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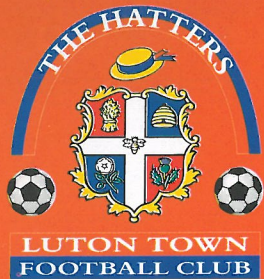
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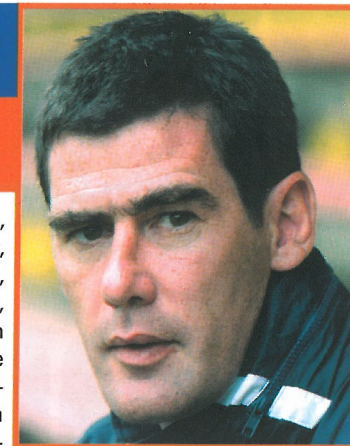
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The Quality of the Football

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The Manager's Message



WHEN David Pleat asked me if I wanted to play for Luton Town nearly 18 years ago, he promised I would start two days later at Stamford Bridge, against Chelsea in the old First Division. Mick Harford had gone for knee surgery, and I was seen as a short-term replacement.

The boss was a real football man, and knew immediately what was important to me. I am sure he felt his powers of persuasion had worked again when I agreed to sign on the Thursday night at midnight in the Chiltern Hotel. Little did he know that I had made up my mind before I got on the train at Lime Street station in Liverpool earlier that day.

Six weeks ago I was faced with a similar situation after a phone call asking if I was interested in the manager's job. It took a similar amount of time to think about it – none.

I am a big believer in fate, and having lost my job a day earlier at Hartlepool, after guiding the club to Division Two, I had no hesitation whatsoever.

However, the weeks of chaos and uncertainty that followed were not foreseen, and there were times when I thought I'd jumped out of the frying pan straight into the fire.

It is, without doubt, the strength of feeling and unity shown by the supporters at that time that is the major factor in the club being in a stronger, if still precarious, position.

Things happen in football that are incomprehensible to football people, such as Joe and Mick being dismissed. There have always been people who think they know better, and there always will be, but the real danger comes when people with ulterior motives or big egos get involved. Most clubs have survived for a hundred years or more, and most will survive for another hundred or so, but for one reason, and one reason only: supporters. I have been in football management for only a very short time, but it has been a real eye-opener. Far from becoming disillusioned however, it has made me more determined to be successful, and the one thing I can guarantee is that I will be as fully committed to the job of manager as I was as a player.

I was fortunate enough to play with some very good players in some very good sides during my career, and none more so than the Luton team of the mid-eighties. It was full of top class professionals, and as a 20-year-old alongside the likes of

Les Sealey, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy, Peter Nicholas, Ricky Hill, Brian Stein and Mike Harford I couldn't have had a better education.

You don't forget times like that, and it was because of those memories that I found it easy to accept the job as manager.

The big bonus is that I have been able to bring back Mick this week, something I had in mind from day one, but it wasn't possible before.

Mick is everyone's favourite, a legend as a player, and also as a lad. If he is as much help to me this time as he was as a player, then I will be a happy man. But an important factor in his return was the assurance to both of us that Brian Stein stayed, and for that I am grateful to Mr Ward for his understanding.

The help I have received so far from Brian, and from John Moore, Marvin Johnson and Mark Ridgway, has made my first few weeks easier, and more enjoyable.

I would also like to thank the admin staff for their help and welcome during a difficult time, and also thank those outside the club who have sent good wishes.

We are nothing without players, however, and the way they have responded and applied themselves so far in the face of so much uncertainty is commendable.

We are all in it together, and hopefully all after the same objective. Strong characters are required, and the next few months will prove that we have some. Those with any doubts will be forced to follow.

Welcome to Brian Talbot and his staff, players and directors. For those who don't know, Rushden and Diamonds away on the final day of the season was my last game in charge of Hartlepool. It was the title decider, and went to the very last kick, and losing felt like the end of the world. But who knows – fate's a funny thing!

Enjoy the season, and get behind the lads.

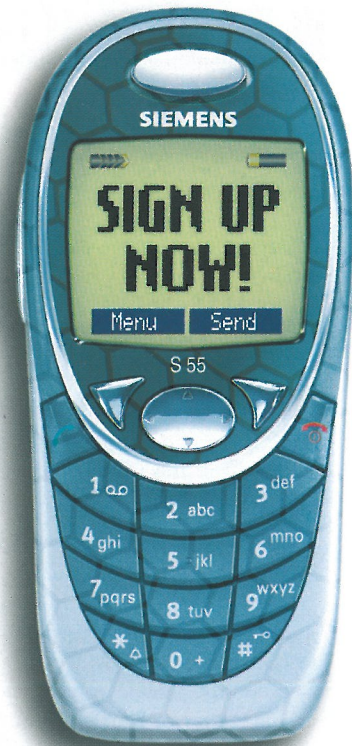
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The Club Captain's View



I ALWAYS look forward to the start of a new season, but today's kick-off is even more welcome than usual after the near-unbelievable events of the summer. I have never known anything like it and while receivership is not pleasant, it has at least seen the end of a regime that seemed to upset just about everyone connected with Luton Town.

Thankfully, John Gurney has gone, and now I want to look forward.

We were all desperately sorry for Joe Kinnear and Mick Harford when they were sacked, but while we were able to voice opinions we could do nothing to sway the decisions of the then owner of the club. I owe a lot to Joe Kinnear for what he has done for my career – he brought me here, which turned out to be an excellent move for me, and made me captain, which is an honour, especially for a young player.

It was good this week to hear that Mick is back. I know the fans love him, and the players have tremendous respect for him. We are still getting to know the new manager, but he has made a very good impression. And I like the way he wants us to play. I have heard fans talk about "the Luton style", and it has become clear that the gaffer believes in it as well. Over the past couple of seasons we used a more direct style. It served us well enough in getting out of the Third Division, but I think something more patient and thoughtful is needed if we are to progress further.

We were all disappointed that last season's effort to get into the play-offs failed, and at the end of the campaign I thought that we were not far short. I hoped that one or two players would come in to make

us very good bets for promotion this season.

That, of course, was before the club changed hands, and now it seems to be a case of soldiering on with what we have. But I am still optimistic, and believe we can have a successful season on the pitch. We have had a decent pre-season, and we were pretty pleased with our performances against Crystal Palace and Spurs.

The new gaffer has done a good job so far, and we are taking on board his ideas and methods. We still have the core of the side that did well last season, and the pre-season games have shown that one or two good youngsters are knocking on the door of the first team dressing room. Kevin Foley and Parys Okai have been thrown into the side for pre-season games, and have shown their determination to succeed. It was good to see Lee Mansell involved again, but tough luck on him to collect an ankle injury against Spurs.

Our squad today is small by normal standards, but if we lack quantity I believe we have enough quality to do well. Potential problems, of course, will come if we are hit by injuries or suspensions.

But we are in good spirit. The summer's problems have brought us all together, and I include the fans in that. Thanks for coming back today – you can be our 12th man, and hopefully held us to get off to the perfect start.

Kevin Nicholls

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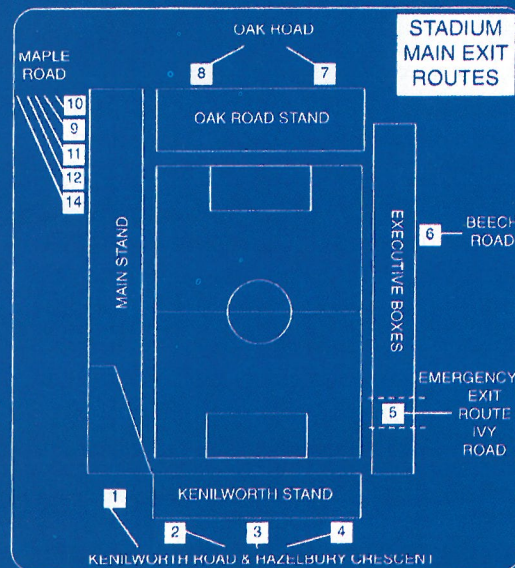
Mr & Mrs R Williams

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IN THE event of any emergency in the stadium, Luton Town FC and the emergency services have agreed on an evacuation procedure which is designed to ensure the safe and controlled evacuation of the crowd, and to ensure their safe dispersal from the area, to allow the emergency services to carry out their tasks.

In the event of evacuation from all or part of the stadium, you will receive instructions over the public address system on how you should leave. In an evacuation of the main stand you will be instructed to use the pitch. Stewards will direct you to the nearest exit. It may be that your normal exit route will not be available. On leaving the stadium, you will find some roads closed to pedestrians, to enable swift and unobstructed access for the emergency services. Please leave the area of the ground as quickly as possible, by the route directed. Your co-operation will be most appreciated.

Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.



From The Secretary



WHERE do I begin this first column of the season? First, a very warm welcome to all supporters this afternoon after the traumatic events of the summer. Thankfully, they are behind us, and we can now together build for a brighter future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their messages, e-mails and telephone calls of support during the close season. They were very much appreciated, and the humorous ones certainly helped get us through some very dark days.

Thanks are also due to the band of volunteers, too numerous to mention individually, who have helped us behind the scenes to catch up on all the close season work that had not been completed. We still have some work to do, so please bear with us.

The strength shown by supporters to the club has been unbelievable, and something I am sure some people did not allow for! We must carry that strength forward and not allow it to diminish.

There have been changes since the administrator took over and you will have noticed that the web site was down for a time. However, I am pleased to report that we have found a new web editor who will start work with us shortly. In the meantime we are running a limited service.

We have had to withdraw from our reserve league, but I hope this will be only for this season, and that we will be in a position to re-join next year. There was consideration given to

withdrawing from the under-17 league, but I am pleased to report that was not necessary. Like you I am delighted that Mick Harford has rejoined our "family" to work alongside Mike Newell as Director of Football and first team coach, and like you I wish them every success as our new football management team.

