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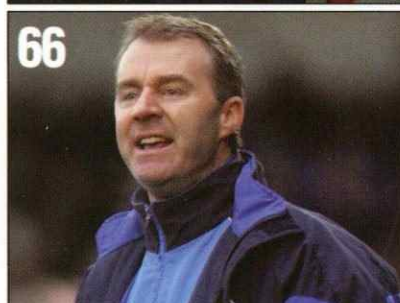
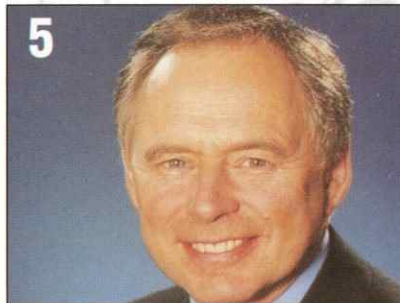
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NICK OWEN

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Good afternoon and welcome to a brand new era for Luton Town Football Club. On Tuesday night, as you know, the consortium of which I am proud to be a member became owners-elect of our beloved football club, although we prefer the term 'custodians', guardians of a colourful tradition, dating back to the nineteenth century. Tuesday was an emotional and momentous day – my hands were shaking as I read the announcement over the tannoy!

It has been an exciting but phenomenally stressful few weeks. As you are aware, I am only the frontman for the consortium. The guys who have done all the hard work – and goodness they have sweated blood – are Gary Sweet, Antony Brown and Stephen Browne. They are all lifetime supporters of the club and they have worked into the early hours night after night, driven on by a passion for Luton Town, to make sure the future is in the hands of the fans. I hold them in admiration, respect and genuine affection.

You'll have gathered that the crux of our beliefs is that we need to make the club stable and financially viable, be open with our fellow supporters about what is going on, make Kenilworth Road a happy and enjoyable place to watch football, build sensibly towards long term success and make our club a focus of pride and pleasure for the community as a whole.

Little of this will happen overnight and there will be some pain on the way, particularly in the early stages. Because we have lost so many players and are unable to bring anyone in to replace them, things have been mighty tough on the field, as you well know. Yes, it's agony at times, but I do hope you appreciate what a difficult challenge it is at the moment for Mick Harford. I hope you will continue to give him your full support. We certainly do and I can assure you he is working flat out on building a squad for next season. Mick's credentials don't need repeating here, except to say he was recently voted our most popular player of all time and he has

an impressive record of spotting talent over many years as a coach. It's great to have him back at Kenilworth Road.

I would also like to say a belated thanks to the Luton players who moved on in the transfer window. Skipper Chris Coyne and Ahmet Brkovic arrived way back in the Joe Kinnear / Mick Harford era some seven years ago. Both played a major part in our two promotions and embodied the spirit of Luton Town. Hugely popular! I was extremely sad to see them go, both as a direct result of administration. So too Dave Edwards. We hadn't known him that long, but memories of his battling performances against Bristol Rovers, Port Vale and Liverpool particularly stand out for me. They already love him at Wolves...I know lots of their fans and they say he's brought passion and creativity to their midfield. Damn! It was infuriating to see him go so soon, but I am sure we all wish him well.

Finally, a plea to you all. We still have some way to go before we get to the place we want to be. Please support us in every way you can...you have already been amazing and we are deeply grateful. I can assure you that we are fervent fans, just like you. The members of LTFC 2020 love this club with a passion and, with your backing, we can become a successful and respected football club of which we can all be extremely proud.

Nick Owen



MICK



HARFORD

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road.

What great news we all received in the week, we have a certain future and the battle for the club is over and the new custodians are known.

The plans are exciting and the consortium has kept me informed about plans and the progression of this great football club.

Since I have been here it is, and will continue to be, tough. But we are looking forward to building for the long term future of our club.

It's heartening to see that the new custodians of the club are open, honest and transparent. Now we all want to look to the future and build a club that we all can be proud of.

Looking back to Tuesday's game against Millwall we are all very disappointed not to get three points, from

"As you have done all season, get behind the players and hopefully with your help we can get three points today"

what was a very good performance, we created a lot of chances throughout the game and looked a solid unit when we came under pressure.

We work hard on attacking and defending set pieces throughout the week, so we were upset to lose a goal in that way.

Welcome to Richard Money, his staff, players and supporters. Richard was a popular player here in the 'David Pleat' era and I'm sure he is looking forward to his return.

As always your great support is appreciated by everyone at the club.

As you have done all season, get behind the players and hopefully with your help we can get three points today.

Keep the faith.

Mick

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THE CAPTAIN

Tuesday's draw against Millwall is another indication that a win is just around the corner.

There has certainly been improvements in our last two performances, but it was a disappointing dressing room on Tuesday night because we felt we deserved more than a point.

We controlled large periods of the second half and certainly had our chances to get a second goal.

However, we have something to build on now and if we can repeat our performance against Millwall this afternoon then we have a chance of picking up three points.

It was good to see Paul Furlong back on the score sheet on Tuesday. He has been enjoying a good season and his 12 goals has been a plus point this campaign.

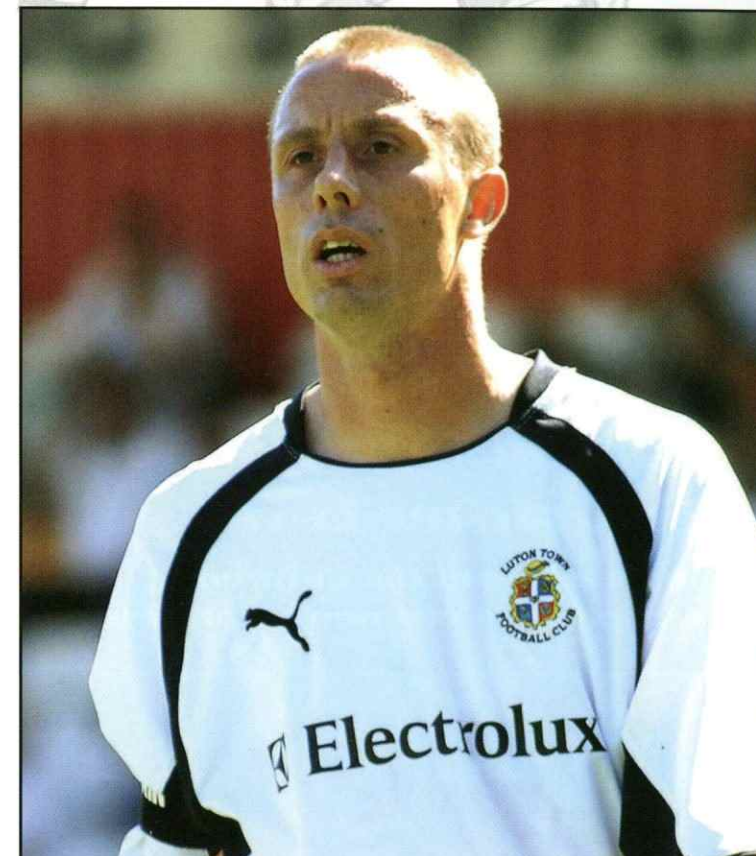
I'm glad to see that the takeover of the Club has moved a step forward over the past couple of days.

There has been so much uncertainty this season and hopefully the news during the week concerning the LTFC 2020 consortium will secure the future of the Club and take us forward.

The players remain focused on what is happening on the pitch and today we face another difficult match.

Walsall have enjoyed a remarkable season and their position in the League One table can only be applauded, particularly when you

CHRIS PERRY



"It was a disappointing dressing room on Tuesday night because we felt we deserved more than a point."

consider the size of their squad.

we can get a result.

They have enjoyed a good run of results recently and we have received impressive reports from their 3-0 win at Swindon last weekend.

Your support is once again going to be vital. There was a great atmosphere inside Kenilworth Road on Tuesday night so please continue to get right behind us.

But we got a good point at the Bescot Stadium earlier in the season so we can go into this game this afternoon knowing that if we play to our best,

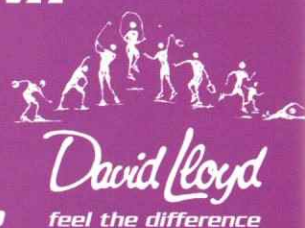
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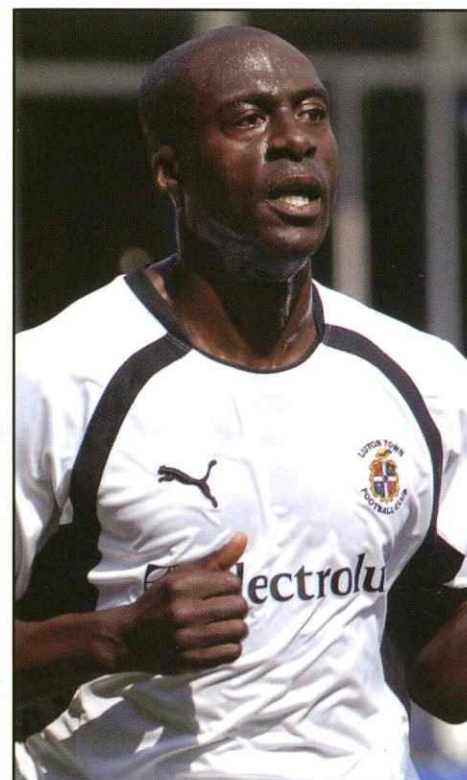
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CLUB NEWS

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Furlong stays in touch with League One hotshots



Paul Furlong's goal during Tuesday's draw with Millwall took the striker to 12 goals for the season.

The former Chelsea and Birmingham striker currently stands in ninth position in the leading goalscorers, just eight behind Swansea front man Jason Scotland.

Furlong, whose strike against Millwall was his first in over a month, has grabbed eight goals in League One and four in cup competitions.

The top ten leading scorers in the division include some familiar former Luton players with Adam Boyd currently on 13.

Other players include Leeds United's Jermaine Beckford, who is second on 17 goals this season and Bristol Rovers' Richard Lambert, whose 15 goals have mainly come in their FA Cup exploits.

Darren Currie is second in the leading assists in League One. The former Derby man has assisted in 11 of Luton's goals this season - just one short of Poul Hubertz of Northampton.

Meanwhile, Matthew Spring's consistent performances for the Hatters sees him joint second overall in the most number of appearances made by a League One player this season.

Spring, who is fast approaching 350 career appearances for the Hatters, has made 41 starts for the Club this season, consisting of 31 league and 10 cup starts.

Swansea goalkeeper Dorus De Vries leads the appearance charts with 44 starts for his club.

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RICHARD MONEY

Luton welcome a familiar face back to Kenilworth Road this afternoon with Richard Money returning to the Club, where he spent a full season under the guidance of former boss David Pleat. The current Walsall boss has been speaking with Brian Halford and talks about his time at Kenilworth Road and his memories of his playing career in Bedfordshire.

IT IS one of English football's most famous images. David Pleat, manager of Luton, jigging across the Maine Road pitch in delight after a late goal had kept his side in Division One and sent Manchester City down.

For the Hatters, it was a mad end to a goal-mad season. And all the way through, Richard Money, now Walsall manager, was there.

Since Richard Money became manager of Walsall in May 2006, the club's upward mobility has been built on excellent defence.

Organisation, consistency, solidity. That's what the back line has delivered. And plentiful clean sheets have been the result.

Ironically, then, that Money was part of the back line in a team which delivered one of the most gung-ho, chaotic and goal-laden seasons ever in the top flight.

It was as a left-back in the Hatters' squad that he rode the remarkable roller-coaster of the 1982/83 season.

It was the year that Luton manager David Pleat implemented the "attack, attack, attack" strategy and as a result the Hatters conceded 84 goals and had the worst defensive record in Division One both home and away.

But they still stayed up, courtesy of oodles of attacking flair - and, most sensationally, a late Raddy Antic goal at Manchester City on the final day of the

season.

The final whistle that day set Pleat off on his famous celebratory sprint over to the Luton fans.

Money, injured in a 3-0 defeat at Old Trafford five days earlier, was celebrating up in the stand. And even 25 years later, that day - and that madcap season - brings a smile to his face.

"It was an unbelievable season," said Money. "The start was incredible. On the opening day we drew 2-2 at Tottenham, then we beat Notts County 5-3.

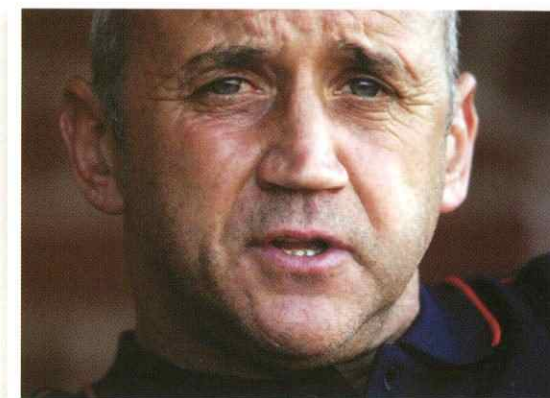
"Then we went to Liverpool and drew 3-3 - with three different goalkeepers!

"What a game that was. Jake Findlay got injured so Kirk Stephens went in goal before David changed his mind at half-time and put Mal Donaghy in goal. We went 3-2 up then drew 3-3.

"We drew 4-4 at Stoke and missed a penalty with the last kick of the game. There were goals everywhere - and we would still come in on Monday morning and work on our attacking play!"

For the record, there was also Aston Villa (1-4), Brighton (5-0 and 4-2), Birmingham (3-2 and 3-1), Coventry (2-4), Southampton (3-3), Everton (0-5 and 1-5), West Ham (3-2), Arsenal (1-4) and Watford (2-5). Oh, and Blackpool (4-2) in the League Cup.

And for Money, who had just joined Luton from



European champions Liverpool, it was a time not just of high excitement but valuable education.

"That was David's philosophy and it was a great team to play in," he recalls. "It was a little bit gung-ho but we had some terrific players.

"David Moss and Ricky Hill out wide, Lil Fuccillo as an attacking midfielder and Brian Stein and Paul Walsh up front. Kirk Stephens and I were always encouraged to get forward as full-backs.

"There was a lot of attacking flair in the team - but we did get a little bit isolated at the back sometimes!

"Most of the time, as defenders, we worked on how we would serve the ball to the front and how we would build from the back.

"Looking back, you learn from different experiences. I like my teams to be solid and that part of me came from my time at Liverpool.

"They were the first team that could go abroad in Europe and defend properly.

"Then at Luton, David liked to attack with flair. A mixture of the two is right. You can't win matches if you keep conceding goals and that season we ended up in trouble and stayed by the skin of our teeth.

"But David was a very forward-thinking manager - ahead of his time. He showed me that you could bring young players in and make them better."

And what about that famous jig?

"That was such a memorable day and I think that jig really showed what he felt for his team and what it meant to him," said Money. "It was a culmination of a season's work where we had a real go at teams."

Who knows, maybe Money will be unveiling a jig of his own across the Wembley turf if Walsall do the honours in the play-offs in May.

The WALSALL Story Beginnings: 1888

Walsall were formed in 1888 when Walsall Town and Walsall Swifts amalgamated. They were first admitted to the Football League in 1892, as founder members of the new Second Division. Walsall's finest hour came in January 1933 when they beat the great Arsenal side of that era in the FA Cup. In more recent years the club came within minutes of reaching Wembley, losing 4-2 on aggregate to the mighty Liverpool in 1984.

