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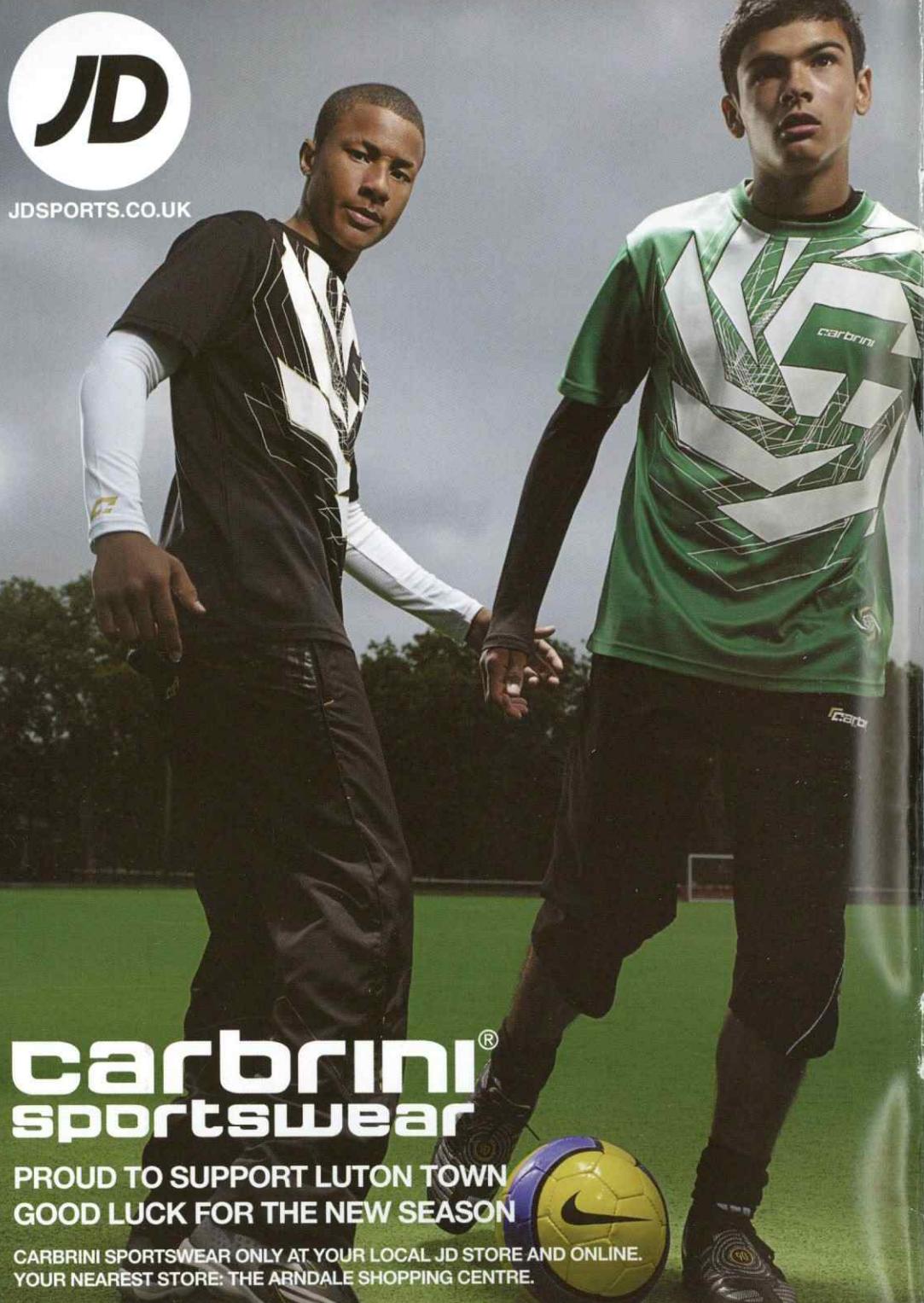
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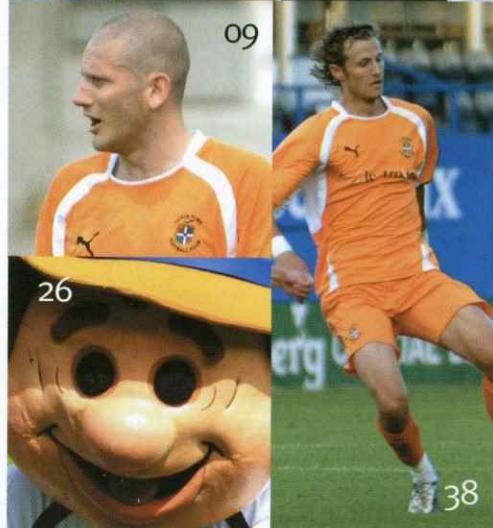
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"I believe we have a task ahead which is not insurmountable and is a challenge we will face together as a club."

mickharford



Hello and welcome back to Kenilworth Road as we look forward to what is going to be one of the most exciting seasons in Luton Town's history.

You the supporters have shown great loyalty and patience over the past months and we appreciate the passion you've shown for your club. Even with the situation we are in at the moment I am pleased to report that the season ticket sales are almost on par with last year, although, if you are reading this and are aware of friends and supporters who haven't already bought their ticket, let them know that the good times are around the corner.

The 2020 consortium and our new Chairman, Nick Owen, epitomise our situation as they have only one goal, which is to take care of this special football club.

Over the past months, we have started to regenerate the squad; since the end of the last season we have lost 14 players and we have been busy behind the scenes all summer recruiting players who are hungry and have the right credentials to face the task in front of us. It is vital that we bring players that will make us stronger and better

equipped for the challenges ahead this season and the coming seasons. With the massive player regeneration we are undergoing, the squad is going to take some time to evolve and we intend to make more signings in the coming weeks.

One of our new signings, Kevin Nichols has been made captain of the team. Kevin as you know has the fire and passion in him to lead this team to success.

We find ourselves in a unique situation this year – the eyes of the football world will

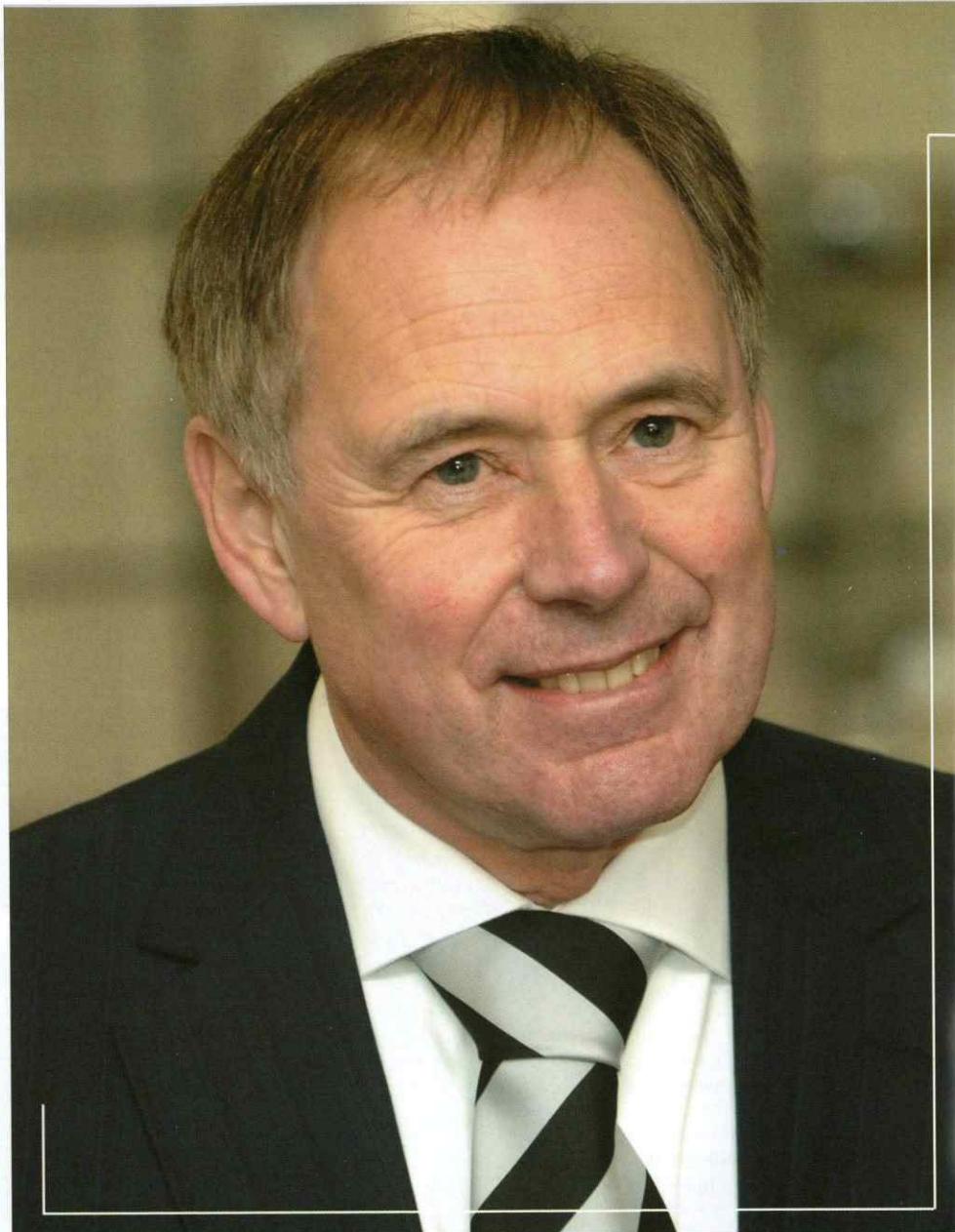
be upon us this season, but, I believe we have a task ahead which is not insurmountable and is a challenge we will face together as a club.

Finally, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Lee Sinnott, his players, directors, staff and supporters of Port Vale Football Club to Kenilworth Road and hope that they have a safe journey home back up the M6.

Keep the faith and get behind the lads as you always do.

Big Mick





nickowen



Well, at last we've reached the moment where we can focus on football, look to the future and concentrate on the good things at Luton Town Football Club.

What a tortuous journey it's been since we entered administration way back in November. Who would have believed then that we would ultimately shed a squad load of players, see the manager, Kevin Blackwell, leave the club, suffer our second successive relegation and be docked a total of forty points in the space of about eight months?

To be honest, it is remarkable we have come through it at all, testament to the determination, patience and loyalty of all of us who hold the club in such enduring affection – from the three guys who had the guts and vision to form 2020 in the first place, to the redoubtable investors, to the season ticket holders and devoted fans who knew we deserved

better than we've suffered in recent years.

I firmly believe that the events of recent months have made us all stronger and more fiercely determined to help Luton Town become the wonderful and successful club it used to be. Binding friendships have been formed through our shared passions for the club – I know that I have become friends with a host of people I might never have met if Luton Town hadn't plummeted to such dire circumstances. For that I am grateful.

