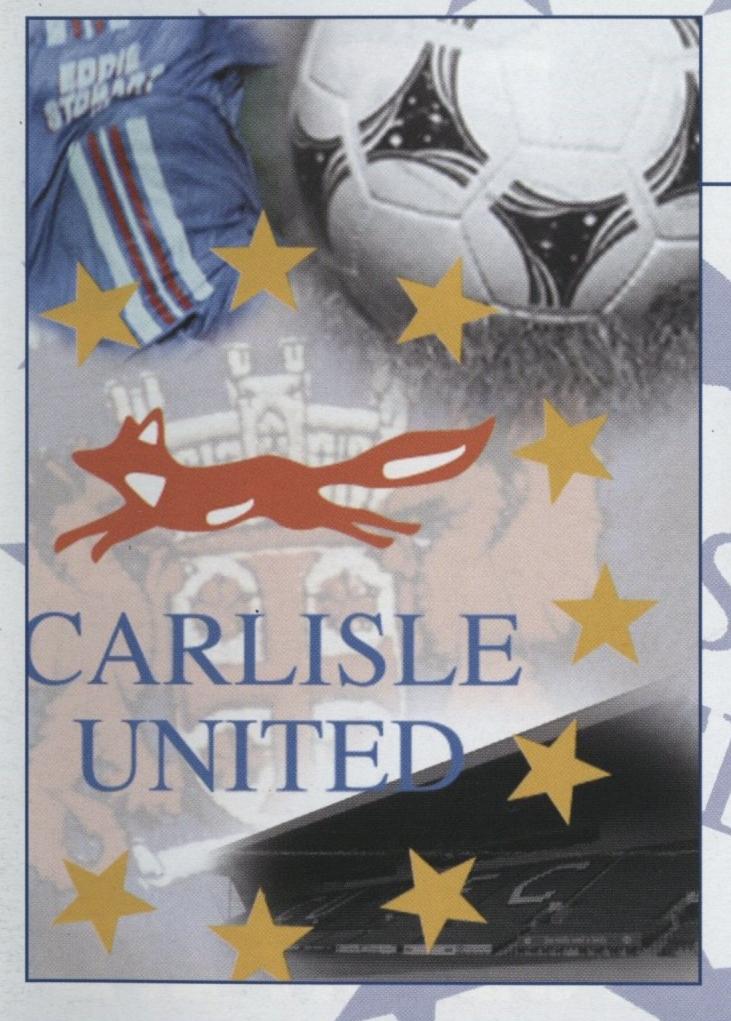
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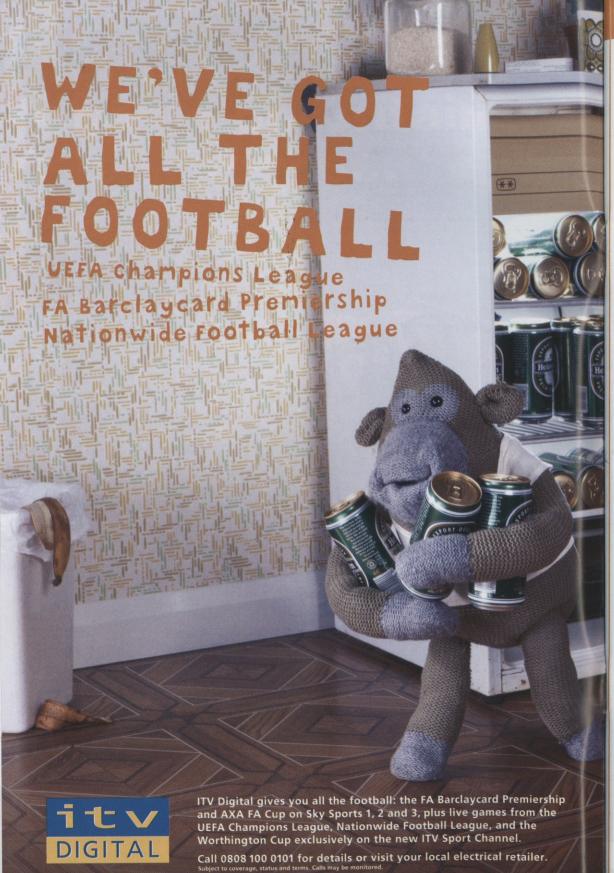
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Emmerson Boyce. Born Aylesbury, 24.9.79

One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, the defender was signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and made the breakthrough to the League squad at the age of 19 midway through the 1999/2000 season after occasional appearances following a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999. A commanding defensive figure, he was a regular last season, and junior members of Luton Town Supporters Club voted him their player of the year.



Dean Brennan. Born 17.6.80, Dublin

Previous Luton boss Ricky Hill had worked as a youth coach at sheffield Wednesday before re-joining Luton for a brief and unsuccessful spell as manager in the summer of 2000, and one of his first actions was to go back to Hillsborough for a midfielder he admired. But Brennan found it difficult to adjust to Second Division football, and is still trying to establish himself.

Stuart Douglas. Born Enfield, 9.4.78.

A striker with excellent pace. Douglas was a 17 year old trainee when he scored on his league debut for Luton against Oldham in 1995, but a series of injuries delayed his progress before he won a regular place in Luton's league side in the 1998/99 season. He has flourished both as maker and taker of goals, and Luton will always wonder if relegation might have been avoided last season if Douglas had not suffered more injury problems

which reduced him to only 15 full league appearances.

Richard Dryden. Born Stroud, 14.6.69

Vastly experienced, the defender has played at all levels of professional football and accepted his second Luton contract at the end of last season. He had been recruited on a free transfer from Southampton in February 2001. Bristol Rovers gave Dryden his start in football, as a trainee, but after a handful of games he was allowed to move on to Exeter for £10,000. Two years later they cashed in as he was sold to Notts County for £250,000 and further hefty fees were paid as Dryden moved on to Birmingham, Bristol City and Southampton. He also spent some time on loan at Stoke in the 1999-2000 season, during which he helped them win the Auto Windscreen Shield at Wembley.

Carl Emberson. Born Epsom, 13.7.73

Wanting two players to compete for the first team goalkeepers spot, Joe Kinnear moved swiftly in the summer of 2001 to persuade Emberson to choose Luton instead of Plymouth, who were also interested, when his contract at Walsall ended. His career began at Millwall as a trainee, but he made his name in a seven-year spell at Colchester before going to the Bescot Stadium in the summer of 1999. There he was in the squad which won promotion to Division One, and Kinnear hopes he will enjoy similar success at Luton.

Adrian Forbes. Born Ealing 23.1.79

After considerable First Division experience, and with an England youth cap to his credit, Forbes was a surprise inclusion on Norwich City's list of players available for transfer in the summer of 2001, and Luton boss Joe Kinnear was delighted to pay £75,000 for a right winger to add much-needed width to his attacking formation. Forbes is noted for his ability to run at and past defenders, either to deliver crosses from out wide or to cut in and have a crack at goal. He had been at Carrow Road for four years, starting as a trainee, before his move to

Andrew Fotiadis. Born Hitchin, 6.9.77

A local discovery, Fotiadis chose to stay at school to gain GCSE A-levels before being a full-time scorer professional. He won England Schools caps at under-15 and under-18 level. and developed a style to delight Luton fans and worry opposing defences, as an old-fashioned centre-forward, with good physique, power, and concentrated determina-

Stuart Fraser. Born Edinburgh 9.1.80

Stylish defender and former skipper of the Luton youth team who was given his league debut against Carlisle, in a 3-2 win, on the final day of the 1997/98 season. Within a year hew was established as a regular member of the Luton squad and the Scottish under-21 team, until he suffered a broken leg playing for Luton at Queens Park Rangers in January 2001. He missed the rest of the season, but made a good recovery and was back in business when Luton began pre-season training six months later.

Liam George.



Quick, and with tricky footwork, the striker came through the ranks after joining Luton as a schoolboy, and became a regular member of the Republic of Ireland squad that progressed to the European youth championships final in the summer of 1998. George had made his league debut in September 1997, but suffered a broken leg soon afterwards and was out of football for nearly a year. He returned in triumph, to become Luton's leading scorer in his first full season, 1999/2000, and also progressed to win Ireland under-21 honours.

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1999/2000, and also progressed to win Ireland under-21 honours.

