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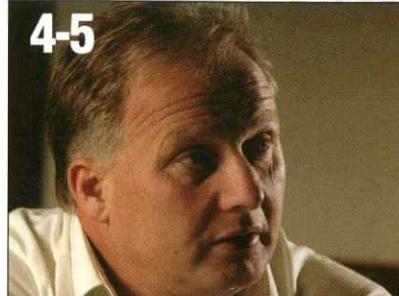
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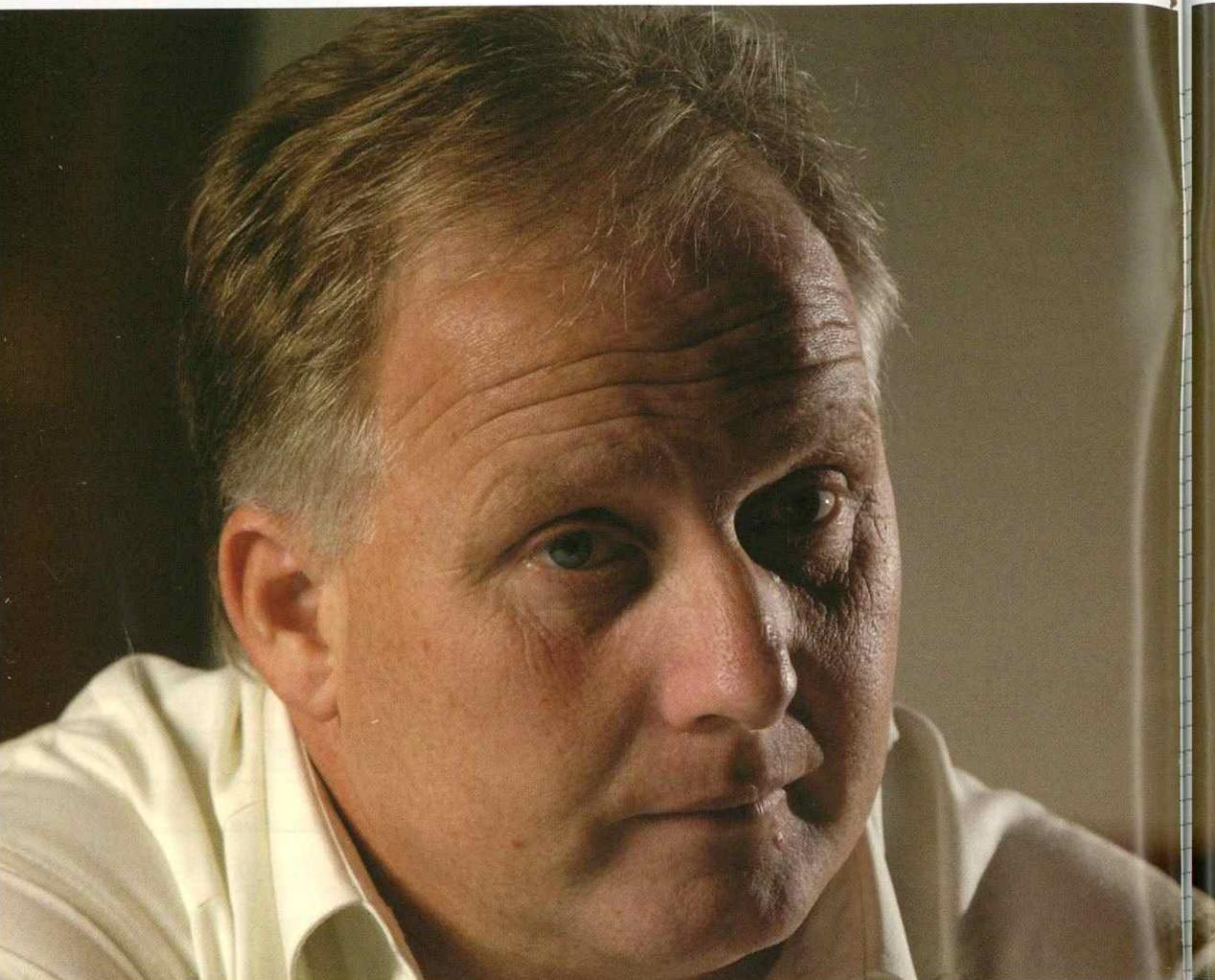
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COVER PICTURE: Dave Edwards celebrates his goal against Tranmere Rovers with Calvin Andrew



KEVIN BLACKWELL



GOOD afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our opening fixture of 2008.

I would also like to extend a welcome to Russell Slade, his players, staff and everyone at Yeovil Town.

After missing out on promotion last season through the play-offs, Yeovil are again showing that they have become an excellent side in this division.

We felt it was a game we should have won when we went to Huish Park earlier in the season, but there is no doubt that Russell has assembled a strong squad, so we should be in for another tough game this afternoon.

A lot has been made of our performance against Bristol Rovers - and rightly so. People talk a lot about the game in this country and the match on Boxing Day had everything a match should have. It had heart, passion and commitment.

It would have been wrong to single out any one individual. All the lads were terrific and it was a game that will probably live long in the memory with the 413 Luton fans that travelled.

Whatever supporters paid for their ticket, they got ten fold in value. It was real edge of the seats stuff. You didn't know if another player was going to get sent-off, or if a goal was going in, or a save was going to be pulled off.

We did feel that when we went down to ten men we were the better side for a spell, but then we lost Robbo and we had to change it again.

We got our goal through a set-piece and it is something that we work on at the training ground. We were only ever going to score from a set-piece

of the season. At the time of writing, we have appealed against Chris Coyne's dismissal and we are awaiting to see whether he will be available for selection this afternoon.

Finally, I would like to wish all our supporters a Happy New Year. Your support has been terrific this season

“ I must pay full credit to the Bristol Rovers fans, who displayed a great show of sportsmanship at the final whistle ”

because we could never really expose ourselves as we were likely to get caught and punished.

What pleased me as a manager was that we gave the players a shape and a pattern to play to and they come out after half-time and stuck to it.

I must pay full credit to the Bristol Rovers fans, who displayed a great show of sportsmanship at the final whistle.

It's something that the players will probably not experience very often in their careers. It wasn't a dirty game by any means, and what Bristol Rovers fans saw was a team that dug in and defended whole heartily.

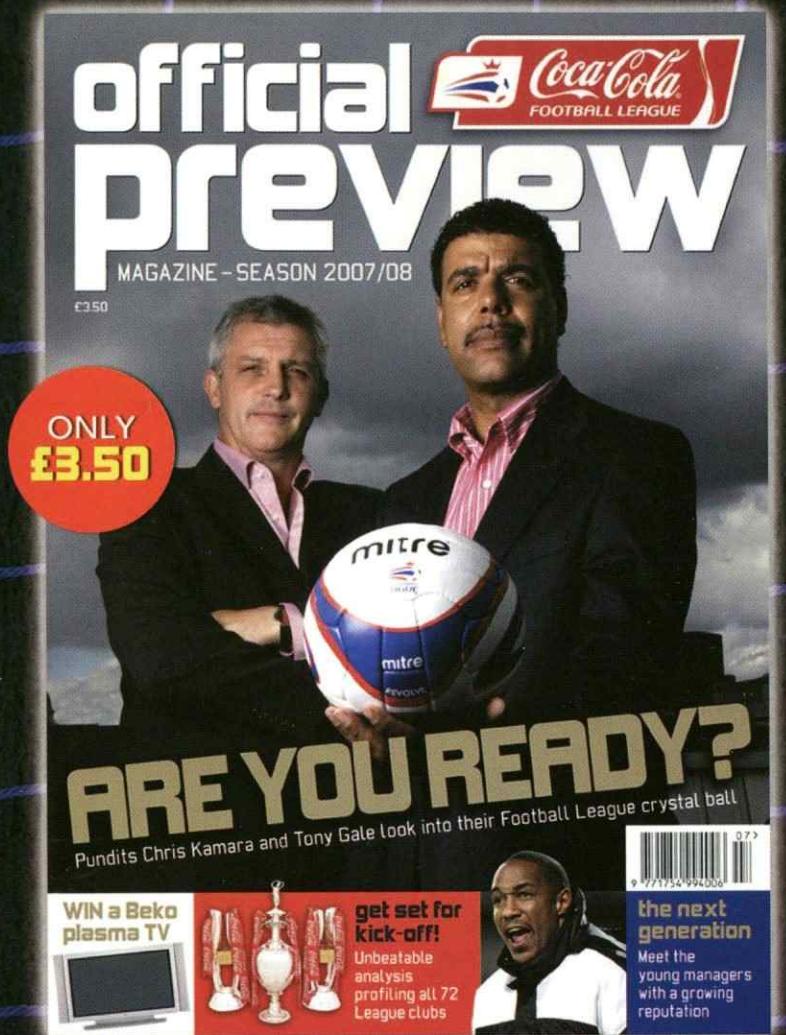
Obviously, we have now had to deal with three suspensions and we will be missing those players at a crucial spell

and I hope you will continue to get behind the players this afternoon.

Enjoy the game

Kevin

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THE CAPTAIN

Our performance against Bristol Rovers on Boxing Day typifies the spirit inside the camp.

Having suffered a huge numerical disadvantage for such a long period in the game, I felt we thoroughly warranted our point.

I don't really want to talk about the dismissals, but instead concentrate on the hard-working performance.

Everyone who came through the game worked their socks off and I must admit it felt like a win at the final whistle.

The performance showed that we have the quality in the squad to pull away from our current position and we are not going down without a fight this season.

That result, combined with our win over Tranmere, meant it was a satisfying Christmas.

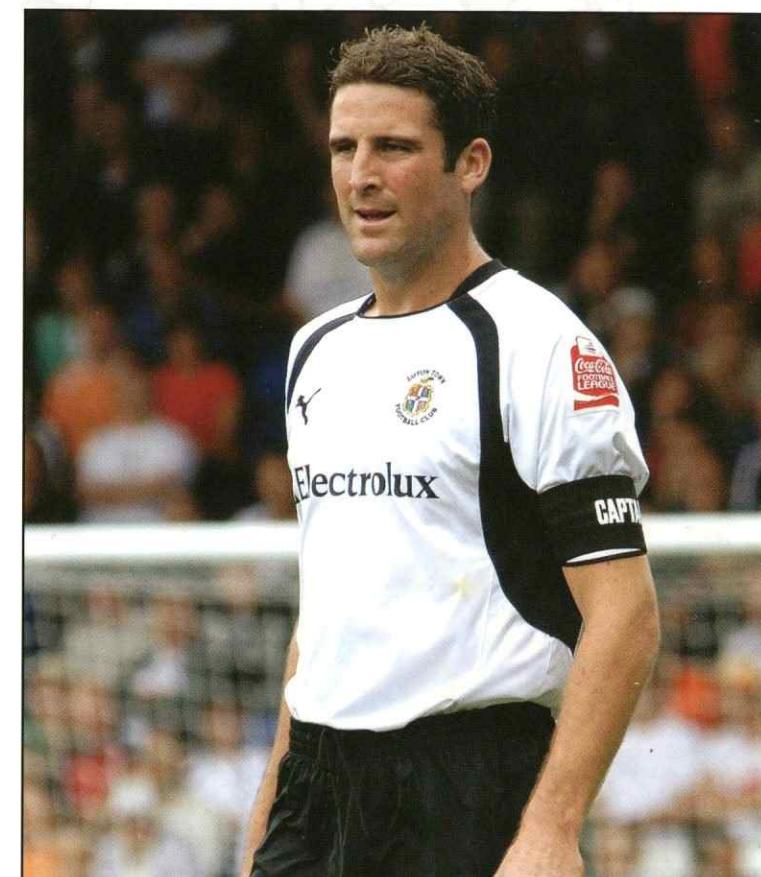
Prior to our game against Port Vale on Saturday, we have lost only once in ten fixtures and if we can stay that consistent over the remainder of the season then we can move away from trouble.

The performance against Tranmere may not go down as a classic, but it was nice to get that slice of good fortune and come away with a win.

We played some good football at times, but we never really put as much pressure on the Tranmere goal as we would have liked.

However, we didn't panic and stayed calm. Our pressure eventually paid off

CHRIS COYNE



The performance did show that we have the quality in the squad to pull away from our current position

and although the goal came from a mistake from the Tranmere goalkeeper, we will take any piece of good fortune.

Today we take on a Yeovil team who have been going very well recently. They have gone well this season after suffering from their disappointment in the play-off final last season.

this afternoon, but one that we are ready for.

Finally, I would like to wish all supporters a Happy New Year and look forward to welcoming you all back to our FA Cup game against Liverpool on Sunday.

Enjoy the game

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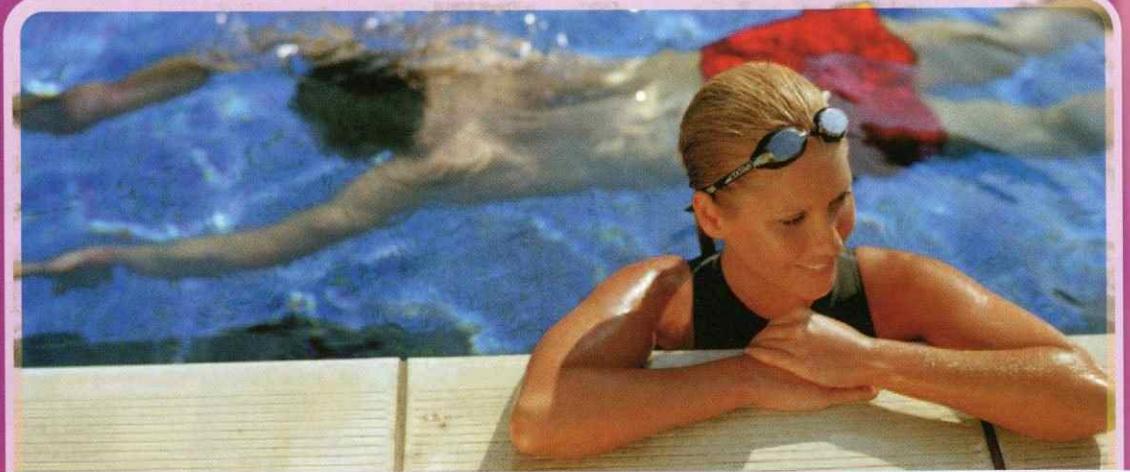
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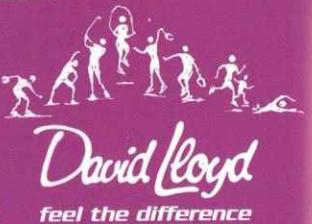
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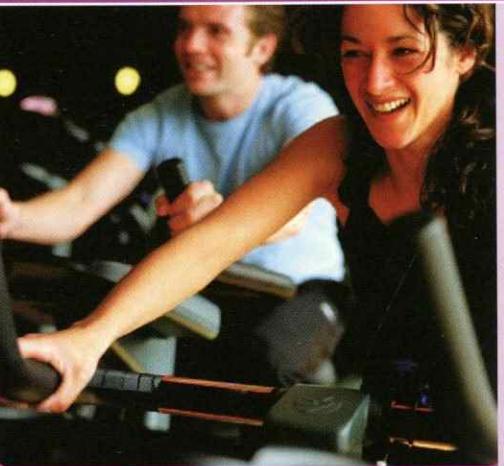


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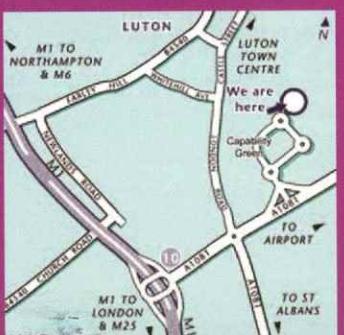


David Lloyd Luton - the player's choice

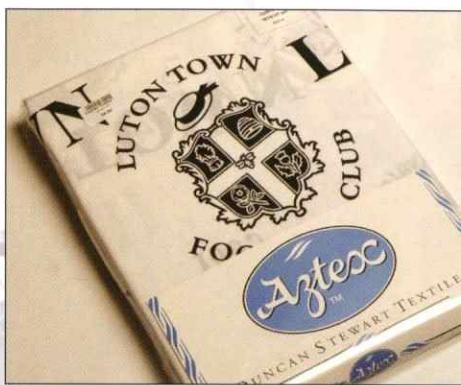
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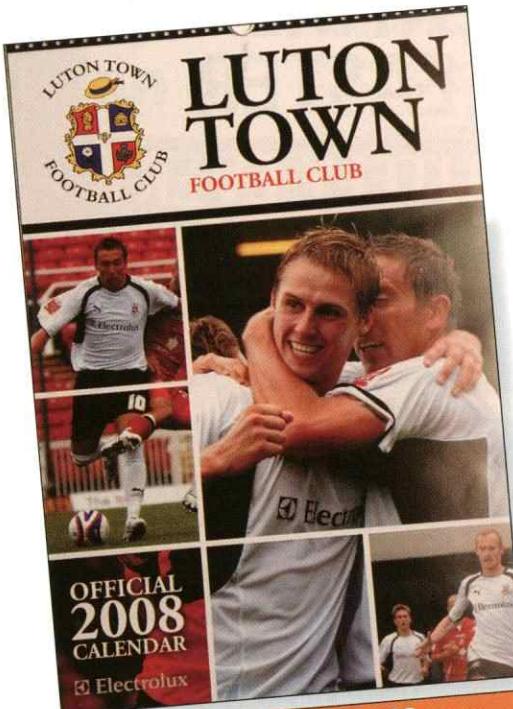
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Currie loses out



UNLUCKY FEW WEEKS.. Ruby's falls down to 5th



SLIDING BACK DOWN... Despite recent performances Darren Currie drops in the table

Kit-Man Bannister closes on John Carver

Stewart Bannister saw his team rise from the bottom of the table to level with John Carver's 'Geordie Boys'. Numerous transfers over the season have failed to gain the points Stewart's team needed to catch up after joining the league late. However, the festive season saw Liverpool striker net three goals while Jose Reina only let in two goals to help give him the 14 points he needed.