Top Player: Walker



Joined Walsall prior to the start of the 1993/94 season, James Walker went on to become an extremely popular goalkeeper at the Bescot Stadium. A very agile and brave 'keeper, he played a vital role in the progress of the club during his 11

years, which included some outstanding displays. He was a well-respected figure around Bescot Stadium and was granted a richly-deserved Testimonial in 2003/04. Making more appearances than any other Saddlers' 'keeper, he beat off the challenge of numerous other goalkeepers and ended up with 475 outings to his name in all competitions.

Top Manager: Graydon

Replacing colourful Dane, Jan Sorensen, Ray Graydon's first task was to keep Walsall in the then Second Division. However, success went much further than this - with promotion being secured alongside Fulham. Within the



League Managers Association that season Graydon polled only behind Sir Alex Ferguson, in the poll for Manager of the Season. Relegation from the First Division followed the season after, although, despite an early struggle, Graydon took his team to the brink of survival. Graydon then won promotion again defeating Reading in the play-offs, but then suffered relegation again.

Top Game:

Walsall 2 - 0 Arsenal
FA Cup Third Round, January 14, 1933
Regarded as one of the greatest FA Cup shocks of all time, Walsall stunned a dominant Arsenal side in the FA Cup. The 2-0 win is still regarded as Walsall's finest ever win with goals scored by Gilbert Alsop and Bill Sheppard sealing the win

WELCOME TO WALSALL

After relegation to League Two in 2006, today's visitors bounced straight back up last term and are pushing hard for a top-six spot this year.

Managed by former Hatter, Richard Money, the midlands outfit have the second best away record in the division (only leaders Swansea have secured more points on the road), and have lost just twice in their previous 21 league games.

Money finished his playing days back at his first club, Scunthorpe United, having been a consistent performer for Fulham, Liverpool, Luton and Portsmouth throughout his career.

Affectionately known as "Dicky Dosh" amongst Walsall fans, Money was part of David Pleat's famous side that escaped relegation at Manchester City in 1983 and also played in a European Cup semi-final during his time at Anfield. Given his playing pedigree, and his success at the helm at Walsall, it is little surprise that Money is rumoured to have been courted by near-neighbours Coventry City on a couple of occasions.

After a stint as Scunthorpe boss in the 1990s, Money built up experience managing abroad - including in Sweden

and Australia - and had spells in charge of the youth teams at Aston Villa and Coventry.

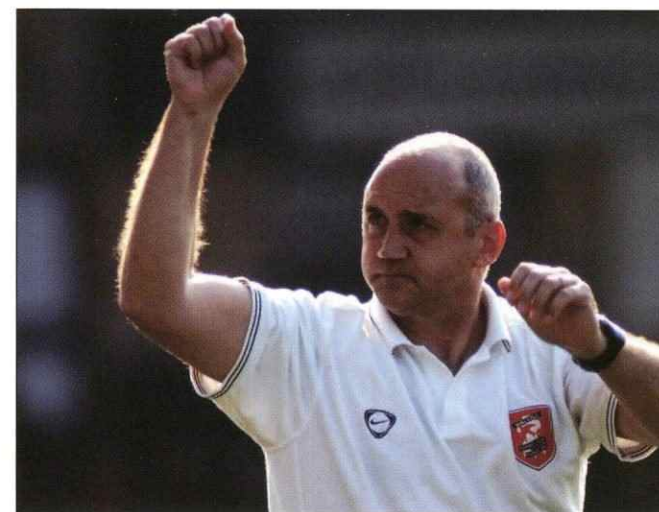
He took up the reins at the Banks's Stadium in May 2006, and the Saddlers haven't looked back since.

He has put together a solid, attacking team, and his standing and contacts in the game have enabled him to secure a number of players with premiership experience.

Most notable of these is Walsall top scorer and captain, Tommy Mooney, who played at the highest level for Watford and once famously scored the winner for the Hornets at Money's old club, Liverpool, in 1999.

An injury to ex-Bolton and England striker, Michael Ricketts, has left Money a little short of firepower, but he has successfully used Troy Deeney and Alex Nicholls to support Mooney, with their performances off the bench being particularly fruitful.

Weighing in with some vital goals from midfield is Gambian international, Edrissa Sonko, but perhaps the player to watch this afternoon is the youngster, Lee Holmes, who has netted three times in his last four games,



including a brace in Walsall's 3-0 away hammering of play-off rivals Swindon.

Holmes made his debut for Derby County at just 15 back in 2002, and is beginning to again show the form that has seen him represent England under-19s.

At the back, Walsall have overcome the unpopular sale of Scott Dann to Coventry in February, and centre-backs Anthony Gerrard and Ian Roper - alongside Trinidad and Tobago international keeper Clayton Ince - marshal a mean defence that has conceded only thirteen goals on their travels this term.

With his side lying in fifth place going into today's game, Money will be

hoping this mean streak continues against his old club.

Luton hold a slender win advantage over Walsall with the Hatters picking up 19 wins to the Saddlers 17 in their previous 41 meetings.

There has been high scoring encounters along the way with the Hatters winning 6-0 in 1899 and 4-0 in the same year.

Walsall meanwhile won 5-0 in our first ever encounter against the Saddlers whilst they also defeated the Hatters 7-3 back in 1900.

More recently, Luton were the last winners at Kenilworth Road in a 1-0 win in 2005 with Kevin Nicholls striking a late penalty.

Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	Walsall
League	18	5	16
FA Cup	1	0	0
Other	0	0	1
Total	19	5	17

Last meeting: Nov 17, 2007: Football League One
Walsall 0 - 0 Luton Town.

Last season: Walsall finished top of League Two, taking the championship title from Hartlepool on the last day of the season.



The Fan's View

JOE SMITH
Walsall supporter

How has this season gone?

Considering that we were everyone's favourites for relegation this season, nobody could have really predicted how well we have done this season. The football we have played at times has been excellent and we look like a team capable of winning any match that we play in. Richard Money has done a fantastic job on such a small budget and we are looking good for a top six finish this season.

What are Walsall's aims this season?

I didn't think I would be saying 'to finish in the top six', but I think it is a realistic possibility. It's hard not to get carried away with the hype that is going around the Club at the moment. My only worry is that we have a small squad and if we pick up a few injuries, I'm not sure we will cope with so many games coming up over Easter and the final matches of the season.

Who has been your key signing?

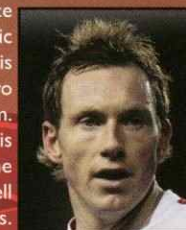
The goals from Tommy Mooney this season have been the main reason we are in the top half of the division. He has been outstanding this season and he has quickly become a fans favourite at the Club. Rhys Weston has also been impressive this season since signing from Port Vale in the summer.

Who will be your one to watch this afternoon?

Darren Wrack has once again enjoyed a fantastic season for us and he is something of a cult hero at the Bescot Stadium. He is coming up to his tenth season with the Club and has made well over 350 appearances. He has been a consistent member of the midfield and hopefully there will many more years to come from him.

Who will win League One?

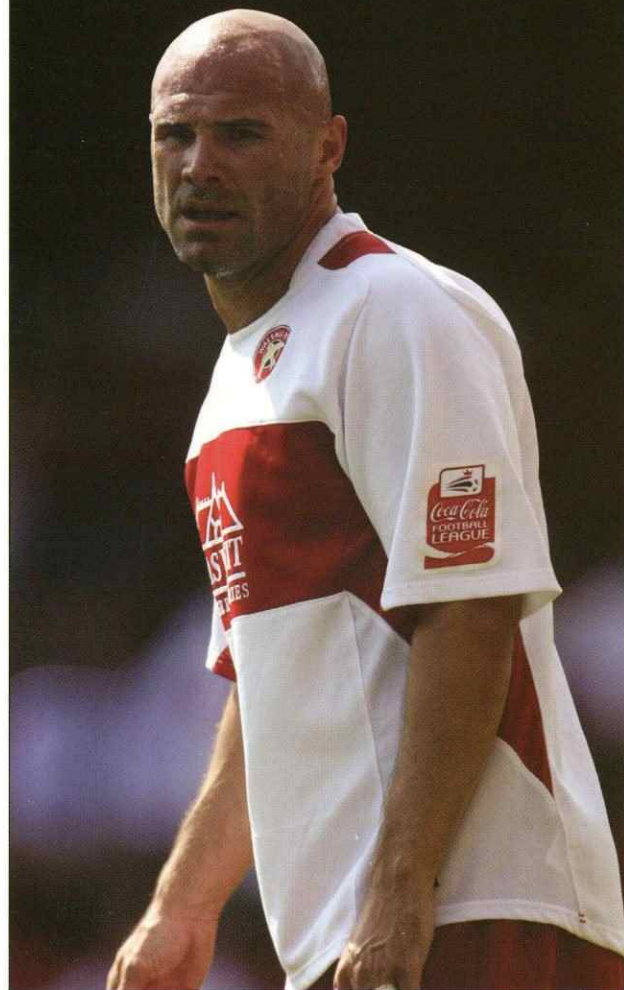
I think Swansea are already promoted, I believe Carlisle will grab the second automatic promotion place. Then, when it comes to the play-offs, it can be anyone.



The Captain

Tommy 10 Mooney

Tommy Mooney joined the Saddlers on a one-year deal in July 2007. The 35 year-old is a strong and uncompromising front-man who began his career at Aston Villa, where he played under Richard Money. The experienced striker is well liked by the fans for his never-say-die attitude and total commitment. So far in his long career he has made over 700 senior appearances in all competitions, scoring 206 goals and as such he has brought a wealth of experience to the Saddlers' side.



Goalkeepers

Clayton Ince

The Saddlers completed the signing of giant Trinidad & Tobago International goalkeeper, Clayton Ince from Coventry City in July 2006. A tall and agile keeper, who is a fine shot-stopper, he has been named Caribbean Goalkeeper of the Year three times and has 63 caps to his name as well as keeping a record-breaking 22 clean sheets in all competitions throughout the 2006/07 campaign.

Bertrand Bossu

Walsall completed the signing of giant French goalkeeper, Bertrand Bossu in September 2006. The 26 year-old, who stands at 6'5", had been on trial at the Banks's Stadium for just over a week before joining the club on a permanent basis. He made ten appearances as well as having a brief spell on loan at Accrington Stanley early in the campaign until a broken ankle halted his progress.

Defenders

Rhys Weston

Welsh International, Rhys Weston agreed to transfer to the Banks's Stadium in July 2007. The 26 year-old right-back began his career at Arsenal where he made one Premiership appearance for The Gunners - at Newcastle in May 2000 - before moving on to Cardiff City in a £300,000 deal in November 2000.

Anthony Gerrard

Walsall initially secured the services of up-and-coming Everton defender, Anthony Gerrard on loan until the end of the 2004/2005 season in March 2005 before making the deal permanent just weeks after the end of the campaign. The 21 year-old, who is the cousin of Liverpool's Steve Gerrard, was highly thought of at Goodison Park as he came through the Academy ranks to sign professional forms in the summer of 2004. His first full season for Walsall saw him scoop the Player of the Year award after putting in numerous no-nonsense displays.

Ian Roper

Working his way up through the Banks's Stadium ranks to sign professional forms in May 1995, Ian Roper has given sterling service to the club over the years and was rewarded with a Testimonial Year last term. Dominant in the air and strong in the challenge, he is a reliable figure who has put in so many solid and no-nonsense displays during his Saddlers' career.

Michael Dobson

Former Brentford captain, Michael Dobson joined the Saddlers in June 2006. The 26 year-old is a versatile performer who can play in numerous positions, including right-back and central midfield. He is a naturally fit, tough-tackling and whole-hearted player who spent some time on loan at Reading during 2005/06 as they stormed into the Premiership.

One to Watch

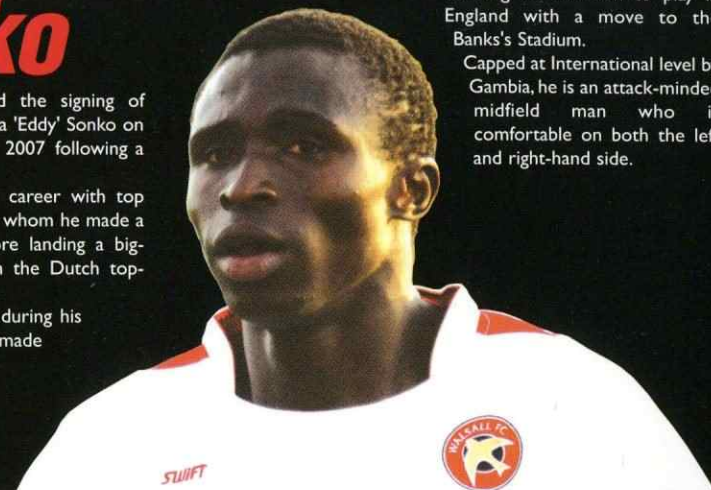
Edrissa 22 Sonko

THE SADDLERS completed the signing of Gambian International, Edrissa 'Eddy' Sonko on a one-year deal on July 27th 2007 following a successful trial spell.

The 27 year-old started his career with top Belgian outfit, Anderlecht, for whom he made a handful of appearances before landing a big-money move to Roda JC in the Dutch top-flight.

He became a popular figure during his seven years with Roda as he made 132 League appearances.

Linking up with Xanthi Skoda in January 2007



where he had ten outings before realising his ambition to play in England with a move to the Banks's Stadium.

Capped at International level by Gambia, he is an attack-minded midfielder man who is comfortable on both the left and right-hand side.

Midfielders

Darren Wrack

Despite a nasty leg break in Walsall's 2005/06 campaign which saw him face a lengthy spell on the sidelines, the 31-year-old has had over 300 appearances since he joined the Saddlers in 1998.

On his day, he can be a key figure for The Saddlers and he will be looking to give a good account of himself in League One during his Testimonial Year.



Mark Bradley

After impressing greatly during his first season with the youth team, the Wordsley-born youngster earned International recognition with Wales and a regular place in the reserve team before being handed his first-team debut in the final game of the 2004/05 season. He signed his first professional contract in the summer of 2006.

Ishmel Demontagnac

A player of undoubted talent and ability who has progressed well whilst coming through the ranks in recent years.

Lee Holmes

Walsall signed winger, Lee Holmes from Premier League outfit, Derby County on loan until the end of the season in January 2008. The 20 year-old, who skippered the England Under-19 team, is a player of tremendous skill and ability.

Alassane N'Dour

Walsall completed the loan signing of Senegalese International, Alassane N'Dour, until the end of the season in February 2008. The tall, athletic left-footed midfielder, who can also play at left-back, was part of the Senegal squad that competed at the World Cup Finals in 2002.

Strikers

Troy Deeney

After failing to make it at Aston Villa as a 15 year-old, he joined his local non-League club, Chelmsley Town in the Midland Combination whilst also studying to become a qualified builder. His prowess in front of goal alerted the attention of The Saddlers who brought him to the Banks's Stadium, initially on trial, in December 2006. The hard-working and strong front-man finally put pen to paper on his first professional deal at the Banks's Stadium in March 2006. After getting his first taste of first-team action with a substitute appearance at Torquay towards the end of 2006/07, he is expected to have a bright future ahead of him if he continues to develop at the current rate.

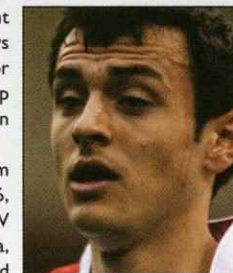
Alex Nicholls

Another youngster who has come through the Banks's Stadium ranks. A pacy and determined front-man whose consistent reserve and youth team displays were rewarded with his first senior outing in The Saddlers' FA Cup victory over Yeovil Town in December 2005.