Carl Griffiths. Born Welshpool, 15.7.71

An impressive scoring record - a goal in every 2.5 starts for seven previous clubs - led to Carl Griffiths becoming a major summer target for Luton after relegation from the Second Division, and they got their man when they signed him from Leyton Orient for a fee reported to be £65,000. His earlier moves had totted up to well over £1 million, starting with a £500,000 transfer from Shrewsbury to Manchester City. Beginning as a trainee at Gay Meadow, Griffiths had set his bench mark by netting 61 goals in 130 starts for the Shrews. He has been knocking them in ever since, for Portsmouth, Peterborough, Leyton Orient, Wrexham, Port Vale and back to Orient for a second time.

Peter Holmes.

Born Bishop Auckland, 18.11.80 This season is probably a make-orbreak campaign for a midfielder who once seemed destined for soccer stardom. He is a product of the FAn's School of Excellence, in the same year as Michael Owen. Sheffield Wednesday were his first club, but relegation from the Premiership in May 2000 left them desperate to cut the pay-roll and Luton signed the two-footed midfielder for a nominal fee a few months later. But in his first season at Kenilworth Road, he played in barely a third of their league and cup games.

Steve Howard. Born Durham, 10.5.76

Joe Kinnear swooped on deadline day in March 2001 to prise the tall striker away from Northampton for a bargain fee of £50,000. The price was down to the Bosman effect -Howard had cost the Cobblers a then record fee of £120,000 when they recruited him from Hartlepool two years previously. At six fields his height and power as a target man, and a scoring rate of a goal every four games, helped Northampton to win promotion to Division Two. Luton had first hand experience of his ability - he scored when Northampton achieved their first ever league win at Kenilworth Road, 2-0 in September 2000. Six months later he accepted terms at Luton, with Northampton grudgingly accepting a third of their asking price for a player who would have left for nothing soon afterwards under the Bosman ruling.



Marvin Johnson. Born Wembley, 29.10.68

Longest serving player at Kenilworth Road, Johnson is arguably the most popular member of the Kenilworth Road staff with his colleagues and with the fans. Always cheerful, even when recovering from injury setbacks, the defender is in his 14th season as a first team regular at Luton, his only club, and skipper of the team he joined as a schoolboy. He is desperate to enjoy this season - a serious neck injury restricted him to only II games last year as Luton suffered relegation. He is the only member of the playing staff to have appeared in all four divisions for Luton - he made his debut at Goodison Park in 1988.

Kent Karlsen. Born Oslo, 17.2.73

Looking for strength in the spine of the team, Ricky Luton went to Scandinavia for a centre-half who had served a solid apprenticeship in the, Norwegian Premier League. An under-21 international, Karlsen's five years with Vaalerengen brought considerable success. Keen to try his luck in England, Karlsen went to Luton in the autumn of 2000, immediately claimed a regular place in their second division side, but then missed most of the rest of the season with a serious knee injury.

Adam Locke.

Born 20.8.70

Well-travelled in football terms, the midfielder joined Luton on a free transfer from Bristol City to add experience to a predominantly young squad in the summer of 1999. He began as a YTS boy with Crystal Palace, his local club, but could not get into the league team at Selhurst, and moved on to Southend, Colchester and Ashton Gate before joining Luton.

Lee Mansell. Born Gloucester, 23.9.82

An injury crisis at Kenilworth Road thrust the young midfielder into a dramatic debut in an FA cup tie. He had to make the transition straight from the youth squad to the first team in January 2001, and was an instant success. He was just 58 seconds into his debut against Queens Park Rangers, in a FA Cup third round replay, when he scored his first senior goal. Luton had looked after him since he was an II-year old, and signed him as a soccer scholar (previously the YTS scheme) as soon as he left school. His dramatic emergence at Loftus Road led to him becoming a regular in the side, and in the summer he was rewarded with a full professional contract.

Mark Ovendale. Born Leicester 22.11.73

The arrival of a new board of directors at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2000 enabled Luton to break a mould that had been set over the previous three years. Then, with continuing financial problems, including a spell in receivership, Luton had been great sellers of players, and very rarely buyers. That changed when Mike Watson-Challis became the chairman, and made cash available to secure goalkeeper Ovendale from Bournemouth for £425,000. He was previously with Wisbech, Northampton and Barry Town.

Aaron Skelton. Born Welwyn, 22.11.74

It was a case of going "back home" when the defender, born a few miles from Luton, signed up for the Hatters for the second time in July 2000. He had joined the club as a schoolboy, and worked his way up through the ranks to be on the fringe of the league team in 1993, when he was 19. A serious thigh muscle injury struck when he was

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muscle injury struck when he was poised for his senior debut, which was delayed for 12 months as a result. And no sooner had he made the breakthrough than an appalling run of bad luck struck, with back and knee ligament injuries sidelining him for most of the next three years. A change of club, on a free transfer to Colchester in the summer of 1997, brought a much needed change of luck and Skelton rapidly became a big favourite at Layer Road. He was their player of the year when his contract expired in the Summer of 2001, and although Colchester wanted him to sign a new deal, the invitation to move back to his first club, on a Bosman, was too good to turn down.

Matthew Spring. Born Harlow 17.11.79

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A competitive midfielder, Spring has been at Luton since he was a schoolboy, and was a driving force in the side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997. After a league debut when still only 17, he soon became a regular in Luton's Second Division team, and as he came into this season, he had never been dropped. His first 100 appearances were clocked up while he was only 20.

Matthew Taylor. Born Oxford, 27.11.81

When Luton were in receivership in the summer of 1999, players had to be sold or given away to save money, while severe restrictions were imposed on new recruits. So once more Luton had to look at the young talent coming up through the ranks, and the wing-back, though still only 17, was thrust into the league team. With his pace and fierce shooting ability, he settled immediately and has developed into a top class player, a real crowd pleaser, and a respected professional. At the end of his first season he was named young player of the year by Luton management and coaching staff. Twelve months later, in May 2001, he swept the board in the player of the year votes - he picked up the prizes from votes by players, Luton Town Supporters Club and internet fans. He also netted the goal of the season award.

Peter Thomson. Born 30.6.77, Bury Rejected as a teenager by home town club Bury, the striker drifted into non-league soccer with Chorley and then Lancaster before a £25,000 move to Dutch club NAC Breda. He got over a broken leg to score goals in the Dutch premiership, and Luton brought him home for a £100,000 fee in September 2000, but he is still trying to make the breakthrough as a regular in the Hatters side.

Kevin Nicholls. Born Newham, 2.1.79

The tough tackling midfielder began his career as a trainee at Charlton and quickly made an impact after skippering England youth teams at under-18, under-19 and under-20 levels. At the time Joe Kinnear, now manager of Luton, was in charge of Wimbledon, and made a note of the young Nicholls, and just before this season started he was surprised and well pleased - to hear that Nicholls was available for transfer. Charlton had sold him for £250,000 to Wigan in the summer of 1999, but the move did not work out, and Luton's offer of £150,000 led to him moving to Kenilworth Road.

THE MANAGER Joe Kinnear, Born Dublin, 27.12.46

Desperate for an experienced man to try to halt a slide down the Second Division Table, Luton's directors persuaded Joe Kinnear to take on the daunting task in February 2001, as Luton's third manager of the season. He quickly instilled much-needed confidence and improved Lutons performances and results, but the leeway was too great to make up, with a squad which he admitted was not good enough, and no-one was more gutted than football-mad Kinnear when the season of struggle ended in the Hatters dropping into Division three. It was the first relegation he had suffered in a long career which had made him a household name as a player and then as a manager. Born in Dublin, but brought up in Watford, Kinnear was playing nonleague football for St. Albans City as a teenager when Tottenham spotted his potential, and signed him in 1965. Joe was a reliable defender who enjoyed ten of the best years in the history of Spurs, making more than 280 appearances for

them, and collecting 26 Republic of Ireland caps as well as an impressive array of medals - an FA Cup winner in 1967, League Cup winner in 1971 and 1973 and a UEFA cup winner in 1972.

He then played for Brighton - Brian Clough signed him - for four years before moving into coaching. For six years he was the national team coach in the United Arab Emirates, working alongside his old Spurs pal Dave Mackay but his major impact in this country came after taking charge of Wimbledon in 1992. With no ground of their own, and the smallest fan base in the Premiership, the Dons did much more than just survive in the Premiership, and the "Crazy Gang" were still there when a heart attack forced him to step down. His time with Wimbledon brought him more accolades - two Premiership manager of the Year awards, another as Carlton TV manager of the year, and yet another voted by Sky TV viewers. Fully fit after being sidelined for 18 months, he was ready to get involved again when Luton approached him, relishing the chance to take control of all football matters at Kenilworth Road - directors of football, manager and coach all rolled into one. His return to soccer, however, had no fairy-tale ending, and having taken a hard look at the Luton squad he inherited, loe set about a major rebuilding job in the summer, promising that if the board backed him and his judgement, he could take Luton back into Division Two at the first attempt.