Dave Edwards continues to stay on the heels of group leader Don Hutchison while Youth boss Chris Cummins rises back up to third place.

Despite a recent fantastic run Darren Currie has dropped down to fifth after just one of his strikers struck home while Tim Howard allowed two goals to slip past him including a penalty from Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo.

However one man's weakness is another's strength with six of our managers gaining three points each thanks to the penalty.

With the African Nations about to start we may see several team changes very soon.

Manager	Goals	Assists	Pts	7	(8)	Drew Talbot	18	19	105
1 (1) Don Hutchison (Max and Daddy)	23	17	128			(Northern Monkey)			
2 (2) Dave Edwards (Welsh Wizards)	19	18	122		8 (7)	Chris Coyne (Coyne's XI)	16	10	104
3 (4) Chris Cummins (Commo's 11)	28	16	120		9 (8)	Paul McVeigh (Bring Back Bring Joe)	14	14	90
4 (6) Richard Jackson (Alfies Army)	26	13	116		10 (10)	Chris Perry (Pezzers Players)	19	10	83
5 (3) Darren Currie (Ruby's)	22	13	114		=11 (12)	Stewart Bannister (Harey + Luca XI)	10	14	66
6 (4) Alan Goodall (Two Shoes)	16	23	110		=11 (11)	John Carver (Geordie Boys)	14	10	66

● Last positions in brackets

The Yeovil story from 1890 Beginnings

The club, founded in 1890 as Yeovil Football Club and shared a ground for many years with the town's rugby club. In 1895 they became Yeovil Casuals and moved to play their home games at the Pen Mill Athletic Ground. The club became Yeovil Town in 1907, and in 1915 an amalgamation of Yeovil Town and Petters United led to a new club called Yeovil and Petters United.

Top player

 Guy Whittingham became one of the best players to come up through the ranks at Yeovil Town. Although Whittingham wasn't at Yeovil for a considerable time, he did make an immediate impact at the Club, scoring 18 goals in just 23 appearances. It was that kind of form that led to him becoming a big favourite at Portsmouth, where he moved to in 1989.

Top manager

 Gary Johnson took charge in June 2001 and he won the FA Umbro Trophy in his first season in charge. This was Yeovil's first major trophy in 106 years as a Football Club. He then guided Yeovil Town to promotion to the Football League in the following season. They accumulated a huge 95 points and scored 100 goals, remaining unbeaten at Huish Park. The team's first season in League football saw them finish in a creditable eighth place just missing out on the play off positions by goal difference.

Top game

Nottingham Forest 2 - 5 Yeovil Town League One Play-Off Semi-Final Second Leg, May 18, 2007

After going two goals down at home in the first leg, Yeovil had it all to do in the rematch at the County Ground, but they turned on the style on the night to record a famous win. After Scott Dobie had cancelled out a strike from Yeovil's Aaron Davies, it looked as if the unlikely comeback would never arrive. However, a late Alan Wright own goal and a Marcus Stewart strike took the game into extra time, where Yeovil found the target on three more occasions to seal a memorable win.

HAVING spent the majority of their existence in non-league football, the recent story of Yeovil Town is one which could be turned into a fairytale.

And the Glovers bandwagon shows no signs of derailing. They have once again surprised many pundits with another promotion push this season, which sees them currently sit just outside the play-off places.

After missing out to Blackpool last season in the League One Play-Off Final, many predicted that the 'one season wonder' tag would come into effect.

However, Yeovil are proving that their play-off finish last season was no fluke as they continue to cause plenty of upsets this season.

Yeovil were promoted to the Football League in 2003, when they won the Conference by a massive 17 point margin.

Since then, Yeovil have established themselves as a solid Football League side and it took just two seasons for them to gain promotion again.

Glovers boss Russell Slade continues to work wonders at Huish Park as, with a shoe-string transfer budget, he brings out the best in players who are rediscovering their early career form.

They include the likes of Marcus Stewart, who became a huge success at Bristol Rovers and then Huddersfield Town. After a number of years struggling to rediscover that form

Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	Yeovil
League	0	1	0
FA Cup	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0
Total	1	1	0

Last meeting:

Oct 2, 2007: League One
Yeovil 0 v Luton 0

Last season:

Yeovil were beaten in the final of the League One play-offs by Blackpool after finishing in fifth position in the table

Last three Yeovil games:

Dec 16, 2007: Doncaster 1-2 Yeovil (Way 37, Stewart 78)

Dec 22, 2007: Leyton Orient 0-0 Yeovil
Dec 26, 2007: Yeovil 0-1 Swindon

with Ipswich and Sunderland, Stewart is now banging in the goals that have helped Yeovil into the top half of the league.

Lloyd Owusu is another who is enjoying his best run of form for some considerable time. The former Sheffield Wednesday man was a huge favourite at Brentford, but never really hit the heights with the Owls and Reading.

But the Ghanaian striker is currently the Club's leading scorer and has formed a formidable partnership with Stewart in attack this season.

Slade has also acted wisely in the transfer

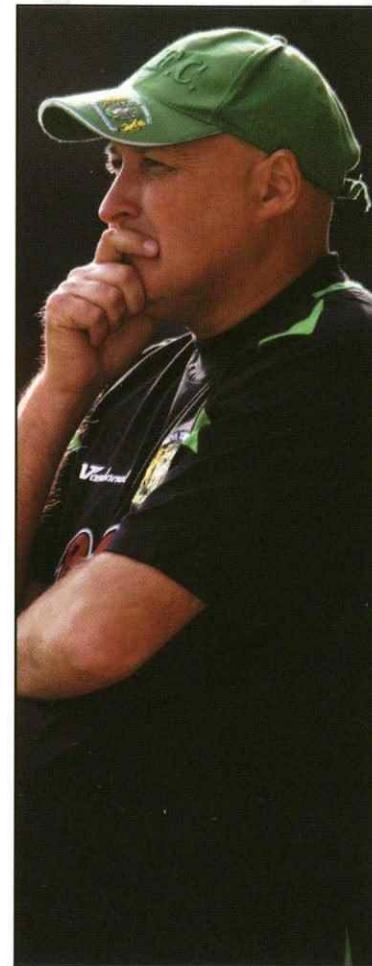
WELCOME TO YEOVIL TOWN

Yeovil's rise through the League pyramid shows no signs of halting as the Glovers once again prove they are a force to be recognised with in League One

market this season by bringing Lee Peltier in on-loan from Liverpool and Ritchie Jones from Manchester United.

Both players have proved useful members of the first-team squad and Slade will undoubtedly look to strengthen during the January transfer window.

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



AT THE HELM... Yeovil boss Russell Slade



SMART ARENA: Yeovil's Huish Park is a neatly compact ground in the suburbs of Yeovil.

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The fan's view

LUKE MAYFIELD
Yeovil Town supporter

How has this season gone?

Apart from the FA Cup defeat to Torquay United, I'm sure most supporters would be more than happy with the way the season has gone so far. We are still in the mix for the play-offs and if we can continue to play the way we have been playing in recent weeks then there is no reason why we can't keep up with the pace. I think we have what it takes to be in the top six come the end of the season.

What are Yeovil's aims?

My heart says that we could give promotion a big go this season, but my head probably thinks that it might be a little to much. We are playing some good football and have looked good at home this season, but we need to be a bit lucky with injuries.

Who is your key signing?

Out of the permanent signings we have made this summer, only Paul Warne has become a regular member of the first-team. I think Marc Bircham will soon be coming back from injury and I think he will eventually be a good signing for us. Lee Peltier has arrived on loan from Liverpool this season and I have been impressed by his form.

Who will be your star players?

Lloyd Owusu will cause Luton problems this afternoon. His has caused a number of teams problems this season through his height and power inside the penalty area. He is currently the club's top scorer so he is vital member of the Yeovil team.

Who will win League One?

I think Leeds will win League One. They seem to have the best team in the division and are a difficult side to break down. Swansea will go close, and I am going to predict that Carlisle will go up through the play-offs. It's a tight league and any two of about seven teams could win promotion.



THE KEY MEN FOR

THE SKIPPER:
4 TERRY SKIVERTON

Yeovil skipper since 2000, Terry Skiverton has led the team to the FA Trophy in 2002, promotion to the Football League in 2003, and to the League Two Championship in 2005. London born Terry started his career with Chelsea, later moving on to play for Wycombe Wanderers, before dropping into Non-League football with Welling United. The then Yeovil Town manager David Webb had the foresight to bring him to Huish Park in June 1999, where he has been a tower of strength at the heart of the Grovers' defence ever since.

Since promotion in League One, he has arguably played his best football for the club, with him putting in a number of stirring displays at the heart of the defence, as well as popping up to score vital goals.

KEEPERS

I STEVE MILDENHALL :



Became Russell Slade's first major Yeovil Town signing when he joined the club in June 2006 from Grimsby Town. Started his career as a trainee with Swindon Town, where he went on to make 38 appearances. He also had brief loan spells at Gloucester and Salisbury during his five-year spell at the County Ground, before moving to Notts County in June 2001 for a fee of £150,000.

13 DARREN BEHCET: Promising goalkeeper, was the first signing made during the summer of 2006, arriving at Huish Park from West Ham United. Earlier in his career the youngster had been considered one of the Hammers' highly rated youth team players, but was released from his Upton Park contract at the end of the 2005/06 season, leaving him free to join Yeovil.

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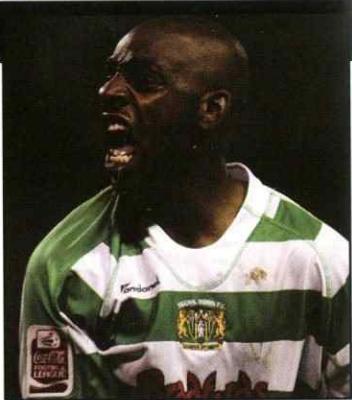
TEAM SHEET

Recent game:
Yeovil 0 - 1 Swindon

1 Steve Mildenhall
27 Lee Peltier
4 Terry Skiverton
6 Terrell Forbes
3 Nathan Jones
14 Paul Warne
7 Gary Dempsey
17 Darren Way
25 Zoltan Stieber
10 Marcus Stewart
28 James Walker

Subs:

15 Justin Cochrane
12 Matty Rose
(for Nathan Jones 80)
20 Marc Bircham
8 Anthony Barry
(for Dempsey 76)
9 Lloyd Owusu
(for Warne 67)



FANS FAVOURITE: Defender Terrell Forbes

YEOVIL TOWN



TOP SCORER: 9 LLOYD OWUSU

9 LLOYD OWUSU: Signed for the Grovers in July 2007 as Russell Slade ended his search for a tall powerful forward to spearhead the attack for the coming season. The Ghanaian international is skilful forward, who came through the ranks at Slough, before signing for Brentford. He really made his name with the Bees, scoring 73 goals in 192 appearances, before joining Sheffield Wednesday on a free transfer in July 2002. He then moved to Reading, before rejoining Brentford in June 2005. Was top scorer at Griffin Park for most of the seasons he was at the club, and has gone on to add much to the Yeovil Town forward line.

THE STRIKERS

10 MARCUS STEWART: Former Sunderland, Huddersfield, Bristol City and Bristol Rovers striker, who signed on a permanent deal in January 2007. During his career Marcus has commanded combined transfer fees of nearly £7 million, and is a forward of great pedigree with a proven goal scoring record at the highest level.

11 LEE MORRIS: A forward possessing good pace, ball skills and a keen eye for goal, who has played at the highest level with Leicester, Sheffield United and Derby County.

22 TOM CLARKE: Signed professional terms for the Grovers at the start of the 2006/07 season, after making his mark in the youth and reserve teams.

28 JAMES WALKER: Currently on loan from Charlton, after previous loan spells with Notts County, Leyton Orient and Bristol Rovers

THE MIDFIELDERS

7 GARY DEMPSEY: Signed for Yeovil Town in July 2007 after spending his career in Scotland with Dunfermline and Aberdeen. A move to Doncaster almost came about in January 2006, but after terms of the transfer could not be agreed, he stayed at Aberdeen.

8 ANTHONY BARRY: Joined from Accrington Stanley for an undisclosed fee on the last day of the transfer window in January 2006. Spent seven years as a schoolboy with Liverpool, before he signed as a trainee with Everton.

14 PAUL WARNE: Joined Yeovil during the summer of 2007 after being released by Oldham Athletic, despite appearing in every game, and dominating the club's end of season awards.

16 RITCHIE JONES: Joined Yeovil Town on a long term loan from Manchester United in August 2007. Is another product of Old Trafford's highly successful Youth Academy, and has been a regular in their reserve team for a couple of seasons.

20 MARC BIRCHAM: After being released by QPR, Yeovil Town quickly snapped up this experienced midfielder. Started his career at Millwall.

27 LEE PELTIER: A pacy central midfield player, who joined Yeovil Town on a long term loan in August 2007 from Liverpool. made his Liverpool first team debut in the League Cup against Reading in October 2006.

THE DEFENDERS

2. MARK LYNCH: An experienced right sided defender who joined the Grovers from Hull City in August 2006. Mark started his career at Manchester United in 2001 where he signed as a trainee. He transferred to Sunderland in 2004, before moving to Hull City.

3. NATHAN JONES: A versatile player who can play anywhere down the left side, either on the full back, the wing, or at wing back. Had a brief spell with Luton Town after coming through the ranks at Cardiff, before going on to move to Spanish Club Numancia from where he transferred to Southend United in August 1997. He also had a successful spell with Brighton, before joining Yeovil.

5. SCOTT GUYETT: Arrived from Chester City in July 2004, and despite not always being the first choice in the team, he has played an important role in the club's success since entering the Football League. Has spent time at Southport and Oxford United.

6. TERRELL FORBES: Signed for Yeovil Town in June 2006 as part of Russell Slade's initial squad rebuilding at Huish Park. Started his career as a trainee for West Ham United in 1999 and although he didn't make the Hammers first team, he did have a loan spell at Bournemouth making three appearances. He then moved onto QPR, where he spent three years, before signing for Grimsby and Oldham.

