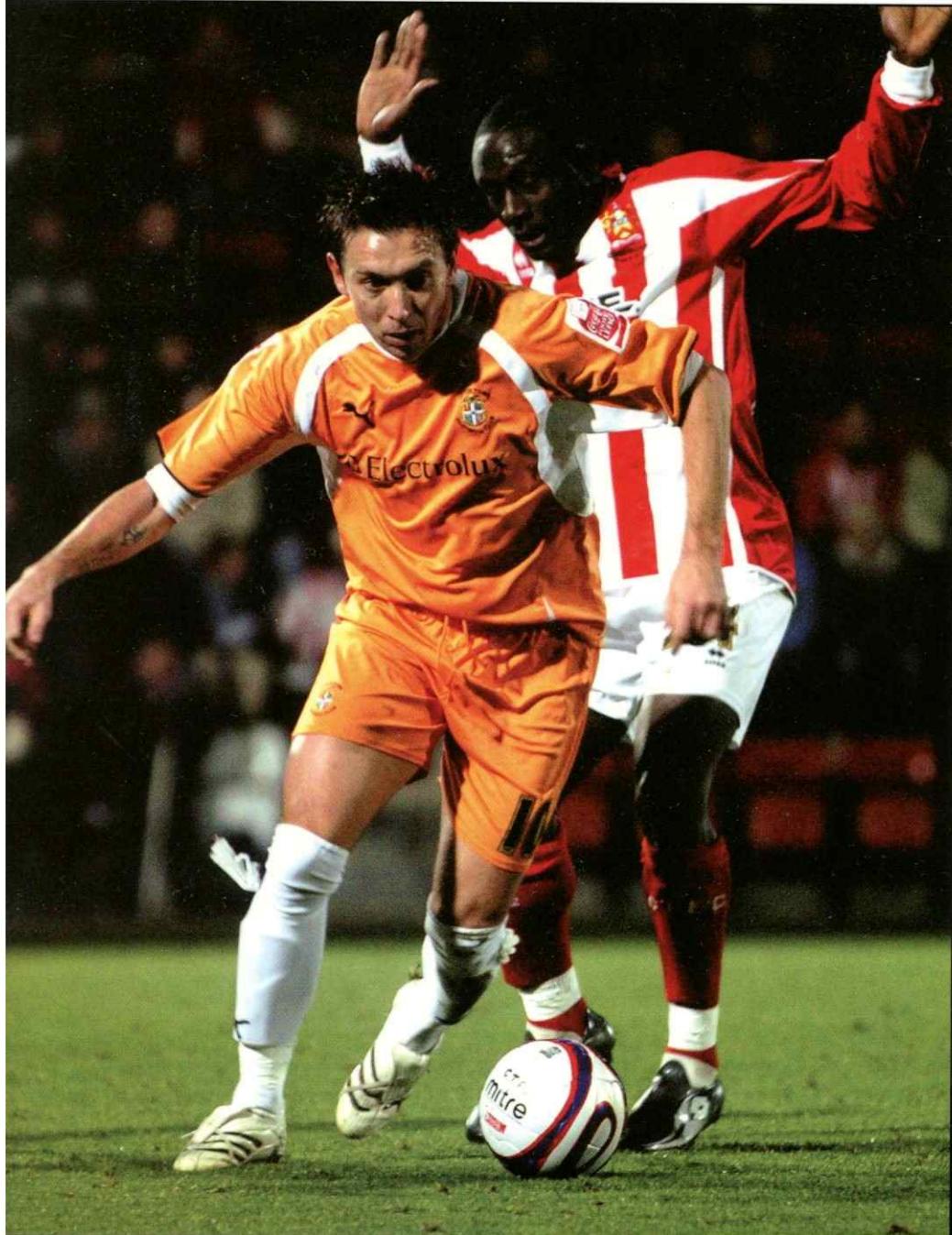


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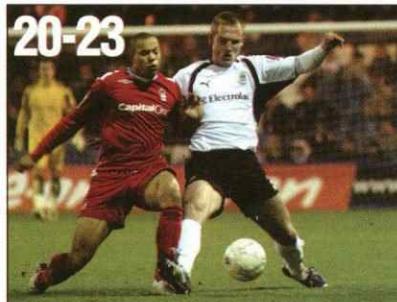
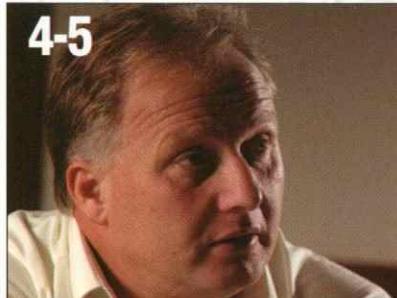
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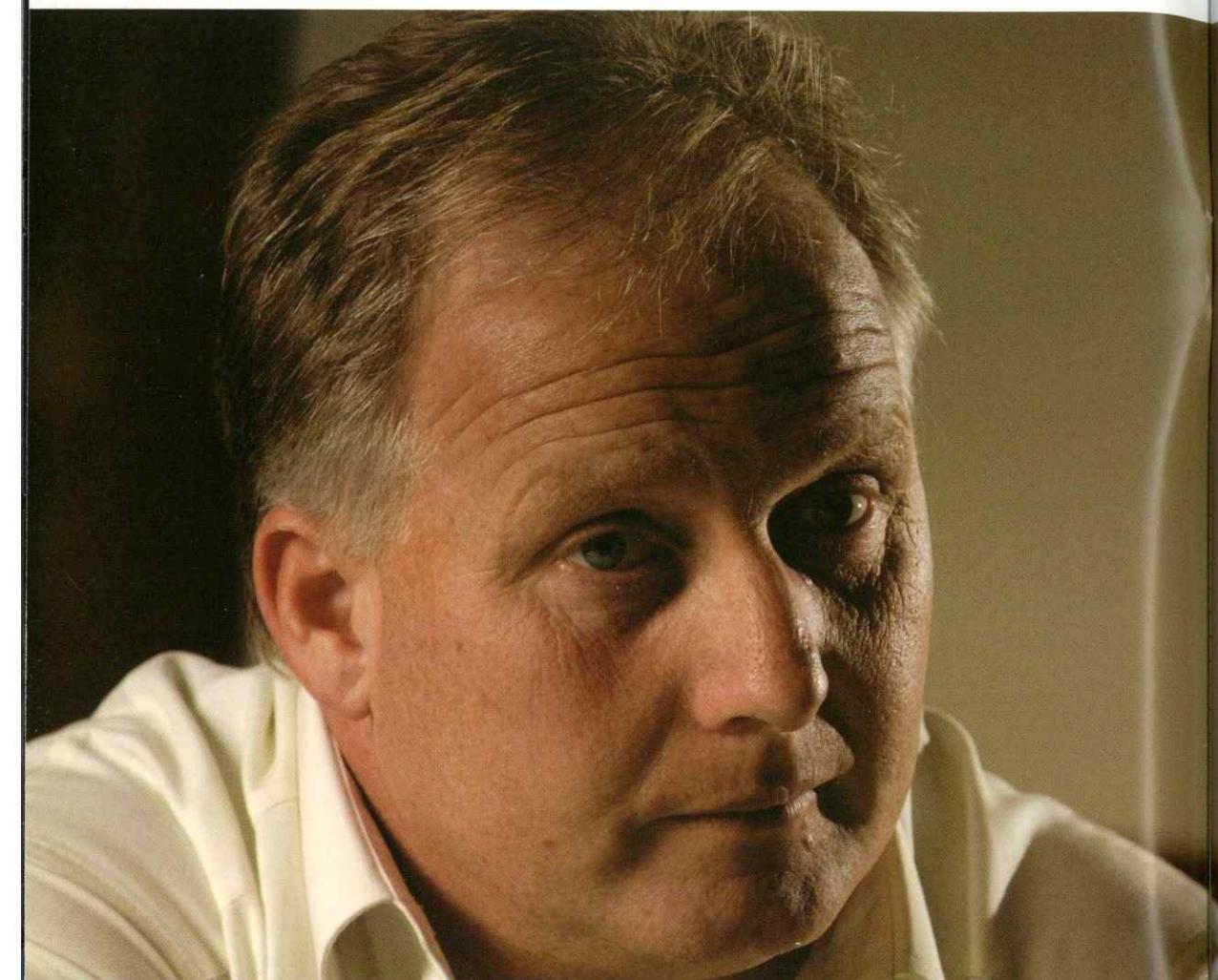
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KEVIN BLACKWELL



GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road, for our last home game of 2007.

Today we welcome Tranmere Rovers, and I would like to extend warm greetings to Ronnie Moore, his players and staff.

Tranmere had an excellent start to the season and although they have faltered in recent weeks, we know from our trip to Prenton Park earlier in the campaign that they play good football and have a decent squad.

I'm sure supporters will know how disappointed I was that we couldn't come away with anything from our trip to Cheltenham.

I was angry, not with my players, but because we had dominated another game away from home and had come away with nothing.

Fair play to the Cheltenham goalkeeper, he was terrific that night, and made three or four great saves, but it was just frustrating for the boys to have to get back on the bus and go home with nothing because they didn't deserve that.

But despite our disappointment, I have been very pleased once again with the response from the players during training this week.

We have lost the services of Marc

Wilson this week, due to our current administration situation.

It's particularly frustrating that we were not in a position to have extended Marc's loan period with us.

I understand we have got to be punished, but it seems as the Football League are showing no compassion

“ It's particularly frustrating that we are were not in a position to have extended Marc Wilson's loan period with us ”

whatsoever as we try to keep this club alive.

However, on the positive side, I am hoping to have Jaroslaw Fojut and David Bell available for selection this afternoon.

The Cheltenham game came too early for them, which was bitterly disappointing because Jaric has been a colossus for us and Belly played very well against Forest.

Supporters will have read in the local press that the Club has received bids for some of our players.

Unfortunately when you are in this position you are vulnerable to cheeky bids. If you look at bankrupt stock, that's when you try to get a bargain.

At the moment I don't run this football club. I can only try to affect what happens on the football pitch. It's about the running of the club at the moment. Football is secondary.

I would finally like to wish all supporters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas is often a busy period for everyone at the Football Club, and the part that you play doesn't go unnoticed.

We appreciate the support you give us and we will be doing our utmost to send you home happy this afternoon.

Enjoy the game

Kevin

*Everyone at Luton Town
Football Club would like
to wish all our supporters
a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year*



THE CAPTAIN

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road this afternoon as we prepare for our first of five games over the space 16 days.

Christmas is always a busy time of the year for everyone involved at the Club, and a good time for us to string some results together.

I know supporters will have one eye on our FA Cup tie against Liverpool, but before then we have four equally important games and a chance to move back up the League One table.

The defeat against Cheltenham last week was particularly disappointing because we felt we had done enough to get something from the game.

We played some great football in the first-half and we came up against one of those performances from a goal-keeper when everything went his way.

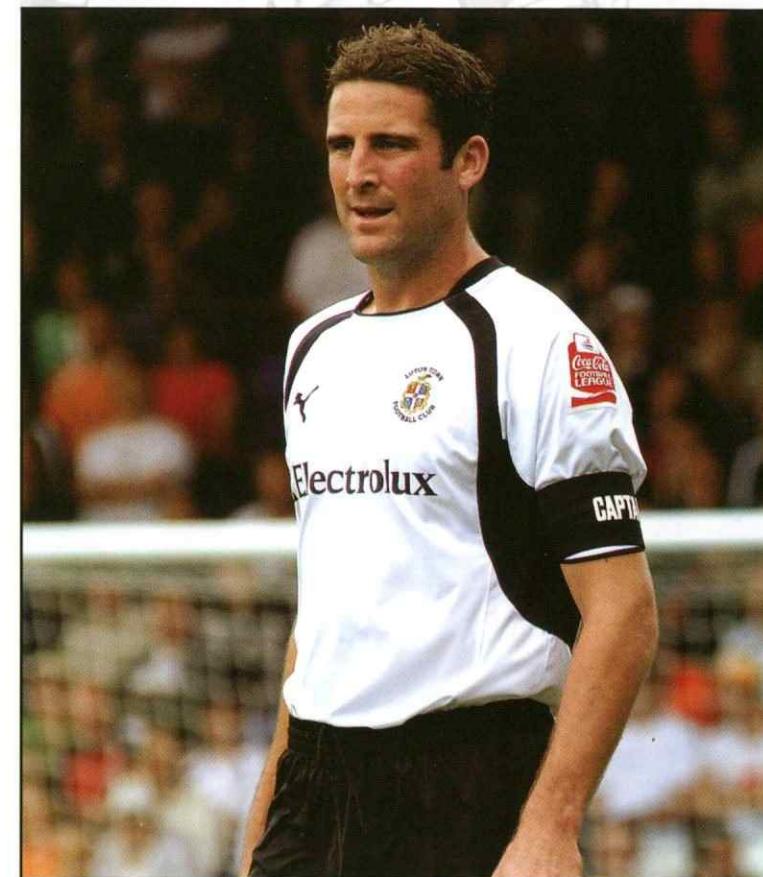
Springy twice had goal bound efforts saved and then the chance from Calvin Andrew right at the death looked in from the moment it left his head. Unfortunately, we just couldn't get that breakthrough.

We were thoroughly disappointed with the result at Cheltenham, but if we can continue to perform like we did then results will come.

It's a run of results that we need to put right quickly if we are going to pull away from trouble this season.

Today represents another tough fixture for us, but our home form has continued to be good so we go into this game in confident mood.

CHRIS COYNE



Today represents another tough fixture for us, but our home form has continued to be good so we go into this game in confident mood

Some of the players recently went to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital to give Christmas presents to the children, who will unfortunately not be at their homes at this time of the year.

It's often a visit that is very popular amongst the squad, and we were delighted that we were able to offer our support and put a smile on the children's faces.

Finally, I would like to wish all supporters a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Your support has been greatly appreciated by everyone at the Club, and we hope you continue to stick with us beyond these current tough times.

Enjoy the game

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CLUB SECRETARY

FIRSTLY, a warm welcome to our last match before Christmas and in particular to The Salvation Army Band who are, as always at this time of year here to entertain us before the match and at half-time. Our sincere thanks to them for their support today.

The Rotary Club of Luton are also here today collecting for the Mayor of Luton's Christmas Appeal which this year is for the Pasque Charity.

We have been able to re-arrange our outstanding Cola-Cola League One matches and they will now be played as follows.

Our fixture with A.F.C. Bournemouth, which was originally scheduled for Saturday January 5 – was postponed due to our Third Round FA Cup tie with Liverpool on Sunday January 6. We will now play away at A.F.C.

CHERRY NEWBERRY

Bournemouth on Tuesday January 22, 2008 with a 7:45pm kick-off.

Meanwhile, our home match with Millwall, which was postponed on Saturday December 8, will now be played on Tuesday February 26, kick-off 7:45pm. All tickets issued for the original date of the Millwall match will be valid for the new date.

Another re-arranged match is our home Pontin's Combination League fixture with Milton Keynes, this one being postponed from November 27, (FA Cup re-play with Brentford) and will now be played here at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday April 15, 2008.

Last week the Manager and I attended the Barnfield College Awards evening and congratulations are due to Ross Faulds, who won the Barnfield College Luton Town

Football Club Apprentice of the Year Award for his attitude and determination at college.