He made a total of 13 first-team appearances during 2005/06, scoring his first goal in the LDV Vans Trophy clash at Swansea, before his season was ended prematurely as he broke his leg whilst turning out for the youth team in an important Cup tie. Since then he has worked extremely hard to regain full fitness and put pen to paper on his first professional contract during the summer of 2006.

David McDermott

He progressed through the Walsall FC Centre of Excellence which saw him earn a Scholarship place at the start of the 2004/2005 season. After some impressive youth team displays, he was thrust into the first-team squad for our Carling Cup first round clash at Sheffield Wednesday in August 2004. Entering the action during the second half, he became The Saddlers' youngest first-team player to figure in a senior game at the age of just 16 years and 200 days.



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

FLASHBACK



Harford preserves top-flight status

Mike Newell wheels away after netting against Sheffield Wednesday at Kenilworth Road but his joy is short-lived as the effort is disallowed for offside.

What was the significance of this game played 22 years ago today? For the first time since the Town had been promoted back to the top flight in 1982 they were not going to be involved in an end of season battle to avoid relegation. The single goal win over the Owls, courtesy of a Mick Harford header, was enough to see the Town go past the magical 50 points barrier, and there were still eleven games to play!

On a freezing cold day, which was not a problem for the Kenilworth Road artificial surface, a crowd of 10,206 turned up to see the Town players line-up in their change strip of all royal blue with the referee feeling that the Wednesday colours would otherwise have caused a clash.

It was obvious from the start that the Owls were more intent on closing the

Date: Saturday March 1, 1986
Place: Kenilworth Road

game down and preserving a point, given the Hatter's home record of only one League defeat, and flooded the midfield.

This meant that flowing football was out of the question but it did give the opportunity for Peter Nicholas renowned for his tough tackling as a defensive midfielder, to show his more creative side with his passing ability coming to the fore.

It was always going to take a special goal to win the game and on 16 minutes Harford rose high above two opponents to thump a header from ten yards into the net from a right wing corner by David Preece with a classic centre-forwards goal.

Both teams huffed and puffed after this but the Town could not score a second goal to make the game safe while they were always worried that a rare

Wednesday breakaway could result in an equaliser, completely against the run of play.

The scoreline remained unchanged and the Town players, and supporters could now look forward to their forthcoming FA Cup replay against Arsenal without needing to look over their shoulders and worry about League points.

For the record, the Hatters finished in a comfortable ninth spot, their best since 1958, and left the likes of Tottenham, Newcastle, Aston Villa and Watford trailing in their wake.

Luton Town: Sealey, Johnson, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Newell, Harford, Marc North, Preece.

Sheffield Wednesday: Hodge, Morris, Hart, Shirtliff, Smith, Sterland, Megson, Shelton(Shutt), Marwood, Thompson, Snodin.



Hatters Line-Up

4-4-2



Goals: Furlong 19

Substitutes: Goodall (23 Emanuel),
Andrew (80 Talbot),
McVeigh (84 Morgan)

Not used: Beavan, Charles

Yellow card: O'Leary

Red card: None

Millwall Line-Up

4-4-2



Goals: Grabban (39)

Substitutes: Brkovic (58 Fuseini),
Savage (58 Alexander),
Forbes (73 Martin)

Not used: Edwards, Frampton

Yellow card: Robinson

Red card: None

REFEREE: Andy Woolmer (Northamptonshire)

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COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2008 KENILWORTH ROAD ATT: 6,417

QUICK FEET... Substitute Calvin Andrew crosses the ball past the outstretched leg of Millwall midfielder Marc Laird



SHOOT...Dean Morgan turns the ball goalwards after some quick counter-attack movement from the Hatters

MANAGER'S VIEW



"We are disappointed not to have won the game. I thought we controlled the game and it was the best 90 minutes performance since I have been here.

"We created a lot of chances, and maybe we should have made more of the opportunities we were given.

"Just at the moment I don't feel we are getting the breaks, the rub of the green and maybe that is what we need at the moment.

"We are taking it on the chin and I have said to the players that we have set a standard now and we have to stick to that. If we can play like that that we will start winning games soon."

Mick Harford

Luton ended a run of five consecutive defeats with a well earned draw against Millwall at Kenilworth Road.

Millwall made a bright start to the game as the visitors came close to scoring inside the opening six minutes when a David Martin corner on the right was met by Zak Whitbread's bullet header, but David Bell was in the right place to clear the ball off the line.

Luton soon got into their stride and on 16 minutes a Dean Morgan cross from the left found the unmarked Matthew Spring, but his header was comfortably saved by Millwall goalkeeper Rhys Evans.

This action packed game warranted a goal and that arrived on 19 minutes as Luton took the lead in a game for the first time in over a month.

Morgan, who had been looking dangerous down the left, provided a pinpoint cross that was met by Paul Furlong's towering header from close range that left Evans with no chance.

Millwall responded strongly and Grabban came close to an equaliser on 35 minutes when his goalbound shot was superbly blocked by a brave Keith Keane tackle.

It was little surprise when the visitors grabbed an equaliser, but it was a goal that could have certainly been avoided, as Martin's corner on 40 minutes wasn't gathered by Dean Brill, allowing Grabban to scramble the ball home from close range.

Luton should have been in front on 71 minutes when Bell managed to squeeze over a cross at the second attempt, and although Talbot missed an overhead kick, the ball found its way to the back post where Matthew Spring somehow failed to hit the target from six-yards out.

Despite five minutes of stoppage time, and a lot of Luton pressure, the Hatters couldn't force a winner.

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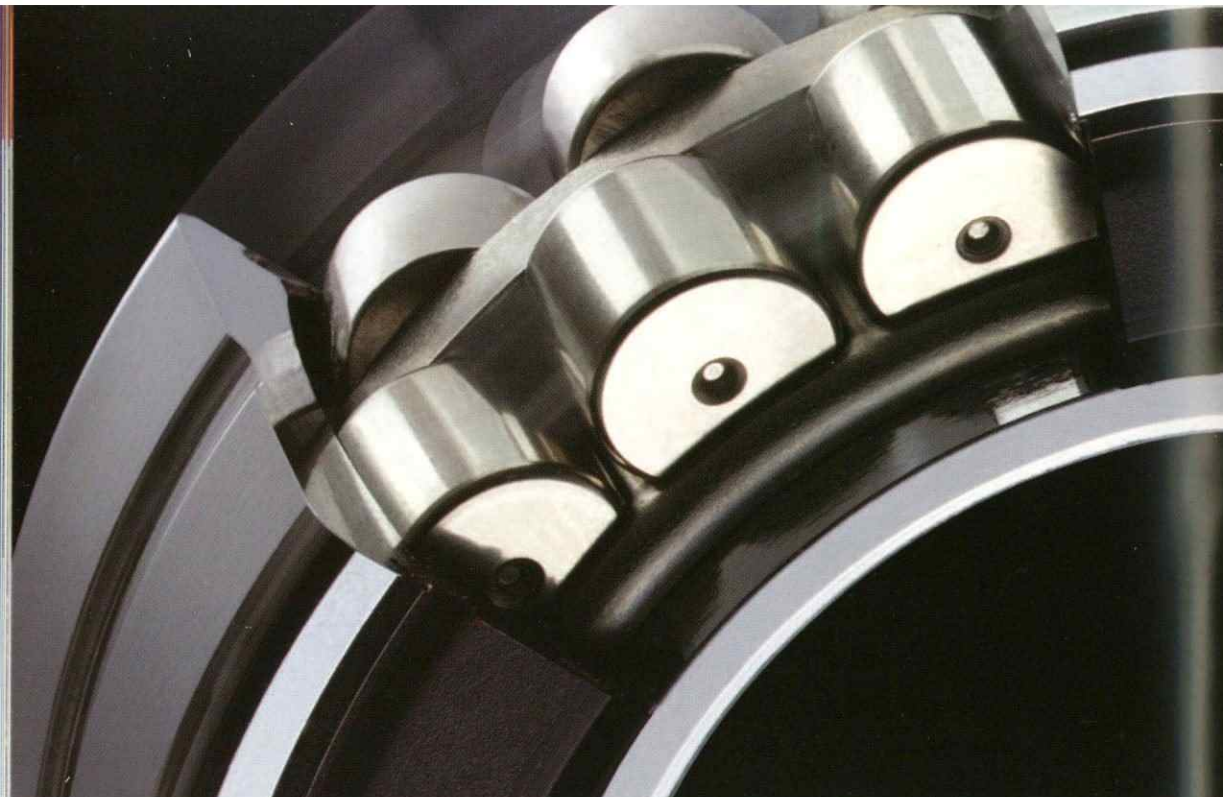
GOAL... Luton take the lead for the first time in over a month when Paul Furlong headers home a Dean Morgan cross



TACKLED... Matthew Spring jumps over a Millwall defender to win the ball



SKILL... Alan Goodall turns the ball past ex-Hatter Ahmet Brkovic



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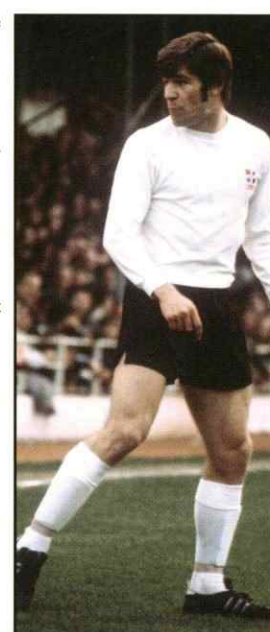
SIMON PITTS finds some fascinating facts about today's teams

19 The number of previous league meetings with Luton entertaining Walsall. The Hatters have 13 victories, with just two draws and four defeats. Luton have netted 40 goals, and conceded just 16.

4 The most number of goals scored by a Luton player in this fixture. William Stewart scored the only hat trick of his Luton career when the Hatters first hosted Walsall, back in February 1898! Tommy Little netted the other two in a 6-0 victory, revenging the 5-0 defeat when the sides had met a month earlier!

17,193 The biggest attendance between the sides came in April 1970. Luton were promoted after finishing second in the league, and also achieved the "double" over Walsall that season. A 3-1 away win in September was followed with a 3-0 win at Kenilworth Road. John Collins had netted in the first match, and he netted again in the reverse fixture after Viv Busby had opened the scoring. Malcolm MacDonald completed the scoring with the Hatters' third.

2 Both draws have ended goal-less, firstly in 1930/31 and then again 2000/01. The Hatters have failed to score on only two other occasions, both 1-0 defeats in 1997/98 and the following season.



GOAL.. Malcolm MacDonald

5 The Hatters each of the first five home fixtures against Walsall, and netted 20 goals in the process! After the 6-0 win in 1897/98, a 3-2 win followed the year after, and 4-0 the season after that. It was nearly 29 years before the sides met again, and for the first time at Kenilworth Road. Andy Rennie netted twice in a 4-1 win in April 1928, and repeated the brace the following season when Walsall were beaten 3-1. A year later and Rennie scored again, but this time he was on the losing side as the visitors won 3-2.

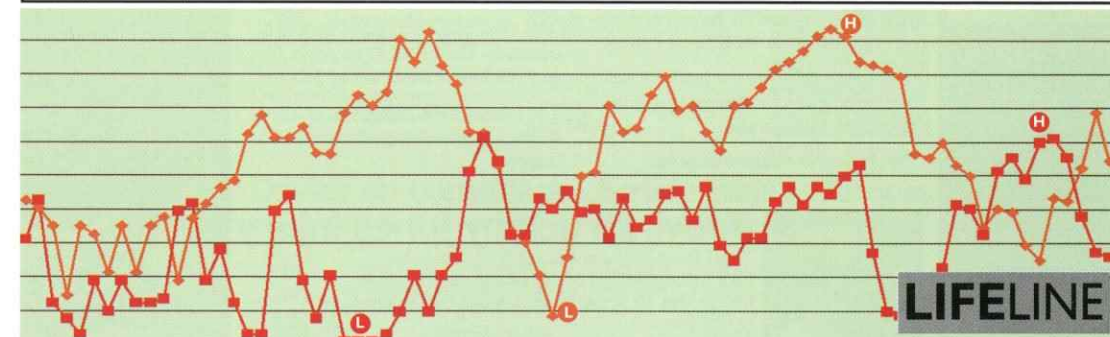
4 The number of players who have made their league debut for Luton in this fixture. Bernard Harris was the first when he made his debut in the 3-1 win October 1928. Alan Clarke only made nine league appearances for Luton, and the first was in a 2-0 win in April 1962. The opening game of the 1963/64 season saw Walsall visit Kenilworth Road, and Gareth Salisbury made his debut for the Hatters in a 1-0 win after a move from Norwich. Coincidentally Gordon Turner scored all three goals in these two fixtures! Peter Thomson only made eleven league appearances for Luton after his move from Holland, and he made his first appearance in the goal-less draw against Walsall in 2000/01.

7 The most goals in a league match between the sides at Kenilworth Road. Luton won 4-3 in November 1962. Ron Davies scored twice, with Harry Walden and Fred Jardine netting the other two.

Each way movers

3 Just three players have moved South from Walsall to Luton. Lewis Bedford was the first, and he appeared for two seasons in the late 1920's, making 54 appearances and scoring 17 goals, before returning to Walsall! David Preece had eleven seasons with the Hatters, making just short of 400 appearances, and scoring 27 goals. Preece was an instant hero as he scored the only goal of the game to beat Aston Villa, on his debut in December 1984. Carl Emberson made 60 appearances after joining from Walsall in the summer of 2001, and was part of Joe Kinnear's promotion winning team.

7 The number of players to move to Walsall from Luton. Tommy Roe and Albert Walters only featured for the Hatters in the 1928/29 season before their transfers, with Lewis Bedford soon joining his former team-mates, both Luton and Walsall! George Pearson had joined from Chelsea, but after just 14 appearances for the Hatters in 1933/34 moved onto Walsall. Jack Vinnall netted 20 goals in 50 appearances for the Hatters in the late 1930's, after joining from Norwich. Steve Elliott only made 15 appearances for Luton in the 1984/85 season, scoring 6 goals, before he moved to Walsall. The last player to make this transfer was Scott Houghton. Hitchin born Houghton had joined the Hatters from Tottenham Hotspur in the summer of 1993, and went on to make just 22 appearances, and scoring one goal before moving to Walsall just 13 months later.



Hatters and Walsall past...

THIS week's **LIFELINE** shows how Luton and Walsall's fortunes have risen and fallen over the years. Walsall's high point came when, under Colin Lee they finished 17 in old Division One in 2002-03, 44 points behind League winners Portsmouth. Their low was when they finished bottom of the Third Division South, then the lowest division in the Football League, in three consecutive years, between 1951-52 to 1953-54.

STEVEN DOVE with all

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



Pirates life is good for Lambert

Bristol Rovers striker Rickie Lambert says joining the club was the best decision he has made in football.

Lambert, 26, joined from Rochdale for £200,000 in August 2006.

"I think the whole team's enjoying their football at the moment because we're playing so well and winning games," he told BBC Radio Bristol.

"I've looked back at the decision a few times and it's the best I've made in football, since I've come I've had the best games of my life."



Striker Harris set to leave Millwall

Millwall striker Neil Harris has been told he will not be offered a new contract and does not feature in boss Kenny Jackett's first-team plans.

Harris approached Jackett in a bid to resolve his long-term future as his current deal expires in the summer.

"I told him I could not offer him a contract and that also, at the moment, he is not going to feature in my first XI," Jackett said.

"If he wants to go out on loan I am happy for him to do that."



NO CONTRACT... Neil Harris looks set to leave Millwall

But the door has not been completely closed on Harris, who is in his second spell at the club.