EXPERIENCED FRONT MAN:

Lloyd Owusu has been in fine form for Yeovil this season and will be their main threat to the Hatters' defence this afternoon



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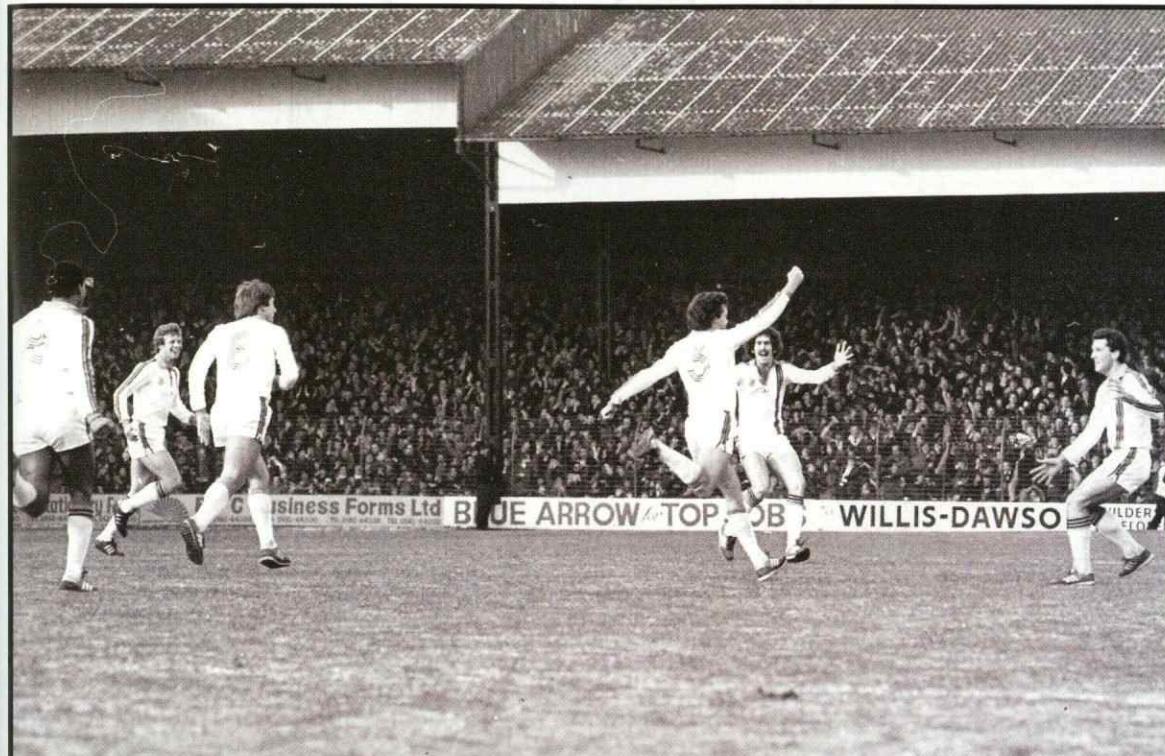
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ROGER WASH tells the stories behind some special moments in Hatters history



New Years Day spectacular on the ice

Luton Town 3 Chelsea 3

Date: January 1 1980

Venue: Kenilworth Road

Mal Donaghy wheels away in delight after netting during the thrill a minute 3-3 draw with Chelsea 28 years ago today.

The Hatters and the Blues were locked in joint second spot in the old Division Two and the heavyweight clash between the pair had been eagerly anticipated for weeks.

On the day of the game, though, a thick frost had made the Kenilworth Road surface rock-hard and despite the misgivings of Luton manager David Pleat and his Chelsea counterpart Geoff Hurst, referee David Letts eventually gave the go-ahead for the contest to take place.

A crowd of 19,717 turned up to see Chelsea's Mike Fillery begin the goal bonanza early on with a 25 yard drive only for Donaghy to hammer his first goal for the club off the underside of the crossbar.

A minute before the interval, Mike

superb rising drive from an angle into the roof of the net to seemingly make the game safe.

Unfortunately, the effort was disallowed because Hatton and Brian Stein were deemed to be in offside positions.

Chelsea looked on this as a life-saver and a minute later were level again in this topsy-turvy game when Walker skipped through the Luton defence and slotted the ball home.

After Donaghy headed against the bar the referee signalled the end of the breathless clash with Pleat expressing everyone's feelings when he said, "It was splendid entertainment. I hope both teams go up to Division One."

Luton Town: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Aizlewood, Saxby, Price, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Sparrow, Pates, Chivers, Bumstead, Britton, Fillery, Harris, Langley, Walker.

FLASHBACK



Hatters Line-Up

4-4-1-1



Goals: Edwards (70)

Substitutes:

Furlong (17 Andrew)

Talbot (67 Currie)

Not used: Keane, McVeigh, Grant

Yellow: Robinson, Fojut, Coyne, Perry

Red: None

Tranmere Line-Up

4-5-1



Goals: None

Substitutes:

Curran (76 Greenacre)

Myrie-Williams (76 Ahmed)

Not used: Tremarco, Zola, Achterberg

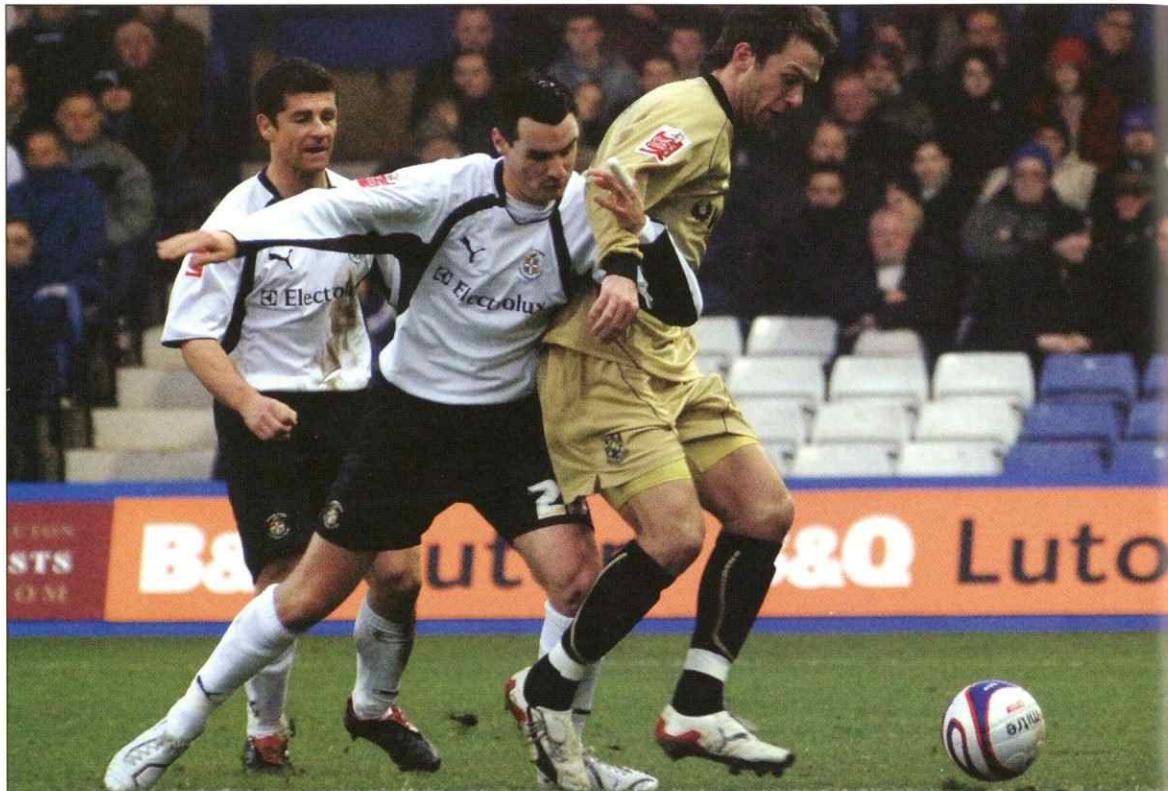
Yellow: Greenacre, G Taylor, Goodison, A Taylor

Red: None

REFEREE: Trevor Kettle (Berkshire)

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE SATURDAY DECEMBER 22, 2007 KENILWORTH STADIUM ATT: 6,070 ■ GOAL... Dave Edwards takes advantage of a mistake by Tranmere goalkeeper Danny Coyne to put Luton ahead



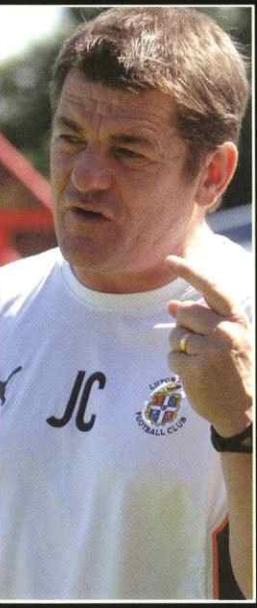


TUG OF WAR...Luton midfielder Matthew Spring tries to force Tranmere into a mistake during a battle at Kenilworth Road

CARVER'S VIEW

"I think they came with a game plan to cancel out our midfield - they usually play a 4-4-2 formation - and it worked for a large part of the game. They realised it was going to be difficult up against our three in midfield, so we knew we had to change it. I felt it was always going to be a mistake that would change the game. Fortunately for us it dropped for Dave Edwards and we were able to take advantage. We gave them more problems, by sticking Drew up there. We didn't make the decision because the fans were asking us to change it, we had been discussing it ten minutes before the fans were chanting. Drew's introduction to the game was brilliant. He did ever so well for the goal."

John Carver



Tranmere goalkeeper Danny Coyne handed Luton an early Christmas present as his mistake helped the Hatters claim three vital points.

The Welsh international goalkeeper spilled a Matthew Spring cross into the path of Dave Edwards, who smashed home a shot from close range on 67 minutes.

Very little happened in the opening 15 minutes of the game, before the Hatters were hit by an injury to Paul Furlong as the striker hobbled off in pain after 17 minutes and was replaced by Calvin Andrew.

Both teams were struggling to make inroads past the defence, with set plays looking the most likely route for an opening.

The game was proving to be a dull affair, so when Currie smashed a long-range effort on 32 minutes that almost caught out Coyne, it began to lift the atmosphere around Kenilworth Road.

The second half started in a similar fashion to the first before Blackwell changed his system with Drew Talbot being introduced as the second striker.

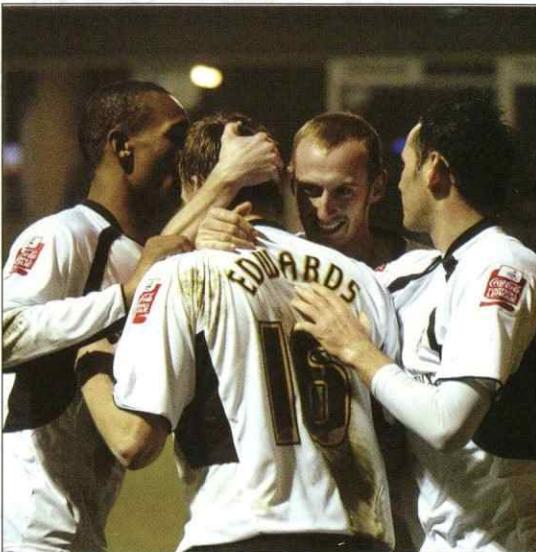
The substitution then brought an instant change in fortune as Luton took the lead on 67 minutes.

Fine work from Talbot saw him beat four Tranmere players before laying off a pass to Spring, whose whipped ball into the area was spilled by Coyne, enabling Edwards to thump home the shot from close range.

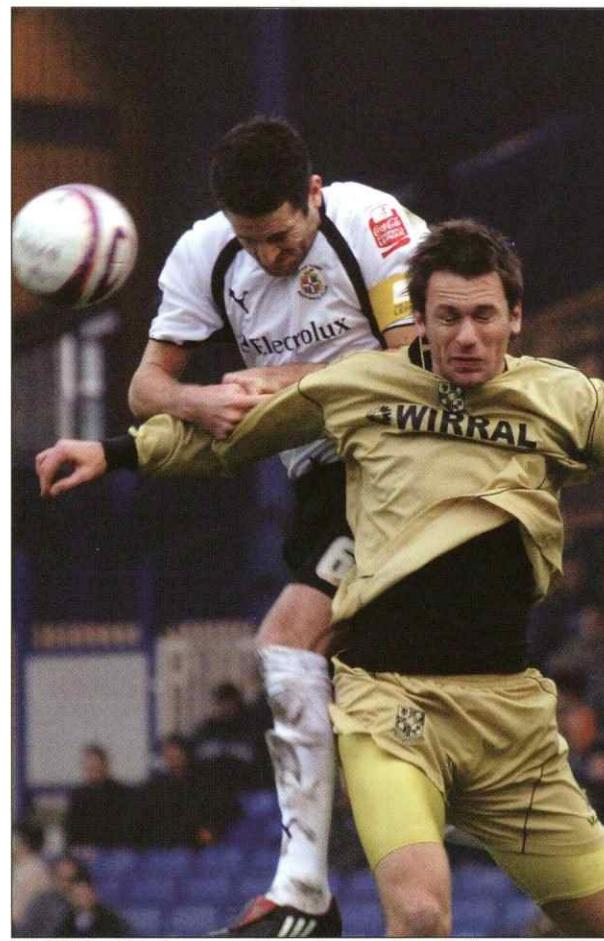
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UNDER CONTROL... Steve Robinson stays calm under pressure



WELL DONE... Dave Edwards is surrounded by Luton team-mates



HEADS UP... Chris Coyne wins this header as he clears his lines



WATCHING YOU... Dave Edwards is closely tracked by Tranmere



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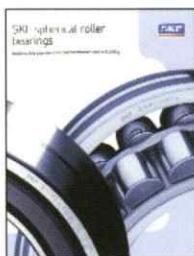


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THE STATISTICS

SIMON PITTS finds some fascinating facts about games on this day



12 The number of games previously played at Kenilworth Road on this date. Luton have won six, drawn four and lost just twice in these matches. The Hatters have hit 26 goals, and conceded 16.

10 The most number of goals scored by the two teams in this fixture. Back in 1938 the Hatters played the other Hatters, (Stockport County), and won 6-4. Jack Vinall and Bert Dawes scored a brace each, with George Stephenson and Frederick Roberts netting the other goals.

1 The number of hat tricks on this day, scored by Mick Harford in 1986. Harford opened the scoring in the first half before netting again after 65 minutes. Leicester City were the visitors and they pulled a goal back through Mark Bright, but Harford soon restored the two goal lead with his, and Luton's, third.

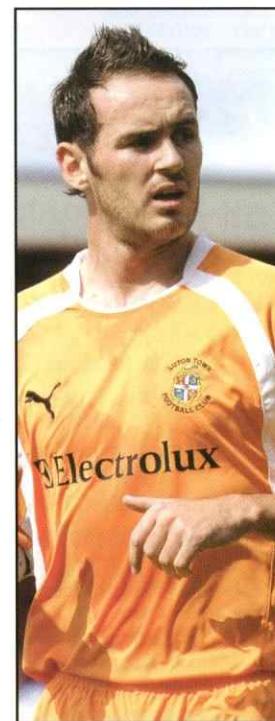
19,717 The biggest New Years

Day attendance at Kenilworth Road. In 1980 Chelsea were the visitors, and what a match the fans were treated to. Luton lead 2-1 at half time despite the visitors opening the scoring. Mal Donaghy scored his first goal for Luton to equalise, and then Mike Saxby netted just before half time. Chelsea made it 2-2 soon after the break before David Moss restored the Hatters lead on 75 minutes. Just a minute later though the visitors equalised, and the match finished 3-3.

2 The number of times Chelsea have been the visitors to Kenilworth Road on this day. Eight years after the 3-3 draw and Luton netted three again, only this time they



HAT-TRICK... Mick Harford



SCORER... David Bell

kept a clean sheet. Mark Stein opens the scoring in the first half, with brother Brian, and Mick Harford netting in the second half.

5 The number of times Luton have scored three goals in a fixture at Kenilworth Road on 1st January. As well as the two matches against Chelsea, and Mick Harford's hat trick against Leicester Luton also hit three against Manchester City and Ipswich Town. In their first ever league season, back in 1897/98, Luton entertained Manchester City and were 3-0 winners. Robert Donaldson opened the scoring, having signed from Manchester United, with further goals from James Coupar and Tom McInnes. In 1955 Ipswich Town were beaten 3-2 courtesy of goals from Roy Davies, Bob Morton and George Cummins.

2 The number of goal-less draws on this day. Leeds United were the visitors in 1949, and then of course last season Cardiff City came to Kenilworth Road with neither side able to break the deadlock.

1 David Bell is the only player who started the match against Cardiff City last season that is likely to start against Yeovil today. Steve Robinson also featured, but as a substitute, replacing Richard Langley.

2 The only time Luton have scored two goals on this day was against Millwall in 1972 when Chris Nicholl and Peter Anderson were the goalscorers.

0 The number of points gained by Luton following visits from Bristol Rovers and Coventry in 1921 and 1983 respectively. Rovers were 2-1 winners, with Allan Mathieson scoring for the Hatters. City won by the same scoreline 62 years later. Coventry were the better side in the first half and led through two goals in the first fifteen minutes. Luton fought back in the second half and forced City keeper Les Sealey into two outstanding saves, but it was his error that led to Mal Donaghy reducing the deficit. In over 400 appearances for the Hatters, Donaghy only scored 16 league goals, but yet two of these were on January 1st, as he'd also scored against Chelsea three years earlier.

STEVEN DOVE with all the latest news from around the other 23 clubs in the division



Hird to stay at Grimsby

Grimsby Town have secured the services of on-loan Doncaster Rovers defender Sam Hird for a second month.

