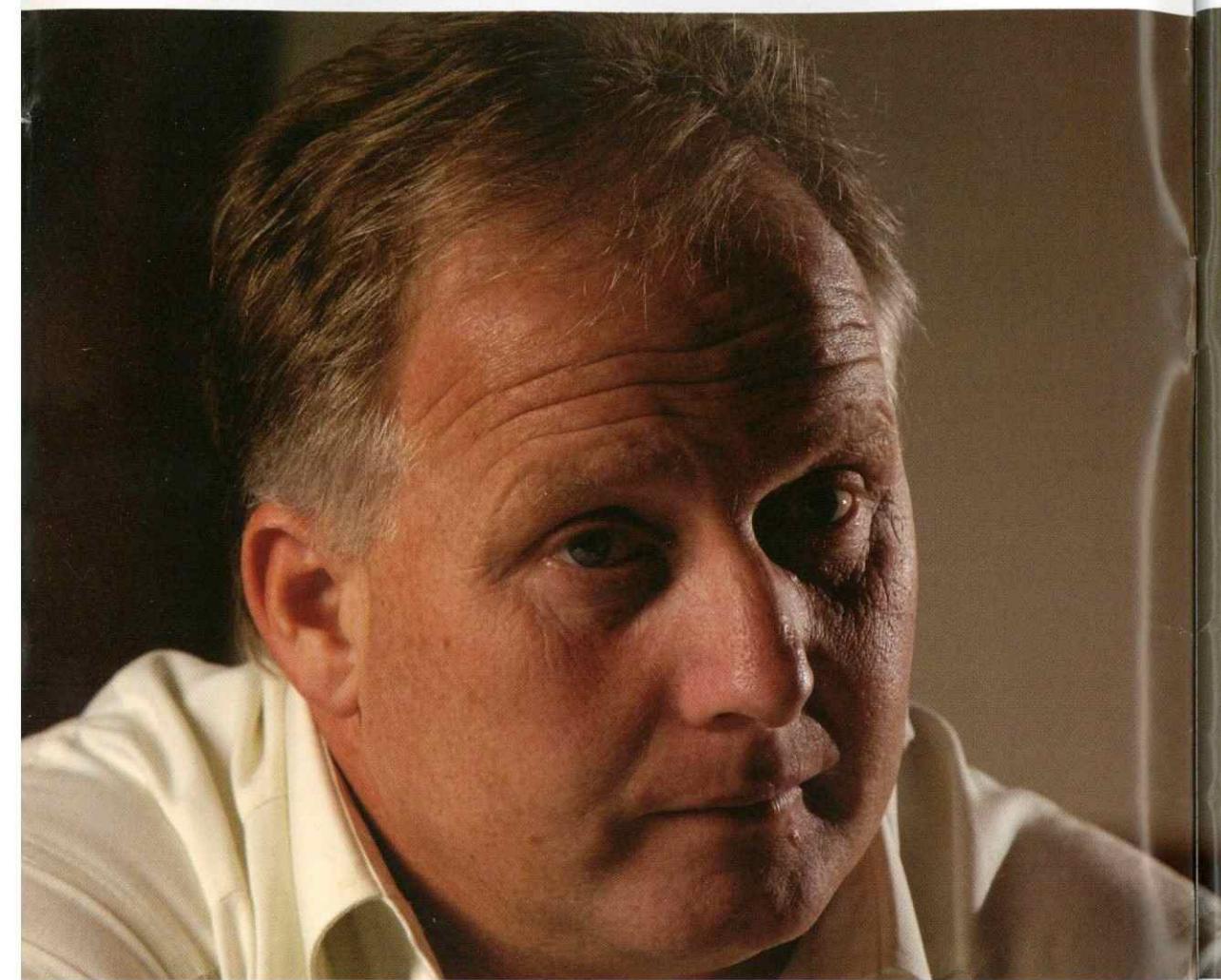
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WELCOME EVERYONE TO KENILWORTH ROAD

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KEVIN BLACKWELL



GOOD evening and a warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this vital game against Nottingham Forest.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Colin Calderwood, his players and staff, to Kenilworth Road.

Since Colin arrived back in 2006, Forest have only lost 18 games. They are currently third in the league and have ambitions of returning to the top level.

They have a squad of talented individuals. In Kris Commons they have one of the best players in the division and Neil Lennon has vast experience at the top level of the game.

Their away form, losing just two games this season, indicates just how hard this game will be.

Having played them in the league earlier this season we know that this is going to be a challenging game, and with a glamourous cup tie awaiting the winners, the pressure is certainly on.

But we are also enjoying a good run of form at the moment, and we are confident we can extend that spell of results this evening.

It's important to get these unbeaten runs going. We have managed to do that and now we need to extend it for as long as possible.

A game against Liverpool would bring in some much needed cash and so there is no question that the game this

evening has taken on extra significance. But it's important that we take one game at a time and don't get ahead of ourselves.

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I would like to thank all the fans on Saturday for your understanding. It was unfortunate to have the game called off but it was the referee's call and we have to stand by that decision.

However, every cloud has a silver lining and the postponement means the lads will be well rested for tonight's game.

Despite Paul Furlong missing in tonight's game, due to being suspended, I am confident that the players can step up and do what is required of them.

Once again there is strong competition for places which can only be a good thing. Matthew Spring has recovered from the flu and so we welcome him back into the side. Keith

Keane is slowly getting to full match fitness and is challenging for a place in the starting line-up.

Lastly, I can not sign off without a word of praise for everyone connected to Luton Town Football Club. The effort and support from everyone has been amazing.

From the office staff to the supporters, your determination and desire will surely see us through.

Thank you and enjoy the game,

Kevin

THE CAPTAIN

IT was disappointing not to play against Millwall last weekend. The lads had trained hard but we have to back the referee's decision.

Every game now is important and with such a glamourous game awaiting the winner of tonight's game the pressure is on.

However it's important that we don't get to ahead of ourselves and that we concentrate on the game this evening against Nottingham Forest.

We have a proud home record to try and maintain, but Forest have a great away record so we know it's going to be a real battle.

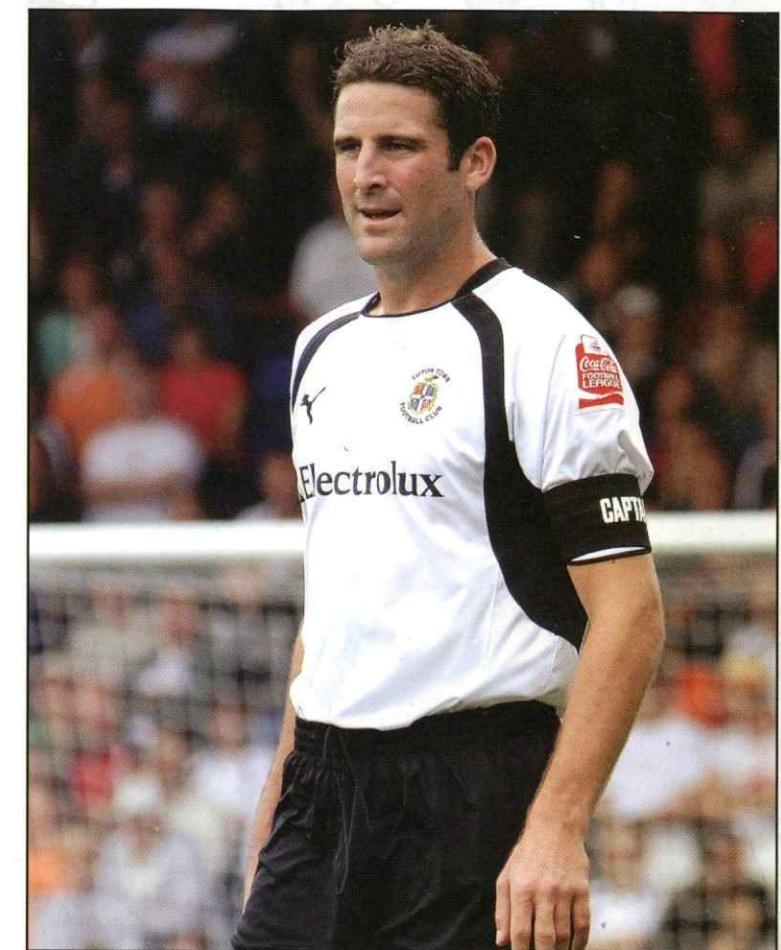
There has been some great games under the lights this season and we are confident we can recreate that magic tonight.

To keep our unbeaten run going, we know we might have to be a little lucky with injuries.

However, the medical room is emptying as the likes of Keith Keane and Paul Furlong have come back over recent weeks. And with Matthew Spring also returning to the squad there is once again real competition for places.

It is unfortunate that we are missing Paul Furlong tonight but Calvin Andrew has proved that he is more than capable.

It was great to see Calvin score in our last home match, he is a great, young player who is still



CHRIS COYNE

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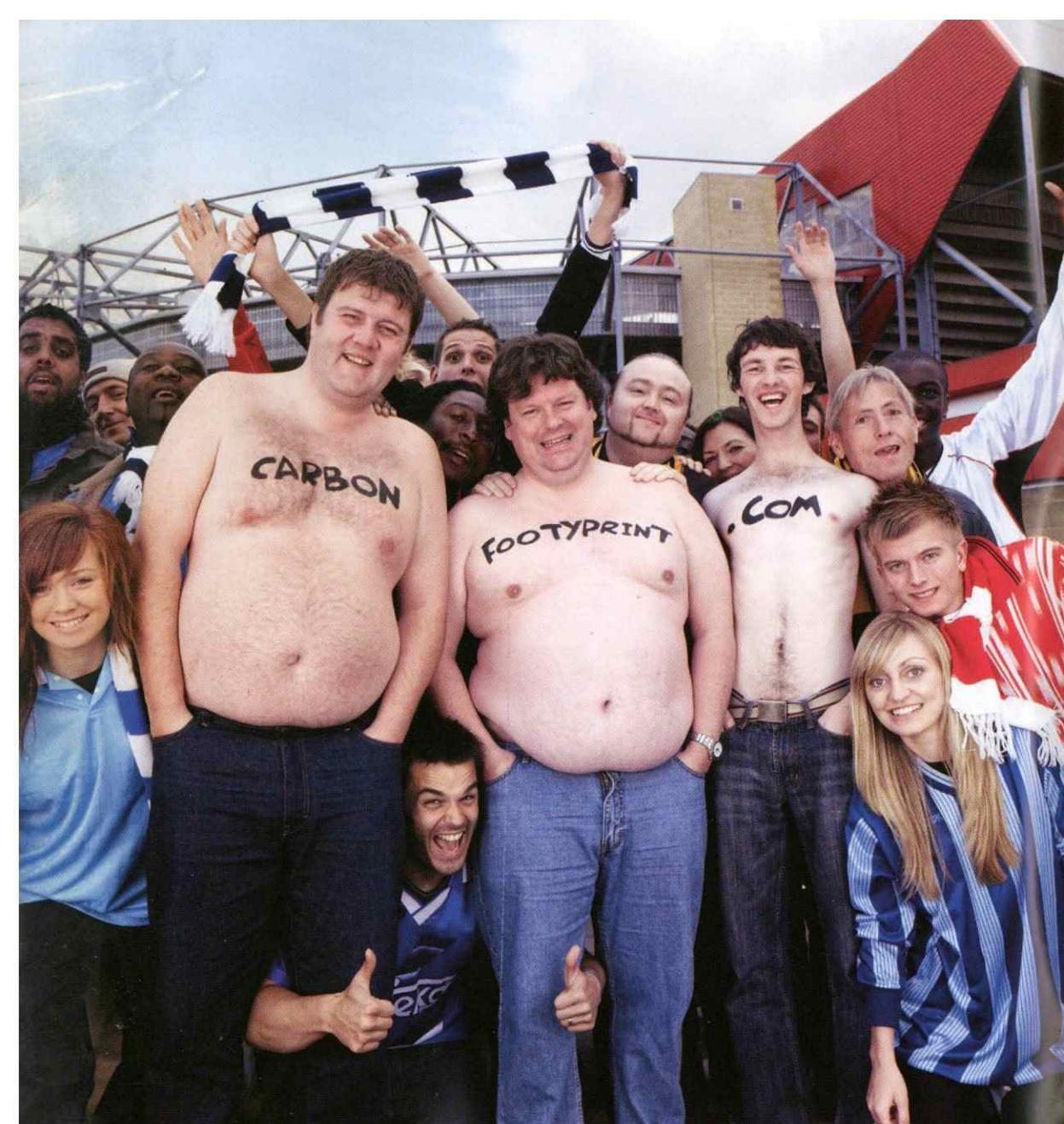
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Enjoy the game

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72 Clubs. The 'Coca-Cola' Football League.

