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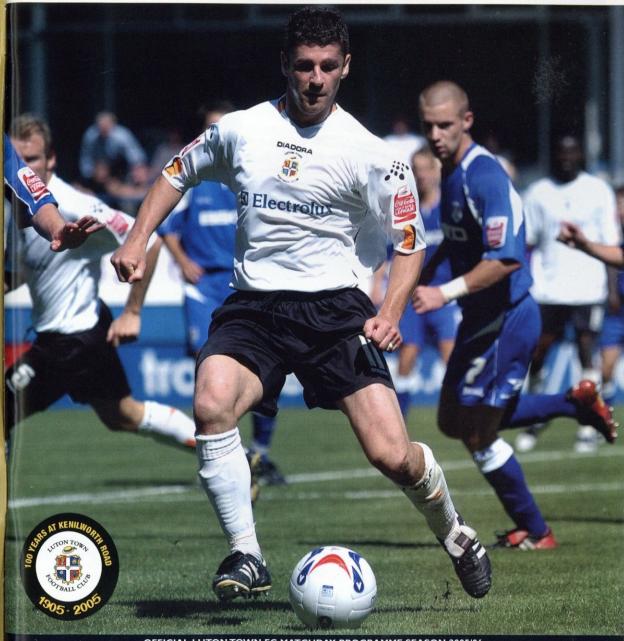
Numerous great games have been played on the Kenilworth Road grass (and plastic) over the years and many talented players have given selfless long service to the club such as Bob Morton who is featured inside. Many great strikers have become terrace heroes, including record goalscorer Gordon Turner (this page), but whether they just turned in one cameo performance or took part in over 500 games every player forms part of the club's rich history.

Kenilworth Road has its quirks, with lack of space meaning that floodlights could not be placed in the corners, with away supporters entering the ground "through someone's front room" and with a sea of pillars and posts obstructing the view but it is a 'proper' football ground.

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# Warm Welcome

From Luton Town Chairman Bill Tomlins

elcome to our Supporters and our visitors Wolverhampton Wanderers, their Directors, Management, Players and Supporters.

Before today's Championship fixture we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Club being at Kenilworth Road. It is incredible to think that over the past one hundred years the generations of Players, Management, Supporters and Staff that have all played their part in building our club's rich history. Today's celebrations are the result of the hard work of the Centenary Committee, Merilyn and Vic Fussell from the Official Supporters Club and Mark Chapman, their Chairman along with Roger Wash, the Club's Historian. Everyone connected with the Club are very grateful to them for their contribution.

"A Special thanks must go to our guests, past players, management and staff of the club, many from the eighties of whom I know well and have worked with. They will be celebrating with us this important milestone in our history, and will be presented on the pitch before today's Championship match



It is rather poignant that, although we are celebrating the Centenary presence of the Club at Kenilworth Road, at the same time we are finalising plans to relocate to a new stadium to be built by Junction 10a of the M1 motorway. The progress that I spoke about in my last programme notes has continued to be positive, with the principles of the agreed Heads of Terms being finalised between the lawyers of the Club and the land owners. Subject to no change in the agreed principles, I am confident that the Club, in conjunction with Stockwood Park Holdings and the Developer, will be able to make an announcement within the next few

Congratulations to all of our players who were called up to play for their national teams competing in the recent World Cup qualifying matches. Also congratulations to Cherry Newbery, our Club Secretary, who was deservedly honoured this week by Luton University conferring on her an honorary Masters Degree for all her work over the years in professional football and the local community.