Luton Town Story

An unsuccessful battle against relegation last season completed an unwelcome new chapter to the long history of Luton Town - the wheel had turned full circle for the second time. A quarter of a century ago they proudly boasted that they were the first club in the country to sink from the top division to the bottom, then back all the way up again. Now their supporters are hoping that history can repeat itself, after the Hatter once more find themselves in the lowest division of the Football League.

The club has had to cope with all sorts of difficulties in the last few years, including almost going out of existence when they were in receivership in the summer of 1999

They survived, and a year later an old friend returned as the new owner and chairman - Mike Watson - Challis, who had been a director in Luton's glory years, for a decade when they flourished in the old first division, now the Premiership.

He and his new colleagues on the board were determined to make a fresh start, but results in the first half of the 2000/I season were a big disappointment. Former players Ricky Hill and then Lil Fuccillo were brought back to be managers, with limited success, with the result that in mid-season Luton were firmly stuck in the relegation zone and the board looked for proven experience. They chose loe Kinnear, best known for keeping Wimbledon in the Premiership against the odds - no ground of their own, little money and small crowds. Kinnear's brief was to try to regain former glories for the Hatters. Results did improve, but even Kinnear could not prevent Luton's tumble back to where they came from 33 years previously, then call the Fourth Division. Luton went into the 1990's as a top club - they had ten glorious years in what is now the Premiership, and won the Littlewoods Cup by beating Arsenal in the 1988 final But then came a decline, with a

club in an antiquated stadium

unable to compete with the big

money outfits. They missed the first

season of the Premiership, through

relegation just as it was set up in

1992, and the decline continued, with a drop into the Second Division in 1996.

Previous boards of directors took plenty of stick from fans as the Hatters slumped - the club sold at least £1 million worth of talent every year, without bringing in adequate replacements.

But now, with a new board and management team in place, money available for players, and plans taking shape for a new stadium, the supporters hope that at long last the Hatters really are set to move ahead again.

One of the oldest football clubs in England - they were first in the south to turn professional - Luton have seen just about everything in football in more than a century of ups and downs.

The club was formed in 1885 when Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior decided to merge, at a time when Luton was on the threshold of a boom thanks to the growth of the hat-making trade which was to give the club its nickname.

Players were paid for the first time in 1891. Three years later Luton were founder members of the Southern League and in 1897 joined the Football Leagues Second

Division. But patchy results and rising costs led to the Club resigning and returning to the Southern League and there Luton stayed until 1920, when the Southern League became Division Three of the Football League. They narrowly missed promotion to the old Second Division in 1936, when centre-forward loe Payne terrorised opposing defences. A wing-half, his first appearance as leader of the attack was near unbelievable: he scored ten goals in a 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road. It is a record which is likely to stand forever. The following year Luton did win promotion, with Payne netting 55 league goals. Luton were comfortable in the Second Division and in 1955 won promotion to the top division - what is now the Premiership. It ended in tears after six years. Luton reached the FA Cup final in 1959, but lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest. The team were all getting too old together, and a slump set in. Within 12 months Luton were relegated, and by the sixth anniversary of their only FA

Cup final appearance Luton had tumbled all the way down to the old Fourth Division. In 1967 they were perilously close to having to ask for re-election to stay in the League.

That indignity was narrowly avoided, and a new board injected new life and money into the club. The division four championship was won in 1968 and two years later another promotion was clinched, to the Second Division, with Malcolm Macdonald's goals a major factor.

In 1974 Luton made history again: they won promotion back to the First Division to become the first club ever to drop from top to bottom of the League and then complete the revival in the opposite direction. That joy ended with relegation after only one season, but in 1982, led by David Pleat, Luton were back among the big boys again, despite operating on a shoestring in an antiquated ground. Miraculously, Luton survived for ten seasons, with the first providing one of the game's classic showdowns. On the last day of the 1982/83 campaign Luton travelled to Main Road needing a win to stay up and to condemn Manchester City to relegation. City had only to draw, and got to within four minutes of success. But then Raddy Antic, a Serb who had gone as a substitute, struck the winner, and David Pleat was forever famous after that for his televised victory jig of delight across the pitch. Luton lost in the 1985 FA Cup semi-final to Everton, but in 1988 a major trophy was landed at last, when Arsenal were beaten 3-2 in the final of the Littlewoods Cup. The Hatters made Wembley their second home that summer: they were also there for the Football League's Centenary Tournament, and for the Simod Cup final, in which they lost to Reading. They nearly got there four times: and FA Cup run ended in defeat in the semi-final to the eventual winners, Wimbledon.

Twelve months later, Luton were at Wembley again to defend the League Cup, but they lost to Nottingham Forest, to revive memories for older supporters of the 1959 disappointment.

Roddy Collins

"Do I not know that?" is a new quiz which is to be launched on ITV Sport on the 11th August. On the 14th and 15th of July I accompanied a group of supporters from Carlisle United, to Granada TV Studios to tak part in the quiz, hosted by ex Brookside actor Simon O'Brien. THe show is screening throughout the season, quiz teams represent their clubs and battle against each other in the General Knowledge quiz, they are asked questions on their own team and the sport in general. I throughly enjoyed the weekend, all the teams got on well and I am looking forward to the next round in October! The quiz is made up of two rounds, in the first round we competed against Leyton Orient and Southend United and in the second round we were against West Bromwich Albion and Derby County.

the ITV Sports Channel. We will be looking for support for the October show. Watch this space for details!

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Club News

The Directors, Staff and players of Carlisle United warmly welcome the Club's loyal fans to the start of a new season at Brunton Park. With the quite unprecedented attack on the management of the club by some sections of the local media and Alan Steel's movement attempting to bring the Club to its knees financially with his movement's call for a boycott, it has been a difficult time for our Club. But we are here, raring to go with all the excitement and hope that a new season brings.

RODDY COLLINS

Everyone at the Club has had a fantastic lift with the appointment of Roddy Collins as manager. Roddy is in charge of all football matters at the Club. His amazing enthusiasm and sheer power of his personality have had a tremendous effect on everyone in the very short space of time he has been with us. It is so refreshing to have a genuine and honest man at the first team helm. Someone who really speaks the truth as it really is rather than spins a yarn to satisfy the media, or worse, simply present themselves as some kind of mystical hero working in "an impossible situation" If Roddy's first two weeks are anything to judge by, this man really does give the impression he can turn around the Club's fortunes on the pitch. Roddy will have every support from the directors, staff and players - he wouldn't settle for anything less! Good luck Roddy, the whole town is with you to be successful.

APPOINTMENTS

The Club has recently advertised for a Chief Executive who will be directly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Club reporting to the Directors. We have been pleased with the response from some excellent candidates. An announcement will be made regarding the appointment in early course.

SARAH McKNIGHT

Congratulations to Club Secretary Sarah and her husband Wayne on the birth of their baby girl. The proud parents have named her Lucy. Sarah is now enjoying her new family on maternity leave but she will return to her post in due course. We wish Sarah, Wayne and baby Lucy every health and happiness together.

Razzmatazz Dance Troupe headed by Denise have given up their time to perform there routine for us and we at CUFC would like to welcome and thank them for their time. I am sure you will give

them your full support

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A big thankyou to Billy Barr, Paul Devlin, Neil Dalton and all the players for being so professional throughout the close season. The professionalism was highlighted by the absolute refusal to let the media and their politics interfere with the Club's preparations for the new season. Well done to them all.

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1955/56	Chesterfield	Drew I-I	Div 3N
1956/57	Oldham	Drew 2-2	Div 3N
1958/59	Aldershot	Won I-0	Div 4
1959/60	C. Palace	Drew 2-2	Div 4
1961/62	Aldershot	Won 2-I	Div 4
1962/63	Peterborough	Lost 4-I	Div 3
1963/64	Darlington	Drew 3-3	Div 4
1965/66	Norwich	Won 4-I	Div 2
1969/70	Cardiff	Lost 3-2	Div 2
1971/72	Preston	Drew 0-0	Div 2
1973/74	Cardiff	Drew I-I	Div 2
1975/76	Oxford	Drew I-I	Div 2
1976/77	Southampton	Won 2-I	Div 2
1980/81	Sheff Utd	Lost 3-0	Div 3
1981/82	Bristol City	Drew 2-2	Div 3
1983/84	Cambridge	Drew 0-0	Div 2
1984/85	Brighton	Lost 3-0	Div 2
1988/89	Peterborough	Drew 2-2	Div 4
1990/91	Doncaster	Lost 3-2	Div 4
1992/93	Walsall	Lost 4-3	Div 3 (Form 4)
1993/94	Wycombe	Drew 2-2	Div 3
1994/95	Wigan	Won 2-I	Div 3
1995/96	Bristol R	Lost 2-1	Div 2
1998/99	Brighton	Won I-0	Div 3
1999/2000	Leyton Orient	Won 2-I	Div 3
2000/2001	Halifax	Drew 2-2	Div 3

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The records show that a draw is the most common result of the first game of the season with a win closely behind. Out of all the final positions that would occur after the conclusion of the seasons above, the best result today would be a draw. This is due to the fact that in 1963/64, 1973/74 and 1981/82 seasons respectably we finished 2nd, then 3rd, then finally second again gaining promotion on all occasions after a drawn first game. A win could prove to lead to a successful season after the championship season of 1994/95 when we topped the division after a win and also in 1958/59 we won the first game and finished fourth.