I feel very privileged to have been appointed Chief Executive of the club by Barry Ward, the administrator/receiver, and will do everything I can to take our club forward.

Finally, many people e-mail with their ideas, complaints and general comments, which we are always happy to listen to. I would like to take this one step further, to continue the excellent dialogue we now have with supporters. The club offices will remain open until 7pm on the first Monday of each month when you will be able to call in and talk to me directly. You can of course telephone me at any time, but I hope this extra hour or two once a month will be helpful to supporters. Your comments and ideas are important to us.

Enjoy the game – and isn't it good just to be here!

Cherry Newbery

Supporter Needs Help

I WONDER if anyone can come to the rescue of a disabled supporter who needs help to follow his favourite team. Philip Darton lives at Highbury New Park, in north London, and watches almost all our home games, and most away matches. He is disabled, and is looking for someone willing to accompany him to games. He is willing to pay £5 an hour, plus travel, lunch and match tickets.

If anyone can help, please contact me at the club – phone Luton 411622, or by post, or by e-mail to clubsec@lutontown.co.uk

Division 2 Stats



Fouls conceded/game

Luton	14.78
Tranmere	14.20
Notts County	14.00
QPR	13.89
Wycombe	13.63
Oldham	13.61
Brentford	13.52
Swindon	13.22
Barnsley	13.13
Chesterfield	12.96
Mansfield	12.85
Bristol City	12.80

Caught offside/game

Luton	5.65
Barnsley	4.20
Peterborough	4.20
Tranmere	4.13
Cheltenham	3.74
Crewe	3.74
Wycombe	3.67
Oldham	3.48
Brentford	3.46
Stockport	3.43
Blackpool	3.30
Swindon	3.20



Throwaways ahead by +2 -1

Barnsley	0	7
Cheltenham	0	7
Stockport	2	3
Chesterfield	0	5
Northampton	0	5

Comebacks behind by -2 -1

Luton	0	6
Tranmere	1	4
Mansfield	0	5
Stockport	0	5
Swindon	0	5

Goals Per Game - The Division's Most Consistent Strikers

Player	Goals	WC/LDV Gls	FAC Gls	Gls/Gm
Earshaw	31	3/0	1	0.67
Hulse	22	1/4	0	0.64
Beckett	27	1/0	1	0.62
Parkin	25	0/1	0	0.54
Stallard	24	1/0	0	0.52
Howard	22	1/0	0	0.52
Murray	18	0/5	3	0.47
Haworth	20	1/0	1	0.47
Christie	18	0/0	1	0.46
Murphy	15	0/1	2	0.44
Ellington	15	5/0	2	0.43
Dyer	17	0/0	1	0.43

Goals from Outside Area

Langley	7
Wotton	6
Smith	5
Corden	5
Liddell	5
Dyer	4
Roberts	4
Sheron	3
Tinnion	3
Pinault	3
Hulse	3
Gabbiadini	3
Hume	3
Simpson	3

Headed Goals

Howard	10
Haworth	9
Thorne	8
Beckett	7
De Vos	7
Fallon	6
Murphy	6
Alsop	6
Christie	6
Keith	6
Shittu	6
Peacock	5
Booth	5
Faulconbridge	5

Goals in last 10 mins

Howard	9
Earshaw	7
Taylor	6
Clarke	6
Stallard	5
Gallen	5
Murray	4
Thorne	4
Hulse	4
Langley	4
Parkin	4
Haworth	4

Most Potent Attack - Shots On Target : Goals

Team	On T	Gls	Ave
Bristol City	240	79	3.04
Luton	233	67	3.48
Brentford	164	47	3.49
Stockport	234	65	3.60
Notts County	225	62	3.63
Oldham	255	68	3.75
QPR	264	69	3.83
Crewe	293	76	3.86
Port Vale	209	54	3.87
Cardiff	268	68	3.94
Wycombe	237	59	4.02
Swindon	244	59	4.14

Tightest Defence - Shots On Target : Goals Conc

Team	On T	Gls	Ave
Tranmere	273	66	4.14
Mansfield	279	66	4.23
Colchester	222	52	4.27
Blackpool	240	56	4.29
Wigan	292	68	4.29
Plymouth	281	63	4.46
Cheltenham	249	53	4.70
Chesterfield	203	43	4.72
Barnsley	256	51	5.02
Peterborough	257	51	5.04
Northampton	203	40	5.08
Huddersfield	235	39	6.03

Tightest Defence - Shots On Target : Goals Conc

Team	On T	Gls	C	Ave
Crewe	267	40	6.68	
Wigan	152	25	6.08	
Oldham	217	38	5.71	
Colchester	271	56	4.84	
Brentford	264	56	4.71	
Tranmere	261	57	4.58	
Cardiff	195	43	4.53	
Notts County	314	70	4.49	
QPR	196	45	4.36	
Peterborough	235	54	4.35	
Wycombe	279	66	4.23	
Chesterfield	307	73	4.21	

Season Tickets on Sale

Got your season ticket yet? If not, have you thought about supporting Luton Town FC by being a season ticket holder? It brings all kinds of advantages, not least a cash saving on admission prices for regular supporters. Other benefits are detailed below. Here are the prices for season tickets after today's game:

	Prices for 22 League games	Matchday x22
Main Stand A-E		
Adults	£365	£407
Concessions	£178	£198
Block F		
Adults	£306	£341
Concessions	£159	£176
Block G		
Adults	£198	£220
Concessions	£139	£154
Main Stand Enclosure C-G		
Adults	£306	£341
Concessions	£159	£176
Restricted View Blocks A,B,H & J		
Adults	£198	£220
Concessions	£139	£154
Kenilworth Stand - Upper and Lower Tier		
Adults	£306	£341
Concessions	£159	£176
New Stand (renewals only)		
Adults	£306	£341
Concessions	£159	£176
Family Season Ticket		
2 Adults & 1 Child	£689	£866
1 Adult & 2 Children	£574	£699
Each Additional Child	£120	£178

BENEFITS FOR SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

- Guaranteed place at all home first team league matches.
- Guaranteed place and priority purchase for all home cup matches.
- Priority purchase on away cup matches with limited capacity (subject to availability).
- 10% discount on all full priced merchandise in the Club Shop (on production of Season Ticket book).

TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY
10am - 4pm
except on Friday's before Saturday home games when it is 10am - 6pm

SATURDAYS
9am - 5.15pm on matchdays.
10am until the away coach departs on days when there is no game at Kenilworth Road.

News From The Ticket Office



Carling Cup First Round Luton Town v Yeovil Town

Tuesday August 12, 2003, kick-off 7.45pm
Prices: Adults £10, Concessions £5,
Under-12s £1



This match is pay on the night only at the turnstiles. Unreserved seating



Nationwide League Division Two Stockport County v Luton Town

Saturday, August 16, 2003, kick-off 3pm
Prices: Adults £17, Senior Citizens £10,
Juniors £5.

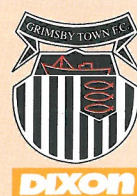


This match is pay on the day only for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available in advance from Kenilworth Road.



Nationwide League Division Two Luton Town v Grimsby Town

Saturday, August 23, 2003, kick-off 3pm
Tickets are now on sale at normal
matchday prices



Cash turnstiles will be open on the day subject to availability, but please remember there are **NO CONCESSIONS** available on cash turnstiles.

For ticket information on the
Brighton & Hove Albion v Luton game see facing page.



Nationwide League Division Two Luton Town v Hartlepool Utd

Saturday, August 30, 2003, kick-off 3pm
Tickets are now on sale at normal
matchday prices



Cash turnstiles will be open on the day subject to availability, but please remember there are **NO CONCESSIONS** available on cash turnstiles.



Nationwide League Division Two Brighton and Hove Albion v Luton Town

Monday August 25, 2003, kick-off 3pm
Prices: Adults £21,
Under-16s and Senior Citizens £13.



This match is **ALL TICKET** for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available on the day of the game.

Luton Town have been allocated just over 700 tickets for this fixture, all seated but not under cover.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Tickets will go on sale to season ticket holders, immediately after this afternoon's game. Season ticket holders will be able to buy one ticket each on production of special match voucher A. No multiple purchases will be accepted. Extra staff will be on duty to assist, but we are still unable to accept credit cards or debit cards, payments must be by cash or cheque. It would be helpful if supporters would already have cheques made out to Luton Town Football Club. Season ticket holders have until close of business on Tuesday 12th August 2003 (subject to availability).

MEMBERS

If any tickets remain after Tuesday, they will be available to members, one per membership card, which must be produced, from 10am on Wednesday next, August 13. Again, payment must be by cash or cheque. We do not anticipate any tickets going on general sale.



Nationwide League Division Two Notts County v Luton Town

Saturday, September 6, 2003, kick-off 3pm
Prices: Adults £16, Senior Citizens £10,
12-15 Year Olds £7, Under-12s £3.



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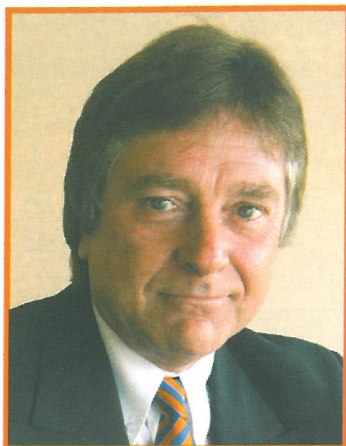
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Commercial Corner

MAY I start by welcoming all of our corporate guests and sponsors, both old and new, to our brand new season and

our opening match against newly-promoted Nationwide Division Three Champions Rushden and Diamonds.

Volumes have been written, spoken and reported about our club during the close season, but I believe that the most important aspect is that we are now moving forward again, playing football and opening our season today with close to a full house of commercial partners, including a brand new major shirt sponsor in the name of Travel Extras.