Hird's initial month's stay was due to expire on Thursday but the 20-year-old will now stay with the Mariners for a further 28 days.

Doncaster have included a 24-hour re-call clause in the extended deal.

Hird has so far started five games for Alan Buckley's on-form side, helping them to ease their position near the foot of League Two.

Swindon heading for takeover

Businessman Andrew Fitton and his consortium have agreed a conditional takeover of Swindon.

Consortium member Jeremy Wray said he was "absolutely thrilled" and said there were no major stumbling blocks left to negotiate.

Wray said: "We haven't resolved a couple of small things but the important thing is both sides are working together to sort those out."

The new owners will start to oversee the running of



TAKEOVER... Swindon Town look set to have new owners

the club immediately.

An initial deal between Fitton and the club fell through earlier in December. But it was recently revived and after protracted negotiations which saw various deadlines come and go, an agreement has now been struck.

Charlton recall striker from Gills

Charlton have recalled striker Chris Dickson from his loan spell at Gillingham.

The 22-year-old scored 11 goals in 14 league and cup appearances during his loan spell with the Gills.

He was due to play the final game of his three-month spell against Brighton, but has now returned to The Valley.



West Ham left-back Joe Widdowson has

returned to London

after a successful five

day trial spell with

Carlisle United.

Cheltenham winger Sosthene Yao has

joined Blue Square

South side Weston-super-Mare on loan for a month.

Bury's Andy Bishop

could be a January

transfer target for

Crewe. Striker

Stuart Fleetwood is

also a possible

consideration

Defender Brent

Sancho has signed for

Millwall on a

month's contract

after receiving a

work permit

Northampton have

been hit by the

injury to Ian

Henderson, now joins

Giles

Coke and Chris

Doig on the

treatment table

Southend midfiel

der Steve Hammell has

returned to action for

the Shrimpers after

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infection

Bristol City winger

Jennison Myrie-

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Boss Dennis Wise told the club web

site: "It looks like he could be out

for three months minimum."



Terriers confirm loss

Huddersfield Town have announced a loss of £1,055,094 for the accounting year ending May 2007 - compared to a profit of £61,754 for the previous 12 months. The League One club's income fell from £5.3m to £3.97m during the year.

In addition, player wages rose from £1.56m to £1.64m.

OUT... Hinshelwood



Hinshelwood suffers setback

Brighton's Adam Hinshelwood will miss the rest of the season after a major setback in his recovery from a knee surgery.

The 23-year-old had been struggling to make a comeback from an operation to repair his cruciate ligament.

Physio Malcom Stuart said: "What we're looking at now is him returning fully fit at the end of a four to six-month period."



MONEY MAN... Trollope



Liddell hit by new injury

Oldham Athletic midfielder Andy Liddell will be out of action for three months as he needs surgery on his Achilles.

Liddell who has already been out for nine weeks with the injury was given the okay from his specialist to return to training but broke down again.

The former Wigan man, 34, will now undergo further surgery in January.

Way expects to return

Darren Way expects to return to Swans City when his loan spell with Yeovil Town expires on 1 January. The 28-year-old scored his first goal since returning to Huish Park in Sunday's 2-1 win at Doncaster Rovers.

"I am contracted to Swans City and as far as I am concerned I am going back there on 1 January," Way said

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LEAGUE ONE ROUND-UP

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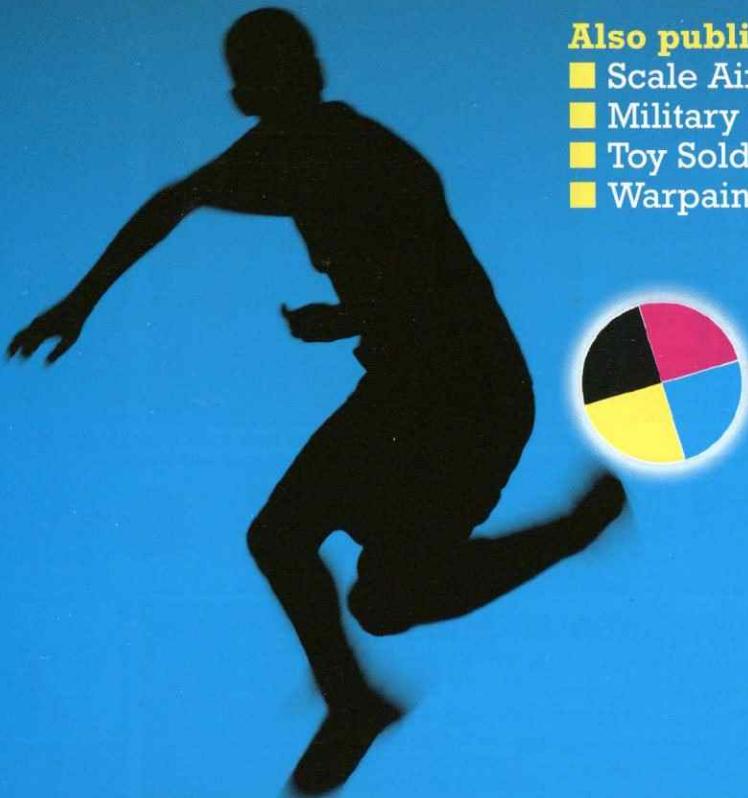
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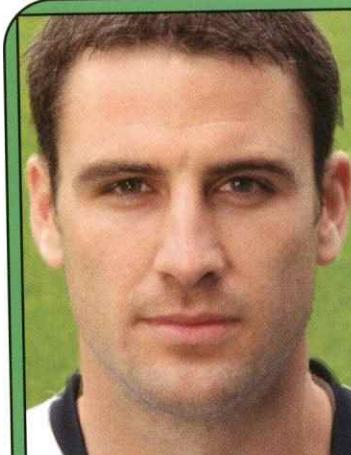
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Two's who?

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TWO BECOME ONE... Can you spot them?

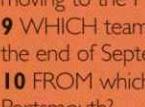
10 to test you

- 1 WHERE was the World Cup held in 1990?
- 2 FORMER World Cup winners Bobby Charlton and Nobby Stiles managed which current Championship team in the 1970s?
- 3 WHICH team did Liverpool recently beat 8-0 to set a Champions League goalscoring record in a single match?
- 4 WHICH three professional clubs did ex England player Gary Lineker play for?



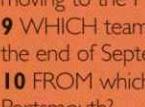
Question 7

- 5 WHICH club inflicted Leeds United's first league defeat this season?
- 6 WHAT shirt number did David Beckham wear whilst at Real Madrid?



Question 10

- 7 WHICH current League Two side play their home games at Valley Parade?
- 8 AT which ground did Reading play their home games before moving to the Madjeski Stadium in 1998?



Question 10

- 9 WHICH team won the Women's World Cup Final held at the end of September?
- 10 FROM which club did striker Kanu play for before joining Portsmouth?



Question 4



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* LETTERS PLAY *

CAN you unjumble these letters to find the name of:

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

- 1 CARD JACK RHINOS
- 2 SHORTEN
- 3 TERMINAL LION
- 4 ABRADE ROBINS
- 5 REPAVED DICE

All answers on Page 69



Hatters Line-Up

4-4-1-1



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Substitutes:

Kean (46 Goodall)

Furlong (81 Andrew)

Not used: Currie, Talbot, McVeigh

Edwards

Coyne, Robinson, Grant

Bristol Rovers Line-Up

4-4-2



Goals: Lambert (17 pen)

Substitutes:

Walker (11 Haldane)

Lines (75 Lescott)

Not used: Hinton, Carrithers, Green

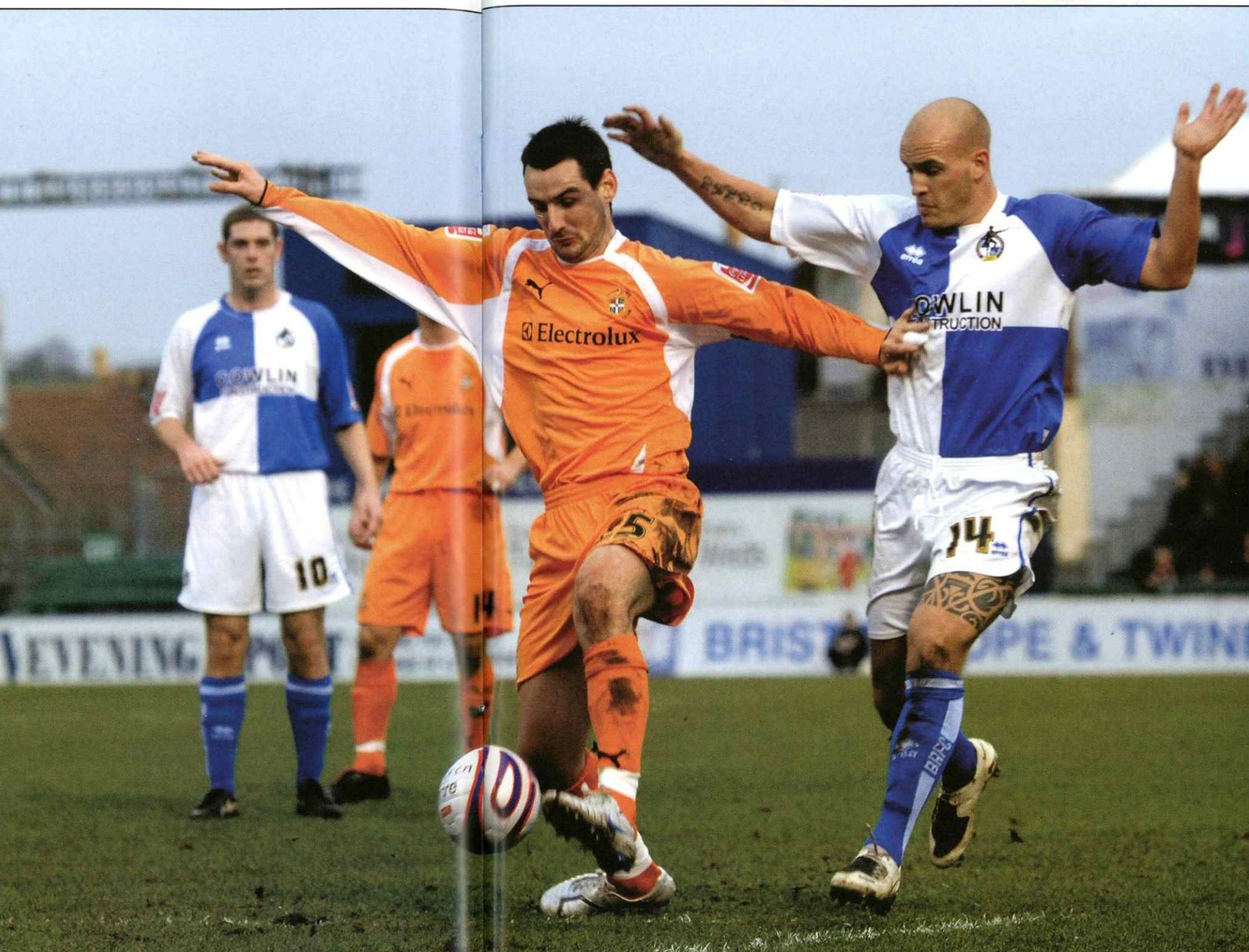
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MIDFIELD BATTLE... Matthew Spring wins this midfield battle as he mounts a Luton attack

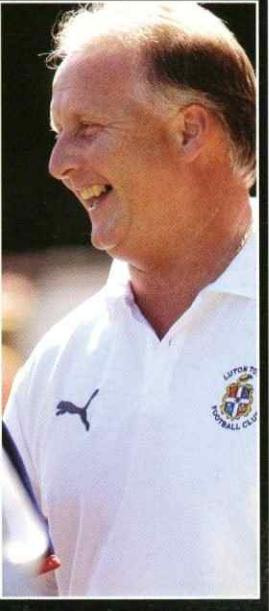




FEET FIRST... Dave Edwards goes flying in with a challenge on Bristol Rovers defender Steve Elliott at the Memorial Ground

BLACKWELL'S VIEW

"It would be wrong to single anyone out. The lads ran themselves into the ground. It was a performance of heart, determination and passion. We knew we had to get to half-time with the score at 1-0 and we could maybe shake one or two things up. We felt when we down to ten men we were the better side for a spell. We couldn't come out and expose ourselves otherwise we were going to get punished. You weren't sure if another one was going to get sent off or another goal was going to be scored. It was fantastic for everybody who came here today. It will live long in the memory. Whatever the fans paid for their tickets they got 10 fold in value. To be a manager of a team like that and coming through I'm very proud."



Kevin Blackwell

Luton somehow managed to claim a precious point in their battle for League One survival, despite going down to EIGHT men against Bristol Rovers.

How Luton achieved their point was something incredible. They withstood a barrage of late pressure after the Hatters had Chris Coyne, Steve Robinson and Anthony Grant all sent-off.

But Dave Edwards grabbed a goal early in the second half to claim their point with a major numerical disadvantage.

Rovers looked the more threatening side going forward and it was no surprise when they took the lead on 15 minutes. But it was a double hammer blow for Luton, who not only went behind to Williams' penalty, but had Coyne sent-off with a straight red card.

Williams picked himself up and made no mistake from the spot and drilled a low shot to Dean Brill's right.

Things went from bad to worse for Luton as they were reduced to nine men on 41 minutes. Having just been booked for a late challenge, Robinson was then given his marching orders with a second yellow card after being adjudged to have pulled down a Rovers player.

But Luton made the perfect start when against the odds they were back on level terms on 49 minutes.

A wonderfully delivered free-kick from Bell out on the right got the faintest of touches from the head of Edwards to bring Luton level.

Moments later, a hopeful ball lobbed forward by Steve Elliott on the edge of the area struck the underside of the crossbar and seemingly bounced down and over the line.

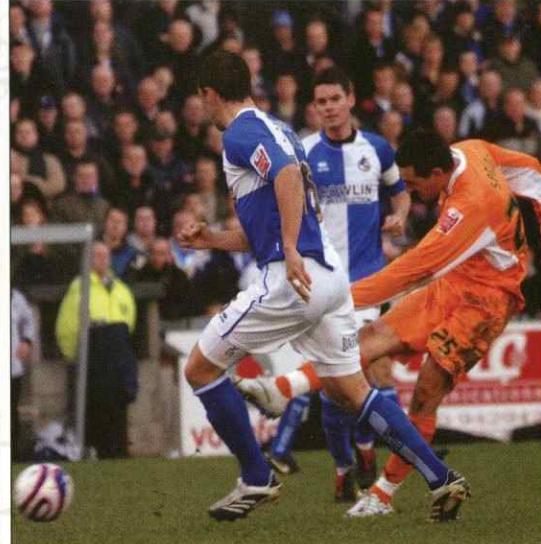
However, the referee refused to award a goal and adjudged that Edwards had cleared the ball off the line.

The good fortunes then vanished quickly as Luton were dealt their third sending off of the game when Anthony Grant was dismissed for a rash challenge.

BRISTOL ROVERS 1 LUTON 1



PUSHING FORWARD... Keith Keane brings the ball out of the Luton defence



LONG RANGE SHOT.. Matthew Spring tries his luck from distance



GOAL... Dave Edwards gets the faintest of flicks to send home David Bell's free-kick into the corner of the Rovers net



JOB WELL DONE... Dean Brill turns to applaud the Luton fans after their fantastic 1-1 draw at Bristol Rovers, playing over 15 minutes with eight men

Heroic Luton applauded for battling display

It may have only gone down as Luton obtaining another draw on their travels - but what a precious point this could become at the end of the season.

The heroic performance from Luton was summed up by one of the afternoon's superstars when Dean Brill described the display as 'grinding out a result'.

Because that is certainly what Luton

achieved on an absolutely amazing afternoon at the Memorial Stadium.

Having played almost 20 minutes of the game with just eight men, Luton somehow produced a splendid team performance to claim a 1-1 draw with Bristol Rovers.

It probably won't be achieved again, but for the 400 odd supporters who made the journey to Bristol on Boxing Day, it

was a draw that felt more like a win at the final whistle.

"It was a performance of heart, determination and passion," said manager Kevin Blackwell at his post match press conference.

It has already gone down as one of the best defensive performances in the Club's history, and Brill admits it was an amazing match to be involved in.

"The result typifies the spirit and mood in the dressing room. There has been a lot of talk about our current situation, but this result proves we are not going down without a fight."

"It may have been ugly at times, but we didn't really care to be honest. We knew that when we went down to eight men we had to get everyone behind the ball."