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Club News cont



Carlisle United footballer Craig McAughtrie helps store assistant Sandra Power kick off the new National Lottery Instants football themed game, Game of Two Halves, at Morrisons in Carlisle.

Game of Two Halves

Game of two halves is a £2 game with two identical games on one ticket, and a top prize of £40,000. The card is designed as a football pitch with a football covering the play area on each half of the ticket and a goal at each end revealing the prize level for each game. Players match three numbers out of ten to win the prize amount.

The new National Lottery Instants game was launched on the 30th July at Morrison's Supermarket in Carlisle. to launch the card, footballer Craig McAughtrie went down to represent Carlisle United, and to show support

on behalf of the Club. Here he is, pictured below helping store assistant Sandra Power kick off the new National Lottery Instants football themed game, Game of Two Halves.



The Carlisle Five:
David Alston, Ryan Wilson,
Mark Collier, Tim Patterson,
Tony Graham

Worthington Five's

Great news, a group of young lads have entered a National five-a-side tournament and qualified through the preliminary rounds on the 28th July at the Powerleague Soccer Centre, Gateshead. They are representing Carlisle United and we kitted them out in the Replica home strip, to show our support and thanks to the team!

The Carlisle Five will now have to play Sunderland five, in the first round on Sunday 19th August at the Powerleague Soccer Centre in Nottingham. The Worthington Five's is the first amateur tournament that gives fans the chance to represent their nominated professional club in a national five-a-side competition. As well as playing in the Final as a curtain raiser to the Worthington Cup in February, the Worthington Five's champions will also receive an all-expenses paid trip to Europe, just as the Worthington Cup winners gain a place in Europe, in the UEFA Cup. All 92 premiership and Football League clubs are to be represented in the tournament.

We, at Carlisle United Football Club would like to wish the team the very best of luck in the tournament! We will keep you updated on their progress!

The Carlisle Five team is pictured above.

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Theiry Henry

Favourite Food:

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Favourite Actor:

Eddie Murphy

Favourite Actress:

Demi Moore

Favourite Film:

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Favourite TV:

The Bill

Favourite Music:

Bryan Adams

Worst Dressed Players: It has to be between Mark "Worsel" Winstanley

David Morley

and Ian "Stig" Stevens!!!





I get my inspiration from my wife Natalie, and from all of my family, and I would ideally like to play for Barcelona. My best match was my debut for Manchester City against Bury - 96/97 season, the game ended I-I and I got the Man of the Match award. I support Everton, my favourite holiday destination would have to be Tenerife, and my ideal job would be a golf pro.

I look forward to Carlisle United finishing the season in the top-half of the table, and to have a good season myself staying free form

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Peter Bye

I hope that the start of a new season finds you oozing with optimism about the future. Having a positive approach is infectious and creates the best kind of atmosphere for when the team runs out to face the opposition. Although we don't physically play on the park we psychologically play a major part in how our players perform.

The difference between positive thoughts and negative thoughts in sport is so great that the crucial importance of preparing the mind for competition is acknowledged everywhere. There is a new kind of skill being practised these days. It is the skill of the sports psychologist.

Shane Warne, the Australian Cricketer, mentions the different people that have been helping their Test Team achieve great things this summer. It is interesting to see that he includes among the personnel a sports psychologist alongside the expected coach and physiotherapist.

Sports psychology is still a new area for sport. At the Open Gold Championship a sports psychologist was interviewed and the interviewer was a bit sceptical about the value of such a person. "Does it really make a difference?" he asked. The reply was very simple. "I'm here aren't !?" The top golfers recognised ahead of most of us the importance of mental preparation. For them pressure putts can scramble the brain and they were eager to find

ways of coping. What goes on between the ears transfers to the putter and what you are thinking is the primary factor that comes into play at such moments.

Sports psychology is very new in Soccer but it is now with us and Clubs will need to take notice. In matches where strength and skill are equal the outcome will often be governed by the mind. Those best prepared mentally

In a book very recently published, "Focused for Soccer", sport psychologist, Bill Beswick shares his experiences and passes on helpful tips on being mentally ready for each game. This is, of course, a book for players, but one of the enjoyable things about the book for United supporters is that names like Rory Delap, Lee Dickson, Paul Murray and Mick Wadsworth crop up on its pages.

"Focused for Soccer" whilst written for players is still useful for supporters. It gives insights into the pressures of playing and this in itself is useful to anyone who wants their side to do well. As the book says, "Confidence is contagious", and crowds as well as coaches can play their part for good or ill.

This was demonstrated to me in a youth match not long ago. A fairly even first half saw our players being encouraged and the opposition being blasted with a barrage of criticism. It was so vociferous it was unpleasant to be within

hearing distance. Our coach boosted confi-

dence and their coach destroyed it. The second half saw our opponents fall to pieces and we won the game at a canter. It was clearly a mind game.

It has occurred to me that there is actually room for a book like this written for supporters as our needs are intertwined with those of the team. We want the players to be undeterred by a mistake and to fight back when a goal down but it is hard to watch from the terraces without being plunged into despair when things go wrong. But if we expect the players to weather the storm so should we. Such a positive attitude can even lift players out of failure and into success.

Perhaps this will be the next area for the sports psychologists to explore.

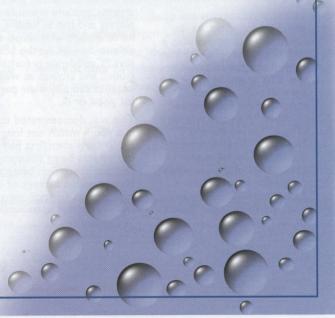
For the value of a positive crowd cannot be overestimated. A positive crowd can turn a game. I start this season oozing with optimism because I believe we have a great squad under an ambitious coach supported by one of the best crowds in the Third Division. So best wishes to Roddy and the Squad for a great campaign.

Mind Games



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A Brief History

Gumbrians v Hatters

Due to Carlisle being in the lower divisions from their entry into the league in 1928 and Luton riding high in the top divisions it wasn't until the 1964/65 season that the two sides met following Carlisle's championship win in the old third division and Luton's relegation from division one. The Ist October was when the two sides met for the first time at Kenilworth Road. It started disastrously for United when after only 30 seconds Luton player John O'Rouke scored. Fortunately for Carlisle Frank Large equalised after 66 minutes to share the spoils on this first confrontation between between the two. With the return game at Brunton Park only six days later Carlisle wanted to register their first win over the Hatters but again found themselves one down following a Ray Whittaker goal but United's John Evans found himself on the score sheet to again end the game at one

The two sides played again in the 1970/71 season after Luton's promotion to Division two. This began a number of matches between the sides throughout the 1970's. In the first clash Carlisle took a what seemed unassailable 3-0 lead in November 1970 with goals from Hemstead, Balderstone and Dennis Martin but Luton came steaming back to level the score at 3-3. By the return game both sides were chasing promotion, when Luton missed and early penalty it seemed like

United's day, as it was when Carlisle's Bobby Owen scored to give Carlisle all the points. With Carlisle finishing 4th and Luton 6th respectably it meant the two would meet again in the 1971/72 season. The first game at Kenilworth Road had Carlisle arriving with five straight defeats behind them but ended this terrible run with a splendid 2-0 victory with the goals coming from Bob Hatton and United legend Chris Balderstone. A dour goaless draw followed in February that season but it was the next season where we did the double over the Hatters. Firstly, when we visited Knilworth Road in November the build up was more like an away game for both sides. Whilst Carlisle travelled down to London Luton manager Harry Haslam took his team to a hotel on the morning of the game due to the fact that they had gone two months without a home win but surprisingly their away form had been much better. It didn't work however as Carlisle won I-0 thanks to a first half goal from Bobby Owen. Finally after trying for 9 seasons to reach the promise land of division I we achieved it in the 1973/74 season but an embarrassing early defeat to Luton didn't give the fans much hope. Luton took everything to Carlisle blitzing them with 6 goals in 23 minutes leaving the score 6-0 at the break making it the worst first half in our history. A consolation goal from Bobby Owen in the second half

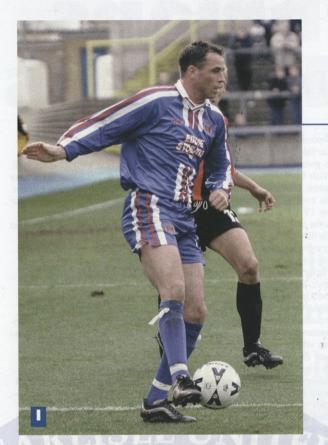
left the score at 6-1 rather than a score endangering our record defeat ever (1-11 v hull in 1939). A 2-0 New Years Day win over Luton started a great year for United, the best in our History with first promotion and then briefly topping the 1st division, the goals came from skipper Bill Green and Dennis Martin.