In spite of the circumstances of the past couple of months, it has been business as usual behind the scenes. Therefore our planned introduction of Lytton Catering, has happened, with the resulting opportunity to totally uplift our service, menu choice and matchday delivery of our corporate and concourse hospitality, into what we know will help us develop one of the best hospitality presentations in the football league.

MATCH SPONSOR Ballyduff Plant Sales Limited

Based at Beaumont Farm, Silsoe, Ballyduff Plant Sales Limited have been established for over seven years, and specialise in the buying, selling and hiring of new and used construction plant and equipment. Although its main market is the UK and Eire, Ballyduff also sells to customers all over the world, anything from single items to complete packages of mixed plant. We would

like to thank Ballyduff for their support today, and hope that Dennis Diggin and all his guests enjoy their day with us. Ballyduff can be contacted on 01525 861599

MATCH SPONSOR Regular Rabble

Where would we be without the unstinting and unconditional support of Luton Town's very own Regular Rabble. Today sees their return as joint Match Sponsor, with Danny Clubb as their new spokesperson and organiser following the stepping down last season, after many years in office, of Sue Miller. The legendary support of the club by the Regular Rabble includes their individual following of the team to away matches via the Bobbers Travel Club, as well as player kit sponsorships and holders of season tickets. Their generous support is greatly appreciated by all of us here at the club, and we hope that they have a great day.

MATCHBALL SPONSOR JD Promotions Limited

It's a further warm welcome to Leicester-based JD Promotions, a family-run business who specialise in sports hospitality, travel, promotions and consultancy. Sales Director Adrian Danes, who is a former Commercial Manager of both Leicester City and Sheffield United, states: "We specialise in corporate hospitality planning and management, with our core business being taking clients' budgets and planning bespoke hospitality and travel to suit their marketing sales budgets." Adrian, together with co-director John, are both lifelong Luton Town fans who are joined today by close family friends Clive and Keith Garrett, and are delighted to be with us this afternoon demonstrating their

support in this vitally important first match of the new season. JD Promotions can be contacted on 0116 275724

COMMERCIAL MASCOT

The honour of being our first commercial mascot of the you season falls on the nine-year-old shoulders of Ryan Hardware, from Luton. Ryan, whose birthday was on July 23, is a regular visitor to Kenilworth Road



together with his father, brother Dean and his uncle Chris. Steve Howard is his favourite Luton Town player, although he prefers the position of goalkeeper for himself. Ryan, who attends Whitefield Junior School, includes art among his other hobbies.

We all wish Ryan a slightly belated happy birthday, and hope that he and his family have a truly memorable day with us at Luton Town here today

COMMERCIAL BREAK

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Because of circumstances beyond all of our controls they have achieved in 10 working days what normally would have been operationally planned and executed over six weeks. Many thanks: it was a sterling effort and great achievement.

Welcome back and here's to a tremendous season

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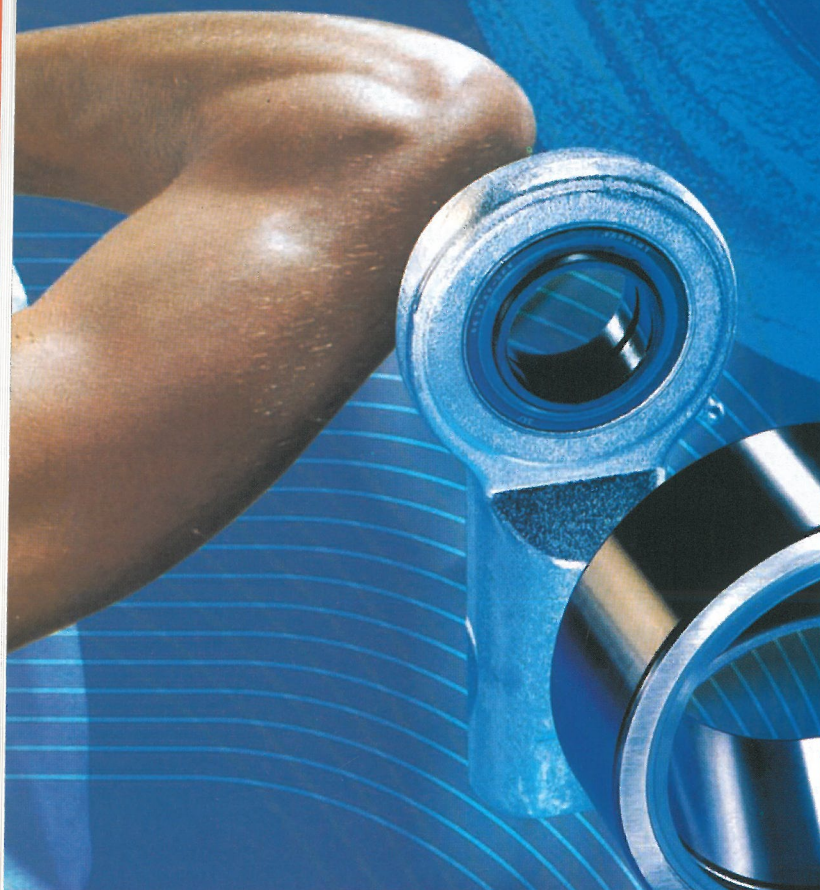
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Hatters



Form Guide:

Won: 1
Drawn: 3
Lost: 2
Scored: 11
Conc: 9
Points: 6
Goal Diff: 2
Last 6: DLDWDL
Last 5 Home: DLDDD
Last 5 Away: DDLWL

Miscellaneous

Players Used: 40
Clean Sheets: 15
Failed to Score: 10

The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	Howard	10
Long range shots	Nicholls, Howard	2
Inside 6 yards	Howard	2
Shots from 6-18 yards	Thorpe	6
Volleyed shots	Howard	4
Penalties	Nicholls	3
Scored 1st Goal in match	Howard	11
Most goals in last 10	Howard	9
Points gained from goals	Howard	21.8

When Goals Scored & Conceded

Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	204
Goals conceded	62
On target/goals scored	3.29
Division 2 rating	23

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	233
Goals scored	67
On target / goals	3.48
Division 2 Rating	21

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	6
Points won	8
Goals Against, last 10	9
Points lost	9

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	14.78
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	24
Average Offsides per game	5.65
Div 2 Rating	24

Swings

WON when behind	6
DRAWN when behind	2
LOST when ahead	4
DRAWN when ahead	7
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	6
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	4
DRAWN 2+ down	1
DRAWN 1 down	1
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	7

Attendances

Aggregate	155,177
Highest	9,477
Lowest	5,890
Average	6,747

Seasonal Progress Comparison

Set Piece Goals

CORNERS: Scored from C	8
Conceded from C	4
FREE KICKS: Scored from FK	6
Conceded from FK	8

Cards

90	6
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Where Goals

26	31
34	31
7	11

How Goals

36	36
15	18
11	9
4	4
1	2
0	4

Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	230
Goals conceded	47
On target/goals scored	4.89
Division 3 rating	4

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	266
Goals scored	73
On target / goals	3.64
Division 3 Rating	3

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	14
Points won	10
Goals Against, last 10	9
Points lost	4

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	12.54
Div 3 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	8
Average Offsides per game	3.61
Div 3 Rating	12

Swings

WON when behind	4
DRAWN when behind	11
LOST when ahead	0
DRAWN when ahead	3
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	4
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	0
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	11
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	3

Attendances

Aggregate	99,585
Highest	6,291
Lowest	3,329
Average	4,330

Rushden & Diamonds' 10-Year Record

Diamonds



Form Guide:

Won: 4
Drawn: 2
Lost: 0
Scored: 9
Conc: 3
Points: 14
Goal Diff: 6
Last 6: WWWWDD
Last 5 Home: DWWWDD
Last 5 Away: WDWWD

Miscellaneous

Players Used: 27
Clean Sheets: 16
Failed to Score: 7

Welcome to Today's Visitors



Brian Talbot - Manager

Former England international that served Ipswich and Arsenal with particular distinction, and also had playing spells with Watford, Stoke City, West Bromwich Albion and Aldershot. Played in three successive FA Cup Finals - in 1978 with Ipswich against Arsenal and with Arsenal in 1979 (Manchester United) and 1980 (West Ham United), finishing on the winning side twice. Also played in the 1980 European Cup-Winners' Cup Final against Valencia. Was Chairman of the Professional Footballers Association before beginning his management career with West Bromwich Albion and then Aldershot. Went abroad to try his luck with Hibernian in Malta. On his return to England, he took up another job with the PFA before Max Griggs persuaded him to be firstly a coach at Nene Park in 1997, and then take on the role of Manager. Was heavily linked with the vacant manager's job at Ipswich Town following the departure of George Burley last season, but quashed those rumours by agreeing a new verbal contract with Mr Griggs until 2006.

1. Billy Turley - Goalkeeper

Ever-reliable goalkeeper who played a major part in the club's Third Division championship success last season. Time and again, Billy pulled off vital saves and quickly established himself as one of the best goalkeepers in the Third Division. A very commanding presence in the penalty area, Billy missed just two league appearances. Saw off the challenge of Adam Sollitt for the No 1 spot and will certainly play a major role during the club's maiden year in the

Second Division. Signed from Northampton Town in June 1999, Billy signed a new contract with the club at the beginning of last season.

2. Marcus Bignot - Defender/Midfielder

Signed a one-month deal in August 2002, which was subsequently extended in an attempt to prove to Brian Talbot that he was worthy of a longer contract. At the end of November 2002, the manager decided he was suitably convinced and Marcus put pen to paper on a deal to keep him at Nene Park until the end of the 2003-2004 season. Left Queens Park Rangers at the end of the 2001-2002 after previous spells with Bristol Rovers, Crewe Alexandra and Kidderminster Harriers. A versatile player who can operate at right-back or in the midfield.