GOOD evening and welcome to tonight's match. The events of the last two weeks will for every Luton Supporter seem surreal, and once again we all need to work hard together to get the Club through this. Everyone at the Club would like to extend a big thank-you to all the supporters who have sent messages of support and the offer of assistance to us.

We were all extremely disappointed that last Saturday's match with Millwall was postponed. Our ground staff worked extremely hard to get the pitch playable- but the continuous rain beat us in the end. The decision to postpone any match is that of the referee and Mr Woolmer did wait to see if the weather conditions would improve, which they did not. I have received several telephone calls asking about a new date for the match, at the present time this has not been arranged but it looks now to be early in the New Year.

Success this evening would see us progress to the Third Round of The FA

Cup and a live television match against Liverpool here on Sunday January 6 2008, kick-off 4 pm. Who can forget our last meeting with Liverpool here at Kenilworth Road in the FA Cup – it is certainly one that will be talked about for many years.

In the last home match programme we asked for nominations for funds from The FA Community Charity Shield and I am pleased to advise you that The Pasque Hospice and Keech Children's Cottage have been nominated to The Football Association.

Last Thursday the players visited the children's ward of the Luton and Dunstable Hospital and we would like to extend a big thank you to Debenhams Luton for the gifts they generously donated. Thursday also saw the Club's 11th Annual Carol Service at St. Mary's Church, Luton organised by Club Chaplain Alan West which was enjoyed by all those who attended.

Last night saw the Annual Christmas Quiz here at the club organised by the

supporters club, with each team entered having a player allocated to them. This year the winning team was captained by Sam Parkin, our thanks to all the players and coaching staff who helped make the evening so successful.

We had very sad news this week that Les Shannon our former Chief Scout had passed away. Les had an amazing career in football, not only playing at the highest level but also in coaching. Les was always very popular around Kenilworth Road, and we send our condolences to his wife Maureen and his family at this sad time.

Finally, we need everyone of us to get behind the football management and the team - together we can succeed.

Enjoy the game.

Cherry

Les Shannon

12th March 1926 – 2nd December 2007

Everyone at Kenilworth Road was saddened to learn of the death of Les Shannon who for several years was in charge of scouting for the Hatters.

Les started his football career with his home town club, Liverpool, who he joined just as the war was coming to an end. He eventually made his League debut for the Reds in April 1948 but managed only eleven more appearances before his contract ended in November 1949.

Luckily, he had played well in a reserve game against Burnley earlier that season and was soon invited to Turf Moor where he went on to make over 250 League appearances for the Clares over the next ten years, most of which in his favoured wing-half position.

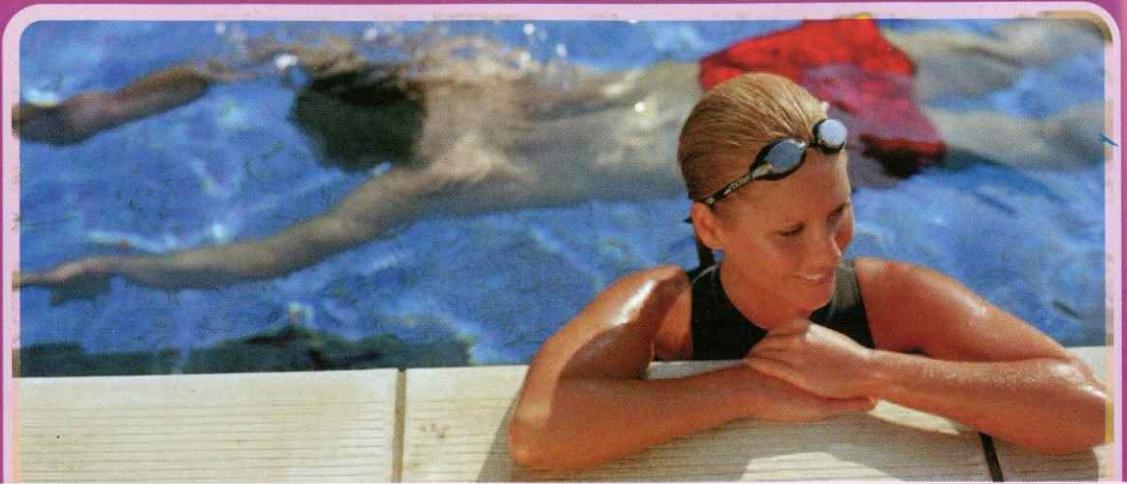
Tough tackling Les, who used to walk to Turf Moor with his boots under his arm before a match, was reserve for the Football League against the League of Ireland in September 1956 and also won three England 'B' caps in a long playing career which ended in 1959.

Always interested in coaching, Les then took up roles at Everton and Arsenal before winning his first managerial job at Bury in 1966 and then taking over at Blackpool who he steered to the top flight in 1970.

After resigning from the post at Bloomfield Road, Les worked as a coach in Greece for many years before returning to England and taking up the Chief Scout role at Kenilworth Road.

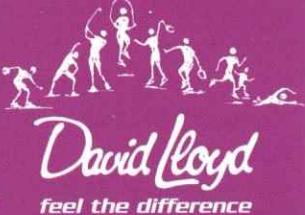
Les was still living locally at the time of his death.

CHERRY NEWBERY

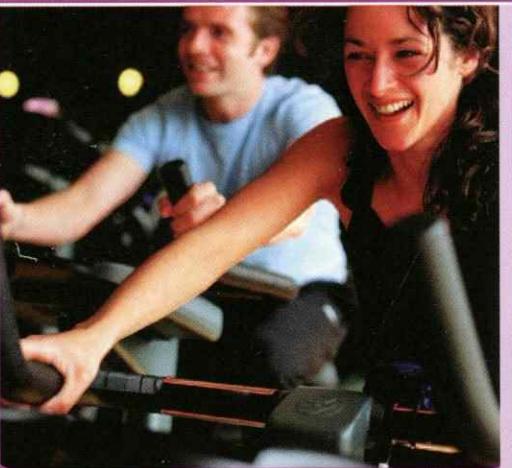


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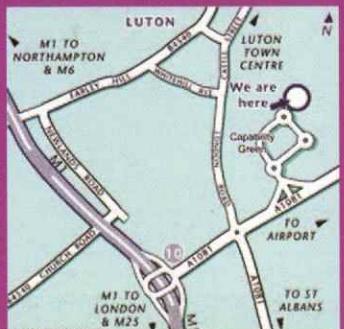
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FOOTBALL POSERS



Two's who?

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



TWO BECOME ONE... Can you spot them?

10 to test you

- ITALIAN striker Fabrizio Ravanelli played for which two English clubs?
- WHO contested the last FA Cup final to be played at the old Wembley Stadium?
- WHICH team got to the final of the European Cup in 1997 and 1998, but lost both times?
- ROBERT Pires moved to Arsenal from which club?
- WHICH club is known as the Quakers?
- WHO was picked as England captain following Alan Shearer's retirement?
- AT which club was Paul Ince the manager of before moving to MK Dons?
- WHICH club play their home games at Sincil Bank?
- SCOTTISH Premier League side Gretna currently share which football ground to play their home matches?
- WITH which club did Niall Quinn play for before retiring?



Question 8



Question 1



Question 10



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:

- a Luton player,
- a team's nickname,
- a Premiership manager,
- a League One ground and
- a Luton Town legend.

1 A LOAD GALLON

2 IT HASTENS

3 FLAXEN ROGUES

4 GRADERS TOY

5 TASTE COOKS

All answers on Page 49

The Forest story from 1865 Beginnings

A group of "shinney" players – a sport like hockey – met at the Clinton Arms in 1865 and voted to switch to playing the new game of football. They chose their colours as Garibaldi Red after the Italian freedom fighter. Forest applied to join the Football League when it began in 1888 but were turned down and instead joined the Football Alliance, which they won in 1892. They applied again and this time were accepted. Six years later, they won their first major trophy – the FA Cup, beating Derby 3-1 at Crystal Palace.

Top player

SO many to choose from but many fans think that giant keeper Peter Shilton was one of the main reasons that Forest not only won, but retained the European Cup in 1979 and 1980. A massive presence and great shot-stopper, Shilton played in both finals, won 125 England caps and ended his career with more than 1,000 League appearances to his name, 202 of them for Forest.



Top manager

BRITAIN'S most charismatic and best-loved manager ever was 'Ol Big Head Brian Clough. He took over at Forest in 1975, won the Second Division title in 1976 and the First Division a year later, followed by the European Cup in 1979 and 1980. As a player he had scored 251 goals in 274 League games.



The word legend just doesn't say enough about him somehow. He was far bigger than that.

Top game

Nottingham Forest 1-0 Malmö European Cup Final: May 30, 1979

FOREST'S first European trophy, £1m buy Trevor Francis made his European debut in place of Martin O'Neill, where he managed to put Forest ahead by rising beyond the far post to head in John Robertson's cross just before half time. Brian Clough called it the most satisfying moment in his career. The team of legends was: Shilton, Anderson, Lloyd, Burns, Clark, Francis, McGovern, Bowyer, Robertson, Woodcock, Birtles.

WELCOME TO

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

WITH Premiership giants Liverpool awaiting the winners of today's FA Cup Second Round tie against Nottingham Forest, this game has all of a sudden taken on a bit of extra significance.

Forest, who were beaten 2-1 by the Hatters at Kenilworth Road in October, have been on an impressive run of results and have kept with the leading pack in the League One table.

Impressive home wins against Tranmere Rovers and Southend United, two teams who are predicted to be challenging for promotion this season, as well as a win against Lincoln to reach this far in the Cup, have been recorded.

And with Nathan Tyson in a rich run of form, Forest could well keep that momentum going beyond their match at Kenilworth Road.

Tyson, who shot to fame with Wycombe Wanderers, had endured a slow start to life at the City Ground, but the nippy striker is all of a sudden repaying a large junk of the £675,000 price tag Forest paid for him in January 2006.

Tyson scored a brace in the 3-1 win over Lincoln in the FA Cup and is

Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	Forest
League	20	14	21
FA Cup	0	1	2
Lge Cup	0	0	1
Total	20	15	24

Last meeting:

Oct 27, 2007: League One
Luton 2 Nottingham Forest 1

Last season:

Forest finished fourth in League One. They won 2-0 at Yeovil in the Play-Off semi but crashed out 5-2 at home.

Recent Forest games:

Nov 10, 2007: Forest 2-0 Crewe (Davies 45, Clingan 52)
Nov 24, 2007: Forest 3-1 Lincoln (Commons 35, Tyson 49, 61)
Dec 4, 2007: Walsall 0-1 Forest

currently one of the inform strikers in League One.

And with players such as Kris Commons, Grant Holt, Matt Lockwood and Neil Lennon amongst their ranks, Forest certainly have a hugely talented squad.

Honours between the two sides have been pretty much even with Forest edging out the Hatters 24 to 20 in their 59 previous encounters.

And Forest have a decent record of victories at Kenilworth Road. In 1993,



CITY SLICKERS... Forest's magnificent City Ground stadium has been their home since 1897

They are two-time winners of the European Cup and have had great domestic success including winning the FA Cup on two occasions

Luton old boy Kingsey Black scored one of the Forest goals in a 2-1 victory over the Hatters.

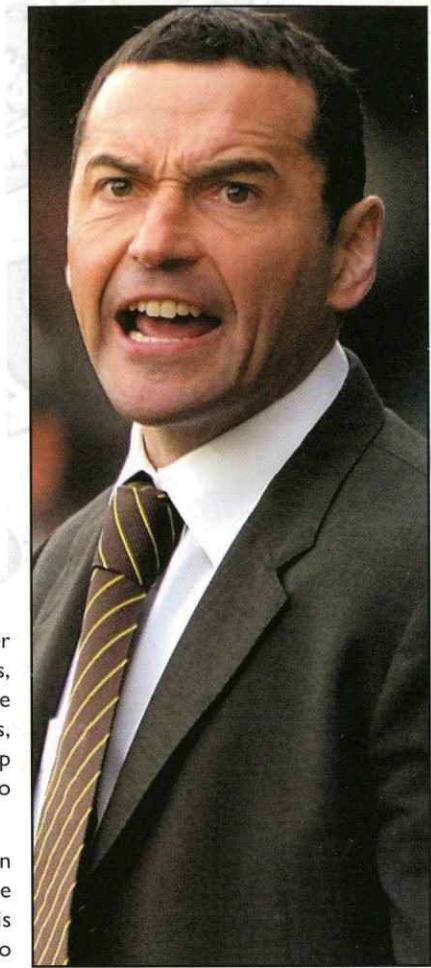
And in 1989, Forest edged out the Hatters in a five goal thriller at Kenilworth Road, the same season in which they beat Luton in the League Cup Final.