Even though leading the division we lost to Luton twice that season. Firstly with a 3-1 away defeat and then a 2-0 home defeat which was the finishing touched to a 6 game losing streak. With both sides making a swift return to division two another pair of confrontations were set up. A I-I Draw at Brunton Park was followed by a 3-0 defeat at Kenilworth Road. The following season saw United relegated to the old division three, Carlisle were beaten 5-0 away from home to not help the cause in which was the last meeting between the two for 20 years.

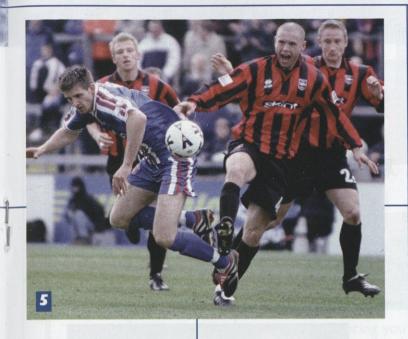
Last time the two were in the same division came in the 1997/98 season after we won promotion from division three into division two. A 1-0 home defeat for the Cumbrians followed with the conclusion to the season with a trip down to Luton with relegation already assured for Carlisle they were playing for pride, a bad end to their campaign for Carlisle as they lost 3-2 By John Blenkharn

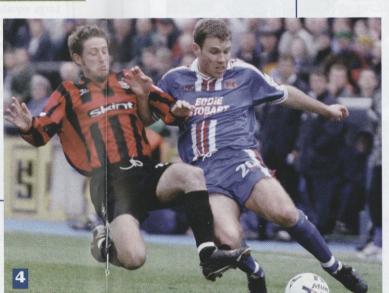
Between the Cumbrians and the Hatters

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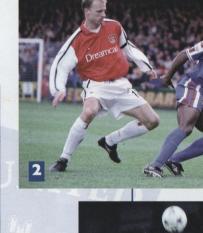


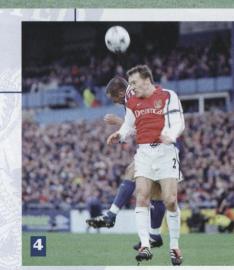
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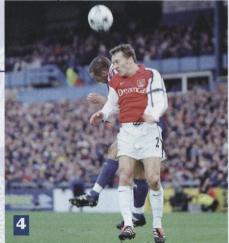
- I Scott Dobie
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lan Jardine

It has been three months since the 5th May. Whatever might have happened, or not happened, in Cumbria there has been a ceaseless catalogue of events and changes affecting the London Branch of the Supporters Club. Although it might be called the close season, when all the football games come to an end and lives stop being ruled by that fixture chart pinned to the wall, it is a period of the year that sees a great deal of London Branch activity. With the demands of the fixture list providing regular opportunities for members to meet and keep things ticking over, the summer break required the London Branch to maintain this momentum over the three month period.

There are a number of events that have become regular fixtures that are planned and prepared for over six months in advance. Others can occur almost spontaneously when the opportunity arises. In the former category must lie the Annual Summer Trip and the entry into the APFSCIL five-a-side football competition. This summer's surprise novelty was the Herts Twig (of the London Branch) Family Fun Day held at the end of July, in truth the committee has so many things to fit in to those three months they must be careful to fit them all in, before the season is on top of us yet

Given that the last time information on the London Branch was written for a match programme, it was April, leaves barely on trees, Foot and Mouth still rampant and League safety still not ensured, there was still a great deal of unfinished business which may interest you. Back in April and May everyone was still seething about the behaviour of an individual from Southend who had let down the London Branch, and their Junior Blues and then had the gall to use the match programme to attack the London Branch to cover up his own failings. Southend F.C. a a whole was extremely helpful on the day of the game and they responded positively to our written complaint about the individual.

The London Branch Darts Team achieved its greatest success, ever, when it won the League and were promoted. The London Branch Darts Team has been a by-word for failure ever since it was created nearly 25 years ago. It has balanced competition with fun and the latter had always tipped the scales in its

favour. Thus the 20-odd years without anything to show other than a great number of friends throughout the other London Branch Supporters that they play. The lighthearted approach did create some problems when individuals in other teams took things very seriously and became upset at the antics. The London Branch kept an 8-a-side team going in the competition until the late nineties, one of the increasingly few clubs to do so. Even the supposedly well supported Premier League Supporters Clubs were finding it difficult to find 8 darts players as the game, as a whole, loses its popularity. Carlisle United had never bothered with finding 8 darts players, 8 people were all that mattered, ability certainly didn't.

The bullet was finally bitten some 4 years ago and with a big rearrangement of the leagues that saw an increasing number of 5-a-side teams taking part. The new darts Captain found it possible to find 5 darts players and the team started winning. A new attitude took over and in May 1999 the Darts Team was promoted, as Runners Up, to the First Division. Last year saw the loss of one of the better players, Paul Burnett, the Darts Captain himself, but the team went from strength to strength and won the League by a penultimate match against third placed Bournemouth ensured that they could not catch us. The final game was against the runners-up Southampton who needed to win 9-0 to become Champions. The Carlisle team won the first 3 games before old habits and the increasing amounts of celebratory fluid saw them lose the next 6.

The success of the Darts Team was rather diminished by the relegation of the Pool Team. There are a number of reasons for their decline as they had been extremely successful ever since they were formed at the same time as the Darts Team reduced to 5-a-side. They have lost two key players this season and struggled to turn out 6 people for every game. They have not been helped by a crazy league system that forces them to play at least 16 games, or once a week in reality, which makes it difficult to find regular players. They had a fixture backlog at the end of the season, not their fault, that saw them either playing twice in the week or agreeing to forfeit. They played a game on the night before



the trip to Barcelona and had their final match on the night of the

return. They had to win their final match to avoid relegation. Not surprisingly, after a weekend in Barcelona the Pool Team found itself playing with two players short.

The Pool Captain has decided that there will be 'no more Mr. Nice Guy' next season as he feels he was at fault during the last year for agreeing to bend the rules to help other teams. The result was that his own team suffered. He had allowed opposition players to turn up late into the evening and play their held over games against the Carlisle players who had filled in the 2-3 hours waiting for them doing the only thing you can do in a pub. He had also allowed teams not to play games when they could not raise a team on the required date which created the fixture build up. It was then Carlisle who suffered when they could not find enough players to play so many games in a short period. He has already attended the annual meeting of the league Pool Captains and ensured that the leagues will be re-arranged on a more sensible basis next season. He has secured the services of one new player for next season and spent the Herts Twig Fun Day spotting talent and attempting to persuade them to play regularly. They ought to have a successful year next season.

Currently the London Branch are preparing to take on their old friends from Orient, the Orientear fanzine group, in a game prior to the match next week. Hopes are high that a similar game might take place in Luton and Oxford this sea-

Ian Jardine

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Carlisle United Centre of Excellence began it's pre-season programme on 26th July at St Aidan's with out Under 14's, 15's and 16's. Our junior, Under 8's - 13's, begin on 14th

This is a very important year for the centre's programme, as the Club has agreed to supply all of our registered players with training kits, and we begin our games programme in September playing in our new playing kit. We will also be moving all of our training to Dalston's Caldew School.

I hope that the club will have closer links with the local leagues and I have already been to meetings to hopefully help clubs with their training needs.