3. Paul Underwood - Defender and Captain.

Hugely talented left-back who has made the transition to League football with consummate ease. Led the club to the Third Division championship last season and was honoured for his contribution by picking up the Player of the Season accolade. Moved to Nene Park in the summer of 1997 from Enfield, and was a regular England semi-professional international during his non-league days.



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4. Gary Mills - Midfielder

A product of Diamonds' youth policy, Gary enjoyed a marvellous campaign last season when he was rewarded with regular outings in Brian Talbot's midfield before a leg injury cut short his campaign. An undoubted talent, he had the honour of being included in the starting XI for the club's historic first Football League game. Gary will be looking to continue his good success from last season by securing a regular starting role in Diamonds' midfield.

5. Andrew Edwards - Defender

Signed on a free transfer from Peterborough United on transfer deadline day last season, putting pen to paper on a deal until the end of the 2003-2004 season. Andrew's experience will prove invaluable for the club's debut season in Division Two with the defender making over 400 league appearances during spells with Southend United, Birmingham City and Peterborough United. Was club captain at London Road for a number of years but a sending off at Port Vale midway through last season saw him struggle to regain his place in Barry Fry's plans. Andrew is only one of eight Peterborough players to have played over 300 games for the club.

6. Barry Hunter - Defender

The Northern Ireland international centre-half initially moved from Reading in September 2001 in a one-month deal but that was soon extended to the end of the season. Played a vital role in the club's championship-winning season and has made the central-defensive position his own since he arrived at Nene Park. One of the brightest members of the squad having followed up his appearance on TV's 'The Weakest Link' by appearing on 'Britain's Brainiest Footballer'. Two broken legs hampered his early career, and he was 24 when he moved to Wrexham from Crusaders in August 1993. Moved to Reading in July 1996. Made an instant impact in Berkshire and was soon named club captain, but missed the whole of the 1997/1998 season and the first half of the following campaign with a knee injury. By the end of the 1999-2000 season, he had returned to his previous form and become a regular in the Northern Ireland side. Endured a mixed start to the 2002-2003 season after being sent off three times in the opening 13 matches, but went on to win three awards at the club's end of season presentation evening.

7. Stuart Wardley - Midfielder

Midfielder who initially moved to Nene Park from

Queens Park Rangers on a month's loan in January 2002. That deal was subsequently extended by two more months before Stuart signed a two-year deal. Financial problems at Loftus Road meant Stuart had no future in West London, but he did his chances of a contract at Nene Park no harm at all when scoring on his home debut against Macclesfield Town. Played a pivotal role in Diamonds' midfield last season scoring a crucial goal against Carlisle United, which helped the club achieve promotion. Unfortunately, Stuart picked up a serious injury in the same game meaning he missed the remainder of the championship season.

8. Ritchie Hanlon - Midfielder

A former Peterborough United midfielder who endured a torrid time last season after picking up a medial ligament injury in a pre-season friendly encounter against Stamford. The resulting injury forced Ritchie out of action for the entire 2002-2003 season and although he made a handful of reserve games the season finished too quickly for him before he could make a first-team appearance. Ritchie is currently in his second spell at Nene Park and has quickly won over the supporters who questioned the wisdom of moving back for a second bite of the cherry. Began his career on the books of Chelsea before moving to Welling United.

9. Rodney Jack - Striker

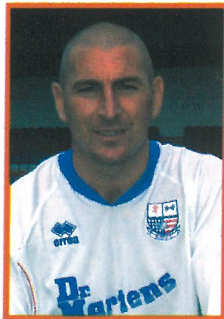
A quick and nippy striker who can also play on either flank, Rodney verbally agreed to move to Nene Park in June 2003 before signing a contract at the club one-month later. Rodney started his career in England with Torquay United where he made over 90 appearances for the Devon club. A £650,000 move to Crewe followed in 1998 where he spent five years at Gresty Road under the guidance of Dario Gradi. The striker made over 140 appearances at Crewe but decided not to accept a new contract at Gresty Road and moved to Nene Park. Rodney is a St Vincent international.



10. Duane Darby - Striker

A firm favourite with the Nene Park crowd, Duane rediscovered his scoring form last season by firing

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14 goals. In the club's maiden season in the Football League, Duane struggled with injuries but formed a formidable partnership with strike partner Onandi Lowe last season (30 goals between them) and they became one of the most feared strike forces in the Third Division. Has had spells with Torquay United, Doncaster Rovers, Hull City

(for whom he scored six goals in an FA Cup replay against Whitby Town) and Notts County, from there he moved to Diamonds in the summer of 2000.

11. Andy Burgess - Midfielder

Brian Talbot described Andy Burgess as a 'revelation' last season after the Diamonds manager moved the youngster into the heart of his midfield from a long spell on the left flank. Despite being struck with a serious injury at the start of the campaign, Andy bounced back into Diamonds' side in style when he made the central midfield position his own with some breathtaking performances. He played a vital role in the club's run-in to the championship and formed a solid partnership with Stuart Wardley. Signed a new contract with the club at the end of last season, ending speculation that Andy might move to a 'bigger club'.



12. Stuart Gray - Midfield.

Son of Leeds United legend Eddie, and nephew of Frank, Stuart started the 2001/02, his first full season with Diamonds, hoping to demonstrate the form which had earned him previous spells with Celtic and Reading. However, a troubled Achilles injury meant a stop-start season for the midfielder although he was called upon for the club's play-off final defeat against Cheltenham. Stuart enjoyed a more productive campaign last season and chipped in with his fair amount of goals - seven. He is the club's penalty taker and normally operates on the left side of midfield. Signed a new contract with the club at the end of last season. Originally moved to

Nene Park on a short-term contract in March 2001 after being released by Reading. Won a Scottish Cup winners medal while at Celtic and also represented Scotland at under-21 level.

14. John Dempster - Defender

Another of the promising crop of Diamonds youngsters who made his senior bow in 2001-02, his debut coming as a substitute at Carlisle United in January 2002. A very promising centre-half who has had youth trials with Scotland. Scored his first ever league goal in the 3-1 defeat against Bournemouth and has been praised by central defender Barry Hunter for his maturity at the heart of the side's defence. Stayed on at school to complete his A-levels before joining the club on a full-time basis during the summer of 2001. Captained Northamptonshire under-18s to a County Cup final win against Birmingham at Molineux a couple of seasons ago.

15. Andy Sambrook - Defender

Right-back who joined Diamonds during the 2001/2002 pre-season, initially on a month-to-month deal, and went on to establish himself in Brian Talbot's first-team plans. Had first come to Brian's attention in 1997 when he represented England under-18s in a game at Nene Park before heading to America to study a degree in Business Management at Hartwick College, New York. Gillingham didn't extend his contract upon his return and when he moved to Diamonds, he was back-up for former defender Tarkan Mustafa. He went on to play 25 games that season but since the arrival of Marcus Bignot, the defender has seen his opportunities limited.

16. Robert Duffy - Striker

Young Welsh striker who made his senior debut for Diamonds in the Worthington Cup defeat at Crewe Alexandra in September 2001. A prolific scorer in the club's youth and reserve side, Robert demonstrates excellent control but his big strength is how well he uses his height. The striker scored both goals in the 2-2 draw at Kidderminster Harriers in the First Round of the F.A Cup, and opened the scoring in the subsequent replay. Was on schoolboy terms with Charlton Athletic before moving to Nene Park at the age of 16. Has represented Wales at under-17 level.

17. Stephen Gahan - Goalkeeper

A young Irish goalkeeper who was snapped up from Aston Villa. In his first season with Rushden &



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Diamonds Football Club after impressing in a number of youth matches.

18. David Bell - Midfielder

David is one of a number of exciting prospects to have come through the ranks at Diamonds and enjoyed an incredible season during our championship-campaign. Burst onto the scene in the 2-2 draw against Wrexham and made such an impact that scouts from many Premiership clubs came flocking to Nene Park. Nicknamed the 'Wellingborough Wizard' (Wellingborough is the town he was born in), Bell played in the centre, left and right side of midfield and scored a memorable goal in a 4-1 win over Cambridge. David's performances took him to Middlesbrough on two occasions for trial spells. David signed a new contract at the club at the end of last season to end speculation about his future.

19. Daniel Talbot - Defender/Midfielder

Young midfielder who has had to carry the usual pressure of being the son of the famous father. That pressure is intensified when the father is also manager, but Daniel has done well in the shadow of Brian at Nene Park. A competent left-sided player, be it in defence or midfield, who is continually learning his trade and when he has been given a chance at first-team level it has been solely on merit. Injuries prohibited him from making a regular challenge for first-team football. Was training with Arsenal from the age of ten, but felt the need to move away from Highbury to further his career and joined Diamonds in time for the start of the 2000-01 season.

20. Mark Peters - Defender

A highly reliable defender who was a rock at the heart of the Diamonds defence in 2001-2002. However, the former Mansfield defender was left out of Brian Talbot's first team plans last season towards the club's chase for the title following the arrival of Andrew Edwards. Started out with Manchester City he also served with Norwich City and Peterborough United. Mark has also represented Wales at youth, under-21 and B levels earlier in his career.

21. Owen Story - Midfielder/Striker

A talented youngster who is enjoying his first season with the seniors, following a successful spell in the youths. A scorer of eight goals for the youth-team, Owen made a number of starts in the reserve side and impressed manager Brian Talbot.

22. Paul Hall - Midfielder

Diamonds manager Brian Talbot pulled off a real coup when he persuaded Jamaican international Hall, who had represented his country in the 1998 World Cup finals, to drop two divisions from Walsall - and he got a free transfer into the bargain as well. The popular right midfielder proved a revelation and his form played no small part in the team's push for an end-of-season play-off berth. Paul claimed 11 goals in his first season with Diamonds and then went better the following year, chipping in with 16 goals, becoming the joint top goalscorer with his international team-mate Onandi Lowe. A regular for the Jamaican international side, Paul began his career with Torquay United before coming to prominence at Portsmouth. Had a brief spell with Coventry before moving to Walsall.