Supporters will be aware that season ticket holders have until the close of business today to claim their seats for the Third Round FA Cup tie with Liverpool.

Once we have had an opportunity to deal with the remaining postal applications we will advise supporters via the club website if there will be any tickets remaining for sale. Any announcement would be made on December 27.

Finally, a very Happy Christmas to everyone and I expect, like me, all you really want is lots of points!

Enjoy the game.

Cherry

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Luton players spread the Christmas joy



Luton players helped spread a little Christmas joy recently when they took gifts to the children at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital.



A selection of toys were kindly donated by the Luton Arndale based Debenhams store and the players were happy to visit and speak to the children and their families.

The visit to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital is a yearly occurrence for the Hatters squad, and skipper Chris Coyne was pleased they were able to put a smile on the children's faces.

He said: "This is the one visit of the year which is always popular amongst the players. We are always happy to play our part in helping to bring some joy to the children."

"There is a lot of hard work and dedication from the staff that goes into making the children's Christmas as special as possible, so we like to do what we can to help."

Luton Town Football Club would like to thank Debenhams for their kind generosity in providing gifts for this hospital visit.

Christmas Opening Hours

The Christmas opening hours for Luton Town Football Club are as follows:

	Ticket Office	Club Shop	Office Complex
Mon Dec 24	10-1	10-1	Closed
Christmas Day	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wed Dec 26	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thurs Dec 27	10-5	Closed	9-5
Fri Dec 28	10-5	12-5	9-5
Sat Dec 29	9-12	9-12	Closed
(Port Vale away)			
Sun Dec 30	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mon Dec 31	10-4	12-4	9-5
Tues Jan 1	Normal home match times		Closed
(Yeovil home)			

CHRISTMAS WITH THE HATTERS

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY FOR KIDS

For the Yeovil Town match, due to be played on Tuesday January 1, children under 16 can pay £1 a ticket, provided they are accompanied by an adult paying full price for a ticket.

SEASONAL SEASON TICKET HOLDERS OFFER

Season ticket holders can purchase one additional ticket for just £10 for our home match against Yeovil Town.

ANOTHER PRESENT!

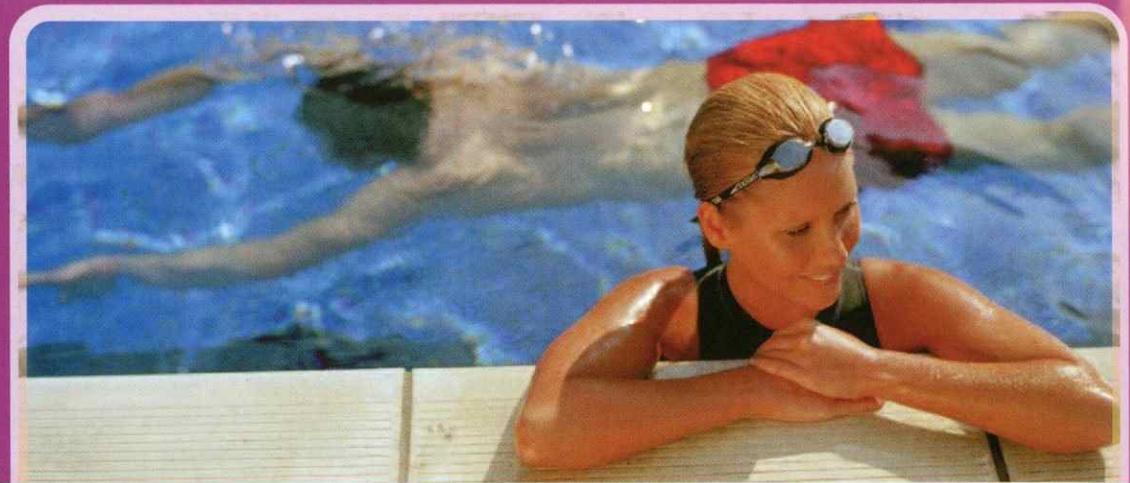
Spend £50 in the Club Shop at Kenilworth Road during December, and claim a FREE ticket from the ticket office for our match with Yeovil Town. Simply produce your till receipt at the ticket office to claim your ticket.

Christmas Carol service

Thank-you to everyone who attended the recent Luton Town's 11th Annual Christmas Carol Service.

The ceremony proved to be a popular evening and was enjoyed by all those who attended.

We would like to thank St Mary's Church for hosting the evening.



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SUPPORTERS STATEMENT

FROM THE FANS



Collective statement from Luton's supporters groups

TO all FANS,

This is a collective statement on behalf of Luton Town Supporters Club, Trust in Luton and Loyal Luton Supporters Club.

The announcement made on Thursday November 22, 2007 that Luton Town Football Club was going into administration once again, and were to be immediately docked ten points, was disappointing, especially given the enormous effort historically made by fans in rescuing the Club when faced with similar circumstances.

This has no doubt caused some unrest among fans, although we

are pleased to hear that David Pinkney will continue to fund operating costs until the end of the year when bids for the Club are due in to the Administrator, Brendan Guilfoyle.

During these uncertain times all three Supporters Groups are 100% behind the Football Club and urge all fans to come together as one, prolong the magnificent support shown last Saturday and continue to get fully behind the team and management staff. Furthermore we also encourage everyone to continue their financial support, whether it be by purchase of matchday ticket, merchandise or

associated lottery tickets etc.

We will be holding a joint meeting in the short-term with Brendan Guilfoyle to make a representation on behalf of the fans.

In all our minds there is no greater football club than the one we all passionately support and long may that continue.

Up the Hatters

Kevin Barrett; Chairman
Luton Town Supporters Club

Liam Day; Chairman
Trust in Luton

Kevin Lennon; Chairman
Loyal Luton Supporters Club

* This statement was printed in our matchday programme for our postponed match against Millwall

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WELCOME TO

The Tranmere story from 1884 Beginnings

When Lyndhurst Wanderers and Belmont Cricket Club came together, Belmont FC was formed and under the presidency of James McGaul, the Club won its first match against Brunswick Rovers 4-0 on November 15, 1884. Less than one year later the Club changed its name to Tranmere Rovers Football Club and took to the pitch in blue shirts and white shorts at Steeles Field on Borough Road, Birkenhead.

Top player


John Aldridge is still regarded by many Tranmere supporters as the Club's best ever purchase. He arrived in July 1991 from Real Sociedad and scored 40 goals in his first season at Prenton Park. In 1996, Aldridge became player-manager of Tranmere, finally giving up playing and concentrating on management two years later. As a player, he amassed 294 appearances for the Birkenhead club, scoring 174 goals.

Top manager


John King is widely regarded as the most successful manager ever to take charge of Tranmere Rovers. He was appointed manager for a second time towards the end of the 1986-87 season, with the club fighting not to finish bottom of the fourth division and be relegated from the Football League. Safety was guaranteed in the last game of the season and went on to enjoy huge success, as they reached Wembley and promotion from Division Four.

Top game

Bolton 0-1 Tranmere Rovers
Division Three Play-Off Final, May 1, 1991

After coming through a difficult test against Brentford in the semi-final stages of the play-offs, Tranmere Rovers were feeling confident on gaining promotion against local rivals Bolton Wanderers. With neither side able to break the deadlock in normal time, Chris Malkin's extra time goal saw the club promoted to the Second Division for the first time since the 1930s.

IN A season that promised so much, Tranmere Rovers are seeing their faltering form hinder their charge for promotion.

Rovers made an impressive start to the campaign when they scored victories against Carlisle United, Brighton and Luton to move into the automatic promotion places.

However, a slump in form has alarmingly seen Rovers slide down the League One table at a considerable rate.

Just one win in Tranmere's previous seven League One fixtures means the Birkenhead club have dropped to 11th in the table.

But don't write off Tranmere's promotion push just yet. They are only four points off the play-off pack and in Ronnie Moore, they have one of the most experienced managers at this level.

The former Rotherham and Oldham boss, who is in his second stint in charge at Prenton Park, is certainly not writing off his side's chances of making a serious challenge for promotion.

Speaking on the Club's official website, Moore said this week: "We're four points off the Play Offs with it all to play for."

"We've got four games in just over ten days, so we know that we have to be a little lucky with injuries."

Tranmere have also got a talented squad of players amongst their ranks, such as Chris Greenacre.

And although Greenacre, who made his name at Mansfield Town, may have grabbed

Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	Tranmere
League	12	4	9
FA Cup	4	0	1
Other	0	0	0
Total	29	4	10

Last meeting:
Sept 14, 2007: League One
Tranmere 2 v Luton 1

Last season:

Tranmere finished 9th in League One, eight points away from the play-offs, with a plus five goal difference.

Last three Tranmere games:

Dec 4, 2007: Hartlepool 3-1 Tranmere (Sheriff 54)

Dec 8, 2007: Tranmere 3-1 B'mouth (Zola 23, Greenacre 28 pen, Jennings 63)

Dec 15, 2007: PVale 0-0 Tranmere

the headlines this season, 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.

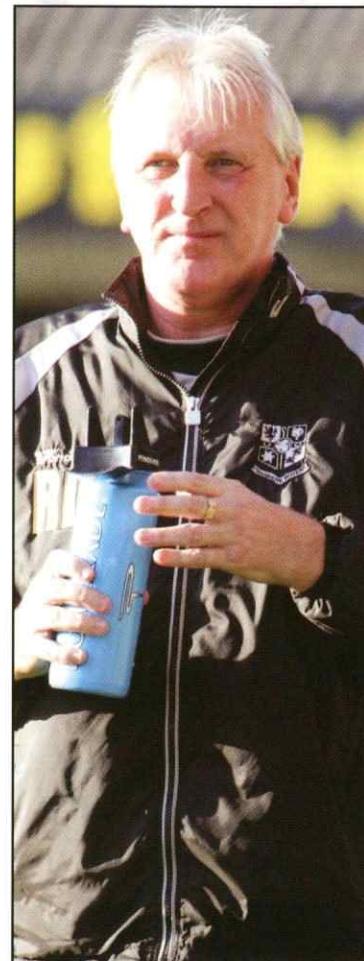
Behind the front two lies a midfield that is held together by former Hatter Paul



HOME SWEET HOME: Tranmere's Prenton Park stadium was home to rugby in the area

TRANMERE ROVERS

Tranmere have the foundations in place to mount a serious charge for promotion this season and boss Ronnie Moore is throwing down the challenge to his players



GREAT EXPERIENCE... Tranmere boss Ronnie Moore

Prenton Park - a ground for football and rugby

PRENTON Park was built in 1912 and was previously owned by the Tranmere Rugby Club. The ground, which was previously called Ravenshaws Field, currently holds 16,789. During 1994 and 1995, three sides of the ground were redeveloped with three entirely new all-seater stands created - the Borough Road stand, the Cowshed and the new Kop. This was the Club's response to the Taylor Report.

Record attendance: 24424: v Stoke City 05/02/1972 FA Cup R4

Highest gate receipts: £114,150: v Aston Villa 16/02/1994 League Cup SF

Best League win: 13 - 4: v Oldham Athletic 26/12/1935 Division 3N

Worst League loss: 1-9: v Tottenham Hotspur 14/01/ FA Cup R3

Best cup win: 13 - 0: v Oswestry United 10/10/1914 FA Cup R1

Most caps: John Aldridge: 29 Rep Ireland

Most League appearances: Harold Bell: 595 1946/64

Most League goals: Ian Muir: 141 1985/95

Most goals in a season: Bunny Bell: 35 1933/34 Division 3N

Transfer fee received: £3,300,000: Steve Simonsen Everton September 1998

Transfer fee paid: £450,000 Shaun Teale Aston Villa August 1995



The fan's view

MAX TYLER

Tranmere Rovers supporter
How has this season gone?

Well the start of the season was brilliant. We were going well and looked in good shape for a challenge on the automatic promotion. We have slipped down the table a bit in recent weeks, but I still think we have enough in the squad to be there, or thereabouts, come the end of the season. We just have to be lucky with injuries.

What are Tranmere's aims?

It has to be promotion. We were disappointed not to really be in the thick of the play-off contingent last season, so we need to be in the top six this time around. Ronnie Moore has got great experience at this level and Tranmere fans are confident he can bring out the best in our current squad of players.

Who is your key signing?

Jennison Myrie-Williams has looked good for us since arriving from Bristol City, but I have been most impressed with Andy Taylor. He has looked solid in defence and been a great addition for us since arriving on-loan from Blackburn Rovers in November.

Who will be your star players?

I'm a big fan of Chris Greenacre and he has already scored eight times this season. He will certainly be one to watch this afternoon, because he has plenty of pace to get behind the opposition defence. Ian Goodison is also an important player for us. He is someone with a lot of experience and has enjoyed a good season for us so far.

Who will win League One?

I have been impressed by Swansea. They look to have a very good side and I expect them to be in the top two. Then I think it is one from a number of teams. Leeds, Carlisle and Nottingham Forest are all with a shout. Yeovil would be my outside bet for automatic promotion.

THE KEY MEN FOR

THE SKIPPER:
15 IAN GOODISON

Joined Tranmere in February 2004 under Brian Little and was an instant success at the heart of the defence. The former Jamaican international has since played more than 150 times for Tranmere and became team captain in the 2006-07 season. He was rewarded for a string of Man of the Match awards with a new two-and-a-half year contract in November 2006 and went on to become the Fans' Player of the Season. He made his debut for Jamaica in 1996 against Guatemala and immediately scored his first international goal. In 1998 he played in the FIFA World Cup and has gone on to make over 100 appearances for his country.

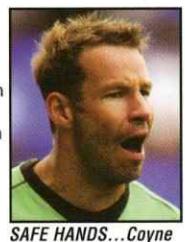
KEEPERS

1 DANNY COYNE:

Signed a two-year contract in July 2007. This Welsh international goalkeeper returned to Prenton Park for a second spell, having made more than



100 appearances between 1992 and 1999. After leaving Tranmere in 1999, Coyne made more than 200 appearances for Grimsby Town. He then played for Leicester City in the Premiership before moving to Burnley in 2004.



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13 SHANE

McWEENEY: A second year Youth Scholar, who has been an unused substitute several times for the first team in the absence of either John Achterberg or Danny Coyne. He has been a regular in both the Reserves and Youth team since joining Rovers during the 2006-07 season.

24 JOHN ACHTERBERG: Arrived at Rovers in September 1998, the Dutchman has made more than 250 appearances for the Club and has been the first choice keeper of four different managers. Signed from FC Utrecht in Holland after impressing during a two week trial, Achterberg was named Rovers' Players' Player of the Season in both the 2002-03 and 2003-04 seasons. He joined Rovers on a free transfer as a replacement for Everton-bound Steve Simonsen and was thrown straight into the first team due to a groin injury to Danny Coyne.



INSTANT HERO: Ian Goodison is a popular figure amongst Tranmere fans and is regarded as one of the best defenders in League One.