As always get behind the lads and enjoy the game

Bill

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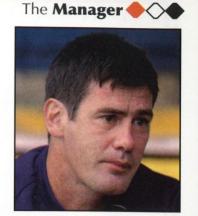
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# Mike Newell



the day because of the interest

from other parties, I still didn't

The deciding factor was Curtis

and his hunger to play at the top

level as soon as possible. That is

very refreshing. He didn't have

the transfer to go through.

think there was enough time for

As he looks forward to this afternoon's game, Mike Newell reflects back on the success during our Bank Holiday programme and the sale of Curtis Davies

ello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Wolverhampton Wanderers. Welcome also to Glenn Hoddle, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from Molineux. They have become a difficult side to beat in the last nine months and have some quality players so it will be a difficult test for us.

The wins against Leicester City

last couple of seasons. It is great for the players concerned although there is always the worry that one of them may pick up a knock. Markus, in particular, has now played ten games in the first month and that is a big ask of any player.

I won't say too much about the England game but I'm expecting the dressing room to be rather noisey when Robbo and Feeney

some parasite advising him to wait until Christmas or weigh up his options or touting him about to get a better deal. He has been outstanding for us in the last 12 months on and off the pitch and everybody here hopes that he continues to improve and go to the very top. I didn't get an opportunity to see him before or since his move but he knows what I think of him. It would be nice to think that there will one day come a time when we can hold on to our top young players for longer but I might be dreaming.

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and Millwall over the Bank Holiday weekend allowed us to enjoy the short break. The two performances were very professional considering it was the lads sixth and seventh game in less than a month. It has been a strange week having five lads away on international duty. It is something new and a measure of how far the club has moved on the playing side in the

return.

We lost Curtis on deadline day to an offer we couldn't refuse. Three million pounds is an awful lot of money and I had said all along that if somebody matched our valuation we would allow them to speak to the player. Hand on heart, I didn't expect it to happen before the deadline and even on There will be plenty of familiar faces here today for the Centenary celebrations. I am sure if you ask any of the old players they will tell you it is a great club to work for.

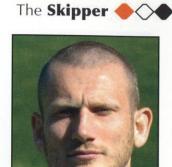
Enjoy the game and get behind the

Mike





# Kevin Nicholls



After a week's rest, skipper Kevin Nicholls looks ahead to this afternoon's game and reflects back on Luton's most recent victories over Leicester and Millwall

elcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's game with Wolves as we look to continue our winning form following recent victories against Leicester and Millwall over the Bank Holiday weekend.

The break in domestic fixtures, due to international matches played over the past couple of days, has given the majority of the lads the chance to recharge their batteries going into this afternoon's match after playing seven games during a busy August schedule.

whole side worked hard to gain the victory. It was a wonderful goal from the little man (Ahmet Brkovic) and all over the pitch we battled, especially in defence where I think we defended well.

It was personally pleasing for me to score from the spot, especially after missing my previous penalty, lust like the team when we fall to a defeat, we bounce back and I had no hesitations about taking the penalty on this occasion.

> Northern Ireland's extraordinary result in Belfast against England. We now turn our attentions to

today's fixture and we know that we face another tough test. Carl Court grabbed a hat-trick in their victory over Queens Park Rangers whilst Kenny Miller's two goals for Scotland means he is right on form.

points in two tricky fixtures. I felt

Steve Robinson was excellent in the

game with Millwall and was unlucky

sheet and his performances this sea-

son were rewarded by his call-up to

It was excellent to see so many of

the squad go away on international

duty during the week with Markus

playing for Finland in midweek,

Carlos in action for Trinidad and

Tobago and Warren involved in

the Northern Ireland squad.

not to get his name on the score

Finally, on behalf of the rest of the lads, I would like to pass on my best wishes to Curtis Davies, who made his move to West Bromwich Albion last week.

Enjoy the game

It was personally pleasing for me to score from the spot, especially after missing my previous penalty. I had no hesitations about taking the penalty at Leicester 🚜

We were faced with a tricky Bank Holiday weekend with two games in the space of three days but we could not have asked for any more than the six points gained.