I am also grateful to the players who have made it clear they want to roll up their sleeves and prove a point – that we can surmount our astonishing penalties. It's great to see so many new enthusiastic faces in the squad and how good it is to have Kevin Nicholls back where he belongs. What a message that sends out! There is something about

our club and, indeed, about Mick Harford that inspires affection, loyalty and determination.

So welcome to Kenilworth Road for the start of the most challenging season imaginable. I believe we will surprise people on the field and I am confident we will have some truly enjoyable and exhilarating times.

Welcome also to our friends from the Potteries: the players, the staff, directors and fans of Port Vale who were relegated alongside us last season. I wish them a successful season, preferably starting next week!

Thanks to you all for coming today and thanks, in anticipation, for your support when we need it most. Let's together make it a memorable season!

Nick

"I am also grateful to the players who have made it clear they want to roll up their sleeves and prove a point – that we can surmount our astonishing penalties"



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

the captain



NICO LOOKS FORWARD TO THE SEASON AHEAD

Welcome back to the start of what will be a historic and exciting season.

It is great to be back at Kenilworth Road and the reception I received last Saturday was fantastic, it brought a lump to my throat.

We all know that this season is going to be difficult but I can honestly tell you that we have the strongest and most determined team that Luton has seen in a long time and we are all working tirelessly to ensure Luton keeps its League status.

This season, you the supporters will be more important to us than ever. We need you to be the twelfth member of our team. If you have brought a season ticket that is brilliant.

"We all know that this season is going to be difficult but I can honestly tell you that we have the strongest and most determined team that Luton has seen in a long time"

I would like to welcome the Port Vale management, their players and supporters. Please give them a warm welcome this afternoon.

Today we are playing for three points, it is vital we get off to

a winning start. 2020 have put in so much hard work behind the scenes and we will be looking to continue with a strong performance and incontestable victory.

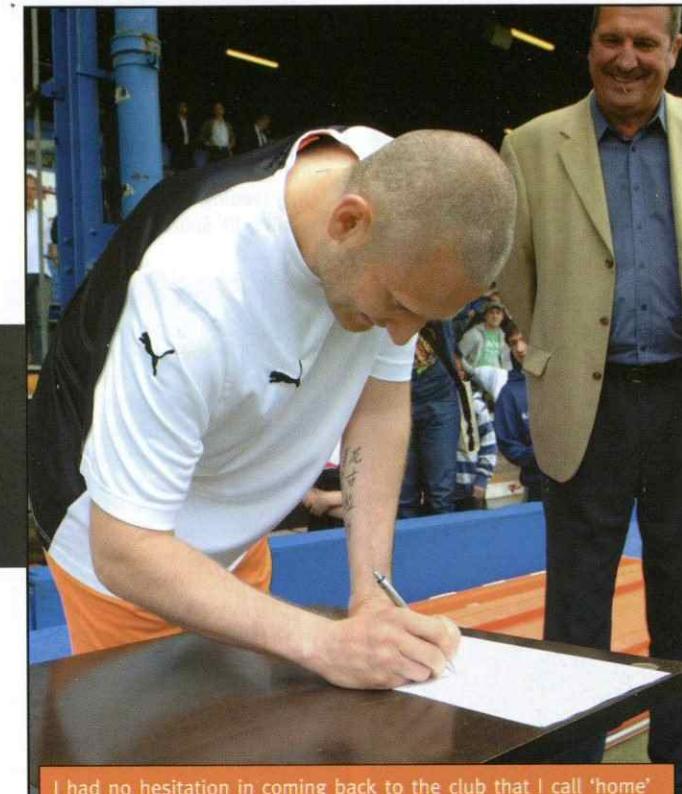
There are many new faces playing this afternoon and they are all completely dedicated to Luton. Please give them the same support as you gave me last week.

Your letters, messages and emails throughout the close season has been unbelievable, I have never seen so many people come together to offer their support and help and everyone at Luton Town has been touched by this.

Together we will make the seemingly impossible, possible.

Please get behind the lads this afternoon.

Nico



I had no hesitation in coming back to the club that I call 'home'



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Club News



JD SPORTS ANNOUNCED AS NEW KIT SPONSORS



The sponsorship has been labelled 'brave' by Gary Sweet

Luton Town Football Club have announced a new kit supply and sponsorship deal with the UK's leading sports fashion retailer, JD Sports.

JD Sports has signed a two-year deal with the Club and the arrangement will see one of JD's exclusive youth fashion brands, Carbrini Sportswear as the shirt sponsor and the official kit supplier of Luton Town's home, away and training kit. Gary Sweet, Managing Director of the Hatters commented on the new sponsorship, "This deal represents exactly the type of partnership we are looking for. As premium names in the sports fashion world, JD Sports and Carbrini are perfectly aligned to our own core values and we are proud to be associated with them. Gary continued, "It takes a brave

company to partner with us considering our current circumstances. However, we discussed our business plan and vision of the future with JD Sports and they were extremely supportive. The similarities between our two companies are significant, so moving forward together will obviously be of mutual benefit.

Barry Bown, Chief Executive of JD Sports commented: "We are proud to be sponsoring Luton Town for the forthcoming season. JD Sports is committed to supporting communities in which we trade and our sponsorship of Luton Town reflects this. The deal offers us a great opportunity to develop the Carbrini Sportswear brand and we're looking forward to maximising the potential of this partnership during the coming season."

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LUTON REVEAL NEW CREST

LUTON REVEAL A NEW CREST

Luton Town Football Club have recently unveiled a new club badge. We felt it was important to remember our clubs great

heritage, especially as we enter an exciting new era. Therefore the date '1885' was added, symbolising when the club was established.



Don't forget that the limited edition 20th Anniversary shirts are still available from the Hatters Club Shop. Prices range from £19.99 - £24.99

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APOLOGIES FROM THE MANUFACTURERS

Due to delivery issues with our new shirt manufacturers the squad will not be playing in the new kit, instead it has been agreed that we will play in last seasons kit until later in the month.

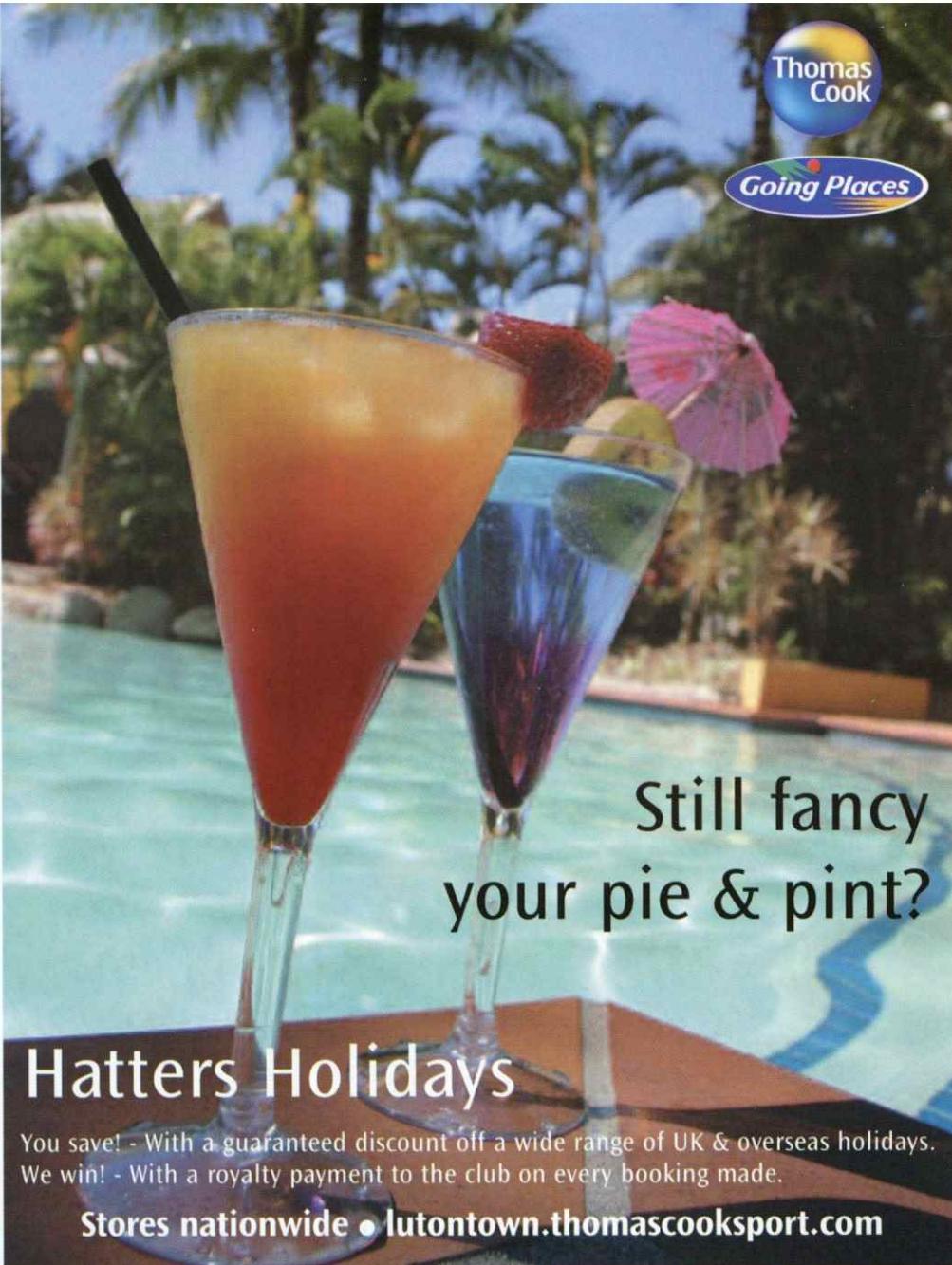
"In the grand scheme of things this is annoying but not catastrophic," said a disappointed Gary Sweet.

"New kits are normally ordered in the previous autumn, but when we came into the club in April nothing had been done. The manufacturer has pulled out all the stops to hit the beginning of the season, even going as far to make the players kit by hand, but it hasn't come off and the delivery will be late.

We're doing all we can to get the kit in as soon as possible and we apologise to all supporters for the delay."

Club captain Kevin Nicholls said, "We really don't care. How we look is immaterial to the fact that we need wins. Fans should forget about the kit and just concentrate on getting behind the lads, giving them all the encouragement to win."

Creating the best atmosphere not only lifts us, but it also lets the opposition know just what they are up against."



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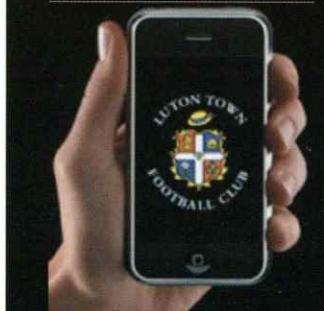


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NewsUpdate

HARFORD PLEASED WITH PRE-SEASON EFFORTS



Hatters' boss Mick Harford has expressed his delight at the way his players have conducted themselves during the pre-season campaign.

Although off-the-field matters have made life slightly more difficult during the close season, it hasn't affected the players as they prepare for the season ahead.

"I'm delighted with the way pre-season has gone," said Harford. "Obviously it's mainly about fitness but the four games we've had at Kenilworth Road have been

about actually trying to implement the way I want the team to play.