TEAM SHEET

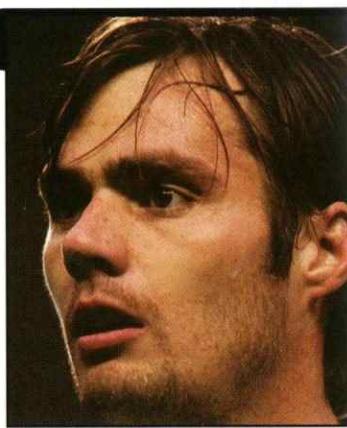
Last game:

Port Vale 0 - 0 Tranmere

- 1 Danny Coyne
- 6 Antony Kay
- 14 Ben Chorley
- 15 Ian Goodison
- 17 Andy Taylor
- 18 Jennison Myrie-Williams
- 7 John Mullin
- 4 Paul McLaren
- 5 Shane Sherriff
- 10 Chris Greenacre
- 8 Calvin Zola

Subs:

- 25 Craig Curran
(for Myrie-Williams 66)
- 9 Gareth Taylor
(for Zola 66)
- 24 John Achterberg
- 2 Robbie Stockdale
- 11 Adnan Ahmed



ONE TO WATCH: Robbie Stockdale

TRANMERE



TOP SCORER: 10 CHRIS GREENACRE

10 CHRIS GREENACRE: Currently in his third season at Tranmere Rovers, having signed in July 2005 on a two year contract from Stoke City, Chris scored 37 goals in his first two seasons which earned him a new two year deal in April 2007. He began his career at Manchester City and stayed at Maine Road for five seasons. After being loaned out to Cardiff City and Blackpool, he moved to Mansfield in 1999. He finished leading scorer in Division Three two seasons later, a feat that saw him quickly snapped up by Stoke. But after being played out of position for three seasons at the Britannia Stadium, Greenacre moved to Prenton Park, and scored 18 goals in his first season with the Club.

THE STRIKERS

8 CALVIN ZOLA: A former Newcastle United striker who is a huge favourite at Prenton Park. The striker spent time on-loan at Oldham during the 2003-04 season, where he made over 20 appearances, scoring six goals.



EXPERIENCE: Taylor

9 GARETH TAYLOR: Arrived from Nottingham Forest in 2006 with 12 international caps for Wales and more than 100 career goals. Began his career at Southampton, but made his first team debut for Bristol Rovers in 1991. Crystal Palace paid £1.25 million for his services in 1995 and after a spell at Sheffield United, he moved to Manchester City. A successful time at Burnley earned him a move to Nottingham Forest, where he has spent the last three years.

19 STEVE DAVIS: Steve has made more than 50 appearances for Tranmere despite being only 19-years old.

THE MIDFIELDERS



4 PAUL MCLAREN: Rovers beat a number of League One rivals to sign this former Luton midfielder in June 2006. Paul joined from Rotherham where he has spent the previous two seasons and made 76 appearances. Paul started his career at Kenilworth Road in 1993 and stayed with the Hatters until 2001.

7 JOHN MULLIN: A central midfielder who began his career at Burnley in 1992 and was signed by Sunderland for £40,000 three years later. He spent four years in the North East before joining Burnley and was then signed by Rotherham for £150,000 in 2001. He scored five goals in 44 appearances in 2006-07.

12 STEVEN JENNINGS: Risen through the ranks at Tranmere since joining at the age of 14 when he was released by Everton. Steven spent the second half of 2006-07 on loan at Hereford United.

21 MIKE JONES: Signed his first professional contract in April 2006, after he scored 12 goals in all competitions for the Reserves and Youth teams in the 2005-06 season. Mike has been with the Club since the age of 11.

23 CHRIS SHUKER: Signed a two year contract with Tranmere in July 2006, Chris joined from Barnsley where he has spent the last two years. He began his career as a youngster with Manchester City. He moved to Barnsley in April 2004 and helped them gain a promotion to the Championship last season.

THE DEFENDERS

2. ROBBIE STOCKDALE: After working his way through the youth system to the first team at Middlesbrough, Robbie went on to make more than 50 Premiership appearances at the Riverside. He signed for Rotherham in 2004 before joining Hull City in January 2005.

3. CARL TREMARCO: A tough tackling left back, Carl made his first team debut for Rovers in an FA Cup tie against Hornchurch at the age of 18. After making his home debut at the end of the 2004-05 season, he went on to make 19 appearances in 2005-06, mostly at left midfield. He made a further 25 appearances in 2006-07.

5. SHANE SHERIFF: A left sided player, who has played in the top division in Denmark with Aarhus for the last three years after playing for Leeds United as a trainee from 2001-03. As well as representing Australia at Under-23 level, he was a member of the squad that competed at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

6. ANTONY KAY: Joined from Barnsley where he made almost 200 appearances. Anthony has played with Barnsley since a schoolboy and was vice captain last season. He can play in the centre or right side of defence and central midfield. He was a key member of the Barnsley squad that gained promotion to the Championship in 2005-06 and scored the winning penalty in the play-off final against Swansea City.



DANGER MAN:
Chris Greenacre will certainly be one to watch this afternoon. The striker enjoyed a successful career at Mansfield Town and is bang in form for Tranmere this season.

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GREAT PICTURES

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



Luton and Rovers in six goal thriller

The Hatters line up at the start of the 1992/93 campaign following relegation from the top flight with Luton Town supporters being left with a feeling of despair after ten years at the top, but as the new season approached fresh optimism filled the air as it always does.

The first game of the new season took the Town to Leicester where the players came away with nothing and in the first home game an Andy Cole inspired Bristol City side ripped the Hatters defence to shreds with quick breakaways that eventually earned them a 3-0 victory.

By the time the next home game came around the Hatters had picked up only one point from four games and it was no surprise therefore when only 6,801 turned up at Kenilworth Road for the first visit of Tranmere Rovers to these parts since 1970.

**Date: Saturday September 5, 1992
Place: Kenilworth Road**

As it turned out the young Luton side started like a whirlwind and for the first twenty minutes ran rings around the Tranmere defence and did everything but score in a display that has rarely been bettered over the years.

The opening goal that the performance fully deserved came after 21 minutes when Claridge deflected a Phil Gray shot into the net with his chest.

Having broken the deadlock it now seemed only a matter of time before a cricket score was racked up, but a slip from John Dreyer six minutes later allowed that wily old campaigner John Aldridge a sniff at goal, and he made no mistake for the equaliser.

The match was turned on its head two minutes later when a through ball from

Neil McNab was rifled home by Ian Muir to put the visitors in front, completely against the run of play.

Despite these setbacks the Town players rolled their sleeves up and fought back gamely drawing level after 34 minutes when Des Linton rounded off a move involving Scott Oakes, Jason Rees and Claridge for his first Luton goal, only for Pat Nevin to restore Tranmere's advantage just before the interval.

The second half belonged to the Hatters who felt aggrieved at the false scoreline and after attacking with a will eventually levelled once more when Oakes knocked in a pass from Gray with twenty minutes to go.

Although it was a disappointing result, at least the players had remembered how to score goals and were off the bottom of the table. It could only get better!



Hatters Line-Up

4-4-1-1



Goals: Andrew (74)

Substitutes:

Grant (80 Bell)
Not used: Goodall, Keane, Talbot,
McVay-ah

■ Robinson Grant

None

Forest Line-Up

4-4-2



Goals: **None**

Substitutes:

Commons (71 McGuigan),
Agogo (71 Tyson)
Davies (82 Chambers),
National Museum, Dublin

Holt

None



REFEREE: Scott Mathieson (Cheshire)

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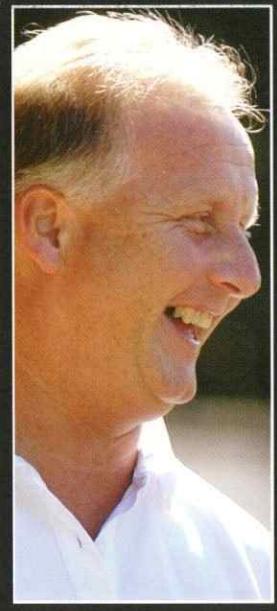
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CELEBRATE The Hatters celebrate after Calvin Andrew scores the only goal of the game to send them through to the Third Round.



GOAL...Luton striker Calvin Andrew heads home a corner to put the Hatters through to the next round of the FA Cup and secure a game with Liverpool

MANAGER'S VIEW



"The players were fantastic from start to finish. They have been under tremendous pressure to win the game and that is a great prize for their efforts. We created most of the chances, and although their goalkeeper has made some great saves but I feel we deserved to win. We battled when we needed to and made the right decisions at the right times. I have to thank the fans - I thought they were fantastic today. I'm glad we sent them home happy, because they have deserved it. But the Club has now got to go forward. Luton are too good to go down, but now we've got to earn the right to stay up."

Kevin Blackwell

On a cold and icy night at Kenilworth Road, Luton secured a televised game against Liverpool in the FA Cup Third Round thanks to Calvin Andrew's second-half header.

With so much at stake, it was little surprise that the early stages of the match were quite tight, with little in the way of goalmouth action.

A driving run from deep by David Bell forced the first save of the game from Paul Smith after seven minutes.

The Hatters needed just seven minutes of the second period to register their tenth effort on the Forest goal. Luton won a corner which looked to have broken down on the far post when the ball eluded Fojut. However, Spring hooked the ball back to the opposite post where it was met by Andrew's head as he managed to place the ball deftly beyond Smith and into the bottom corner.

It wasn't all one way traffic though as Forest were certainly playing their part in an attractive game of football. Matt Lockwood latched onto the end of a deep cross and hammered a half-volley at Dean Brill after neatly bringing the ball down, but the Hatters keeper dealt well with the threat.

Edwards and Bell then created opportunities for themselves but couldn't find the finish to match their impressive build-up work.

With normal time up soon afterwards, the fourth official indicated a further three minutes of play, and sensing they were nearly there, the Hatters fans who had braved the cold continued to sing their hearts out. As "We are Luton Town" rattled around the ground, the players though kept their focus and played out the final period of the game to set up a second mouth watering tie with Liverpool in front of the television cameras.

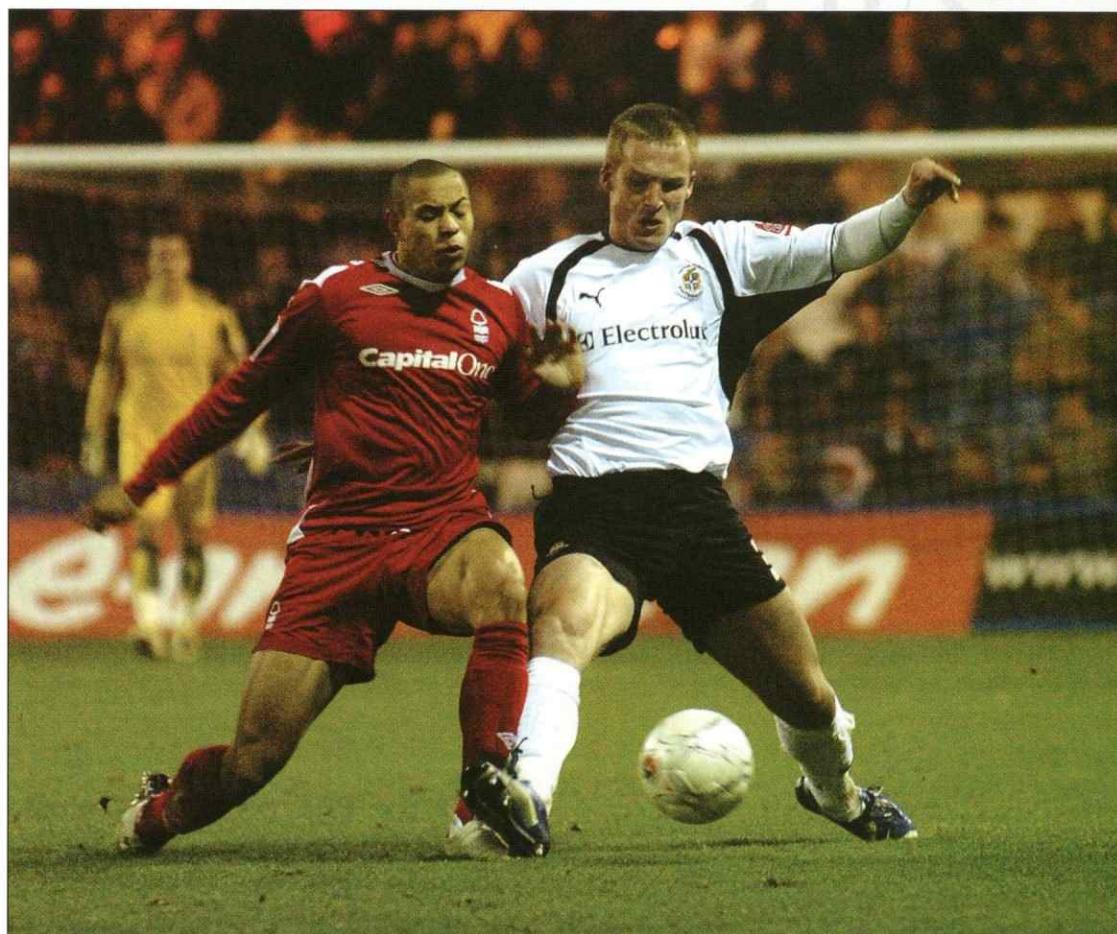
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COMING THROUGH... Steve Robinson avoids a challenge from a Forest defender



FULL STRETCH... Matthew Spring keeps the ball out of reach



STOPPED IN HIS TRACK... On-loan defender Jaroslaw Fojut puts an end to Forest's attack with this timely tackle on Forest striker Nathan Tyson

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THE STATISTICS

SIMON PITTS finds some fascinating facts about today's teams

12 The number of previous league meetings at Kenilworth Road between the two sides. Luton have won eight, drawn three and lost just once, in 1993/94. The Hatters have scored 24 times, and conceded ten.

6 The most number of goals in this fixture, back in September 1992. Steve Claridge opened the scoring with his first goal for Luton after a summer transfer from Cambridge, but Tranmere scored twice before Des Linton equalised. The visitors took the lead again before the break but Scott Oakes ensured the sides were to share the points when he equalised in the second half.

2 The number of times Luton have failed to score in this fixture. The only defeat, in December 1993, was to a solitary John Aldridge goal despite the Hatters having the better of the match. In April 2003 the match ended goal-less, although the Town battled well for the point after having substitute Adrian Forbes sent off on 32 minutes.

27 The longest number of years between these two sides meeting in the league. The first fixture was in 1938/39, and the Hatters won 3-0 courtesy of goals from George Stephenson, Frederick Roberts, and Hugh Billington. It wasn't until 1966 that the two sides were to feature in a

league match at Kenilworth Road again, and once more the Hatters took maximum points in a 2-1 win. John Moore and John O'Rourke were the goalscorers.

1 Just one penalty has been converted by Luton in this fixture, and that was the equalising goal scored by Kevin Nicholls in the 2004/05 season. Dadi had opened the scoring for the visitors, but Luton gained another point towards their final tally of 98, which gave them the League One Championship!

2 The most number of goals scored by a Luton player in this fixture. Tranmere twice took the lead in December 1995 but Dwight Marshall equalised on both occasions, ending a nine week barren spell! Paul McLaren scores his first league goal to give the Hatters victory.

12,965 The biggest attendance for this fixture was back in September 1968. Laurie Sheffield opened the scoring before the visitors equalised against the run of play later in the first half. Luton secured the victory with second half goals from Brian Lewis and Terry Branston.