23. David Bell jnr - Defender/Midfielder.

A young midfielder who is beginning this season in his first year as a first-team professional. With his older cousin making a name for himself at the senior level, Bell jnr has his work cut out for him but has certainly got a bright future in the game.

24. Magnus Okoungbae - Midfielder.

Another product of the club's improving youth system, Magnus is a tall midfielder who possesses plenty of strength. Another player who is experiencing his first taste of senior football, Magnus was named as a substitute in the club's home game against Cambridge last season. A regular for the youth team last season and is one for the future.

31. Onandi Lowe - Striker

An inspirational signing by Diamonds boss Brian Talbot, Jamaican international Onandi burst onto the Third Division scene towards the end of 2001. Initially signed on a three-month loan deal, Onandi finally secured a long-term contract after lengthy discussions between the club and the Major League Soccer organisation in America, which held his Kansas City Wizards registration. The deal, secured for an undisclosed club record fee, has been worth the wait. In his first season with the club, Onandi hit an incredible 20 goals in 29 appearances, including nine in five games. Without them the club wouldn't have reached the play-offs, if he had been there from August they may well have earned automatic promotion. And although he didn't better that tally last season, he was still the club's joint top goalscorer with 16 goals.



Blast From The Past

A decade ago, Luton Town supporters, for the first time in many years, enjoyed a relatively uneventful summer. The 1992/93 season had

ended with the Hatters, back in Division One after ten years in the top flight, narrowly avoiding further relegation at the death despite losing their final game at Southend and then needing to rely on others to also be beaten.

During the close season Phil Gray got his expected move to the north-east, where his family was based, with Sunderland paying out £800,000 for his services. Unfortunately, a fair slice of the fee had to be paid to Tottenham as a legacy of the original deal when he was purchased.

Also moving to Roker Park was goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain who had reached the end of his Luton contract which, because it was not to be renewed on at least equivalent terms, meant that he was on a technical free transfer. A pre-Bosman, Bosman if you like!

The only signing of note was Scott Houghton on a free from Tottenham. Hitchin born, Houghton had been on the books at White Hart Lane since he was thirteen and although never a regular there had saved his best performance when coming on as sub against the Town during two years before.

The new season opened with a visit from near neighbours Watford who, like the Town, were also attempting to regain their former glories of a few years before. A crowd of 9,149 turned up on a blazing, hot day to see American goalkeeper Juergen Sommer make his debut in goal for the Town while Houghton could only make the bench.

Leading the line for the Hatters was ex-England and Chelsea striker Kerry Dixon who was on loan from Southampton as he had been at the back end of the previous season. Luton manager, David Pleat, was hoping that the deal could be made permanent but with no money to spend it would test his legendary powers of persuasion to convince the Saints to let a player who had cost them £600,000 only a year before, go for free.

Dixon, Luton born, and whose father played for the Hatters made no secret of his desire to move to Kenilworth Road but the matter was out of his hands.

The match got off to a frantic start with Dixon going close on three occasions in the opening five minutes. Good work from young Hornets goalkeeper, Simon Sheppard, kept him out before play switched to the other end where Sommer bravely denied Paul Furlong who was through on goal.

Watford were then forced into two substitutions in quick succession with Darren Bazeley and Richard Johnson leaving the field after a clash with Dixon and a thigh strain respectively but worse was to follow when Barry Ashby was dismissed in the 37th minute.

Ashby had launched himself into a knee high tackle on little David Preece and referee Paul Alcock had little option but to immediately brandish the red card leaving the Hornets to battle



Scott Oakes wins his duel with Watford's Darren Bazeley during the clash with the Hornets in August 1993.

First opening day win for nine years

through the heat one man short.

As so often happens the ten men fought like twelve and made it difficult for the Town although Dixon saw his clever curling shot just tipped over the bar by Sheppard as the half-time whistle was about to sound.

The Hatters started the second period with a flourish and after Marvin Johnson went close the deadlock was broken on 51 minutes when Paul Telfer calmly side footed home a low cross from Scott Oakes.

Soon after, Watford showed further indiscipline when Jason Drysdale was ordered off for using his elbow on Jason Rees but if Luton supporters thought the floodgates were about to open they needed to think again.

Lacking the experience to hold the ball, play it around and drag out the opposition the Town players made hard work of picking off Watford who fought like tigers to ensure that they were not overrun.

With ten minutes to go Sommer had to leave the field with blood streaming from a gashed eyebrow after a clash of heads with Ken Charlery but

just as his replacement, Andy Petterson, had taken his place the Town seemed to have made the game safe with a second goal. Showing all his know-how, Dixon expertly curled in a shot into the top corner from the edge of the area much to the relief of the majority of the crowd.

Watford refused to lie down, however, and a soft goal by Furlong with three minutes to go left the nerves jangling but when the final whistle sounded it was realised that this was the Town's first win on the opening day for nine years!

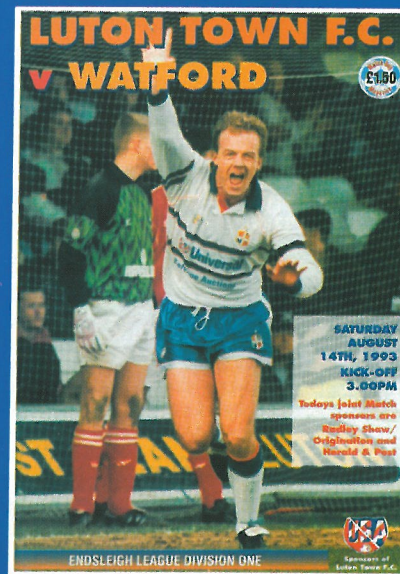
New Watford manager Glenn Roeder felt that the dismissal of Ashby had been harsh but was prepared to admit that when it was eleven men against eleven the Town had looked the more likely victors. David Pleat was just pleased to get the first win under his belt.

Luton: Sommer (Petterson), Johnson, James, Williams, Peake, Dreyer, Telfer, Oakes, Dixon, Rees (Houghton), Preece.

Watford: Sheppard, Lavin, Ashby, Holdsworth, Drysdale, Bazeley (Nogan), Johnson (Dublin), Soloman, Porter, Furlong, Charlery.

Roger Wash

Yesterday's pages



For the opening game of the season against Watford the front cover of the Town's programme featured a sight all Luton supporters hoped would become a regular occurrence - Kerry Dixon scoring.

David Pleat, in his column, made no mention of Dixon but all Luton supporters knew that he was working feverishly behind the scenes to make the move permanent but also that he did not wish to make his intentions known in print. Pleat instead talked about the hectic pre-season schedule for his young squad that had included a three match trip to Scotland, a visit to Leyton Orient and home game with Ipswich.

In the secretary's column it was announced that the Town were to take advantage of the rule change approved at the AGM of the Football League allowing players names to be put on the backs of shirts. The clash with Watford was therefore the Town's first league game using the squad numbering system which we all now know and love. Watford, incidentally, had declined to take up the option presumably because 'Hessenthaler' (a non playing substitute on the day) would have cost too much!



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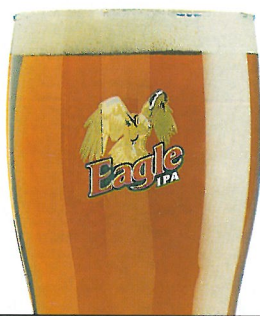
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IN A summer in which precious little good news came out of Kenilworth Road, it was a tremendous boost when the club was able to announce a new main sponsorship deal. And it will benefit fans as well as the club.

Long-time Luton Town supporters Travel Extras are giving vital backing to the club with a six-figure two-year deal which sees their name adorn the players' shirts.

Group Managing Director Ray Mulford said: "As a long-term follower of the Town, Travel Extras is delighted to be involved with the club. We have been executive box holders since 1999, and are excited to be part of the future success of the club."

Mr Mulford knows all about commercial success – his company has become one of the biggest and best in the business since being founded in 1996, flourishing through its ability beat the competition on price and quality.

And prices are even more competitive for Luton Town supporters, because Travel Extras is offering additional discounts to Hatters fans. The company is dedicated to the independent traveller, selling "everything bar the airline ticket."

Global car rental, world-wide hotel bookings, travel insurance, even cut-price airport parking is on offer. "Our deals are for business or pleasure, sunshine or snow," said Mr Mulford.



"Independent travel is increasing year on year, and we have continued to develop and evolve UK, European and world-wide services for corporate and consumer clients.

"We have been actively involved with Luton Town for a number of years, and we have a large following within the staff. This new alliance will complement our existing portfolio of partners, who include the Institute of Directors, bmiBaby, the Royal Yachting Association, the Institute of Legal Executives, the Ski Club of Great Britain, Debenhams, easyJet and many of the UK's key travel industry associations."

Town Commercial Manager Peter Davis welcomed Travel Extras on behalf of supporters as well as the club. "This is a particularly exciting and innovative form of shirt sponsorship," he said. "Our fans have the opportunity to enjoy great products and service at discounted prices, which we will actively market. But in addition to the base contract, Travel Extras have generously agreed to pay the club a royalty on bookings, and that will add considerable value to the sponsorship."



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Focus On:

Today we are focusing on SKF (UK) Ltd Executive Boxholder 27

Luton based SKF and Luton Town Football Club has enjoyed a long and successful relationship together, with in particular the past 4 seasons, as SKF were the shirt sponsor. That particular role has now moved on into the very worthy hands of another Luton based company. All of us here at the club and I know, that we speak for everybody within the community of Luton, in expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation for their support over many years. SKF will of course continue to be a major contributor to the clubs commercial revenue with an Executive Box, plus advertising in our match programme and throughout the stadium.