It is very important for me to see the continued growth in our centre's programme. It has proved to be one of the most successful in the country, and this year could have II Cumbrian's playing in our reserve team in the Avon Insurance League. This is down to the hard work of the 20 people who work in the club's youth development programme.

Anyone who is interested in working in our youth programme or would like any information about our juniors please give me a ring at the club.

The youth development wishes Roddy every success this season.

Paul Devlin Youth Development Officer











Memorable Match

14/11/70

LUTON TOWN 3 v CARLISLE UNITED 3 Div 2

Carlisle United shared six goals with Luton Town in this amazing Second Division game played in torrential rain watched by 14,837 at Kenilworth Road.

Carlisle adapted better than their promotion rivals to the rain-soaked pitch in the early stages and took the lead in the 12th minute. Right-back Derek Hemstead received a short pass from Frank Barton who moved out to the wing but instead of returning the ball as the Luton defence expected, Hemstead cut inside and hit a left-footed shot into the top corner of the net from 25 yards out.

Luton were shocked by this early goal and Carlisle went further ahead five minutes later. The hard-working Bob Hatton was fouled just on the edge of the penalty area and skipper Chris Balderstone spotted a gap in Luton's defensive wall, hitting a tremedous swerving free-kick into the neear corner with goalkeeper Tony Read transfixed on his line.

Malcolm Macdonald and his striking partner Don Givens were the chief offenders as Luton failed to wipe out United's two goals interval lead. Carlisle fully deserved to be in front at half-time for the manner in which they overcame the attrocious conditions, took their chances when they came along and coolly dealt with spells of pressure from the home side.

Ten minutes after the interval and Carlisle looked to have clinched their first away League win for nearly twelve months when an inswinging Chris Balderstone corner kick on the right was delicately glanced by Bob Hatton down to Dennis Martin who netted from close range. It was a

magnificent achievement to score three times against a defence which had conceded only two goals in their previous eight home games. But in a repeat of their match at home to Oxford United a week earlier, Carlisle suddenly went from being comfortably ahead to fightingto hold a slender goal lead. Luton reduced the deficit in the 73rd minute after big centre-half Chris Nicholl headed a corner kick against the bar, Malcolm Macdonald's shot from the rebound was blocked by Joe Davis and the ball trickled to Jim Ryan who cracked it home.

Two minutes later, United were caught wide on the right when Alan Slough raced up to accept a throw-in ball and lashed in a shot. Carlisle struggled to stay ahead and just when it seemed that lan MacFarlane's side would hold on, Malcolm Macdonald atoned for his earlier misses by snatching a last-minute equaliser. Incredibly, Luton almost won the game in teh dying seconds when Allan Ross made a dramatic save.

Carlisle went on to narrowly miss promotion to the top-flight in fourth place that season, while Alec Stock's Luton finished sixth in the Second Division.

LUTON TOWN: Tony Read, John Ryan, Alan Slough, Roger Hoy, Chris Nicholl (Viv Busby), John Moore, Jim Ryan, David Court, Malcolm Macdonald, Mike Keen, Don Givens.

CARLISLE UNITED: Allan Ross, Derek Hemstead, Joe Davis, Stan Ternent, Tot Winstanley, Mike Sutton, Dennis Martin, Frank Barton, Bob Hatton, Bobby Owen, Chris Balderstone.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO CARLISLE'S TEAM?

ALLAN ROSS: Long-serving Scottish goal-keeper who starred in Carlisle's rise to the First Division and made 466 League appearances prior to joining the club's promotions staff in May 1979. He subsequently worked for Carlisle City Council's Housing Department until his death in November 1999.

DEREK HEMSTEAD: Fast, cultured right-back who scored once in 97 Second Division outings while at Brunton Park until a serious knee injury ended his playing career in September 1972. He has since settled back in his native Scunthorpe and is now a lorry driver for CLS at the local steelworks.

JOE DAVIS: Versatile Scottish full-back who was ever-present for Carlisle in 1970-71, making 79 Second Division appearances before returning to Scotland in June 1972. Now living near Kilmarnock, he managed a hotel in Fenwick and for the past 24 years has been a rep for Allied Components.

STAN TERNENT: Consistent right-half who scored five goals in 188 League outings before joining Sunderland in May 1974. He followed Bob Stokoe to Blackpool and became their manager, then coached Bradford City and Crystal Palace before subsequently managing Hull City, Bury and now Burnley.

TOT WINSTANLEY: Versatile defender who moved to Brighton in October 1974, then returned to Brunton Park on a free transfer in July 1978. He scored nine goals in 199 League games overall for Carlisle prior to joining Penrith in July 1980 and has since settled locally as a self-employed builder.

MIKE SUTTON: Popular left-half who scored once in 53 Second Division games for Carlisle until a knee injury ended his career in November 1971. He then gained a B.Ed degree at Loughborough University and for the past 24 years has taught biology and PE at Hellesdon Secondary School in Norwich.

DENNIS MARTIN: Skillful Scottish winger who netted 48 goals in 275 League games for Carlisle before moving to Newcastle United in October 1977. He then played for Mansfield Town, Fremadamager and Kettering Town again and is now the Kettering and Corby area manager for Pearl Assurance.

FRANK BARTON: Ex-England Youth International who netted 22 goals in 165 Second Division games before joining Blackpool in July 1972. He then played for Grimsby Town, Bournemouth, Hereford United and Seattle Sounders and now works in the services department of a car company near Seattle.

BOB HATTON: Centre-forward who was Carlisle's leading marksman in 1970-71 and netted 37 goals in 93 League games before joining Birmingham City in October 1971. He later played for Blackpool, Luton Town, Sheffield United and Cardiff City and is now Director of Sales for the PFA in Birmingham.

BOBBY OWEN: Popular striker who scored 51 times in 204 League games for Carlisle before following Joe Laidlaw to Doncaster Rovers in July 1977. He subsequently played for Gainsborough Trinity and Retford Town and now lives in Radcliffe, employed as a fork-lift driver for Associated Plastics.

chris balderstone: Footballing-cricketer who scored 68 goals in 376 League games before joining Doncaster Rovers in July 1975. He then played for Queen of the South and Enderby while a Leicestershire cricketer and became a first-class cricket umpire, settling back in Carlisle until his death in March 2000.











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10 Facts About The Hatters

Formed after the amalgamation of two local sides Luton Town Wanderers and Luton Town Excelsior in April 1885.



Turned professional in 1890, the first club to do so south of Birmingham.

Their first game at Kenilworth Road in 1905 was dubbed "The Green Game" as their opponents were Plymouth who wore a green strip, the referee was called Mr Green and the game was kicked off by a local brewer called Green.

Their most famous supporter was comedy legend Eric Morecambe. He was the director of Luton from 1976 until his death in 1983.

Luton's record win is 12-0 v Bristol Rovers in which forward Joe Payne scored an astonishing 10 goals (still stands as a national record).

Their most capped player is Mal Donaghy with 58 caps for Northern Ireland.

They reached the final of the F. A. Cup in 1959 losing to Nottingham Forest 2-1.

They became the first league club to ban away fans after Millwall fans rioted inside the stadium in the 1986/87 season. Luton's actions got them banned from the League Cup that year.

Luton's proudest moment came in 1988 when they beat heavy favourites Arsenal 3-2 in the final of the League Cup. The following year they made the final again losing again to Notts Forest 2-1.

Luton Town once had a footballer of the year in their ranks with Sid Owen picking up the award in 1958/59. Sid Owen was captain and manager for the final and is widely regarded as Luton's best ever centre half.

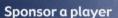
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Did you know?

Luton Town

- I. Luton Town was founded in 1885, the new club resulting from a merger between two leading local teams Wanderers and Excelsior. In 1890, Luton became the first club in the South of England to pay its players.
- 2. The Hatters were first elected to the Football League in 1897. Their first ever match resulted in a 1-1 draw away to Leicester Fosse on 4th September 1897.
- **3.** Luton's first spell in the Football League lasted only three years. They finished the 1899/1900 season second from Bottom of Division Two and did not apply for re-election.
- 4. The Hatters then joined the Southern League and began the 1905/6 season with the "Green" game against Plymouth. Plymouth wore green jerseys, J.W. Green kicked off, Charles Green was the Luton secretary and the referee was also called Green!
- **5.** Luton's nadir came in 1912 when they dropped into the Second Division of the Southern League. There were 13 teams in the League, and apart from Luton and two others, they were all based in Wales.
- 6. In 1920 the Hatters re-entered the Football League in Division Three South. It proved to be a return to remember, particularly, for their opponents Swindon Town who defeated Luton 9-1 in the first game of the season.
- 7. The Hatters played at home to Bristol Rovers on Easter Monday 1936. Wing half Joe Payne made his debut at centre forward for Luton and scored 10 goals as the home side won 12-0.
- 8. The following season Luton were Third Division Champions thanks partly to the efforts of "Ten Goal Payne". This time he netted 55 times in his 39 games including 7 hat tricks for the Hatters.