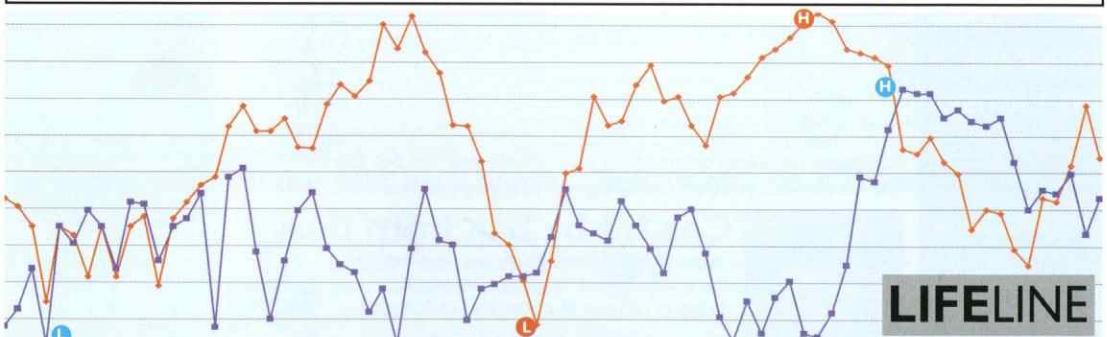
PENALTY HERO.. Kevin Nicholls



Each way movers

1 Just the one player has moved from Tranmere to Luton, and that was John Seasman who featured for the Hatters in just eight games during the mid 1970's. Seasman scored two goals in this time before his move to Millwall.

2 The number of players who have moved to Prenton Park from Kenilworth Road. Both of these transfers were in the 1960's. First was Jimmy "Jock" Weir who moved after 14 appearances and one goal in the 1963/64 season. Three years later and George Yardley followed Weir, but Yardley had just one Luton appearance to his name, against Bradford Park Avenue in October 1966.



Hatters and

Tranmere past...

THIS week's LIFELINE shows how Luton and Tranmere's fortunes have risen and fallen over the years. Tranmere's high point came in the 1992-1993 season when they finished fourth in the First Division. Their low was in the 1924-25 season when they finished 21st in Division Three North, collecting just 32 points and winning 14 league fixtures. 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.



Carlisle look at future star

Carlisle are giving a trial to teenage West Ham left-back Joe Widdowson.

The 19-year-old has joined Carlisle for a week.

Carlisle boss John Ward said: "We'll have a look at him and then it's a question of whether we can take it any further."

"We'll see if he likes us and if we like him. He's up here with the full blessing of West Ham and we're looking forward to working with him."

Bournemouth have extended the loan deals of Reading trio Scott Golbourne, Alex Pearce and James Henry.

Bates warned over new stadium

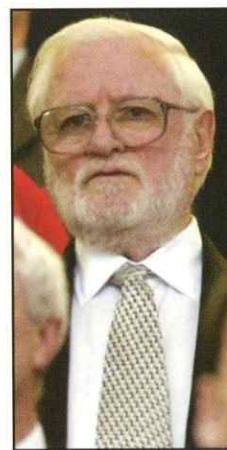
Carter:

Leeds chairman Ken Bates has been warned that his ambitious plans for Elland Road must fall into council proposals.

Those proposals include a concert hall, casino and 2,700 car-parking spaces.

Meanwhile, Bates wants to build two hotels, a club megastore, a covered shopping arcade, a health club, tourist centre and a Leeds United museum.

"Our priority is to get the best deal for the council-tax payers of Leeds," said council leader Andrew



WARNED... Ken Bates

Doncaster ace hit by new problem

Doncaster striker Paul Heffernan will be out of action for up to five weeks after he had sustained ligament damage to his ankle.

Last season's top-scorer picked up his latest injury during Doncaster's 3-1 win at Port Vale on 24 November.

Heffernan has been blighted by problems this season having already suffered a groin strain and a broken hand.



DONCASTER ROVERS



Fitzgerald joins Lions

Gillingham youth team manager Scott Fitzgerald is Millwall's new youth team boss.

He joined the Gills in July but has now replaced Joe Gallen who has taken charge of Millwall's reserves.

"I've been at Gillingham for four months and I loved it and I did have second thoughts about leaving," he said

Pools lifted by Humphreys scan

Scans have revealed that Hartlepool midfielder Ritchie Humphreys did not break a foot on Saturday at Yeovil.

"It looks as though it's just severe bruising," said manager Danny Wilson.

"Obviously we were concerned but we will continue to assess him during



Cox hit by ban from boss

Brighton boss Dean Wilkins has revealed that Dean Cox missed Saturday's 3-0 win at Swindon because of a breach of club discipline.

"Dean was left out for disciplinary reasons, and that is as far as I will go on that," Wilkins explained.

"I am not going to elaborate on it, but it was a decision I felt needed making."

the week and we're hopeful he'll be all right for Saturday."

The Pools squad is stretched with Jamie McCann facing a scan on a knee injury and four others suffering with knocks.

Joel Porter, Tony Sweeney, Andy Monkhouse and Ben Clark are also struggling with injuries.



GOOD NEWS... Humphreys



LEAGUE ONE ROUND-UP

the latest news from around the other 23 clubs in the division

Feeney struck by lengthy injury setback

Warren Feeney may have played his last game for Swansea after the on-loan Cardiff striker was stretchered off in Saturday's 3-0 win over Southend.

The Northern Ireland international had already headed the Swans ahead before a heavy tackle from Lewis Hunt saw Feeney carried off with ankle ligament damage.

Feeney is likely to be out until the new year, with his four-month loan spell due to expire on 31 December.

"We are very



Guy Branston has returned to Peterborough United at the end of his months loan spell at Northampton Town.

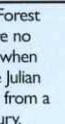
disappointed," said Swans manager Roberto Martinez.

"We were fearing it could have been a fracture and it's only ligament damage, but it's still a medium-term injury."

"We'll have to assess it and see how damaging his injury is.

"Warren did really, really well from the first minute and he was starting to enjoy his football."

Former Bournemouth, Stockport and Luton striker Feeney, 26, started the match at the Liberty Stadium because Jason Scotland failed a late fitness test.



Nottingham Forest admit they are no clearer as to when they will have Julian Bennett back from a hamstring injury.



INJURY BLOW... Warren Feeney looks set for a long spell out

Armstrong welcomes Stimpson

Gillingham defender Craig Armstrong says the club are feeling the benefits of boss Mark Stimpson's new regime.

"He's come in, and brought some really good ideas," Armstrong said.

"Training's picked up - obviously the fitness was an area he really wanted to work on."

"But it keeps us on our toes, and it will improve us come the end of the season as it will help us pick up more valuable points away from home."

Walsall boss Richard Money isn't getting carried away by his side's position in the League One table after a 1-1 draw with Leeds on Saturday.



Tozer set for Newcastle

Swindon's Ben Tozer will talk with Newcastle after the Robins accepted a bid from Sam Allardyce's side.

The Robins have accepted initial low six-figure fee, which could rise to £1.1m. Tozer has played seven games for Swindon this season.

Andrew Fitton's consortium want to speak to him to convince him to stay when their takeover is complete but they will not stand in his way.

Foran extends Darlington stay

Southend United have agreed to extend Richie Foran's loan deal at Darlington for a second month.

The 27-year-old striker's stint with the League Two club was set to expire after the Quakers' game against

Tudor sent back home

Shrewsbury Town's recent loan signing Shane Tudor has been sent back to Port Vale to get treatment for an injury.

The winger is suffering from a hamstring problem.

"Port Vale think that it is their responsibility to have it checked out and get it right," Shrewsbury's manager Gary Peters said.



STAYING... Foran



Taylor staying on at Rovers

Tranmere have extended Andrew Taylor's loan deal from Blackpool Rovers by one month.

He has made five appearances since joining in November.

Tranmere boss Ronnie Moore said: "I'm delighted we have been able to keep Andy at the Club for another month."



GOOD NEWS... Humphreys

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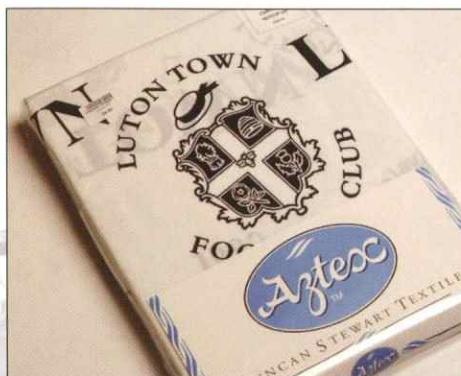


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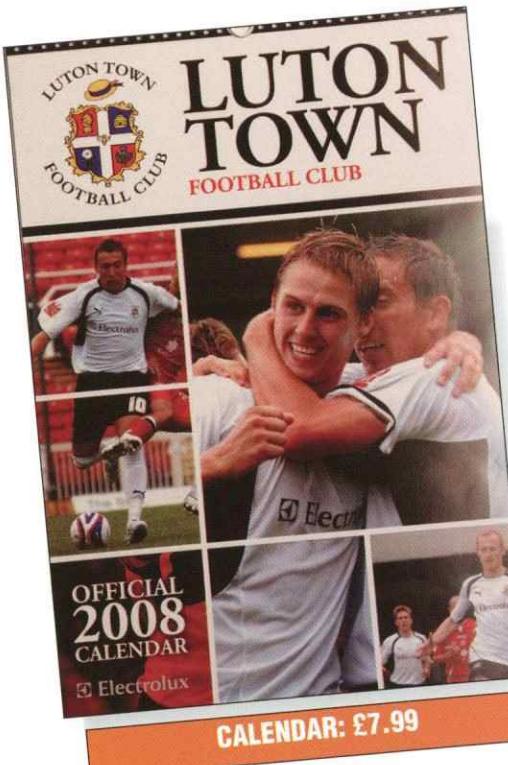
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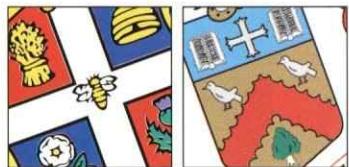
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Hatters Line-Up

4-4-1-1



Goals:

Substitutes:

Talbot (61 Robinson)
Grant (67 Edwards)
Andrew (81 Jackson)

Not used: Goodall, McVeigh

Currie, Spring, Perry

None

Cheltenham's Line-Up

4-4-2



Goals: Lindegaard (2)

Substitutes:

Connor (82 Madio)
Not used: Brown, Connolly, Gallinagh, D'Agostino

Gillespie, Sinclair, Spencer

None

REFEREE: Steve Bratt (West Midlands)

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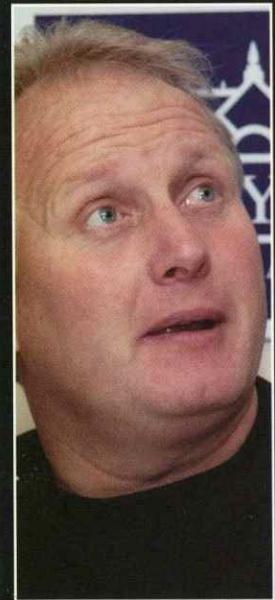
ON THE ATTACK... Anthony Grant powers past a challenge from Cheltenham Town midfielder Dean Sinclair





UNDER CONTROL... On-loan midfielder Anthony Grant keeps his cool under pressure to stave off a challenge from Cheltenham's Damian Spencer

MANAGERS' VIEW



"If you give any team a start like that then you are always going to have to chase the game. We have dominated a team away from home and we haven't got anything yet again. I am just so angry. I am angry because it was a Mickey Mouse goal.. From then on we have dominated the game, but couldn't find the goal we needed. To be fair the goalkeeper has made three or four great saves, but it is just so frustrating because the boys have to get on the bus and go home with nothing."

Kevin Blackwell

A goal from Andy Lindergaard inside the opening two minutes inflicted Luton's first defeat in eight games against struggling Cheltenham.

It means the Hatters lost vital ground on the relegation threatened teams in League One.

The Hatters did everything in this game apart from finding the back of the net, and were denied on several occasions by the impressive Shane Higgs in the Cheltenham goal.

In the end, Luton couldn't wipe out that early goal, as Lindergaard poked home from close range after the Hatters defence didn't deal with Alan Wright's long throw.

The Hatters certainly had their chances with Matthew Spring twice denied by Higgs and Marc Wilson also going close in the first-half with a bullet header from eight-yards.

Cheltenham failed to really press the Luton goal as keeper Dean Brill enjoyed a relatively quiet night.

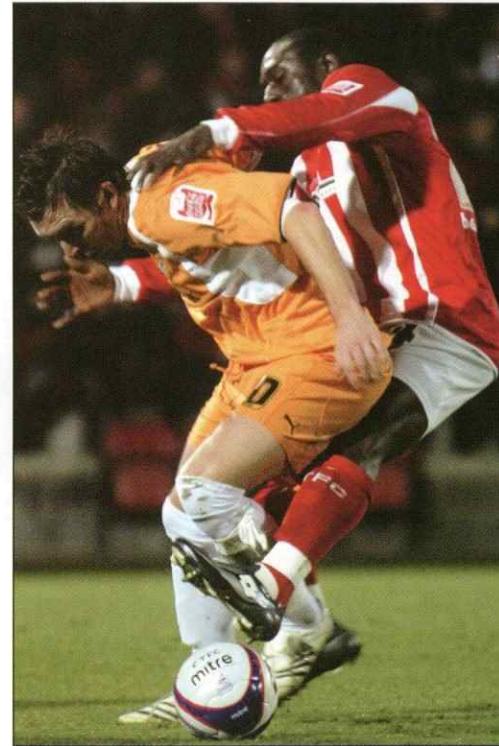
Chances continued to come Luton's way as they bossed possession in the second half, but were finding Higgs in inspiring form.

And when substitute Calvin Andrew was given a free header in stoppage time during the second-half, Higgs was once again the Cheltenham hero with an impressive full stretched save to his right.