"Before this week, we haven't done any work on set-pieces, defending or attacking, because I don't want to give anything away at this stage. It's been more about getting the players use to the ball and way I want to play this season - we have been working on set-pieces this week at the training ground instead.

"Overall I've been quite pleased with pre-season."



Port Vale

Welcome to Today's visitors

Port Vale were formed in 1876, following a meeting at the Port Vale House, from where the club took its name. The club moved to Burslem in 1884, changing its name to Burslem Port Vale in the process.

Vale reached their highest place in the League since 1931 in the 1996/97 season when they finished eighth in the Championship; just four points shy of the play-off positions.

However, the following season saw the start of future problems both on and of the pitch, ending in administration in 2002/03.

Port Vale started a new era at their club in 2003/04 when they came out of administration under a new board of fan ownership. Former playing legend, Martin Foyle spent almost four years as manager before being sacked on 4 November after Port Vale continued to slide deeper into the relegation battle.

Lee Sinnott took over for the final 35 games but was unable to prevent Vale slipping into League Two. Last time Port Vale were in the bottom tier of the Football League was almost quarter of a century ago.



The Ground: Vale Park

Vale Park became Port Vale's sixth ground in 1950 after the club moved from the Old Recreation Ground in Hanley. It had taken six years to build and was on the site of a giant marl hole, which still contains numerous pit shafts. There is no evidence of anybody actually falling down one, though supporters will tell you of many players who have "disappeared" during games over the years.

The new ground was a lavish project for the time with a projected capacity of 70,000, leading to it being dubbed "The Wembley of the North". Unfortunately, money troubles led to the cancellation of the grandstands on the Lorne Street and Bycars. Even so it had the most expensive pitch ever laid at the time and the whole project had cost over £50,000, covering an area of some 18 and a half acres.

Improvements over the years saw the ground capacity increase to 44,000 in 1956 and a high of 50,000 by 1959. Nowadays the official capacity is given as 18,947.

The grand opening took place on 24th August 1950, a Thursday night, with a kick off of 5.20pm and the name Vale Park was announced at the opening ceremony attended by numerous dignitaries from the football world. Admission cost 1/3d, the equivalent of 6p. A crowd of 30,042 saw the first game, a 1-0 victory over Newport County in Division Three (South) with Walter Aveyard scoring the historic goal.

Since then Vale have played over 1,400 competitive games here in all competitions. The largest crowd was 49,768 for an FA Cup Round tie against Aston Villa in 1960, although it has been declared full with over 42,000 crammed in for cup-ties v Blackpool and Liverpool in 1954 and 1964 respectively.

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THE LAST FIVE GAMES

Pre-season friendly:
Tuesday July 8,
Farsley Celtic 0-0 Port Vale

Pre-season friendly:
Saturday July 12,
Newcastle 2-4 Port Vale

Pre-season friendly:
Saturday July 19,
Salisbury City 1-3 Port Vale

Pre-season friendly:
Saturday July 26,
Chasetown 0-1 Port Vale

Pre-season friendly:
Tuesday July 29,
Port Vale 0-1 Doncaster



CELEBRITY FAN: ROBBIE WILLIAMS

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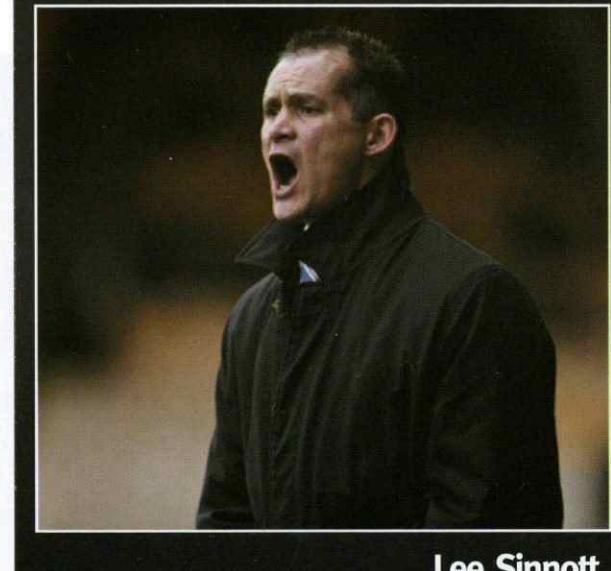
The Manager

Lee Sinnott (born 12 July 1965 in Aldridge, Walsall) is an English ex-professional footballer and manager.

He is currently manager of Port Vale, having previously achieved enormous success as manager of Farsley Celtic, most notably winning promotion three times in four seasons.

In October 2007, Sinnott was linked with the vacant job at League One team Port Vale, and on November 1, 2007 Farsley Celtic's chairman Andrew Firbank told fans that Sinnott would soon be leaving the club. However, hours later, confusion arose when Sinnott denied resigning. On November 5, 2007 he was named the new Port Vale manager ending the speculation about his future. On his first game in charge Sinnott lost to local rivals Crewe Alexandra.

Sinnott achieved his first win in charge of Port Vale at Morecambe in the FA Cup first round, with Port Vale winning 2-0. His first win in the league came on 8 December, winning 2-1 away at Gillingham. He was unable to keep Port Vale up, however, and they were relegated on 12 April 2008.



Lee Sinnott

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PortVale

Welcome to Today's visitors

1 - JOE ANYON

A former England Youth international, Joe has already attracted interest from Premier League clubs and is predicted to have a bright future in the game. A confident young 'keeper, he has matured since being given his chance at the end of 2006 and looks to have a good future in the game.

2 - SAM STOCKLEY

An experienced defender, Sam was brought to Vale Park in the summer of 2008 and can be a huge help to what is essentially a young Port Vale squad. He is a player who shows leadership qualities on and off the pitch.

3 - ROBERT TAYLOR

Signed from non-league Nuneaton Borough following a trial period at Vale Park, Rob is equally at ease whether playing on the left side of defence or in midfield – his adaptability making him an important member of the squad.

MARC RICHARDS



4 - ANTHONY GRIFFITH

A tough-tackling, ball-winning midfielder who can also operate in defence, Anthony spent the 2007-2008 season on loan at Halifax, but was snapped up from Doncaster Rovers by Lee Sinnott in the summer.

5 - JOHN MCCOMBE

Strong and comfortable on the ball, John was another who was signed up in the summer of 2008 after he was surprisingly released by Hereford United. John is expected to do well at the heart of the Vale defence.

6 - LUKE PROSSER

A former skipper of the Port Vale youth team, Luke has impressed for the reserves and now needs to push on and gain league experience. Essentially a centre back, Luke can also operate at full back and has the ability to make his mark this season.

7 - SHANE TUDOR

Shane joined the club in the summer of 2007 after leaving promoted Leyton Orient. Shane was dogged by injuries last season, but with a bit of luck will become a regular in the side this season. Has pace and trickery and can deliver the ball into the right areas.

8 - DAVID HOWLAND

David did exceptionally well for Birmingham Reserves and played on a regular basis at Under 21 level for Northern Ireland in midfield last season. Joined Vale on loan last year before signing a permanent deal in the summer of 2008.

9 - MARC RICHARDS

works the channels well, Marc has

JOE ANYON



the type of work rate admired by the manager and is expected to be amongst the goals this season after suffering from injury last season. Tipped by many to top the goalscoring charts.

10 - LUKE ROGERS

Joined Vale South Cheshire neighbours Crewe Alexandra, where he didn't manage to pin down a regular first team place. Previously with Shrewsbury Town, where he showed a good eye for goal and soon showed similar form for Port Vale.

11 - PAUL EDWARDS

Paul joined Vale from Oldham Athletic at the beginning of the 2007-2008 season. A left sided player who prefers a midfield role, he can also operate effectively at full back when required and certainly does not look out of place there.

12 - CHRIS MARTIN

Former youth team 'keeper, Chris was added to the first team squad

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got his chance in the first team and has caught the eye with an industrious attitude, along with what appears to be an old head on young shoulders. He looked completely at home in the first team last season and will surely have a good future in front of him.

17 - STEVE THOMPSON

Snapped up from Middlesbrough during the summer of 2008 after impressing whilst on trial. Steve will be hoping to play regular first team football with the Valiants, and if his goal scoring in the Vale reserve team whilst on trial is anything to go by, he could get his wish sooner rather than later.

18 - DANNY GLOVER

Danny signed professional this season after impressing in the Youth Team. The club has high hopes for a hard working and talented youngster, who now has a handful of first team appearances under his belt and who is expected to push hard for a place in the starting line-up.

19 - SIMON RICHMAN

After impressing in the youth team

during the 2007-2008 season, making his first team debut at Swindon. He is well thought of within the club and could have a bright future in the game.

20 - ROSS DAVIDSON

Another product of Vale's successful youth team, Ross impressed enough to be given his chance as a professional at the end of last season. A talented midfielder, Ross may have to be patient in what is his first season as a pro, but has the talent to succeed once he gets his opportunity.

21 - JAMES LAWRIE

James is another youngster who has impressed enough to be called up to the first team squad last season after a successful campaign in the youth team. A prolific goalscorer, James has represented Northern Ireland and is certainly a name to watch out for in the future.

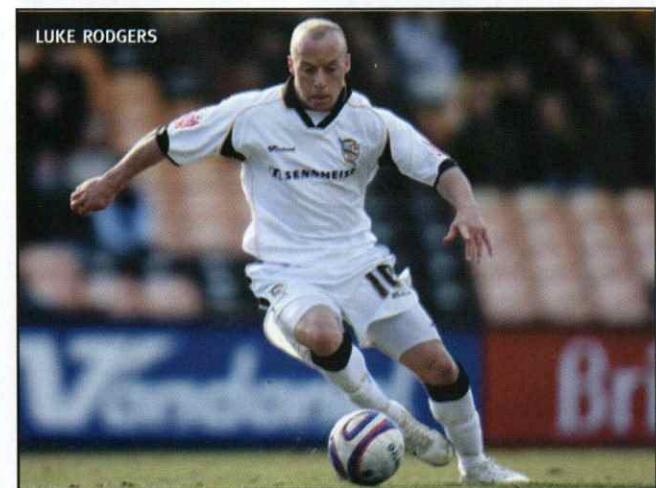
22 - DANNY EDWARDS

Yet another product of Vale's successful youth team which lifted the Midland Cup at the end of the 2007-2008 season, Danny is a no-nonsense player who can adapt in either midfield or defence and will be pushing for a place as the season progresses.