"It was an amazing game to be involved in. It's something I have never been involved in before and am unlikely to be involved in again."

"It was a defensive performance with great spirit and we needed that little bit of luck to go on our side as well."

"But you create your own luck sometimes and the lads just worked themselves into the ground. It was a fantastic display from everybody."

Although Blackwell refused to single out any of his players, Brill played a key role in the game making a number of important saves.

He twice denied Andy Williams either side of the break, and made a breathtaking stop to keep out a Craig Disley header.

But Brill played down his performance insisting he felt that everyone involved on the day played their part.

"I have been pleased with my form over the past few weeks, but the manager is right - you couldn't single out any one player."

"We had to adjust ourselves every time a player went off. We felt we played some good football even when we went down to ten men, and when we went down to nine we just wanted to make sure we came in at half-time only one goal down."

"We did that and managed to talk about a few things for the second-half. The goal came at a good time for us

because it gave us something to hold on to."

"I'm sure this performance will be talked about for years to come by the people who made the journey to Bristol."

Despite the heroic display, Luton's exhausted squad arrived for training as

"You have to applaud the Bristol Rovers fans as well. They were brilliant at the end of the game and I don't think I have ever experienced being clapped off by the oppositions fans."

Rovers manager Paul Trollope was also full of praise to Luton's performance.

He said: "I warned my players at half-

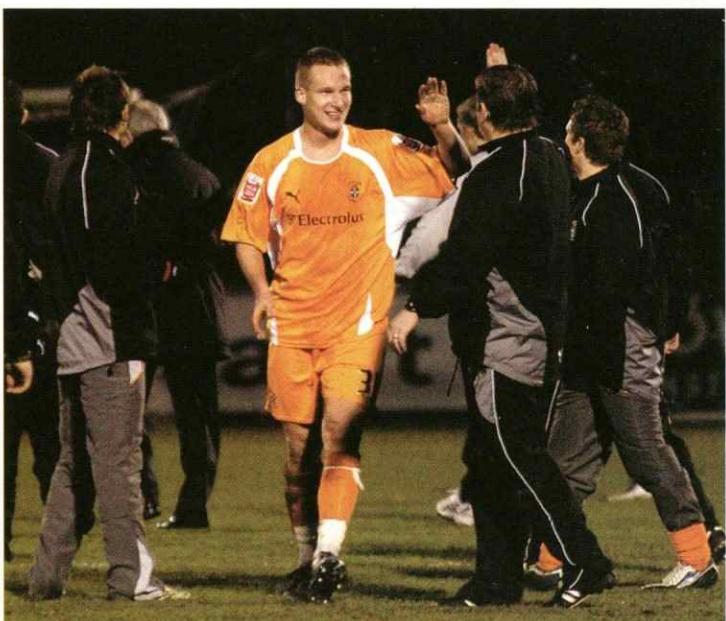
“I'm sure this performance will be talked about for years to come by the people who made the journey to Bristol”

time about their set piece delivery and not to give anything away. After that (the goal) our performance was unacceptable.

"We had enough half chances and balls into the box, but there was an alarming lack of quality again."

"Luton worked very, very hard. They were galvanised and got a bit of luck."

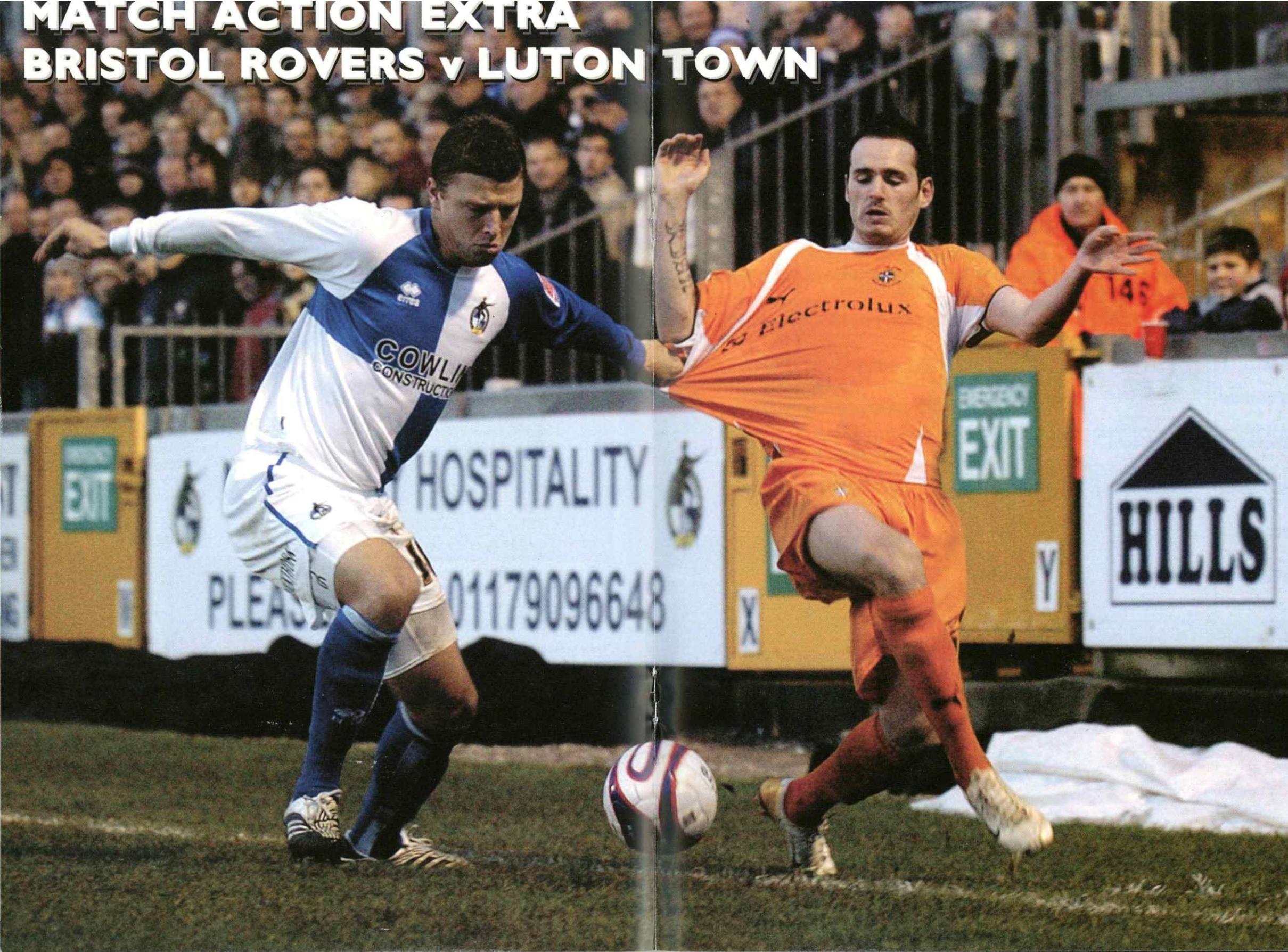
"They defended with a lot of spirit and determination and threw their bodies on the line for the cause."



HIGH FIVE.. Polish defender Jaroslaw Fojut is all smiles at the final whistle

MATCH ACTION EXTRA

BRISTOL ROVERS v LUTON TOWN



MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Kevin Blackwell	Russell Slade
Played 26 Won 7 Drawn 6 Lost 13 For 26 Against 36	Played 66 Won 32 Drawn 14 Lost 20 For 77 Against 61
Av Pts/game 1.04	Av Pts/game 1.67
Biggest Win(s) Luton 4 Northampton 1 (15/10/2007). Biggest Loss(es) Luton 0 Sunderland 5 (06/05/2007).	Biggest Win(s) Carlisle 1 Yeovil 4 (10/02/2007). Biggest Loss(es) Vale 4 Yeovil 2 (03/03/2007).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..1	Kevin Blackwell	0	Russell Slade	0
Draws ..1	Goals 0		Goals 0	

Player with the most...



Player with the most...

shots

David Edwards 37

shots on target

David Bell 17

shots off target

David Edwards 21

assists

Darren Currie 5

crosses

Darren Currie 63

fouls

Paul Furlong 45

free-kicks-won

Paul Furlong 25

GAMES SINCE
shots

Lloyd Owusu 30

shots on target

Lloyd Owusu 18

shots off target

Paul Warne 15

assists

Ritchie Jones 3

crosses

Nathan Jones 43

fouls

Paul Warne 37

free-kicks-won

Nathan Jones 27

SHARP SHOOTERS

Luton	CCFL	Cup	Tot	Yeovil	CCFL	Cup	Tot
Paul Furlong	5	4	9	Lloyd Owusu	7	2	9
Matthew Spring	4	3	7	Marcus Stewart	3	1	4
David Bell	3	1	4	James Walker	3	0	3

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played1	Luton wins0	Yeovil wins0
Draws1	Goals 0 (0 per game)	Goals 0 (0 per game)
0-0's1	Times failed to score 1	Times failed to score 1

Biggest League win at Luton for each team:

No wins for Luton

No wins for Yeovil



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2007/08 LEAGUE STATS

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	1	5	22	5	3	3	8

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	0	1	15	7	3	1	7

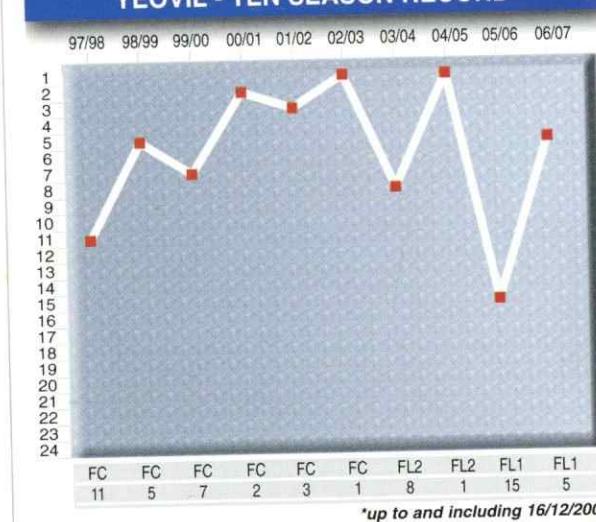
Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	2	7	23	2	0	6	5

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[1], 2-1[3], 3-1[1], 4-1[1],
Losses: 0-1[2], 0-2[2], 1-2[3], 1-3[1],
Draws: 0-0[3], 1-1[2]

Wins: 1-0[2], 2-1[6], 3-1[1], Losses: 0-1[3], 0-2[1], 0-3[1], 1-2[2], Draws: 0-0[1], 1-1[3]

YEOVIL - TEN SEASON RECORD


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DAP Consulting is delighted to be back supporting the Hatters again. We are especially thrilled to welcome Adam Roush who has travelled all the way from Washington DC to see our great team play 'soccer'. Partner, David Cain celebrates 50 years as a Luton Town fan this year and wishes the team all the best against Yeovil.



We would like to welcome our two commercial mascots to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Our first mascot is Marc Riley (pictured top), who is the son of today's Matchball sponsor Keith Riley.

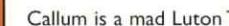
Marc lives in Houghton Regis and attends Mill Vale Middle School.



Oliver lists his hobbies as judo and playing football for his local team, Leighton United Under-11's.

His favourite Luton Town players is Chris Coyne, whom he hopes to meet this afternoon.

Our second commercial mascot is Callum McSkimming, who attends Parkfields Middle School.

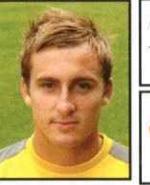
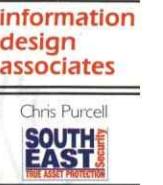
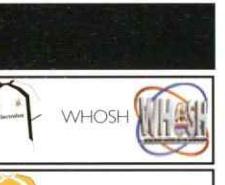
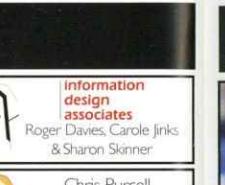


Callum is a mad Luton Town fan and loves playing football and going karting in his spare time.



Like Marc, Jonnie lists Chris Coyne as his favourite Luton Town player.

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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%

Own goals

8 (1.4%)
Other body part
0 (0%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Richard Lambert (Luton vs Bristol Rovers) 1:47

By a substitute after coming on

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*
**LOOK BACK
ON 2007**
5 GREAT GAMES

5 Great games in 2007

Luton have been involved in some classic games during 2007.

Today's matchday programme looks back at five classic encounters.


20/2/07
Luton Town 3 v 2 Sheffield Wednesday
Runstrom (33), Spurr (og 54), Talbot (63)
Attendance: 8,011


CELEBRATE... Bjorn Runstrom is delighted at his equaliser against Wednesday

Drew Talbot was Luton's hero as the striker condemned his former club to defeat by scoring one and making another in a thrilling 3-2 victory at Kenilworth Road.

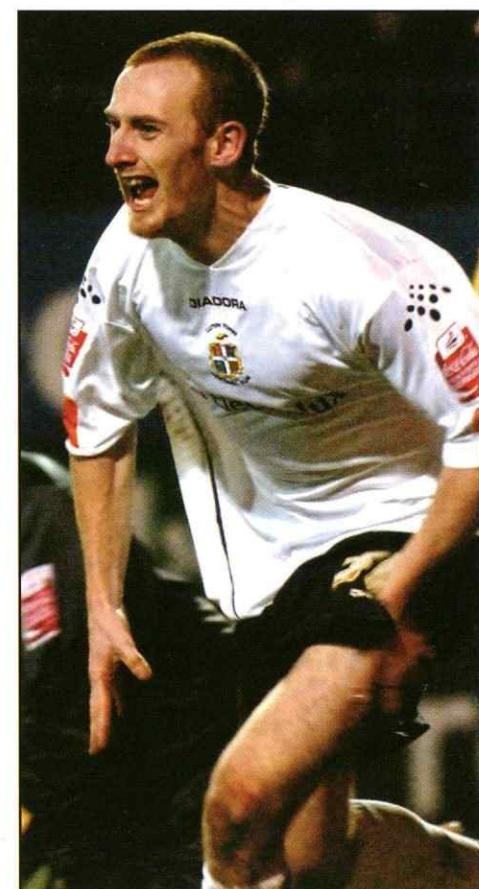
The former Sheffield Wednesday man, who moved from Hillsborough to Luton just a month ago, was inspirational in helping to secure the Hatters' first win in nine games.

Deon Burton got this sensational game going when his downward header at the back post put the visitors into the lead.

But on-loan striker Bjorn Runstrom cancelled out the strike when he turned home a Keith Keane shot from eight yards.

But then Talbot was to star for the Hatters as he helped put Luton into the lead on 54 minutes as his cross was turned into his own net by Wednesday defender Tommy Spurr.

Despite, Glenn Whelan bringing Wednesday back on level terms six minutes later with a cracking 25-yard pile driver, Talbot grabbed his first Luton goal, stroking a shot into an empty net.



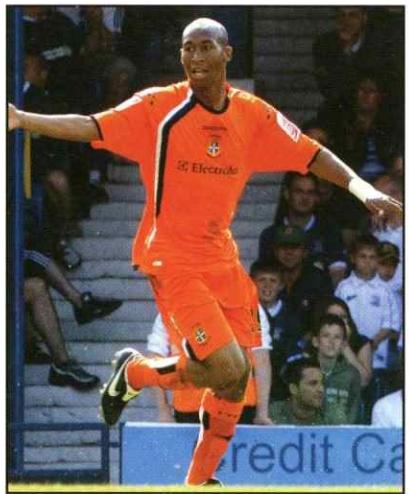
GOAL... Drew Talbot celebrates scoring against his former club

5 GREAT GAMES

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28/04/07

Southend United 1 v 3 Luton Town
Andrew (20), Spring (39), Idrizaj
Attendance: 10,276



ON FIRE... Calvin Andrew celebrates at Southend

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28/08/07

Luton Town 3 v 0 Sunderland
Bell (16), Furlong (43, 75)
Attendance: 4,401

Luton pulled off a sensational giant-killing by outplaying Premiership Sunderland from start to finish in a classic Carling Cup encounter at Kenilworth Road.

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

Hatters deserved their place in the Carling Cup Third Round and wiped out memories of the 5-0 drubbing at the end of last season.

David Bell scored a screamer to break the deadlock as he rifled a free-kick through the wall and inside the left hand post on 16 minutes.

And it was no surprise when Luton went 2-0 up as Paul Furlong lifted the ball over the head of Sunderland goalkeeper Darren Ward.

Sunderland did hit the bar from Anthony Stokes's dipping shot from distance, but Luton sealed an impressive win deep in the second-half when Furlong pounced to tuck a shot inside the far post.