Forest are a club with great tradition. They are two-time winners of the European Cup and have had great domestic success including winning the FA

Cup on two occasions.

But it has been a roller-coaster ride for Forest in recent years, with five seasons in the Premiership in the Nineties, before tumbling out of the top flight in 1999, and now striving to get back to the Championship.

Having narrowly missed out on promotion last season through the play-offs, the pressure is certainly mounting on the Reds to make it on this occasion.



UNCOMPROMISING... boss Colin Calderwood

The long run from the Racecourse to the City

FOREST played at six different grounds in their first 30 years but have now been at the City Ground for 120 years. They began at the Forest Racecourse ground, which gave the club its name. Over the next 25 years, they played at The Meadows, Trent Bridge, Parkside and Gregory in Lenton, the Town Ground and moved to the City Ground in 1897. The site has been hugely developed into a 30,000-seater stadium.

Record attendance: 49,946: v Manchester United 28-10-1967 Division 1

Highest gate receipts: £272,735: v Sheffield Wednesday 19-01-1994 FA Cup R3

Best League win: 12-0: v Leicester City 12-04-1909 Division 1

Worst League loss: 1-9: v Blackburn Rovers 10-04-1937 Division 2

Best cup win: 14-0: v Clapton 17-01-1891 FA Cup R1

Most caps: Stuart Pearce: 76 England

Most League appearances: Bob McKinlay: 614 1951-70

Most League goals: Grenville Morris: 199 1898-13

Most goals in a season: Wally Ardon: 36 1950-51 Division 3S

Transfer fee received: £8,500,000: Stan Collymore Liverpool June 1995

Transfer fee paid: £4,500,000: Pierre van Hooijdonk Celtic March 1997

THE KEY MEN FOR

THE SKIPPER:
6 IAN BRECKIN

Joined Forest from Wigan in the summer of 2005. He reached a personal milestone last season when he made his 600th senior appearance. A seasoned central defender, Breckin's first campaign at The City Ground saw him score a career best ten goals and scoop the Club's 'Player of the Year' award. He relinquished his grip on that title last season and contributed just three goals to the Forest cause but his defensive displays drew widespread praise and earned him a place in the PFA's 'Team of the Year for League One'. He was an integral part of the Wigan side that clinched promotion to the Premiership but knowing that opportunities to figure in their top-flight side could prove few and far between, he opted for a £350,000 move to Forest. He launched his career with his hometown club Rotherham.

KEEPERS

1 PAUL SMITH: Started his career at Brentford, where he made 87 League appearances before a move down to Southampton where he was understudy to Antti Niemi and played 22 games for the Saints. Colin Calderwood made Smith his first signing when he took over as Forest boss in July 2007 and the keeper made 52 appearances in his first season at the City Ground.

Although that ended in the disappointment of Play-Off defeat, he established himself as the Club's first-choice goalkeeper. He kept five clean sheets in his first seven League One appearances for Forest.



30 DALE ROBERTS: Smith's understudy spent last season out on loan with Alfreton Town, making 47 appearances for the Conference North side and impressing many. A product of the Forest Academy, he is still waiting to make his First Team debut for the Club.

CELTIC CHIEF

Neil Lennon surprised many when he opted to join Forest in the summer



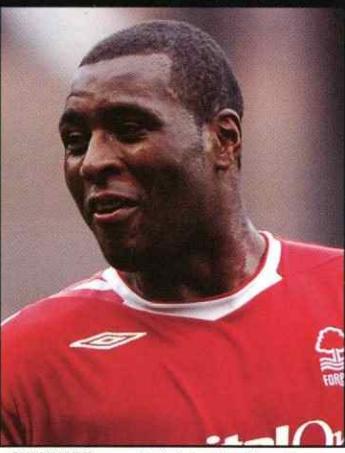
TEAM SHEET

Last game:
Brighton 0-2 Forest

1 Paul Smith
2 Kelvin Wilson
3 Matt Lockwood
4 Luke Chambers
6 Ian Breckin(C)
9 Nathan Tyson
10 Grant Holt
15 Chris Cohen
16 Sammy Clingan
17 Lewis McGugan
23 Junior Agogo

Subs:

5 Wes Morgan
(for McGugan 86)
7 James Perch
(for Agogo 60)
14 Arron Davies
18 Neil Lennon
(for Tyson 80)
30 Dale Roberts



STALWART... central defender Wes Morgan

NOTTINGHAM FOREST



TOP SCORER: JUNIOR AGOGO

23 JUNIOR AGOGO: Ghanaian international. Junior scored 10 goals for Forest last season before a pelvic injury in March ended his season. He scored 20 goals for Barnet in 2002-03, then 41 in 126 League games for Bristol Rovers before joining Forest in August 2006. Forest paid Bristol Rovers an undisclosed fee for a player, who had spells with Sheffield Wednesday and QPR earlier in this career - as well as a two-year stint playing in America.

THE STRIKERS



10 GRANT HOLT: Last season's Player Of The Year arrived at Forest via Workington, Halifax, Barrow, Sheffield Wednesday and Rochdale, costing £300,000 from Spotland. Has hit 18 goals in 75 League games.

9 NATHAN TYSON: Two serious knee injuries have disrupted Nathan's career, which started at Reading. Joined Forest in January 2006.

11 SCOTT DOBIE: Scottish international striker, who launched his playing career with Carlisle and then spent three seasons at West Brom. He arrived to Forest from Millwall.

THE MIDFIELDERS



8 KRIS COMMONS: Played much of his football for Forest on the left-side of midfield, but boss Calderwood lets him roam and has also used him as a striker. He was on Forest's books as a youngster, before Stoke offered him a scholarship. He made 41 League appearances for The Potters.

15 CHRIS COHEN: A classy play-maker, Chris started at West Ham, making 18 League appearances for them. He had a successful loan spell with Yeovil - which included helping them knock Forest out of the Play-Offs last May - before moving to the City Ground in summer 2006.

16 SAMMY CLINGAN: A talented midfielder, who established himself in the Northern Ireland line-up under Lawrie Sanchez. Joined Forest from Wolves in January 2006 after producing an eye-catching display for loan club Chesterfield against Forest at the City Ground.

17 LEWIS MCGUGAN: One of Forest's brightest Academy prospects, he made 18 First Team appearances last season, including 13 starts, and scored two spectacular goals.

18 NEIL LENNON: Joined Forest in June 2007, apparently turning down the chance to join his former international teammate Roy Keane in the Premiership at Sunderland. Came to promise at Crewe Alexandra, before signing for Leicester and then enjoying a successful career at Celtic. Neil signed a one-year contract with an option of another year at Forest.

THE DEFENDERS

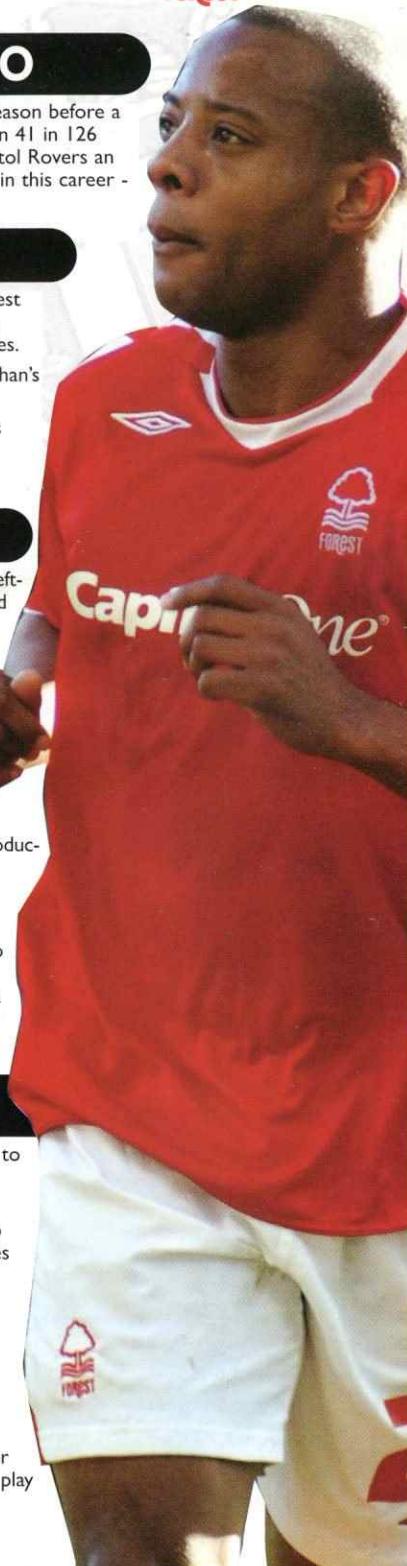
5 WES MORGAN: His ankle injury at the end of last season allowed Luke Chambers to establish himself alongside skipper Ian Breckin in central defence. Forest has been Morgan's only full time club, and he has played more than 160 League games.

2 KEVIN WILSON: Frustrated by lack of First Team action at Preston, Kevin moved to Forest for £300,000 in the summer. Born in Nottingham, he played more than 80 games for Notts County before moving to Preston, where he played 27 League games.

4 LUKE CHAMBERS: Colin Calderwood signed Luke from his former club Northampton in January. Made his debut for Northampton at 17 and was soon made captain. Played more than 120 games and helped them win promotion to League One in 2006.

29 JULIAN BENNETT: A cult hero to many fans, left-back Julian was at the Forest Academy, then joined Walsall at 14 before rejoining Forest in January 2006.

7 JAMES PERCH: Made more first team appearances last season than any other player with 54 (including 51 starts). Made his Forest debut as a central defender but can also play at right-back and in midfield.





CELEBRATIONS... Tony Taggart, who scored the only goal in Havant's 1-0 win over Notts County celebrates with his team

FA CUP ROUND TWO RESULTS

Harrogate Railway 2-3 Mansfield

Port Vale 1-1 Chasetown

Bradford 0-3 Tranmere

Bristol R 5-1 Rushden

Burton 1-1 Barnet

Bury 1-0 Exeter

Cambridge 1-0 Weymouth

Dag & Red 3-1 Kidderminster

Hereford 2-0 Hartlepool

Huddersfield 3-0 Grimsby

Millwall 2-1 Bournemouth

Northampton 1-1 Walsall

Notts Co 0-1 Havant & W

Oldham 1-0 Crewe

Oxford 0-0 Southend

Staines 0-5 Peterborough

Swindon 3-2 Forest Green

Torquay 0-2 Brighton

Horsham 1-1 Swansea

With a healthy number of Non-League sides involved, there was always likely to be an upset, and HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE did the honours with a win at NOTTS COUNTY.

Tony Taggart scored the only goal, three minutes from time, as Blue Square South HAVANT reached the Third Round for the first time in their history; with a 1-0 win at League Two NOTTS COUNTY.

HEREFORD caused a minor shock in their 2-0 home victory over League One HARTLEPOOL. The Bulls went ahead through John McCombe just before the break, and Theo Robinson settled it with 85 minutes played.

Ryman League HORSHAM made it into through after their 1-1 home draw with League One title-chasers SWANSEA. Guillermo Bauza put the Swans ahead in the 41st minute, but the Hornets earned their second chance as Lewis Taylor converted a penalty, five minutes from time.

Blue Square Premier BURTON will hope to make the most of a replay at Underhill as Liam Hatch's opener on 19 minutes for League Two BARNET was cancelled out four minutes from the end by the hosts' captain Darren Stride, in a game which saw the Bees' Nicky Nicolau dismissed in stoppage time.

A fourth Non-League side to make it into the third round draw were Southern One Midlands CHASETOWN after their 1-1 draw at League One PORT VALE, who had

gone ahead through Luke Rodgers in the 18th minute, but were pegged back by Mark Branch just before the break.

Vale's colleagues SOUTHPEND were held to a 0-0 draw at Blue Square Premier side OXFORD UNITED.

League One sides progressing were TRANMERE, who secured a 3-0 win at League Two BRADFORD CITY. Steven Jennings broke the deadlock after seven minutes, Chris Greenacre added the second in the 37th minute, and wrapped things up on 68 minutes.