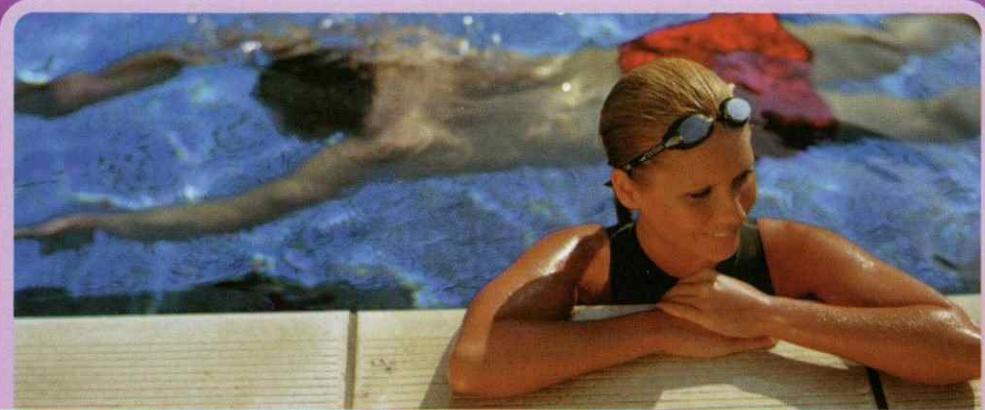
23 - LUKE CHAPMAN

Luke did enough in the Vale youth team to get called up into the first team and made his first team debut in the final game of the 2007 - 2008 season. Has been impressive in the reserves and will no doubt be hoping to push on this season and will be putting pressure on the manager to include him on a more regular basis in the first team.

LUKE ROGERS

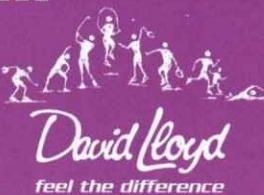


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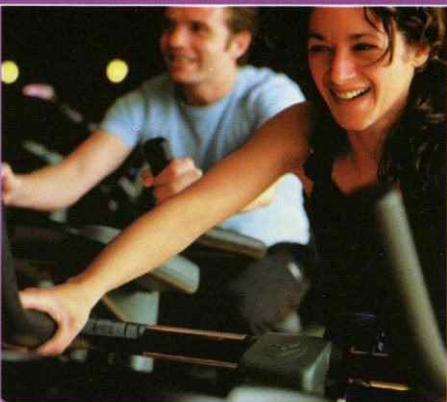


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New skipper Kevin Nicholls is glad to be back at Kenilworth Road, a ground he is happy to call home and having enjoyed many successful seasons in the past with the Hatters, he wouldn't be back if he didn't think he could add to those years.

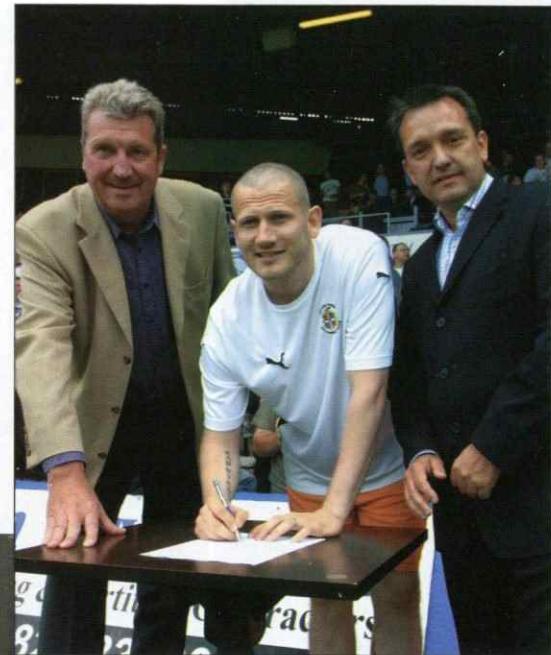
Nico isn't fooled by the size of the task that he and his team-mates face this season, but he genuinely believes that it is a mountain that can be conquered.

"I'm glad to be back and feel that this is where I belong", said the 29-year-old. "The thirty point deficit reminds me of how we used to be with the old

"When I was at Leeds I wasn't happy and unfortunately when I left there I couldn't sign for certain reasons but I feel like I'm back home now"

squad; everything was against us and everyone always used to slag our stadium off, calling us 'small' Luton and saying that we're a selling club. That team got to the Championship so there's no reason why we can't do that again with Mick in charge and the right players."

Since leaving the Hatters to move north to Leeds United in 2006, Nicholls hasn't featured in as many games as he would have liked. Despite being given the captains armband at Leeds, his very public fall-out with then manager Dennis Wise led to him leaving the club and moving to Preston North End for 750,000 in July 2007. He was a regular in the team under Paul Simpson at the start of last season;



One on One

He's back! Kevin Nicholls is relishing the Kenilworth Road return

however a change in the management team led to limited first team opportunities for the talented midfielder.

Preston's loss though was once again Luton's gain and he is delighted to be back. The former England youngster explained: "It's been tough because when you're contracted to another club you can't just walk out and join another club. I've wanted to come back to Luton for a long time now. Obviously it was made public that when I was at Leeds I wasn't happy and unfortunately when I left there I couldn't sign for certain reasons but I feel like I'm back home now."

"It's a club where the fans are so loyal and

get behind everyone. With the new directors and with a manager like Mick hopefully we can do what we need to do and get back the thirty points as soon as possible and start getting up the table.

"When I signed in 2001 Joe Kinnear was in charge but Mick did a lot of the groundwork then and a lot of the coaching so I've worked with Mick before and I've always kept in touch with him wherever he's been and wherever I've been. I've got a lot of respect for him and I'm just glad that he's got me back now and I'm looking forward to putting things right and getting us going back in the right direction.

"I know the club inside-out and I know exactly what the fans want. They want passion, drive and people who care. Obviously they want to win football matches and I think we can do that with my help."

There have been a number of changes at the club in the two years since Nicholls left, and to a larger extent the current team is still getting to know each other. With only days to go until the beginning of the new season, Nicholls understands the importance of the team settling in as quickly as possible.



Speaking after the friendly defeat to Brighton, he said: "Playing today there were some young players out there with a lot of potential, we now need to gel together because it's been a tough time for the club.

We've got a lot of new players and we'll probably be adding more players before the Port Vale game or even after, so it's going to take time to gel but we need to do it sooner rather than later. It's going to be interesting but I'm really looking forward to it."

The new Hatters' captain is

thrilled to have been given back the armband, although he is keen to point out that he wasn't expecting to be re-instated as skipper:

"It was out of my hands when I came back, it's not in the contract and I wasn't going to not sign if I wasn't made captain. That's what the manager has chosen and he asked me if I wanted to do it. I had six successful years doing it before, and I believe that with the players that we had and the team that I was part of when I was captain it was a successful time. If you ask any Luton

kevin nicholls

fans if they could have that again I think they would."

Nicholls was unveiled to the Luton Town faithful at half-time during the pre-season friendly game against Brighton. He walked out to chants of 'Super Kev', which by his own admission was very moving. He commented, "It was amazing and brought a lump to my throat. People who know me and some of the



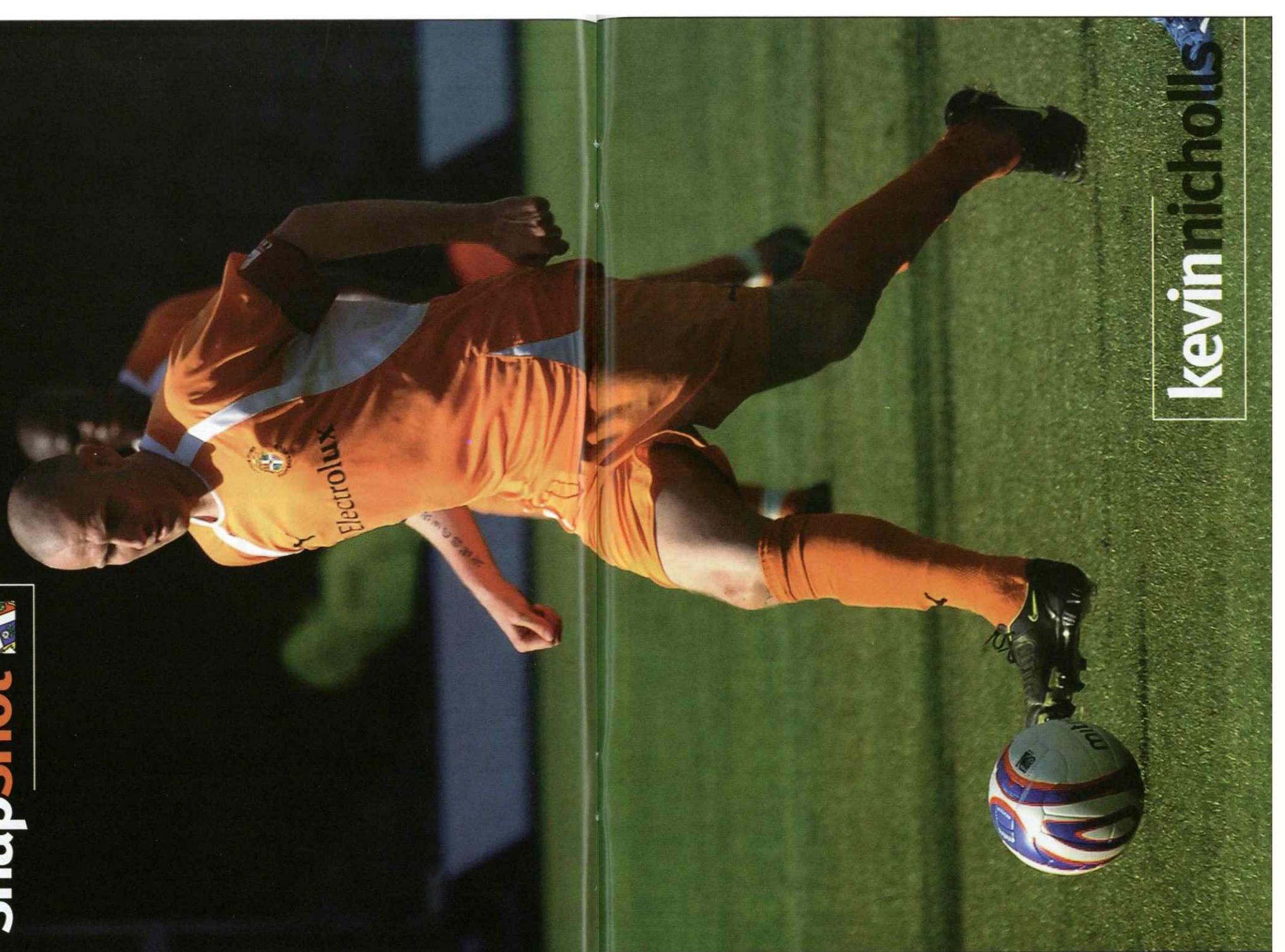
fans that I've gained as friends over the years know how much this club means to me and it hurts to see what's happened to them but hopefully we can sort that out pretty soon.

I must say that the reception I had was amazing and I'll cherish that for the rest of my life because this club does mean so much to me."