We were obviously pleased with the 2-0 victory against Leicester and although it wasn't our most convincing performance this season, the

started brightly with Warren getting us off to a great start. Again, our performance may not have been convincing but you have to respect the fact that this was our second game within three days and for much of the squad, our seventh fixture within the first month. With this in mind, we were delighted to have gained six

We then entertained Millwall and





# Cherry Newbery

**Club Secretary Cherry Newbery brings you news from around Kenilworth Road** 

ood afternoon and welcome to everyone to this very special Centenary Match at Kenilworth Road. There cannot be many stadiums where celebrations have taken place to celebrate playing at a ground for 100 years and like you, I look forward to welcoming past players and staff who are old friends of the Club and who will

delighted to welcome the Luton Youth Brass Band, who will be playing for us today. The band is part of the Luton Music Service within the Borough Council and played at the Town Hall earlier this year to celebrate the 60th anniversary of VE day. Conducted by Simon Router, a brass teacher for the music service, the band regularly play in concerts with-

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have many stories to share with each other once again this afternoon. Also the young junior members, our supporters of tomorrow, who will be accompany them on the pitch today. We also welcome back another old friend, Brian Swain who will be introducing the players onto the pitch today.

Unfortunately the band we had arranged for today was called away on a tour of duty so following an appeal on the official website we are in the music services events calendar. These events can be seen at www.lutonyouthmusic.co.uk

Last Monday saw the seats at the back of the new Upper Kenilworth seating receive a Safety Certificate from the Structural Engineer of the Safety Advisory Group. Our thanks to those season ticket holders in Row T for their patience and support over the past few weeks.

On Thursday I was very honoured

and privileged to accept an Honorary Master of Business Administration Degree from Luton University for my work over the years in professional football and the local community. However, I do feel that this honour is bestowed on everyone connected with the Club.

Finally, due to our Carling Cup Second Round match with Reading on Tuesday 20th September our Pontins Combination match with Colchester United scheduled for this date will now be played on Tuesday I Ith April 2006, kick-off 2.00 pm. I know this date sounds a long time off, but it was the only date convenient to both teams.

Enjoy this special day.

Cherry



### **QUEENS PARK RANGERS V LUTON TOWN TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2005 LOFTUS ROAD, KICK-OFF 7:45PM**



This match is not all ticket for Luton supporters although we do have tickets for The School End Upper Tier on sale for those supporters who wish to pre-purchase.

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### **HULL CITY V LUTON TOWN SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2005** KC STADIUM, KICK-OFF 12:45PM



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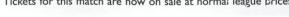


### **LUTON TOWN V SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY** FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2005 KICK-OFF 7:45PM

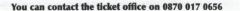


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go to the game but we do need to be able to fill a coach to make the trip

The cost of the trip will not be at the usual Junior Hatters prices as we will have to pay face value for the tickets. However, hopefully the bonus of another Junior Hatters trip entice you into coming.

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☐ Lews Pedder is one of Luton's youngest supporters

### WELCOME LUTON'S **NEWEST FAN**

The latest addition to Luton's barmy army was born recently so everyone say hello to little Lewis Pedder, who was born on the 16th July and is pictured here at seven weeks old.

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Wolves are a team packed with history and passion and as JAMES MARSH reports, the Molineux club are pinning their hopes on former Tottenham midfielder Glenn Hoddle to bring the good old days back to the Midlands club



### **FACTFILE**



Year Formed: 1879/80 season

**Ground: Molineux** 

**Ground Capacity: 28.525** 

Most League Goals: Steve Bull (250)

Record transfer fee received: £5,000,000 from Leicester for Ade Akinbiyi, July 2000

Record transfer fee paid: £3,000,000 to Bristol City for Ade Akinbiyi, Sept 1999 £3,000,000 to Rangers for Kenny Miller, Dec 2001

Wolverhampton Wanderers is a club packed with history, passion and potential. Three times league champions in the 1950s under the captaincy of legendary England skipper Billy Wright, past achievements have often proved difficult for the latter-day Wolves sides to live up to. However, with ex-England and Spurs coach Glenn Hoddle

now in charge, the men in gold and black are now capable of mounting a promotion push this season.