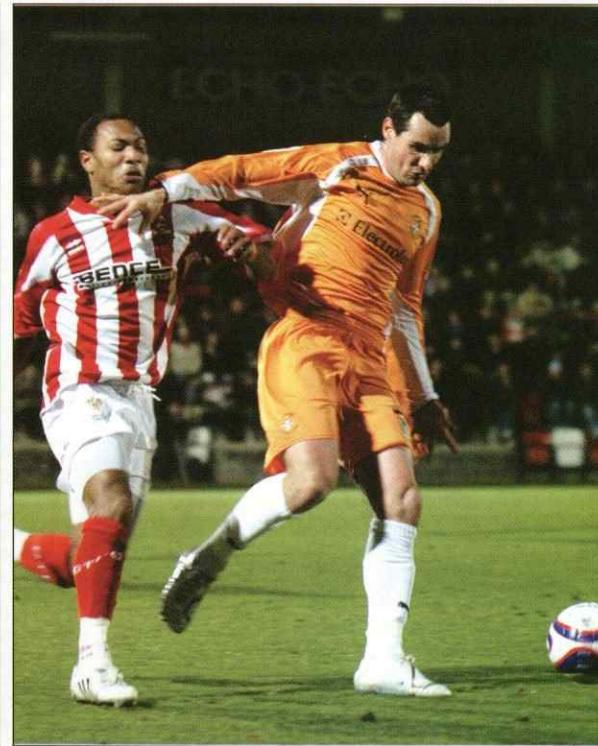
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ON THE TURN... Paul Furlong shields the ball away from danger as the former QPR man looks to mount a Hatters attack at Whaddon Road

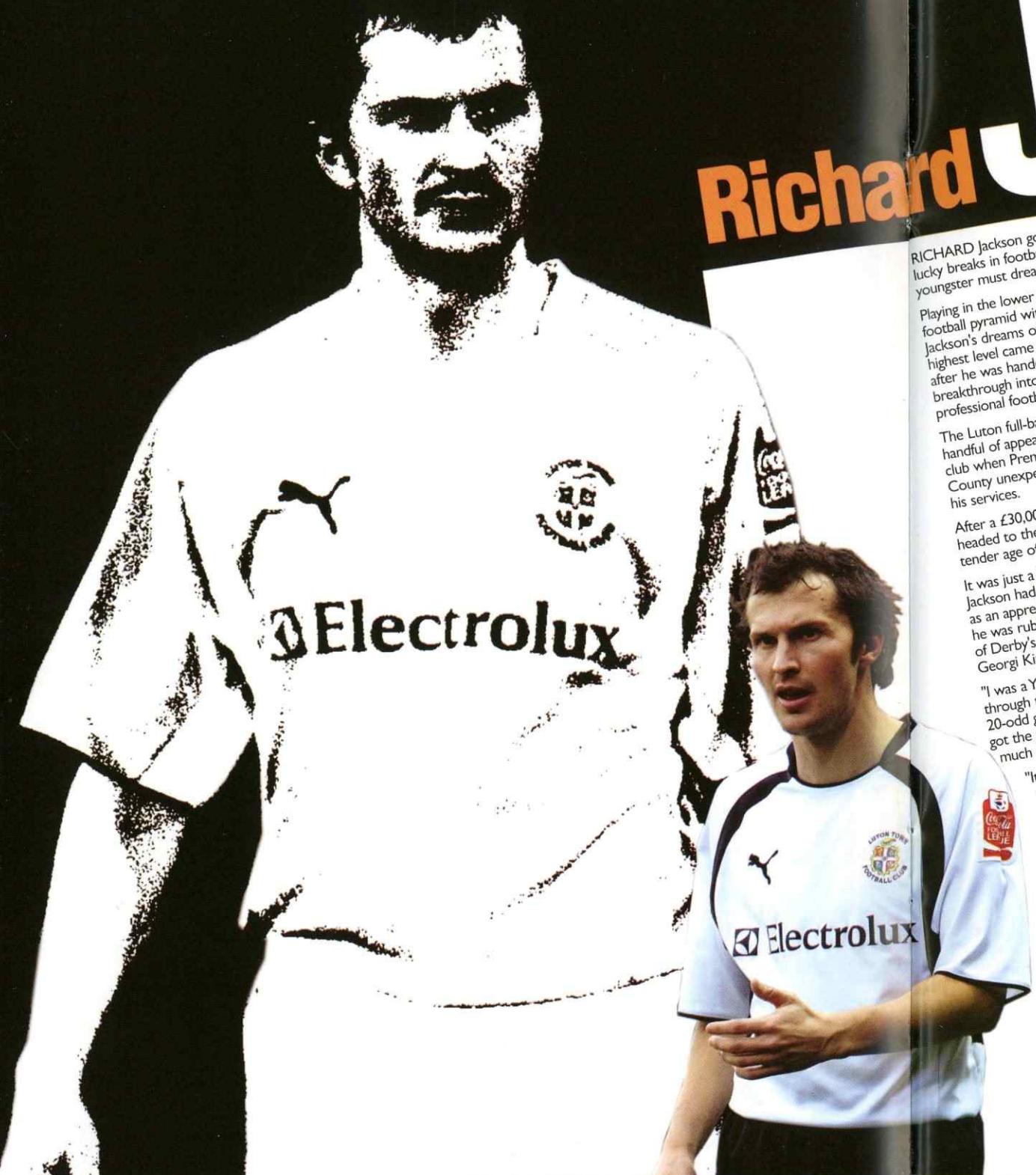


BATTLE... Darren Currie feels the force of Damian Spencer



GET AWAY.. Matthew Springs uses any means possible to stay in control

Richard Jackson



RICHARD Jackson got one of those lucky breaks in football that every youngster must dream of.

Playing in the lower reaches of the football pyramid with Scarborough, Jackson's dreams of playing at the highest level came true just months after he was handed his big breakthrough into the world of professional football.

The Luton full-back had only made a handful of appearances for the Seaside club when Premiership outfit Derby County unexpectedly came calling for his services.

After a £30,000 fee was agreed, Jackson headed to the top of the game at the tender age of 19.

It was just a few months previous that Jackson had been scrubbing the boots as an apprentice at Scarborough. Now he was rubbing the shoulders of some of Derby's most famous players, such as Georgi Kinkladze and Fabrizio Ravanelli.

"I was a YTS at Scarborough and I came through the ranks there. I played about 20-odd games and while I was there I got the move to Derby, which pretty much came straight out of the blue.

"It was a shock to be honest with you, but a nice surprise at the same time. I couldn't turn the opportunity down, because Derby were in the Premiership and that was always my dream.

"It was a massive move for me. I took it immediately and I was there for eight happy years. I'm very thankful to everyone I worked with at Scarborough because if it wasn't for them, I wouldn't have had the chance to make it to the level I have achieved."

Jackson's time at Derby was a happy one. Although he failed to break into the Derby squad immediately, he did make a handful of appearances in the Premiership before becoming an established Championship player.

Despite some injury problems along the way, Jackson became a popular

figure amongst Derby supporters and as of January 2006, he had become the Club's longest serving player.

When Jackson departed Derby to join the Hatters it ended an eight-year stay with the Rams, despite the full-back having one year to remain on his current contract.

Jackson knew the time was right to try his luck elsewhere.

"I was at Derby for eight years and leaving them was one of the hardest decisions of my professional career," admitted the 27-year-old. "I just felt that the time had come where I needed a change.

"The manager had told me that I wasn't going to be playing and that there were going to be some massive changes at the Club and for me, that wasn't good enough.

"I needed to be playing football. Luton were a team that had come down from the Championship, but despite that I had no hesitations about moving and I was delighted to have signed for them.

"I had another year left on my contract and I suppose there could have easily been that temptation to sit around and see if something was going to happen.

"But I would like to think that isn't me. I didn't really want to do that. I needed a change, I wasn't playing so I came down to Luton and now I am playing week-in, week-out and hopefully I can continue that."

Jackson did have some guidance over his move to Kenilworth Road. The defender, who penned a two-year contract with the Hatters, had former Derby players Paul Peschisolido and Darren Currie to liaise with.

But Jackson admits it wasn't much of a difficult decision to make the move to Luton, despite the drop from Championship to League One football.

"I spoke to Pesch before I came down. He rang me to say it would be a good move for me. I then got the phone call and was more than delighted to come down.

"It was a bit hectic to be honest with you when I arrived. I came about three days before the start of the season and I went straight in the team for the first game. But I wouldn't have wanted it any other way to be honest.

"I have settled in really well and more importantly, very quickly. Obviously I knew a few of the lads anyway through the Derby connection and they played a big part in helping me to settle in.

"All the lads are a good set of lads and I'm just enjoying playing. That's what I needed to be honest, and at the moment, that's exactly what I'm doing.

"The last couple of seasons I haven't played that often, which has become frustrating at times. So the fact I am playing is helping me to enjoy my time here at Luton a bit better.

"To be honest the move was exactly what I expected it to be. I came down here to play football and that is what I am doing at the minute. All I can keep doing at the moment is to try and keep my place, and help the Club back up the table."

Despite the administration news last week, Jackson admits the players are taking each game as it comes and focusing on winning matches in a bid to propel Luton back up the League One table.

"All we need to do is concentrate on playing football and that is what we have been doing and hopefully we can continue winning games and get the Club back to where it needs to be.

"You just have to put it to the back of your mind. What has happened has happened. All we need to do is concentrate on what is happening on the field.

"We have a good team spirit here. The lads all get on well with one another and we just want to be getting on with it.

"We haven't set ourselves any new goals to be honest. We just have to concentrate on winning football matches. If we can do that, then there is no reason why we can't finish in the top half of the league or even the play-offs.

Richard

Jackson



Favourite film?

The Thomas Crown Affair

Favourite TV programme?

Property Ladder

Your sporting hero?

Pele

What car do you drive?

Subaru Impreza

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

Favourite meal?

Fillet Steak

Which CDs are in your car at the moment?
I don't have any because the Misses has them in her car

Favourite other sport?

I love my golf

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

What is your most prized possession?
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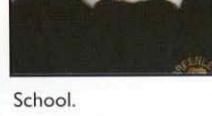
We would like to welcome our two commercial mascots to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Our first mascot is Oliver Mallord (pictured top), who is the son of Luton's IT consultant Peter.

Oliver, who celebrates his ninth birthday on Sunday, lives in Stanbridge and attends Greenleas Lower School.



Oliver lists his hobbies as football, golf, cricket and tennis and lists his favourite Luton Town players as Darren Currie and Matthew Spring, both of whom he hopes to meet this afternoon.



Our second commercial mascot is Jonnie Jeftcoate, who also attends Greenleas Lower School.

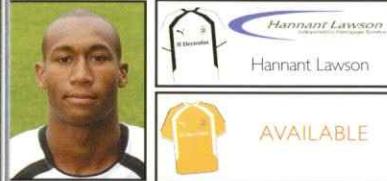
Jonnie is a mad Luton Town fan and loves playing football and badminton in his spare time.

Like Oliver, Jonnie lists Matthew Spring and Darren Currie as his favourite Luton Town players.

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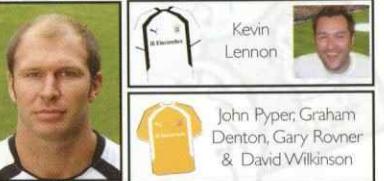
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Talbot's fine strike earns Hatters reserves a point

DREW Talbot struck a first time volley to help Luton's reserve side clinch a 1-1 draw at Colchester United on Tuesday.

The Hatters almost had the win, but were denied by a late strike from Adam Bailey Dennis, just seconds before Luton had appeals for a penalty waved away.

Colchester are the 'draw specialists' in the Pontin's Holiday Combination division, having been locked in a stalemate in six of their seven reserve fixtures.

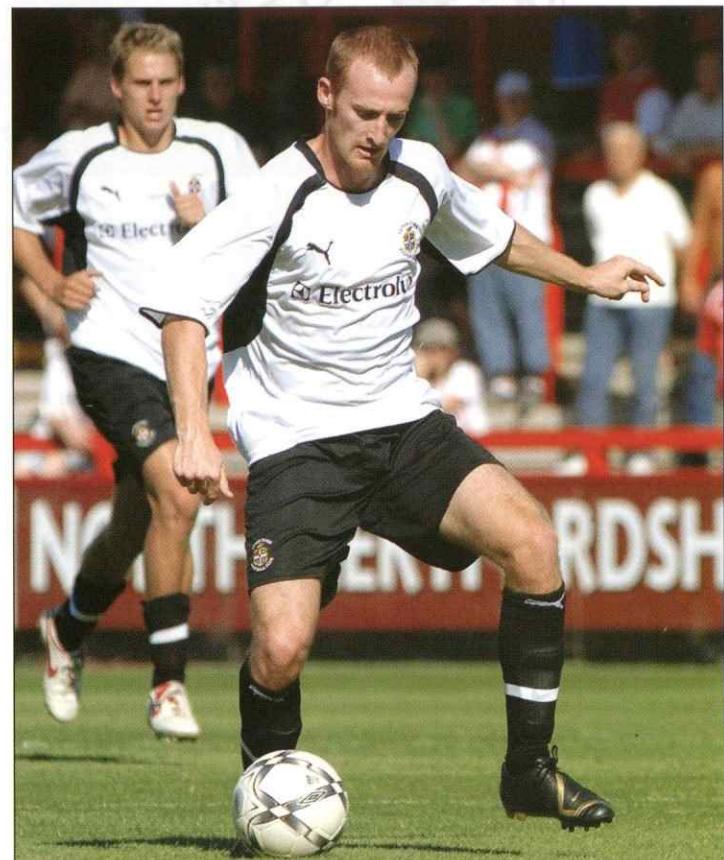
A quiet first-half saw neither team able to break the deadlock, before both notched once after the break as the U's and the Hatters drew for the second time this season.

And, in a second-half with a number of decent opportunities, it was a surprise that there was no repeat of the 3-3 draw down at Kenilworth Road.

After Stephen O'Leary smacked a shot just wide before half time, the U's came close to scoring the first of the game four minutes after the restart.

Jamie Guy laid the ball back to Fabian Quintyn and his shot clipped the left hand post and went away for a corner after taking a deflection. From the set piece, George Elokb

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FINE FINISH... Drew Talbot his a first time volley in the reserves 1-1 draw with Colchester United

acrobatically forced a save out of Marlon Beresford.

Talbot was Luton's main threat and he twice went close around the hour mark, earning two good saves out of Mark Cousins.

His third attempt however was the best of the lot as his sharp control saw him bring the ball down before volleying into the top corner past the despairing dive of the Colchester keeper.

The U's almost had an instant retort as Guy fired wide from ten yards out after beating his man but it was Paul McVeigh who was next to go close for the visitors.

His attempted lob from just outside the box saw Cousins make a good

save as the U's shot-stopper kept the deficit to one.

Substitute Russell Malton then headed just wide not long after his introduction for Nathan Speed as the U's looked for a path back into the game.

Home hearts were in mouths with nine minutes left, though, as Talbot was felled by Bela Balogh in the box, but the referee waved away penalty appeals.

And that decision proved crucial as the U's pulled level with a minute to go.

The ball found its way to Bailey Dennis on the edge of the box and he sidefooted home to earn the U's a draw.

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jermaine Beckford	Leeds	13	0	13
Nicky Forster	Brighton	8	4	12
Adam Boyd	L Orient	8	3	11
Richard Barker	Hartlepool	8	3	11
Andy Kirk	Northampton	8	3	11
Chris Dickson	Gillingham	7	4	11
Jason Scotland	Swansea	8	3	11
Craig Davies	Oldham	7	3	10
Luke Rodgers	Port Vale	7	3	10

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Roots Hall	Southend	10	31	3.10
Elland Road	Leeds	10	29	2.90
Leyton Stadium	L Orient	10	29	2.90
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	8	23	2.88
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	10	28	2.80
The Den	Millwall	10	28	2.80
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	10	27	2.70
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	10	27	2.70
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	9	24	2.67
County Ground	Swindon	10	26	2.60
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	10	25	2.50
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	10	24	2.40
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	10	24	2.40
Huish Park	Yeovil	10	23	2.30
City Ground	Notm Forest	10	23	2.30
Prenton Park	Tranmere	10	23	2.30
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	10	23	2.30
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	10	22	2.20
Brunton Park	Carlisle	9	19	2.11
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	10	21	2.10
Vale Park	Port Vale	10	21	2.10
Boundary Park	Oldham	9	18	2.00
Bescot Stadium	Walsall	10	20	2.00
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	10	19	1.90

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most...
shots on target 143 Bournemouth. shots off target 133 Hartlepool. corners 133 Northampton. hit woodwork 8 Notm Forest. offsides 85 Port Vale. fouls 285 Yeovil. yellow cards 43 Leeds. red cards 4 Southend.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most...
Shots 62 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). Shots on target 35 Craig Davies (Oldham). Shots off target 33 Bradley Johnson (Northampton). Assists 6 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). Crosses 70 Max-Alain Gradel (Bournemouth). Offsides 39 Luke Rodgers (Port Vale). Fouls 55 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). Free-kicks won 69 Joe Garner (Carlisle).