Hatters On The Road

BY CAR, coach and train, Hatters fans once again gave the team magnificent backing last season. The Town's average away following was more than double the figure for teams visiting Kenilworth Road. Only four teams brought more fans to Luton than we took to their grounds: Colchester, Cardiff, Plymouth and Bristol City.

Our biggest travelling army was for the Worthington Cup game at Villa Park. The largest Town following in the league went to Peterborough in February, and

comprised just over 44 per cent of the total attendance.

The best-supported visiting team was Queens Park Rangers, the only club to sell out the away end. Surprisingly, one of the smallest followings was for Wigan, who were top of the table, and already favourites for the championship when they came to Kenilworth Road in October.

Last season's figures for fans on the move, to and from Kenilworth Road:

Hatters Away

Blackpool	781
Plymouth	773
Cardiff	314
Brentford	1,493
Watford (WC)	4,404
Huddersfield	700
Aston Villa (WC)	4,588
Stockport	680
Oldham	610
Woking (LDV)	262
Crewe	585
Northampton	1,250
Stevenage (LDV)	1,199
Tranmere	839
Wigan (FAC 2)	769
Bristol City	709
Wycombe	2,039
Chesterfield	1,076
Barnsley	858
Peterborough	2,928
Port Vale	884
Notts County	1,867
Mansfield	722
Wigan	1,718
Cheltenham	531
QPR	2,756
Colchester	520
Swindon	1,064
Total:	36,919
Average:	1,319

Visitors to Luton

Peterborough	990
Barnsley	504
Chesterfield	366
Notts County	341
Mansfield	160
Swindon	404
Cheltenham	328
Wigan	425
Port Vale	247
Guiseley (FAC1)	467
QPR	1,851
Cambridge(LDV)	571
Colchester	527
Cardiff	1,090
Wycombe	702
Blackpool	491
Northampton	905
Brentford	533
Plymouth	1,102
Huddersfield	454
Oldham	302
Crewe	466
Tranmere	594
Bristol City	1,220
Stockport	517

15,557
622

TWO organisations providing travel to away games will be in business again this season - see page 39 for details of trips to next week's game at Stockport being offered by Town on Tour and the Bobbers Travel Club.

Hatters Pic of the Week



WINNER ON THE WAY: Dean Crowe hooks the ball into the goalmouth to pave the way for Kevin Foley to score a last-minute decider in the final pre-season friendly, against Spurs on Monday. Steve Howard had netted the equaliser on 69 minutes after Jamie Slabber had scored for Spurs in the 27th minute. The Town were unbeaten in their public pre-season games. After a 0-0 draw at Hitchin, Howard's headed equaliser earned a draw against Crystal Palace, and at Boreham Wood Crowe's glancing header pegged back the Ryman League Division One outfit after they had nicked a goal that should have been given offside. At Rugby on Saturday a penalty gave the home side the lead, but Adrian Forbes fired an emphatic equaliser for a below-strength Town side.

Trust In Luton Voice Of The Fans

WE ARE delighted today to be able to report on the latest Luton Town supporters' organisation to come into existence. Town fans will know what a wretched summer it has been as the club went through the worst crisis any of us can remember. Some feared that its very existence was under threat, and while we are still in a difficult situation, in administrative receivership, we are at least able to enjoy the start of another season. Down the years adversity has always provoked Town fans into action, and it happened again in June as thousands pledged their backing to the newly-formed Trust In Luton. It enabled one organisation to co-ordinate fans' efforts to bring about change, and was a resounding success. There is still a long way to go, of course, but hav-

ing proved its ability to get things done the Trust is now well-established and ready to move on. We hope that the programme will include regular articles about the Trust and its activities, and if you want to know more we recommend a visit to <http://www.trustinluton.com>. We also hope fans will support the Trust at a football match against fellow football fans to raise much-needed funds for the Hatters. Loyal Luton, representing the Trust in Luton, will take to the field against Hitchin Town Supporters FC on Wednesday August 13, kick-off 6.30pm, at the home of Offley FC. The match is the brainchild of Hatters fan and HTSFC manager Adam Knight. All proceeds from the evening will go to Luton Town. The result on the field will not be the evening's major concern, but we wish Loyal Luton all the best. They are the North Home Counties Sunday League Premier Division's newest team, having been promoted from Division One last year.



FANS UNITED – supporters pack the main stand of Kenilworth Road at the meeting which set up Trust in Luton as their first massed public reaction to the club's change of ownership.



A SPECIAL new beer for Luton Town supporters has been created by local brewers Banks and Taylor, and Hatters fans are being invited to suggest a name for it. The new ale, a tasty light-coloured bitter, 4.0% in strength - has come about as the result of a link-up between Trust In Luton and the brewers. It will be launched later this month at the Bricklayers pub in High Town Road, Luton, and

the footie fan who comes up with the winning name will be invited to the event as a VIP guest. Full details of how to enter the competition will be in the Luton News. The plan is for 10 pence from every pint sold to go to Trust in Luton. This means fans who switch from their current tipples to the new ale will be helping ensure a brighter future for their football club!

**Membership Application Form.
The Trust is an Industrial and Provident Society.
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A copy of the constitution is available on the Trust website <http://www.trustinluton.com>

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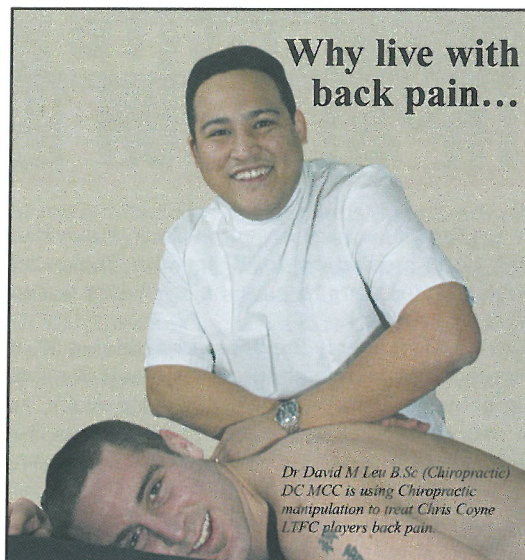
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Town Teaser

OUR popular Town Trivia quiz will run again at every home game this season, offering a pair of match tickets to lucky winners. The questions will usually be easy for dedicated Town fans, although in response to the occasional criticism we will throw in the odd tricky one. We tried it in the final programme of last season, when the Teaser was about Brian Stein and Danny Wilson being our scorers in the famous 3-2 defeat of Arsenal in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final. We asked who else scored a 1988 Wembley Cup Final goal, and the answer was Mick Harford, who netted in the Simod Cup.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Mike Newell is one of several men who have played for the Town, and also managed the club. Another was manager when Mike Newell played for us. Who is he?



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FOLLOWING Belles' most successful season ever will be a tough act to follow for the Town's ladies.

Last term saw the under-11s win the treble, the under-12s a record-breaking double, and the under-14' were crowned as league champions in what is arguably the strongest youth league in the country.

The future certainly looks bright, with a rich vein of talented youngsters looking to push their way into the first team in the next few years. The senior squad players are nearly all products of the youth system, but although their ability is without question their youth and inexperience has meant that they narrowly missed out on honours last season, with two runners-up places. They lost the promotion play-off to close rivals Wycombe Wanderers.

This season will bring the ladies into conflict with teams from other professional clubs such as AFC Bournemouth and Portsmouth, and the Belles will again be looking for a top two finish which this time would bring them automatic promotion.

During the summer break our home pitch has

had full drainage installed, thanks to lottery funding, and it is hoped that this will significantly improve the playing surface which was often a quagmire last season and did nothing to help our passing style.

Most of the Belles players have enjoyed a break from football but a number were selected to represent Team Luton in the Heart of the East Youth games.

Two squads in the under-11 and under-13 age groups competed against six-a-side teams from other council areas in Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, with Team Luton winning both tournaments, defeating teams from South Beds in the finals.

The younger squad were on fire in front of goal, scoring 19 goals without reply and winning the final through a penalty shoot-out. Stand-in keeper Kelly Moss was the heroine, saving three spot kicks. The under-13s were far more conservative, winning most of their matches 1-0, including the final after a semi-final shoot-out success.

Dave Baker



DOUBLE WINNERS:
The Belles who represented Team Luton at The Heart Of The East Youth Games.

LUTON Belles organises football for girls of all ages, from six upwards. If you want to know more, or fancy being involved, e-mail Dave Baker at lutonbelles@hotmail.com The Belles also have a website - pay a visit to www.lutontownbelles.com With a big demand from girls who want to play football, the provision of playing kit is a bit of a problem and they would love to hear from anyone able to offer help by way of kit sponsorship.

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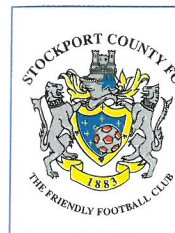
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Hatters Away



HAVING been drawn at home in the Carling Cup, in which we play Yeovil Town on Tuesday, we begin our away fixtures with a trip to Stockport County for a league game on Saturday. As in past seasons, two reliable coach services are on offer, and one of them is spreading its

wings to cater for fans who live some distance away from Luton.

For many years the Bobbers Travel Club has put on services for fans living in outlying villages in the North of the county, as detailed in the panel below.

Now Town on Tour, part of the Luton Town Supporters Club, has decided to experiment with a service for fans who live in the Milton Keynes, Leighton Buzzard and Houghton Regis areas. If the response is good, the change will become permanent.

For the trip to Stockport, Town on Tour will set off from Bletchley at 9am, picking up at Stoke Hammond, Leighton Buzzard and Houghton Regis, before leaving Luton at 10. There will be another pick-up at Milton Keynes Coachway at around 10.20. Fares are £15 for LTSC members, £13 LTSC under-16s and senior citizens, and £17 for others.

