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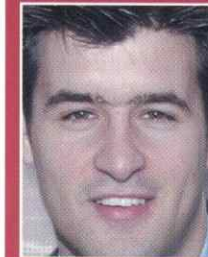
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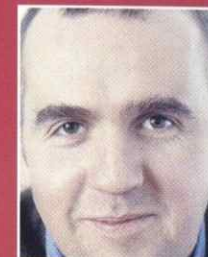
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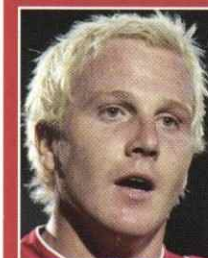
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THE MANAGER

LING DYNASTY

WELCOME back to Brisbane Road for this afternoon's match against Luton Town.

We have suffered mixed results since I put together my last set of programme notes.

In our match here against Tranmere Rovers, we returned to winning ways with a 3-0 success.

It was important to take three points from that game after a run of three draws and a defeat from the previous four matches.

Then, last Saturday, we travelled to Nottingham Forest and ended up on the wrong end of a 4-0 defeat.

Football can be a cruel game at times, as both of those results underlined.

SYMPATHY

You would have to have a certain amount of sympathy for Ronnie Moore and the Tranmere fans, who made the long journey down for a Tuesday night game, only to then face a bleak trip home on the back of a 3-0 reverse.

Ironically, although that's the result that goes down in the record books, our two late goals put a little bit of gloss on the scoreline.

While I don't think anyone could argue that we didn't deserve to win the game, Tranmere pushed us hard in the first half and would have felt a little aggrieved to have finished up losing by a three-goal margin.

REVERSE

However, I believe that the reverse was true at Nottingham Forest on Saturday. We were not four goals worse than them, that's for sure.

I thought that we started well and were on top for the first 30 minutes, but we didn't score when we held the upper hand.

Had we managed to get our noses in

front, as we did at Leeds, it might have been a different story and it would have given us something to hang on to.

But, we paid the price for switching off defensively at the wrong moment, and allowed Forest to take the lead just after the half-hour.

In essence, the game was won and lost in the respective penalty areas. Forest were more clinical than us and made the most of their chances, while we failed to take ours when they came our way.

Of course, I would not want to do Forest a disservice, because you cannot escape the fact that they deserved the points on the day.

However, I do feel the scoreline was a little harsh, especially when you look at the match statistics. We had more possession, more corners and more shots than the home side but ended up with nothing.

APPRECIATION

I would like to place on record my appreciation for the support you gave the lads at Forest last weekend.

For almost 1,400 fans to make the trip up to the City Ground, when you look at our average gate, is nothing short of fantastic.

And I was delighted with the reception that you gave Matt Lockwood, both during the game and at the end.

There is no escaping the fact that he was a great servant to this football club and it's only right and proper that we gave him the respect he deserved.

CONTINGENT

I would also ask you to get behind the lads this afternoon, as I'm sure Luton will bring a large contingent of support with them for today's game, especially as around 6,000 travelled up to Liverpool in the week to support them in the FA Cup!

Their supporters have not had a great deal to shout about, as it has been a difficult season for them, but I'm sure they will generate quite an atmosphere here today and our fans will have to be on their mettle to make themselves heard.

Enjoy the game

Martin Ling in conversation with Trevor Davies

“Had we managed to get our noses in front at Forest it might have been different”

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FROM THE TOP

BOARDROOM BULLETIN

WELCOME back to the Matchroom Stadium for this afternoon's match against Luton Town.

It looks like our visitors today have a light at the end of what has been a long, dark tunnel for them, and we wish them well in resolving their current situation – after this afternoon of course!

It was with some envy that I watched them take to the field at a packed Anfield in midweek.

Memories of our matches at Newcastle, Fulham and Charlton in recent years came flooding back and there was no doubt that on Tuesday night – at least for the first 44 minutes – the magic of the Cup was on full parade.

Sadly there was to be no fairytale story for ourselves this year, despite a heroic effort with nine men in Bristol, but the upside of that defeat has been the chance to concentrate on our aim of achieving promotion to the Championship.

CONTENTION

With half the season now gone we find ourselves in an excellent position, firmly grouped in with the leading pack, and although our recent form has been inconsistent, we are still in full contention.

This is a busy period for football clubs with the month-long transfer window in full swing, and whilst so far we have concentrated on securing the longer term futures of certain players to Brisbane Road, Martin Ling and Dean Smith are working tirelessly behind the scenes to see what suitable talent is out there and can be brought to the club.

Modern day scouting takes many forms: as well as watching players themselves, our management study DVDs, obtain references from other coaches and managers and scour statistical databases to ensure that all their research is completed as thoroughly as possible before making a move.

All of this takes time, but it leaves us reassured that when we do decide which players we want to sign, they are the right choices and will strengthen our squad in appropriate areas.

RESOURCES

We have complete faith in the ability of Martin, Dean and their team of scouts to deliver on this front, and they in turn have confidence in the Chairman's backing of their own ambitions with the necessary resources.

Our last home match proved to be a thoroughly satisfying evening, and in front of what I'm sure will be a larger crowd today I would encourage you all again to back the lads from start to finish.

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Matt Porter

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INTRODUCING LUTON TOWN

IT'S been a rollercoaster ride for Luton Town and their fans this season and the latest chapter in a manic week unfolded on Wednesday afternoon when Ray Harford stepped into the managerial hot-seat.

It's certainly been an amazing few days for the Hatters, after a season of lurching from one crisis to another.

On Tuesday night the Hatters were in FA Cup action at Liverpool in a third round replay and, although they were beaten 5-0, news leaked out before the game that a consortium were set to buy the club, which is currently in administration.

STATEMENT

That was confirmed on Wednesday when Brendan Guilfoyle, joint administrator of the club, issued a press statement which said: "A newly-formed company, Luton Town Football Club 2020 Limited, has been set up to purchase the club and has made a loan to Luton Town Football Club, which buys them a period of exclusivity until the end of February 2008 while a sale is negotiated.

"Any purchase will be conditional upon the approval of the Football League and the Football Association."

Guilfoyle, himself, explained on the club's website: "This is a very positive development and represents the light at the end of the tunnel that players, staff and supporters have been waiting for since our appointment in November 2007."

However, despite the impending sale, the administrators continue to run all aspects of the club.

TERMINATED

Then, came more news, as less than 24 hours after the defeat at Anfield, manager Kevin Blackwell, his assistant Sam Ellis and coach John Carver had their contracts terminated.

Blackwell and his staff had already given their notice and were set to step down after the home game against Boumemouth on February 9, given the restraints they had been forced to work under.

The trio issued a joint statement, part of which read: "We

came to Luton Town Football Club last spring with a clear mission. It revolved around ambition, adequate investment for growth and the very real promise of a new stadium.

"Very quickly we found that Luton Town Football Club did not do what it said on the tin. We have had to generate cash - more than £3 million from the sale of key players - rather than invest it. Our inheritance has ended up including law-suits and FA charges.

"The club moved into administration and we lost 10 points. We have ended up managing a squad of players who do not know if they are going to be paid, or have a future with the club."

UNVEILED

After Guilfoyle terminated the contracts of the trio, Harford was unveiled as the new manager until the end of the season, with former Portsmouth and QPR defender Warren Neill taking on the role as his assistant.

The appointment means that the 48-year-old, Sunderland-born Harford is back at Luton for the third time in his coaching career and today's game at Orient will provide him with the first opportunity to run the rule over his new side.

Harford, pleased to be back in familiar surroundings, told the Luton Town website that he is relishing the challenge ahead as he tries to steer the club out of the relegation zone.

OPPORTUNITY

Explaining how the opportunity came to return to the club he said: "I spoke to LTFC 2020 consortium, of which I know many of them.

"I have seen the prospective that they have produced, and it is very, very professional and I believe that they can take the club forward.

"In the short-term I need to get stability back into the club.

"There has been a lot of trauma and turmoil over the last few months and I have been brought in to stabilise and galvanise the players," said Harford.

Only time will tell if he can do just that and stop the club sliding down into League Two.



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DEFENCE

DEAN BRILL

Luton-born goalkeeper Dean has come through the ranks at Kenilworth Road to stake his claim for a regular place in the starting line-up. Now 22, Brill has been the club's number one for the past year and is currently the subject of a transfer bid from a Championship club. Commanding at 6'3", Brill is also a vocal communicator and is set for a bright future in the game.

KEITH KEANE

Another local lad in the Hatters line-up, Keith made his debut as a 16-year-old in the 2003/04 season. Keane graduated through the youth system at Kenilworth Road and he also represented the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level. Keith has featured prominently down the right hand side, showing a good appetite for getting forward and supporting the frontline.

ALAN GOODALL

Summer signing Alan Goodall arrived at Luton from Rochdale, where he had made 131 appearances in three years. The Birkenhead-born defender began his career at Welsh club Bangor City before earning his chance in the Football League at Spotland in 2004. Standing just 5'9" tall, Alan was deployed as an emergency centre-half in Tuesday's FA Cup defeat to Liverpool.

DON HUTCHISON

Veteran Scotland international Don Hutchison has also been forced to operate as a defender in recent weeks, despite being most comfortable in midfield. Don joined Luton in the summer, with the Kenilworth Road club becoming the ninth of an illustrious career. Having played for the likes of Liverpool, West Ham and Everton, Don brings a wealth of experience to the Luton side.

RICHARD JACKSON

27-year-old defender Richard joined Luton from Premier League side Derby County in the summer of 2007, ending an eight-year association with the Pride Park club. The Whitby-born player began his career in League Two with Scarborough, but he left the Seadogs for Derby two months before they were relegated to the Conference in 1999. He made close to 150 appearances for the Rams before moving to Luton.

**LEWIS EMANUEL**

Lewis Emanuel, 24, has been the subject of speculation linking him with a move to Lincoln City this week. But he remains a Luton player for now and he was involved in last week's 3-1 defeat to Swansea City. The Yorkshireman began his career with Bradford City, for whom he made over 200 first team appearances, before making the switch to Kenilworth Road prior to the 2006/07 season.

DREW TALBOT

Drew signed for Luton in a £250,000 deal from Sheffield Wednesday in January 2007 as then manager Mike Newell looked to strengthen his options in attack. After graduating through Wednesday's academy, the 21-year-old made 29 League appearances for the Owls before Luton swooped for his services. Another rumoured to be on his way from Kenilworth Road, with Plymouth Argyle paying close attention.

CALVIN ANDREW

Luton youth team product Calvin is also attracting the attentions of Plymouth after playing a starring role as the Hatters took Liverpool to an FA Cup replay this month. The six-footer turned pro in 2004 and made his debut in a 2-0 Johnstone's Paint Trophy defeat to Swansea that September. He has gained further first team experience with loan spells at Grimsby Town and Bristol City.

PAUL FURLONG

Veteran Londoner Paul Furlong is now in the 17th year of a professional career that has seen him hit the heights with Coventry, Watford, Chelsea, Birmingham and QPR. The 39-year-old striker, who has scored 169 League goals at a rate of one every three games, arrived at Kenilworth Road this summer after spending five years in West London with QPR. He has eight goals to his name this season.

PAUL McVEIGH

Former Tottenham man Paul McVeigh was another Kevin Blackwell summer signing as he swapped Norwich City for Kenilworth Road. A 30-year-old full Northern Ireland international, Paul made three Premier League appearances for Spurs before joining Norwich in 2000. The Belfast-born forward went on to score 39 goals in Canaries colours, but he is yet to get off the mark for the Hatters.

MIDFIELD

DAVID BELL

Former Rushden & Diamonds man David made the short move from Nene Park to Luton in January 2006, making a long-awaited step up to the Championship in the process. The 23-year-old midfielder, who was born in Kettering, has played for Ireland up to B level and he is equally comfortable playing in central midfield or on the right hand side. He made 122 League appearances for Rushden before signing for Luton.

DARREN CURRIE

Darren Currie, a former Orient loan player, arrived at Luton in July on a free transfer from Championship side Ipswich Town. The 33-year old wingman began his career with West Ham United, but he left Upton Park in 1996 without making a first team appearance. Impressive spells at Shrewsbury and Barnet earned him the chance at a higher level with Wycombe, Brighton and Ipswich.

MATTHEW SPRING

Harlow-born central midfielder Matthew Spring returned for a second spell at Kenilworth Road in January 2007. A driving force behind Luton's run to the FA Youth Cup semi-final in 1997, Matthew made close to 300 first team appearances for the Hatters before leaving for Leeds in 2004. A year later he was on the move again, this time to Watford, where he played in the top flight.

STEVE ROBINSON

Northern Ireland international Steve Robinson is now in his sixth season at Kenilworth Road, having joined the Hatters from Preston North End for a £50,000 fee in June 2002. The Lisburn-born midfielder started his pro career at Tottenham Hotspur, but joined Bournemouth in 1994 due to a lack of first team opportunities. He was transferred to Preston in 2000, where he spent two years before signing for Luton.

STEVEN O'LEARY

Youth team graduate O'Leary will be hoping the second half of the 2007/08 campaign proves to be a breakthrough for him after being forced to accept a bit-part role since turning pro. The 22-year-old spent some time on loan at Tranmere Rovers in the 2005/06 season and he put pen-to-paper on a new one-year deal in the summer. A skilful midfielder, Steven came on as a sub at Anfield on Tuesday.

DEAN MORGAN

Another player linked with a move away from Kenilworth Road, 24-year-old left winger Dean Morgan has recently returned from a loan spell at Southend United. Leeds boss Dennis Wise was also keen to sign the former Colchester and Reading man, but Edmonton-born Dean rejected their advances. Dean has bags of skill and looks to get forward at every opportunity.



BEST OF THE REST

Former Wimbledon, Tottenham, Charlton and West Brom defender Chris Perry signed for Luton Town in the summer. The vastly experienced 34-year-old, who was born in Carshalton, missed Tuesday night's FA Cup replay at Liverpool with a thigh injury, but he has been a regular in the Hatters' line-up this term.

Fellow veteran defender Paul Underwood missed the entire 2006/07 season after contracting a blood infection and he is still yet to make his return. The 33-year-old made in excess of 200 appearances for Rushden & Diamonds before moving onto Luton in March 2004. Sol Davis is another defender on Luton's books who hasn't featured this season. He suffered a stroke in October 2006, but made a swift recovery and was back playing by December. Sol was loaned out to Peterborough earlier this season, but he returned to Luton without making an appearance due to a groin injury.