Jackett added: "If he wants to stay here and fight for a place in the team, I would be equally pleased."

"There is still a long way to go this season, and our experience with injuries and suspensions suggests there will be opportunities for players who are not currently in the team."

Hartlepool make double swoop

Hartlepool have made a double loan swoop for striker Tom Craddock and defender Graeme Lee from Middlesbrough and Doncaster Rovers respectively.

Both players joined the club on a month's loan deal and boss Danny Wilson is delighted with the calibre of both players.

He said: "It's important we brought in quality players and I am pleased to get both of these guys to the club."



Carlisle United striker Kevin Gall has extended his loan spell at League Two side Darlington until the end of March.



Cheltenham defender Gavin Caines will miss the rest of the season as he prepares for an operation next week.



Doncaster defender Sam Hird has returned from his loan spell with League Two outfit Grimsby Town.



Halifax Town have strengthened their defence by signing Huddersfield Town's Tom Clarke on a months loan.



Leeds United manager Gary McAllister has called for more clinical finishing after his side's winless run stretched to seven games.



Lynch happy to be back

Brighton's Joel Lynch is delighted to be back in the first team after a six week lay-off with a hamstring problem.

He said: "I was excited to be back in the team so quickly. I've had a long time off and have been working hard on my fitness."

"There's still work to do and it could take me two or three more games."



Cullip a new leader for Gillingham

Gillingham boss Mark Stimson has said the signing of defender Danny Cullip is as much for his leadership skills as his physical talents.

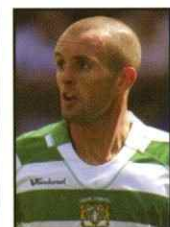
"He is very vocal on the pitch, he will be shouting at everyone and organising them," Stimson said.

The 31-year-old centre back has

signed on a non-contract basis with the Kent club until the end of the season.

"We need people to stand up and be counted - Danny wants to prove he's worth a longer deal," added Stimson.

The former QPR player was released by the London club earlier in the season.



INJURED... Jones

Yeovil struck by Jones injury

Yeovil Town defender Nathan Jones could be back before the end of the season despite confirmation that he broke his arm in Saturday's defeat at Oldham.

Jones, 34, will have an operation on Wednesday which means his arm will not need to be put in plaster.

But he will not be able to subject his arm to any contact for eight weeks.



LEADER... Danny Cullip



Crewe dismiss approach

Crewe coach Steve Holland has denied reports that Liverpool are about to pay more than £1m for one of the club's academy players.

It is thought that 14-year-old Max Clayton could be the target of the Premier League giants.

But Holland told BBC Radio Stoke: "There's been no official contact, it is all just speculation."

"We've become used to this sort of thing. The time for us to worry would be when big clubs aren't interested."

Redknapp pledges to help Bournemouth

Portsmouth manager Harry Redknapp has promised to help save his old club Bournemouth, who are in administration with debts of around £4m.

Redknapp, who spent nine years as Cherries boss, said: "I know some people there with money who I'm sure would be interested in taking it on."

"It's a great little club, which means a lot to me."

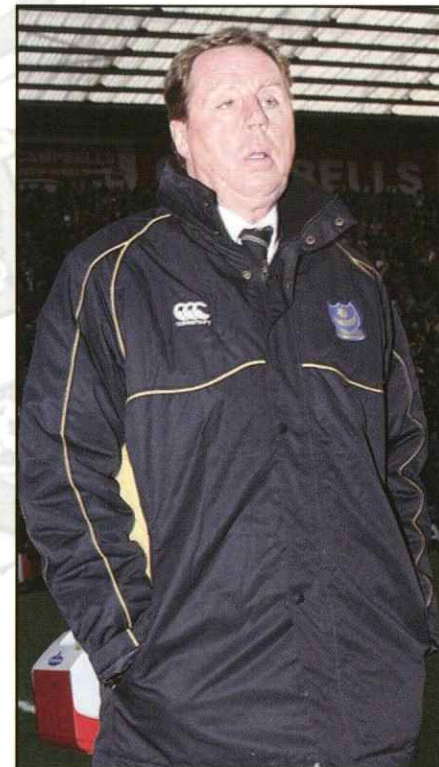
"I have always said I would do what I could for Bournemouth and there's no way I'll see them go out of business."



Redknapp made over 100 appearances for Bournemouth as a player in the early 1970s under the management of John Bond - father of current Cherries boss Kevin Bond.

Bond junior played under Redknapp at Dean Court, and subsequently served on his coaching staff at both Portsmouth and Southampton.

Redknapp, who still lives near Bournemouth in the affluent area of Sandbanks, has previously hinted that he would be interested in buying his old club "one day".



HELPING HAND... Harry Redknapp wants to help Bournemouth



Leyton Orient look set to offer 17-year-old Bradley Gray a professional contract at the start of the 2008-09 season.



Nottingham Forest striker Nathan Tyson could be out for up to six weeks after injuring his hamstring.



Southend United striker Charles Adenemo has joined Rushden & Diamonds on loan until May.



Swansea will be without Guillem Bauza for up to three weeks after the striker suffered a groin strain in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy defeat to MK Dons.



Gilligan eyes play-offs

Northampton's Ryan Gilligan insists he is focused only on helping the club reach the play-offs, rather than agreeing a new contract.

Gilligan said: "I've been given a run of games and hopefully I'm proving my worth."

"My contract is up here in the summer but I think this club is going places and I want to be part of that and trying to reach the play-offs."



Poggiacomini to consider future

Oldham Athletic goalkeeper Les Poggiacomini is considering his future following an exploratory operation on his knee.

The Australian has been told he will need extensive correctional surgery to micro

fractures, as well as repair work on a damaged cartilage. Rehabilitation would then take up to 12 months - ruling him out for most of next season.

The 31-year-old is now thinking over his next move with his family.



FUTURE... Poggiacomini



Tranmere's Steve Davies is closing in on a return to League One action as he continues to recover from a cruciate knee ligament injury.

Davis said: "I'm just concentrating on working hard with physio Les Parry and getting back to full fitness. 'I'm finding that I want to get ahead of myself, but I'm feeling a lot better and I can't wait to get back.'"



Swindon striker Kaid Mohamed is set to stay at Torquay for another month. He joined Torquay on loan in January and has played three league games for the Blue

Square Premier side scoring twice. Swindon boss Maurice Malpas said: "Hopefully he can enjoy another few games there before coming back and adding to our squad."



Saddlers offer Moore trial

Former Aston Villa striker Stefan Moore has been training with Walsall after having his contract ended by QPR.

The 24-year old, who has scored once in his 11 league appearances this season, will play for the Saddlers reserves against Leicester on Tuesday.

Walsall manager Richard Money is keen to bolster his strike options as his side push for a play-off place.

"He's got a good pedigree, he's got quality and he's trained impressively," Money said.

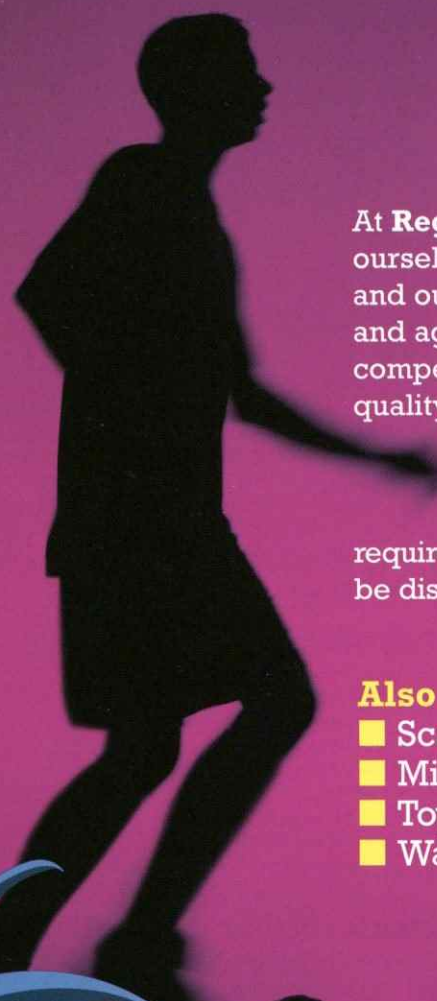


Sinnott to make changes

Port Vale manager Lee Sinnott says he will need to make changes to his squad even if they manage to avoid relegation to League Two.

Sinnott said: "The squad will change and I will get the players in that I want. 'I will bring in players that I think can do the job, not just for a couple of games but who are able to be successful over a whole season.'"

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The Football League has announced the shortlist for the Mitre Goal of the Year Award in the 2008 Football League Awards incorporating FourFourTwo's top 50 Football League players.

The winner will be announced at the third annual Football League Awards, which will take place at The London Hilton on Sunday March 2nd, 2008.

All of The Football League clubs were invited to nominate a goal from their team and the shortlist was chosen by an expert judging panel.

The winner will be voted for on the night using mobile

voting provided by technology partner Perform.

The nominees are as follows:

Jermaine Beckford – Scunthorpe United v Rotherham United (February 17th, 2007, 17 mins) - on loan from Leeds United

Chris Brunt – Sheffield Wednesday v Leeds United (March 3rd, 2007, 37 mins) - now at West Bromwich Albion

Chris Dickson – Gillingham v Crewe Alexandra (December 4th, 2007, 73 mins) - on loan from Charlton Athletic

Rickie Lambert – Bristol Rovers v Luton Town (September 8th, 2007, 2 mins)

Scott Sinclair – Plymouth Argyle v Crystal Palace (March 17th, 2007, 48 mins) - on loan from Chelsea

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LTFC 2020 CONSORTIUM



An exclusive interview with Nick Owen of the 2020 consortium



THE NEW TEAM... Three members of the Luton Town Football Club 2020 consortium pose for the cameras at the recent press meeting. They are, pictured left to right, Gary Sweet, Nick Owen and Stephen Browne

The start of a new era at Luton Town Football Club arrived this week with the LTFC 2020 consortium securing a conditional acceptance of an offer approved. Following a press conference at the Club, the matchday programme caught up with Nick Owen, who has been heading the consortium's bid.



Nick, many congratulations on the next step of the LTFC 2020 consortiums plans to take over the Club. I'm sure it has been a tiring process, but probably worth the wait?

Owen: It's been a very exciting time, but it has been pretty torturous because there's so many complexities about the

whole thing. It just goes on and on with so many legalities. The administrator is a tough cookie and he's not going to make it any easier for us. The essence is, like he said, buying a house. We've now exchanged the contracts and next we have got to complete the deal. We're at the stage where we do have some influence over the football club

and its future. The most important thing is the club is now safe.

Has it taken longer than what you had hoped?

Owen: It's taken much longer than I'd have liked because I would have liked us to get out of administration as quickly as possible so we can get some loan players in. The squad is pitifully thin due to all the injuries and the people who have gone. That is going to continue, I don't think we're going to be able to bring any players in before the deadline. If it had happened more quickly, we could have had the chance to bring a few players in as we would have been out of administration. So that is frustrating. It seems that every day there's a little hurdle, or problem that seems to go on and on. I have to pay tribute to the three guys that pulled it all together, Gary Sweet, Stephen Browne and Antony Brown. They have worked so hard, for so long, day in day out and I don't know how they have managed it. I found it stressful enough when I've been lying awake thinking about it. What it must have been like for

them must have been very stressful when they've been dealing with it day to day and all the complications, and ins and outs of it. It's a very new thing to me and they have been absolutely superb and they've shown the dedication of true fans and that's what this consortium is all about.

How did your bid to take over the Club come about?

Owen: Well it started with Gary and Stephen and Antony, who had been concerned for some time about how they felt the club was going. They've been very keen to try and help as much as they can and as soon as Luton went into administration they said we've got to do something about it and they asked me to come on board and be a figure head to help raise the profile and get our message across to the fans. They have decided the time has come where there has got to be real leadership by people who have got connections with the club; people who are Luton Town supporters. Almost everyone involved has a connection with Luton Town.

This must be a dream come true for yourself?

Owen: It's something I can't believe. My father is 93 and he brought me to this club in September 1958 for my first game and I've been coming every season since. I've travelled up and down the country to see them in the top division and the bottom division many times. He said to me the other day 'Can you believe I brought you here as a little boy and now you are the chairman of the club you love' – and I can't. I'm going to be a non-executive chairman so I'm not going to be making decisions because I can't with the job I do as a BBC news journalist. To be so closely involved though is absolutely wonderful and I am totally thrilled and so are my family as they are Luton fans as well.

Luton fans have so often heard the saying 'the start of a new era', but can you reassure them that this is now the time things will change for the better?

Owen: Without question, it's a fantastically exciting time. The first



thing we're going to do is ensure financial stability, to make sure that we work within our means and we don't spend money that we haven't got. It's not going to be all glamour and huge signings overnight, we're going to make sure we are stable and we're going to encourage the youth system even more than it is now. We're going to build from the grass roots standpoint. It is crucial that the investors backing the club, and there are some investors with a lot of money coming along, make sure we are secure. They are all passionate about this football club, they have no other agenda, they're not here to make money. The importance is to save the club, make it stable and get it playing exciting football that will make it a wonderful focus of the community, that people can be proud of, and see where we go from there. At this stage it's about we, the fans, who are part of the consortium and our fellow fans that come and watch.

It looks like the job ahead it going to be a massive challenge?

Owen: It is an enormous job and it should be an enjoyable one, but hopefully it will go upwards and upwards and becomes more and more exciting and successful.

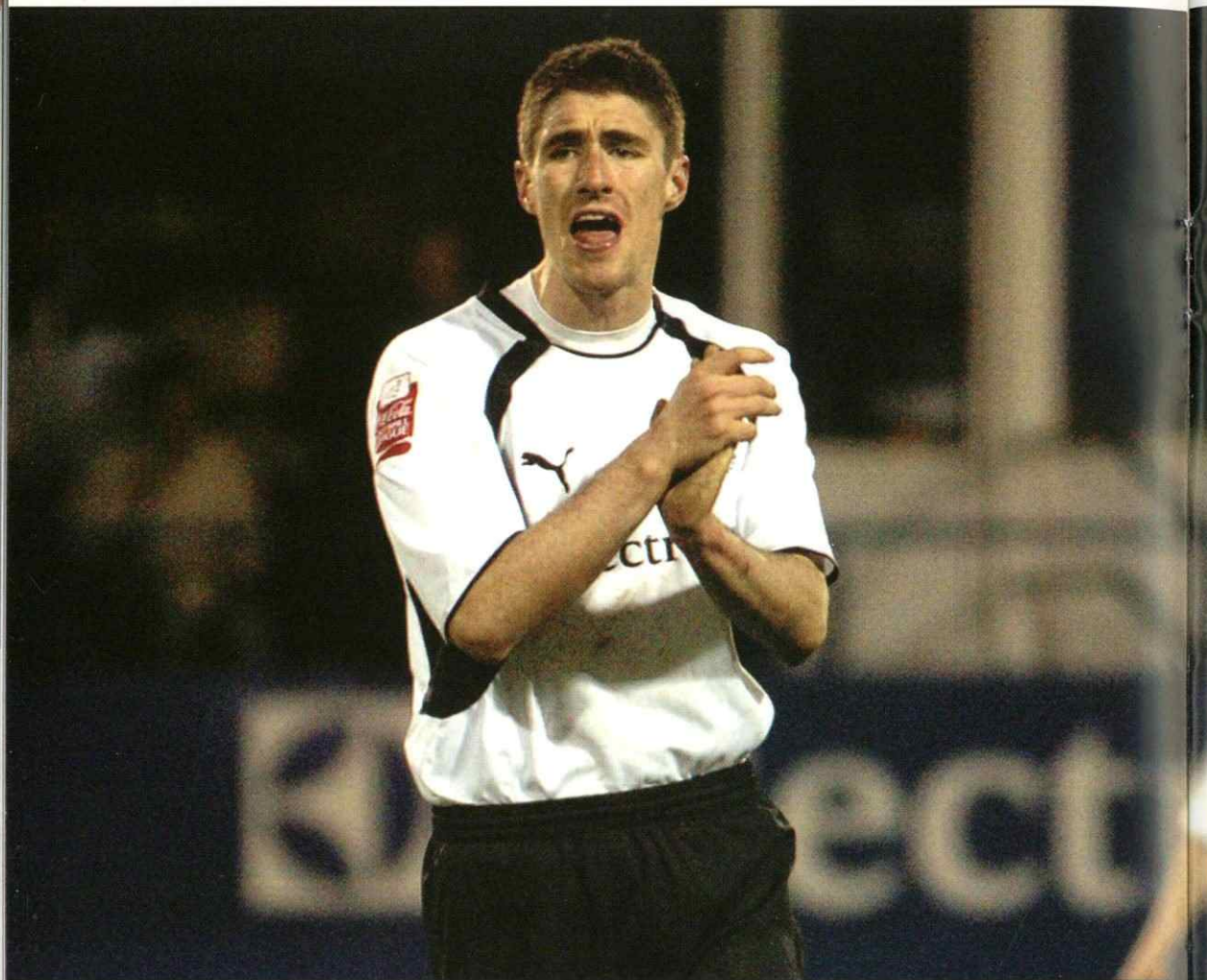
What is the situation with the manager, who arrived here until the end of the season. Will that be something you will be looking to resolve quickly?