What a difference three months makes...



CUP UPSET... Dean Morgan and David Bell celebrate Luton's opener

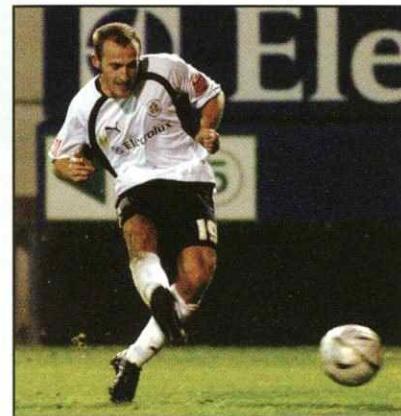
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25/09/07

Luton Town 3 v 1 Charlton
Robinson (43), Spring (105), Talbot (117)
Attendance: 4,534



JOYFUL HUG... Luton players gather to congratulate Darren Currie as he sets up Matthew Spring whose strike gives Hatters the lead.



WINNER... Drew Talbot fires home Luton's winner

5

15/10/07

Luton Town 4 v 1 Northampton Town
Currie (4), Spring (pen 49 + pen 90), Furlong (62)
Attendance: 5,881

Two goals worth several TV slow-motion replays and two penalties from Matthew Spring lit up a great night for the cameras.

The Hatters got off to a great start when a ball in from the right to Drew Talbot ricocheted out to Darren Currie on the left edge of the box. He steadied himself and curled the ball teasingly across the keeper into the top right corner of the net with only four minutes on the clock.

Both sides then came close in a wide-open game before Bradley Johnson equalised with a thunderbolt into the top corner after he was given too much time to advance on goal.

Spring then struck from the spot, after the referee spotted a handball in the penalty area four minutes after the restart, before the Hatters extended their advantage on 62 minutes when Currie took a free kick ten yards inside the Northampton half. Furlong lunged at the ball and it was not clear whether he

got a touch as the ball bounced and found the back of the net, but TV replays showed that he probably just brushed it on its way in.

After that, Luton were comfortable, and they wrapped it up with Spring's second penalty of the night a minute from time after Furlong was hauled down inside the area. Spring hit this one to the keeper's left and although he went the right way and got a hand to it, the ball looped over him and bounced just inside his right hand post.

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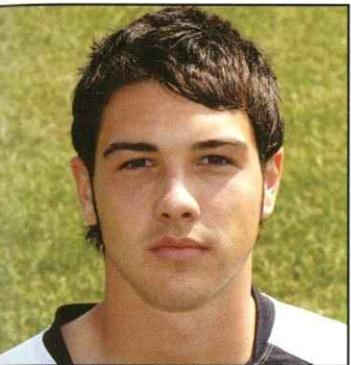
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YOUNG HATTERS

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

YOUTH TEAM

Harrison-Barker strike gets Luton back on track



MATCH WINNER.. Ashley Harrison-Barker

Luton's youngsters returned to winning ways thanks to Ashley Harrison-Barker's second-half strike against Rushden & Diamonds.

The Hatters were hit by a rare league defeat against Leyton Orient last week, but responded in the perfect manner against a Diamonds side who had only lost twice this season.

But the win came after a strong half-time team talk from manager Chris Cummins, who was far from happy with side's performance in the opening 45 minutes.

Cummins said: "In the first-half we were not

Rushden & D.O-I Luton
HT 0-0
Harrison-Barker (75)

at it. I thought we were a shambles and we were in 'Christmas Mode' already.

"Some of them were already thinking of having a few days off and I told them at half-time that if the performance didn't improve then they would be in over Christmas.

"Thankfully we got a lot better in the second-half and we dominated the game. We should have probably had more goals than what we did, but we just didn't take our chances.

"In the first-half we were very laid back and although the boys have played a lot of games up to now, I still expect them to finish games off in the right way.

"They know when they are doing things right and when they are not at it. I felt we got what we deserved against Rushden because of our second-half performance.

"You have to keep the players on their toes."

The win was more impressive due to the fact they were without the likes of top scorer Ryan Charles and Elliott Osbourne-Ricketts through injury.

Cummins added: "We have both Ryan and Elliott out through injury so we are stretched with number at the moment.

"They are two big losses for us at the moment, but it gave us a chance to try a few younger players and they did well.

"We only had the two substitutes, but it's a great chance for other players to fight for the right to play and like every manager, I want competition for places amongst my squad."

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

Club Name	Number of Teams	Number of Players
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		November		December		January		February		March		April		May		
Date	Result	Date	Result	Date	Result	Date	Result	Date	Result	Date	Result	Date	Result	Date	Result	
Sat 18	Southend	D 3-3	Fri 2	Leyton Orient (FA)	W2-1	Sat 12	Gillingham	11am	QPR	8	6	2	0	25	4	20
September			Sat 10	Brentford	W2-0	Sat 19	Peterborough	11am	Wycombe	6	3	2	1	15	8	11
Sat 1	QPR	D 1-1	Sat 17	Northampton	P-P	Sat 9	Brighton	11am	LUTON	6	3	2	1	14	9	11
Sat 8	Colchester	W 3-0	Wed 21	Corby Town (FA)	W4-1	Sat 16	Southend	11am	Rushden & D	6	3	1	2	7	6	10
Sat 15	Plymouth (PY)	L 5-2	Sat 24	QPR (PY)	L 2-0	Sat 1	Barnet	W 3-1	Northampton	6	3	1	2	10	11	10
Sat 22	QPR (PY)	W 2-1	Sat 8	Rushden & D	W 1-0	Sat 8	Colchester	11am	Gillingham	6	3	0	3	9	10	9
Sat 29	B'mouth (PY)	W 2-1	Sat 15	Leyton Orient	L2-4	Sat 15	Brentford	11am	Colchester	5	2	2	1	9	6	8
October			Sat 27	Swansea (PY)	D 1-1	Sat 29	Northampton	11am	Leyton O	6	2	2	2	9	10	8
Sat 6	Brentford (PY)	W 3-1	Sat 5	Wycombe	11am	Sat 5	Rushden	11am	Brentford	6	2	2	2	6	10	8
Sat 13	Barnet (PY)	W 2-1	Sat 19	Barnet	11am	Sat 19	Barnet	11am	Peterborough	7	2	1	4	6	8	7
Sat 20	Brighton (PY)	W1-0	Sat 27	Swansea (PY)	D 1-1	Sat 27	Southend	11am	Barnet	6	1	0	5	7	16	3
Sat 27						Sat 5	Wycombe	11am	Southend	6	0	1	5	8	20	1
Appearances																
Elliott Osborne-Ricketts	15 (1)	Dean Hamilton	9 (6)	Oliver Cleaver	2 (2)	Ryan Charles	8									
Ross Faulds	15	Scott Sinclair	8 (3)	Ben Strang	2	Ashley Harrison-Barker	8									
Jake Howells	14 (2)	Ashley Harrison-Barker	8 (2)	Dave Pilgrim	2	George Beavan	14									
George Beavan	14	Joe Selby	5 (2)	Matthew Maitland	1 (1)	Ryan Charles	14									
Ryan Charles	14	Richard Owusu	4 (1)	Loren Maxwell	4	Mark Farthing	12 (3)									
Mark Farthing	12 (3)	Loren Maxwell	4	Billy Greulish	1 (1)	Scott Sinclair	14									
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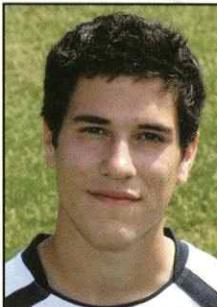
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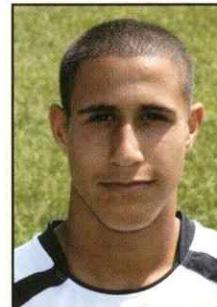
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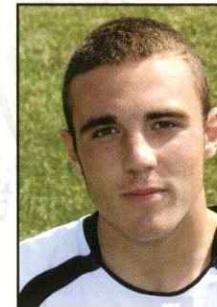
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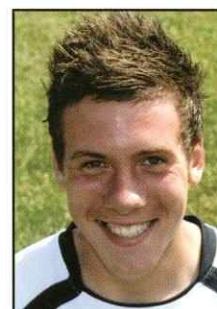
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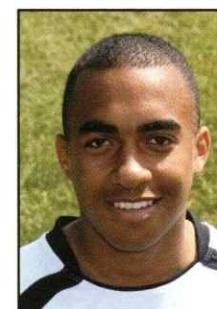
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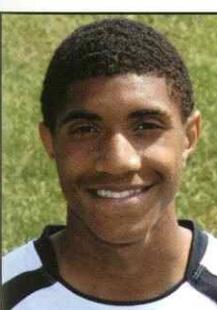
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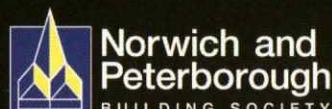


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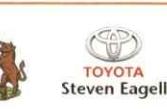
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FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY CHAT

STUART SMITH gives us the latest news from the Community Department



GOOD afternoon and welcome to the first home game of 2008. I hope you had a great Christmas and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

As is always the case at the start of the year there are a whole range of new courses for the children to participate in,

Today I would like to give you the information regarding the next branch of our massively successful Bramingham Saturday Soccer School, which is entering its 6th year and has nurtured many young players and been responsible for the introduction of a number of new local teams.

Also today there is the opportunity to enroll the very

young player onto our First Kicks Course at PlayFootball.Net. This also takes place on a Saturday morning and places the emphasis on fun and enjoyment by providing football based activities that are designed to help children's general abilities, such as agility, balance, and coordination.

Below you can see all the information you require to enroll on either of these courses.

As always to guarantee your place on any of our courses call the office on 01582 391927.

Enjoy the game

Stuart Smith

Bramingham Saturday Soccer School:

Three terms throughout 2008 for children 4-11 at Bramingham Primary School, Freemans avenue, Luton
Coaching starts at 10am and finishes at 11:30am

The first course will run for 10 weeks on the following dates in 2008

January	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
February	2nd, 9th, 23rd
March	1st, 8th, 15th

The second course will run for 10 weeks on the following dates in 2008

April	12th, 19th, 26th
May	3rd, 10th, 17th
June	7th, 14th, 28th
July	5th

The first course will run for 10 weeks on the following dates in 2008

September	13th, 20th, 27th
October	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
November	1st, 8th, 15th

Payment for any one course is £3.50 per week or £30 for a block booking

Payment for any two courses is £3.50 per week or £60 for a block booking

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Saturday Morning First Kicks:

The course consists of 10 training sessions and is for children 4-6 at Playfootball.net, St Thomas' Rd, Stopsley, Luton
Coaching starts at 10am and finishes at 11:30am

The course will run for 10 training sessions on the following dates in 2008

January	12th, 19th, 26th
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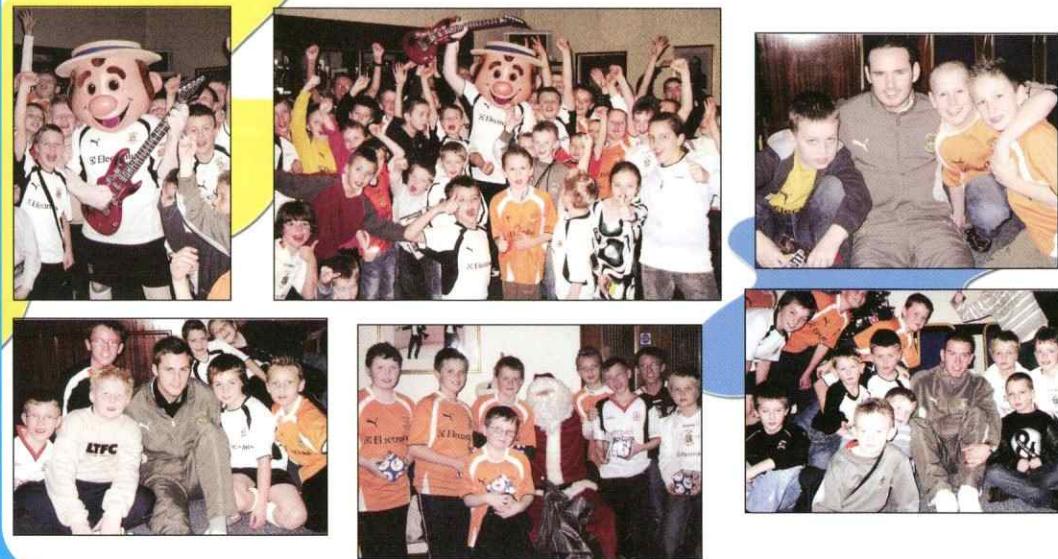
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KIDS' CORNER

JUNIOR HATTERS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Here is a selection of pictures from our Junior Hatters Christmas. More photos can be seen on our official website, www.lutontown.co.uk



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following Junior Hatters celebrate their birthdays in January

- Owen Stollery
- Carter Bright
- Aidan Duffy
- Josie Oliver
- Nathan Denham
- Drew Richardson
- Daniel Cadden
- Cathal Duffy
- Kieran Norman
- Side Gosling



TODAY'S MASCOT

Name: Jake Morgan
Age: 11
School Attends: Westfield School
Hobbies: Football, swimming and rounders
Favourite Player: All the Luton players
Where do you sit: Kenilworth Stand



VISITING MASCOT

Name: Adam Stevenson
Age: 11
Favourite Player: Terry Skiverton

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SUPPORTERS SURVEY



THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE SUPPORTERS SURVEY 2008

Football supporters are being given the opportunity to help shape the future of the professional game – and give themselves a chance to win one of five pairs of tickets for the 2008 Play-Off Finals at Wembley Stadium in the process – thanks to the launch of a major new supporter consultation by The Football League.

The Football League Supporters Survey 2008 lets fans have their say on a range of important football issues, from the use of goal-line technology and quotas for home-grown players to refereeing standards and kick-off times.

To take part in The Football League Supporters Survey 2008 visit LutonTown.co.uk and follow the links from the story.

Supporters will also be asked their views

on the club they support. This will include issues surrounding the matchday experience such as ticket prices, food & drink and stewarding, as well as wider issues such as whether fans feel valued by their club and the importance they place on Community and Youth Development programmes.

Each club will receive a summary of the views expressed by their supporters, with none of the information supplied being personally attributable to participants.

In launching The Football League Supporters' Survey 2008 Lord Mawhinney, Chairman of The Football League, said: "The views of football supporters are incredibly important to The League and its clubs. This survey is an opportunity for fans to help guide us forward.

"The last survey we conducted on this scale was completed by more than 43,000 supporters. It provided an important barometer

of supporter opinion and made a positive contribution to The League's decision making process.

"In particular, supporters' views provided a catalyst for our new Agents' regulations prohibiting the previously common practice that saw agents represent a player and a club in a transfer deal. They were also very influential in the decision to introduce a smoke-free policy at all League matches from the beginning of this season.

"I firmly encourage all supporters to take up this opportunity to make a difference, once again."

The results of The Football League Supporters' Survey will be published in the New Year.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FAN OF THE YEAR



ARE YOU THE 'FAN OF THE YEAR'? - NOMINATIONS WANTED

THE Football League have launched a nationwide search to find the EA Sports 'Fan of the Year', with the winner to be honoured at a spectacular gala dinner at the London Hilton on 2nd March 2008.

The Football League Awards are held in conjunction with FourFourTwo magazine and supporters are now being asked to put forward fellow fans for consideration for this award by submitting nominations via www.FourFourTwo.com.

Anybody who knows a fan who has gone above and beyond the call of duty is encouraged to put their nomination forward, along with the reason why they feel their nominee should win this prestigious award.

Stewart Thomson, Commercial Director of The Football League, said:

"The Football League Awards rightly recognise fans alongside clubs and players.

"We're looking for a fan that really contributes to the running of their club and we would like to encourage anybody who knows someone they think deserves this award to nominate them, and give that person the chance to receive the recognition they deserve for their efforts."

Last year's winner was Bury supporter Stan McGowen, who enjoyed a memorable trip to London for the awards ceremony as well as receiving extensive national media

coverage for both himself and his club.

Not only did Stan come up with the idea of getting a minibus for Bury's disabled supporters, he raised the money for it and also drives it thousands of miles every season.

"I'm self-employed and I lose money taking the disabled fans to games, but I really enjoy it," said Stan.

If you know someone you think worthy of succeeding Stan and taking the crown of 'EA Sports Fan of the Year' then get your nomination in before the closing date on 7th January 2008.



THE A-Z

ROGER WASH looks at every post-war

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M**Paul SHOWLER**

Paul started in football with Altrincham where he combined his part-time playing career with that of a part-time policeman.