In midfield, Mick Harford can call upon 28-year-old Jamaican international Richard Langley, who joined Luton on a free transfer from Queens Park Rangers in 2006. The Londoner began his career at Loftus Road, and spent two years away with Cardiff City before returning to West London in 2005.

Striker Sam Parkin is on the verge of a comeback from injury after spending five months on the sidelines with an ankle problem. The 26-year-old hitman has previously played for Chelsea, Swindon Town and Ipswich Town. Harford's squad is completed by former Fulham man Paul Peschisolidi, 36. The Canadian left Derby in the summer after helping them to promotion from the Championship.

THE MANAGER

MICK HARFORD

Name: Mick Harford

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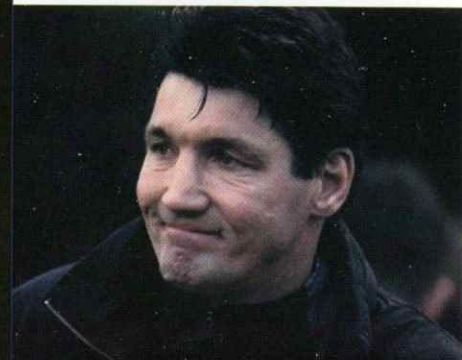
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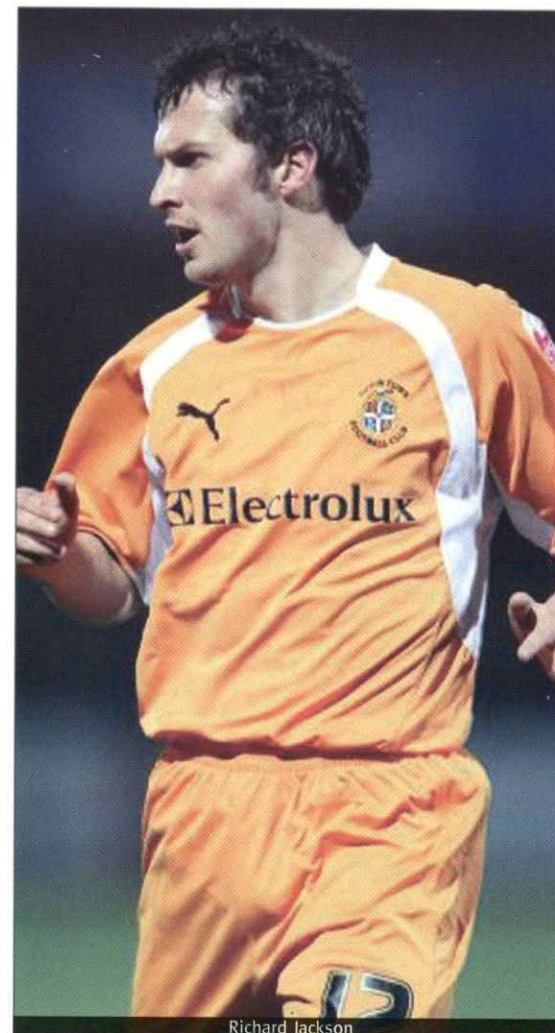
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Richard Jackson

LUTON TOWN defender Richard Jackson is keen to forget about the club's off-the-field problems and concentrate on helping the Hatters preserve their League One status.

Luton's slide into administration meant they were hit with a ten-point penalty and an instant drop down the table. They currently find themselves three points adrift of safety, but Jackson is convinced that a recent run of good form, which has seen them lose just two of their last ten League games, proves they have what it takes to pull themselves clear.

"All we need to do is concentrate on playing football," he said. "That is what we have been doing and hopefully we can

continue winning games and get the club back to where it needs to be.

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

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

Jackson, 27, was a summer arrival from Derby County, and although the Rams has just gained promotion to the Premier League, the former Scarborough player knew he had to move on in order to secure regular first team football.

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

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

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

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

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

Luton arrive at Brisbane Road today having won just one of their 12 League One away games this season, but Jackson believes Luton are capable of showing Orient why they should be much higher up the table.

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

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

MATCH STATS...

**NOTTINGHAM FOREST 4
LEYTON ORIENT 0**

*Coca Cola League One,
City Ground,
Saturday January 12 2008*

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

- 1 Paul Smith
- 3 Matt Lockwood
- 5 Wes Morgan
- 6 Ian Breckin
- 7 James Perch
- 8 Kris Commons
- 10 Grant Holt
- 14 Arron Davies
- 15 Chris Cohen
- 16 Sammy Clingan
- 17 Lewis McGugan

Subs:

- 4 Luke Chambers for Perch (81)
- 18 Neil Lennon
- 24 Emile Sinclair for Davies (73)
- 26 Matt Thornhill for Cohen (79)
- 29 Julian Bennett

Goals: Holt (31, pen 53), Commons (72), Thornhill (89)

LEYTON ORIENT

- 1 Stuart Nelson
- 2 Stephen Purches
- 5 Tamika Mkandawire
- 6 Brian Saah
- 8 Adam Chambers
- 9 Wayne Gray
- 10 Sean Thornton
- 11 Wayne Corden
- 14 Andy Barcham
- 17 Paul Terry
- 19 Aiden Palmer

Subs:

- 3 Charlie Daniels
- 7 JJ Melligan for Terry (77)
- 15 Samuel Oji
- 20 Jason Demetriou for Corden (59)
- 21 Efe Echanomi for Gray (59)

Booked: Nelson

Referee: Iain Williamson (Berkshire)

Attendance: 17,805 (1,334 away)



MATCH STATS...

Martin Ling: "I don't think we were four goals worse than Forest, but sometimes that happens in football - we weren't three goals better than Tranmere the other night for instance."

"I think you need to take your chances when you come to places like this. We had a couple in the first 25 minutes, we didn't take advantage of them and then we went to sleep on a set piece."

"They were more clinical than us and the scoreline reads 4-0 - we'll have to accept it."

TIMELINE...

▶ 6 mins - Sean Thornton forces Forest glovesman Paul Smith into the first save of the match with a 30-yard free-kick that threatens to dip under the crossbar.

▶ 23 mins - Thornton is again heavily involved as Orient look to make the breakthrough, sending Andy Barcham through, but the striker can't beat Smith from an angle.

▶ 24 mins - Forest struggle to clear the resulting corner and Thornton comes so close to giving the visitors the lead with a searing drive that thuds against the upright.

▶ 31 mins - The home side have barely threatened, but they punish Orient for not taking their early chances when Grant Holt escapes the attentions of Brian Saah to convert Kris Commons' corner.

▶ 46 mins - Wayne Gray misses a glorious chance to level just 25 seconds after the restart, shooting straight at Smith after being slipped in by Barcham.

▶ 53 mins - Forest are given the chance to extend their lead when Stuart Nelson is judged to have brought down Holt inside the area. The O's stopper is booked and Holt dusts himself down to convert from the spot.

▶ 72 mins - With Orient chasing the game, Forest are able to take advantage of the spaces opening up and Commons adds a third, cutting in from the right before finishing via the far post.

▶ 89 mins - Young substitute Matt Thornhill completes the rout, stroking home from close range after he and fellow sub Emile Sinclair had found themselves two-on-one against Tamika Mkandawire.



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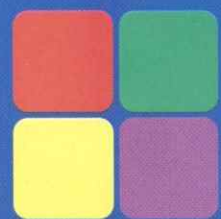
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BOB MILLS



A COMICAL VIEW

IT STARTED with a bit of a tickly cough on the night of the Tranmere game. No problem. Neck a couple of bottles of cough syrup, good night's sleep, and I'll be right as rain. Two days later, I'm laying like a great beached walrus under the duvets, whining like a seven-year-old girl.

'Bob's got a cold... bit of a cough'... I overhear on the phone. I stumble downstairs outraged... 'COLD?' This is not a cold! This is the 'flu! This is a chest infection! This would be pneumonier... if I knew how to spell it!

So, I missed the long awaited trip up to Nottingham. Spent the day on the sofa watching Jeff Stelling announce each goal going in, with his sarky little Hartlepool fan grin.

NUISANCE

The main problem with a chest infection, actually, is the nights. It's not so bad when you are sitting up, but lying down is a complete nuisance, just listening to the gurgling, and waiting for the next coughing fit.

So, you tend to sit up most nights, and go through your collection of Xmas DVDs. So far I've watched two series of West Wing, half a dozen Louis Malle movies, and, most enjoyably, the complete back catalogue of Lovejoy.

Lovejoy, I have decided, is one of the great underrated treasures of British TV culture. Basically, it's the same plot each week. Our lovable antique expert rogue, gets involved in some dodgy deal with unscrupulous unlovable antique expert rogues.

Then, with the help of a posh woman whose husband always seems to be away on business, a nitwit biker, and dear old gin-sodden Dudley Sutton, Lovejoy comes out on top, with a bundle of

readies, and an undiscovered Flemish masterpiece to boot.

Ian McShane, of course, was the son of Man Utd's Harry McShane, and is a proper football fan, as opposed to a lot of his acting contemporaries, who just pretend to support Chelsea. He does star, however, in perhaps the worst football film of all time... and we all know there has been a very long list of rubbish ones.

Yesterday's Hero, Ian's epic from the late 70s ranks up there with Jimmy Grimble, Best and When Saturday Comes as the poorest of a very bad bunch.

MARATHON

The great squaring of the circle came though, in the early hours of a Night Nurse fuelled marathon, when, watching my sixth episode on the spin of West Wing, who should wander onto the screen but McShane himself, playing Nikola, a Soviet interpreter.

I kept expecting him to look down the camera and make some pithy remark about the antiques in the Oval Office. But he didn't. And if he had... it would have just been the medicine talking.

One of the great joys of football fans, especially in the lower leagues, is Schadenfreude. The joy of fallen greats, ex-European big potatoes, forced down to our level, usually by their own pride and mis-management... no names-no pack drill... But I think all O's will wish today's guests the best of luck in pulling themselves back together.

Luton have always been a good honest team, with decent, friendly fans. Their performance against Liverpool was a credit to us all in this division, and, apart from today obviously, we wish them well.

Bob Mills





THE ONE THING I WILL
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STEPHEN PURCHES

WELCOME back to Brisbane Road for this afternoon's game against Luton Town as we look to get back to winning ways following last weekend's defeat at Nottingham Forest.

It's certainly been a weird few days for us. We beat Tranmere 3-0 in our last home game, but then shipped four goals at the City Ground last weekend.

There were plenty of positives to emerge from the match against Tranmere.

I thought that we defended well from the front to the back, as we kept our fourth successive clean sheet at home, and we stuck away our chances when they came.

POSITIVE

We went to Forest in a positive frame of mind following that win, but things just didn't happen for us on the day.

We have made a conscious effort to start well and I thought we controlled the first 30 minutes.

But, unfortunately, we were not clinical enough and when the chances came our way we didn't make the most of them.

I don't think Forest had any more shots than us, but they just made virtually every opportunity count.

UNLUCKY

And, not for the first time this season, we didn't have the rub of the green, as we were unlucky with the penalty decision, which was a major turning point.

We had started the second half well and had a couple of chances to equalise, but once the penalty went in, it was always going to be an uphill task against a side like Forest.

To be honest, from the referee's position, I can understand why it looked like a penalty.

But Stuart Nelson insists it wasn't and the linesman probably had the best view of all and he didn't give it.

But these things happen and we have got to take it on the chin and move on.

They say that goals change games, that is so true and it was a fact indelibly underlined at Forest last weekend.

FRIGHTENED

I've said before that there is not a side in this division that we should be frightened of and, although I was impressed by Forest, I don't think they are unbeatable.

They have got some good individual players and they looked a good side when they went two-up and started to knock it around.

But, with the confidence of a two-goal cushion, any team can look good.

The most annoying thing about Saturday was that although the game ended 4-0 it really wasn't a drubbing.

It certainly didn't feel like we had been thrashed and I think that's why it really hurt, because we were well in the game.

SUPPORT

The one thing I will remember is the support we had. For the first 30 minutes it felt as if we were playing at home.

You could hardly hear the home fans as our supporters were making such a noise.

It really drove us on, and it was just a shame it ended the way it did.

Now we have got the chance to get back to winning ways this afternoon but, despite all the troubles Luton have had this season, we cannot afford to take them lightly.

I know they have had to sell a couple of players, but I watched them play against Liverpool and they still have a decent squad.

They have got players there who have played in the Premiership and I'm sure they will want to make an impression now they have got new owners.

A lot has been made about the fact that the Luton players have not always been paid on time, but I can assure you, once that whistle goes all those sorts of problems are forgotten, and during the 90 minutes everyone wants to be winner. Today's game will be no different.

Stephen Purches in conversation with Trevor Davies

TALKING WOUNDED...

Physio Lewis Manning gives us the latest on the injury situation...

● **Name:** Alton Thelwell

Problem: Knee problem.

Cause: Has been swelling up after matches.

Progress: An injection into the knee and rest may cure the problem rather than undergoing an operation. Sees a specialist next week.

Return: Difficult to put a timescale on it. Possibly three to four weeks.

● **Name:** Jabo Ibehe

Problem: Achilles tendon problem.

Cause: Came off during the game at Hartlepool.

Progress: Back running without any adverse affects.

Return: Another couple of weeks.

● **Name:** Adam Boyd

Problem: Knee problem.

Cause: Aggravated the problem during the Gillingham game.

Progress: The problem has calmed right down and he was due to return to full training on Thursday.

Return: Should be available this afternoon.

● **Name:** Glenn Morris

Problem: Recurrence of a thigh strain.

Cause: First surfaced in the game against Dagenham & Redbridge but the problem gradually returned.

Progress: Is back in full training and would have played for the reserves in midweek.

Return: Now fit for selection.

● **Name:** Adam Chambers

Problem: Ankle injury.

Cause: Was kicked on his angle during the Forest game.

Progress: Didn't train during the early part of the week, but the problem is settling down.

Return: Should be available this afternoon.

● **Name:** Clayton Fortune

Problem: Suffered a recurrence of his dislocated shoulder.

Cause: Happened in a reserve team friendly with Brentford.