This is a board decision but I would have thought one of the first things would be to make sure Mick's future is secure because he is much loved

here and is one of the most popular players in the history of the football club. He has a tremendous record of picking good players and spotting players that have potential. He really knows a player when he sees one so he has that extra track record. He has come here at a very difficult time, he's come here when he's not in a position to buy players and has lost the heart of the team. We had lost three excellent loan players and we had also lost Chris Coyne and Dave Edwards. That's a nightmare time for a guy to come in and put his reputation on the line. It has not been easy for him, but I know everyone in the consortium has tremendous faith, respect and admiration for Mick Harford.

Finally, what would your message be to the fans?

Owen: Be very happy, the club is secure, it's safe and Luton Town Football Club, after 122 years, is going forward and its backed, supported, loved and cherished by people who are extremely passionate about it. Things will only get better, the early days will be tough but keep the faith. Please support us as much as possible, come in numbers, go to the shop and buy stuff and do everything you can to support this football club because its worth cherishing. We are going places, just give us time.



An interview with

STEPHEN O'LEARY

When Mick Harford returned to Luton, there was one player who couldn't have been more delighted to see him back at Kenilworth Road.

Stephen O'Leary was given his debut under the managerial regime of Joe Kinnear and Harford in 2003 after patiently working his way through the set-up at Kenilworth Road.

Since then, the midfielder has endured a frustrating 'stop-start' career that has seen him make just 45 appearances in a Hatters shirt - the majority of them coming from off the bench.

But O'Leary is more determined than ever to put them days behind him and become a fixture in Harford's plans for the future.

With Steve Robinson serving the first of a two match suspension against Millwall on Tuesday night, combined with a crippling injury list at the Club, O'Leary is determined to grasp this current opportunity with both hands.

It was O'Leary's first League start of the season against Millwall and the midfielder was pleased with his own performance during the 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road.

"I thought I played well," he said. "I think the performance from everybody was a general improvement from the last few weeks where we know we haven't been playing well.

"In the second half I felt we really bossed the game and the lads came into the dressing room at full-time and were bitterly disappointed not to have collected the win.

"If we can continue to perform like we did against Swansea and Millwall then there is no doubt that we will win more games between now and the end of the season."

Talking about his own career, O'Leary continued: "Nobody ever likes to see your own team-mates pick up suspensions or suffer injuries, but these things do happen in football.

"My career at Luton has been stop-start and I just need that bit of luck

that will give me a chance to show the supporters what I can do.

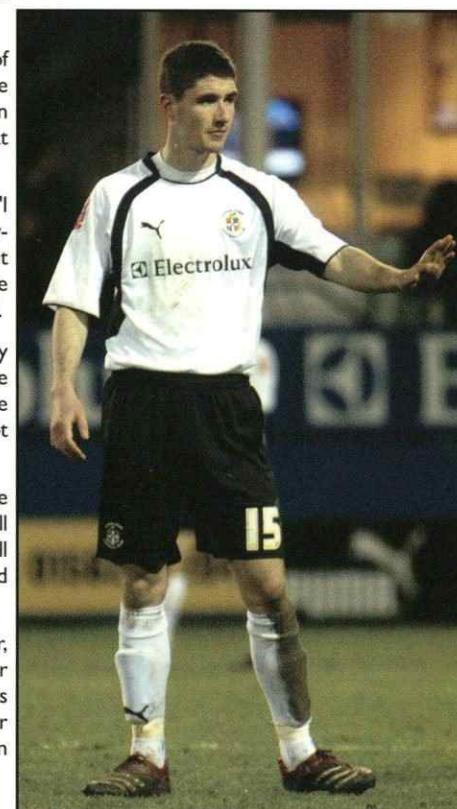
"What has been particularly frustrating for me is that I don't think that Luton supporters have really seen the best of me.

"I have watched the likes of Kevin Foley

"It's up to me now to show everyone what I can do. I'm just trying to knuckle down, work hard and see what happens"

and Curtis Davies all progress their careers and I believe I have it in me to do the same.

"It's up to me now to show Mick what I can do. I'm just trying to knuckle down, work hard and see what happens."



FIGHTING BACK.. O'Leary has been given his chance

O'Leary, who has spent time on-loan at Tranmere earlier in his career, believes that Harford's arrival will eventually reap its reward.

The 23-year-old admits Harford has brought a different work ethic to the training ground that is slowly having an effect on the pitch.

"Mick has brought in some good ideas. He is an excellent coach, one of the best I have worked with in my career. He knows how to bring the best out of players.

"For me personally, he is always talking to me about how I can improve my game, giving me advice in training and that helps me immensely.

"He has also shown that he is willing to give the youngsters a chance. We have seen George Beavan this season and Ryan Charles was on the bench against Millwall, so he is not afraid to throw people in at the deep end."

O'Leary signed a new one year contract under previous boss Kevin Blackwell at the start of the season, but he isn't worrying himself about his immediate future.

The Londoner wants to fully focus on today's match against Walsall and try to convince Harford he should be a permanent member of Luton's starting line-up.

He continued: "I don't want to think about my future at the moment. I don't want to get bogged down in all of that. Whatever happens in the future will happen in the future.

"The only thing on my mind is the game this afternoon. I want to put in another decent performance and continue to show what I can do.

"I went on-loan to Tranmere and maybe if things hadn't changed at the Club I might have been forced to go somewhere on-loan again.

"However, Mick has been giving me some opportunities and now I want to prove to people what I can do."

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Joseph lists Matthew Spring as his favourite player and he hopes to meet him this afternoon.

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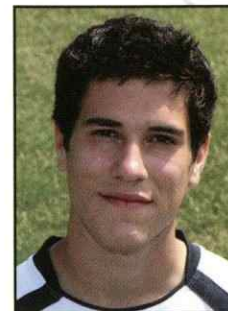


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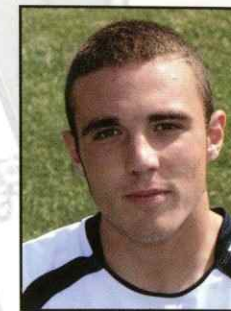
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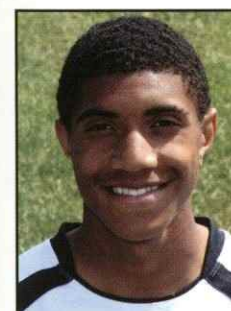
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Otille Quince (pictured above), who is the physiotherapist for the Luton Town Youth Team, speaks to today's matchday programme about her role within the Club and the structure the department has put together to cater for the Centre of Excellence at Kenilworth Road. Otille is playing a key part in the re-structuring of the Luton Town FC youth system.

OVER the past three months the Youth Department have put together a Physio team for the Centre of Excellence for the Under 9's all the way up to the Under 18 Youth team, which has meant we have fully staffed treatment clinics at every training session and Physio cover at all of our matches home and away.

I oversee all age groups but mainly work with the Under 18's and reserve team. I was given the opportunity to join the club after I completed voluntary work shadowing the 1st team physio during pre-season. I am a qualified Sports Scientist, Teacher and Sports Therapist (FA diploma), and am also a huge Luton Fan!

My Physio team consists of the following:

Tina Calvano. Tina has been with us for a few years now and works well applying her knowledge from her full time job where she is a Chartered Physiotherapist at a local hospital, she takes care of the Under 15's and 16's.

Sam Spencer. Sam impressed us last year during the interviews, he has brought immense knowledge from his Sports therapy degree and is also currently studying for his Masters in Physiotherapy.

Sam takes care of both The Under 14's and 13's.

Kathryn Allen. Kathryn looks after the Under 9's to Under 12's, Kathryn has previously worked with several different sports teams and has recently completed her Sports Rehabilitation degree.

All four of us bring different attributes to the team which works well. I also work alongside the clubs senior physiotherapist - Harry Scott Stackman, which means I am constantly developing new ideas for the young players rehabilitation.

You may have previously heard Chris Cummins talk about the five pillars of developing young players for Luton Town Football Club. The main pillar I am involved with is the Holistic support; this support is for both the players and their parents.

This includes several factors from the obvious - treatment and rehabilitation after picking up an injury, to football pre-hab (injury prevention). I am very big on preventative work as I think if the young players are educated well in this area they can go a longer time without picking up the regular growth and overuse related injuries we tend to see in youth football.

We have also started to collect data on each player on a regular basis; these include heights, weights and body fats just to name a few. This data helps so we can see how our players are developing and when such injuries are more likely to occur therefore predicting and helping to minimise in the future.

We have also started to provide football homework programmes. These are included in the players' logbooks. The logbooks were created to help give players detailed programmes for stretching, proprioception, SAQ - Speed, Agility and Quickness, diet and nutrition advice and lots more.

I'd like to say a big thank you to LG Digital for sponsoring the log books and providing 120 copies, these were really appreciated and feedback from both players and parents has been very positive and recognised as a great tool for monitoring each individuals development.

I hope you all enjoy this afternoons game!

Otille

Hatters almost complete remarkable comeback



ON FORM.. Charles fired his 12th of the season
Luton's youngsters almost completed a remarkable comeback against Gillingham last week to snatch what would have seemed an unlikely draw.

The Hatters were three goals in half-an-hour before Chris Cummins side began to fight back.

Ryan Charles grabbed his 12th goal of the

Luton 2-4 Gillingham

Charles (35)
Howells (63)

HT 1-3

season on 35 minutes before Jake Howells popped up with Luton's second just after the hour.

But as Luton went pushing for an equaliser, Gillingham grabbed a fourth which saw them leapfrog over the Hatters in the Youth Alliance Division.

Cummins said: "We came off at half-time 3-1 down and we knew that the next goal was always going to be important.

"We got that in the second half and we played really well after the break. We looked as though we may have got an equaliser, but as we went pushing for another goal we got caught out and Gillingham scored at the end.

"I was really disappointed in the manner that we conceded the three goals in the

first half. They came through individual mistakes and they could have been avoided.

"It didn't give us the best platform to work on and I felt we could have done so much more in the first half.

"It is always going to be a struggle going three goals down, but I was more pleased with the way we responded.

"We upped the tempo in the second half which was pleasing and we tried to take advantage of the conditions.

"The pitch was bobbly and the weather didn't really help, but we gave it a go in the second half and the lads deserve some credit for that.

"I thought we might go on and get something from the game when we brought it to 3-2, but the tempo slowed down a bit and we didn't really kick on from there."

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

Club Name	Number of Teams	Number of Players	Dunstable Town	10	150	Maulden Magpies	3	45
AFC Kempston Colts	16	240	H.R. Hatters	1	15	Poston Lower School	3	45
AFC Shillington	8	120	Houghton Athletic	3	45	St Joseph Youth	11	165
Arlesey Town	12	180	Leighton United	23	295	Statham & Kensworth	1	15
Bedford Town Colts	5	75	Luton Dynamos	1	15	Warden Hill Tigers	5	75
Crawley Green FC	27	405	Luton Town Ladies	5	75	Wheatheaf, Flitwick	1	15
Dunstable College	1	20	Luton United	6	90	Totals	142	2085

Under-18 results, fixtures and table

August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Sat 18 Southend D 3-3	Sat 1 QPR D 1-1	Sat 6 Brentford (PY) W 3-1	Fri 2 Leyton Orient (FA) W2-1	Sat 1 Barnet W 3-1	Sat 5 Wycombe L1-3	Sat 9 Brighton W2-0	Sat 16 Southend W2-0	Sat 13 Gillingham L4-2	Sat 20 Brighton W2-0
Sat 8 Colchester W 3-0	Sat 8 Colchester W 3-0	Sat 13 Barnet (PY) W 2-1	Wed 21 Corby Town (FA) W4-1	Wed 5 Leeds (FA) L 3-0	Sat 19 Peterborough P-P	Sat 16 Brighton W2-0	Sat 23 Gillingham L4-2	Sat 30 Brighton W2-0	Sat 6 Brighton W2-0
Sat 15 Plymouth (PY) L 5-2	Sat 15 Plymouth (PY) L 5-2	Sat 20 Swansea (PY) D 1-1	Sat 24 QPR (PY) L 2-0	Sat 8 Rushden & D W 1-0		Sat 16 Brighton W2-0	Sat 23 Gillingham L4-2	Sat 30 Brighton W2-0	Sat 6 Brighton W2-0
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Appearances	Leading scorers
Ross Faulds.....20	Ryan Charles.....12
Jake Howells.....18 (2)	Ashley Harrison-Barker.....5
Ryan Charles.....18	Mark Farthing.....3
Mark Farthing.....17 (3)	Jake Howells.....3
Elliott Osborne-Ricketts.....17 (1)	Scott Sinclair.....2
Harry Hogarth.....16 (2)	Elliott Osborne-Ricketts.....2
Jamie McGuinness.....16 (1)	Dean Hamilton.....2
George Beavan.....16	
Riccardo Biggi.....15 (3)	
Scott Sinclair.....13 (3)	
Ashley Harrison-Barker.....13 (2)	
Dean Hamilton.....12 (7)	
Joe Selby.....5 (2)	
Matthew Maitland.....5 (1)	
Billy Greulish.....4 (4)	
Richard Owusu.....4 (1)	
Loren Maxwell.....4	
Adam Watkins.....3 (8)	
Oliver Cleaver.....3 (5)	
Nathaniel Taylor.....3 (1)	
Ben Strang.....2	
Dave Pilgram.....2	
Ashley Deeney.....1 (7)	
Joshua Cranwell.....1 (5)	
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Aaron Fletcher.....1	
Adian Quinn.....(2)	
Dean Hitchcock.....(1)	

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FOOTBALL IN THE
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GIRLS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

STUART SMITH gives us the latest from the Girls Centre of Excellence programme



Good afternoon and welcome to today's game. I would like to start with some excellent news regarding our Girls Centre of Excellence Programme.