The Bobbers service begins at Cranfield at 8.30am, departing from Luton an hour later, and fares are £14.50, £12 for concessions.

DIY Travellers

IF THE M6 is running smoothly you can drive to Stockport comfortably in three hours. To avoid the most infamous traffic jam stretches of M6, use the M1 up to junction 23a, and then take the A50 to cut across to join the M6 near Stoke. Leave M6 at junction 19, turning right onto the



A566 towards Manchester. After four miles, at a large roundabout at Bowdon, take the M56 towards Manchester and after nearly seven miles join the M60, signposted to Stockport. Leave M60 at junction 1, to head towards Stockport town centre, and then at a roundabout follow the signs towards Cheadle. Go straight on at one set of traffic lights, and turn right at the next, onto the A560, and after a further mile turn left by the Farmer's Arms, into Edgeley Road, and another mile takes you to the ground.

Early Warning



THE TOWN pay their first-ever visit to Brighton's Withdean Stadium on Monday, August 25, and tickets are in short supply – see pages 12 & 13 for details. Drivers have extra problems: bank holiday traffic heading for the south coast, and very strict parking controls

in force around the stadium as part of the planning consent allowing its use for football. If you want to park near the ground, forget it. Use the park and ride scheme instead. Better still, travel by coach, with Town on Tour or the Bobbers.

Bookings for away games travel can be made at the LTSC or Bobbers kiosks in Kenilworth Road, before or after home games. Paul Deason on 01234 750996 will take phone bookings for the Bobbers, whose service includes pick-ups at Cranfield, Marston Moretaine, Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning and opposite the Travelodge Motel in Dunstable Road, Luton, close to the M1. Town on Tour offers LTSC members the best deals and seats can be reserved at the Supporters Club kiosk or by phoning 07960 567465.

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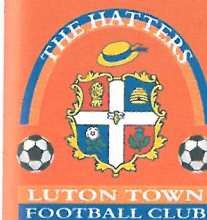


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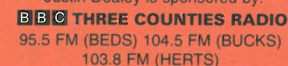
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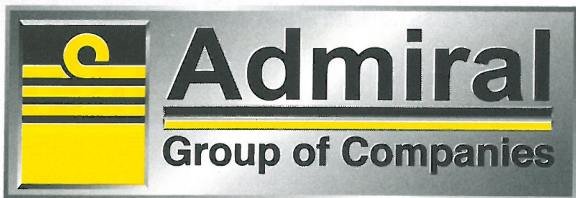
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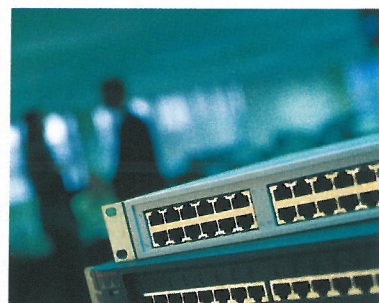
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Return of a Legend

MICK Harford, distraught when he was sacked by the previous regime two months ago, strode back into Kenilworth Road with a beaming smile this week, brought back by the receiver to be Director of Football and first team coach.

The announcement came on Wednesday when receiver Barry Ward gave his first press conference since being appointed last month. He has installed Cherry Newbery as Chief Executive as well as club secretary.

Mr Ward disclosed that he was put into the club by Hatters Holdings, who were owed £11million by a club losing £3million a year. They were unwilling to continue funding those losses.

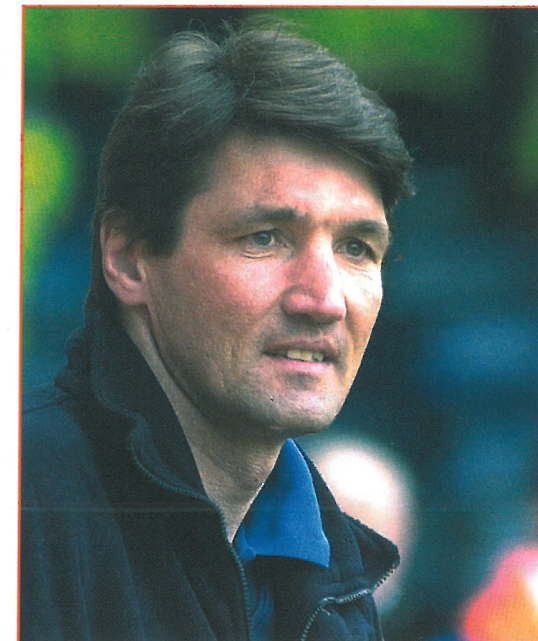
The sale of the club has left John Gurney with the controlling shareholding "through his overseas companies" and at the High Court earlier this week he had decided not to challenge the position of Mr Ward. Mr Gurney has not been seen at the club since Mr Ward's appointment on July 14.

Money-saving measures have already been taken, including the club's withdrawal from the Pontins Holidays Combination Reserve League. Consideration was given to withdrawing from the under-17 Football League Youth Alliance, but we are happy to report that this has not happened.

There is an ongoing review of costs, including players' wages. As we went to press the players were meeting to consider their response to proposed wage reductions.

The club is up for sale again, and there has been interest shown following advertising in the national press. Mr Ward thinks that there could be up to half a dozen serious prospects. Mick Harford's appointment – it is the fourth time he has "signed" for Luton Town, including twice as a player – would be self-financing, because of his ability to attract sponsorships and other commercial initiatives.

Mike Newell confirmed that he had wanted to bring back Mick from the moment he became manager. "It is the best possible appointment for the club, and for me," said the boss.



Mick said he was thrilled to be back. "I have been in limbo for the past two months, and that isn't very nice. I was offered my job back after Joe and I were sacked, but no way was I coming back while John Gurney was here. But I wanted to return – I love this club, and it is very special to me. I have lived here for 25 years, and know a lot of people. I believe I can bring in new sponsorships and other commercial activities, and that is part of my job.

"I also have a special feeling for the fans, who have been brilliant in the summer. They kept the club alive by starving Gurney of money, and they deserve every credit for that."

It is obvious that Luton Town is facing real problems at the start of the season, but there was an item of good news about the Football League's transfer embargo, which has been in place since Mr Gurney was in charge. As the only keepers on the books are both inexperienced teenagers, the manager has been given dispensation to sign another goalkeeper, and he can also sign one other player for a month on loan in view of the injury to Lee Mansell. Mr Newell was on the case as we went to press.

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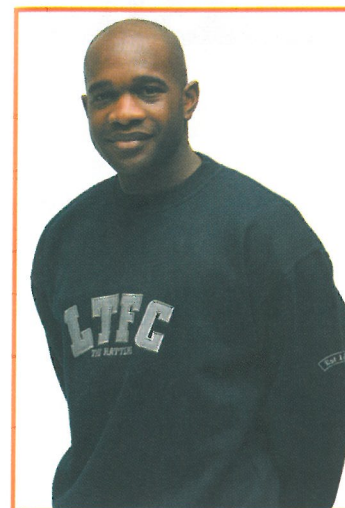
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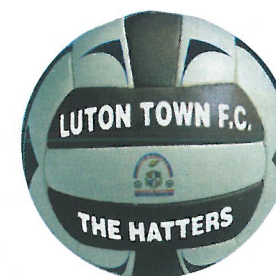
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Junior Hatters With Happy Harry

WE GIVE a warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road to all young football fans, especially our own Junior Hatters, and those who have made the journey from Northamptonshire to support Rushden and Diamonds.

Being a Junior Hatter offers all sorts of benefits to young supporters of Luton Town, including a wide range of special events.

For instance, the Community Department is organising a Fun Day for Junior Hatters and young members of the Luton Town Supporters Club later this month, and we expect a lot of interest in it.

It will take place on Friday August 22 at Stopsley High School, Luton, between 10am and 3pm. The morning session will consist of various skills challenges, followed by a mini tournament in the afternoon.

The cost is £7 for Junior Hatters and Supporters Club members. You can also bring guests along at a cost of £10 each, although it might be a good idea to get them to join the Junior Hatters first, and thus qualify for the cheaper price! Please come along and join us – give us a call on 01582 391927 if you would like to enrol.

Saturday Club

A FULL programme of Saturday Clubs will be organised again this season, designed to add to the day's enjoyment for all young fans who come to Kenilworth Road. Sometimes we enjoy visits by young supporters of the visiting team, and in turn we join them when the Town play on their grounds.

We kick off at noon, with Dallow School the first venue for games, usually including football, before adjourning to our family room

underneath the Kenilworth Stand for a sausage and chips lunch, and more entertainment.

The family room is open again during half time, and at the end of the match, and all activities are fully supervised. The price is a bargain: £6 for Junior Hatters with season tickets, or £12 including a match ticket. There are occasional visits to the cinema and bowling alley, for a small extra charge.

To book for Saturday clubs please call 01582 391927 before 12 noon on the Friday before the match.

Junior Hatters membership is open to any boy or girl aged from 0 to 16 who supports Luton Town, and if you want to know more please contact the Community Department. There are lots of advantages, including value for money trips to away games, and the chance to be picked as mascot at home matches - the choice is made at random from the membership list.

We often also have mascots at away games, and they are picked out of the hat during the journey.

Away Trips

WE ARE hoping to run away trips to every club that is prepared to offer us a reciprocal visit, starting with Stockport County next week.

However, this season we have been obliged to revise the pricing structure because the cost of coach travel has increased considerably. Therefore, although we will continue to let Junior Hatters travel at a standard cost of £12 per journey, junior and adult guests will be charged according to the costs involved for each trip. Even so this will always continue to



represent a considerable saving, as match tickets are included in the price.