There was no upset either for HUDDERSFIELD, who beat GRIMSBY, again from the league below, 3-0. Phil Jevons' double in the 53rd and 65th minutes proved the platform for victory, which was wrapped up by Luke Beckett after 85 minutes.

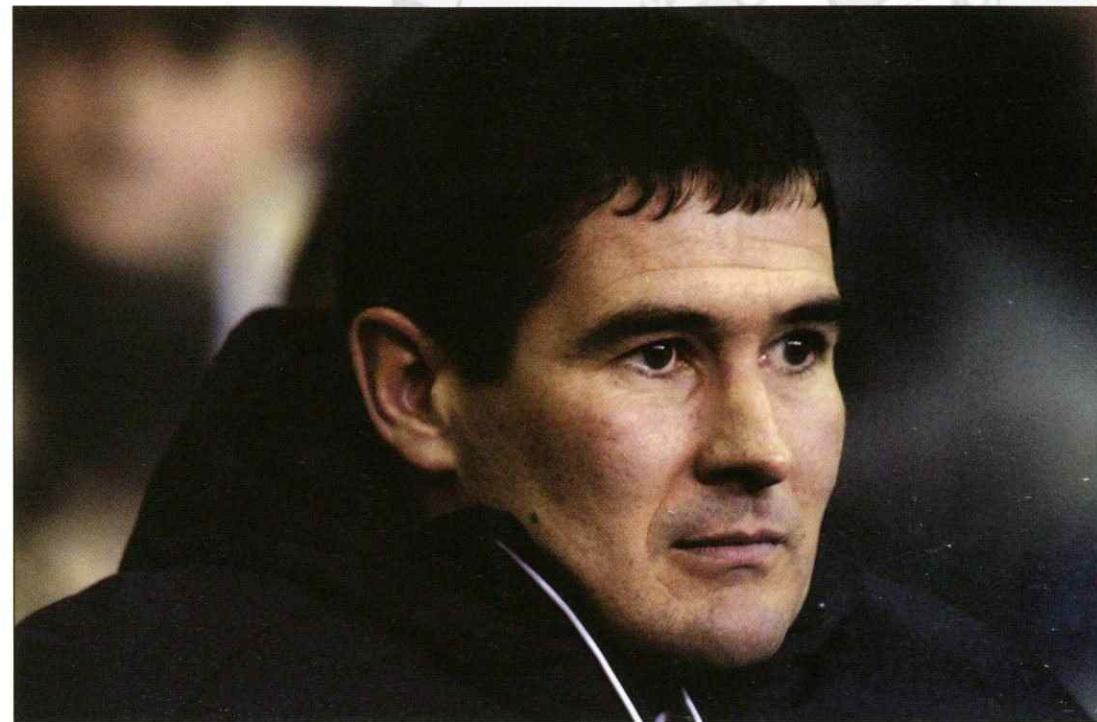
MILLWALL beat League One rivals AFC BOURNEMOUTH 2-1, after Ahmet Brkovic broke the deadlock for the Lions in the 50th minute, and Will Hoskins doubled the lead, five minutes later. Before Shaun Cooper scored a consolation goal for the Cherries' on the 74th minute.

OLDHAM edged past their colleagues CREWE 1-0 through Lee Hughes' 41st minute goal.

Blue Square Premier FOREST GREEN threatened an upset at League One SWINDON, as Jon-Paul McGovern's twelfth minute opener for the Robins was

SECOND ROUND REVIEW

GERARD BUTLER looks at the rest of the matches



SECOND CHANCE... Nigel Clough's team, Burton Albion, will replay their game against Barnet after it ended in a 1-1 draw

cancelled out by Rovers' Stuart Fleetwood in the 54th minute, and Mark Beesley nudged the visitors ahead on 66 minutes. Hasney Aljofree pulled Town level within three minutes, and Blair Sturrock claimed the 88th minute winner.

Fellow League One side BRISTOL ROVERS won 5-1, despite finding themselves 1-0 down at home to Blue Square Premier RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS, when Marcus Kelly put the Diamonds in front in the eleventh minute. Andy Williams equalised with 33 minutes played, and Craig Disley put Rovers in front, two minutes later. Craig Hinton provided the third in the 51st minute, whilst a Rickie Lambert double after 54 and 87 minutes completed proceedings.

BRIGHTON made it a trio of wins over Blue Square Premier opposition with a 2-0 success at TORQUAY thanks to Nicky Forster's brace in the 63rd and 90th minutes.

However, NORTHAMPTON and WALSALL meet again tonight following their 1-1 draw. Tommy Mooney put the Saddlers ahead in the fourth minute, but the Cobblers levelled within four minutes through Andy Kirk.

Biggest scorers of the day were League Two side, PETERBOROUGH, who claimed a 5-0 victory at Ryman Premier STAINES, a game which saw Craig Mackail-Smith score four times, and Aaron McLean get the other.

BURY earned a 1-0 home win over Blue Square Premier EXETER through Nicky Adams' 79th minute goal.

Whilst DAGENHAM defeated another Blue Square Premier side, KIDDERMINSTER, 3-1, but only after trailing to Mark Creighton's goal in the 14th minute. Paul Benson levelled after 33 minutes, Ben Strevens eased the Daggers ahead with 85 minutes played, and Benson added another in stoppage time.

MANSFIELD earned a 3-2 win at Unibond One North HARROGATE RAILWAY ATHLETIC when many had tipped an upset. Gareth Jelleyman put the visitors ahead on 38 minutes, and Michael Boulding added a second in the 51st minute.

Danny Davidson pulled a goal back ten minutes later, but Boulding scored again after 77 minutes, although a nervous finish still ensued for the visitors when Davidson claimed his second with six minutes left.

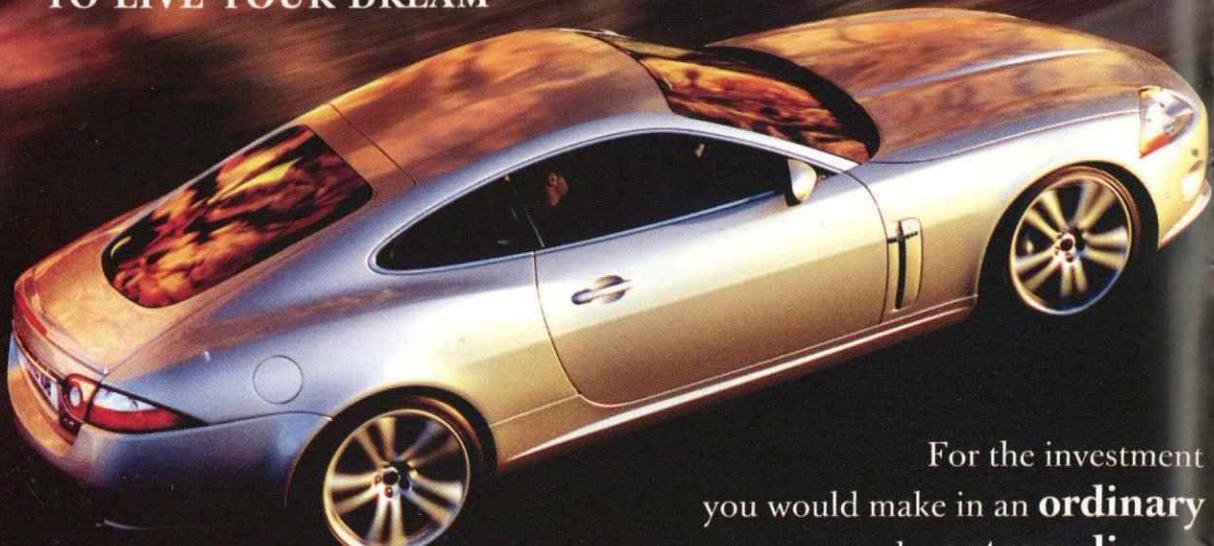
The one all Non-League tie went the way of CAMBRIDGE UNITED, who edged past WEYMOUTH 1-0 through Scott Rendell's 26th minute penalty.



GOAL HERO... Michael Boulding



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GREAT PICTURES

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



Forest scrape through in a classic.

THE Hatters ace marksman Malcolm Macdonald looks on in amazement after Forest full-back John Winfield crashes into the back of the net and snaps the goalpost at the same time. At least this brought about a stoppage in a breathless 180 minutes of cup football that flowed backwards and forwards before Forest finally came through at the death.

Division Two pacesetters Luton had been drawn away to top flight Forest in the FA Cup Third Round in 1970/71 and were confident of victory as their hosts had gone eleven games without a win.

A crowd of 23,230, including several special train loads from Luton, watched as Forest ran rings around the Hatters on an icy pitch and took a deserved lead on 18 minutes through Jimmy McIntosh.

The broken goalpost incident, after half an hour, gave the Town's coaching staff time to re-organise things on the pitch and after the re-start it came as a

Score: Luton 3-4 Nottingham Forest

Date: Monday January 11, 1971

Place: Kenilworth Road

surprise when it took until the 70th minute for Macdonald to equalise and take the tie back to Kenilworth Road.

This time 23,483 turned up to see a contest of high speed, thrust and parry with the Town attacking from the start but leaving themselves wide open for the counter attack.

After 15 minutes of sustained pressure, during which Forest goalkeeper Jim Barron pulled off some wonder saves, Forest broke away and scored a soft goal through Peter Cormack. Macdonald levelled five minutes later only to see substitute Gary Collier and then Barry Lyons net twice within a minute to give the away side an apparently unassailable lead.

The Town were made of strong stuff,

though, and a penalty from Macdonald after a foul on Jimmy Ryan opened the game up again. Supermac was rampant and seemed to be playing the Forest defence on his own and the roof was lifted when he bagged his hat-trick goal with six minutes to go to level the tie.

Manager Alec Stock went down to the bench to supervise extra time but watched in horror as Forest winger Ronnie Rees raced through from a seemingly offside position to bang in the winner at the death.

Coach Jimmy Andrews said afterwards: "We over attacked. It was a great game for spectators, but not a great professional game. At times we were murdering them."

"We played well enough to win and badly enough to lose. Attacking football is great if you are not too worried about the result."



Hatters Line-Up

4-4-2



Goals: Coyne (36), Fojut (60)

Substitutes:

Currie (28 Hutchison)
Keane (68 Edwards)
McVeigh (81 Talbot)

Not used: Goodall, Furlong

Edwards, Spring

None

Brentford Line-Up

4-4-2



Goals: None

Substitutes:

Shakes (71 Connell)
Smith (71 Pead)
Osborne (75 Mackie)

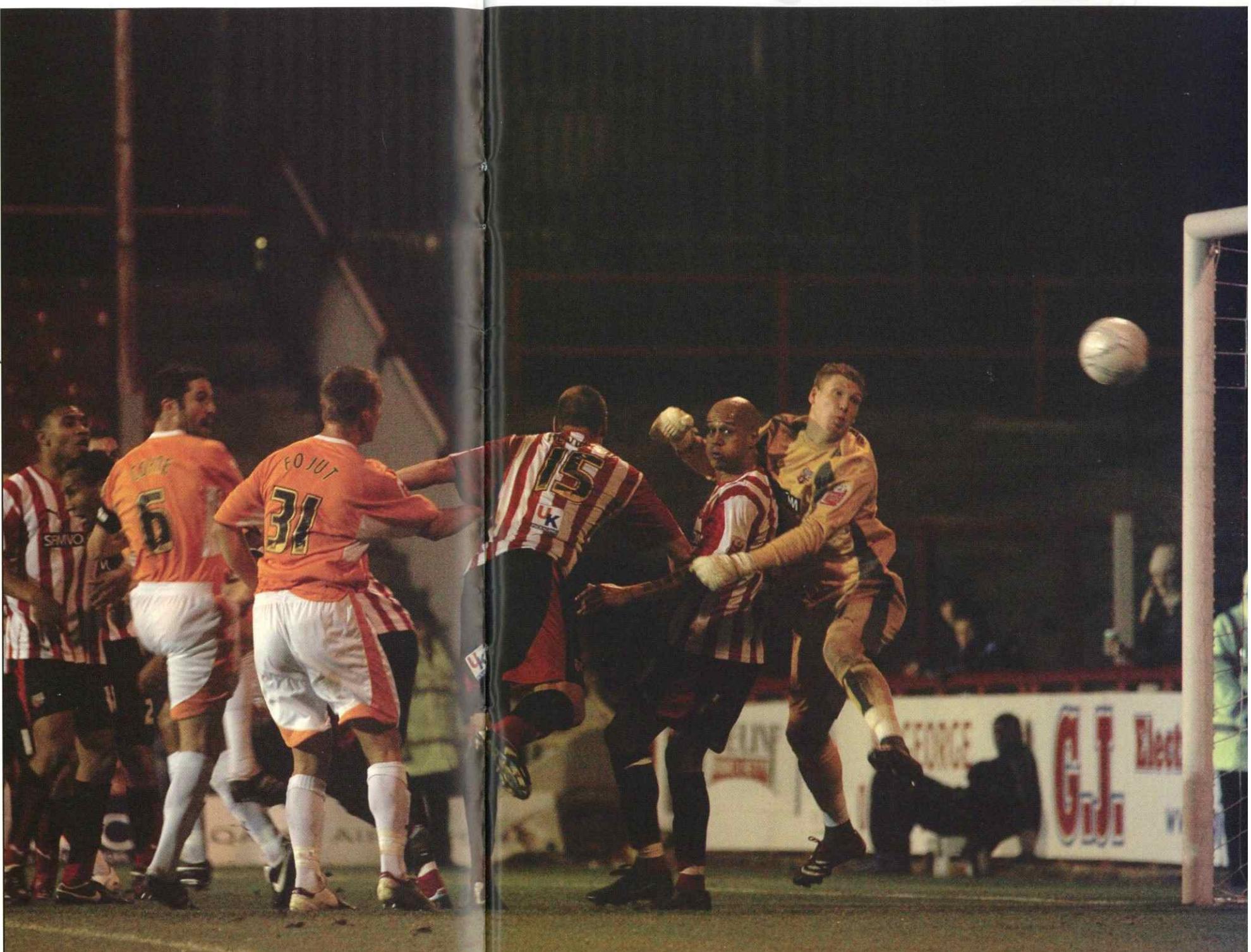
Not used: Brown, Oyebenjo

Masters

None

REFEREE: Darren Drysdale (Lincolnshire)