2007/08 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER 577

RIGHT FOOT 325 goals

56.3%

LEFT FOOT 117 goals

20.3%

HEADERS 127 goals

22.0%

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Richard Lambert (Luton vs Bristol Rovers) 1:47

By a substitute after coming on

Alex Russell (Northampton vs Oldham) 0:58

DISCIPLINARY



2.8 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

S Thornton (Leyton Orient vs Hartlepool) 0:53

By a substitute after coming on

Sofiene Zaaboub (Swindon vs Bristol Rvs) 3:06

SUB TOTALS

Subs used 1125

Offsides 1395

Corners 2577

Shots Off Target 2549

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

1 0 2

*up to and including 16/12/2007

In the Coca Cola Football League One this season there have been 2581 shots on target, goals constitute 22.4% of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on 100 occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Crewe 12).

There have been 57 penalties awarded this season and of those 49 have been scored (a success rate of 86.0%).

Swansea have been awarded most penalties - 5. Northampton have given most penalties away 5. The team to score the most penalties is Hartlepool 5.

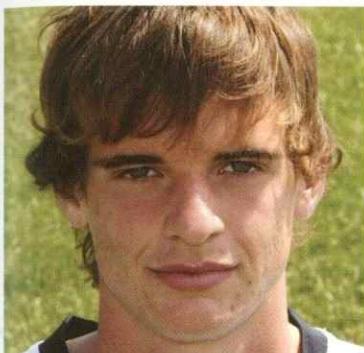
Swansea missed 2 penalties in the Coca Cola Football League One this season.

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Elliot Osborne-Ricketts 15 (1)
Ross Faulds 15
Jake Howells 14 (2)
George Bevan 14
Ryan Charles 14
Mark Farthing 12 (3)
Harry Hogarth 12 (2)
Jamie McGuinness 11 (1)
Riccardo Biggi 10 (3)

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

Goalkeeping crisis costs young Hatters the game



WEARING THE GLOVES... Illness saw Farthing between the posts

Luton 2-4 Leyton Orient
Osborne-Ricketts (18) HT 1-2 Harrison-Barker (48)

the second-half.

A strong start by the young Hatters was rewarded when Elliott Osborne-Ricketts latched on to a free-kick to score at the near post after 18 minutes.

Orient were swift to respond with a set piece of their own before taking the lead just before the break.

The Hatters quickly pulled themselves back level three minutes into the second-half when Ashley Harrison-Barker slotted home a shot from outside the area.

However it wasn't enough and the visitors took away all three points after putting another two goals past Farthing.

Chris Cummins said afterwards that he hoped to give more playing time to the Under-16's:

"We played a few young lads against Orient and they did very well.

"This is all part of their learning curve and

what I'm going to be looking to do now get a few of the Under 16's in to see they can cope with the full-time football.

Luton will play one more game before the New Year when they travel to Rushden and Diamonds this Saturday after the fixture had to be rearranged from its original date of December 8, which was postponed due to an outbreak of flu in the Rushden camp.

The current teams who are founder members of the Luton Town Partnership Cub scheme are as follows:

Club Name	Number of Teams	Number of Pts
a. AFC Kempston Colts	16	240
b. AFC Shillington	8	120
c. Crawley Green FC	27	405
d. Dunstable Town	10	150
e. H.R. Hatters	1	15
f. Houghton Athletic	3	45
g. Luton Dynamos	1	15
h. Luton Town Ladies	5	75
i. Luton United	6	90
j. Maulden Magpies	3	45
k. Potton Lower School	3	45
l. St Joseph Youth	11	165
m. Studham & Kensworth	1	15
n. Warden Hill Tigers	5	75
o. Wheatsheaf, Flitwick	1	15
Totals	101	1515

Under-18 results, fixtures and table

August	September	October	November	December	January
Sat 18 Southend D 3-3	Sat 1 QPR D 1-1	Sat 8 Colchester W 3-0	Sat 17 Northampton P-P	Sat 9 Brighton I 1am	Sat 5 Wycombe I 1am
Sat 10 Brentford W 2-0	Sat 15 Plymouth (PY) L 5-2	Sat 16 Southend I 1am	Sat 21 Corby Town (FA) W 4-1	Sat 16 Rushden & D I 1am	Sat 19 Peterborough I 1am
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Sat 29 Northampton I 1am	Sat 27 Swansea (PY) D 1-1	Sat 27 Swansea (PY) D 1-1	Sat 27 Swansea (PY) D 1-1	Sat 29 Northampton I 1am	Sat 25 Northampton I 1am

Appearances

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 Bevan 14	Joe Selby 5 (2)	Matthew Maitland 5 (1)
Ryan Charles 14	Richard Owusu 4 (1)	Joshua Cranwell 1 (5)
Mark Farthing 12 (3)	Loren Maxwell 4	Ashley Deeney 1 (4)
Harry Hogarth 12 (2)	Adam Watkins 3 (6)	Nathaniel Taylor 1 (1)
Jamie McGuinness 11 (1)	Riccardo Biggi 3 (1)	Aaron Fletcher 1
Riccardo Biggi 10 (3)	Billy Greulish 3 (1)	Dean Hitchcock 1 (1)

Leading scorers

Ryan Charles 8
Ashley Harrison-Barker 4
Mark Farthing 3
Scott Sinclair 3
Elliott Osborne-Ricketts 2
Jake Howells 2
Loren Maxwell 2



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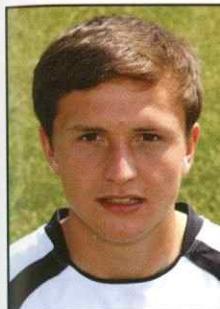
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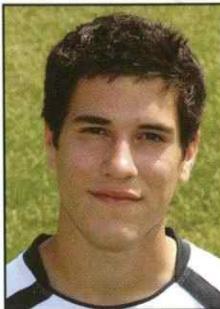
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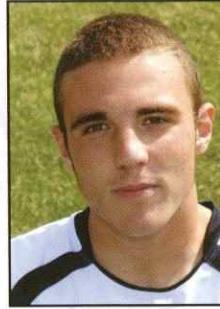
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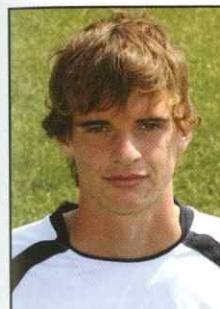
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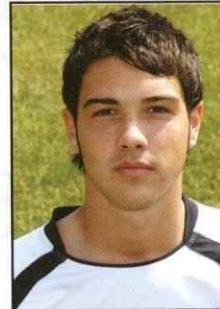
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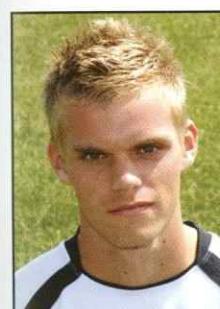
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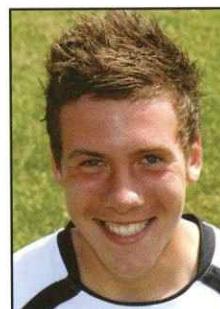
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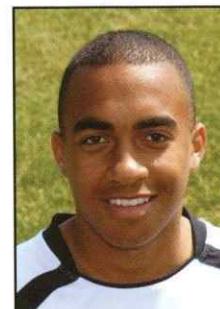
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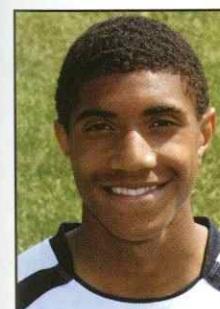
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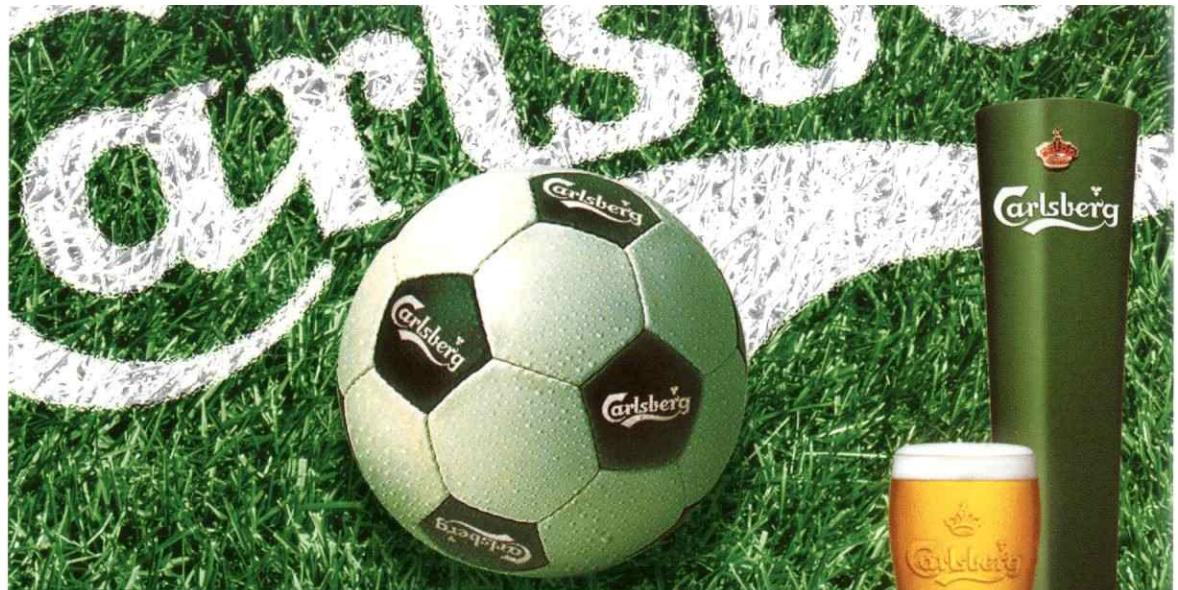


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COMMUNITY CHAT

STUART SMITH gives us the latest news from the Community Department



GOOD afternoon and welcome to today's game. I would like to start by updating you on events within our Girls Centre of Excellence.

On Wednesday December 5th, our Girls Centre of Excellence footballers had the privilege of a visit from England's Women midfielder Kelly Smith.

Kelly visited the Club to participate in a question and answer session with the girl's, sign autographs and was kind enough to have her picture taken with some of our teams.

The girls were delighted to meet Kelly, and as you can imagine it was a very exciting evening for our players. Our Girls Centre of Excellence staff also used the evening to deliver part of the educational programme.

We worked in groups solving problems, while the older players were asked to work on game related issues and designing coaching sessions that they will later deliver to the younger players under the supervision of our staff.

The younger girls were asked to design a seven day eating programme for a footballer of their age.

These sessions are something that will become more and more frequent as our Centre of Excellence programme is designed to be an overall lifestyle development opportunity for the girls rather than just a football opportunity.

I would also like to use today's programme to remind you of our Christmas Holiday Soccer Courses. Places are being snapped up very quickly so book now to avoid disappointment.

Enjoy the game
Stuart Smith

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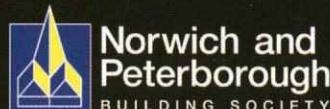
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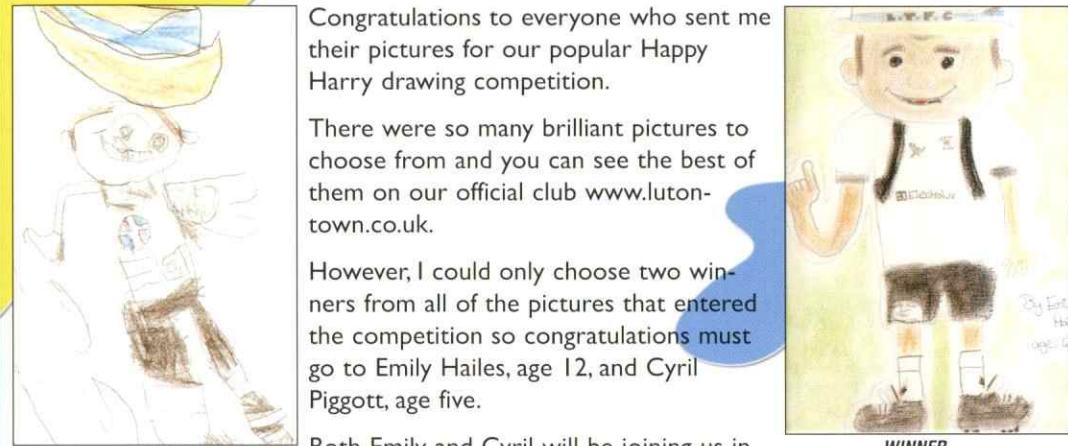
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JUNIOR HATTERS

HAPPY HARRY COMPETITION WINNERS



WINNER...
Cyril Piggott, age 5



WINNER...
Emily Hailes, age 12

Congratulations to everyone who sent me their pictures for our popular Happy Harry drawing competition.

There were so many brilliant pictures to choose from and you can see the best of them on our official club www.luton-town.co.uk.

However, I could only choose two winners from all of the pictures that entered the competition so congratulations must go to Emily Hailes, age 12, and Cyril Piggott, age five.

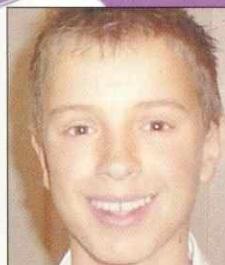
Both Emily and Cyril will be joining us in one of our executive boxes for our home game against Bournemouth on Saturday February 9th.

They will have a buffet and drinks and have the chance of meeting some of the players after the game.

Don't worry if you didn't win this time, there will be plenty more competitions for you to get involved in.

Above are the pictures of me that Emily and Cyril drew, so once again congratulations to them and thank you for everybody who took part!

I would like to wish all our Junior Hatters members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



TODAY'S MASCOT

Name: Mark Washington

Age: 13

School Attends: Evesham High

Hobbies: Playing football for Evesham United Youth U14, playing 'hockey' for Evesham Hockey Club and County Hockey for Worcestershire

Favourite Player: Sol Davis

Where do you sit: Family/Main stand

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Today's ball boys are Ben Richardson and Alex Robinson-Welsh

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GIRL TALK

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



GOAL... Kristie Keyte scores the first goal in the Under-11's 3-0 win against Tottenham Hotspur

Ladies pay the penalty in FA Cup tie with Colchester United

AT the third attempt, the long running saga of our FA Cup tie against Colchester United was finally completed in favour of our opponents.

The previous week, the tie had been abandoned midway into the second-half following a seemingly serious injury to Town keeper Nikki Duncan.

At the time, United were leading via a very dubious penalty which was initially saved but rammed home in the resultant scramble.

A remarkable recovery from Nikki, who was sporting a broken nose, saw her again perform superbly but she was powerless to keep out the U's who took the lead within the opening ten minutes.