Although Hoddle has endured his fair share of criticism over the years, he has always sought to produce sides that display the same type of attacking finesse that marked his own glittering playing career. Having taken over in the middle of last season, Hoddle guided Wolves to 9th place with a run in that included 15 draws in their last 24 league matches. This season has seen wins replace draws. and Wolves arrive at Kenilworth Road in a very healthy sixth position.

After an opening day stalemate in a bad tempered game at Southampton. Wanderers collected six points from their first two home matches; a 2-1 victory

Palace, followed by a 1-0 defeat of Championship new boys Hull. They suffered their first defeat in 22 games in a 2-0 loss at Leeds, but a dogged fightback to earn a point at Cardiff and then an impressive 3-1 reverse of QPR sees them well-placed six games in. As well as maintaining their 100% home record, the win over QPR also featured a stunning hattrick from Carl Cort, who is starting to rediscover the form that saw another ex-England manager, Sir Bobby Robson, splash out £7m to take him to Newcastle

Alongside Cort in attack is Kenny Miller, whose skillful, wily play can cause problems for any defence, even at international level (he registered against Italy in Scotland's I-I draw last weekend). Add the Romanian striker, lonel Ganea, and South Korean star Ki-Hyeon Seol, into the mix and Wolves are unlikely to lack goals this year.

Wolves' midfield has ex-Liverpool man Mark Kennedy and the tricky Rohan Ricketts providing width down the flanks. In the centre, the likes of former Celtic ace, Jackie McNamara, and ex-England stars Darren Anderton and the club skipper, Paul Ince, all vie for places. All in all it will be a surprise if they are not there or thereabouts in the promotion shake-up



Carl Cort began his career as a youngster with Wimbledon. After a successful period on loan to Lincoln, Southwark-born Carl scored in the first minute of his full debut for the Dons against Newcastle in September 1997. His speed and presence in attack caught the eye of Newcastle boss Bobby Robson who paid £7million for the young striker in the summer of 2000. The Toon Army were soon in raptures when he scored on his home debut against Derby, but unfortunately, the former England Under-21 international's career then became blighted by injury. He suffered hamstring problems and underwent surgery after making just a handful of appearances for his new club. However, when he did return to action in March 2001, he went on to bag five goals in ten appearances by the end of the season. Carl moved to Molineux for a £2million fee during the lanuary transfer window of 2004 and he scored his first goal £2million fee during the January transfer window of 2004 and he scored his first goal for Wanderers at home to Fulham in February 2004 and went on to score another four in his opening season at Molineux. But Carl enjoyed his best ever return in Wolves' 2004/05 Championship campaign. He made a total of 40 appearances and scored 16 goals, partnering Kenny Miller in Wolves' attack.

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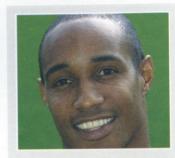
### Glenn Hoddle

Glenn Hoddle's management career began in the rather unglamorous sur-roundings of Swindon in 1991 at the age of 33 and his impact at the club was instant. In 1990, the club had been denied promotion to the top flight due to financial irregularities, but within three years Hoddle had realised their dream. A finish of fifth in the newly-formed First Division booked a play-off spot, and Swindon first beat Tranmere Rovers and then Leicester City in the final to reach the promised land for the first, and only, time. Hoddle fired home the opening goal against the Foxes as Swindon went on to win 4-3. As soon as Hoddle guided Swindon into the top flight of English football he was head-ing for pastures new. Chelsea were coming out of the shadow of a disappointing two years under lan Porterfield, and latterly David Webb, and were looking for a big name to take over at the helm. Hoddle managed Chelsea for three seasons, but on only one occasions did the side manage to finish in the top half of the table. He also managed to attract some of Europe's bigger stars to West London, such as Ruud Gullit. Even though Chelsea's domestic record under Hoddle was far-from-impressive, the FA were soon making overtures to Chelsea about their manager's availability. Terry Venables had just left his job as England manager following a successful Euro '96 campaign and a new face was needed to lead the nation to the next World Cup in France. England's World Cup campaign under Hoddle's guidance ended in defeat against Argentina. Hoddle took some time out of the game before Southampton chairman Rupert Lowe captured his services, appointing him as successor to Dave lones. Hoddle had an immediate impact at Southampton, getting the side to play in an attractive style and bringing a degree of success with it. A move to Tottenham followed where his first full season at the helm saw Spurs finish in mid-table, a performance the side could not improve upon the following term. Hoddle is now ejoying life at Wolves and will be gunning for promotion this season.