FA CUP FIRST ROUND REPLAY TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2007 GRIFFIN PARK ATT: 2,643 ■ GOAL... Chris Coyne puts Luton into the lead as he heads past a packed Brentford defence at Griffin Park





NEAR MISS... Chris Coyne almost manages to steer home the loose ball into an unguarded net as the Hatters mount on the pressure at Griffin Park

MANAGERS' VIEW



"It was a professional performance. I wouldn't say it was dynamic in any way, shape or form, but we came here to do a job and I thought we did it very well indeed.

"Once again, the players have responded and I thought we thoroughly deserved it. I thought we had that little bit more quality and if we'd finished off our approach play and been a bit more clinical, it would have been more.

"I'm not saying it was a great game because I don't think it was, to be honest. But it was a game that had to be won. It was as simple as that. And in Luton's position I'd rather save any dynamic football for later on."

Kevin Blackwell

Luton's centre-backs scored a goal each to ease the Hatters into an FA Cup Second Round tie at home to Nottingham Forest.

It was a first goal of the season for both as Luton kept a third consecutive clean sheet.

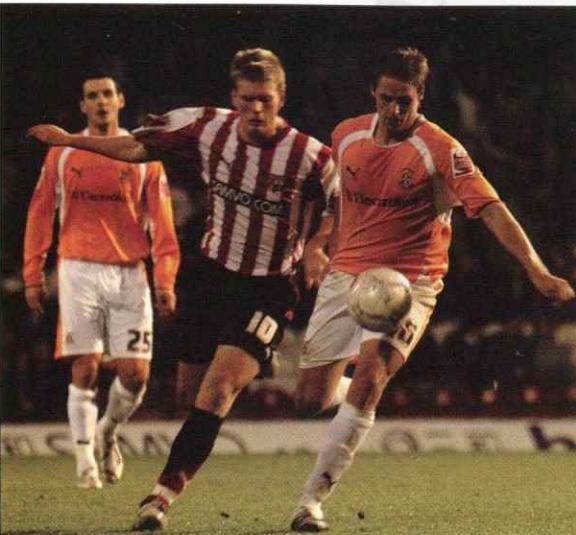
The bad news for Kevin Blackwell's injury-hit side is that both Dave Edwards and Don Hutchison limped off.

The goals were very different but both came from vicious inswinging corners from sub Darren Currie.

Coyne rose among a crowd of players to head in the first from Currie's corner from the left, directing it inside the far post after 36 minutes.

Fojut doubled the lead on the hour when Currie floated over a cross from the left that was only half cleared by the Brentford defence. As the ball fell to Fojut, the Polish defender twisted and smashed a shot hard into the ground from 15-yards, before watching it loop over the stranded keeper and into the net.

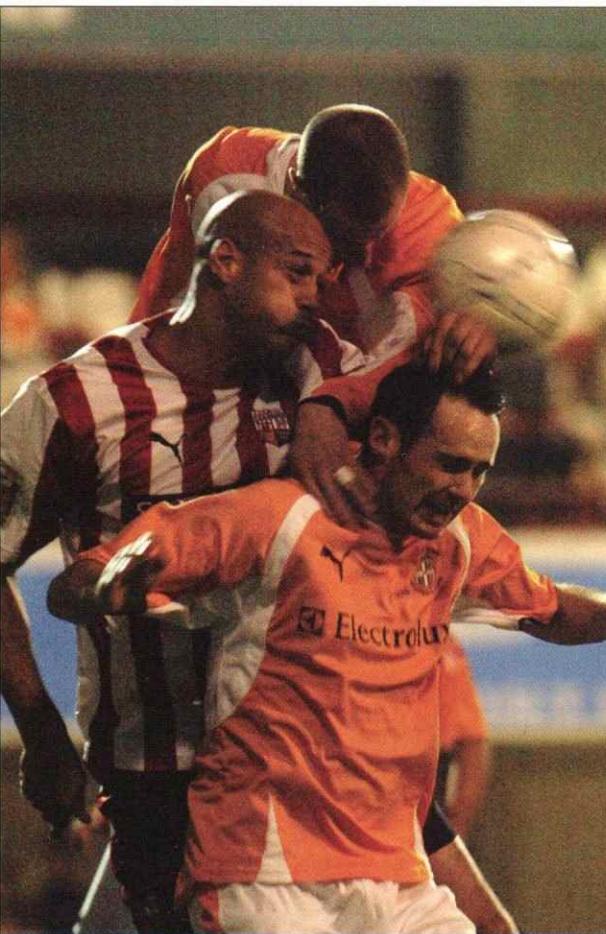
Brentford piled on the pressure in the closing stages of the game, but were unable to break through Luton's solid defence.



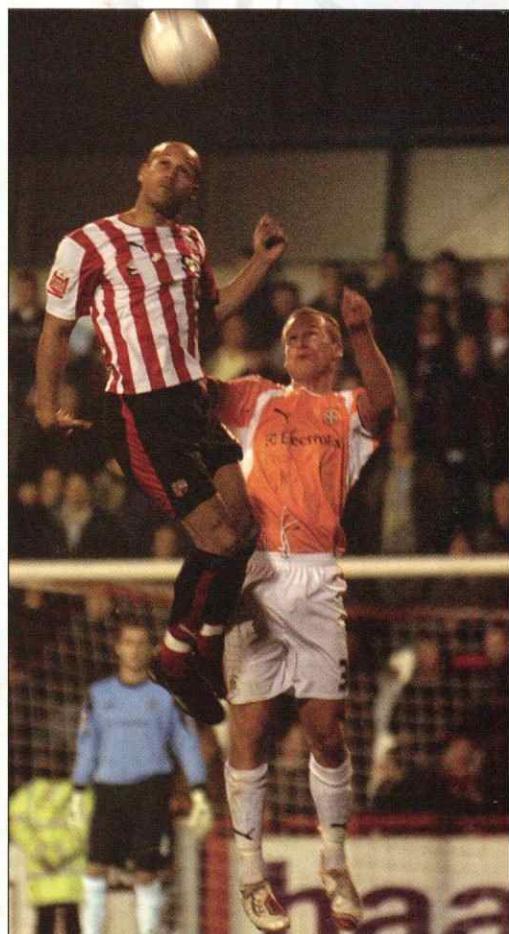
SURGING FORWARD... Dave Edwards mounts a Hatters attack



FLOORED... Darius Charles is sent tumbling as Calvin Andrew strolls through



SANDWICH... Lee Thorpe is sandwiched between David Bell and Jaroslaw Fojut



CLIMBING HIGH... Lee Thorpe towers above Jaroslaw Fojut

The Interview



Drew Talbot

WHEN it comes to staring adversity in the face, Drew Talbot is no stranger. Having dealt with a serious back injury whilst on the books for Sheffield Wednesday, which ruled him out for a whole season, he returned to the Owls' frontline, and following a loan spell at Scunthorpe, earned himself a £250,000 move to Kenilworth Road.

So you won't be surprised to know he remains upbeat about the current situation the Hatters find themselves in, and reminiscent of the mood in the dressing room, they are more than ready to do their bit to keep spirits high, whilst the chips are supposedly down.

"Having had the ten point deduction, it's good to be having this run of form at the moment," commented the former Barnsley trainee.

"That kind of form is what we need at the moment so fingers crossed we can keep that run going.

"We also have this cup run; it is important that we can keep this going as well so tonight is really important. It breeds more confidence and that can only be a good thing.

"I watched the cup draw on television and I think this game has now taken on added significance. The draw against Liverpool has given us all that extra incentive to go on and beat Nottingham Forest.

"If we can win tonight, it will give us that extra confidence boost that can help us climb up the League One table."

And with the games coming thick and fast it can be a make or break time for a club's ambitions for the current campaign. Emerging out of the festive period with an unbeaten run ranks high on the list of priorities. But with away trips to Cheltenham, Bristol Rovers and Port Vale, all sides in and around where the Hatters currently sit, and home games against mid-table Tranmere and Yeovil, it represents a tough test.

"Christmas is always a hard time of the season, but you just have to get on with it," explained the 21-year-old. "You play about

six games in two weeks, but when you're on a good run of form that is exactly what you want.

"It's important to head into the period on a bit of a high, which is why these next few games are so vitally important. There is no reason as to why we can't keep that run going.

"It is a tough time for everybody. Everyone really needs to stick together. In many ways, I think that is why we are probably on this run at the moment.

"It's important that we do keep together because it is an important time."

Talbot is hoping that a run of form for the Hatters in these matches can coincide with a regular run in the side for himself, as he looks to put his injury and illness problems behind him and play his part in helping Town climb back up the table.

"I hope it's the end of it now. I had a mixture of different illnesses. It all came together at once and it wasn't good for me at all.

"It was three weeks before I was even allowed to come back to training so I'm just glad to be back now. I'm nearly there, but compared to what I was, I just feel so much better.

"When you're playing every week, throughout training as well, your fitness levels are sky high and obviously it can be a bit of a shock when you come back from a long time on the sidelines.

"It takes a while to get back into the swing of things and it was hard for me being out for so long.

"It's not until you get back out on the field, playing matches, that you appreciate all that extra work on the training ground.

"I managed to play against Brentford in the FA Cup and that has done me the world of good, but I'm on the mend and getting back to some kind of full fitness.

"First of all I had Influenza. I managed to get rid of that, but then I had sinusitis. I was speaking to the doctors and they said the problem could take three weeks to get over, but I happened to get a really bad case of it.

"I couldn't get rid of it at all. I came into

training just to do a little bit of running, but it struck me hard and if anything it made the situation even worse. It was just a case of taking antibiotics and getting rid of the illness.

"Luckily, since I have been at Luton, I have been very fortunate with injuries. The illness was just one of those things that happens, it just comes along and there is nothing you can do about it."

With the arrival of nine new faces in the summer, two of which are out and out strikers in Paul Peschisolido and Paul Furlong, and two very attack minded midfielders, Paul McVeigh and Darren Currie, Talbot could be forgiven for feeling a little dejected by their arrival just six months after his own. However, unsurprisingly given his competitive nature, he has relished the challenge of the additional competition for a starting spot.

"The gaffer has changed things around now and then, but I have felt that I have needed to fight my place because everyone is pushing hard to get into the starting line-up.

"If you only sign a few players at the Club and you think your place is safe in the team, then there is a possibility that players may not play to their full potential.

"It's good that so many players have come in because you have to be at the top of your game all the time.

"It was a daunting move at first, because I left my home in Barnsley. But I have settled in here really quickly. I have made some good friends and that has helped me out a lot.

"I know a new manager has come in, but that hasn't really bothered me. New managers bring in new ideas. The manager is a good coach, and together we can move away from the relegation zone because we know we are a better team than that."

Drew Talbot

Favourite film?

Gladiator

Favourite TV programme?

Heroes

Your sporting hero?

Lance Armstrong

What car do you drive?