Luton were unlucky not to draw level on several occasions and had a strong grip on the second-half until lightning struck twice and another highly questionable penalty decision

was given in similar circumstances to the week before. This time there was no mistake from the spot and Town were two goals down.

Within minutes Luton were back in the tie following a surging run from Michelle Byrne who rounded the keeper and finished from a tight angle.

U's ensured their place in fourth round with another penalty in the last few minutes. This was our first time in the last 32 and represents more progress at senior level.

The Under 12's returned to winning ways beginning their League Cup campaign with a 5-1 win over Hitchin Town. Kerry Keyte scored four goals with Zhane Quashie the other scorer.

Tottenham Hotspur played host to the Under 11's who really hit form, recovering their ability to play flowing attacking football and restricting Spurs to very little attacking wise.

Kristy Keyte opened the scoring early on, with Rebecca Reeve extending the

lead to 2-0 at half-time.

Reeve was again on target after the break as Town completed a comfortable 3-0 win.

The Under-11's reserve squad fought out their sixth draw of the season drawing 1-1 with Harvesters.

The Under-15's have really grown in stature in recent weeks and extended their unbeaten run to 13 games, scoring over 60 goals on their route to the top of their league.

The Ladies and girls teams continue to seek players in all age groups from ages eight to senior level with the current priorities a senior goalkeeper and Under 14's. For further information, please contact Dave at lutonbelles@hotmail.com

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Taking part in the Partypoker.com Sports Stars Challenge III won't cost a

penny, as players just simply need to take part in the freeroll tournaments which begin at the end of November, each with a £1,000 first prize. Players then earn points for their finishing position, with the six players with the most points from the three freerolls in November, December and January booking their place for the televised final.

The six qualifiers will then battle it out against each other in front of the Sky Sports cameras at the Sports Stars Challenge III for a £6,000 winner takes-all prize pool.

All players who have signed up for Partypoker.com through their club's website since August are automatically eligible to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

All new players are also eligible for a

30% sign-up bonus, up to £75, and don't worry if you do not know how to play as you learn for free at Partypoker.com. The tournament is for poker players of all levels with the first freeroll taking place on Thursday, December 27 at 8pm.

A Partypoker.com spokesman said, "This kind of opportunity doesn't come along that often. It gives players a great chance of meeting their sporting heroes and testing their poker skills in front of tv cameras at the same time."

Don't forget your club benefits from every sign-up through the site.

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FOOTBALL POSERS



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

**Two's
who?**

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



TWO BECOME ONE... Can you spot them?

10 to test you

1 FROM which club did Tottenham sign Gareth Bale?

2 IN which Spanish city do Getafe play their home games?

3 WHO is the only person to have scored in a Carling Cup, FA Cup and Champions League final?

4 WHICH side play their home games at Glanford Park?



Question 4

5 LUTON midfielder Don Hutchison started his career at which club?

6 CROATIA, Andorra, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and which other country make up England's 2010 World Cup qualifier group?



Question 7

7 IAN Holloway recently took over the managerial position at which club?

8 WHEN was the last time all four home nations failed to qualify for a major tournament?



Question 10

9 WHICH club are nicknamed The Bees?

10 WHICH club did Arsene Wenger manage before joining Arsenal?



Badge badge

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



* LETTERS PLAY *

CAN you unjumble these letters to find the name of:

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

1 CHERRY RIPS

2 TEES OFF

3 A JADE MOURNS

4 UNDERCOAT

5 ADAPT DEVIL

All answers on Page 69



THE A-Z

ROGER WASH looks at every post-war

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M**Raymond (Ray) Douglas RUFFETT**

Local boy Ray turned out for Christ Church and then Luton Town during the war years and on de-mob from the services in 1947 was offered full-time terms by the Hatters.

A ball playing wing-half, Ray waited patiently for his First Team chance, which finally came in a 1-3 defeat at Bury in April 1949. Sadly, Ray was injured in the game and his chance was gone.

Ray remained at Kenilworth Road for a further 12 months before joining Abbey United, who changed their name to Cambridge United whilst he was there. Ray now lives in Luton in retirement.

Bjorn RUNSTROM

Big Swede Bjorn was snapped up early in his football career by Italian side Bologna and from there moved swiftly on to Chievo and Fiorentina without earning a regular place in Serie A.

Still only 19, the talented striker moved back to Sweden with Hammarby and at last was able to show his goalscoring abilities, leading Fulham paying £700,000 for his services in August 2006.

After one substitute appearance for the Cottagers in the Premier League, Bjorn was allowed to move to Luton on loan last season, where he made seven appearances, netting twice before returning to West London.

Bjorn moved on to Kaiserslautern last summer.

James (Jim) RYAN

Spotted as a youngster while playing junior football in Stirling, Jim joined Manchester United at 17 but, although an extremely clever winger, was always on the fringes at Old Trafford due to the talents of George Best and John Connolly.

Jim became one of four United players who moved to Luton en bloc in April 1970, just as the Hatters won promotion from Division Three, and he went on to make almost 200 remarkably consistent League appearances over the next seven years at Kenilworth Road.

After a spell with Dallas Tornado, Jim returned to Luton initially as a coach before being thrust into the hot seat in January 1990. After overseeing two fights against relegation from the top flight with minimal funds, Jim was harshly sacked in May 1991.

Jim found work back at Old Trafford almost immediately and still remains on the Reds coaching staff.

John Gilbert RYAN

After failing to make the grade at both Arsenal and Fulham, John probably thought it was the end of the line when he joined Division Three side Luton on a free transfer in 1969.

Full-back John soon became a crowd favourite at Kenilworth Road though, with his swashbuckling runs down the wing and fierce shooting and it was a sad day when he left for Norwich in 1976 for £60,000.

At Carrow Road he was moved to midfield and became a consistent goalscorer before spells with Seattle Sounders, Sheffield United and Manchester City. Player/coach roles at Stockport and Chester then followed before John was appointed player/manager of a very poor Cambridge United side in 1984. John showed his frustrations by being sent off three times in his five League outings at the Abbey!

After managing several non-League sides, John worked for the PFA before becoming Director of Youth Development for the Thailand Football Association in Bangkok.

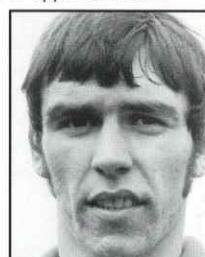
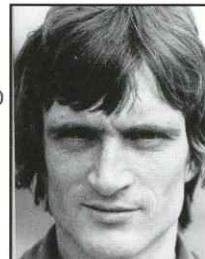
John Oliver RYAN

Liverpool-born John was with Bill Shankly's Reds as a teenager but frustrated by the lack of opportunities at Anfield moved to Tranmere, which proved a major mistake.

It was at non-League Wigan, under the tutelage of ex-Hatters favourite Allan Brown, that John finally came to prominence and when Brown moved to Luton as manager he came back for the tricky winger who made a dream League debut for the Town, setting up the first three goals in a 5-0 win at Exeter in October 1967.

Despite this great start, John only played "when they could not get Graham French out of bed" and after two years and 18 League appearances, he transferred to Notts County where an injury finished his full-time career.

John continued to play in non-League circles for several years and is now in charge of Health & Safety for a new construction company following 20 years with Costains.

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OF LUTON TOWN

player to have appeared for THE HATTERS in the Football League

Gareth SALISBURY

Welsh Youth international Gareth started his Football League career with Wrexham, making his debut for the Robins in 1960.

After flitting in and out of the side, Gareth made a surprise move to Norwich in July 1962 but could not make the breakthrough at Carrow Road and transferred to Luton a year later.

A strongly-built inside forward, Gareth netted twice in 12 starts but an Achilles injury lost him his place in the side and a move to Colchester also ended in injury.

Gareth was luckier at Chesterfield, who he joined in 1965, but was even more successful during a three year stint in Australia where he was voted Player Of The Year for Victoria State in his second year there.

Upon returning to North Wales, Gareth became a computer specialist for the Health Authority before chronic asthma forced his early retirement. Gareth now lives on Anglesey.

Darren Brian SALTON

Darren came to Luton Town as a Youth Trainee in 1988, along with his Edinburgh youth club playing colleague Paul Telfer, before signing professional forms in March 1989. A Scottish Schoolboy and Youth international, Darren was destined for great things after making his League debut for the Hatters at Leeds in 1992.

After earning Scotland Under-21 caps, the cool and commanding central defender became a fixture in the Luton side as the 1992-93 campaign progressed but it all ended suddenly when he was severely injured in a fatal road accident in November 1992.

Despite brave thoughts of a comeback, it was sadly not to be. Last week Darren was sacked as the manager of Hitchin Town.

**John Robert McDevitt SANDERSON**

Carlisle-born John signed on for his local side in May 1938 and such were his performances at Brunton Park that a big money move to Wolves was secured the following February.

Unfortunately the cultured full-back did not manage to force his way into the first team before war broke out and at the end of the hostilities he was subject to another big transfer, this time to Luton.

John was only able to make six League appearances in 1946-47 before a severe knee injury finished his playing career but as he wanted to remain involved in football the Town offered him the position of groundsman. He picked up the rudiments of the job very quickly and combined this with Honorary Secretary of the Bobbers Stand Club for many years.

John was still living in Luton at the time of his death in 1993.

Michael (Mike) William SAXBY

Big, commanding centre-half Mick made his League debut as an 18-year-old for his local side, Mansfield, and soon became a cult hero at Field Mill.

Looking for a replacement for Chris Turner, Luton manager David Pleat paid a massive £200,000 in 1979 to bring him to Kenilworth Road, where he soon formed a solid defensive partnership with Paul Price and later Mal Donaghy.

With the Hatters walking away with the championship of Division Two in 1981-82, Mike hurt his knee when turning in the area during a home clash with Crystal Palace, an injury which effectively ended his playing career at Luton.

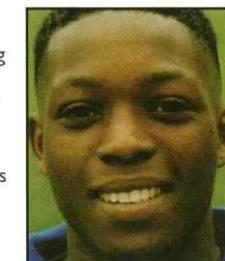
Attempts at a comeback with Newport and Middlesbrough failed, leaving Mike to forge a career with the Nottingham Evening Post and as a radio match summariser at Mansfield.

**Andre Pierre SCARLETT**

Diminutive right-sided midfielder Andre joined Luton from school and after working up through the ranks made a dream League debut when coming on as a substitute in a dour home game against Oldham in October 1998 and scoring a match-clinching goal in stoppage time.

Sadly this did not preface a long and successful career at Kenilworth Road for the tenacious and skilful but tiny right-sided midfielder as, although always on the fringes of the First Team over the next three years, his chances were sporadic and he was never given a long run in the side.

Andre eventually left for Wealdstone and is currently starring for Staines.



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TODAY'S MATCHES

THE top two teams in League One clash this afternoon with Brunton Park the venue for the pick of the weekend fixtures.

CARLISLE UNITED (2nd) have one of the best home records in the division, but take on a SWANSEA (1st) side who have recorded the best away form in League One.

The Swans have only lost twice away from the Liberty Stadium and are currently on a four game unbeaten run.

Their last defeat on the road came back in September, when they were narrowly beaten by LEEDS UNITED (5th).

Impressive away victories against LEYTON ORIENT (4th) and YEOVIL (7th) have shown that the Welsh Club certainly have what it takes to mount a serious charge for promotion.

Meanwhile, Carlisle are also experiencing a good run of form and head into this afternoon's match unbeaten in their last eight

league games.

Much of that success has come down to the form of former Blackburn striker Joe Garner, who has scored in the last four games.

Elsewhere, Leyton Orient are in desperate need for points against Yeovil, having won just twice in their last five matches.

However, Yeovil are another inform team having won their last three matches and going strong to mount a serious play-off challenge.

At the other end of the table,

PORT VALE (22nd) will have it

tough when they travel to

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (3rd).

Lee Sinnott's side did manage to score a vital win over GILLINGHAM (17th) recently, but their form is still that of a relegation threatened side, having picked up just five points from a possible 18.

WALSALL (9th) have been quietly sneaking up the League One table and hold an impressive 11 game unbeaten run in all competitions going into today's game with MILLWALL (20th).

LEEDS (5th) are the only side unbeaten at home this season and look firm favourites to continue that run this afternoon when they play BRISTOL ROVERS (19th).

HUDDERSFIELD'S (13th) inconsistency this season has proved to be their downfall, but their next three games are against teams currently below them in the League One table, starting today away at CHELTENHAM (21st).

BOURNEMOUTH's long awaited home win arrived last weekend when a Brett Pitman goal against Gillingham lifted them off the foot of League One. They hope to build on that result away at NORTHAMPTON (18th) this afternoon.

FORM GUIDE

TODAY'S LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES

Carlisle vs Swansea
 Cheltenham vs Huddersfield
 Crewe vs Doncaster
 Leeds vs Bristol R
 Leyton Orient vs Yeovil
 Nottm Forest vs Port Vale
 Southend vs Oldham
 Swindon vs Hartlepool
 Walsall vs Millwall

HOME FORM TABLE

Last six League games

	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Carlisle	5	1	0	14	2	12	16
Leeds	5	1	0	15	4	11	16
LUTON	4	2	0	10	4	6	14
Swansea	4	1	1	10	3	7	13
Yeovil	4	1	1	10	6	4	13
Nottm Forest	3	3	0	10	3	7	12
Hartlepool	3	2	1	11	6	5	11
Walsall	3	2	1	8	3	5	11
Huddersfield	3	2	1	9	5	4	11
Gillingham	3	2	1	11	8	3	11
Southend	3	1	2	12	7	5	10
Swindon	3	1	2	9	6	3	10
Millwall	3	1	2	10	8	2	10
Crewe	3	1	2	8	7	1	10
Leyton Orient	3	1	2	8	9	-1	10
Cheltenham	2	3	1	6	7	-1	9
Tranmere	2	2	2	7	4	3	8
Doncaster	2	2	2	9	7	2	8
Port Vale	2	1	3	6	6	0	7
Northampton	2	1	3	6	8	-2	7
Brighton	1	3	2	6	7	-1	6
Oldham	1	3	2	6	7	-1	6
Bristol Rovers	1	2	3	6	11	-5	5
Bournemouth	1	1	4	4	13	-9	4

AWAY FORM TABLE

Last six League games

	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Brighton	4	2	0	10	3	7	14
Oldham	3	2	1	8	4	4	11
Swansea	3	1	2	13	7	6	10
Nottm Forest	3	1	2	10	4	6	10
Doncaster	2	4	0	8	5	3	10
Walsall	2	4	0	7	4	3	10
Leeds	3	1	2	7	6	1	10
Bournemouth	2	1	3	10	9	1	7
Carlisle	1	4	1	8	8	0	7
Southend	2	1	3	5	9	-4	7
Yeovil	1	2	3	5	8	-3	5
Tranmere	1	2	3	3	7	-4	5
Millwall	1	2	3	5	11	-6	5
Crewe	1	2	3	4	11	-7	5
Bristol Rovers	1	1	4	4	7	-3	4
Port Vale	1	1	4	6	13	-7	4
Gillingham	1	1	4	5	13	-8	4
Northampton	1	1	4	4	12	-8	4
LUTON	0	3	3	2	7	-5	3
Swindon	1	0	5	6	12	-6	3
Hartlepool	1	0	5	4	10	-6	3
Huddersfield	1	0	5	2	17	-15	3
Leyton Orient	0	2	4	5	11	-6	2
Cheltenham	0	1	5	3	13	-10	1

Latest League One table is on Page 68



GOAL MACHINE.. Carlisle's Joe Garner



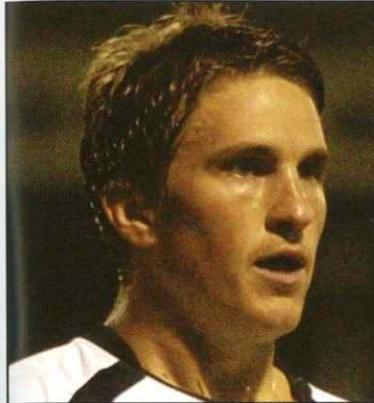
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Injuries hit McVeigh



LOSING OUT... Bring Back Big Joe drops to 8th

Dave Edwards closes the gap on leader 'Max and Daddy'



INJURY PROBLEMS... Paul McVeigh's team is suffering after both strikers are struck out

Don Hutchison saw his huge 15 point lead reduced to just seven after Dave Edwards had a successful few weeks. Currie's team 'Ruby's' have leapt from seventh to third thanks to Cristiano Ronaldo scoring a penalty in Manchester United's 4-1 win over Derby County and Steven Gerrard's goal in Liverpool's 3-1 defeat at Reading.