It has been confirmed from the National FA that we are to receive a Full Time Girls Centre of Excellence License for next season. This will allow us to provide, for the first time in this County, a full training and match programme for the Elite Girl players within Bedfordshire.

This Centre of Excellence now gives the girls, who have been developed so well by the Counties local clubs, the opportunity to push forward and strive for regional and national selection.

In turn, as a Centre of Excellence, we will provide defined Exit Routes for a talented player and will encourage them to progress, putting no barriers in the way of their efforts to progress to even higher levels. Our aim is to produce individual players that can progress to the very highest level, whether it is with Luton Town, a National Squad or an Arsenal of this world.

We realise that through this initiative, local clubs will lose players but hopefully they will understand that the individual players Development is of paramount importance and that every girl should have the opportunity to reach her full potential. In an effort to balance the equation we will be setting up a series of Girls Development Centres to underpin the COE Programme.

Also as part of our Exit Route Strategy; when the girls complete their Under 16 year they will be asked to play in an Exit Trial. All Senior Charter Standard Clubs in Bedfordshire will be invited to attend this trial and will be then given the mechanism to approach the girls with the view of offering them adult football.

Within the COE environment we also offer the girls a series of lifestyle experiences, which involve residential camps and tours. This years end of season tour is to Finland and girls from the age of 7 to 16 will be travelling giving them the opportunity to explore new cultures, make new friends, interact with people of different ages and play against teams that play in different ways.

We have just returned from this years residential camp, which was held at Shuttlesworth College in Old Warden. The experience for the girls was very positive and as staff we learned more about the girls and their characters in a couple of days than we can learn in a whole year of training and playing.

All four age groups attended the camp and spent their time using the fantastic facilities that Shuttlesworth has to offer. We had the opportunity to work on team shape and set plays, which we would not normally be able to do. The girls also participated in a series of team building exercise, which included an X Factor type competition where all the girls in teams of four or five had to entertain the rest of the group.

This had a really positive effect on the shy children and the girls came back buzzing from the experience.

I would personally like to thank all the staff who worked so hard to make the week a success and also thank David Bell who navigated into the middle of nowhere to participate in a Q and A session with some of the girls.

Enjoy the game

Stuart Smith



We would like to
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Sophie Bainbridge

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Patric McGeough
Nathan Bishop
Robert Smith
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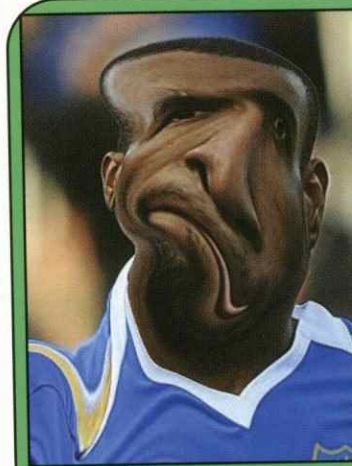
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10 to test you

1 AT which club was former Everton and Chelsea defender Pat Nevin once the chief executive?

2 APART from Gretna, which is the only other Scottish league team to have played in the FA Cup?



Question 8

3 WHERE did Vinnie Jones end his career?

4 WHICH club play their home games at the Racecourse Ground?

5 WHICH club are nicknamed the Chairboys?

6 ANDY Scott is the manager of which League Two club?

7 WHEN was the last time Tottenham won the FA Cup?

8 WHICH team won the first Carling Cup to be played at the Millennium Stadium?

9 ARSENAL signed Jens Lehmann from which club in 2003?

10 IN what year did Blackburn win the Premiership?



Question 1



Question 9



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- 3 a Premiership manager,
- 4 a Championship ground and
- 5 a Luton Town legend.

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3 BESET CURVE

4 A RACE RHINO

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

Spurs torn apart by Under-15's as Under-12's gain creditable draw



GOAL... Nicola Henman celebrates her goal after scoring for U15s against Tottenham Hotspur

Luton Under-12's Denham United 1 - 1 Luton Town

After the heavy defeat to Denham earlier in the season, Luton Under-12's manager Andy Gordon chose a more defensive formation of 4-5-1.

Denham started the brighter out of the two teams, and Luton were on the defensive in the opening stages of the game. But after soaking up some early pressure, Luton finally found their feet and got their first chance of the game inside ten minutes when a quick one two by put Kally Wilson through on goal who, despite rounding the goalkeeper, hit her shot wide of the far post.

However, Wilson got her second chance after 24 minutes and made sure her shot found the target when she found another way round the Denham goalkeeper with some sublime skill inside the visitor's penalty area.

The second half started as the first had, with Denham pressing. Luton seemed to be defending a lot deeper and Denham were taking advantage of this, pressing and getting a lot of space in the midfield area.

The inevitable finally happened on 37 minutes when Denham made that pressure count as a quick lob from the

middle of the field caught Chloe Wilding off her line. Despite getting her fingers to the ball Wilding was unable to prevent Denham equalising.

With time running out, both Luton and Denham desperately tried to put their team ahead. However with both sides defending strongly neither side were able to find a way through.

However, Andy Gordon was pleased with his teams performance.

"They played very well," he said. "There were some excellent moments and it shows just what an improvement the girls have made since the start of the season."

"After a tough game the girls deserve all the credit. I sent them out in a new formation and they worked well. We knew we would need to defend and they gave it 100 percent."

Luton Under-15's Luton Town 11 - 0 Tottenham Hotspur

After last weeks cancellation on match day due to frost, the team were keen to get another match under their belt.

Luton started well and scored their first on six minutes when Leanne made a great turn to beat a defender and slot a ball through for Candice to run onto

and lob the keeper.

Minutes later Luton were on the attack again when a corner by Leanne was met by Nicola. Tottenham's goalkeeper failed to keep hold of the ball giving Luton an easy knock in for number two.

On 16 minutes, Clare's long-range shot was tipped onto the crossbar by the keeper but Nicola was there to head the rebound from close range.

Nicola collected her hat-trick on 30 minutes when she headed in a well positioned cross from Clare.

The sixth came from a Nicola header before Jade added her name to the score sheet with the seventh.

The eighth was from the days player of the match, Nicola, with another header.

In the second half Spurs were forced to come out with new tactics.

The final score was 11 - 0 as Kate and Steph got on the score sheet with their first goals of the season.

Steph scored hers after she found space on the left after beating two defenders.

The final goal was added by Nicola, giving her six in all.

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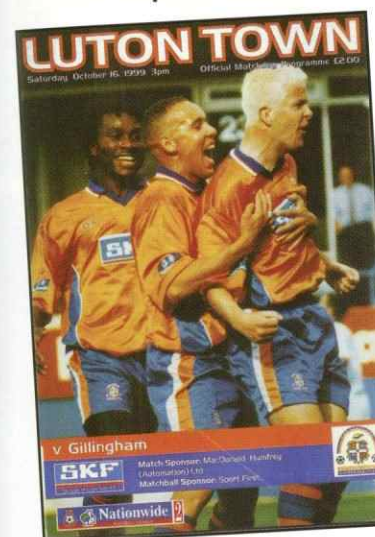
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FEATURE

MY FIRST MATCH



My First Match, gives you the opportunity to write in the matchday programme and talk about your first ever visit to Kenilworth Road. Today, supporter **DANIEL COADY** looks back at his first ever trip to watch the mighty Hatters when Gillingham were the visitors in a pulsating Division Two match. To send us your stories of your first Luton match, drop us an email at programme@lutontown.co.uk leaving us some details along with a contact telephone number.



Luton Town v Gillingham
League Division Two
Saturday 16th October 1999

My earliest memory of a match at Kenilworth Road was when my dad took me, and two of his mates, to watch the Hatters play Gillingham in 1999.

I was only six-years-old, and although I heard much about the club on TV, I had never been to watch a live game.

What I remember most about the game was two things. Firstly, we were given prime seats, right near

the goal in the Kenilworth Road stand - so close to the action.

As kick-off time approached, the atmosphere in the ground was electric, and there seemed to be a real buzz around the place.

Looking back on it now, I realise why there was such a good atmosphere around the ground that day as the Club had just got themselves out of administration, making the start to the season Lennie Lawrence had made even more impressive as we were still in the top half of the division going into the Gillingham game.

Despite never being to a match, I already had my favourite players. Stuart Douglas became a favourite of mine for his hard working displays up front whilst Matthew Taylor was always popular with the fans for his quick pace and his powerful shots from distance.

I couldn't wait to see both players in action and I remember jumping for joy when Douglas had put the Hatters into the lead after a Liam George penalty had cancelled out an opener from Junior Lewis.

My dad had brought me a replica shirt, with Stuart Douglas printed on the back, from the Club Shop. It was my first ever football shirt and I still have it tucked away safely. I brought it to the Open Day the previous season and it was signed by the entire squad.

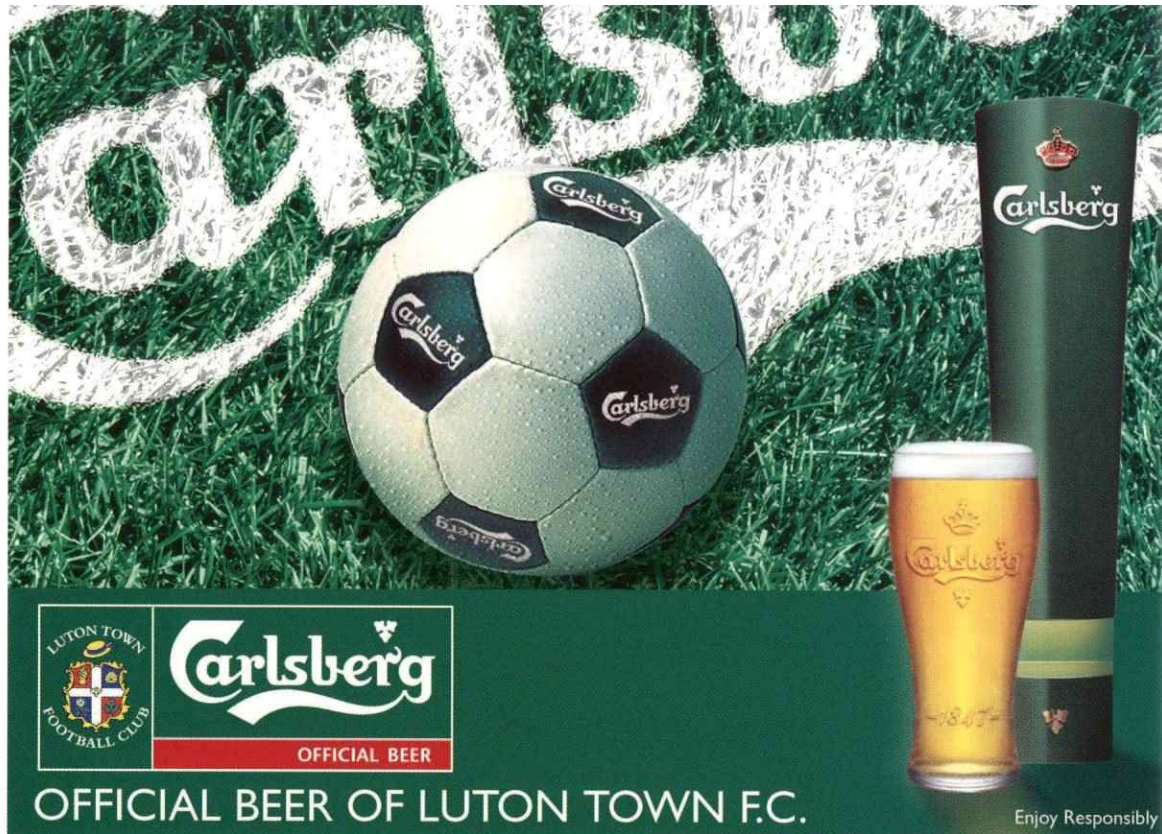
The match was an eventful affair and Liam George, who had already scored six times that season, fired home two that game as Luton ran out comfortable 3-1 winners to help push us into seventh in the table.

The atmosphere inside the ground that day made me want to come back to Kenilworth Road and I have been a regular visitor ever since.

Nowadays, I attend football matches with my mates, but that first ever visit to Kenilworth Road will live long in the memory.

There is still something about Kenilworth Road that makes me want to come back. Although one day I hope we will move to a new stadium, I'm sure many Luton supporters will miss this ground when we eventually move.





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TODAY'S MATCHES

The race for the play-offs is still proving to be the most talked about area of the League One table with several teams eyeing a potential top six finish.

One team who have lost ground on the top six in recent weeks are LEYTON ORIENT (8th), who have slipped outside the play-off pack.

The Londoners, who face a tricky away trip to BRIGHTON (11th), have only won once in their last nine games on the road.

Orient haven't won in their last seven games and face a Brighton side that are unbeaten in their last six home games, which has seen them given a realistic opportunity of making the play-offs.

SOUTHEND (7th) are another team whose inconsistent form has seen them slip out of the top six in recent weeks.

However they will fancy their chances of winning this afternoon when they travel to CHEL-

TENHAMTOWN (19th), who have only won once in their last eight games.

Cheltenham's form has seen them in a relegation fight this season and with GILLINGHAM (20th), and CREWE (21st) stringing positive results in recent weeks, the fight for survival is also proving interesting.

Gillingham's form at the Priestfield is impressive with only one defeat in their last seven games and they take on a YEOVIL (16th) side that have been struggling on the road with only one win in their last eight games.

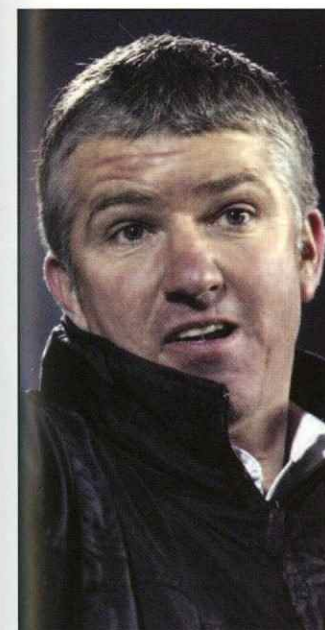
Meanwhile, Crewe face a trickier outing this afternoon with the Railwaymen taking on inform NORTHAMPTON (10th), who have been quietly moving in the right direction in the League One table.

The Cobblers are unbeaten in their last ten home games and have been solid in defence conceding just eight goals in the last ten games.

PORT VALE'S (24th) season doesn't show any signs of improvement. Another heavy defeat to MILLWALL (18th) at the weekend means that Vale are well adrift of the safety zone in League One.

However, Vale might fancy their chances of picking up a much needed win when they take on OLDHAM (12th), who have only won once in their last six games away from home.

Returning to the top of the league, LEEDS (9th), are still adjusting to life without Dennis Wise. Since his departure, the former Premiership club hasn't won a game and has only won once in their last nine away games. They travel to face SWINDON (13th) this afternoon.