"It's a club where the fans are so loyal and get behind everyone. With the new directors and with a manager like Mick hopefully we can do what we need to do and get back the thirty points as soon as possible and start getting up the table."

snapshot



kevin nicholls

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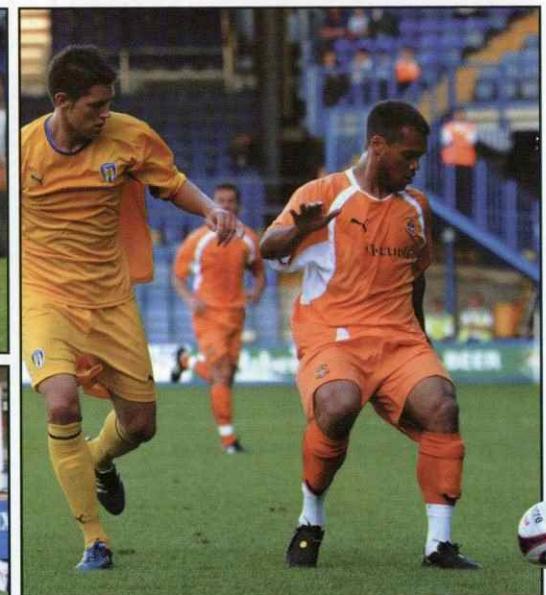
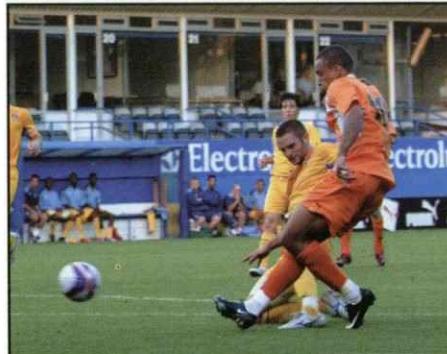


PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY

Tuesday 29th July 2008

Hatters 0 Colchester Utd 1

Kick off: 7.45pm Kenilworth Road



Colchester Utd



Junior Hatters

CALLING ALL JUNIOR HATTERS!!

Just a reminder that Junior Hatters membership renewal forms will be going out to all members soon. If you want to become a Junior Hatter then you can phone 01582 391927 and speak to Trish.

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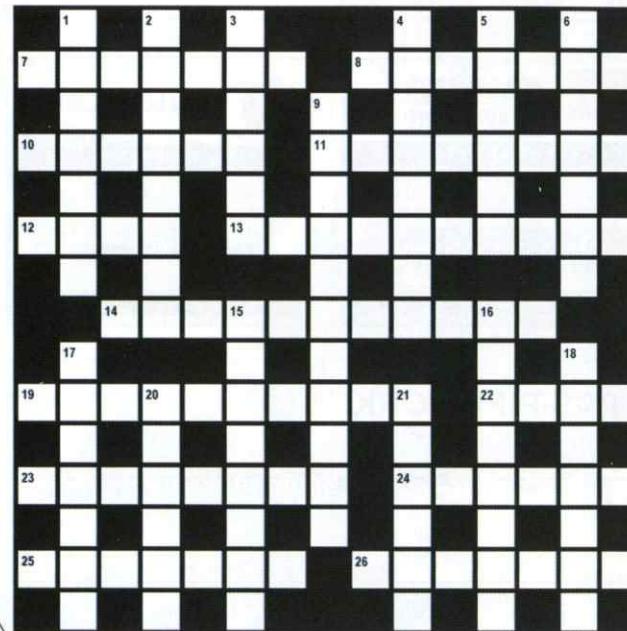
Spot the difference

There are FIVE differences between the two pictures below. Can you spot them all? The answers are opposite.



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ACROSS

- 1 Yorkshire town with Conference and Rugby League sides (7)
- 8 Bulgarian striker who followed Harry from West Ham to Portsmouth (7)
- 10 Hard working Uruguayan striker who didn't quite hit it off at Old Trafford (6)
- 11 Type of race where ratings determine the weight the horse carries (8)
- 12 Baseball's New York ____ (4)
- 13 Golf's No 1 (5,5)
- 14 Spurs (for the time being?) and Eire cult hero (6,5)
- 19 _____ Foe, who tragically died on the pitch (4-6)
- 22 Racing's Knavesmire is based in this Northern city (4)
- 23 _____ Savannah, Gold Cup winner for Jenny & Mark Pitman (8)
- 24 Cardiff youngster who has moved to the Premiership (6)
- 25 Nuno ____ of Everton and Portugal (7)
- 26 French keeper once of Man Utd (7)

DOWN

- 1 Celtic frontman who followed O'Neill to Villa (7)
- 2 West Ham's Czech keeper with over 350 games in the 90s (8)
- 3 North London side who play at Underhill (6)
- 4 Legendary Leicester prop controversially omitted by Woodward from 2003 World Cup squad (8)
- 5 Australian left back who made his England debut in 1989 whilst with Chelsea (6)
- 6 Will he, won't he who has dominated the back pages recently (7)
- 9 Exeter City's nickname (3,8)
- 15 Watford scoring legend remembered with his own stand on Soccer AM (8)
- 16 Sheff Utd's Scottish international defender formerly with Everton (8)
- 17 Bosko ____, Villa's £5m frontman who played 9 times, starting just 2 (7)
- 18 Reliable American keeper approaching veteran status (7)
- 20 All Black's star fly half (6)
- 21 Golf's Great White Shark (6)

Answers on page 55

WHO AM I?

Can you identify who this Hatters' star is?

Answer below



Answer: Keith Keane

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and crest on tie.

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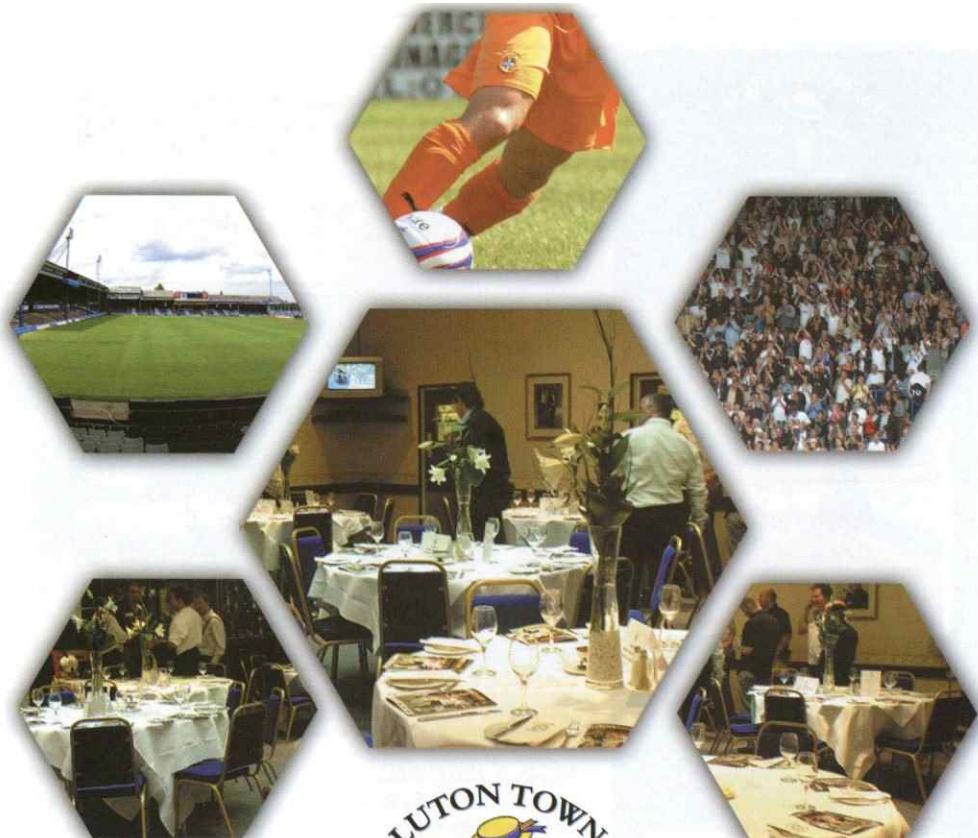


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Kaylea Nicholls



Date Of Birth: 10-11-00
School Attended: St Michael's
Hobbies: Street dancing, football and horse riding.
Fav Luton player: Daddy – Kevin Nicholls

Kevin Nicholls



Date Of Birth: 29-9-05
School Attended: St Michael's
Hobbies: Football & Dinosaurs
Fav Luton player: Daddy – Kevin Nicholls

Conor Naughton
Barton Hills, Luton
11 years old
Hobbies : Football, swimming and reading.
Fav player is Kevin Nicholls
Mum and dad accompany him to matches.

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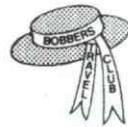
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2008	Sat Aug 16 GILLINGHAM	£15	£13	10.30	11.30
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	Sat Sep 20 ROTHERHAM UNITED	£18	£15	09.30	10.30
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Sat	Oct 25 BURY	£20	£17	08.30	09.30
Sat	Nov 1 SHREWSBURY TOWN	£18	£15	09.30	10.30
Sat	Nov 22 ROCHDALE	£20	£17	08.30	09.30
Sat	Dec 13 WYCOMBE WANDERERS	£13	£11	11.30	12.30
Fri	Dec 26 CHESTERFIELD	£17	£14	10.00	11.00
Sat	Jan 3 CHESTER CITY	£20	£17	08.30	09.30
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Sat	Mar 28 MORECAMBE	£25	£22	07.30	08.30
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luton ladies



DOUBLE CUP SUCCESS

Both our U14 and U15 squads rounded off their seasons in style by lifting their respective League Cups.

The U14's faced difficult opponents in Tottenham Hotspur and were initially pinned back but not really threatened as the defensive unit held strong. Thea Fraser made an outstanding diving stop to keep the scores level at the break but the game was largely played out in midfield.

Town took the lead when the ball fell to Maisie Wyatt on the left and she struck a dipping volley from 35 yards which dropped over the keeper into the net. Spurs responded and grabbed a scrambled equaliser but Town kept pressing to the

end and were rewarded when Terri Petit's searching right wing cross eluded all except skipper Wyatt who smashed the ball in at the far post to bring the cup to Luton.

It was the second leg of the Under 15's attempt on the treble and they found themselves up against M1 rivals Watford in the final. The first 25 minutes were evenly contested until Claire Howe produced a moment of brilliance, turning on the corner of the box and striking a swerving dipping shot which found the top corner. Amazingly, having completed the trick once she proved that it was no fluke by repeating the strike within five minutes to make it 2-0. Town's tails were up as the prolific Leyah Maddix added a third and then turned provider



to cross to the far post where Claire Howe volleyed in to complete a first half hat trick and later claimed the match ball. With the tie all but over Town laid siege to the Hornets goal and were only denied further goals by a superb show from the keeper. But even she could do nothing to prevent Robyn Wilfort's left foot strike finding the corner to make it 5-0. With the cup won Luton took their foot off the gas and allowed their opponents a couple of late consolation efforts but two trophies were now on the shelf.

The unique treble was completed ironically in Watford and this time the scoreline was even more emphatic with goals from leading striker Stephanie Anes with a hat trick, four from midfield via Nicola Henman and Claire Howe in an 8-1 win to complete an unbeaten season.

Dave B

hatterscommunity



Good afternoon and welcome to the first match of a very exciting campaign.

Our very popular TIPS Football Development Programme is about to enter its 3rd season, with more than 1800 youngsters attending the programme during 2007-8, a 50% increase on year 1. Due to the high level of demand for places we have introduced three additional centres at Ampthill, Cranfield and Stevenage so that even more youngsters have access to a centre within easy travelling distance of home. Soccer Centres are the first stage of our Development Programme.