If you would like to book for the Stockport County trip please call the Community Office. Prices are £12 for Junior Hatters, £15 for guests of school age and senior citizens, and £20 for adult guests. To underline what good value it is, the adults' price includes a £17 match ticket. We hope to be able to send out a mascot with the team, and if you want to be chosen don't forget to bring your Luton Town strip, and trainers. On previous trips to Stockport, we have played our young opposite numbers at football, and as we went to press we were hoping to do the same again on Saturday. Our picture was taken in during the Junior Hatters' game with the home fans on last season's trip to Edgeley Park.

Today's Mascot



NINE-year-old Antony Foreman has the honour of being the first Junior Hatters mascot of the season, thanks to his name being picked out of the membership list.

He lives at Whitehall, Lidlington, and attends Thomas Johnson School. Antony is a regular spectator at Luton Town games, sitting with his dad in the main stand. Today, as mascot, he gets a close look at what goes on

behind the scenes.

He has to arrive at the ground early, so that he can be taken into the dressing room before kick-off to meet the players. He will especially enjoy the chance to talk to Tony Thorpe - the striker is Antony's favourite player.

The mascot will go out onto the pitch with the players for the warm-up and kick-about, and join the official party in the centre circle when skippers and the referee and his assistants gather for the toss of the coin.

It adds up to a real day to remember, especially for a lad like Antony, who admits to being mad on football, whether playing or watching. The other sport high on his hobbies list is playing pool.

Our ball girl this afternoon is Georgia Bygate, of Oakway, Studham, and Nicholas Wyatt, of Middleton Road, Luton, is the ball boy.



THE VIPs: This picture may be a little dated, but we know two young Luton Town fans will be pleased to see it printed. It was taken at the final home game of last season, when Stockport County were the visitors, and shows the meeting of match officials and skippers for the toss of the coin. Eight-year-old Ronan Lennon, of Rosslyn Crescent, Luton, was the Junior Hatters mascot, and the other young Town supporter is five-year-old Nathan Hill, who was commercial mascot on his first visit to Kenilworth Road.

Happy Harry

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LTFC in the Community

WHILE the close season is normally a quieter time around the club, this year has been an exception, and it has been very hectic for the Community Department.



Action from last seasons demonstration match by the England Amputees Squad.

Since the end of last season we have made great progress with our projects and activities and I will update you on these as the season progresses.

First of all I have some fabulous news: so impressed were the English National Amputees squad with your response to their demonstration game last year – "the best supporters we have ever played in front of," they said - we have been invited to host an international friendly on August 30. It will be against Sierra Leone, and will kick off at 5pm, immediately after our match against Hartlepool. Please, please stay behind and support our national team if you can, and enjoy the opportunity to watch top class international football at Kenilworth Road.

For those who didn't see the demonstration, I can assure you these guys are superb athletes, and you will thoroughly enjoy the occasion.

THE department has a smart new motor for the new season, as you can see from our picture, and I would like to thank publicly Tony and Peter Calvano for making it possible. The owners of GIS Windows, who are based in Dencora Way, Sundon Park, they have for a long time been staunch supporters of Luton Town.

They have very generously agreed to provide the department with a two-year vehicle sponsorship deal, as a result of which we have been able to obtain a Vauxhall Zafira. It will be invaluable to the department, enabling us to carry the many items of kit required in our work in local schools, and to deliver our disability and general

soccer courses. Without a vehicle such as this we would not be able to provide the service we do. It has been suitably decked out with the Luton Town FC and GIS crests.

Also, thanks to the GIS sponsorship, we will be able to benefit from the Sportsmatch funding scheme. This is a pound-for-pound government-initiated sponsorship that will match sponsorship provided by commercial companies.

I would like to thank Tony and Peter for this marvellous gesture, and I hope that our link-up will continue in the future, and that their company will benefit as much from this deal as Luton Town Football in the Community will. We have a lot of projects under way, and please turn the page to find out more – with the bigger match programme this season, I am delighted to take the opportunity to give more space to work which is vital for Luton Town.



Tony Calvano of GIS Windows, Sundon Park, officially hands over the new community vehicle.

The community department would like to thank Andy McKenzie and the Luton News for supplying the above photo.

Stuart Smith



LTFC IN THE COMMUNITY SUMMER COACHING COURSES AVAILABLE

Course Code	No. of Days	Venue	Start Date	Time	Cost	Course Type
DSC 1	5	Queensbury School Meadway DUNSTABLE	Mon 11 - Fri 15 August	10.00 am - 3.00pm	£45	5-7 yrs 8-11 yrs 12-15 yrs
DGK 1	2	Queensbury School Meadway DUNSTABLE	Thur 14 - Fri 15 August	10.00 am - 3.00pm	£20	Goalkeepers 8-13 yrs
FSC 1	2	Flitwick Leisure Centre FLITWICK	Thur 21 - Fri 22 August	10.00 am - 3.00pm	£20	5-7 yrs 8-11 yrs 12-15 yrs
TSC 2	1	Parkfields Middle School Park Road TODDINGTON	Wed 20 August	10.00 am - 3.00pm	£10	5-7 yrs 8-11 yrs 12-15 yrs
LSC 4	4	Barnfield College New Bedford Road LUTON	Tue 26 - Fri 29 August	10.00 am - 3.00pm	£35	5-7 yrs 8-11 yrs 12-15 yrs
LGK 2	2	Barnfield College New Bedford Road LUTON	Thur 28 - Fri 29 August	10.00 am - 3.00pm	£20	Goalkeepers 8-13 yrs
LSS 1	1	Barnfield College New Bedford Road LUTON	Tue 26 August	10.00 am - 3.00pm	£10	Specialist Defenders 8-13 yrs
LSS 2	1	Barnfield College New Bedford Road LUTON	Wed 27 August	10.00 am - 3.00pm	£10	Specialist Strikers 8-13 yrs

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Today's Squads



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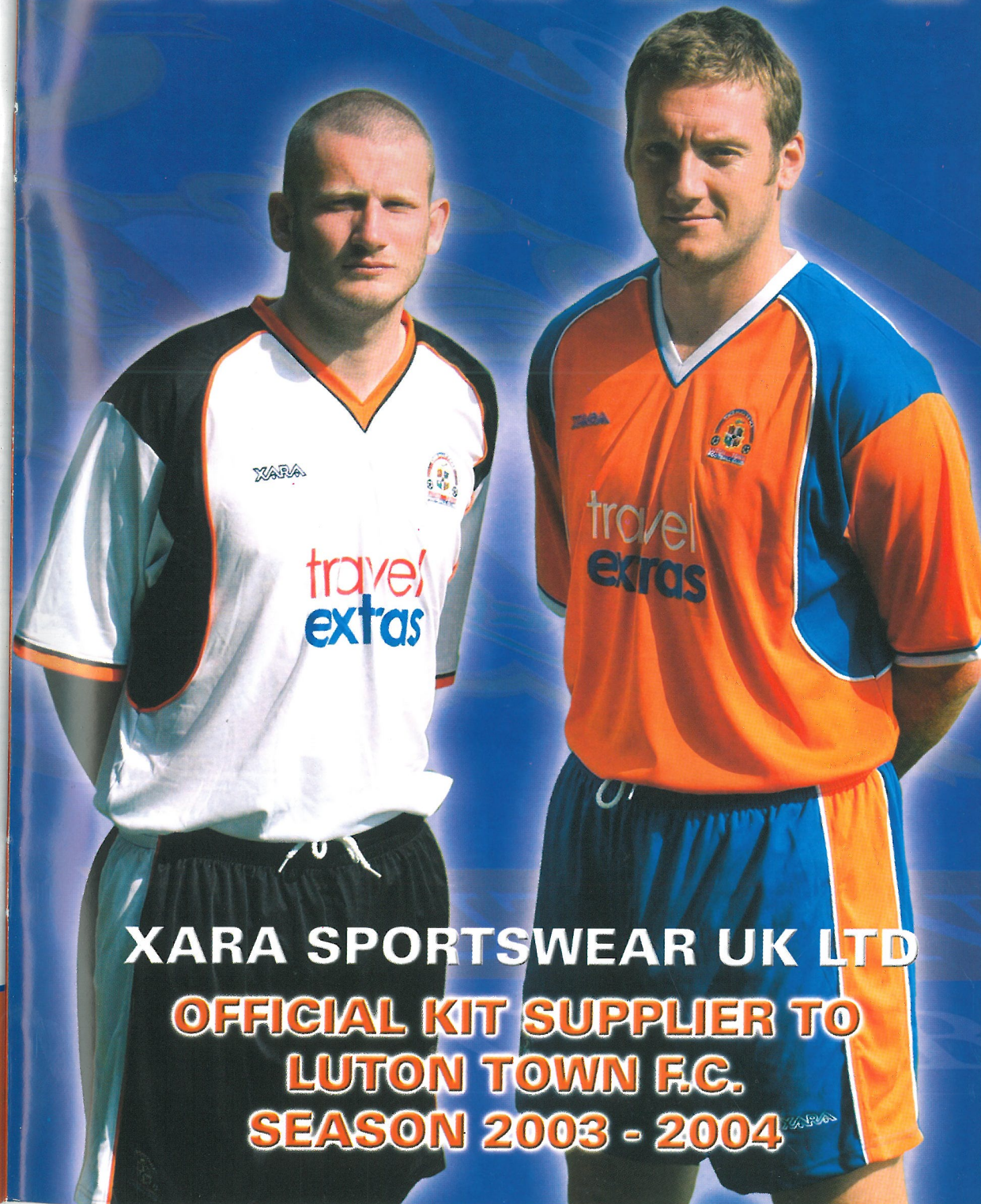
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Michael McPherson, Cambridgeshire (yellow flag)

Fourth Official: Gary Lewis, Cambridgeshire.

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Ray Mulford, Travel Extras Group Managing Director with Chris Coyne and Kevin Nicholls wearing the new Luton Town home and away strips

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