WIN NEEDED... Orient boss Martin Ling

FORM GUIDE

TODAY'S LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES

Bournemouth vs Hartlepool
Brighton vs Leyton Orient
Cheltenham vs Southend
Gillingham vs Yeovil
Huddersfield vs Swansea
Millwall vs Bristol R
Northampton vs Crewe
Port Vale vs Oldham
Swindon vs Leeds
Tranmere vs Doncaster

HOME FORM TABLE

Last six League games										
	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts			
Carlisle	6	0	0	13	6	7	18			
Swansea	6	0	0	11	4	7	18			
Nottm Forest	5	1	0	11	1	10	16			
Doncaster	5	0	1	10	5	5	15			
Bristol Rovers	4	2	0	11	4	7	14			
Brighton	4	2	0	10	4	6	14			
Tranmere	4	1	1	8	4	4	13			
Cheltenham	4	1	1	6	3	3	13			
Northampton	3	3	0	10	3	7	12			
Walsall	3	3	0	10	4	6	12			
Oldham	3	2	1	10	6	4	11			
Swindon	3	2	1	9	7	2	11			
Hartlepool	3	1	2	12	9	3	10			
Millwall	3	1	2	9	7	2	10			
Southend	3	1	2	6	5	1	10			
Huddersfield	3	1	2	6	6	0	10			
Gillingham	2	3	1	5	2	3	9			
Leyton Orient	2	2	2	7	5	2	8			
Bournemouth	2	2	2	11	13	-2	8			
Yeovil	2	1	3	3	8	-5	7			
Crewe	1	3	2	7	8	-1	6			
Leeds	1	2	3	6	8	-2	5			
Port Vale	1	2	3	8	11	-3	5			
LUTON	0	2	4	4	11	-7	2			

AWAY FORM TABLE

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

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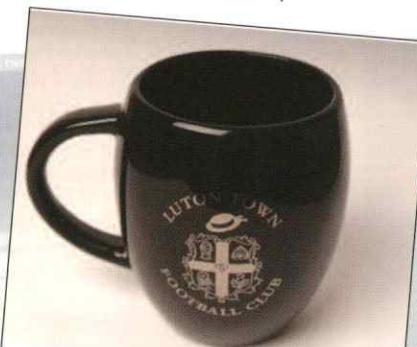
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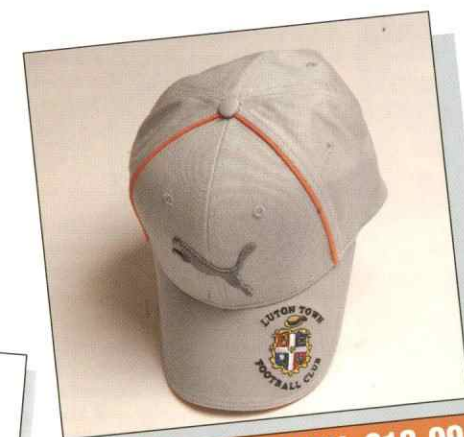
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John (Jackie) Richard WHENT

Although born in Darlington, Jackie was brought up in Canada but played his early football in California.

After joining the Canadian Army in 1942, Jackie came over to England and was posted near Brighton where he was asked to assist the Albion junior team. He eventually signed on with the Seagulls and became a regular in their Division Three (South) side as a strong and capable centre-half and was awarded the captain's armband in his last two seasons at the Goldstone.

At the age of 30, Jackie was transferred to Luton in exchange for Jim Mulvaney and Peter Walsh and was asked to play in the forward line where he met with only limited success although he did score on his Hatters debut.

Jackie's stay at Luton lasted only a year before he moved to Kettering and then back to Canada where he settled.

Adrian Richard WHITBREAD

Tough and influential central defender Adrian started off his football career as a Youth Trainee at Leyton Orient before making his League debut in December 1989 and then becoming captain at the age of 20.

His battling performances earned him a £500,000 move to new Premiership side Swindon in 1993 and an even bigger fee changed hands when he switched to West Ham a year later. He failed to settle at Upton Park and moved on to Portsmouth where he was soon made skipper.

After falling out with manager Steve Claridge, Adrian joined Luton on loan in November 2000 and his commitment shone through as he tried to save the Hatters from relegation. Sadly, a transfer could not be arranged and Adrian joined Reading before finishing his League career at Exeter.

In recent years Adrian has acted as number two to Martin Allen in his various managerial posts.

Brian Kenneth WHITBY

Luton born Brian played for the Bedfordshire Youth team and Vauxhall Motors before joining the Hatters as an amateur and then signing part-time professional forms in May 1957 whilst continuing to work at the car factory. A fast and two-footed winger, Brian made his League debut for the Town at Newcastle in March 1958, scoring in a 2-3 defeat, and kept his place for the remainder of the season. The signing of Billy Bingham by Luton that summer effectively ended his career at Kenilworth Road as he made only one more first-team appearance before throwing in his lot with Bedford in 1960.

After spells with St Neots and Milton Keynes, Brian hung up his boots to concentrate fully on his job with Vauxhall before using his skills in a sales environment. He still lives in the town in retirement.

Alan WHITE

After joining Middlesbrough as a Youth trainee, the tall and aggressive centre-half struggled to earn a first team chance at the Riverside so when his old manager, Lennie Lawrence, came calling in September 1997 to ask him to come to Luton he jumped at the chance.

The Hatters were suffering from a major injury crisis at the time which gave the £40,000 signing an opportunity to earn himself a regular place in the side with his no-nonsense style and he was virtually ever present until losing his place to Julian Watts. Alan has since enjoyed successful spells at Colchester, Leyton Orient, Boston and Notts County and is currently with Darlington, his home town club.

Stephen (Steve) James WHITE

Honest and dependable goalscorer Steve, played almost 650 League games for seven clubs in a twenty year, virtually injury free, career.

Starting with Bristol Rovers, Steve caught the eye of Luton manager David Pleat after scoring a brace against the Hatters and moved to Kenilworth Road for £175,000 in December 1979. Unable to displace Bob Hatton initially, Steve had to wait until the 1981/82 season before he earned a regular start when his goals helped the Town to promotion to the top flight.

Sadly, Steve was forced to move to Charlton that summer of 1982 as part of the deal that brought Paul Walsh to Luton but he put his disappointment behind him and went on to prove a credit to the game.

After finally hanging up his boots, Steve assisted Bath City and managed Chippenham Town.



OF LUTON TOWN

player to have appeared for THE HATTERS in the Football League

Raymond (Ray) Henry WHITTAKER

A great career was mapped out for tiny winger Ray after he gained a winners medal for England in the Little World Cup of 1963 and was then awarded a contract at Arsenal

Unfortunately, he was unable to make the breakthrough at Highbury and joined Luton in March 1964 just in time to help the Hatters avoid the drop to the football basement.

Quick and accurate with an eye for goal, Ray soon became a favourite at Kenilworth Road and although he could not prevent the Town from being relegated in 1965 he was a mainstay in the side that romped to the championship of Division Four three years later, setting up chances for Keith Allen, Ian Buxton and Bruce Rioch as well as weighing in with ten goals himself.

After losing his place to Mike Harrison the following season, Ray moved to Colchester and then had a spell at Wealdstone before breaking his leg whilst at Dunstable. Ray then worked at a merchant bank in the City of London for 22 years before taking early retirement.

Paul WILKINSON

Another well travelled striker who turned out for ten League clubs in a long career, which included four caps at England Under-21 level, although he could have been lost to the game as he had trials for Nottinghamshire CCC as a youngster.

Starting with Grimsby, Paul's goalscoring form soon had the scouts flocking to Blundell Park leading to a £250,000 move to Everton in 1985. From there he moved on to Nottingham Forest, Watford and Lennie Lawrence's Middlesbrough for increasingly larger fees.

Out of favour at the Riverside, Paul was remembered by new Luton boss Lawrence leading to a loan transfer to the Hatters in March 1995.

The Town were desperately fighting relegation and needed Paul's goals but typical of the club's luck at the time the tall forward broke a toe in only his third game!

Paul is now on the coaching staff at Cardiff City.

Martin Keith WILLIAMS

Although born in Luton and the nephew of ex-Hatter Ray Daniel, Martin started his football career as a Youth Trainee at Leicester before being enticed to Kenilworth Road and signing professional forms in 1991.

Over the next four years, the popular winger made 40 League appearances for the Town although most of the time he came on as a 'supersub' when the team was chasing a game and his pace could be used to full advantage.

After a loan spell at Colchester, Martin moved to Reading where after a slow start he was converted into a striker and was top scorer for the Royals in 1998/99 even though he was out injured from the February.

The injury ended his Reading career and after short spells at Swindon and Peterborough, Martin moved down into non-League and was at Arlesey last season.

Steven (Steve) Charles WILLIAMS

Undoubtedly one of the finest midfield players of his generation, Steve started his League career at Southampton after coming up through the ranks and in ten years at the Dell played over 300 first team games for the Saints as well as earning six England caps.

Brilliant control and superb distribution were let down sometimes by an impetuous and argumentative streak but he still attracted a £550,000 bid from Arsenal in 1984 and on the bigger stage his talents shone through.

A fall-out with manager George Graham just before the Gunners were due to play Luton in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final meant a parting of the ways and he perversely joined the Hatters that summer for a record fee of £300,000.

Sadly, he failed to show his England form at Kenilworth Road and became a misfit who was packed off on a free transfer to Exeter in 1991.

Steve still lives in the Exeter area where he is involved in property.



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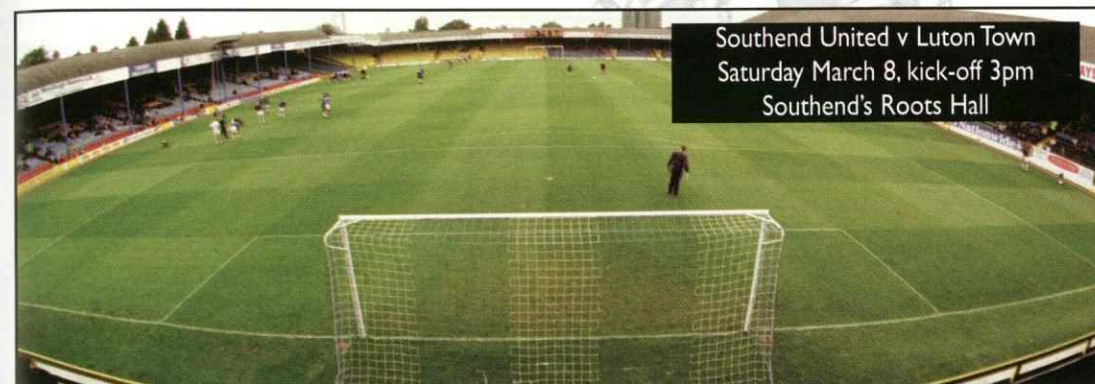
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GOALSCORER

Player	First	Last	Anytime
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Sam Parkin	15/2	15/2	12/5
Calvin Andrew	8/1	8/1	5/2
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Saturday March 8, kick-off 3pm
Southend's Roots Hall

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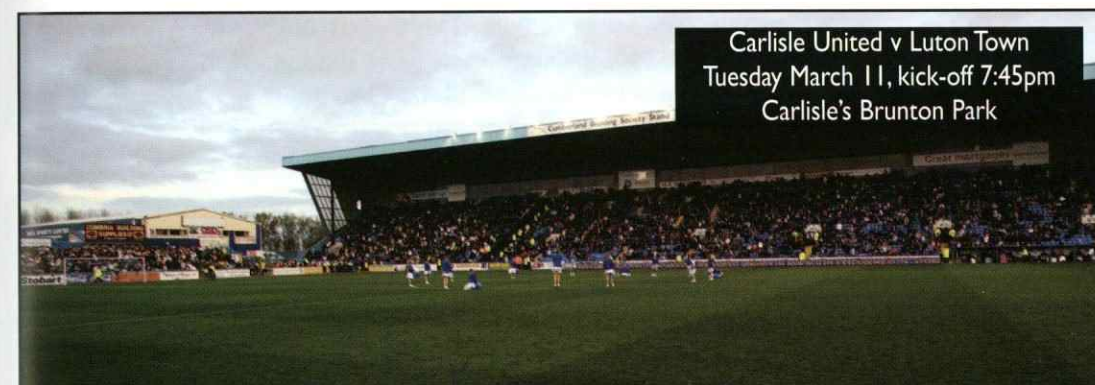
a car park at the ground, behind the Main Stand which costs £5, or there is the Southend High School For Boys which also offers car parking for £5 per car (the school entrance is on Prittlewell Road).

Pubs: The main away fans pub is the Golden Lion, which is situated on the A127, just up from the car park entrance to the Main Stand. The Blue Boar pub which is at the crossroads is also a very good place for away fans to congregate before the game. Please note that alcohol is not served to away fans within the stadium.

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Carlisle United v Luton Town
Tuesday March 11, kick-off 7:45pm
Carlisle's Brunton Park

Address: Brunton Park, Warwick Road, Carlisle, CA1 1LL

Road: Take the M1 Northbound and join the M6 at Junction 19. Leave the M6 at junction 43 and take the A69 towards Carlisle. After a mile the ground is on your right.

Parking: The club car park (cost £1.50) can be found by taking the first right immediately after Brunton Park into Victoria Place and then turn first right onto St Aidans Road. Otherwise street parking.

Pubs: There is one pub near the

ground, 'The Beehive' which is on the main A69 (Warwick Road). The pub allows away supporters in. Further down the road towards the town centre is the White House, which is more spacious, but won't allow away fans in wearing colours. Otherwise there is the Carlisle Rugby Club next to Brunton Park on the Warwick Road that has a club bar, allows in away supporters and is family friendly.

Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 11am with a pickup at the MK Coachway approximately 30mins later. The fare for LTSC members is £26, concessions £23 and non-members £30.

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

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield 11am and Luton at 12noon. Cost for this trip is £25 adults and £20 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 856542.



SOUTHEND UNITED v LUTON TOWN

Saturday March 8, 2008 League One 3pm

Tickets are now on General Sale from the Ticket Office.

Tickets will remain on sale until noon on Friday March 7.

This game is ALL TICKET, no tickets will be available on the day of the game.

ALLOCATION: We have received an initial allocation of 1500 tickets (includes 200 family tickets).

TICKET PRICES:

Adult £20, Seniors (over 60) £13, Young Adult (17-20yrs with ID) £12, Juniors (under 16) £10

Family (1 Adult and 1 Junior in the Away End Family Enclosure) £15



CARLISLE UNITED v LUTON TOWN

Tuesday March 11, 2008 League One 7:45pm

Tickets are now on General Sale from the Ticket Office.

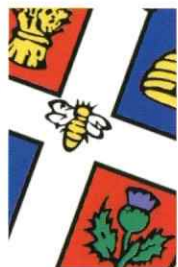
Tickets will remain on sale until 5pm on Monday March 10.

Tickets can be purchased on the night of the game although there will be a £2 increase on tickets except with the Child rate.

ALLOCATION: We have received an initial allocation of 300 tickets.

TICKET PRICES:

Adult £18, Seniors (over 65) £12, Juniors (11-17yrs) £8, Child (Under 11) £4



LUTON TOWN v OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Saturday March 15, 2008 League One 3pm

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



LUTON TOWN v CHELTENHAM TOWN

Saturday March 22, 2008 League One 3pm

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



MILLWALL v LUTON TOWN

Monday March 24, 2008 League One 3pm

Tickets are now on General Sale from the Ticket Office.

Tickets will remain on sale until kick-off on Saturday March 22.

This game is ALL TICKET, no tickets will be available on the day of the game.

ALLOCATION: We will receive an initial allocation of 1500 tickets.