However Currie may need to look at his team selection if he wants to challenge for first place as Micah Richards from Manchester City has lost the team a point while Leighton Baines and Scott Parker are yet to produce any points.

Paul McVeigh has plummeted to eighth place after both his strikers have been sidelined due to injuries. Michael Owen is suffering a thigh injury and isn't expected to return until after Christmas while no return date has been set for Chelsea striker Didier Drogba who is suffering a knee injury.

Stewart Bannister remains at the bottom having joined late but thanks to some last minute substitutions, has closed the gap on John Carver's team 'Geordie Boys'.

The rest of the teams have seen little movement with the majority of sides staying in the same positions.

	Manager	Goals	Assists	Pts	7	(6)	Chris Coyne	14	8	97
1 (1)	Don Hutchison (Max and Daddy)	21	16	124			(Coyne's XI)			
2 (2)	Dave Edwards (Welsh Wizards)	18	17	117			=8 (9)	Drew Talbot	15	15 88
3 (7)	Darren Currie (Ruby's)	19	12	104			=8 (5)	Paul McVeigh	14	13 88
=4 (4)	Chris Cummins (Commo's 11)	23	15	103			10 (10)	Chris Perry	14	10 68
=4 (2)	Alan Goodall (Two Shoes)	15	21	103			11 (11)	John Carver	12	10 60
6 (7)	Richard Jackson (Alfies Army)	22	12	102			12 (12)	Stewart Bannister	11	52

● Last week's positions in brackets



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They will remain on sale until noon, Monday December 24.

Tickets can be purchased on the day from Bristol, however, there will be an increase of £2 on all prices.

ALLOCATION: We have received an initial allocation of 200 seats (covered) and 200 uncovered terrace tickets.

(Total allocation 1000 terrace and 278 seats.)

TICKET PRICES:

Terrace: Adult £15, Seniors (over 65), Students (with valid id) and Juniors (under 16) £8

Seats: Adult £17.50, Seniors (over 65), Students (with valid id) and Juniors (under 16) £9.50

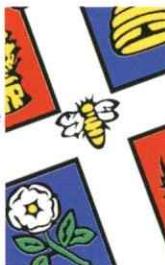
Wheelchair Disabled tickets (with a Carer free of charge) - £8 - must be booked in advance

Ambulant Disabled tickets (with a Carer free of charge) - £8



PORT VALE v LUTON TOWN Saturday December 29, 2007 League One 3pm

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



TICKET PRICES:

Tickets are priced as follows:
Adults £19, Seniors (over 60) £12.50, Young Adults (16 - under 21) £12.50, Juniors (under 16) £8 and Under 9's free with proof of age



LUTON TOWN v YEOVIL TOWN Tuesday January 1, 2008 League One 3pm

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



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

See page 11 for special offers for this game.

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

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

We are not taking telephone orders for this match.

NORMAL PRE MATCHDAY LEAGUE PRICES WILL APPLY FOR THIS GAME.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

The Ticket Office will remain open after today's game for season ticket holders to claim their own seat.



Special match voucher A will need to be produced at the time of purchase.

When all remaining postal applications have been processed, we will be in a position to advise supporters if any tickets will be available for sale. This information will be available via the Club website on December 27.

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

To assist supporters wishing to purchase tickets the Ticket Office hours have been extended as follows :

December 24	10am - 1pm
Christmas Day & Boxing Day	Closed
December 27 & 28	10am - 5pm
December 29	9am - 12noon
December 31	10am - 4pm

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LATEST COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					Gd Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Swansea City	19	5	3	2	13	6	6	1	2	20	10	+17 37
Carlisle	19	7	1	1	16	3	3	5	2	15	12	+16 36
Notm Forest	19	5	4	1	17	6	4	3	2	14	6	+19 34
Leyton Orient	20	5	2	3	14	15	5	2	3	14	13	0 34
*^ Leeds United	20	9	1	0	24	5	6	2	2	15	9	+25 33
Southend	20	6	1	3	20	11	4	1	5	11	17	+3 32
Yeovil Town	20	5	2	3	12	11	4	2	4	10	11	0 31
Brighton	20	4	3	3	15	12	4	3	3	11	8	+6 30
Walsall	20	3	4	3	10	10	4	4	2	11	8	+3 29
Doncaster	20	4	3	3	14	9	3	4	3	13	13	+5 28
Tranmere	20	4	3	3	14	9	3	4	3	8	9	+4 28
Hartlepool	20	5	3	2	18	10	3	0	7	11	16	+3 27
Huddersfield	20	5	2	3	14	10	3	0	7	5	23	-14 26
Oldham	19	2	3	4	8	10	4	3	3	13	10	+1 24
Crewe	20	5	2	3	12	10	1	4	5	8	18	-8 24
Swindon Town	19	5	2	3	16	10	1	3	5	9	15	0 23
Gillingham	20	5	3	2	15	12	1	1	8	6	24	-15 22
Northampton	20	4	2	4	13	11	1	4	5	10	19	-7 21
Bristol Rovers	18	1	4	3	9	14	3	3	4	9	10	-6 19
Millwall	19	4	1	5	14	14	1	3	5	5	15	-10 19
Cheltenham	19	3	5	2	10	11	1	1	7	6	17	-12 18
Port Vale	20	2	2	6	8	13	2	2	6	8	16	-13 16
Bournemouth	20	1	2	7	6	19	3	2	5	13	15	-15 16
^ Luton Town	19	6	2	1	16	8	0	3	7	4	14	-2 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 ALNICK	4	0	0	4	0
Calvin ANDREW	8(5)	1	4(3)	2	12(6)
David BELL	15	3	7	1	22
Dean BRILL	10	0	8	0	18
Ahmet BRKOVIC	0(1)	0	1(2)	0	1(3)
Chris COYNE	15	0	6	1	21
Damien CURRIE	13(4)	2	3(2)	0	16(6)
Sol DAVIS	0	0	0	0	0
Dave EDWARDS	13(1)	2	6	0	19(1)
Lewis EMANUEL	0	0	2	0	0
Jaroslaw FOJUT	11(1)	1	7	1	18(1)
David FORDE	5	0	1	0	6
Paul FURLONG	14	5	5(1)	4	19(1)
Alan GOODALL	14	1	4(1)	0	18(1)
Anthony GRANT	0(3)	0	0(1)	0	0(4)
Don HUTCHISON	3(4)	0	4	1	7(4)
Richard JACKSON	14(2)	0	7	0	21(2)
Keith KEANE	3	0	2(1)	0	5(1)
Richard LANGLEY	0	0	0	0	0
Paul McVEIGH	3(7)	0	2(5)	0	6(12)
Dean MORGAN	3(5)	0	3(2)	0	6(7)
Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)
Sam PARKIN	0(1)	0	1	0	11(1)
Chris PERRY	18	1	8	0	26
Paul PESCHISOLDO	2(2)	0	1	1	3(2)
Steve ROBINSON	13(1)	0	6	1	19(1)
Matthew SPRING	18	4	8	3	26
Drew TALBOT	4(7)	0	3(4)	2	7(11)
Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0
Marc WILSON	4	0	0	4	0

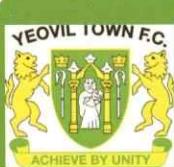
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COMING NEXT



Tuesday
January 1, 2008
League One
Kick-Off 3pm

**Luton Town v
 YEOVIL TOWN**

BY STEVEN DOVE

YEOVIL seem to be hitting their best form at the right time of the season. With the Christmas programme throwing up fixtures pretty much every other day, the Grovers will be hoping to continue that winning feeling.

It's been a somewhat weird and confusing season at Huish Park. After narrowly missing promotion through the play-offs last year, Yeovil were tipped by many to come close again during this campaign.

But inconsistency, along with the uncertainty of the managers future at the Club, has meant it hasn't been all rosey this time around.

However, Yeovil fans are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel and are back on track with their promotion charge.

Manager Russell Slade has committed his future with the Club, despite being linked with several positions throughout the season, and Yeovil are currently on a three game winning streak.

Despite Chairman John Fry stepping down from his position, Yeovil have still managed to keep that winning momentum going and currently sit just one place outside the play-off pack.

Yeovil's visit to Kenilworth Road will be their first visit in the League, with their only previous trip to Bedfordshire was in the League Cup.

On that day, the Hatters were rampant with former defender Kevin Foley scoring his first senior goal for the Club, in a 4-1 victory.

But Yeovil are a more superior side nowadays, which showed when Luton made their first ever trip to Huish Park in October as both sides had to settle for a share of the spoils.

It's in attack where Yeovil look a strong prospect. Marcus Stewart is renowned for his scoring exploits, having become popular amongst supporters during his times at Bristol Rovers, Huddersfield, Ipswich and Sunderland.

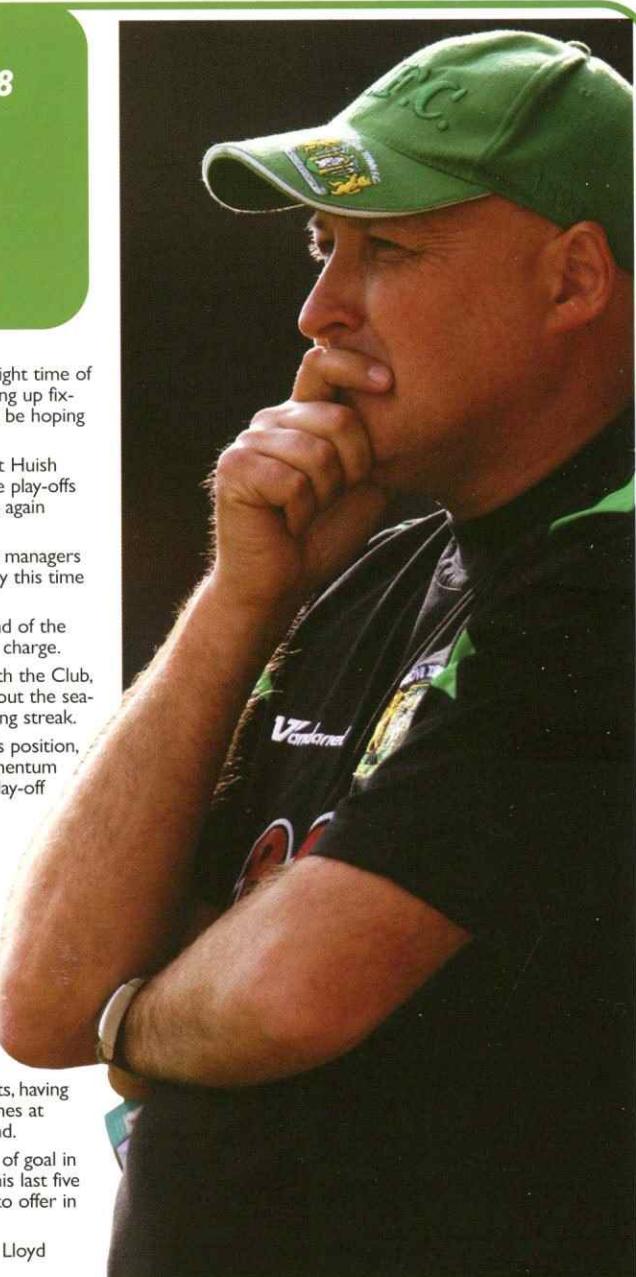
Despite failing to find that consistent form in front of goal in recent seasons, Stewart has scored three goals in his last five games and is showing signs that he still has plenty to offer in League One.

Former Brentford and Sheffield Wednesday striker Lloyd Owusu is also amongst the ranks.

Owusu provides much of Yeovil's threat in the air and possess power and pace to break down the opposition defence. So far, Owusu has been on target nine times this season.

Yeovil will certainly fancy their chances when they arrive at Kenilworth Road. They have been more than impressive on their travels this season and last week they inflicted Doncaster's first defeat in 11 league games.

With other experienced campaigners such as Neil Sullivan, Gareth Roberts and Bruce Dyer amongst their ranks, Yeovil certainly have what it takes to mount a serious challenge for promotion.



Head 2 head

	Luton	Draw	Yeovil
League	0	1	0
FA Cup	0	0	0
League Cup	1	0	0
TOTAL	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	0 (0%)

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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	■	■

Tranmere Rovers

Manager: Ronnie Moore
Colours: White shirts, white shorts

		Pl	Sc
1	Danny Coyne	■	■
2	Robbie Stockdale	■	■
3	Carl Tremarco	■	■
4	Paul McLaren	■	■
5	Shane Sherriff	■	■
6	Antony Kay	■	■
7	John Mullin	■	■
8	Calvin Zola	■	■
9	Gareth Taylor	■	■
10	Chris Greenacre	■	■
11	Adnan Ahmed	■	■
12	Steven Jennings	■	■
13	Shane McWeeny	■	■
14	Ben Chorley	■	■
15	Ian Goodison	■	■
16	Kevin Cooper	■	■
17	Andy Taylor	■	■
18	Jennison Myrie-Williams	■	■
19	Steve Davies	■	■
20	Paul Henry	■	■
21	Mike Jones	■	■
22	Michael Johnston	■	■
23	Chris Shuker	■	■
24	John Achterberg	■	■
25	Craig Curran	■	■
26	Danny Holmes	■	■
27	Terry Gornell	■	■

Hatters' last team

Cheltenham 1 Luton 0



Goals: Subs: Talbot for Robinson (61), Grant for Edwards (67), Andrew for Jackson (81)

Not used: Goodall, McVeigh

Yellow: Spring (20), Currie (64), Perry (88)

Red: None

Rovers' last team

Port Vale 0 Tranmere 0



Goals: Subs: Curran for Myrie-Williams (66), G. Taylor for Zola (66)

Not used: Achterberg, Stockdale, Ahmed

Yellow: McLaren (43), Kay (76), Sherriff (90+2)

Red: None

MATCH OFFICIALS

- Referee: **T M Kettle**
- Assistant: **A Davies**
- Assistant: **J Farries**
- 4th Official: **G R Young**

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