Treatment: Back training with the first team.

Return: Should be ready for a reserve game in a week or two.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Please note that for all remaining matches this season, the Club will be operating a random number policy for season ticket vouchers.

Previously vouchers 1-23 in season ticket books have corresponded to the same number home match, but this will now no longer be the case.

Supporters are reminded that it is essential they bring their complete season ticket book to each game in order to produce the correct numbered voucher at the turnstiles.

Any season ticket holder with a query on this matter should contact the Club as soon as possible.

MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Martin Ling	Kevin Blackwell
Played 200 Won 73 Drawn 62 Lost 65 For 265 Against 279 Av Pts/game 1.41 Biggest Win(s) Millwall 2 L Orient 5 (20/02/2007). Biggest Loss(es) Doncaster 5 L Orient 0 (10/01/2004).	Played 31 Won 10 Drawn 7 Lost 14 For 32 Against 41 Av Pts/game 1.19 Biggest Win(s) Luton 4 Northampton 1 (15/10/2007). Biggest Loss(es) Luton 0 Sunderland 5 (06/05/2007).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

Player with the most...	shots	shots on target	shots off target	assists	crosses	fouls	free-kicks-won
Adam	Boyd 51	Adam	Boyd 26	Jason	John	Adam	Adam
Boyd 51	Adam	Boyd 26	Adam	Jason	John	Adam	Adam
shots on target	shots off target	assists	crosses	fouls	free-kicks-won		
Adam	Boyd 26	Jason	John	Adam	Adam		
Boyd 26	Adam	John	Adam	Adam	Adam		
shots off target	assists	crosses	fouls	free-kicks-won			
Adam	Jason	John	Adam	Adam	Adam		
Boyd 25	John	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam		
assists	crosses	fouls	free-kicks-won				
Jason	John	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam		
Demetriou 3	John	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam		
crosses	fouls	free-kicks-won					
John	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam		
Melligan 43	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam		
fouls	free-kicks-won						
Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam		
Chambers 53	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam		
free-kicks-won							
Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam		
Chambers 55	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam		

GAMES SINCE

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

SHARP SHOOTERS

L Orient	CCFL Cup	Tot	Luton	CCFL Cup	Tot
Adam Boyd	8	3	11	6	4
Wayne Gray	4	2	6	5	3
Jason Demetriou	3	1	4	4	0

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played32	L Orient wins	Luton wins
Draws8	Goals 28 (0.9 per game)	Goals 43 (1.3 per game)
0-0's6	Times failed to score 14	Times failed to score 11

Biggest League win at L Orient for each team:
20/03/1976 L Orient 3-0 Luton
03/10/1981 L Orient 0-3 Luton

2007/08 LEAGUE STATS

7	Position	22
26	Played	24
11	Won	9
7	Drawn	6
8	Lost	9
33	Goals For	26
36	Goals Against	27
40	Points	23

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
4	4	4	8	4	4	5	9

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
7	3	4	6	5	2	4	16

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
8	4	0	8	9	0	1	9

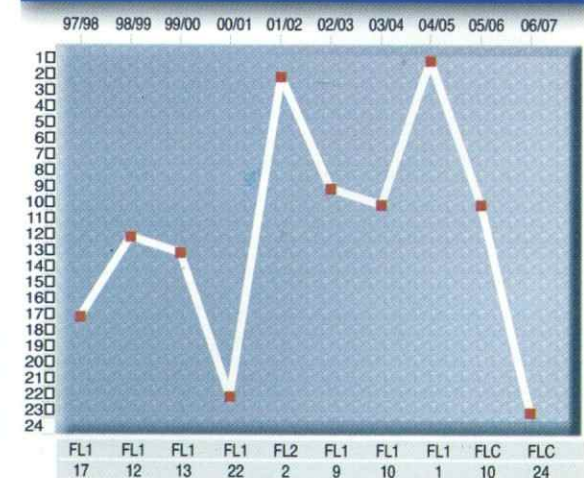
Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	1	8	3	0	3	8	24

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[5], 2-0[2], 2-1[1], 3-0[1], 3-1[1], 3-2[1], Losses: 0-1[2], 0-4[1], 0-5[1], 1-3[2], 2-4[2], Draws: 0-0[2], 1-1[3], 2-2[2]

LUTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



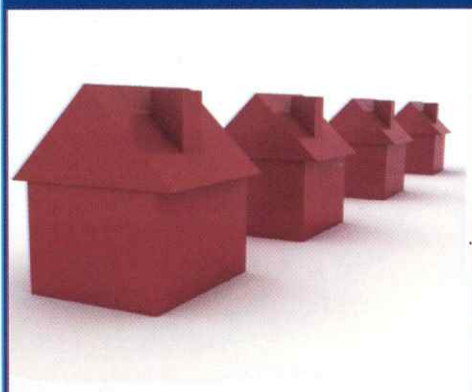
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THEO'S GANG

Hi Gang,

Welcome back to Brisbane Road for today's game against Luton Town as the boys look to get back on track following last week's defeat at Nottingham Forest.

The final scoreline at the City Ground was very hard on the lads, and had we taken one of our chances in the first half the outcome could well have been very different.

But Nottingham Forest ended up with four goals to our none and we will have to bounce back strongly today.

If we perform as well as we did against Tranmere we should have three points to celebrate, and wouldn't it be nice to see another goal as good as Sean Thornton's?!

You can read Sean's thoughts on that strike on page 33, and we've also got the views of Martin Ling and Stephen Purches inside E10 today.

Finally, a big welcome to all the Theo's Gang members who took part in our football coaching session over the road at Score earlier today. I hope you all learned some great new skills!

Make as much noise as possible and cheer us on to three points!

Theo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to Renee Blake, who will be celebrating her fifth birthday on Wednesday. Lots of love from mum Christine and dad Stuart.

Stuart has supported the O's since he was seven, while Renee's granddad Jackson has been a supporter for over 70 years!



TODAY'S MASCOT

Name: John Roberts
Age: 12 today!
From: Bridgend, South Wales
School: Brynteg Comprehensive
Hobbies and Interests: All sports, particularly football (Bryntirion Athletic) and cricket (Bridgend Town).
Favourite Players: Adam Boyd and Tamika Mkandawire

Happy 12th birthday to John, who has been following the O's all 12 years of his life.



Phil Hoadley



THE X FILES

In the first of two articles, we talk to former O's defender Phil Hoadley who was an integral part of the team that took us to within one point of a place in the top-flight and who also enjoyed a marvellous cup run when we reached the FA Cup quarter-finals.

Phil Hoadley proved to be one of the bargain buys in Orient's history when he dropped down a division leaving First Division Crystal Palace in 1971 for an estimated fee of £35,000. O's boss George Petchey moved quickly when his Palace counterpart Bert Head embarked in hectic transfer activity down at Selhurst Park with Petchey calling on a long-standing respect and friendship between himself and the player to lure the talented defender to Brisbane Road. Petchey had previously coached Hoadley at Palace and Phil admitted that it was only his presence that persuaded him to move across the capital to E10.

"But for George, I would certainly not have gone to a Second Division club," Phil stated. "Arthur Rowe scouted me and signed me for Palace but it was George who coached me, helped me and encouraged me from the day that I first joined them. I left school at 15 and turned apprentice and George continued to work with me until the day he left to take over as Orient manager."

Born in Battersea, Phil represented the South of England as a schoolboy and it was then that he played alongside ex-Orient defender and one-time manager Tommy Taylor whilst the duo later teamed up when selected for the England Youth side.

"I used to do all his running for him and I think that's one reason why I probably had to retire early," recalled Phil with a laugh. "By the time I went to Orient, he'd moved on to West Ham so he obviously didn't fancy having me around again!"

Although he played more often as a central defender, Phil was equally comfortable at full-back. "I was predominantly a centre-half but in fact I played everywhere for Palace apart from in goal! He made his league debut at the age of 16 when playing for Palace at Bolton in April 1968 and at that time was the youngest player to appear for the Eagles. He went on to make 63 appearances for them. "I joined Orient and George was building a talented side but it did take a little time for us to mould together. He was a strong disciplinarian and ensured you gave 100 per cent, which of course you should do anyway, but we proved our potential by so nearly reaching the First Division in 1974 and you do wonder what might have been if we had beaten Aston Villa on that infamous night."

Needing to win, the O's could only manage a 1-1 draw and Phil conceded the penalty from which Ray Graydon scored for Villa and admits that he still remembers the event clearly. One of their players was through on goal and you think he's going to score anyway so you have to do something," he commented. "There's always the chance he could have missed the penalty. But it wasn't that one game that cost us promotion because I remember in the previous match, Gerry Queen missed a sitter and if he had scored that, we would have been up. We also had a perfectly good goal

ruled out against Millwall but that's football, you can't worry about it because it doesn't change anything.

"We missed out on promotion by just one point and had reached the quarter-finals of the cup a couple of seasons before but it wasn't until a few years after I'd joined Norwich and was able to look back and appreciate what a really good side we had.

"It was before the times of people like Laurie Cunningham and John Chiedozie emerged. I don't know whether we would have survived in the top-flight but we would have given it a damned good go, I would like to think that we could have been another Wimbledon really.

"We had a really good team spirit and that was what Norwich had been lacking recently until another former Orient colleague of mine, Glenn Roeder, came up there to take over as manager. It's like anywhere you work, you'll always achieve more if you are happy than if you are cheered off all the time. When George left, all the players wanted his assistant Peter Angell to take over but Peter didn't want it and the club reappointed Jimmy Bloomfield. Sadly both of them died early in life."

Hoadley made his Orient debut at Blackpool on October 9 1971 and scored his first goal against Chelsea in the FA Cup in February 1972 with a glorious 30-yard strike that started the O's revival in what was to become a headline making 3-2 victory. "One of my sons bought me the DVD of that game for Christmas and I've been watching it a few times and it's incredible to see the size of the crowd (30,329) and the state of the pitch. All the village where I live have now seen that game! To be honest, I've never forgotten 'that' goal I scored, I never got that many anyway so it's easy to remember the few that did go in," he says modestly.

"But when I look back at the game and look at the quality of the opposition, you do wonder how we beat them. We went 2-0 down and then I scored and that was just the boost we needed. Yes the pitch was dodgy but both sides had to play on it and the Chelsea team was full of internationals. That was of course, a brilliant experience and one that I won't ever forget. I played alongside Paul Harris and we had a good understanding and then later I played with Tom Walley and later Glenn (Roeder) came into the side.

"Of the other matches that remain vividly in the mind, I recall a game at Cardiff when we had to win to stay up and Peter Kitchen got the goal to give us a 1-0 win. Another game was the 1-0 Cup win over Norwich when 'Kitch' scored and the next day the headline was 'Kitchen sinks Canaries.' There were a lot of good times though with Orient, we enjoyed playing the game and there was good camaraderie amongst the players."

In the concluding article, Phil tells of the circumstances surrounding his move away from Orient and offers some opinions on the modern game plus his memorable welcome to the club on a return visit just a few weeks ago.

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I will continue to offer supporters of all wallet sizes the opportunity to be able to experience our hospitality packages.

I hope that more of you may consider upgrading your package for next term based on the service you receive, which as is frequently commented, is better than some Premiership teams! This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any current discounted rate that applies to platinum members. I must add that hospitality for the forthcoming games against Southend, Nottingham Forest, and Leeds is almost sold out so if you do wish to join us in the Olympic Suite for any of those games please get in touch ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Speaking of avoiding disappointment, I am pleased to be able to release details of the most prestigious event of the calendar (barring any play off final appearance!). Taking place on Monday 12 May at the famous Dorchester Hotel on Park Lane is our annual awards presentations followed by an evening of comedy. Matt Lockwood picked up the Player of the Year award for 06/07 and you can be there to find out who will take his title. For further information on making a booking for this event please call or e-mail me and we can discuss your requirements.

Finally to reiterate my message from last week I should inform our Gallery members that for the next few games the interview with Martin Ling will be postponed. This is due to a variety of reasons however Martin will return to offer his pre-match thoughts in due course. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Here's to three points!!

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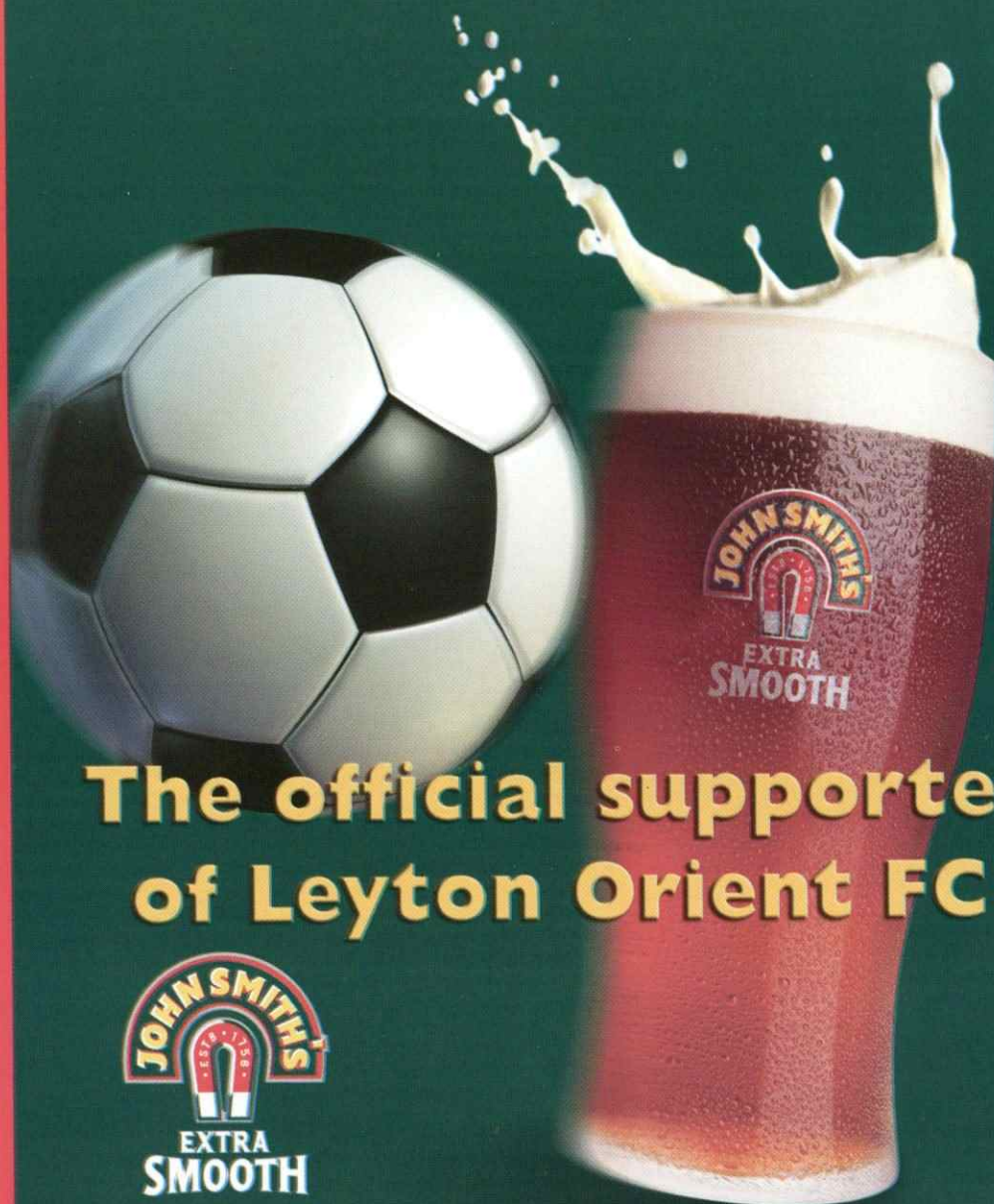


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A FEW years back, BC (Before Children), even BM (Before Marriage), me and a couple of mates booked a late and importantly cheap travel deal.