Ford Focus

Where in the world would you most like to live?

Australia

Favourite meal?

My mum's Shepherds Pie

Which CDs are in your car at the moment?

I'm listening to my I-Pod at the moment

Favourite other sport?

American Football

If you could play for any football team in the world, who would it be?

Manchester United

What is your most prized possession?

My health

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THE STATISTICS

SIMON PITTS finds some fascinating facts about today's teams

6 Luton have twice scored six goals in a FA Cup match at this stage of the competition whilst playing at home. In 1926/27 Northfleet United were beaten 6-2, and a year later Norwich City conceded six without reply.

8 is the number of FA Cup Second Round ties played at Kenilworth Road whilst Luton have been a League side. Luton have won six, with just one defeat and one draw. The Hatters have scored 23 goals, and conceded just nine in these eight matches. A further four replay matches at this stage of the competition have also been played when Luton have been the home side.

2 There have been two hat-tricks at this stage of the competition, and they both came in the two matches mentioned above! Harry Woods netted three against Northfleet with Syd Reid scoring twice and Andy Rennie the other. Reid was to go one better against Norwich as he repeated Woods' hat-trick feat, whilst Woods himself was also on the scoresheet. Jimmy Yardley and George Dennis completed the scoring against the Canaries.



HAT TRICK.. Malcolm MacDonald

1 Luton have only played Forest once before at Kenilworth Road in a FA Cup tie, and that was a third round replay in 1970/71. Malcolm MacDonald scored a second half equaliser at the City Ground, after a broken goal post had delayed the game in the first half. MacDonald netted a hat trick in the replay, but this wasn't enough for Luton to progress to the next round as Forest scored late on to win 4-3.

12035 is the biggest attendance for an FA Cup second round match at Kenilworth Road. It was in December 1968 against Gillingham, and the Hatters were 3-1 winners courtesy of a brace from Mike Harrison, after Graham French had opened the scoring.

8 It's eight years since the Hatters last played at home at this stage of the competition. Lincoln City were the visitors, and despite being a league below the Hatters, twice took the lead. Gary Doherty was the hero though with a brace to take the game to a replay. Stuart Douglas ensured there was not going to be an upset as he netted a late winning goal at Sincil Bank.

0 Whilst being a League side, Luton have never failed to score in an FA Cup Second Round tie at Kenilworth Road.

Each way movers

8 The number of players who have moved from Forest to Luton on a permanent basis. George Dennis, Randolph Galloway, John Green, Joe Mills, Gerry Morgan and Tommy Roe all moved in the 1920's. The only player to really feature for Luton from those six was George Dennis who made 150 appearances and scored 44 goals. The other two players both moved in the 1960's, Stuart Imlach made just 9 appearances in the 1960/61 season before a move to Coventry City. David Pleat made nearly 80 appearances and scored 10 goals for Luton during the mid 1960's before a move to Shrewsbury Town. Pleat was of course to have two spells in charge of the Hatters.

6 Players have moved from Luton to Forest, although two of these came over 100 years ago, namely Herbert Holdstock and Bill McCurdy. Horace Gager and Syd Ottewell both moved in the late 1940's. Barry Butlin had made 72 appearances, and scored 28 goals for Luton between 1972-74, before a move to Forest. Kingsley Black had come through the ranks at Luton, and made 157 appearances and scored 31 goals during a five year spell in the Hatters first team.



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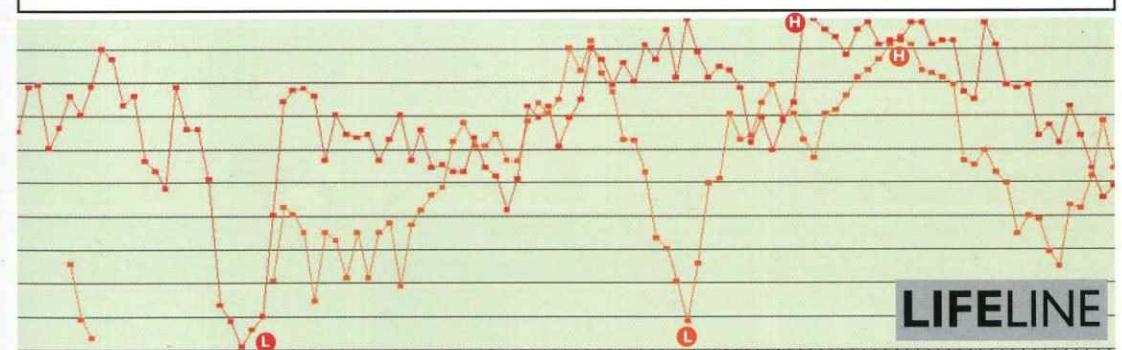
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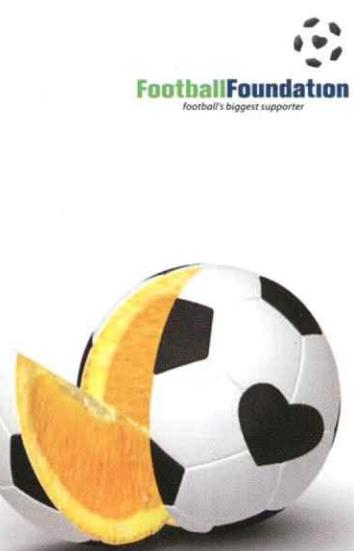
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YOUNG HATTERS

ZOE WOOD with the latest news and games from the youth team

Leeds through youths out of Cup

Luton's FA Youth Cup run came to an abrupt end as Leeds saw them out in the third round.

The two-time FA Youth Cup winners controlled first-half proceedings and goals from Fabian Delph and Tom Elliott sent them on their way to the next round.

Luton improved in the second-half and were unfortunate not to have reduced the lead when Billy Greulich hit the crossbar with a header.

But Leeds kept the pressure on the Hatters defence and eventually found a way through when Elliott grabbed his second of the game.

And youth boss Chris Cummins felt that Leeds deserved the win.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game."

"I thought they thoroughly deserved their win and it just shows us where we are lacking a little bit."

"Their one of the best teams we've come up against and all credit to them."

The visitors made an impressive start and it was no surprise when Leeds opened the scoring on 25 minutes as a quick counter attacking move unlocked the Hatters defence.

Leeds doubled their advantage on 37 min-

Luton 0-3 Leeds

HT 0-2

utes as the visitors continued to boss proceedings.

After an unsatisfactory first-half Cummins made adjustments to his side and threw on Dean Hamilton after the restart.

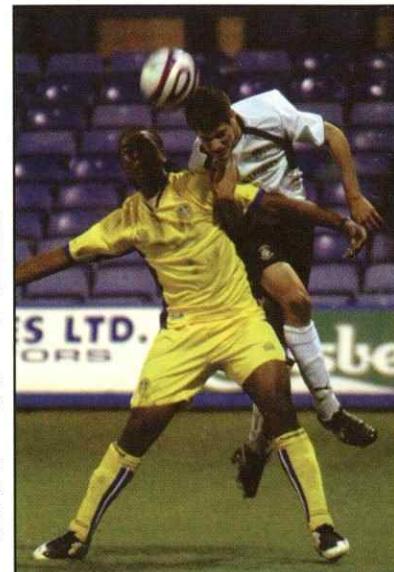
And the change almost had an immediate effect as the Hatters created their first opportunity of the game on 55 minutes when a McGuinness corner was headed onto the cross bar by Greulich.

But despite Luton's promising start to the second-half, Leeds sealed the win by extending their lead on 70 minutes when the ball fell to Elliott who smashed a shot against the inside of a post and into the net.

But the Hatters were thankful to Ross Faulds whose impressive saves throughout the game prevented what could have been a more damaging score line.

Chris said: "Ross has been great for us all season."

"He keeps us in games because at times we are a bit naive in our defending and tonight he made a couple of great saves."



CHARGE... Ricardo pushes past to win the ball

But the youth boss said they knew it was going to be a tough game.

"We said at the start we were going to need 11 fit players to be able to compete with decent academy teams which they are."

"Unfortunately we've had a few injuries and had to mix it around a little bit and to be honest in the first-half they were a different class."

"We didn't get going at all first half and they caused us all sorts of problems."

"Some of the lads just found it a bit too tough tonight."

Under-18 results, fixtures and table

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Sat 18 Southend D 3-3	Sat 1 QPR D 1-1	Sat 6 Brentford (PY) W 3-1	Fri 2 Leyton Orient (FA) W2-1	Sat 1 Barnet W 3-1	Sat 5 Leeds (FA) L 3-0	Sat 9 Brighton I Iam	Sat 1 QPR I Iam	Sat 5 Rushden I Iam	QPR 6 4 2 0 19 4 14
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Appearances (updated prior to Leeds FA Youth Cup Third Round Proper tie)

Elliott Osborne-Ricketts.....15 (1)	Dean Hamilton.....9 (6)	Oliver Cleaver.....2 (2)
Ross Faulds.....15	Scott Sinclair.....8 (3)	Ben Strang.....2
Jake Howells.....14 (2)	Ashley Harrison-Barker.....8 (2)	Dave Pilgrim.....2
George Beavan.....14	Joe Selby.....5 (2)	Joshua Cranwell.....1 (5)
Ryan Charles.....14	Matthew Maitland.....5 (1)	Ashley Deeney.....1 (4)
Mark Farthing.....12 (3)	Richard Owusu.....4 (1)	Nathaniel Taylor.....1 (1)
Harry Hogarth.....12 (2)	Loren Maxwell.....4	Aaron Fletcher.....1
Jamie McGuinness.....11 (1)	Adam Watkins.....3 (6)	Dean Hitchcock.....(1)
Riccardo Biggi.....10 (3)	Billy Greulich.....3 (1)	

Leading scorers

Ryan Charles.....8
Mark Farthing.....3
Ashley Harrison-Barker.....3
Scott Sinclair.....3
Jake Howells.....2
Loren Maxwell.....2
Richard Owusu.....2