TICKET PRICES:

Adult £20, Seniors (over 65) £13, Under 16's £11, Under 12's (accompanied by an adult with ticket) £8, Wheelchair disabled (with a carer free of charge) £20



LUTON TOWN v CREWE ALEXANDRA

Saturday March 29, 2008 League One 3pm

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



TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday-Friday 10am - 5pm

Home Matchday Saturday 9am - 3pm

plus after the game

Friday before a home match 10am - 6pm

Non home matchday Saturday 9am - 12pm

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

LATEST COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gd Pts
Swansea City	32	12	3	2	28	11	9	4	2	32	14	+35 70
Carlisle	32	13	1	1	29	9	4	6	7	17	22	+15 58
Northampton	32	10	5	1	28	7	5	6	5	19	16	+24 56
Doncaster	32	9	3	4	24	14	7	5	4	24	15	+19 56
Walsall	33	6	7	3	20	14	7	6	4	21	13	+14 52
Tranmere	34	9	4	4	24	13	5	6	6	15	18	+8 52
Southend	33	9	2	5	26	16	6	3	8	26	30	+6 50
Leyton Orient	34	7	5	5	21	20	6	5	6	18	24	-5 49
Leeds United*	33	11	3	3	31	13	7	5	4	21	16	+23 47
Northampton	34	8	5	4	27	15	4	5	8	15	27	0 46
Brighton	31	8	5	3	25	16	4	4	7	14	17	+6 45
Oldham	33	5	6	5	18	16	6	5	6	18	15	+5 44
Swindon Town	33	8	4	4	25	17	3	7	7	17	23	+2 44
Huddersfield	32	8	3	5	20	16	5	1	10	12	29	-13 43
Bristol Rovers	30	5	7	3	21	19	5	4	6	13	14	+1 41
Yeovil Town	34	7	3	7	15	20	4	5	8	14	22	-13 41
Hartlepool	33	8	5	4	31	20	3	2	11	17	28	0 40
Millwall	33	8	2	7	26	21	2	4	10	8	27	-14 36
Cheltenham	34	7	6	4	16	16	2	3	12	12	31	-19 36
Gillingham	32	7	6	3	20	14	2	2	12	11	35	-18 35
Crewe	34	6	5	6	19	22	2	6	9	12	28	-19 35
Luton Town*	33	8	4	5	22	19	1	4	11	11	27	-13 25
Bournemouth*	34	4	4	9	20	33	5	2	10	24	28	-17 23
Port Vale	34	3	5	9	17	25	2	2	13	14	33	-27 22

*Leeds deducted 15 points

*Luton deducted 10 points

+Bournemouth deducted 10 points

2007-08 APPEARANCES

	This Season						Luton Career			
	LEAGUE	CUPS	TOTAL	DISCIPLINARY	APPEARANCES	GOALS	LEAGUE	CUPS	TOTAL	GOALS
Ben ALNWICK	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	Yel	Red		
Calvin ANDREW	16(12)	2	8(3)	2	22(15)	4	2	0	55	6
George BEAVAN	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0	0	0	2	0
David BELL	27	3	9	1	36	4	3	0	83	8
Marlon BERRSFORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	0
Dean BRILL	24	0	10	0	34	0	0	0	56	0
Armet BRKOVIC	0(1)	0	1(2)	0	1(3)	0	1	0	223	38
Chris COYNE	18	0	7	1	25	1	3	0	251	16
Darren CURRIE	22(4)	2	5(2)	0	27(6)	2	3	0	32	2
Sam DAVIS	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	186	2
Dave EDWARDS	18(1)	4	7	0	25(1)	4	1	0	25	4
Lewis EMANUEL	4(2)	1	2	0	6	1	1	0	50	3
Jaroslav FOJUT	15(1)	2	7	1	22(1)	3	2	0	23	3
David FORDE	5	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	6	0
Paul FURLONG	19(8)	8	5(2)	4	24(10)	12	5	1	33	12
Alan GOODALL	24(3)	1	9(1)	0	30(4)	1	3	1	34	1
Anthony GRANT	1(3)	0	0(2)	0	1(5)	0	2	0	6	0
Don HUTCHISON	7(5)	0	5	1	12(5)	1	2	0	17	1
Richard JACKSON	20(2)	0	8	0	28(2)	0	2	0	30	4
Keith KEANE	15(1)	1	4(2)	0	19(3)	1	2	0	93	4
Richard LANGLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	1
Paul McVEIGH	3(10)	0	2(6)	0	5(16)	0	1	0	20	0
Dean MORGAN	7(8)	1	3(2)	0	10(10)	1	1	0	99	12
Stephen O'LEARY	1(4)	0	0(2)	0	1(6)	0	1	0	45	3
Sam PARKIN	3(3)	1	1	0	4(3)	1	0	0	15	2
Chris PERRY	30	1	9	0	39	1	8	0	39	1
Paul PESCHISOLDO	2(2)	0	0(1)	1	2(3)	1	0	0	5	1
Steve ROBINSON	23(1)	0	7	1	30(1)	1	10	0	207	12
Matthew SPRING	31	6	10	3	41	9	8	0	343	40
Drew TALBOT	13(10)	0	5(4)	2	18(14)	2	0	0	48	5
Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	5
Marc WILSON	4	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	4	0

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RESULTS AND FIXTURES



SUBSTITUTES

Date	Opponent	Venue	Score	Att	Away	Pos
Sat Aug 11	HARTLEPOOL UNITED H		2-1	8,013	608	3
Tue Aug 14	Dagenham & Redbridge (CC1) A		2-1	1,754	397	-
Sat Aug 18	Swindon Town	A	1-2	7,520	1,013	10
Sat Aug 25	GILLINGHAM H		3-1	6,178	508	4
Tues Aug 28	SUNDERLAND (CC2) H		3-0	4,401	787	-
Sat Sept 1	Leeds United	A	0-1	26,856	tbc	7
Tues Sept 4	NORTHAMPTON (JPT1) H		2-0	2,532	373	-
Sat Sept 8	BRISTOL ROVERS H		1-2	6,131	564	11
Fri Sept 14	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-2	6,525	252	17
Sat Sept 22	PORT VALE H		2-1	6,084	138	13
Tues Sept 25	CHARLTON ATH (CC3) H		3-1(aet)	4,534	776	-
Sat Sept 29	Huddersfield Town	A	0-2	9,028	543	16
Tue Oct 2	Yeovil Town	A	0-0	4,848	tbc	17
Sat Oct 6	DONCASTER ROVERS H		1-1	6,513	472	17
Tue Oct 9	Gillingham (JPT2) A		3-4	1,417	101	-
Mon Oct 15	NORTHAMPTON TOWN H		4-1	5,881	420	14
Sat Oct 20	Crewe Alexandra	A	0-2	4,490	435	15
Sat Oct 27	NOTTINGHAM FOREST H		2-1	8,524	1,800	13
Wed Oct 31	EVERTON (CC4) H		0-1(aet)	8,944	1,777	-
Sat Nov 3	Brighton	A	1-3	5,317	tbc	15
Tue Nov 6	CARLISLE UNITED H		0-0	5,462	408	17
Sat Nov 10	BRENTFORD: FA Cup 1 H		1-1	4,167	789	-
Sat Nov 17	Walsall	A	0-0	5,056	510	17
Sat Nov 24	SOUTHEND UNITED H		1-0	6,820	690	21
Tues Nov 27	Brentford: FA Cup 1 Rep A		2-0	2,643	350	-
Tue Dec 4	Oldham Athletic	A	1-1	4,251	176	22
Tue Dec 11	NOTTM F: FA Cup 2 H		1-0	5,758	1,013	-
Fri Dec 14	Cheltenham Town	A	0-1	3,702	355	23
Sat Dec 22	TRANMERE ROVERS H		1-0	6,070	235	22
Wed Dec 26	Bristol Rovers	A	1-1	7,556	413	23
Sat Dec 29	Port Vale	A	2-1	4,224	579	22
Tue Jan 1	YEOVIL TOWN H		1-0	6,811	392	21
Sun Jan 6	LIVERPOOL: FA Cup 3 H		1-1(log)	10,226	tbc	-
Sat Jan 12	SWANSEA CITY H		1-3	6,756	827	22
Tues Jan 15	Liverpool: FA Cup 3 Rep A		0-5	41,446	5,716	-
Sat Jan 19	Leyton Orient	A	1-2	5,516	1,023	22
Tues Jan 22	Bournemouth	A	3-4	3,489	232	22
Sat Jan 26	LEEDS UNITED H		1-1	9,297	1,800	23
Tue Jan 29	SWINDON TOWN H		0-1	5,738	225	23
Sat Feb 2	Hartlepool United	A	0-4	3,913	228	23
Sat Feb 9	AFC BOURNEMOUTH H		1-4	5,897	387	22
Sat Feb 16	LEYTON ORIENT H		0-1	6,412	1,086	22
Fri Feb 22	Swansea City	A	0-1	14,122	206	22
Tues Feb 26	MILLWALL H		1-1	6,417	755	22
Sat Mar 1	WALSALL H		15:00			
Sat Mar 8	Southend United	A	15:00			
Tue Mar 11	Carlisle United	A	19:45			
Sat Mar 15	OLDHAM ATHLETIC H		15:00			
Sat Mar 22	CHELTHAM TOWN H		15:00			
Mon Mar 24	Millwall	A	15:00			
Sat Mar 29	CREWE ALEXANDRA H		15:00			
Tues Apr 1	Gillingham	A	19:45			
Sat Apr 5	Northampton Town	A	15:00			
Sat Apr 12	BRIGHTON H		15:00			
Sat Apr 19	Nottingham Forest	A	15:00			
Sat Apr 26	Doncaster Rovers	A	15:00			
Sat May 3	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN H		15:00			

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**Saturday
March 15, 2008**

**League One
Kick-Off 3pm**

Luton Town v OLDHAM ATHLETIC

With the race for the play-offs still tightly fought, there are a number of teams who are hoping they can string a positive run of results to climb into the top six at the end of the season.

One of those teams are Oldham who, despite currently sitting in 13th position in the League One table, are just eight points adrift of the play-offs.

However, if the Latics are to achieve a top six finish this season, drastic improvements will need to be made to the Club's away form, which has been far from impressive.

Oldham haven't won a League game on their travels since New Years Day, when they demolished Leeds at Elland Road, and have lost heavily to Hartlepool and Doncaster this season.

But boss John Sheridan has certainly assembled a squad that will bode well for the future.

However that has been one concern for the Latics boss with the Club lightweight in terms of a goalkeeper.

Number one shot-stopper Mark Crossley, who will soon be approaching his 40th birthday, has had his fair share of injury problems whilst Les Pogliacomi is considering his future after requiring surgery.

However, a quick glance through the Oldham side shows that it is a team that has plenty of potential.

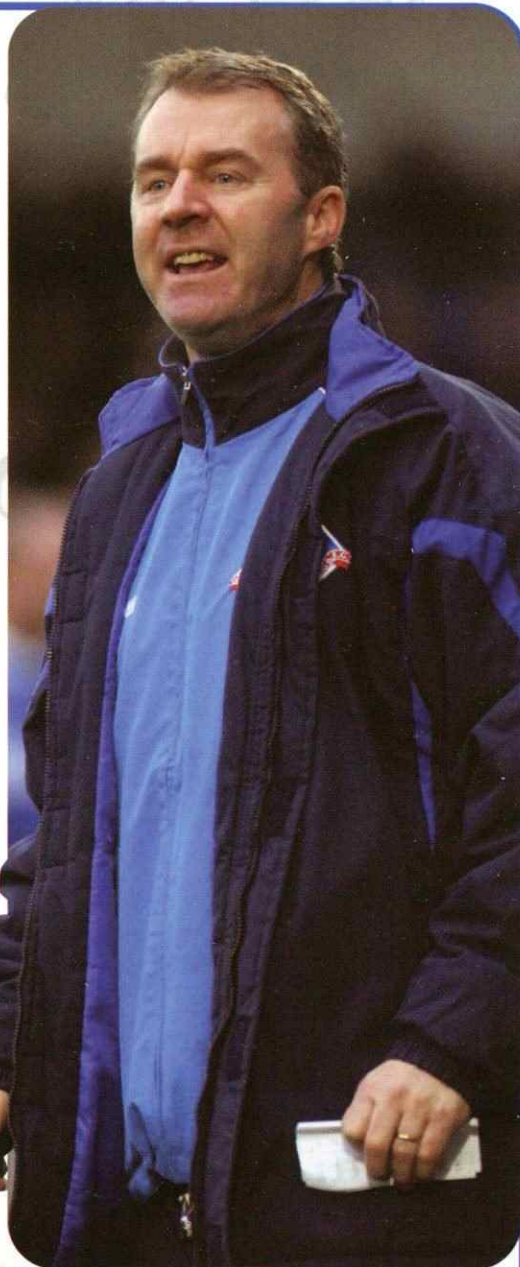
Welsh striker Craig Davies has shown his potential this season by firing 13 goals this season, whilst Lee Hughes has also chipped in with seven strikes of his own.

In midfield, Gary McDonald has proven to be a popular figure at Boundary Park since his move from Kilmarnock and has scored five goals this season.

Chris Taylor is another who has enjoyed a promising season and has been consistent in midfield, whilst Neil Eardley has continued to impress at the heart of the Oldham defence.

Previous encounters in recent seasons have been close affairs with three of the last four encounters ending in draws - the most recent occurring this season when the Hatters gained an impressive 1-1 draw at Boundary Park.

The last meeting at Kenilworth Road between the two sides came in August 2004 where goals from Steve Howard and Paul Underwood sealed a 2-1 win, which was Luton's first win against Oldham in ten previous attempts.



Head 2 head

	Luton	Draw	Oldham
League	15	15	13
FA Cup	1	1	0
League Cup	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
TOTAL	16 (36%)	16 (36%)	13 (28%)

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The line-ups

Luton Town

Manager: Mick Harford

Colours: White shirts, black shorts

	Pl	Sc
1 Dean Brill	■	■
3 Alan Goodall	■	■
4 Don Hutchison	■	■
5 Chris Perry	■	■
7 Dean Morgan	■	■
8 David Bell	■	■
9 Sam Parkin	■	■
10 Darren Currie	■	■
11 Paul Peschisolido	■	■
12 Richard Jackson	■	■
14 Steve Robinson	■	■
15 Stephen O'Leary	■	■
17 Lewis Emanuel	■	■
19 Drew Talbot	■	■
20 Calvin Andrew	■	■
21 Keith Keane	■	■
22 Richard Langley	■	■
24 Paul Underwood	■	■
25 Matthew Spring	■	■
26 Sol Davis	■	■
28 Paul McVeigh	■	■
29 Paul Furlong	■	■
35 Marlon Beresford	■	■
37 George Beavan	■	■

Walsall

Manager: Richard Money

Colours: White shirts and red shorts

	Pl	Sc
1 Clayton Ince	□	□
2 Rhys Weston	□	□
4 Alassane N'Dour	□	□
5 Anthony Gerrard	□	□
6 Ian Roper	□	□
7 Darren Wrack	□	□
8 Michael Dobson	□	□
10 Tommy Mooney	□	□
12 Ishmel Demontagnac	□	□
13 Bertrand Bossu	□	□
16 Lee Holmes	□	□
17 Alex Nicholls	□	□
18 Mark Bradley	□	□
19 Troy Deeney	□	□
20 Emmanuele Smith	□	□
21 David McDermott	□	□
22 Edrissa Sonko	□	□
23 Paul Boertien	□	□
26 Richard Taundry	□	□
28 Kevin Betsy	□	□
31 Rene Gilmartin	□	□

Squad lists correct at time of print.

Hatters' last team

Luton 1 Millwall 1



Goals: Furlong (19)
Subs: Goodall for Emanuel (23),
Andrew for Talbot (80),
McVeigh for Morgan (84)
Not used: Charles, Beavan

■ O'Leary

■ None

Walsall's last team

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Goals: Holmes (11, 57), Nicholls (90)
Subs: Deeney for Sonko (58),
Nicholls for Mooney (65),
N'Dour for Bradley (83)
Not used: Bossu, Taundry

■ Holmes

■ None

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