It was one of those which you could stipulate certain requirements but you were ultimately in the laps of the holiday gods and their various whims.

We ended up in a very sleepy, almost comatose, place where telephonic communications were fairly archaic but at least the waves were good.

Now here's the important bit, it was cheap because it was out of season which meant it was slap bang in the football season.

So there we were on a Saturday afternoon with no way of contacting home and frustrated in the knowledge that there was a very important derby happening back home.

Eventually we found a closed bar which had left its TV on, so the three of us did the best we could peering through the combination of grill and shutters to see if they had happened to leave the Canaries' equivalent of Grandstand on... and... of course they hadn't, it was some nondescript monochrome film.

ASCERTAIN

It was only several hours later that we were able to ascertain the all important scores and another day and a half before the Sunday papers arrived with the full story. Let me tell you it was worth the wait.

We were in a beautiful location, having a superb time but we still could not escape the near drug-like dependency draw of knowing what sort of shift our team were putting in.

It was similar for the father of a friend of mine who threatened not to turn up for her wedding because she had booked it on the same day as the Liverpool v Everton encounter.

He of course saw sense, helped by the strategic positioning of TVs and radios around the reception and a very sympathetic daughter and prospective son in law (he had little choice to be honest).

So I can sort of see where Kevin Keegan is coming from when he decided he wanted to return to the managerial hot seat in the fishbowl that is Newcastle United 11 years, one week and one day after walking away from the job.

PASSION

I expect the big fat contract helped ease the reservations but 'King Kev', as I think we now have to call him, has always worn his heart very prominently on his upper arm and there is no doubting the mutual passion between him and the Toon.

But they always say going back is very risky. It's like trying again with the person you thought was the love of your life before you dallied with the buxom lass from the North West while she was ensconced with her new Latino lover.

The pessimists will say it'll never last and tears will follow, but there are examples that second time round is better. Keegan, Mike Ashley and the Newcastle Nation are obviously hoping that it will be the latter.

The rest of us are still agog it has happened but are ready to pull up a comfy chair, pop the cork on something red and enjoy the show.

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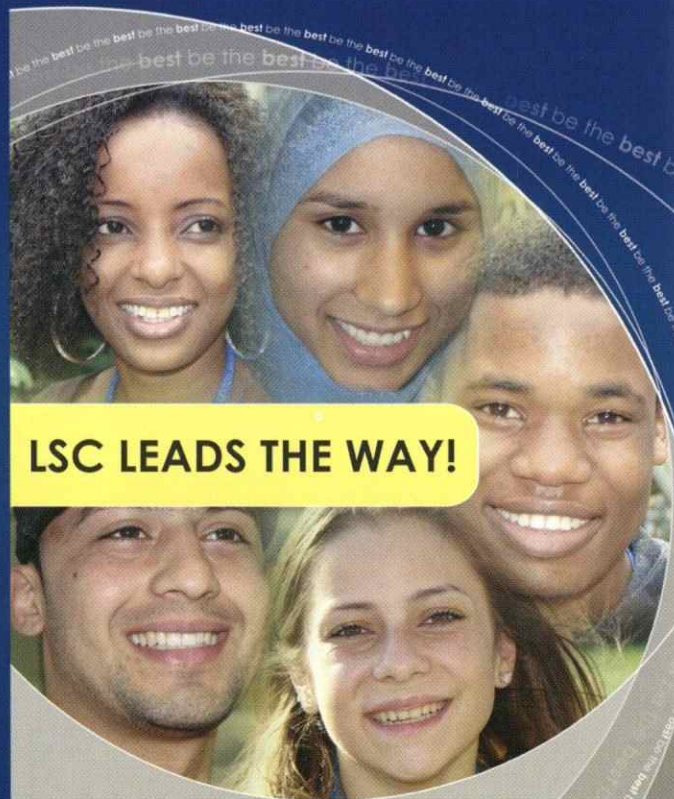
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Sean Thornton UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT



Sean Thornton

SEAN THORNTON wants Orient to send out a message to their League One promotion rivals with a strong performance against Luton Town this afternoon.

The 24-year-old Irishman says his O's teammates are still smarting from last weekend's 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest and he is keen to learn from their clinical nature.

A four-goal winning margin flattered the two-time European Champions and Thornton felt the visitors could have taken something from the game.

"4-0 was very harsh on us," he insisted. "The scoreline didn't show how it was on the day, because I thought we played quite well."

"We passed it well at times, but they took their chances when they got them and we didn't. We had enough opportunities to take something from the game but it wasn't to be and we were all disappointed to come away with nothing last Saturday."

"Today's game is a big one, and the lads were so annoyed by last week's result that we want to put on a show today."

"We want to do to teams what Forest did to us. They were ruthless and clinical and we have to be the same."

Thornton came closest to giving Orient the perfect start at Forest, but his stunning drive from range rebounded to safety off the post, and the ex-Sunderland man thought the outcome could have been different if that had gone in.

He continued: "It was one of those that when it left my boot I thought it was going in. If anything I think I hit it too well and on another day it would bounce off the inside of the post and go in."

"It seemed to sum up our luck on the day, because it would have been massive for us to go 1-0 up."

"In that first half hour they never looked like scoring, but then we switched off from a corner and that was a blow to us."

"We had to get our heads back right at half time because that was a real sucker punch, but then the game went away from us with the penalty decision."

"It didn't look like a penalty from where I was, but it was given and once that went in, we had a mountain to climb."

"We've had a few decisions go against us this year, and I think teams like Forest and Leeds use the big crowds at their grounds in their favour. If there's anything that looks like a penalty or a sending off at those kind of places, they give them straight away without thinking."

Thornton was on the scoresheet in Orient's last Brisbane Road outing, a 3-0 victory over Tranmere, and he is hoping to add to his tally of three for the season.

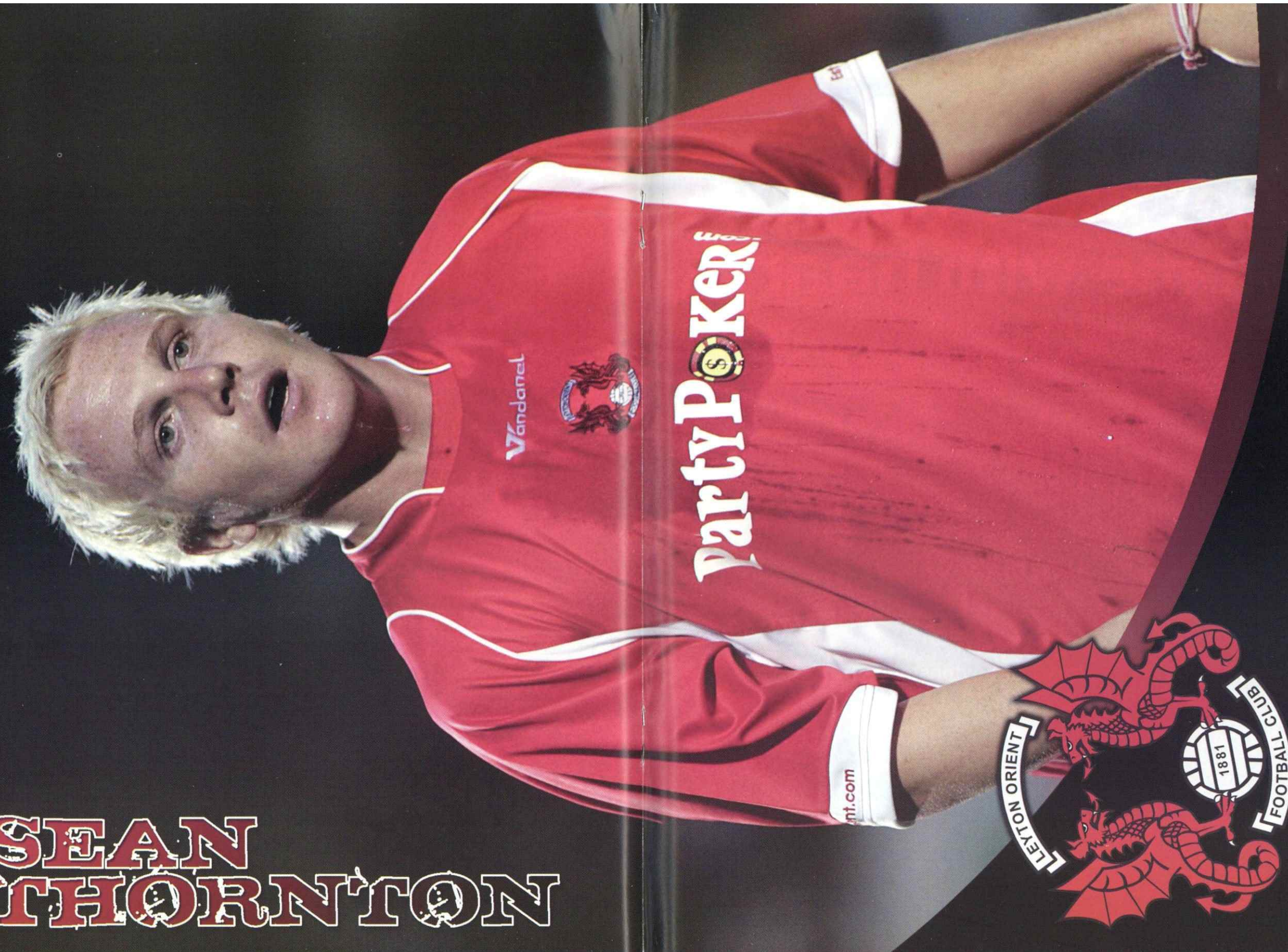
He added: "I was pleased with the goal against Tranmere, but more than anything, it was just good to be back involved. I hadn't played 90 minutes for a while leading up to that game, so I was glad to be back."

"So to get a goal, especially against an old team of mine, was even better. I'm definitely looking to grab a few more goals now this season."

"I set myself a target of ten goals for the season,"

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SEAN THORNTON



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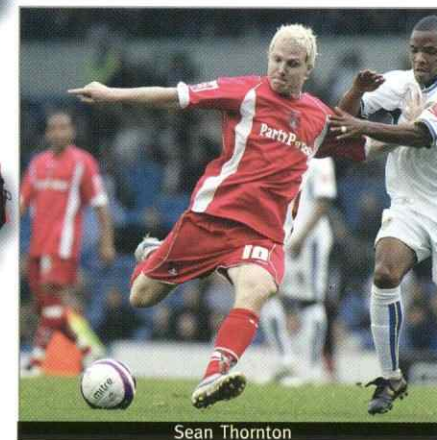
and although I missed 10 or 11 games with suspensions and injuries, I still hope to get close to that.

"To be honest though, you don't mind who scores as long as you are winning games."

Thornton is also hoping that Orient can build on that victory over Tranmere by turning Brisbane Road into a fortress.

He said: "The win over Tranmere certainly gives us something to build on here at home. We want to be sending teams away with nothing, and we're looking to improve our home record in the second half of the season."

"If you're winning games on your own patch it means you're going to be up there, because then you just have to nick results on the road."



Sean Thornton

Thornton is determined to secure a return to Championship football and he is convinced the O's can reach that goal this season.

He said: "We've certainly got the ability to stay up there in the shake-up. We've had a lot of ups and a few down this season - it's been a bit of a rollercoaster - but we need to go on a bit of a winning streak now."

"If we go on a run like we did at the start of the season, it would cement our position in the top six and then we could push on from there."

"We've got to work hard and ensure we're involved in that fight, because we all want to play in the Championship."

"Football at that level has a far greater profile than at League One and, if we were to get there, people would have to stand up and look at us."

"It would be great for the lads, the staff and the fans to get there, so we'll be giving our all to make this season a success."



INTERVIEW

Your Questions Answered

You have scored some tremendous goals in your career. How does last week's against Tranmere rank amongst them?

Alice Venning

Luckily enough, the goals I have scored throughout my career have tended to be spectacular ones.

If they haven't been free kicks, they've been long range strikes. I've only ever scored one tap in and that was for Sunderland against Preston.

It was a nice goal against Tranmere and it's certainly up there amongst my best.

You experienced football at the top level with Sunderland. Having gained a taste of the top flight, how determined does that make you to return?

Stuart Robinson

When I came here, my ambition was to get back to the Championship. I had two years at Doncaster and I think I was getting a little comfortable where I was, in League One.

I was probably settling for football at that level because I couldn't see a way of getting back.

But it's all about belief, and that's returned for me this year. We've got a great chance of making it to the Championship and we owe it to ourselves as professionals to try and play at as high a level as we can.