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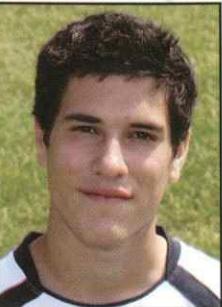
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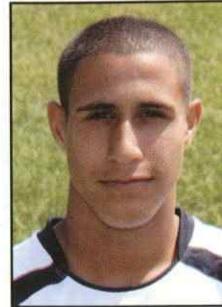
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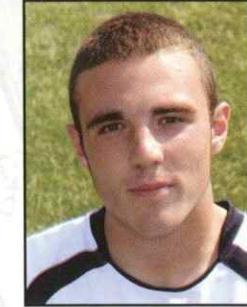
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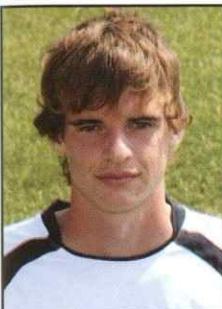
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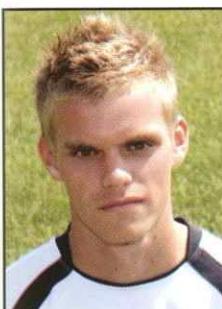
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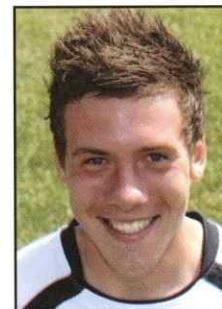
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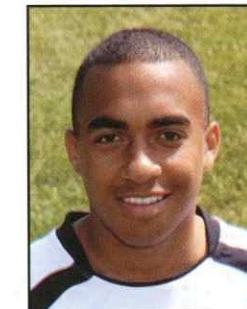
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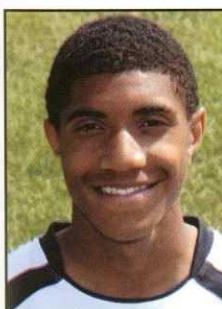
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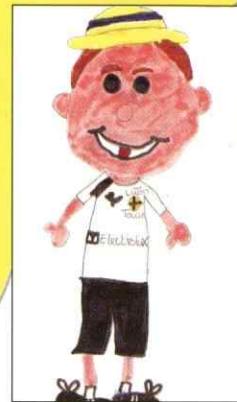
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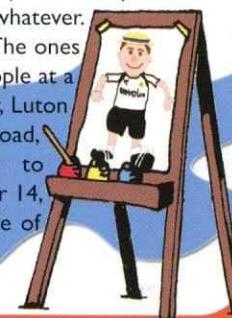
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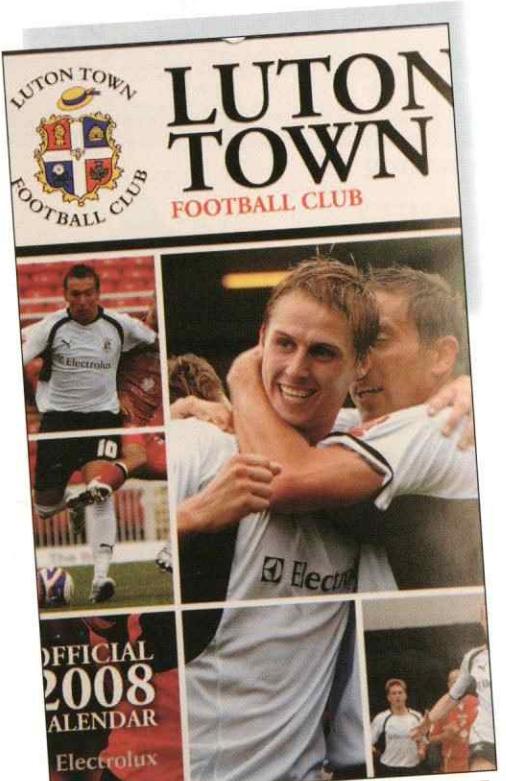
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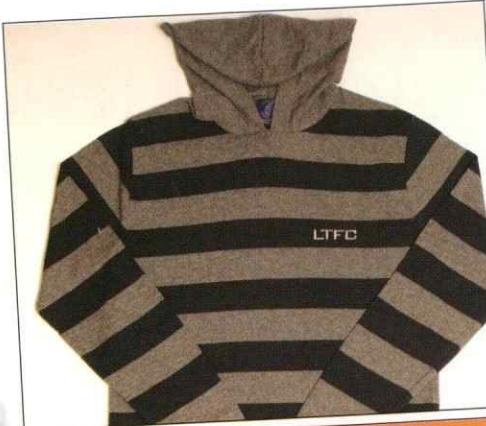
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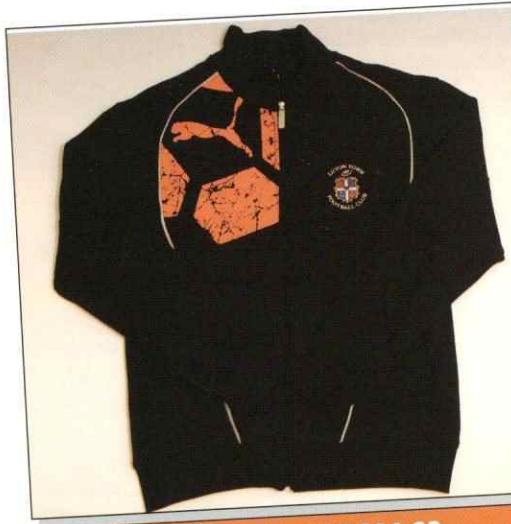
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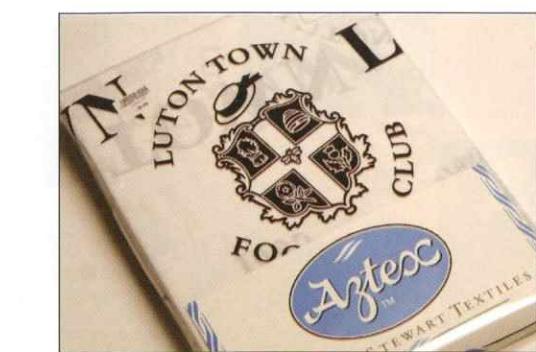
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M**Joseph (Joe) Cumpson SCOTT**

After failing to make the grade at home town club Newcastle, Joe dropped down to non-League football with Spennymoor where he was spotted by Luton Town's scout in the north-east and brought back to Kenilworth Road. Although he scored on his League debut in a 2-4 defeat at Swansea in September 1952, National Service and injuries meant that it was while before Hatters fans saw the clever inside-forward get an extended run in the side. When he did get in the side it was invariably out of position so he was pleased to go to Middlesbrough for £5,000 in 1954 where he became a consistent goalscorer.

Joe now lives in Acklam in retirement.

Leslie (Les) Jessie SEALEY

A marvellous goalkeeper for nine different League clubs over a twenty year playing career, Les is warmly remembered at Luton where he made over 200 appearances in, undoubtedly the best ever Hatters side in the club's history.

Although a Londoner, the brave, positive and loud goalkeeper started his career as an apprentice to Coventry before moving to Luton in 1983 for £120,000. He missed out on the 1988 Littlewoods Cup triumph through injury but was between the sticks for the Town at Wembley twelve months later.

After leaving Luton for Manchester United he added both an FA Cup winners medal and a European Cup Winners Cup medal to his collection.

Les finished his playing career back home at West Ham but sadly died in 2001 at the young age of 43.

John SEASMAN

With everyone at Tranmere thinking that Luton scouts were watching winger Steve Coppell they were mildly surprised when a £14,000 bid came in for midfielder John Seasman.

John made his full League debut for the Hatters at Wolves in March 1975, scoring in a 2-5 defeat, but although highly rated by the fans and the local press he was often overlooked by the Luton management until he was told that the cash-strapped Town would have to pay Tranmere an extra £10,000 once he had made ten appearances!

At his next stop, Millwall, John became a crowd favourite helping the Lions to promotion a feat he also achieved at Rotherham.

After drifting down through the divisions, John became chief scout at Blackburn before working for football agents Base Soccer.

Dino SEREMET

Slovenian goalkeeper Dino was plying his trade with NK Maribor in his home country when he was invited over to Luton for trials in the summer of 2004 which proved successful.

As understudy to Marlon Beresford, Dino made six League appearances during the Hatters League One championship winning season of 2004-05 to cover for injury to the number one, plus one in the final game of the season 3-3 extravaganza at Doncaster. In the following campaign Dino could not force his way into the side and was allowed to move to Doncaster and then Tranmere on loan.

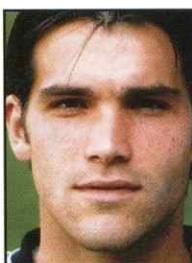
Dino left Luton in 2006 for Greek side Kerkyra who play in Corfu.

David (Dave) John SEXTON

Although Dave turned out for five clubs over an eleven year period taking in almost 200 League games along the way his playing career pales into insignificance compared to his coaching and managerial career afterwards.

Dave's playing career started at Newmarket Town before he was snapped up by Luton from Chelmsford in June 1951. After only nine first team starts in two years the bustling inside-forward moved to West Ham before eventually hanging up his boots while at Crystal Palace in 1962.

It was as a coach and manager that Dave came to the fore, though, leading Chelsea and Manchester United, amongst others, to glory before he became part of the England set-up in 1983 and was last assisting Sven-Goran Eriksson as a scout.



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player to have appeared for THE HATTERS in the Football League

Donald (Don) SHANKS

An England Youth international defender, Don was surprisingly released by Fulham at 17 in 1970 but was instantly signed by Luton who had been following his progress via scout Harry Haslam. Don won the 'Little World Cup' with England Youth the following year before making his League debut for the Hatters in August 1971.

A tough tackling marauding full-back, Don helped the Town to promotion to the top flight in 1974 but was then surprisingly sold to QPR for £35,000 in November of that year.

Don enjoyed a successful seven years at Loftus Road before a period at Brighton followed by football in Hong Kong, USA and Malta.

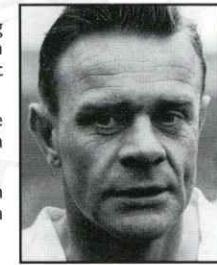
With a reputation as a playboy in London gambling circles and a former Miss World as a previous girlfriend, Don now lives in South London.

**Walter (Wally) George SHANKS**

Although born in Malta, Wally was raised in Scotland and was on the point of joining Aberdeen when war broke out. At the end of hostilities he followed his pal, Scottish international Tommy Walker, to Chelsea but with 70 professionals on their books at the time he decided to drop down a division and joined Luton in October 1946.

After biding his time with only an occasional first team game, Wally made the breakthrough in 1949 in his favoured defensive wing half position and apart from injury was an automatic choice until 1957 when he joined the Town's coaching staff.

Following relegation from Division One in 1960, Wally left Kenilworth Road and then concentrated on his sports shop that he ran with record Luton goalscorer Gordon Turner. Wally later ran the 'Brown Owl' shop and now lives in Luton in retirement.

**Laurence (Laurie) Joseph SHEFFIELD**

Much travelled Welsh striker Laurie was not kept on as a youngster at Bristol Rovers so moved on to non-League Barry from where he was brought back into the Football League by Newport, making his debut in 1962.

A prolific goalscorer who was good in the air for a relatively short man, Laurie was in much demand and moved around frequently. A £10,000 cheque brought him to Luton in 1969 and he scored 12 goals in 29 starts alongside Bruce Rioch in the Hatters forward line in his first season.

The discovery of Malcolm Macdonald and the signing of Matt Tees spelled the end for him at Kenilworth Road and he was on his way again. A broken ankle eventually finishing his career while he was with Peterborough. Subsequently Laurie has been a coach with Doncaster, a mortgage adviser and now lives on the golf course.

Paul David SHEPHERD

Joining his local club Leeds United from school, full-back Paul won England Youth caps but managed only one League appearance which came in a 0-3 defeat at Arsenal in October 1996.

Loan spells at Ayr and Tranmere then followed leading to a permanent transfer to the former club after which Paul threw in his lot with Keflavik in Iceland.

With Luton needing full-back cover as they fought to avoid the drop to the football basement in 2001 Paul was picked up on a short term contract by Hatters manager Joe Kinnear and played the last seven games of a disastrous campaign.

Paul was released that summer and has since turned out for Scarborough, Leigh RMI and Harrogate and was last at Stalybridge.

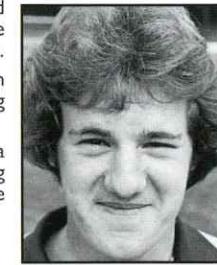
Steven (Steve) Edward SHERLOCK

After serving his apprenticeship with Manchester City, Birmingham born Steve could not find a way past consistent Scottish international full-back Willie Donachie at Maine Road so jumped at the chance to join David Pleat's Luton over the summer of 1978.

Making his debut, along with six others, on the opening day of the 1978-79 campaign Steve had little to do in the Hatters' defence as the forwards went rampant, banging in six second half goals against luckless Oldham.

Steve unfortunately lost his place to Mark Aizlewood after the Town's second game, a 1-3 defeat at Crystal Palace, and he eventually joined Stockport the following summer where he became a terrace favourite making nearly 250 League appearances before moving to Cardiff and finally Newport.

Steve still lives in South Wales.

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GIRL TALK

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

LUTON LADIES

Luton's Under-13's beat local rivals Watford 5-1 while the Under-16's challenge for the title after an 8-0 victory over Denham

WITH the weather playing havoc with the league program, the Under 13's were really fired up for their League Cup visit to local rivals Watford.

Rachel Kosky gave the Town an early lead which was extended when Kay Henton converted a Sophie Clark corner to make it 2-0.

The Hornets pulled a goal back early in the second-half but that just inspired the Hatters onto greater things with a double strike from Georgia Hardy.

An excellent performance was crowned by a 20-yard left foot strike from Lucy Howe to complete a fine 5-1 away win.

Despite a below par first-half performance from the Under 15's against Hitchin Town the Hatters found themselves 1-0 up at the interval.

But an altogether different looking team showed up for the second-half, running out another six goals with no return allowing them to continue to challenge at the top of the table.

Candice Davies lead the way with a hat trick, and there were goals from Stephanie Anes, Jade Doherty, Nicola Henman and Leah Maddix.



RARING TO GO... Leanne Lizaitis is back to full fitness after her recent injury

The Under 16's were in fine form and have worked hard to get back in the frame for a title challenge, moving into third spot by dispatching Denham United with an 8-0 win.

Yasmin Hickling, Claire Mangan and Nicky Livingstone all scored twice with the rout completed by Jade McEntaggart and Shannon Bagshaw.

The Reserves picked up a valuable

three points against Hackney on the famous marshes, part of which will shortly disappear under a 2012 car park.

The points were earned after just five minutes, when Rebecca Kane converted a near post volley after good work down the flank by Michelle Byrne to give Town a 1-0 victory.