Youngsters demonstrating the necessary skills will be invited to progress to our 2-Stage Performance Centres, which in turn can lead to progression to the Luton Town Centre of Excellence.

Coaches work closely together to monitor all talented young footballers and ensure that they are playing to their maximum potential. Over the first two seasons, 125 players were promoted to the Performance Centres, with 33 players being offered contracts at the Centre of Excellence. Players in the Performance Centres have also attended tournaments in Germany and

Sweden, providing a unique opportunity to demonstrate their talents against prestigious opposition such as Real Madrid and other leading European clubs.

Below is all the information regarding this years programme. If you are in school years 2 to 11 and think you would be interested in taking part, please call the Community Office on 01582 391927 and we will send you an enrolment form. It is advisable to book early as places are always oversubscribed.

Enjoy the game
Stuart Smith



SOCcer CENTRE VENUES:

Luton:	PlayFootball.Net, Stopsley High, St. Thomas's Rd, Luton, LU2 7UX
Dunstable:	Dunstable Leisure Centre, Court Drive, Dunstable, LU5 4JD
Bedford:	Bedford Modern School, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK45 2NT
Hitchin:	Hitchin Boys' School, Grammar School Walk, Hitchin, SG5 1JB
L Buzzard:	Vandyke Upper School, Vandyke Rd, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3DY
St Neots:	St Neots FC, Kester Way, Loves Farm Development, St Neots, PE19 6SL
Amphill:	Alameda School Sports Hall, Woburn St, Ampthill, Bedford, MK45 2HX
Cranfield:	Cranfield University Sports Centre, Lanchester Road, Cranfield, MK43 0TA
Stevenage:	John Henry Newman School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage, SG1 4AE
Goalkeepers:	PlayFootball.Net, Stopsley High, St. Thomas's Rd, Luton, LU2 7UX

All Venues are outdoor on Astroturf except Cranfield & Ampthill which are indoors.

Venue	Day	School 2/3	Yrs	School 4/5	Yrs	School 6/7	Yrs	School 8/9	Yrs	School 10/11
Dunstable	Monday	18:00-19:00		18:00-19:00		18:00-19:00		18:00-19:00		N/A
Bedford	Tuesday	18:00-19:00		18:00-19:00		19:00-20:00		19:00-20:00		19:00-20:00
Hitchin	Wednesday	18:00-19:00		18:00-19:00		18:00-19:00		18:00-19:00		N/A
St Neots	Wednesday	17:30-18:30		17:30-18:30		17:30-18:30		17:30-18:30		N/A
Amphill	Wednesday	17:30-18:30		17:30-18:30		18:30-19:30		N/A		N/A
L Buzzard	Thursday	18:00-19:00		18:00-19:00		18:00-19:00		18:00-19:00		N/A
Cranfield	Thursday	17:30-18:30		17:30-18:30		17:30-18:30		N/A		N/A
Luton	Friday	17:30-18:30		17:30-18:30		18:30-19:30		18:30-19:30		18:30-19:30
Stevenage	Friday	18:00-19:00		18:00-19:00		18:00-19:00		18:00-19:00		N/A
Goalkeepers	Friday	17:30-18:30		17:30-18:30		18:30-19:30		18:30-19:30		N/A

DATES

Term 1: 22nd September - 24th November
Term 2*: 1st December - 9th February
Term 3*: 23rd February - 5th May

(Week Beginning):

22nd September - 24th November
1st December - 9th February
23rd February - 5th May

Match Date**

Saturday 1st November
Saturday 17th January
Saturday 28th March

* You don't have to have attended previous terms to join term 2 or 3.

** You can pay for one term at a time or all 3 terms at once.

*** Times and Venues for Match TBC

• There is no training at Oct Half-term, Xmas, Easter or Feb Half-Term.

What are Luton Town Soccer Centres? Soccer Centres are the entry level into our Talent Identification Programme (TIPS). They are held at nine venues throughout Beds and North Herts and are open to: i Ambitious players wishing to progress towards becoming a pro footballer. ii Established club players wishing to improve their ability. iii Newcomers wishing to master the basics. **What is the cost and what will I gain from attending?** The cost is £40 for ten practical sessions (nine training and one match). You will receive training from excellent coaches at great facilities, a comprehensive written assessment and the opportunity to fulfil your potential as a footballer. **I am an experienced player, is the Soccer Centre suitable for me?** Yes. Where numbers allow we will put experienced players together and ensure that the coaching pushes you as a player. Likewise for players who are less experienced, training will target their needs. **What will we work on in training?** The four elements we feel are vital in making it as a professional footballer: Technique Insight Personality Speed **Who will my coach be?** All staff will be have an enhanced CRB (police record) check, a first aid qualification and will hold a minimum of the Level 2 FA Coaching Certificate. There will also be an involvement from Centre of Excellence staff to enhance the assessment procedure. **Can I play for my school and club during my time at the soccer centre?** Yes. The only commitment we ask you to make is to do your best to attend training and matches. How will my progress be assessed and communicated? You will receive a written assessment and the opportunity to discuss this with your coach at the end of each term. **What happens if I do well?** If your coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during or at the end of the term, you will be given the opportunity to progress to the Performance Centre/ Centre of Excellence. Players who display particular talent can be moved up through the programme after a few weeks, whilst the system also caters for those who wish to progress at a slower rate. **What is the Performance Centre?** The Performance Centre is the middle level fitting into our Talent Identification Programme. The top level is the Centre of Excellence, the entry level is the Soccer Centre. **By attending the Soccer Centre am I guaranteed to get a chance at a higher level?** No. There is no guarantee of moving to a higher level. However, all players showing the required ability and attitude are guaranteed to be given this opportunity. **What is the training kit?** All players are given the opportunity to purchase the kit package, however it is not compulsory.



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Sat 06.09.08	Macclesfield Town	10:00*	£18	£16
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Sat 04.10.08	Bradford City	09:30*	£19	£17
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Sat 01.11.08	Shrewsbury	10:00	£17	£14
Sat 22.11.08	Rochdale	09:00*	£19	£17
Sat 13.12.08	Wycombe Wanderers	12:30	£11	£9
Fri 26.12.08	Chesterfield	11:00*	£15	£13
Sat 03.01.09	Chester City	09:00*	£18	£16
Sat 17.01.09	Darlington	08:30*	£23	£21
Tue 27.01.09	Bournemouth	15:30	£17	£15
Sat 07.02.09	Accrington Stanley	09:00*	£21	£19
Sat 14.02.09	Dagenham & Redbridge	12:00	£11	£9
Sat 28.02.09	Port Vale	11:00	£16	£14
Tue 10.03.09	Notts County	16:00*	£16	£16
Sat 14.03.09	Aldershot	11:30	£13	£11
Sat 28.03.09	Morecambe	08:00*	£23	£21
Sat 11.04.09	Lincoln	10:00*	£17	£15
Sat 18.04.09	Barnet	12:30	£11	£9
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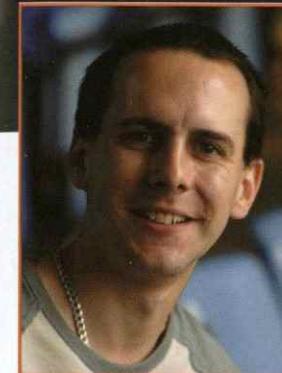
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The Numbers Game

Simon Pitts looks back at previous opening day home fixtures.

against Norwich, but the Hatters lost 3-1.

6 The number of consecutive seasons that the Hatters were drawn at home on the opening day. The run started in 1974 with a 2-1 defeat to Liverpool. The Hatters won 2-0 against Hull City and Sheffield United in the following two seasons, before Steve Buckley scored the only goal of the game against Orient in 1977. Oldham were beaten 6-1 in 1978 and Cambridge United held the Hatters to a 1-1 draw in 1979. The run of home games ended in 1980 when Luton travelled to West Ham, the Hatters fans didn't mind though as they won 2-1 courtesy of two David Moss penalties.

8 The most number of goals scored in an opening day home fixture. This has actually happened twice, firstly in an amazing 4-4 draw against Oldham Athletic in 1953, and then in a 6-2 win against Sunderland three years later.

3 The number of hat tricks scored. The first came in 1946 against Sheffield Wednesday, when Mel Daniel scored three in a 4-1 win. The other two players to repeat this feat did so in the two matches mentioned above. Johnny Downie scored his hat trick against Oldham, whilst Gordon Turner hit four of the six goals against Sunderland.

5 The number of penalties converted by Luton on the opening day at Kenilworth Road. Gordon Turner scored the first in 1958 in a 1-1 draw against West Brom. Ten years on and Mike Harrison scored from the spot to open the scoring against Oldham. Don Givens netted in 1971, in a 1-1 draw against Norwich City, with Lil Fuccillo scoring from 12 yards in 1978, in a 6-1 win against Oldham. It was 17 years later that Bontcho Guentchev netted

1968, 1978 and 2004. Three of these matches have previously been mentioned, mainly because of the number of goals scored, and that both a hat trick and a penalty have been scored in these fixtures. The remaining fixture, in 2004, saw the start of Luton's League One Championship winning season. Steve Howard and Paul Underwood netted the goals in a 2-1 victory. This means a staggering 22 goals were scored by the two sides in these four fixtures, with Luton netting 16 times!

24,425 The highest attendance for an opening day match at Kenilworth Road came against West Bromwich Albion in 1958. The lowest "official" attendance was 6149 in 1966 when Halifax Town were the beaten visitors. Gerry King and Bruce Rioch were the scorers as the Hatters won 2-0.



Paul Underwood helped get our 04/05 season off to a winning start

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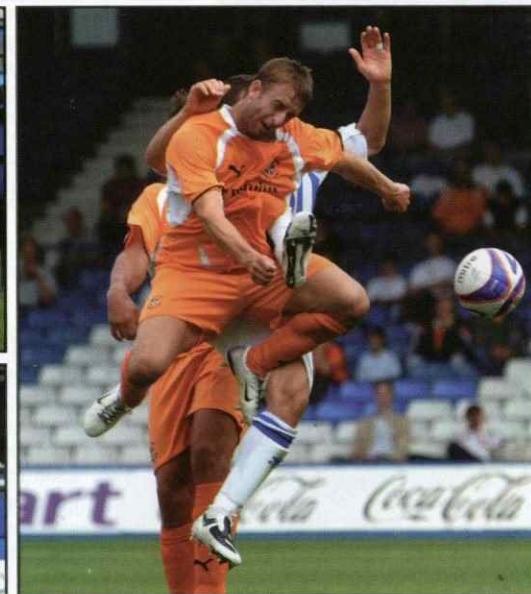


PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY

Saturday 2nd August 2008

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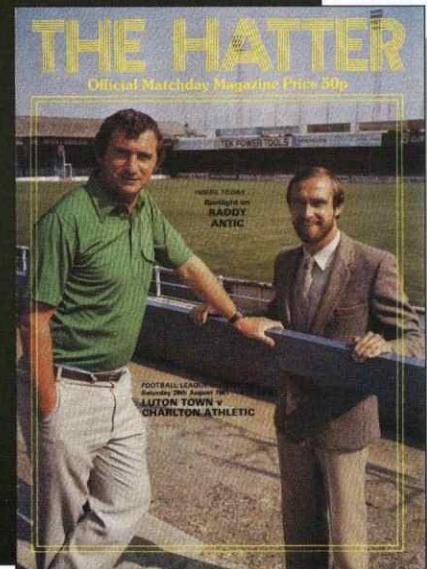
Kick off: 3.00pm Kenilworth Road



Brighton & H.