Sean, you became a fans' favourite at the start of the season with your key role in the win at Southend. How does it feel becoming such an icon at the start of your career here at the O's?

Barney Nash

It's always good to build a rapport with the supporters. I've been at clubs and seen players that the fans haven't taken to and it's hard for them.

Luckily enough, the fans have been good to me throughout my career and they've been great here too.

It does give your confidence a boost and that always helps as a player.

We are giving you the chance to have your questions to the players answered in this season's programme.

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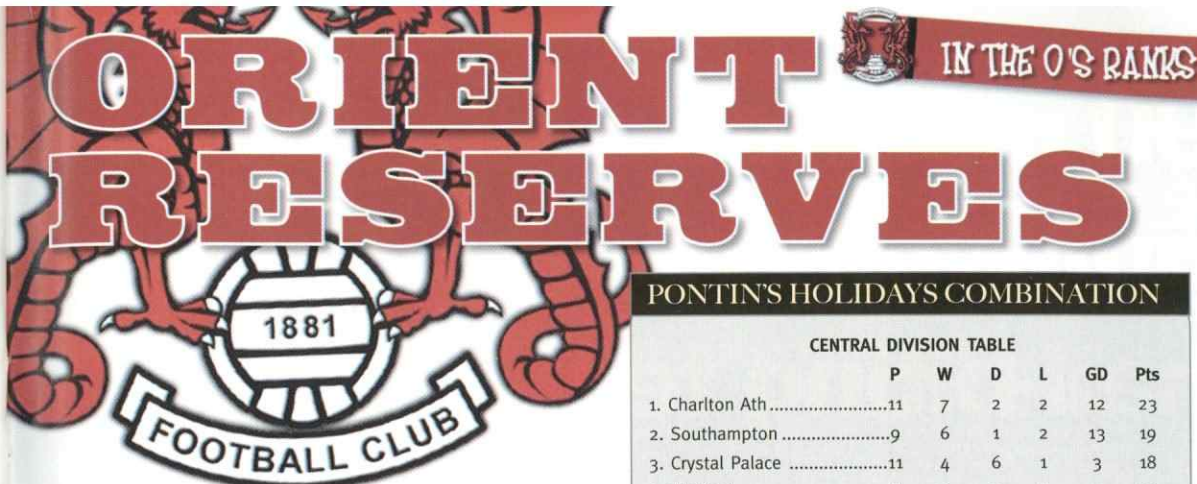


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YOUTHFUL O'S CLAIM WATFORD SCALP

Leyton Orient 2 - 1 Watford

Pontin's Holidays Combination Central Division
Wednesday January 9

JACK PAGE'S last minute goal gave Orient's reserve team a notable 2-1 victory over a Watford side loaded with top-level experience on Tuesday afternoon.

The visitors' side included six players with Premier League appearances under their belts, but Orient's youngsters competed throughout and were rewarded at the death.

Raphael Sylvester had earlier cancelled out Lionel Ainsworth's opener, and goalkeeper Michael Doyle also made himself a hero by saving Steve Kabba's stoppage time spot kick.

Assistant manager Dean Smith said: "It was an excellent performance from the lads and it's a great result."

"We ended the match with a full youth team out there on the pitch, so it's very pleasing that we beat a very experienced Watford side."

The signs looked ominous early on when Brandon Martin slipped trying to reach Solomon Shields' pass, leaving Ainsworth with a free run on goal. The young winger made no mistake in taking the ball around Doyle and he passed into an empty net.

But on the stroke of half time Orient stunned their visitors when Scott Grange's corner was headed on by Tom Kemp, leaving Sylvester with the simple task of turning home from close range.

Watford enjoyed the vast majority of the play in the second period and came desperately close to retaking the lead when left back Jordan Parkes smashed a long range effort against the underside of the bar on 54.

The same player almost squeezed a shot under Doyle as Watford kept up the pressure, but it was Orient who were to find the decisive second.

Estonian international keeper Mart Poom was the man to blame, making a hash of dealing with Tom Kemp's free kick and only clearing the ball as far as Page with his sliced kick.

The O's midfielder returned the ball immediately, and it just had enough legs to beat him and roll over the line.

Watford upped the ante and were awarded a penalty when Kemp was judged to have dragged down Ellington in the area.

Kabba stepped up looking to level the scores, but Doyle dived low to his right to turn the ball behind and ensure Orient would claim a notable scalp.

Orient: Michael Doyle; Brandon Martin, Sam Oji (Patrick O'Donnell 62), Frankie Webb, Tom Kemp; Jack Page, Solomon Shields, Scott Grange, Loick Pires; Efe Echanomi (Adam Bolle 67), Raphael Sylvester (Adam Marsh 72)

PONTIN'S HOLIDAYS COMBINATION

CENTRAL DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1. Charlton Ath.....	11	7	2	2	12	23
2. Southampton	9	6	1	2	13	19
3. Crystal Palace	11	4	6	1	3	18
4. Watford	8	3	3	2	1	12
5. Brighton & HA	9	3	3	3	1	12
6. Leyton Orient.....	8	4	0	4	1	12
7. QPR	9	3	2	4	-2	11
8. Aldershot Tn.....	8	3	1	4	-4	10
9. Millwall	11	1	4	6	-12	7
10. Wycombe W	8	1	0	7	-13	3

APPEARANCES + SUB (GOALS):

Harry Baker 0 + 1, Andy Barcham 1, Adam Bolle 0 + 1, Wayne Corden 3 (1), Charlie Daniels 3 (1), Ahmed Deen 1, Jason Demetriou 3, Michael Doyle 3, Efe Echanomi 8 (3), Clayton Fortune 1, Bradley Gray 0 + 4, Scott Grange 3 + 3, Matthew Hall 0 + 1, Callum Hart 1, Jabo Ibehre 2 (2), Chris James 1, Tom Kemp 1 + 1, Brandon Martin 8, Adam Marsh 0 + 1, JJ Melligan 1, Glenn Morris 5, Patrick O'Donnell 0 + 1, Sam Oji 5, Jack Page 6 + 2 (2), Aiden Palmer 4 (1), Loick Pires 2 + 3, Chris Robson 1, Brian Saah 4, Joe Schirripa 1, Solomon Shields 7, Michael Simpson 1, Raphael Sylvester 6 + 1 (1), Sean Thornton 1 (1), Frankie Webb 5 + 1.

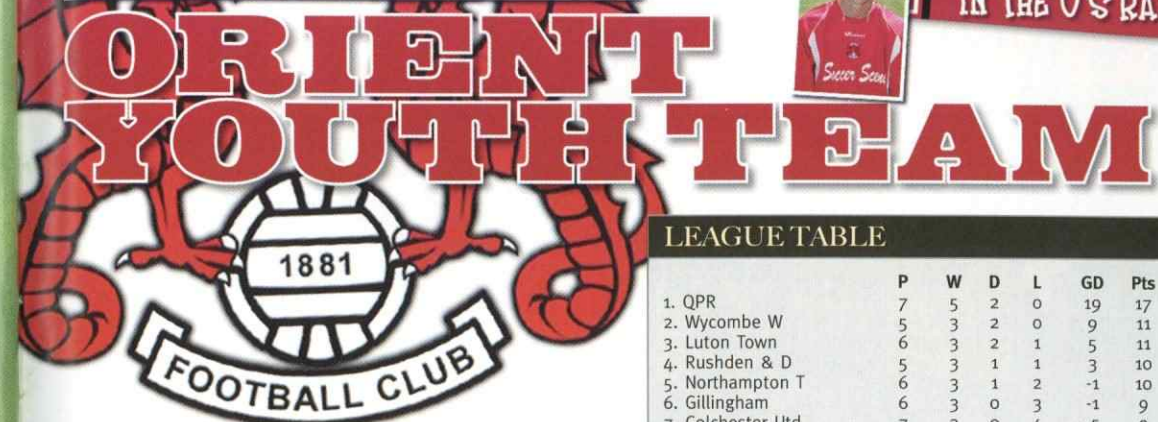
Date	Opponent	Kick-off
Aug 21	Charlton Athletic (h).....	L0-1
Sep 12	Crystal Palace (a)	L2-3
Sep 18	Wycombe Wanderers (h)	W3-0
Oct 16	Millwall (h)	L1-2
Nov 13	QPR (h)	W1-0
Dec 11	Aldershot Town (a)	L2-4
Dec 18	Millwall (a)	W1-0
Jan 9	Watford (h)	W2-1
Jan 22	QPR (a)	7pm
Feb 5	Southampton (h)	2pm
Feb 18	Charlton Athletic (a)	7pm
Feb 27	Crystal Palace (h)	2pm
Mar 5	Aldershot Town (h)	2pm
Mar 18	Wycombe Wanderers (a)	2pm
Apr 8	Southampton (a)	7pm
Apr 14	Watford (a)	7pm
TBA	Brighton & Hove Albion (a)	TBA
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LATE COMEBACK SEALS VICTORY COLCHESTER UNITED 1 - 2 LEYTON ORIENT

Puma Football League Youth Alliance South East Conference
Saturday January 12

STUNNING strikes from Loick Pires and Harry Baker gave Orient's youth team a 2-1 victory over Colchester United on Saturday.

The O's needed to show good character to come from behind in the last quarter of the game and manager Kevin Nugent was delighted with the outcome. He said: "It was a great result, and I was pleased for the players to get another win following their excellent performance in the reserve game against Watford last week.

"We showed a great strength of character to come from behind and the three points were well deserved." Orient were dealt a blow midway through the second half when Colchester's Josh Oakley gave them the lead. The visitors bounced back immediately, with Pires beating a couple of men before drilling into the net. The Londoners weren't finished yet, and Baker gave them all three points with an excellent volley from 18 yards.

Orient: Daniel Bygrave; Daryl Sydes, Elliott Babbs (Brandon Martin 10), Frankie Webb, Tom Kemp; Harry Baker, Solomon Shields, Scott Grange, Loick Pires; Adam Bolle (Adam Marsh 70), Bradley Gray

O'S SUFFER NARROW SHRIMPERS LOSS LEYTON ORIENT 0 - 1 SOUTHEND UNITED

Puma Youth Alliance South East Conference
Saturday January 5

ORIENT'S youth team started 2008 with a narrow defeat at the hands of local rivals Southend United.

The Shrimpers' Rhys Henry struck the only goal with 43 minutes on the clock to settle a tightly-contested game and leave the O's still searching for some consistency. Following a slow start to the contest, Orient's Adam Marsh had the first shot of the game, driving low across the face of the goal with seven minutes on the clock.

Tom Kemp then sent a free-kick just wide of the mark, but it was Southend who made the breakthrough two minutes before the break.

Richard Priest eventually worked the ball through to Henry, who gave Doyle no chance with his drive from 12 yards.

Orient: Daniel Bygrave; Brandon Martin, Frankie Webb, Patrick O'Donnell, Tom Kemp; Solomon Shields, Jack Page (Harry Baker), Scott Grange, Loick Pires (Henry Atu); Adam Marsh, Adam Bolle.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1. QPR	7	5	2	0	19	17
2. Wycombe W	5	3	2	0	9	11
3. Luton Town	6	3	2	1	5	11
4. Rushden & D	5	3	1	1	3	10
5. Northampton T	6	3	1	2	-1	10
6. Gillingham	6	3	0	3	-1	9
7. Colchester Utd	7	3	0	4	-5	9
8. Brighton & HA	5	2	2	1	3	8
9. Leyton Orient	6	2	2	2	-1	8
10. Brentford	6	2	2	2	-4	8
11. Peterborough U	6	1	1	4	-4	4
12. Southend Utd	6	0	1	5	-12	1
13. Barnet	5	0	0	5	-11	0

APPEARANCES + SUB (GOALS)

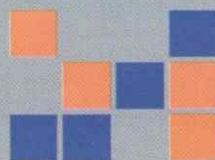
Henry Atu 7 + 5 (1), Harry Baker 10 + 4 (1), Elliott Babbs 7 + 3 (1), Harry Beautyman 0 + 2, Adam Bolle 7 + 7 (3), Daniel Bygrave 3, Michael Doyle 11 + 1, Scott Grange 14 (1), Bradley Gray 10 + 2 (4), Matthew Hall 10 + 1, Lemar Joseph-Johnson 2, Tom Kemp 14 (2), Brandon Martin 11 + 2, Adam Marsh 10 + 5 (3), Ryan Nelson 1, Patrick O'Donnell 1, Jack Page 12 + 1 (2), Loick Pires 13 + 1 (2), Solomon Shields 15 (1), Daryl Sydes 2, Chris Robson 1, Frankie Webb 16 (2).

FIXTURES...

Date	Opposition	Score
Aug 18	Gillingham (a)	W2-0
Sep 1	Rushden & Diamonds (h)	L1-2
Sep 8	Brighton & HA (a)	D2-2
Sep 15	Southend Utd (h) (YAC)	W2-1
Sep 22	Yeovil Town (a) (YAC)	W3-2
Sep 29	Gillingham (h) (YAC)	Lo-2
Oct 6	Bristol Rovers (a) (YAC)	L1-3
Oct 13	Colchester Utd (h) (YAC)	D1-1
Oct 20	Oxford United (a) (YAC)	L1-2
Oct 27	Swindon Town (a) (YAC)	L3-4
Nov 2	Luton Town (a) (FAYC1)	L1-2
Nov 17	Peterborough United (a)	Do-0
Dec 8	QPR (h)	Lo-4
Dec 15	Luton Town (a)	W4-2
Jan 5	Southend United (h)	Lo-1
Jan 12	Colchester United (a)	W2-1
Jan 19	Northampton Town (h)	
Feb 2	Barnet (h)	
Feb 9	Brentford (a)	
Feb 16	Gillingham (h)	
Mar 1	Rushden & Diamonds (a)	
Mar 8	Brighton & HA (h)	
Mar 15	Wycombe Wanderers (a)	
Mar 29	Peterborough United (h)	
Apr 5	QPR (a)	
TBA	Wycombe Wanderers (h)	

YOUTH ALLIANCE CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1. Gillingham	7	6	1	0	12	19
2. Swindon Town	7	5	0	2	3	15
3. Colchester United	7	3	2	2	3	11
4. Southend United	7	3	2	2	2	11
5. Bristol Rovers	7	3	0	4	-1	9
6. Oxford United	7	2	1	4	-3	7
7. Leyton Orient	7	2	1	4	-4	7
8. Yeovil Town	7	0	1	6	-12	1



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SPURS RESERVES v CHELSEA

An attractive reserve game is scheduled for Monday next, January 21 when Spurs and Chelsea reserve teams meet at Brisbane Road.