A move to the full-time ranks with Barry Fry's Barnet followed for the left sided-midfielder but with cash restraints biting at Underhill, Paul was granted a technical free transfer and was snapped up by Bradford City, where he became a crowd favourite, leading to a £50,000 move to Lennie Lawrence's Luton in 1996.

At Kenilworth Road Paul was initially a regular in the side, well regarded as a maker and taker of goals, but then a series of injuries, some bizarre, led to him making only four appearances in two years.

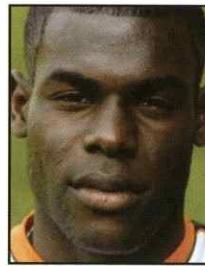
Given his injury problems it came as no surprise when Paul was appointed physio at Peterborough.

**Enoch Olusesan SHOWUNMI**

Kilburn born Enoch was playing for Willesden Constantine when he came to Luton on trial. Sadly, as the Hatters were in administrative receivership at the time, they were not able to pay for an addition to the squad leaving Enoch to offer to play for nothing.

When the club's transfer embargo was lifted, Enoch was given a contract and the big and pacey striker soon became a regular name on the Kenilworth Road teamsheet. He scored a hat-trick against Brentford during his first season and then netted some vital late goals, notably at Bristol City and Bournemouth, during the club's promotion season to the Championship in 2004/05.

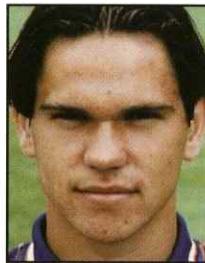
After becoming known for coming off the bench Enoch decided to seek pastures new and departed for Bristol City in 2006.

**Barry SILKMAN**

Much travelled midfielder Barry turned out for ten League clubs in a long career starting at Hereford in 1974 who he joined from then non-League Barnet.

A talented and flamboyant individual, Barry played most of his football in the London area although it was from Plymouth that he came to Luton on loan in February 1979 when Hatters manager David Pleat was looking for recruits to help his injury stricken side. Barry was unstoppable in his first game, a 2-1 home win over Blackburn, but less so in his next two and he left Kenilworth Road for Manchester City soon afterwards.

Barry, by now a greyhound trainer and players agent, became the oldest player to turn out in the FA Cup since the days of Stanley Matthews when he made a cameo appearance for Harrow Borough in 2000, aged 48.

**John SIMS**

Burly striker John failed to make the grade at his local club Derby but in one of his few appearances for the Rams he came on as substitute in a European Cup tie against Juventus in 1972.

One of the three clubs that John was loaned out to, before moving permanently to Notts County, was Luton in November 1973 where he made a dream home debut scoring a goal in a 2-1 win over Sheffield Wednesday as the Town sought an ultimately successful promotion to the top flight.

After three years at Meadow Lane, John became one of only a handful of players to appear for all three Devon sides, Plymouth, Exeter and Torquay proving an excellent target man at each.

John managed the Gulls briefly before becoming a licensee in Torquay.

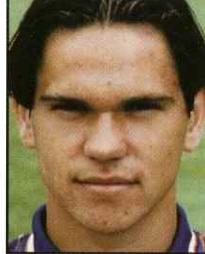
Aaron Matthew SKELTON

After working his way up through the ranks at Luton, great things were expected of Aaron but a succession of injuries, including a particularly nasty torn thigh muscle, sidelined him for long periods and meant that Hatters fans were rarely able to see the talented midfielder at his best.

A change of club, a free transfer to Colchester in 1997, saw his luck turn and he became a big favourite at Layer Road but he was quick to move back to Luton four years later on a 'Bosman'.

Sadly, the injury jinx struck again and he made only 17 League appearances in two years back at Kenilworth Road before moving on to Havant & Waterlooville in 2003.

Aaron is currently turning out for Poole in the Sydenhams Western Premier League.



OF LUTON TOWN

player to have appeared for THE HATTERS in the Football League

Leslie (Les) Arthur Heber SLATTER

After playing in a Boys Club international trial at Luton in February 1949 the Hatters were quick to sign the ball-playing inside forward leading to a sensational Football League debut as a 17 year old in a 0-0 home draw with Grimsby the following September.

'An old head on young shoulders' said the report at the time but Les did not get any further chances at Kenilworth Road and drifted off to Kettering. After moving to Belfast Crusaders he was invited back to England with Aston Villa keen on his services.

He did not make a first team appearance at Villa Park and finished his League career at York in 1954/55 before returning to live in Dunstable and turning out for Bedford amongst others.

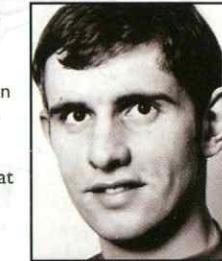
Les, who still lives in Dunstable in retirement, was playing local football until he suffered a stroke at the age of 56.

Alan Peter SLOUGH

Luton born and bred, Alan had trials for Watford before the Hatters saw sense and in his eight years as a professional at Kenilworth Road he saw the Town rise from Division Four to knocking on the door of Division One.

A cultured but tough tackling midfielder, who also scored his fair share of goals, Alan moved on to Fulham in 1973 when Luton manager Harry Haslam made it clear he wanted his own players in the side. With Fulham, Alan played in the 1975 FA Cup final alongside Bobby Moore before transferring to Peterborough two years later where his main claim to fame was scoring a hat-trick of penalties in an away game at Chester – a Football League record.

Alan joined up with his old school pal Bruce Rioch as a coach at Torquay and still remains in the area with his own coaching school.

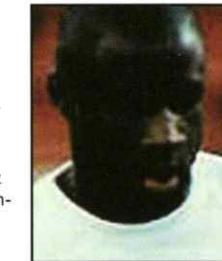
**Bryan SMALL**

Quick and tenacious full-back Bryan started off as a Youth Trainee at Aston Villa before eventually making his League debut for the Villains at Everton in October 1991 and going on to win 12 England Under-21 caps whilst at Villa Park.

Eventually Bryan found his first team chances dwindling and so transferred to Bolton to help them rise to the Premiership where he found his appearances limited once more leading to a three month loan move to injury struck Luton in September 1997 to cover for long term absentee Mitchell Thomas.

Bryan acquitted himself well at Luton with his foraging runs down the left wing but finances dictated that he could not stay. He signed for Bury in January 1998 and finished his career at Stoke.

Bryan still turns out for the Aston Villa Old Boys team.

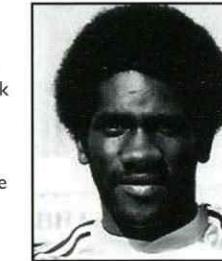
**Michael (Mike) Anthony SMALL**

On leaving school Mike signed on for Bromsgrove Rovers and from there was picked up by Luton Town as a 17 year old.

At Kenilworth Road Mike gained England Youth honours but could only make four substitute appearances for the first team in three seasons so decided to try his luck abroad and played in the Netherlands, Belgium and Greece over the next seven years before coming back to this country and asking for a trial at Brighton.

At the Goldstone, the now experienced striker was a goalscoring sensation which led to a £400,000 move to West Ham in 1991 where he made his debut against the Hatters.

After scoring 13 goals in 20 starts for the Hammers Mike's status began to wane, not helped by a back injury, and it was not long before he was playing non-League football finally finishing up at Baldock Town.

**Peter Victor SMALL**

Compact, strong and pacy winger Peter was recommended to Luton by ace Hatters marksman Hugh Billington after they had served together in the R.A.S.C. during the war.

Peter met with only limited success at Kenilworth Road but did play particularly well during two epic F.A.Cup ties against Leicester in 1949 leading to a move to the Filbert Street club for £6,000 a year later.

After helping the Foxes to Division One, he did the same for Nottingham Forest and made it a triple when he assisted Brighton to the Division Three title in 1958.

Peter joined the Goldstone Ground coaching staff after hanging up his boots and now lives in Elsworth, Cambridgeshire in retirement.

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RESULTS FROM LEAGUE ONE

We take a look back at the results from the Boxing Day fixtures.

League One results:

Bournemouth 3 Leyton Orient 1

Bournemouth secured a much-needed victory over high-flying Leyton Orient with a 3-1 win at Dean Court. Orient's form had dipped of late and goals either side of half-time from Max-Alain Gradel and Sam Vokes saw them two goals down. Brian Saah's 72nd minute effort raised hope of a comeback, but James Henry's late goal ensured The Cherries move from the bottom of the table up to 21st.

Doncaster Rovers 2 Northampton Town 0

Doncaster have moved into the play-off positions with a 2-0 success over Northampton at The Keepmoat Stadium. First-half goals from James Coppinger and Adam Lockwood ensured The Cobblers travelled back down south with no points.

Gillingham 1 Southend United 1

Gillingham claimed a last-gasp draw at home to Southend courtesy of Adam Miller's strike. After a goalless first half the promotion-chasing visitors forged ahead through Peter Clarke in the 54th minute. That goal looked like claiming the points until Miller salvaged a last-gasp draw. The drama was not over yet with Gillingham seeing out the closing stage a man down following Stuart Thurgood's straight red card.

Hartlepool United 1 Leeds United 1

Jermaine Beckford struck an injury-time equaliser as Leeds United claimed a last-gasp draw at Hartlepool. Hartlepool dominated the opening exchanges at Victoria Park and took a deserved lead in the 21st minute. Former Whites full-back Robbie Elliott's free-kick was planted home at the far post by defender Michael Nelson. The home side could have put the game beyond doubt when Ian Moore was clean through, although Casper Ankergren made a fine save. The late-goal specialists then lived up to their name when Beckford tucked home past Jan Budtz for a share of the spoils.

LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Huddersfield Town 1 Crewe Alexandra 1

Huddersfield needed a late goal from Andy Booth to salvage a 1-1 draw at home to Crewe. Lee Barnard's early effort looked like giving The Alex all three points at the Galpharm Stadium. However, fans' favourite Booth ensured a share of the spoils when he levelled matters in the 85th minute.

Millwall 3 Brighton & Hove Albion 0

Millwall boosted their prospects of avoiding the drop with a crucial 3-0 success over Brighton at The Den. Gary Alexander was the hero for The Lions with a fine hat-trick for the home side. His first arrived in the 7th minute to give the home side a half-time lead. His second shortly after the interval put Millwall in firm control of the tie before completing his hat-trick from the penalty spot in the 71st minute.

Oldham Athletic 0 Nottingham Forest 0

Oldham extended their unbeaten run in all competitions to 11 games after a goalless draw with Nottingham Forest at Boundary Park. The Latics may consider it two dropped points at home, but Forest began the day as league leaders so John Sheridan's side may be happy with a point.

Port Vale 1 Walsall 1

Walsall extended their unbeaten run to 14 games after securing a late 1-1 draw at Port Vale. Things began well for The Valiants when Marc Laird opened the scoring after 12 minutes. Things looked bleak for Walsall when Leeds target Daniel Fox was sent off for collecting his second yellow card.



HERO... Luton's Jermaine Beckford scored late to help Leeds claim a point against Hartlepool

However, The Saddlers were not to be denied and former England striker Michael Ricketts levelled matters with virtually the last kick of the game.

Swansea City 4 Cheltenham Town 1

Swansea crushed relegation-threatened Cheltenham Town at The Liberty Stadium to return to the top of the League One ladder. Andy Robinson netted a quick-fire brace to put The Robins firmly on the back foot. Any hope of an unlikely away comeback from the visitors ended shortly after half-time when Ferry Bodde struck. Jason Scotland added a fourth late on, although the visitors had the last laugh when Steven Gillespie netted an 82nd minute consolation.

Tranmere Rovers 2 Carlisle United 0

Carlisle missed the chance to climb the League One table after slipping to a surprise 2-0 defeat at Tranmere. Paul McLaren and Antony Kay both scored before half-time as Rovers secured a fine win over the Cumbrians.

Yeovil Town 0 Swindon Town 1

Swindon secured a much-needed three-point haul with a fine 1-0 success at Yeovil. After a goalless first half the visitors forged ahead when Barry Corr found the back of the net in the 66th minute. Yeovil's task was made all the harder in the closing stages when Terry Skiverton was dismissed. Swindon managed to hold out for their eighth league win of the season.

SPORTING ODDS

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And 2008 looks set to provide us with a wealth of tasty flutters, with the European Championships taking place in Switzerland and Austria and the Olympics being staged in Beijing.

We have been scouring through the markets to give you some of the best bets to place, and remember, every bet you make through our website goes and directly benefit the Club financially.

So what do we currently have on the market? Our tip for the Premiership title is Arsenal. They are nicely priced at 7/4 and must be worth a flutter.

Bet 365 also offer odds on other Premiership winners, without Arsenal, Manchester United, Chelsea nor Liverpool, and we have picked out Everton at 10/3 to triumph.

Other attractive football bets for 2008 include 12/1 on AC Milan to win the Champions League, 13/2 on Nigeria to win the African Nations Cup and 12/1 on Holland to win Euro 2008.

Away from football, after England's exploits in the Rugby World Cup,

Brian Ashton's team are priced at 9/4 to win the 2008 Six Nations tournament.

Meanwhile, Gloucester are strong favourites to win the Zurich Premiership at 4/6, but don't discount local side Saracens, who are just four behind the leaders, at 5/1.

In tennis, will this be the year that Andrew Murray ends Britain's long wait for a Men's Singles Wimbledon title?

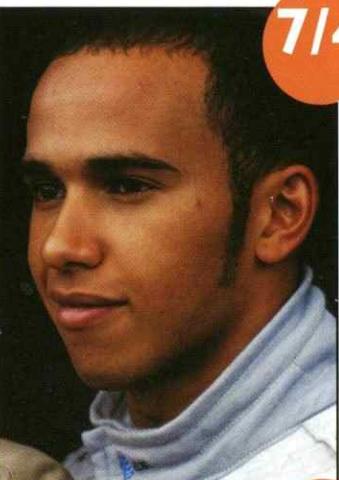
Despite nursing a wrist injury for the majority of last season, the Scot narrowly missed out in a top ten finish in the ATP rankings.

Murray will undoubtedly have to break the dominant force of Roger Federer, who is the strong favourite at 4/9, but he is priced at 14/1 to capture the title.

Elsewhere, Justin Rose had a fantastic year in golf, by winning the European Order of Merit. Will the Englishman capture the British Open title this year? He is priced at 28/1, with Ian Poulter at 66/1

Finally, will it be second time lucky for Hertfordshire Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton.

The McLaren driver came within a point of clinching the title in his first season, and is hotly tipped to go one better this time around, making him second favourite, behind Kimi Raikkonen, at 7/4.



7/4

28/1

14/1

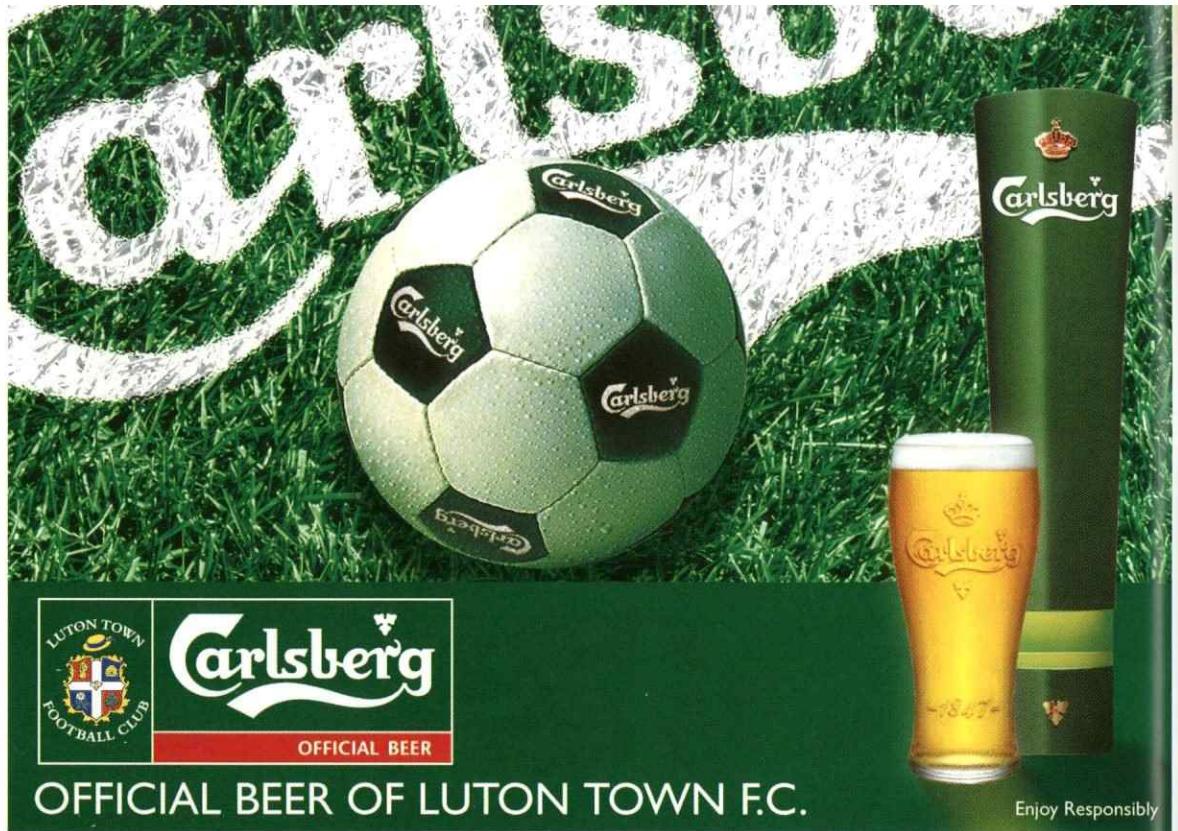


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LUTON TRAVEL

ON THE ROAD



Leyton Orient v Luton Town

Saturday January 19, kick-off 3pm

Leyton Orient's Matchroom Stadium

Address: Matchroom Stadium, Brisbane Road, Leyton, London, E10 5NF

Road: Stay on the M25 towards London. When you reach the M11 take the southbound carriageway for about 6 miles and then take the right fork signposted for the North Circular. At the bottom of the flyover where the roads merge, move into the left-hand lane and turn left at the roundabout on to the A104. After about 1 mile at the next roundabout take the right exit. Half a mile further on, turn left into Leyton Green Road (signposted to Leyton and Stratford), and left again into a short slip-road past the bus garage entrance

and left into Leyton High Road - you'll see the Leyton Leisure Lagoon opposite as you wait to make the turn. Continue until you see the floodlights.