- 9. Hugh "Bunty" Mills played two games for Luton in that campaign. However, he was transferred to Carlisle in 1937, scoring all five goals in United's 5-2 victory over Halifax in September 1937. Mills remained in Carlisle until his early death in 1949.
- 10. In 1954/55 the Hatters were promoted to Division One for the first time in their history. They finished in second place behind Birmingham City and just pipped Rotherham United on goal average.
- 11. In 1956/57 Luton scored only 58 goals. Inside forward Gordon Turner was top scorer with 30, the next highest total being only 5. Turner eventually scored a club record 243 League goals for the Hatters between 1950 and 1964.
- 12. In 1959 Luton Town reached the FA Cup Final for the only time. They were defeated 2-1 by Notts Forest, but there was consolation for their captain Syd Owen who was voted Footballer of the Year.
- 13. Allan Ross holds the Carlisle appearance record with a total of 466 League games. The only other League club he played for was Luton Town. He spent just over a year at Kenilworth Road before moving to Brunton Park in the summer of 1963.
- 14. Carlisle and Luton met for the first time on 1st October 1964 at Brunton Park. The game finished a 1-1 draw as did the return fixture at Luton six days later. However, the campaign ended with the Cumbrians as Third Division Champions while the Hatters were relegated to Division Four.
- 15. The Hatters spent just three seasons in the Fourth Division. In 1968 they won the Fourth Division title while Allan Brown was the manager.

- 16. In January 1973, Vic Halom was transferred from Luton to Sunderland. Four months later he was a member of the Sunderland team that won the FA Cup Final yet he could also celebrate still being Luton's top scorer in that season having scored 10 goals in the period before his move.
- 17. In 1988 Luton had one of their greatest days when they defeated Arsenal 3-2 in the League Cup Final. Bryan Stein (2) and Wilson were the scorers while Hatters' goalkeeper Andy Dibble saved a penalty.
- 18. Luton have been based at their Kenilworth Road ground since 1905. The club installed a plastic pitch between 1985 and 1991 and for part of this time the Hatters gained a measure of notoriety for their ban on away fans.
- 19. Luton last played at Brunton Park in October 1997, winning 1-0. The two teams then met at Kenilworth Road in the last game of the season. The Hatters won 3-2 to complete the double, Graham Anthony and Nick Wright scoring United's goals.
- **20.** Luton arrive here today newly relegated to the Third Division. This will be their first campaign in the bottom flight since winning the Fourth Division title in 1968.

OTBALL by David Steele

The Good, The Bad

THE GOOD

1st January, 1974 **Division Two**

United (0) 2 (Green, Martin) Luton (0) 0

When Carlisle set out on New Year's Day against Luton Town they knew they had to avenge their demoralising 6-1 defeat earlier on in the season. Even though the first half was largely chanceless, Carlisle showed promising signs. Green and Tiler were controlling the middle with great support from Winstanley and Gorman. Also loe Laidlaws wizardry runs were causing the Luton defence problems.

Half Time 0-0

United came steaming out of the blocks in the second half giving Luton less time to settle. Finally, after some constant pressure, Carlisle found an opening when skipper Bill Green headed home Dennis Martin's swirled in cross at the near post.

Even though the Cumbrians lost Les O'Neill on 67 it didn't stop Carlisle pushing for the

Soon after Laidlaw made an adventurous run and crossed, Martin headed against the woodwork but slotted away the rebound, doubling their advantage and giving Carlisle a deserved win.

The victory started a great year for United, firstly winning promotion and then briefly topping the first division.

United: Ross, Gorman, Green, Winstanley, O'Neill (Balderstone), Train, F Clarke, Laidlaw, Martin, Owen, Tiler.

Luton: unknown Referee: unknown Attendance: 9255



Division One

Luton (1) 3 (Anderson, Alston, Jim Ryan) United (I) I (Laidlaw)

Carlisle arrived at Kenilworth Road hoping to break their jinx there. Again, however, it was the same story as most of the season Carlisle created chances but fail to put them away when it counts. Carlisle expected to win as Luton hadn't won all season. In the first half United were the better side and on 37 minutes Joe Laidlaw scored with a spectacular overhead kick from 6 yards after McIlmoyle had knocked down a Balderstone cross from the left. Carelessness by Carlisle's defence let Luton score just before the interval on a rare attack when Alston flicked on to Anderson who slipped the ball past Ross.

HalfTime I-I

In the second half the game was becoming scrappy and on 56 Alston was again in the action, evading everyone to shoot past Ross. Luton were starting to dominate and on 61 a penalty appeal was turned down by the referee after Alston fell when Green challenged.

The third came after 78 minutes from the spot when Parker handled. Jim Ryan made no mistake sending the ball to Ross's left giving Luton both of the points.

Luton looked below the form that got them promoted but the 12,000 strong crowd were happy with a victory.

Luton: Barber, Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, John Ryan, Hindson, Jim Ryan, Husband, West, Alston, SUB: Garner United: Ross, Carr, Gorman, O'Neill, Green, Parker, McIlmoyle, Train, Balderstone, Martin Referee: Mr | Homewood of Sunbury on

Thames Attendance: 12987



THE UGLY

1st September, 1973 **Division Two**

Luton (6) 6 (Finney 2, Anderson 2, Aston, Butlin) United (0) I (Owen)

The game threatened to be a blast even before kick off, as prior to the start police received disturbing news that there was a bomb in the ground but fortunately it was only a hoax and the game began on time. Luton subjected United to a first half annihilation scoring 6 in 23 incredible minutes. The first came after 14 minutes from a diving header from Finney. A minute later it was two with a flashy left foot strike from Anderson. Five minutes later, two became three when Finney grabbed his second from Iim Ryan's through ball. The pick of the goals was the fourth from Aston's left foot volley from 25 yards out on 23 minutes.

Anderson went in for the fifth on 26 and Butlin rounded off the scoring on 34 after smashing in a close range shot. To make matters worse for the Cumbrians, Ray Train was carried off and was replaced by former Hatter Robert Delgardo. The half was the worst in Carlisle's history.

HalfTime 6-0

Luton lost their dominance in the second half and Bobby Owen got a small consolation for Carlisle on 62. The rest of the match was pretty uneventful finishing at 6-1 to Luton leaving Carlisle with much thinking over their promotion push.

Luton: Horn, Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Jim Ryan, John Ryan, Butlin, Finney, Aston, SUB: Cruse United: Ross, Carr, Gorman, Green, Winstanley, Train (Delgardo), Ternent, F. Clarke, Laidlaw, Martin, Owen Referee: Mr D.R.G. Nippard of Bournemouth Attendance: 7231





By John Blenkharn

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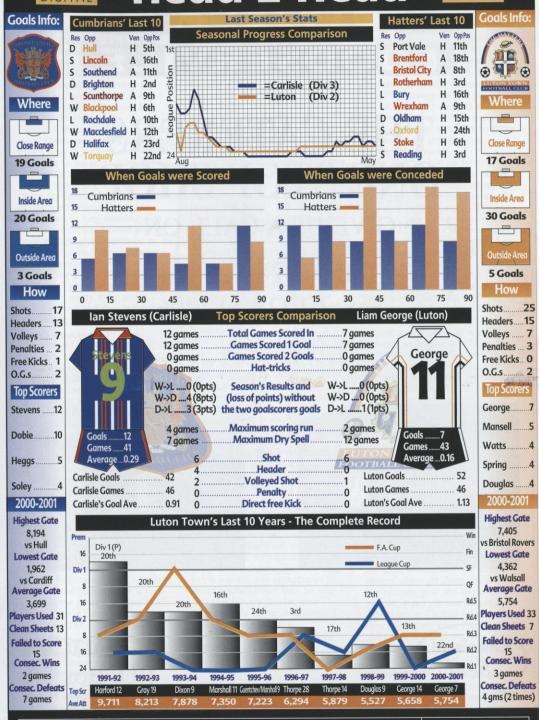


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Good afternoon and welcome back to Brunton Park, after weeks of training the players and staff at Carlisle United are determined to make this season a successful one for everyone, and with the support of the fans we will be

able to do this! I would like to welcome all of our supporters and visitors for today's match against Luton Town, which promises to be an exciting game. We would also like to welcome Borderbrite Associate as our

Matchday Sponsors for this afternoon's game. Borderbrite Associate are long standing supporters of carlisle United and we hope that they will continue to do so in the future. We would also like to welcome Hunter Engineering as our Matchball Sponsors. We hope both parties thoroughly enjoy their day at Brunton Park and they bring the team some good luck!