By the time Brian Horton came to Luton 1981 he had played over 450 League games, despite not making his debut until he was 21, and could truly regard himself as a seasoned professional. After starting at Port Vale in 1970, Brian was 'given away' to Brighton in 1976 and in five years on the south coast had skippered the Seagulls from Division Three to the top flight.



FlashBack



Club Historian Roger Wash looks back at Brian Horton's first game for the Hatters

"I had no reason to leave Brighton, where I enjoyed a tremendous rapport with the supporters, especially as they were by now in Division One, but after manager Alan Mullery left in the summer of 1981 his replacement Mike Bailey wanted ready made inspirational captain Brian Horton as a swap."

One player that Bailey coveted was the Hatters' Irish international midfielder Tony Grealish but wily Luton boss David Pleat wanted ready made inspirational captain Brian Horton as a swap.

"Alan Mullery tried to get me to sign for Charlton but I had already committed myself to David which probably proved

the best move of my career," recalled Brian. "I went straight into the side as captain and could immediately see the depth of skill at Kenilworth Road. I can remember my debut against Charlton vividly as we tore into them from the start and I soon formed a great understanding with the likes of Ricky Hill and Brian Stein."

Brian took the Hatters to the championship of Division Two that



season and then presided over a roller-coaster 1982/83 campaign that ended with the heart-stopping win at Manchester City on the final day which saved the Town from the drop to the top flight.

After leaving Luton in 1984, Brian has coached and managed at the top level in a long career and is currently assistant to Phil Brown at Hull where the Premiership new-boys are just about to embark on a trip into the unknown.

THE GAME.
Luton Town 3 Charlton Ath 0.
29th August 1981.

As the 1981/82 season approached, Hatters manager



Brian Horton (4) clashes with Charlton's Terry Naylor on his Luton debut while Godfrey Ingram looks on

David Pleat was hoping for third time lucky as he put behind him the disappointments of the two previous campaigns when his talented side had narrowly failed to win promotion back to the top flight.

The close season transfer merry-go-round had left many supporters scratching their heads when popular local lad and Wales international, Paul Price, was allowed to go to Tottenham for £250,000, while former skipper Alan West, certainly not over the hill, went to Millwall for £45,000.

To top it all the swap deal with Brighton involving Republic of Ireland international, Tony Grealish, and veteran Brian Horton smacked of stupidity according to the fans. Pleat, however, knew best and Horton

turned out to be the final piece in the jigsaw. Horton immediately slotted into the holding midfield role where his abilities as skipper, forceful tackler and cunning user of the ball, allowed Ricky Hill to get further forward where he formed an almost telepathic understanding with ace goalscorer Brian Stein.

Clever winger David Moss was absent from the opening game of the season and his place on the wing was taken by Godfrey Ingram, the Dunstable boy who had been predicted to go all the way to the top after a series of scintillating performances for the England schoolboys team.

The Town's opponents on a sunny afternoon were newly promoted Charlton, along with their new manager Alan Mullery,

back in Division Two after a twelve months absence. Six players, John Phillips, Steve Harrison, Don McAllister, Leighton Phillips, Billy Lansdowne and Phil Ferns were making their debuts for Charlton and it was no real surprise that they took some time to tune in with each other. The Hatters opened the scoring after 22 minutes when Donaghy headed a rare goal from Horton's left wing corner and when, only nine minutes later, McAllister put an Aizlewood cross into his own net the game was as good as over.

Charlton had a good spell early in the second half with ex-Hatter Derek Hales hitting a good chance wide and future Hatter Paul Walsh firing against a post, but the Town's third on 57 minutes finished the match as a spectacle. Horton, who had a brilliant first outing, threaded an inch perfect pass through to White who held the ball up waiting for the goalkeeper to advance before slotting it home.

Although the Luton fans in the crowd of 8,776 went away happy, manager Pleat refused to read too much into one result suspecting that the Town would face much stronger opposition as the season progressed.

Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Aizlewood, Horton, Saxby, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, White, Antic, Ingram.

Charlton: J.Phillips, Naylor, McAllister, L.Phillips, Harrison, Gritt, Walker, Lansdowne, Ferns, Walsh, Hales.

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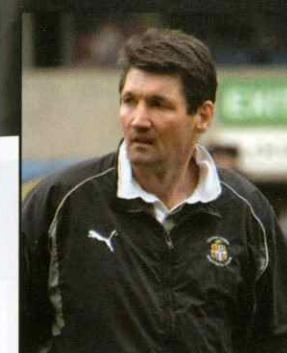
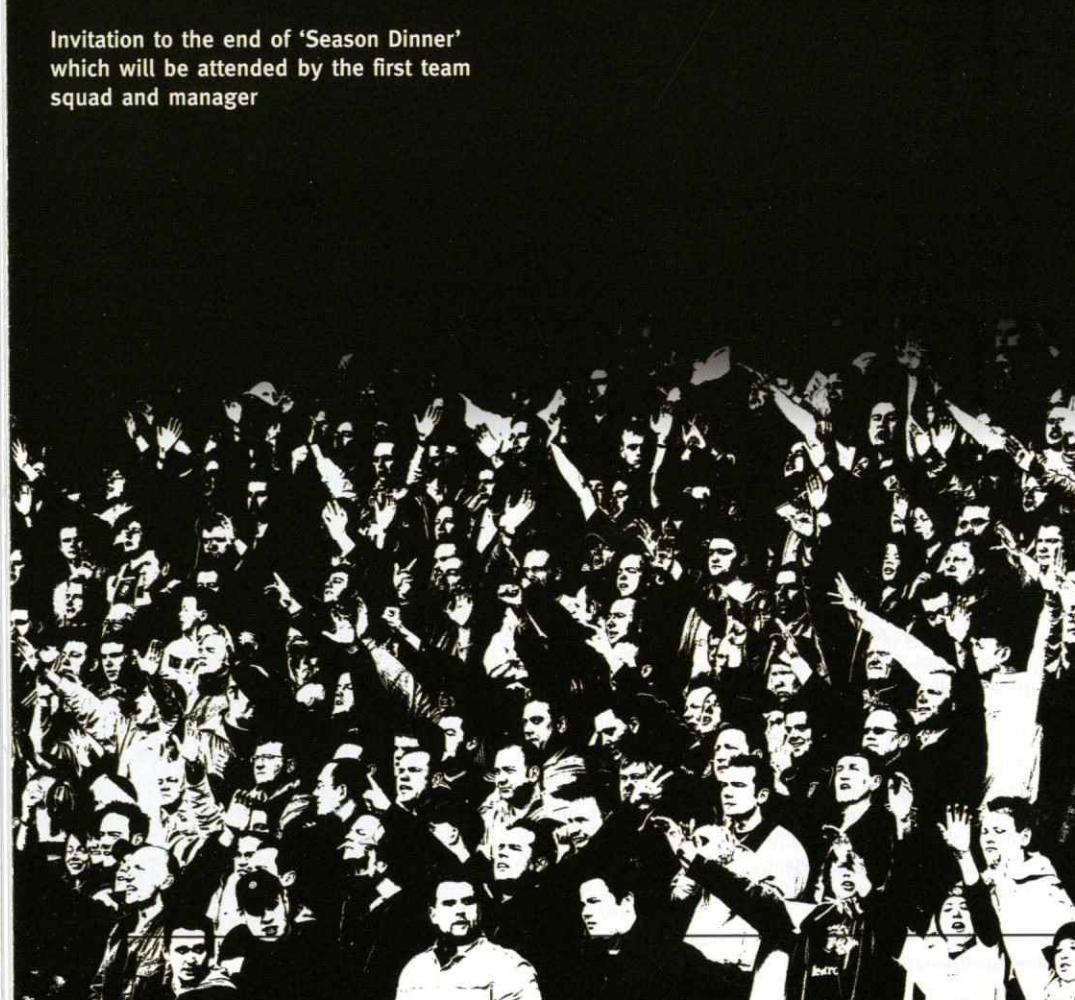
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Loan Market



HARFORD HOPING TO UTILISE THE LOAN MARKET

He commented, "If all goes to plan, by midweek we will have signed four or five players permanently and hopefully we will also have been in a position to have used the loan market too and then we can get a picture of what the team will be for the first game of the season.

The week before the season starts, with most players who will form part of team's plans for the season already secured, a manager's attention often turns to the loan market as he looks to bolster his options by bringing in any players he believes will strengthen his squad. In many cases the loan signings are young players who are looking to gain experience playing first-team football, but this year that task could prove to be more difficult than in previous campaigns.

With the seven substitutes being used in the Premier League for the first time this season it is unclear what impact that will have on a club's plans for those players in and around his first-team squad; whether they will still prefer to let them go out on loan to get games under their belt, or hold them back and bed them into the senior environment as part of their allocation of substitutes.

Hatters boss Mick Harford made no secret of the fact that he is hoping to use the loan market before the season begins, but the challenge of negotiating last minute deals could prove a tough one.

"Managers go for their number one targets initially and then they move onto their next option if those moves fall through. If they get hold of their targets then they will let some of their fringe players go out on loan or young kids who need experience and that's where I'm hoping we can benefit."

"Everyone is aware of our plight and we'll try and beg, steal and borrow from other clubs to try and boost the squad up. I'm sure some deals for loans have already been arranged for several players so we'll have to see what is available to us."



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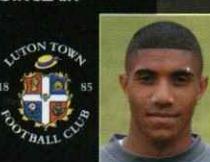
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Profile – Alan Neilson (Youth Team Coach)

Alan Neilson returned to the Club at the beginning of July as Youth Team coach after retiring as a player at the end of the 2006/07 season. In the previous twelve months he had been working as a scout for Southampton under John Gorman as well as coaching the U18 Academy based at Barnfield College and Luton Town's U16 Development side.

Born in 1972 in Wegberg, Germany, Alan grew up in Stamford and as a youngster attended the Centre of Excellence at Peterborough United. His professional career began at Newcastle United where he played under both Ossie Ardiles and Kevin Keegan.

After making 35 appearances for the Toon, and helping them secure promotion to the Premier League, Alan was sold to Southampton for £750,000 where he played under Graeme Souness and Dave Jones. Alan was involved in the team that famously beat Manchester United 6-3 at the Dell. He also came up against his hardest opponent during this spell, being asked to mark Eric Cantona at Old Trafford. Alan played 42 games for Southampton, scoring 13 goals.

It wasn't long until his old boss Kevin Keegan came knocking on the door and signed Alan for Fulham for £250,000. Alan was involved in winning promotion with Fulham, and despite injuries, also played under Keegan's successor Jean Tigana. During this spell Alan was also a regular for Wales.

alanneilson



After a brief loan spell at Grimsby, Joe Kinnear and Mick Harford signed Alan for Luton in February 2002. Alan made 63 appearances for Luton, scoring 1 goal and was involved in the promotion to League One. Alan finished his playing career with Tamworth and Salisbury in the Conference.