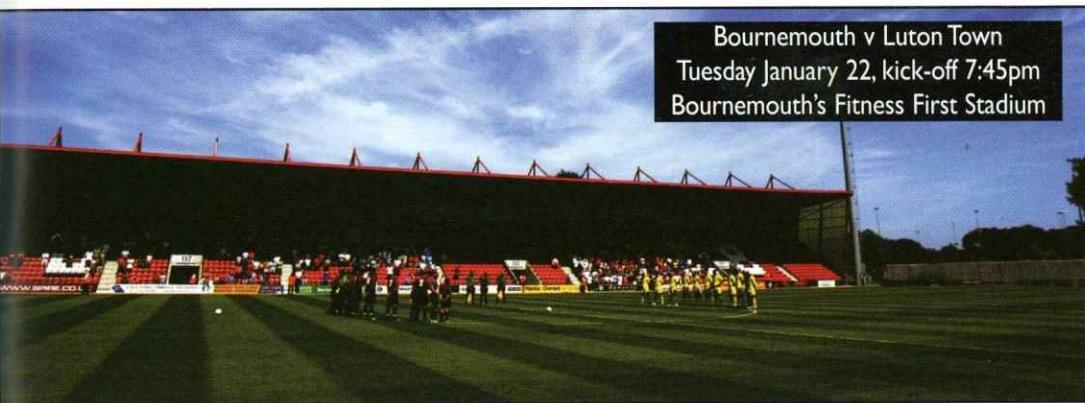
Parking: Street Parking.

Pubs: The nearest pub to the ground is the Coach & Horses. To get there take a right out of Leyton station and walk down for about half-a-mile. It is on your left, within sight of the floodlights.

Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 12noon. The fare for LTSC members is £10, concessions £9 and non-members £12. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone

07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the Fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk or via www.lutontownsc.co.uk

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 11am and Luton at 12noon. Cost for this trip is £12 adults and £10 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 856542.



Bournemouth v Luton Town

Tuesday January 22, kick-off 7:45pm

Bournemouth's Fitness First Stadium

Address: Fitness First Stadium, Dean Court, Kings Park, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH7 7AF

side of the dual carriageway.

trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the Fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk or via www.lutontownsc.co.uk

Road: Follow the A338 towards Bournemouth. The ground is situated on the left of the A338 in the outskirts of Bournemouth. If you keep looking up to the left as you go into Bournemouth you will eventually see the tops of the ground floodlights. At this point take the next exit off the A338 and turn left towards the ground.

Pubs: There is a bar behind the Main Stand, called the Cherry Tree, which welcomes away supporters to its downstairs bar. There is also a pub called the Queens Park, that is popular with both home and away fans. To find this pub walk along the road going from the main entrance. At the end of the road turn left and the pub is a little way up on the left.

Town on Tour: will be leaving Maple Road at 3pm. The fare for LTSC members is £16, concessions £14 and non-members £18. To book seats for this

The Bobbers Travel Club: will depart from Cranfield at 2pm and Luton at 3pm. Cost for this trip is £16 adults and £13 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 856542.



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

All tickets have now been sold for this game.



LUTON TOWN v SWANSEA
Saturday January 12, 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.



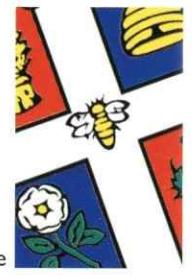
LEYTON ORIENT v LUTON TOWN
Saturday January 19, 2008 League One 3pm

We are currently awaiting the delivery of tickets.

Tickets will go straight on sale from the Ticket Office.

We will receive an initial allocation of 500 tickets.

TICKET PRICES: We are currently awaiting ticket prices for this fixture



BOURNEMOUTH v LUTON TOWN
Tuesday January 22, 2008 League One 7.45pm

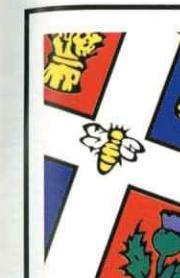
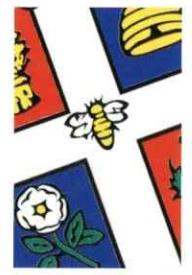
We are currently awaiting the delivery of tickets.

Tickets will go straight on sale from the Ticket Office.

We will receive an initial allocation of 500 tickets.

TICKET PRICES: Tickets will be priced as follows:

Adults £18, Seniors (over 65), Students (NUS must be shown at the turnstiles) and Juniors (under 16) £8.50



LUTON TOWN v LEEDS
Saturday January 26, 2008 League One 3pm

This is an **ALL TICKET GAME** for all supporters.

Tickets will not be available on the day of the game.

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



LUTON TOWN v SWINDON TOWN
Tuesday January 29, 2008 League One 7.45pm

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.

GET DOOR-TO-DOOR DIRECTIONS

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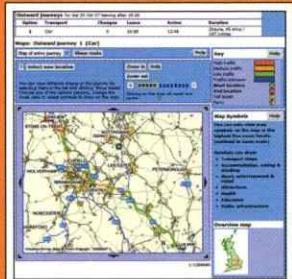
- For more travel news, including away teams' postcodes, see Page 65.



1 Just type your own postcode into the **From** box, and the away team's postcode into the **To** box. Choose the date and time you will be leaving, then tick the **Car Route** box and click **Go**.



2 You are shown an overview of the journey, including how long it will take. Click **Details** at the top and you get full directions from your house to the away ground (or anywhere else you choose).



3 Click **Maps** at the top and you get a map of where traffic may be heavy. You can zoom in to different parts, print the map and directions and you're on your way.

TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday-Friday 10am - 5pm

Home Matchday Saturday 9am - 3pm
 plus after the game

Friday before a home match 10am - 6pm

Non home matchday Saturday 9am - 12pm

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

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

SUBSTITUTES



LATEST COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	HOME						AWAY						Gd	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A		
Swansea City	20	6	3	2	17	7	6	1	2	20	10	+20	40	
Nottingham Forest	21	6	4	1	19	6	4	4	2	14	6	+21	38	
*Leeds United	22	10	1	0	25	5	6	3	2	16	10	+26	37	
Carlisle	20	7	1	1	16	3	3	5	3	15	14	+14	36	
Leyton Orient	22	5	3	3	14	15	5	2	4	15	16	-2	35	
Doncaster	22	5	3	3	16	9	4	4	3	17	13	+11	34	
Walsall	22	4	4	3	13	10	4	5	2	12	9	+6	33	
Southend	22	6	1	4	20	12	4	2	5	12	18	+2	33	
Yeovil Town	22	5	2	4	12	12	4	3	4	10	11	-1	32	
Tranmere	22	5	3	3	16	9	3	4	4	8	10	+5	31	
Brighton	21	4	3	3	15	12	4	3	4	11	11	+3	30	
Huddersfield	22	5	3	3	15	11	4	0	7	7	23	-12	30	
Swindon Town	21	6	2	3	18	11	2	3	5	10	15	+2	29	
Hartlepool	22	5	4	2	19	11	3	0	8	12	18	+2	28	
Oldham	21	2	4	4	8	10	5	3	3	14	10	+2	28	
Crewe	22	5	2	4	12	14	1	5	5	9	19	-12	25	
Northampton	22	5	2	4	17	12	1	4	6	10	21	-6	24	
Gillingham	21	5	4	2	16	13	1	1	8	6	24	-15	23	
Millwall	21	5	1	5	17	14	1	3	6	5	18	-10	22	
Bristol Rovers	20	1	5	3	10	15	3	3	5	9	11	-7	20	
Bournemouth	22	2	2	7	9	20	3	2	6	14	19	-16	19	
Cheltenham	21	3	5	3	10	13	1	1	8	7	21	-17	18	
^Luton Town	21	7	2	1	17	8	0	4	7	5	15	-1	17	
Port Vale	22	2	3	6	9	14	2	2	7	8	18	-15	17	

*Leeds deducted 15 points

^Luton deducted 10 points

does not include matches played on December 29, 2007

2007-08 APPEARANCES

This Season			Luton Career		
LEAGUE	CUPS	TOTAL	DISCIPLINARY	APPEARANCES	GOALS
App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Ben ALNWICK	4	0	0	4	0
Calvin ANDREW	18(6)	1	4(3)	2	12(8)
David BELL	16	3	7	1	22
Dean BRILL	12	0	8	0	18
Ahmet BRKOVIC	31(1)	0	1(2)	0	1(3)
Chris COYNE	17	0	6	1	21
Darren CURRIE	14(4)	2	3(2)	0	16(6)
Sol DAVIS	0	0	0	0	0
Dave EDWARDS	15(1)	4	6	0	19(1)
Lewis EMANUEL	0	0	2	0	2
Jaroslaw FOJUT	13(1)	1	7	1	18(1)
David FORDE	5	0	1	0	6
Paul FURLONG	15(1)	5	8(1)	4	19(1)
Alan GOODALL	16	1	4(1)	0	18(1)
Anthony GRANT	13(3)	0	0(1)	0	0(4)
Don HUTCHISON	31(4)	0	4	1	7(4)
Richard JACKSON	14(2)	0	7	0	21(2)
Keith KEANE	3(1)	0	2(1)	0	5(1)
Richard LANGLEY	0	0	0	0	0
Paul McVEIGH	3(7)	0	2(5)	0	5(12)
Dean MORGAN	3(6)	0	3(2)	0	6(7)
Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)
Sam PARKIN	0(1)	0	1	0	1(1)
Chris PERRY	20	1	8	0	26
Paul PESCHISOLDO	3(2)	0	1	1	3(2)
Steve ROBINSON	15(1)	0	6	1	19(1)
Matthew SPRING	20	4	8	3	26
Drew TALBOT	4(8)	0	3(4)	2	7(11)
Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0
Marc WILSON	4	0	0	0	4

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QUIZ ANSWERS
TWO'S WHO First picture: Chris Coyne and Alan Godall. Second picture: Darren Currie and Keith Keane.

10 TO TEST YOU 1) Italy, 2) Preston, 3) Besiktas, 4) Leicester, Everton and Tottenham, 5) Carlisle United, 6) 23, 7) Bradford, 8) Elm Park, 9) Germany, 10) West Bromwich Albion

BADGE BODGE Top: Doncaster and Leyton Orient. Bottom: Huddersfield and Bristol Rovers.

LETTERS PLAY Luton player: Richard Jackson. Team's nickname: Hornets (Watford). Premiership manager: Martin O'Neill (Aston Villa). League One ground: Brisbane Road (Leyton Orient). Luton legend: David Preece



Sunday
January 6, 2008
FA Cup Third Round
Kick-Off 4pm

Luton Town v
LIVERPOOL

The wait is nearly over. The rematch of one of the best FA Cup ties ever seen at Kenilworth Road is just days away. Nobody will forget the last time these two teams met in a hurry. The 5-3 thriller at Kenilworth Road is still replayed on television screens today and that is likely to continue for years to come.

Steven Gerrard's stunning strike after 16 minutes was only a taste of what was to come in a pulsating match that has armchair supporters on the edge of their seats.

After Luton went 2-1 ahead, Marlon Beresford saved a Djibril Cisse penalty, before Kevin Nicholls struck home a spot kick as the Hatters looked set to record one of the biggest shocks in the FA Cup.

But even Hatters fans couldn't help but applaud a Liverpool fight back as Xavi Alonso scored a memorable goal from the halfway line, that capped off a pulsating evening of football.

But it's not only the most recent fixture against these two sides that stick out in the memory.

Mike Newell notched a memorable hat-trick against Liverpool and Luton's more senior supporters may remember a six goal thriller between the two sides in 1982 when the Merseyside outfit scored against three Hatters goalkeepers during a league fixture at Anfield.

Liverpool are likely to arrive at Kenilworth Road behind the title chasing clubs in the Premiership.

By their own standards, they have somewhat had an inconsistent season and prior to Boxing Day's fixtures were a massive ten points adrift of Premiership leaders Arsenal.

They also found it tough coming out of the qualifying stages of the Champions League, failing to win their opening three games in the group.

And after going out of the Carling Cup less than a month ago, you can bet that boss Rafael Benitez will view this competition as vital to their season.

The Hatters will have to find some way to keep Fernando Torres quiet. The Spaniard has become an instant favourite at Anfield, scoring 14 goals in 21 games.

And with strikers Dirk Kuyt, Peter Crouch and Andrei Voronin in the Liverpool squad, Benitez certainly has plenty of options should he decide to rest key players.

Liverpool will also have plenty of new face in their squad. Over the summer, Benitez splashed out over £11 million on Ryan Babel, taking him away from Ajax, and secured the services of West Ham's Yossi Benayoun.

This fixture has the makings of another potential all-time classic, which is sure to draw another huge television audience.



Head 2 head

	Luton	Draw	Liverpool
League	6	9	13
FA Cup	1	2	3
League Cup	0	1	1
TOTAL	7 (20%)	12 (33%)	17 (47%)

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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	■	■
34	Anthony Grant	■	■

Yeovil Town

Manager: Russell Slade

Colours: White and green shirts, green shorts

		Pl	Sc
1	Steve Mildenhall	■	■
2	Mark Lynch	■	■
3	Nathan Jones	■	■
4	Terry Skiverton	■	■
5	Scott Guyett	■	■
6	Terrell Forbes	■	■
7	Gary Dempsey	■	■
8	Anthony Barry	■	■
9	Lloyd Owusu	■	■
10	Marcus Stewart	■	■
11	Lee Morris	■	■
12	Matty Rose	■	■
13	Darren Behcet	■	■
14	Paul Warne	■	■
15	Justin Cochrane	■	■
16	Ritchie Jones	■	■
17	Darren Way	■	■
18	Darryl Knights	■	■
19	Craig Alcock	■	■
20	Marc Bircham	■	■
21	Jerahl Hughes	■	■
22	Tom Clarke	■	■
23	Ishmael Welsh	■	■
24	Curtis Ujah	■	■
25	Zoltan Stieber	■	■
26	Stephen Maher	■	■
27	Lee Peltier	■	■
28	James Walker	■	■
30	Wilfried Domoraud	■	■
32	Marvin Williams	■	■

Hatters' last team

Bristol Rovers 1 Luton 1



Goals: Edwards (49)

Subs: Keane for Goodall (46), Furlong for Andrew (81)

Not used: Currie, Talbot, McVeigh

Yellow: Edwards (26)

Red: Coyne (13), Robinson (41), Grant (77)

Yeovil's last team

Yeovil 0 Swindon 1



Goals: None

Subs: Rose for N. Jones (80), Barry for Dempsey (76)

Not used: Cochrane, Bircham

Yellow: None

Red: Skiverton (78)

MATCH OFFICIALS

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Assistant: **D D Bushell**

Assistant: **J M Hayto**

4th Official: **S Burt**

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