Foxy's Restaurant

Great news! Foxy's Restaurant has reopened to the general public, individuals can book tables at a cost of £15.00 per head, come and try the delicious three course meals which Foxy's offers! It is also possible to view the game from our Gallery for the low cost of £35.00 per head or from our Platinum Suite at £27.00 per head. Why not take this ideal opportunity to entertain your business guests prior to a match? Although it is preferable, booking is not always necessary. To make a reservation or for a sample menu, please do not hesitate to contact Christine or Tina on 01228

Foxy's Restaurant is the ideal venue for conference and banqueting facilities or even weddings and also the Sunset Suite is now available for private parties. Book early to avoid disappointment on 01228 526237.

Club Shop

The Club shop has been very busy over the closed season but never fear, we still have lots of merchandise available! We have all sizes of replica shirts available to buy and new deliveries of stock are arriving weekly! We also have more sizes of the CUFC polo shirts priced at £14.99 which proved to be very popular with the fans. We stock a wide variety of merchandise from air fresheners at £1.00 to CUFC Watches at £25.00. I am sure we will have something which will appeal to everyone so why not come down and take a look for yourself, the friendly staff in the shop will be only too happy to assist you! Don't forget, those of you who watch from the East Stand, our East Stand shop stocks a wide variety of merchandise so feel free to drop by before the game or during half time! Those who arrive late to the game, never fear - the Club Shop is open after the match if you want to make any purchases before you leave! Don't forget the Supporters Club

is an excellent way to show your support to the

Club and meet fellow fans, pop into the Club Shop and pick up a supporters Club Application form, or alternatively speak to Gemma if you have any queries about the Supporters Club, and she will do her best to answer all of your questions!

If you are sick of rushing down to the Club, make sure you get a Programme for the game, why not take advantage of our Programme Subscription Package - this excellent deal means we reserve you a Programme and you can collect it from the shop in your own time. We can also mail Programmes out to fans and if desired we can request Away Match Programmes! Call into the Club Shop and speak to Nancy and she will do her best to help!

Sporting Inn

Why not come and visit our on site bar the "Sporting Inn"? The bar is open very day and evening throughout the week to everyone, although it is only open for members on matchdays. The Sporting Inn is a great way to socialise and meet fellow United fans. So why not give it a try and let your friends know about it to make a great day or night of it. Opening times for the Sporting

All Matchdays and Evenings Monday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 7 pm - 11 pm (Sunday Lunch 12 noon - 3 pm) Closing times will be down to the Staffs discretion after 10 pm.

Super Seven Lottery

The Super Seven Lottery, which is the official lottery for Carlisle United Football Club, is run 52 weeks a year and is played on a

weekly basis. The lottery is run in conjunction with Newcastle United Football Club and provides 100's of winners each week. In fact, back in February Mr R Blackett received a cheque for £10,000 because he had played the lottery. All proceeds go back into the Youth development programme here at the Club to bring on new home grown talent through the system. If you wish to join up for the Super Seven Lottery then please ring me on the number below and get a membership form sent out to you, it is that simple. So don't miss out, join up, who knows you may be £10,000 richer one day. Finally, it is my turn to express my feelings to everyone here in Carlisle and Cumbria. To start with I would like to express my admiration to Roddy Collins, he has come to help the Club and he is determined to move this Club forward! He has an excellent record and previously worked as Manager at Bohemians. He is the only Manager in Southern Ireland who brought his team to European level. They compete successfully and beat Kaiser Lautern I-0 in Germany. I sincerely wish Roddy all the best of success and hope he enjoys his time at Brunton Park! Once again I would like to welcome back all of the staff at Carlisle United Football Club and

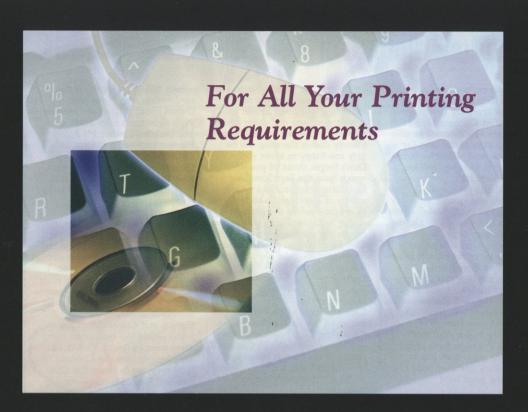
express my thanks to all of the players and staff at the Club the spirit within the camp is buzzing and we are all full of optimism for the forthcoming season! I would also like to thank all of you, the public for your enthusiasm and support you have shown the Club throughout the Closed season, although there has been a few hiccups over the last two months, generally businesses and individuals in Carlisle have been very helpful for what I have asked and I have enjoyed working closely with everyone I have been involved with outside of the Club!

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Steve Field

Danny Clubb may live in Blackpool, but his favourite colour is orange, not tangerine. Life isn't always easy for a Luton supporter exiled in the North, but it has compensations at times. Like the occasion of Town's last visit to Brunton, for instance, "When I go to games at Kenilworth Road", he told me, "other Luton fans ring me up on their mobiles and tease me about how long it takes me to get home. When we played at Carlisle on an evening in midwinter, I got my revenge. I was back in my house and the boys on the coaches still hadn't reached Preston. I was phoning them all the way down the M6 that night. I only hope when Luton are in the Premiership I don't get labelled as a gloryhunter because I live so far away!"

I asked how a dyed-in-the wool Hatters fan from Northants came to be living on the Fylde coast. The reply is surprising. "I was staying with my brother in Maltby, and my wife - though she wasn't my wife then - was meant to wake me up so I could make an II o'clock kickoff for Luton v Chelsea. But it was snowing, and she let me lie in. I missed the game, and Mick Harford scored a hat-trick. I wasn't impressed. When we got back home, 'Wish You Were Here' was on the TV, from Blackpool. So we bought a B&B here, just off the front." Nowadays, Danny and Elsie run a half-way house for single people - there wasn't the trade any more, he explains, and the arrangement makes it easier to get to matches. They go to all Luton's games, and had just seen the team play in a friendly at Boreham Wood. They reckon to travel around 18,000 miles per season, and the round trip even for a home game is 400

In the three years since we last played today's visitors they too have had their share of crises, with last season being particularly difficult. When Ricky Hill replaced Lennie Lawrence as manager, he was forced to rely largely on last-minute signings and on the club's home-grown talent; with a very young squad, perhaps it wasn't surprising they struggled and were ultimately relegated. Among the very few highpoints last term was the form of some of those hastily-blooded players, such as right-back Emmerson Boyce and midfielder Matt Taylor. Luton fans will tell you that the problems started when they were still in the top flight; optimism when David Kohler took on the chairmanship was soon followed by protest and disillusionment (along with two demotions) as talented individuals were sold and not replaced. All in all, it's been a sad decline for a club with such a proud recent history.

At the moment, though - providing they can lift themselves out of the basement - the future looks promising for Luton. One of their biggest hindrances - the ground at Kenilworth Road - seems likely to be removed, as negotiations continue towards securing a site close to Junction IOA of the MI. They have a new board of directors, who are committed to restoring them to the higher echelons of the League, and a highly-regarded management team in Joe Kinnear and Mick Harford. "We're in a good position now", says Danny. "We've had ten years in the doldrums, years when we've seen a light at the end of the tunnel only for it to turn out to be the headlamp of an oncoming train. Our catchment area is big, and when we get a new

potential is there to steal some support back from the big London clubs."

Time, obviously, will tell - but clearly a lot depends on how quickly the summer signings bed in with the survivors from last year's squad. Carl Griffiths looks a useful acquisition from Orient, and he is joined by Welwyn boy Aaron Skelton, a midfielder/defender signed from Colchester, and Norwich winger Adrian Forbes. Carl Emberson, meanwhile, has made a solid start in goal since arriving from Walsall. Danny estimates a fair few Luton fans - maybe a thousand - will be here this afternoon to sample life in Division Three, and probably the one thing we can all be sure of is that he'll be back in his orange, white and bluepainted house long before the rest of them.







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8 Kevin NICHOLLS
9 Stuart DOUGLAS

10 Carl GRIFFITHS
11 Liam GEORGE

13 Stuart FRASER

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Nationwide League Saturday, 1st September Kick-off 12.00pm Carlisle United v Rochdale

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