As always for these games the Supporters Club will be open from 5pm throughout the evening until 10pm so even if you don't want to watch the game O's fans are welcome to come along and enjoy a Monday night drink or two in the club.

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O'S TRIVIA

THE NUMBERS GAME

14 The number of appearances made for Orient by goalkeeper Les Sealey, one of the game's characters. He moved to the club in the summer of 1996 but the arrival of new manager Tommy Taylor saw him fall out of favour and a swap deal was arranged with West Ham that brought Peter Shilton to the O's. Sealey, though had a fine record for Luton Town whom he joined from Coventry City and made 259 senior appearances for the Hatters between 1983 and 1988 before being transferred to Manchester United for whom he gained a European Cup Winners Cup medal in 1991. He also played for Plymouth, Aston Villa, Birmingham, Blackpool and Bury. Sadly, he died in 2001.

15 Orient are due for a win against Luton having not finished ahead of the Hatters in their last 15 meetings. Luton have won 11 of those encounters that include an FA Cup tie, three League Cup matches and an Associate Members Cup fixture. The last time that the O's outscored this afternoon's opponents was on October 28 1978 when they took the second Division points with a 3-2 success.

54 The number of League and Cup matches contested between the two clubs. Luton enjoy the bragging rights having won 22 matches whilst the O's have won 14 of the clashes. Orient recorded a 2-1 away victory on March 10 1930 in a Third Division (South) match when the teams first met and followed-up to complete the double with a 6-1 win five weeks later. That remains our highest win against Luton and we also won 5-1 at Luton the following season which still remains our best away performance against them. We suffered our worst away defeat against Luton on September 5 1932 when we were beaten 4-1 and they repeated the score line to win a League Cup match here at Brisbane Road on September 25 1984 to record their best away win against the O's.

1930 The year that Clapton Orient were drawn to meet Luton Town in an FA Cup First Round tie. The first match, at Kenilworth Road finished 2-2 with Rennie and Bryce netting for the Hatters whilst Tricker and a McGonigle own goal netted the O's goals. The replay however, had to be switched from Lea Bridge to Highbury because the O's ground was out of commission due to redesign work ordered by the Football Association. The replay, played on December 4 in front of 8,021, resulted in a 4-2 win for the Hatters with two goals from Rennie and one each from McNestry and Armstrong whilst Tricker and Cropper replied for Orient.

10 TOTACKLE

In this quiz, we ask ten questions to test your knowledge about this evening's visitors.

1. Who was the manager who infamously ran across the pitch at the end of the in match with Manchester City at Maine Road in May 1983 following Luton's successful bid to avoid relegation from the top-flight?
2. Who was manager when the Hatters won the League Cup in 1988?
3. Who did they play in the final and what was the score?
4. Which Orient midfielder and Eire international joined Luton in July 1979 for a fee of £150,000?
5. In which season did Luton become members of the Football League?
6. In which year did Luton appear in the FA Cup Final?
7. Who were their opponents and what was the final score?
8. Who took over as manager after David Pleat moved to Sheffield Wednesday in the summer of 1995?
9. What is the record transfer fee received by the Hatters and who was the player involved?
10. Luton beat Bristol Rovers in a League game on April 13 1936. What was the score and how many goals did Joe Payne score that day?

Payne scored 10 goals to give Luton a 12-0 victory.
Tony Grealish - 9 WBA paid £3,000,000 for Curtis Davies - 10
Terry Westley - 9 WBA paid £3,000,000 for Curtis Davies - 10
Answers: 1 David Pleat - 2 Roy Hordford - 3 Arsenal, 3-2 - 4
5 1897 - 6 1959 - 7 Nottingham Forest 2-1 - 8
9 1987 - 10 WBA paid £3,000,000 for Curtis Davies - 10





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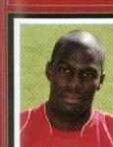
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NEWS FLASH

OJI RETURNS TO BRISBANE ROAD

FORMER Birmingham City defender Sam Oji has returned to Brisbane Road on a six-month contract.

The 22-year-old centre half put pen-to-paper on a permanent deal last week having secured his release by the Blues.

Oji spent three months on loan with Orient earlier this season and manager Martin Ling is pleased to make another addition to the squad.

He said: "We know all about Sam from his loan spell and he impressed us during that time.

"His attitude was first class and he did well whenever he was called into the team.

"He will offer us good cover both at right back and centre

half, which will be especially important over the next three to four weeks due to Alton Thelwell's injury."

Oji was an unused substitute in Saturday's defeat at Nottingham Forest and is likely to be in Ling's squad again this afternoon.

RESERVE GAME A WASHOUT

ORIENT'S Pontin's Holidays Combination Central Division fixture with Brighton & Hove Albion was postponed on Tuesday due to a waterlogged pitch.

Heavy rain throughout the early part of the week had left the Brisbane Road surface unplayable and an alternative date will now have to be found.

Keep checking leytonorient.com and E10 for news of the new date for this fixture.

SPURS RESERVES IN TOWN THIS MONDAY

TOTTENHAM'S reserve side return to Brisbane Road action this Monday when they play host to Chelsea in a Premier Reserve League South fixture.

Clive Allen's team will be looking to get back to winning ways after falling to defeat in their last three games and they will be keen to get one over their London rivals.

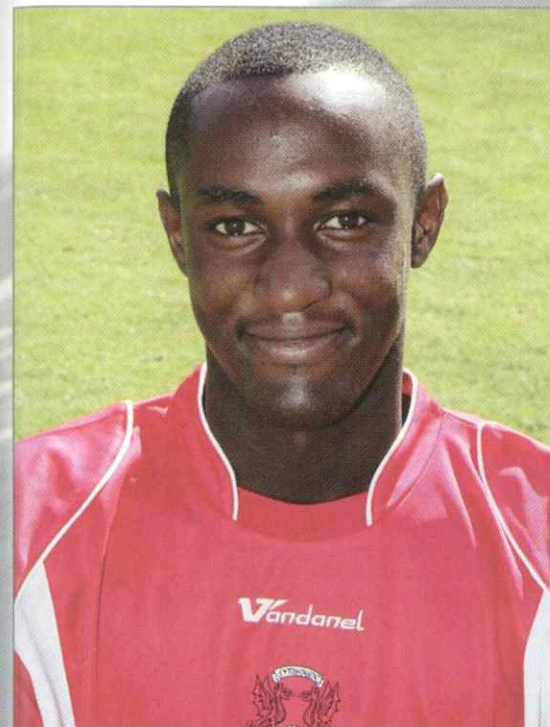
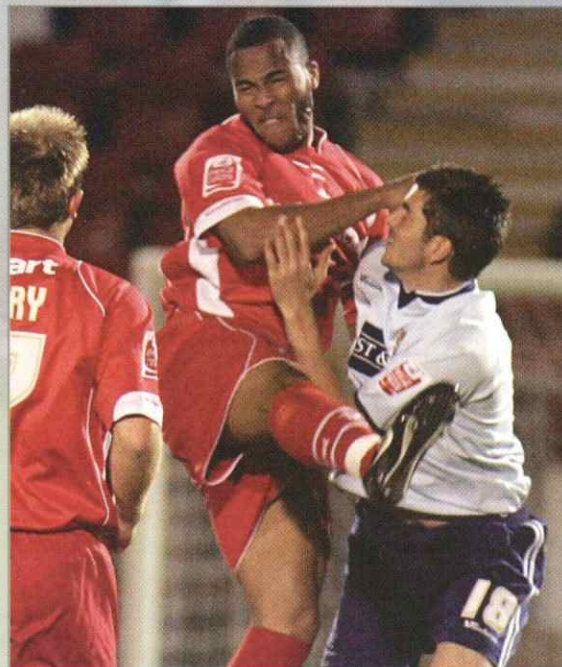
Kick-off is at 7pm, with admission to the West Stand costing £5 adults and £3 concessions. Orient season ticket holders are admitted at the concessionary rate.

NEW DATE FOR ALDERSHOT COMBINATION GAME

ORIENT'S reserves will now face Aldershot Town in their Brisbane Road Pontin's Holidays Combination Central Division fixture on Wednesday March 5, kick-off 2pm.

This game was originally scheduled for April 22, but has now been brought forward to the earlier date.

The O's second string fell to a 4-2 defeat at Aldershot earlier this season, so they will be looking for revenge in the return match.



SYLVESTER'S ON TARGET FOR HAWKS

YOUNG Orient striker Raphael Sylvester struck the only goal for Harlow Town as they beat AFC Hornchurch recently.

The 19-year-old scored with 15 minutes left of the Bridge Avenue clash to lift the Hawks three places to 14th in the Ryman Premier League table.

Second year scholar Sylvester, who was an unused substitute for Orient's first team in the recent defeat at Bournemouth, is at Harlow on a work experience basis, allowing him to represent both teams.

Saturday's goal was the second of Sylvester's stay at the Barrows Farm Stadium. While Hornchurch also had four former O's on display in the shape of Donny Barnard, Joe Keith, Shane Oakley and Danny Glozier.

VOTING STILL OPEN IN FOOTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE is hosting its third annual awards night in London in March - and voting for the main awards is now underway.

The race is on to appear on the League's prestigious top 50 players list - and supporters' votes play their part in deciding who makes the cut

Four O's players have made the League One shortlist, with Adam Boyd, Adam Chambers, Tamika Mkandawire and Sean Thornton all appearing - but you can vote for anyone in League One!

The award is presented in conjunction with FourFourTwo magazine, and voting is cast on their official website - <http://www.fourfourtwo.premierv.co.uk/page/sub/Vote>

Now in their third year, the Football League Awards celebrate all that's great in League football - both on and off the pitch.

There are a number of football awards and industry specific honours, and this year's full list of Football League Award categories are as follows:

- FourFourTwo Player of the Year in each division
- FourFourTwo Young Player of the Year
- Fan of the Year
- Family Club of the Year in each division
- Young Apprentice Awards (including the Wickes Young Apprentice)
- Best Fan Marketing Campaign
- Best Matchday Programme
- Best Community Initiative in each division
- Community Club of the Year
- Goal of the Year
- Contribution to League Football

Remember your vote shapes the top 50 lists and Player of the Year award. Visit <http://www.fourfourtwo.premierv.co.uk/page/sub/Vote> to register your vote.

MORRIS CLOSES IN ON RETURN

GLENN MORRIS will be available for selection again this afternoon after shaking off a thigh injury.

The 24-year-old goalkeeper has missed five matches with the injury, but is now fit to return to the squad.

He is likely to be joined by striker Adam Boyd, who has been absent since the New Year's Day draw with Gillingham with a knee problem.

The former Luton man was due to return to training this week and should be available today.

However, Wayne Gray (thigh) is likely to miss out, along with Jabo Ibehre (Achilles), Alton Thelwell (knee) and Clayton Fortune (shoulder).



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ONE ON ONE

LEAGUE ROUND UP

JONNY DAVIES takes a look at what's been happening in League One...

SHRIMPERS SPLASH THE CASH

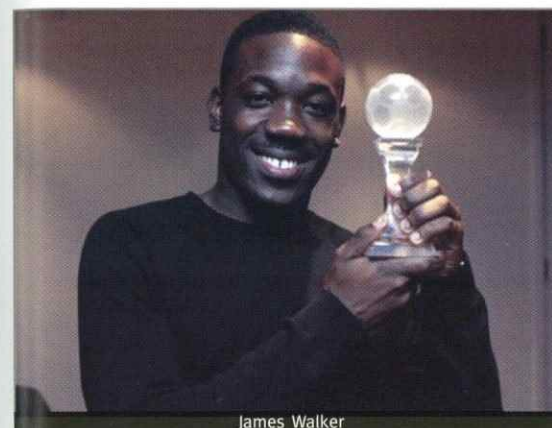
SOUTHEND UNITED have completed the signing of James Walker from Charlton Athletic.

The striker had a spell on loan with the O's last season, netting three times in 10 starts, but now joins the Shrimpers in a £200,000 deal and has penned a two-and-a-half year contract.

Walker had been on loan at Yeovil from Charlton since last October, but arrives at Roots Hall on a permanent deal, and the promising youngster is looking forward to fulfilling his potential.

"I am at the age now where I need to play games," he said.

"I live in Leyton, so it's nice and close, and I am really excited about the move."



James Walker

MAURICE MOVES IN

SWINDON TOWN have confirmed the appointment of Maurice Malpas as manager after a takeover was finally completed this week, as the club look to rebuild following the financial dangers that have troubled them this season.

Malpas had been lined up as the League One club's new boss last week by Andrew Fitton, who was heading up a consortium to buy Swindon.

Since then Fitton has finalised his buy-out at the County Ground and can confirm Malpas' arrival at the club.

Meanwhile, Fitton has become Swindon's new chairman and outlined the way the board will function following a restructure of the way the club is run.

"Of now, we are completely in control," Fitton told a press conference.

"The board of Swindon Town Football Club will be made up of myself, Jeremy Wray, Russell Backhouse and Nick Watkins, who has taken on the role of chief executive.

"I will act as chairman and that will be the board for the foreseeable future. We like to operate our businesses with a small board at the start, but that may change as time goes on."

BENNETT'S NEW DEAL

NOTTINGHAM FOREST'S Julian Bennett has signed a new two-and-a-half year deal to keep him at the City Ground until 2010.

Following his return in the summer to the club where he started as a teenager, the defender has made 16 appearances for Forest in League One this season as Colin Calderwood looks to lead the side back into the Championship.

Following the early season injury to former O's man Matt Lockwood, Bennett cemented his place at left back impressing the Forest faithful.

Now, despite facing a scrap from the fit again Lockwood for the left back place, Bennett is thrilled to be staying at Forest.

"I love it at Forest. Everybody knows I supported the club as a kid and having had a spell away from the club when I was released from the academy, I can't imagine not being around the place," he said.

NOT A WISE MOVE

DERBY boss Paul Jewell has been linked again with a potential £3 million move for Leeds United forward Jermaine Beckford, the leading scorer in League One this campaign, though the message from Elland Road is that he is going nowhere.