Alan completed his UEFA A Licence in 2008, and has already made his mark as Youth Team coach. His coaching philosophy is based on hard-work, technical ability and fitness, and Luton's young players are already flourishing under his management.

hatters youth



Dunstable Town U21's v Luton Town U18's

Dunstable 0-3 Luton

(Dunstable 0-0 Luton at h/t)

Scott Sinclair separated the sides with an outstanding hat-trick in a very even game at Creasey Park.

Neilson's comments:

"We had a lot of trialists in this game so that always makes it difficult but I thought it was a good workout for us. Scott Sinclair took a late hat-trick scoring all three goals in the final twenty minutes. Dunstable had some good opportunities so it was nice to come away with a clean sheet."

St Neots v Luton Town Youth

St Neots 4-2 Luton

(St Neots 1-2 Luton at h/t)

Luton Town youth found themselves 4-2 down at the final whistle despite being 2-1 up at half-time. The Hatters controlled the first half, scoring two goals before the Saints pulled one back. However, St Neots overpowered the young squad after the break, scoring a further two goals to take the lead and then adding another after a penalty.

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REVIEW



gave the Hatters the victory in what was otherwise an even game.

Neilson's comments: "Stotfold fielded a strong, physical mens side who won their division last season and so it was a good work out for the lads. Scott took the penalty well and I'm really pleased for him."

Luton Town U16/17's v Fulham U18's

Luton 1-2 Fulham
Buckingham 0-9 Luton
(Buckingham 0-4 Luton at h/t)

Luton's youth put out a strong performance against the Premiership side and were unlucky to lose the game.

Neilson's comments: "It was another impressive performance from the lads but there were missed opportunities.

"Overall I have been really pleased with the effort everyone has put in. They have all worked really hard, but there will be a lot more long sessions."



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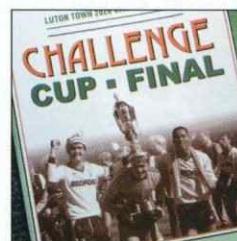
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COCA-COLA LEAGUE TWO

Saturday 16th August

Gillingham

Kick off: 3.00pm Priestfield Stadium



What's The Ground Like?

Priestfield Stadium has been virtually re-built since the current Chairman Paul Scally took over in 1995. On one side of the ground is the impressive two tiered, Medway Stand, opened in 2000, with a row of executive boxes (the type which you can sit outside of) running across the middle. Opposite is the tidy all seater Gordon Road Stand. Unfortunately though, it contains a number of supporting pillars, which may hinder your view. In a corporate sponsorship deal with the Kent Reliance Building Society, the stadium has been renamed the KRBS Priestfield Stadium.

What Is It Like For Visiting Supporters?

Away fans are housed in part of

the Brian Moore Stand where around 1,500 supporters can be accommodated. Unlike most temporary stands though the facilities are surprisingly good, being of a permanent nature behind the stand. However it is uncovered, so although the Club hand out free rain macs if it rains, still be prepared to get wet!

Where To Drink?

The ground is walkable from the town centre, where there are a fair few pubs to be found. The 'Livingstone Arms' on Gillingham Road is known as an "Away Supporters" pub and is situated approximately 100 yards from the away turnstiles. The atmosphere within the pub is both warm and friendly and there is

even complimentary bar food laid on for fans.

How To Get There By Car & Where To Park

Leave the M2 at Junction 4 and take the A278 towards Gillingham, going straight across two roundabouts. At the 3rd roundabout turn left onto the A2 towards Gillingham town centre. At the traffic light junction with the A231, turn right into Nelson Road and passing the small bus station take a right turn into Gillingham Road, the ground is down on your right.

There is a residents only parking scheme in operation around the ground, so if you want to street park, this will mean driving a bit further away to do so. There is a cheap pay and display car park (£1 for 3 hours) on Railway Street near Gillingham station, which is less than 10 mins walk from the ground.

By Train

The ground is about a ten minute walk away from Gillingham railway station, which is served by trains from London Victoria (every 15mins) and Charing Cross (every 30mins). To get to the home areas, turn right at the crossroads and then first left into Gordon Road for the Gillingham End Terrace home area, the Gordon Road Stand and the Rainham End. For the Medway Stand or an alternative route to the Rainham End, turn left at the crossroads and then first right. At the far end the road turns right and then left.

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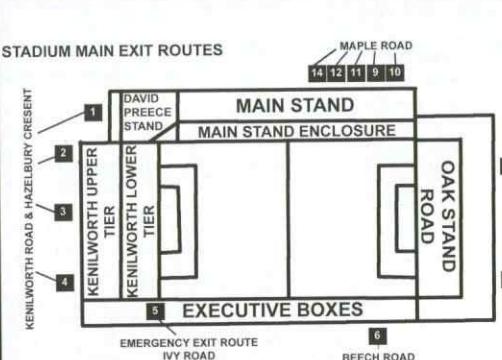
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Geoff Lovell
Safety Officer

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FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday 16th August

Gillingham



Kick off: 3.00pm Priestfield Stadium



THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS.

We have an allocation of 1450 seats for this fixture.

Tickets are now on sale from the Ticket Office when received and will remain on sale until 5pm on Friday 15th August.

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Adult	£17.00	Seniors (over 65)	£12.00
Under 22's	£11.00	Under 16's	£8.00
Under 12's	£5.00		



Tuesday 12th August
Plymouth Argyle
Kick off: 7.45pm Kenilworth Road



THIS GAME IS PAY ON THE NIGHT ONLY (CASH TURNSTILES)

Adults £15.00
Seniors (Over 65) £10.00
Under 16's £5.00
Unreserved Seating.

Saturday 23rd August
Notts County
Kick off: 3pm Kenilworth Road



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

There will be a £2.00 increase for tickets purchased on the day of the game.



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OTHER OPENING DAY FIXTURES

Saturday, 09 August 2008

Accrington Stanley	v	Aldershot
Barnet	v	Chesterfield
Bournemouth	v	Gillingham
Bradford	v	Notts County
Bury	v	Brentford
Dag & Red	v	Chester
Darlington	v	Exeter
Grimsby	v	Rochdale
Rotherham	v	Lincoln City
Shrewsbury	v	Macclesfield
Wycombe	v	Morecambe

Stats 08/09

Date		Opponent	Score	Att	Away	Pos
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Tue 12	H	Plymouth	LGCP			
Sat 16	A	Gillingham	FL2			
Sat 23	H	Notts County	FL2			
Sat 30	A	Exeter City	FL2			
September						
Sat 6	A	Macclesfield	FL2			
Sat 13	H	Aldershot Town	FL2			
Sat 20	A	Rotherham	FL2			
Sat 27	H	Chester City	FL2			
October						
Sat 4	A	Bradford City	FL2			
Sat 11	H	Darlington	FL2			
Sat 18	H	Accrington	FL2			
Tue 21	A	Grimsby Town	FL2			
Sat 25	A	Bury	FL2			
Tue 28	H	Bournemouth	FL2			
November						
Sat 11	A	Shrewsbury	FL2			
Sat 15	H	Dagenham & Red	FL2			
Sat 22	A	Rochdale	FL2			
Tue 25	H	Brentford	FL2			
December						
Sat 6	H	Barnet	FL2			
Sat 13	A	Wycombe	FL2			
Sat 20	H	Morecambe	FL2			
Fri 26	A	Chesterfield	FL2			
Sun 28	H	Lincoln City	FL2			
January						
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Sat 17	A	Darlington	FL2			
Sat 24	H	Bradford City	FL2			
Tue 27	A	Bournemouth	FL2			
Sat 31	H	Bury	FL2			
February						
Tue 3	H	Grimsby Town	FL2			
Sat 7	A	Accrington	FL2			
Sat 14	A	Dagenham & Red	FL2			
Sat 21	H	Shrewsbury	FL2			
Sat 28	A	Port Vale	FL2			
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Tue 3	H	Gillingham	FL2			
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Sat 14	A	Aldershot Town	FL2			
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Sat 28	A	Morecambe	FL2			
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BIG DON MAKES MASSIVE OFFER



Don Hutchison, who was released from Luton at the end of last season, has decided to continue supporting the Hatters by sponsoring two youth players.

Gary Sweet, Managing Director of Luton Town was delighted and commented, "This is a truly amazing gesture by Don. For a player to turn around and refuse his final pay packet and instead ask to sponsor a youth player is unheard of. This shows the type of man that Don is, and what football means to him.

When Don suggested it was a bit taken aback I must say – this shows not only what a true professional Don is, but that his generosity is unique in the modern game. He is always welcome at Luton Town - he

has proved he is one of the Luton family."

Many supporters will remember Hutchison for his towering performance against his former club Liverpool in the FA Cup. With nearly 7,000 Luton fans out-singing the famous Kop end, Hutchison gave a commanding performance that saw the Hatters nearly reach half time all square. His performance in that game was the highlight of his stint at Luton, and proved to Luton fans that even though he was on aging legs, his mind was as sharp as ever as his Herculean performance lifted the whole team and the fans.

Hutchison said, "I've been very lucky in my career - I've played for some wonderful clubs and played with, and against, the

world's best. I wanted to give some youngsters a helping hand, so with Luton being committed to developing youth talent it seemed obvious to support them.

All of the youth are great lads just starting out in football. They have loads to learn, but hopefully my sponsorship will get them off to a flying start. I wish them all the best and I want them to keep their feet on the ground and learn well – if they do that, the world of football is their oyster and they will never look back."





FOR THE HATTERS

Tuesday 12th August
Plymouth Argyle
Kick off: 7.45pm Kenilworth Road



somewhat of a hero in Plymouth after guiding the club to the Football League Third Division in the 2001-02 season and successfully saw the Pilgrims to 10th place in the final table, continuing the club's unprecedented record of improving their league position every season since the turn of the millennium.

Plymouth had a good in the Carling Cup last year,

reaching the third round before losing 1-0 to West Ham and in the FA Cup they had the honour of being the only team to score against Portsmouth, the eventual winners.

Luton Town haven't played the Championship side since 2006/07, when the two teams met in the league. The Hatters have never played Plymouth in this competition.

(Left) Manager: Paul Sturrock and Goalkeeper Luke McCormick

Plymouth Argyle Football Club is the most southern and western league club, yet this has not stopped their fans travelling in large numbers to all their away games last season.

The Pilgrims made a good start to the 2007-08 season, staying near the playoff places for the first few months.

Paul Sturrock was welcomed back to Home Park on 27 November 2007. Sturrock, or 'Luggy' as he affectionately known, is



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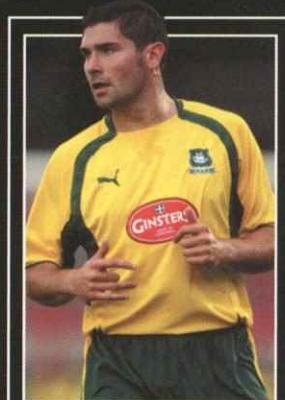
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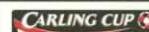


Tuesday 12th August

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