In the event of a draw in tonight's game, replay tickets would be available after the match from the Ticket Office and the following details would apply:

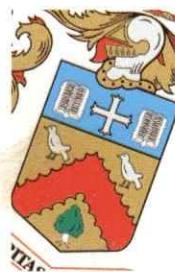
NOTTINGHAM FOREST v LUTON TOWN
Tuesday December 18, 2007 FA Cup Second Round Replay 7.45pm

We would receive an allocation of 4500.

Tickets would be available on general sale and remain on sale until 12noon Monday December 17.

Ticket prices would be as follows:

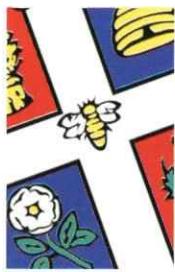
	Season Ticket Holders	Non S/T Holders
Adults	£12	£14.50
Concessions (Over 60)	£6.50	£8
Juniors (Under 18)	£5	£5



CHELTENHAM TOWN v LUTON TOWN
Friday December 14, 2007 League One 7.45pm

This game is pay on the night via a cash turnstile so no tickets will be available from the Luton Town Ticket Office.

TICKET PRICES: Tickets are priced as follows:
 Adults £18, Seniors (over 65) and Students (valid ID) £12, Juniors (under 16) £7



For further ticket information for future matches log onto the Hatters official website, www.lutontown.co.uk

Cheltenham v Luton Town
Friday December 14, kick-off 7.45pm
Cheltenham's Whaddon Road



Address: Whaddon Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5NA

Road: Leave the M40 at junction 8 and take the A40 towards Cheltenham. Continue forward on the A40. Turn right onto the B4075 (Hales Road). Turn left at Whaddon Road, the ground is down here on the left. There is no usable car park at the ground and nearby street parking is limited.

Town on Tour: will be leaving Maple Road at 3.30pm. The fare for LTSC members is £15, concessions £13 and non-members £17. 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.lutontownsc.co.uk

The Bobbers Travel Club: will depart from Cranfield at 2.30pm and Luton at 3.30pm. Cost for this trip is £15 adults and £12 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 856542.

TICKET OFFICE

If we are successful in tonight's game, Third Round tickets would be available after the match from the Ticket Office and the following details would apply:

LUTON TOWN v LIVERPOOL (Live on SKY)
Sunday January 6, 2008 FA Cup Third Round, 4pm

We would not be taking telephone orders for this match.

THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET - NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE GAME

NORMAL PRE MATCHDAY LEAGUE PRICES WOULD APPLY FOR THIS GAME.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Season ticket holders would be able to book their own seat plus one guest ticket (non season ticket holder seat and subject to availability) either in person or by post from Tuesday December 11 until close of business on Saturday December 22.

Special match voucher A would need to be produced at the time of booking and special match voucher B if booking a guest ticket (if booking by post * special match voucher A and B if applicable must be sent with your application.)

* If applying by post you would need to include the following information : Name, Address, daytime and evening phone number, your seat details for Season ticket holders own seat and your preferred seat for a guest ticket plus your payment along with £1.00 postage fee per booking (as all tickets would be sent recorded delivery)

Any Season Ticket holder who completed the 'Home Season Ticket Cup Match Authorisation' form prior to the Season would automatically be allocated their seat and their card details supplied will be charged accordingly.

MEMBERS

Members would be able to purchase one ticket per member (Non Season Ticket Holder Seats) either in person or by post from Tuesday December 11 until close of business on Saturday December 22, (subject to availability) - Membership cards must be produced at the time of booking (if booking by post * membership cards must be sent with your application- these will be returned with your tickets.)

* If applying by post you would need to include the following information : Name, Address, daytime and evening phone number, seating preference and payment along with £1.00 postage fee per booking (as all tickets will be sent recorded delivery)

MEMBERS GUEST TICKETS

Tickets would go on sale from Monday December 24. These would be available to Members to purchase one guest ticket. (subject to availability)

PLEASE KEEP YOUR TICKETS SAFE AS WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PRODUCE DUPLICATE/REPLACEMENT TICKETS FOR THIS GAME.

To assist supporters wishing to purchase tickets the Ticket Office hours would be extended as follows :

December 12 & 13	10am - 7pm
December 14	10am - 5pm
December 15	9am - 4pm
December 17 - 21	10am - 7pm
December 24	10am - 3pm
Christmas Day & Boxing Day	Closed
December 27 & 28	10am - 5pm
December 29	9am - 12noon
December 31	10am - 4pm



RESULTS AND FIXTURES

LATEST COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L													
Swansea City	18	4	3	2	10	6	6	1	2	20	10	+14	34										
Leyton Orient	19	5	2	3	14	15	5	2	2	14	12	+1	21										
Nottm Forest	18	5	3	1	15	4	4	3	2	14	6	+19	33										
Carlisle	18	6	1	1	15	3	3	5	2	15	12	+15	33										
Leeds United*	19	9	1	0	24	5	6	1	2	14	8	+25	32										
Southend	19	6	1	3	20	11	4	1	4	11	14	+6	27										
Doncaster	19	4	3	2	13	7	3	4	3	13	13	+6	28										
Walsall	19	3	3	3	9	9	4	4	2	11	8	+3	28										
Yeovil Town	19	5	2	3	12	11	3	2	4	8	10	-1	28										
Tranmere	19	4	3	3	14	9	3	3	3	8	9	+4	27										
Brighton	19	4	3	3	15	12	3	3	3	8	8	+3	27										
Hartlepool	19	4	3	2	15	10	3	0	7	11	16	0	24										
Crewe	19	5	2	3	12	10	1	4	4	8	15	-5	24										
Swindon Town	18	5	2	2	16	7	1	3	5	9	15	+3	23										
Huddersfield	19	4	2	3	12	9	3	0	7	5	23	-15	23										
Gillingham	19	5	3	2	15	12	1	1	7	6	23	-14	22										
Oldham	18	2	3	4	8	10	3	3	3	10	8	0	21										
Northampton	19	4	2	4	13	11	1	3	5	8	17	-7	20										
Bristol Rovers	17	1	4	3	9	14	3	3	3	8	8	-5	19										
Millwall	18	4	1	4	12	11	1	3	5	5	15	-9	19										
Port Vale	19	2	1	6	8	13	2	2	6	8	16	-13	15										
Cheltenham	18	2	5	2	9	11	1	1	7	6	17	-13	15										
Luton Town^	18	6	2	1	16	8	0	3	6	4	13	-1	13										
Bournemouth	19	0	2	7	5	19	3	2	5	13	15	-16	13										

*Leeds deducted 15 points

^Luton deducted 10 points

2007-08 APPEARANCES

This Season		Luton Career			
LEAGUE	CUPS	TOTAL	DISCIPLINARY	APPEARANCES	GOALS
App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Ben ALNWICK	4	0	0	4	0
Calvin ANDREW	8(4)	1	3(9)	1	11(7)
David BELL	15	3	6	1	21
Dean BRILL	9	0	7	0	16
Ahmet BRKOVIC	0(1)	0	1(2)	0	1(3)
Chris COYNE	15	0	5	1	20
Damien CURRIE	12(4)	2	2(2)	0	14(6)
Stu DAVIS	0	0	0	0	0
David EDWARDS	12(1)	2	5	0	17(1)
Lewis EMANUEL	0	0	2	0	2
Jaroslav FOJUT	11(1)	1	6	1	17(1)
David FORDE	5	0	1	0	6
Paul FURLONG	13	5	5(1)	4	18(1)
Alan GOODALL	14	1	4(1)	0	18
Anthony GRANT	0(0)	0	0	0	0
Don HUTCHISON	3(4)	0	4	1	7(4)
Richard JACKSON	13(2)	0	6	0	21(2)
Keith KEANE	2	0	2(1)	0	4(1)
Richard LANGLEY	0	0	0	0	0
Paul McVEIGH	3(7)	0	2(5)	0	5(12)
Dean MORGAN	3(5)	0	3(2)	0	6(7)
Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0(1)	0	1(1)
Sam PARKIN	0(1)	0	1	0	0
Chris PERRY	17	1	7	0	24
Paul PESCHISOLIDO	2(2)	0	1	1	3(2)
Steve ROBINSON	12(1)	0	5	1	17(1)
Matthew SPRING	17	4	7	3	24
Drew TALBOT	4(6)	0	3(4)	2	7(10)
Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0
Marc WILSON	3	0	0	0	3

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

FA Cup Fixture

Johnstone's Paint Trophy

CARLING CUP

Carling Cup Fixture

SKY SPORTS

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COMING NEXT



Saturday
December 22, 2007
League One
Kick-Off 3pm
Luton Town v
TRANMERE ROVERS

TRANMERE ROVERS become the last side to visit Kenilworth Road in 2007 when they arrive on the last Saturday before Christmas.

Ronnie Moore's men currently occupy a mid-table position in League One and with three wins, three draws and three defeats – at the time of going to print – at both Prenton Park and on the road, they will be as confident of getting a result here as they would be on home soil.

With nothing to choose between their home and away form every indication is Rovers will prove to be a good marker for the Hatters as they look to claw their way back up the table following their ten point deduction.

Tranmere haven't lost an away game since their trip to tonight's opponents, Nottingham Forest, back at the start of November and their form owes as much to goal scoring prowess of seven goal top scorer Chris Greenacre as it does to their thrifty defence and custodian Danny Coyne.

Greenacre, who made his name at Mansfield Town, may have grabbed the headlines this season but he will owe a lot to his strike partner, Gareth Taylor, as they continue to develop what is proving a productive combination up front. The pair were both briefly on the books of Manchester City at the same time and both have seen their careers prosper since leaving Maine Road. Taylor, has ten Welsh caps to his name and over 100 career goals, mainly from spells at Sheffield United, Burnley and Nottingham Forest.

Behind the front two lies a midfield that is held together by former Hatter Paul McLaren, who arrived at Prenton Park via spells at Sheffield Wednesday and Rotherham United and that also boasts tricky diminutive winger Chris Shuker.

At the back, long serving defender Ian Goodison has been ever present in the league this season and continues to marshal the line effectively. The former Jamaican international now has over 150 appearances to his name, since arriving in February 2004.

Tranmere hold the upper hand over Luton this season having recorded a 2-1 win back in September. Two goals in three minutes from Craig Curran and Antony Kay in the latter stages of the game gave them the points, despite Paul Furlong fifth minute opener for Luton.

That though will count for nothing going into the match, Tranmere haven't actually won at Kenilworth Road in the league since December 1993. In the five league games that have been played here after that game, Luton have won three and drew two, the most recent match being a 1-1 draw in January 2005 when a Kevin Nicholls' penalty cancelled out another fifth minute goal scored by the away team's centre forward, on this occasion Eugene Dadi.

Tranmere
Rovers boss
Ronnie Moore



Head 2 head

	Luton	Draw	Tranmere
League	31	21	24
FA Cup	2	1	2
League Cup	2	2	2
TOTAL	12 (46%)	4 (15%)	10 (39%)

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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	■■	
31	Jaroslaw Fojut	■■	
32	Ryan Charles	■■■	
33	Marc Wilson	■■■	
34	Anthony Grant	■■■	

Nottingham Forest

Manager: Colin Calderwood
Colours: Black shirts, black shorts

		Pl	Sc
1	Paul Smith	□	□
2	Kelvin Wilson	□	□
3	Matthew Lockwood	□	□
4	Luke Chambers	□	□
5	Wes Morgan	□	□
6	Ian Breckin	□	□
7	James Perch	□	□
8	Kris Commons	□	□
9	Nathan Tyson	□	□
10	Grant Holt	□	□
11	Scott Dobie	□	□
13	Felix Bastians	□	□
14	Arron Davies	□	□
15	Chris Cohen	□	□
16	Sammy Clingan	□	□
17	Lewis McGugan	□	□
18	Neil Lennon	□	□
23	Junior Agogo	□	□
24	Emile Sinclair	□	□
25	Alan Power	□	□
26	Matt Thornhill	□	□
27	Brendan Moloney	□	□
29	Julian Bennett	□	□
30	Dale Roberts	□	□
39	Hamza Bencherif	□	□

Hatters' last team

Oldham 1 Luton 1



Goals: Fojut (34)
 Subs: Talbot for Andrew (74), Currie for Bell (82), Grant for Edwards (90)
 Not used: Keane, McVeigh

Andrew (6), Robinson (36), Furlong (72), Talbot (84)
 None

Forests' last team

Walsall 0 Forest 0



Goals:
 Subs: Holt for Lockwood (86), Agogo for Commons (72)
 Not used: Roberts, Morgan, Perch

Clingan (51)
 None

MATCH OFFICIALS

- Referee: SW Mathieson
- Assistant: D J Phillips
- Assistant: N Hobbis
- 4th Official: S J Long

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