Never short of an opinion, Leeds boss Dennis Wise made clear his belief that despite being a Premiership side, Derby are a lesser club than The Whites.

"If I'm being totally honest, then, why would you go from Leeds to Derby?" said Wise. "You just wouldn't."



Jermaine Beckford

THE LEAGUE ONE TITLE FAVOURITES...

Swansea City	13/8
Nottingham Forest.....	9/4
Leeds United	11/4
Doncaster Rovers	11/1
Carlisle United	14/1
Walsall	25/1



MATCH STATS...

**LEYTON ORIENT 3
TRANMERE ROVERS 0**

*Coca-Cola League One,
Brisbane Road,
Tuesday January 8 2008*

LEYTON ORIENT

- 1 Stuart Nelson
- 2 Stephen Purches
- 5 Tamika Mkandawire
- 6 Brian Saah
- 8 Adam Chambers
- 9 Wayne Gray
- 10 Sean Thornton
- 11 Wayne Corden
- 14 Andy Barcham
- 17 Paul Terry
- 19 Aiden Palmer

Subs:

- 3 Charlie Daniels
- 7 JJ Melligan
- 20 Jason Demetriou for Corden (83)
- 21 Efe Echanomi for Gray (86)
- 22 Raphael Sylvester

Goals: Gray (11), Thornton (84),
Demetriou (90+1)

Booked: Mkandawire

TRANMERE ROVERS

- 1 Danny Coyne
- 2 Robbie Stockdale
- 4 Paul McLaren
- 5 Shane Sherriff
- 6 Antony Kay
- 8 Calvin Zola
- 9 Gareth Taylor
- 10 Chris Greenacre
- 12 Steve Jennings
- 14 Ben Chorley
- 18 Jennison Myrie-Williams

Subs:

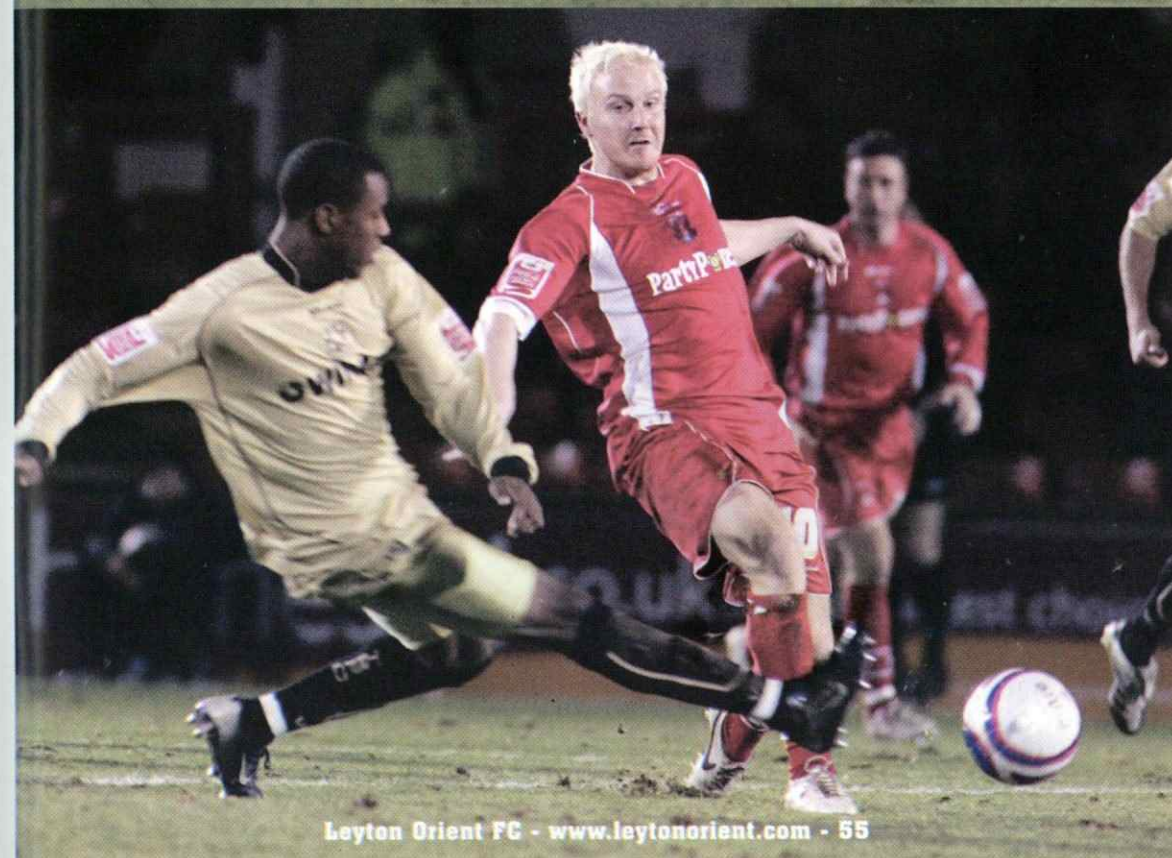
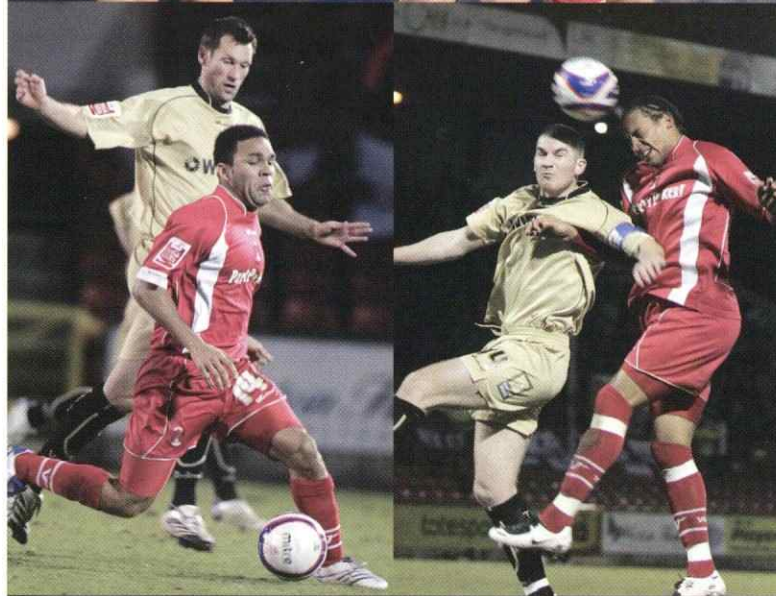
- 3 Carl Tremarco for Greenacre (53)
- 11 Adnan Ahmed
- 21 Michael Jones
- 24 John Achterberg (GK)
- 25 Craig Curran for Taylor (72)

Booked: Sherriff, McLaren

Sent off: Sherriff

Referee: Andre Marriner (West
Midlands)

Attendance: 3,447 (252 away)





MATCH STATS...

Martin Ling: "It was a good solid performance and the two late goals were the icing on the cake."

"I thought we were always in control of the game and we were the better side at 11 v 11, and the two great strikes from Thornton and Demetriou made the game safe when they went to ten men."

"Sean's got that in his locker. It's the first he's scored from open play to go with the two wonderful strikes from set pieces, and we all know that Jason's got goals in him."

TIMELINE...

9 mins – Andy Barcham shows fantastic pace and skill to break through two Tranmere challenges on the edge of the area, but he is denied the opening goal by a good save from Rovers stopper Danny Coyne.

11 mins – Orient don't have to wait long for the breakthrough, with Wayne Gray marking his return to the side in style by lashing home from close range after Tranmere fail to clear an O's corner.

30 mins – Stuart Nelson reacts brilliantly to touch Shane Sherriff's deflected effort over the bar as Tranmere look for an equaliser.

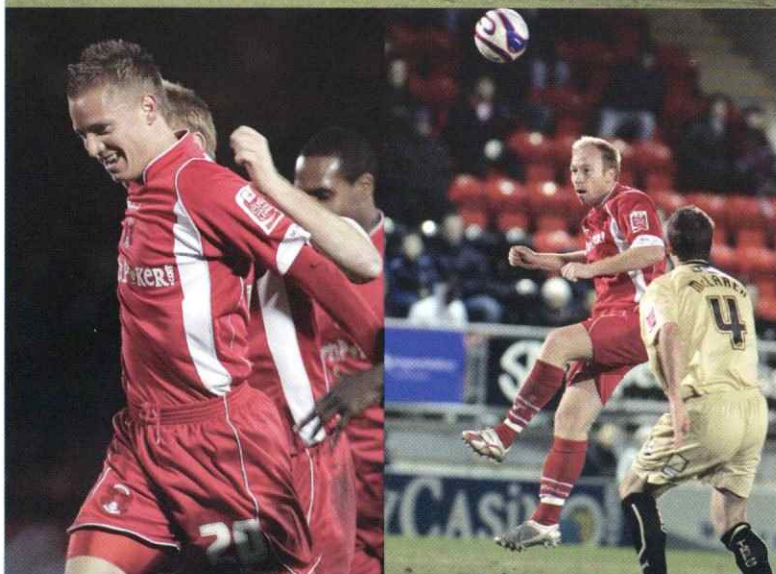
34 mins – Nelson produces an even better save to keep Orient's lead intact, thrusting a hand to the right to block Paul McLaren's fierce effort from range.

50 mins – Tranmere finish the first half strongly, but their chances of taking anything from the contest are harmed when Sherriff is dismissed for collecting two yellow cards.

67 mins – Nevertheless, Calvin Zola comes close to leveling when he hooks a left-footed snapshot narrowly wide of Nelson's far post.

84 mins – Former Tranmere man Sean Thornton puts the outcome beyond doubt when he receives possession from Jason Demetriou before lofting a sublime effort over Coyne and into the top corner.

90 mins – Demetriou rubs salt into Tranmere wounds when he finishes off a flowing move by drilling low past the visiting stopper.





Picture caption from a match with Luton Town on September 4 1971, showing Barry Dyson shooting for goal with Mark Lazarus looking on. The match finished as a goalless draw...

Mark Lazarus

One of the game's truly colourful characters, Mark enjoyed spells with Brentford, Leyton Orient (twice), Queens Park Rangers, Crystal Palace and Wolverhampton Wanderers during a career that encompassed 442 games and 135 goals.

Born in Stepney in 1938, two of his older brothers were professional boxers but it was on the football pitch that Mark gained recognition. He was discovered by the O's playing for Barking in 1957 and after playing as a triallist - and scoring two goals against Charlton Athletic in a London Challenge Cup match - we signed him on professional forms. He made his first team debut against Reading in a Third Round FA Cup tie in January 1958. At first his opportunities for first team football were limited but, after completing his National Service during the summer of 1960, his career blossomed. He was transferred to QPR in September of that year for a fee of £3,000 and after scoring a dozen goals in 29 matches for the R's, he made a big money move at the time (£27,000) to First Division Wolves a year later, only to return to QPR six months later for £16,000. He was signed by Brentford in January 1964 where he became an instant favourite with the crowd.

His exuberant goal celebrations were a feature of his performances but after two seasons with the Bees, he returned to QPR for a fee of £5,000. Now 27 years old, Mark enjoyed some great times at 'The Bush' appearing in four promotion winning sides as well as a League Cup Final. Eventually he was on his travels again, and after a spell at Crystal Palace, he rejoined the O's in October 1969 in a £7,500 move. He still possessed all the old dribbling skills and contributed seven goals from his 29 appearances in a season that saw us lift the Third Division Championship.

After a couple more seasons, he decided to call it a day. His 442nd and last Football League appearance took place on a dramatic Tuesday (May 2 1972) night at Brisbane Road when in front of a massive 33,363 crowd, Birmingham City beat the O's 1-0 to gain a place into the First Division thus denying Millwall the promotion spot.

After quitting the professional game, Mark played for Folkestone and Ilford before retiring completely to concentrate on the running of a transport business in the Romford area. His nephew, Bobby Fisher, subsequently followed in Mark's footsteps appearing for both Leyton Orient and Brentford.

Barry Dyson

Oldham-born, he began his career with Bury but having failed to make the grade with the Shakers, he joined Tranmere Rovers for whom he made his debut on the opening day of the 1962/63 season and he ended the campaign with 13 goals in 39 games.

Originally a winger, he switched to an inside-forward position and in 1963/64, he topped Rovers scoring charts with 30 goals in 49 League and Cup matches and followed-up with 29 goals the following term that also saw him returned as the club's leading scorer. He topped the charts for a third successive time in 1965/66 with 31 goals in 42 games but he then asked to be placed on the transfer list in September 1966 and joined Crystal Palace for a £15,000 fee.

In October 1967, he moved to Watford for £9,000 and scored 19 goals in 38 games before Jimmy Bloomfield signed him for the O's for a fee of £8,000. He was converted to a predominantly midfield role and enjoyed a run of 112 consecutive appearances, deputising as captain for Terry Mancini on occasions, and helped us lift the Third Division Championship in 1969/70.

After netting 28 goals in 160 league games, he left to end his professional career at Colchester United and then joined Chelmsford City before becoming manager of Boreham Wood FC. Upon his retirement from football, he ran a haulage company in Colchester but sadly, Barry died from a heart attack in February 1995 at the age of 53.



TRAVEL

ON THE ROAD

NORTHAMPTON TOWN V LEYTON ORIENT

Coca-Cola League One, Friday January 25 2008. Kick Off 7.45pm
The club have been sent 900 tickets for this match with a further 400 available should demand dictate.

Tickets are on sale now, priced as follows:

Adults: £19 - Seniors 60+/Students: £15 - Juniors (Under 16): £12 - Juniors (Under 7): FREE - Adult Disabled: £13 - Junior Disabled: £10 - Carer FREE

Nine pairs of wheelchair disabled tickets are also available. These tickets are available in person from the Oliver Road Ticket Office, or by calling 0871 310 1883.

GETTING THERE - (Approx 82 miles)

By road: Leave the M1 at junction 15A and take the A43 towards Northampton. The ground will appear on your right hand side.

By train: Northampton station is located over two miles from the ground, so it is advisable to take taxi to the ground from the station.

WALSALL V LEYTON ORIENT

Coca-Cola League One, Tuesday January 29 2008. Kick Off 7.45pm
Tickets for this match are cheaper when purchased in advance, but advance sales are from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office only on 0871 663 0111 or 0871 663 0222. Tickets purchased this way are subject to a 50p credit card charge per transaction and a £1 charge for postage.

Cash turnstiles are available on the day for matchday sales and supporters should use turnstiles 21-28.

Prices are as follows:

	Advance	Matchday
Adult	£17	£19
Juniors/Senior Citizens*	£11	£13

* Juniors and Seniors must be under 16 and over 60 respectively as at August 1 2007.

GETTING THERE - (Approx 139 miles)

By road: Leave the M6 at Junction 7 and take the A34 towards Walsall. At the end of the dual carriageway turn left at the Bell Inn public house into Walstead Road (signposted Bescot Stadium, Bescot Station Park & Ride). Continue straight on this road for two miles, passing another pub called the Tiger on your left. You will come to Bescot Stadium and the entrance to the away end on your right.

By rail: Bescot Stadium has its own station, situated behind the away end only a few minutes walk from the turnstiles. Trains run there on a local line from Birmingham New Street and the journey time is around 20 minutes.

Tickets...

Coca-Cola League One

LEYTON ORIENT V SOUTHEND UNITED

Saturday February 2 2008. Kick Off 3.00pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale from the Orient ticket office in Oliver Road, over the telephone on 0871 310 1883 or online at www.leytonorient.com

Prices for this match are as follows:

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Under 11s	Free (if reserved in advance)

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Concessions	£13

SOUTH STAND

Adults	£20
Concessions	£13

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Charlie Daniels	13	5	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	17	7	2	19	7	2
Alton Thelwell	20	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	48	2	1	96	17	2
Tamika Mkandawire	26	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	31	0	3	94	0	8
Brian Saah	6	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	59	14	2	59	14	2
JJ Melligan	18	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	23	4	3	211	21	36
Adam Chambers	26	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	3	6	130	27	7
Wayne Gray	18	3	4	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	38	5	12	175	116	56
Sean Thornton	14	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	16	3	3	114	63	17
Wayne Corden	14	7	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	14	7	315	81	47
Glenn Morris	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	90	3	0	90	3	0
Michael Simpson*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	0	4	481	40	28
Andrew Barcham	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	5	3	0
Samuel Oji	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	8	7	0
Jabo Ibehre	8	6	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	127	99	37	127	99	37
Paul Terry	22	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	27	2	0	170	29	13
Adam Boyd	24	0	8	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	28	1	11	159	76	77
Aiden Palmer	14	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	32	2	0	32	2	0
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* Player no longer with the club

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE...

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Swansea	23	7	3	2	20	9	7	2	2	24	12	23	47
2	Nottm Forest	24	8	4	1	25	7	4	4	3	14	9	23	44
3	Leeds	26	11	1	1	29	8	7	3	3	19	13	27	43
4	Carlisle	24	9	1	1	23	7	3	5	5	15	18	13	42
5	Doncaster	25	7	3	3	20	10	4	5	3	18	14	14	41
6	Walsall	26	4	6	3	16	13	6	5	2	16	9	10	41
7	Leyton Orient	26	6	4	3	17	15	5	3	5	16	21	-3	40
8	Yeovil	26	6	2	5	14	15	4	4	5	11	13	-3	36
9	Brighton	24	5	3	3	18	14	4	4	5	13	14	3	34
10	Tranmere	26	6	3	4	17	11	3	4	6	11	17	0	34
11	Southend	25	6	2	5	21	14	4	2	6	13	21	-1	34
12	Swindon	24	6	3	3	19	12	2	5	5	14	19	2	32
13	Oldham	24	2	5	5	9	13	6	3	3	17	11	2	32
14	Hartlepool	25	5	5	2	20	12	3	1	9	15	23	0	30
15	Gillingham	24	6	4	2	19	13	2	2	8	9	25	-10	30
16	Huddersfield	25	5	3	5	17	16	4	0	8	8	25	-16	30
17	Bristol Rovers	23	2	5	3	13	15	5	3	5	12	11	-1	29
18	Northampton	26	5	4	4	19	14	2	4	7	12	25	-8	29
19	Crewe	25	6	2	5	16	18	1	5	6	9	21	-14	28
20	Millwall	24	6	1	5	19	14	1	4	7	7	22	-10	26
21	Cheltenham	24	5	5	3	12	13	1	1	9	7	22	-16	24
22	Luton	24	8	2	2	19	11	1	4	7	7	16	-1	23
23	Port Vale	26	3	3	7	13	17	2	2	9	10	22	-16	20
24	Bournemouth	25	2	3	7	11	22	3	2	8	16	23	-18	20

COMING SOON...

FOLLOWING this afternoon's game we face successive away days to Northampton Town next Friday (January 25) and to Walsall on Tuesday (January 29) before we return here on Saturday February 2 for a derby duel with Southend United.

We started our season with a 2-1 win at Roots Hall, thanks to strikes from Sean Thornton and Adam Boyd and will be looking to complete a double against the Shrimpers who are currently 11th in the table with 34 points from 25 games following their 1-1 home draw with Yeovil Town last weekend.

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Sat Aug 11	Southend United A	W2-1	2nd	9,821 (2,095)
Tue Aug 14	QPR (CC 1) A	W2-1	-	5,260 (971)
Sat Aug 18	Walsall H	W1-0	1st	4,524 (456)
Sat Aug 25	Crewe Alexandra A	W2-0	1st	4,683 (412)
Tue Aug 28	Cardiff City (CC2) A	Lo-1	-	6,150 (110)
Sat Sep 1	Northampton Town H	D2-2	1st	5,170 (634)
Mon Sep 3	Notts County (PT1) A	W1-0	-	900 (89)
Sat Sep 8	A.F.C. Bournemouth H	W1-0	1st	4,995 (529)
Sat Sep 15	Yeovil Town A	W1-0	1st	5,217 (368)
Sat Sep 22	Hartlepool United H	L2-4	1st	5,325 (423)
Sat Sep 29	Bristol Rovers A	W3-2	1st	7,181 (404)
Tue Oct 2	Gillingham A	L1-3	1st	5,632 (992)
Sat Oct 6	Swansea City H	Lo-5	2nd	5,586 (687)
Tue Oct 9	Dag & Red (JPT2) H	Lo-1	-	2,397 (763)
Sat Oct 13	Leeds United A	D1-1	3rd	29,177 (1,509)
Sat Oct 20	Port Vale H	W3-1	1st	4,555 (196)
Sun Oct 28	Doncaster Rovers A	L2-4	4th	7,184 (563)
Sat Nov 3	Oldham Athletic H	W1-0	2nd	4,690 (334)
Tue Nov 6	Swindon Town A	D1-1	3rd	5,874 (475)
Sat Nov 10	Bristol Rovers (FAC1) H	D1-1	-	3,157 (453)
Sat Nov 17	Brighton & Hove A H	D2-2	2nd	6,496 (1,297)
Sat Nov 24	Huddersfield Town A	W1-0	1st	9,697 (328)
Tue Nov 27	Bristol Rovers (FAC1R) A	D3-3*	-	3,742 (135)
Tue Dec 4	Millwall H	Lo-1	3rd	6,220 (1,568)
Sat Dec 8	Cheltenham Town H	W2-0	2nd	4,156 (199)
Sat Dec 15	Carlisle United A	Lo-1	4th	6,843 (189)
Sat Dec 22	Yeovil Town H	Do-0	5th	4,687 (426)
Wed Dec 26	A.F.C. Bournemouth A	L1-3	5th	5,356 (497)
Sat Dec 29	Hartlepool United A	D1-1	7th	4,379 (158)
Tue Jan 1	Gillingham H	Do-0	7th	5,369 (932)
Tue Jan 8	Tranmere Rovers H	W3-0	6th	3,447 (252)
Sat Jan 12	Nottingham Forest A	Lo-4	7th	17,805 (1,334)
Sat Jan 19	Luton Town H			
Fri Jan 25	Northampton Town A			
Tue Jan 29	Walsall A			
Sat Feb 2	Southend United H			
Sat Feb 9	Tranmere Rovers A			
Tue Feb 12	Crewe Alexandra H			
Sat Feb 16	Luton Town A			
Sat Feb 23	Nottingham Forest H			
Sat Mar 1	Brighton & Hove A A			
Sat Mar 8	Huddersfield Town H			
Tue Mar 11	Swindon Town H			
Sat Mar 15	Millwall A			
Sat Mar 22	Carlisle United H			
Mon Mar 24	Cheltenham Town A			
Sat Mar 29	Port Vale A			
Sat Apr 5	Leeds United H			
Sat Apr 12	Oldham Athletic A			
Sat Apr 19	Doncaster Rovers H			
Sat Apr 26	Swansea City A			
Sat May 3	Bristol Rovers H			

*AET - Lost 6-5 on penalties



1....Stuart NELSON	2....Stephen PURCHES	3....Charlie DANIELS	4....Alton THELWELL	5....Tamika MKANDAWIRE	6....Brian SAAH	7....JJ MELLIGAN	8....Adam CHAMBERS	9....Wayne GRAY	10..Sean THORNTON	11..Wayne CORDEN	12..Glenn MORRIS	14..Michael SIMPSON	15..Sam OJI	16..Jabo IBEHRE	17..Paul TERRY	18..Adam BOYD	19..Aiden PALMER	20..Jason DEMETRIOU	21..Efe ECHANOMI	22..Raphael SYLVESTER	23..Clayton FORTUNE	24..Solomon SHIELDS	25..Tom KEMP	26..Jack PAGE	27..Chris ROBSON
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THE TEAMS

LEYTON ORIENT

Manager: Martin Ling
Kit: Red & White



LUTON TOWN

Manager: Mick Harford
Kit: White & Black



	Played	Goal
1 Stuart NELSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Stephen PURCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Charlie DANIELS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1 Dean BRILL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Alan GOODALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5 Chris PERRY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Dean MORGAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 David BELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Sam PARKIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Darren CURRIE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 Paul PESCHISOLDO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Richard JACKSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 Steve ROBINSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Stephen O'LEARY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 Lewis EMANUEL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 Drew TALBOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 Calvin ANDREW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 Keith KEANE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22 Richard LANGLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24 Paul UNDERWOOD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25 Matthew SPRING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26 Sol DAVIS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28 Paul McVEIGH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29 Paul FURLONG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32 Ryan CHARLES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Paul Armstrong (Berkshire)

Assistant referee: Gary Evetts
Assistant referee: Glenn Hambling

Fourth Official: David Margetts

FIXTURES 19/1/08

AFC Bournemouth v
Southend United
Brighton & Hove Albion v
Huddersfield Town
Bristol Rovers v
Walsall
Carlisle United v
Crewe Alexandra
Gillingham v
Northampton Town
Leeds United v
Doncaster Rovers
Leyton Orient v
Luton Town
Millwall v
Tranmere Rovers
Swansea City v
Port Vale
Swindon Town v
Nottingham Forest
Yeovil Town v
Oldham Athletic

**Hartlepool United were due to play
Cheltenham Town last night (Friday).*

NEXT UP...

Northampton Town v Leyton Orient

Friday January 25 2008
At Sixfields Stadium
Coca Cola League One, KO 7.45pm



SAFETY INFORMATION

THE expertise and experience of safety stewards, police, doctors and members of the St John Ambulance are vital ingredients in the safety management of the Matchroom Stadium. However, the successful implementation of this plan depends to a very large extent on the cooperation of you the spectator.

Please contact a steward if you have any worries over a matter of safety, concerns about the behaviour of other supporters or if you need help with ticketing or finding your way around the stadium.

As Stadium Manager I would like to draw your attention to a number of key issues.

FIRST AID

There are two first aid rooms located in the East Stand. These are manned by members of the St John Ambulance and cater for most types of injury or illness. Should you require medical attention ask either the nearest steward or a member of St John who are located throughout the ground.

There is also a club doctor in the stadium for all fixtures and, for fixtures with crowds of over 5,000, the London Ambulance Service are also in attendance.

PERSISTENT STANDING

The Matchroom Stadium is an all-seater stadium and standing during matches or other events is not permitted. Spectators should remain seated at all times and not obstruct the view of others.

LOST PROPERTY

Stewards will ensure that any lost property is taken to a secure storage location. If you wish to claim property you believe to be lost in the stadium please ask the nearest steward or telephone the club on 0871 310 1881.

FACILITIES FOR DISABLED SUPPORTERS

Viewing areas for wheelchair users and dedicated toilet facilities are available throughout the ground.

Disabled toilets are located on each concourse and all have emergency alarms.

The club provides a dedicated steward whose sole responsibility is the welfare of our disabled supporters and he visits all disabled areas regularly throughout the course of an event.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Leyton Orient has a legal obligation to deny entry to the stadium to anyone carrying cans, bottles, glasses or containers of any description. Other prohibited items are clearly displayed at each turnstile block. Spectators bringing such items will have them confiscated and these cannot be returned – they are given up as a condition of entry.

PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE

The Matchroom Stadium is a non-smoking venue. Spectators are requested not to smoke at any time in public areas and safety stewards are authorised to ask any person found smoking to leave the stadium.

LICENSED BARS/FOOD OUTLETS

There are many bars and food outlets open to the public here at the Matchroom Stadium.

For these outlets to operate safely and effectively it is critical that all persons making use of them move away from the bar and counter area immediately after purchases have been made.

Supporters are reminded that it is a criminal offence to consume alcohol within sight of the pitch and any supporter attempting to carry alcohol into the stands faces possible ejection and arrest.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the event of an emergency within the stadium which requires there to be any form of evacuation, a tannoy announcement preceded by an audible tone will be made.

Supporters should then follow the instructions given to them by the safety stewards and, in the event of an evacuation, should make their way to the nearest exit gate.

PLAYING SURFACE

Supporters are reminded that at no time are they permitted to enter the field of play. Any supporter who encroaches onto the pitch will be ejected from the ground and arrested.

I hope you enjoy your visit to the Matchroom Stadium.

Chris Baker, Stadium Manager

PLEASE NOTE

If you witness any anti-social behaviour in the stadium, such as swearing or racism, please text 07776 228 298 to inform the Chief Safety Officer anonymously.



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