### Michael Oakes

Michael Oakes made the short journey from Villa Park to Molineux at the end of October, 1999, for a £500,000 fee after he had found himself battling for first team duties at the Birmingham club with David James and Peter Enckelman. Former manager Colin Lee, anxious to get some cover for first team regular Mike Stowell, signed Oakes who, after three reserve games, then went on to make his first team debut for Wolves in an away fixture at Tranmere. He notched up a run of 125 consecutive League games before being forced to sit out Wolves' trip to Wimbledon at the end of August 2002. He resumed duties two weeks later but was then struck down with a shoulder injury. Michael's number two, Matt Murray deputised and his form impressed sufficiently for him to keep the place in the first choice eleven for the rest of 2002/03, with the former Villa man resigned to a place in the bench. But, Oakes returned as number One in 2003/04. Matt Murray underwent a hernia operation and subsequent complications forced him back into the treatment room, leaving the way clear for Oakes to return to the starting 11. Oakes featured in the first half of Wolves' 2003/04 campaign but lost his place to new signing Paul lones when the Welsh international joined the club in the January transfer window. He did, however, return to Wolves' starting line-up a month into 2004/05 and, barring a two-game run out for Matt Murray, remained in the side for the rest of the season.



### Paul **Ince**

Former England captain Paul Ince, along with his ex- Manchester United team mate Denis Irwin, was just the answer Dave lones was looking for when he went in search of experienced players to strengthen his squad ahead of the 2002/03 campaign. Ince - the self-styled "Guy'nor" represented England 53 times in a career, which started at Upton Park in 1986. He made 72 League appearances for West Ham before making what was then a bigmoney move to Manchester United. Ince was stunned when United transferred him in 1995 to Inter Milan, and he spent two seasons there before returning to England. His spell at Liverpool proved brief as Gerard Houllier wanted to shape the team in a way that didn't involve him. Middlesbrough manager Bryan Robson wasted no time in snapping him up. However, the Boro captain decided to leave the club at the end of his contract in 2002, becoming a free agent - and Dave Jones dived in to get what he saw as the last piece in the promotion jigsaw. He was right, although not immediately he did eventually skipper the side when Paul Butler served a suspension. Ince kept hold of the captaincy for the remainder of the season. Paul netted three goals during 2002/03, the most memorable of which was against Newcastle United in the FA Cup third round match. The captain opened the scoring, paving the way for Wolves' 3-2 victory. Paul played for the first time at the Millennium Stadium in the play-off final in May 2003. During 2004/05 Paul was side-lined for two months with a toe problem but he resumed his skipper's duties on his return in the January, following Glenn Hoddle's arrival.

## Defenders

### ckie McNamara

The former Celtic captain arrived at Molineux in the summer of 2005, as Glenn Hoddle's second permanent signing. McNamara's last competitive game for the Glasgow giants was in the 2004/05 Scottish Cup Final when he captained Celtic to victory over Dundee United. It was the third time that he had won the trophy in his ten years at Parkhead and he also won four Championship and three League Cup medals with Celtic in a career that saw him playing 347 times for the club. Capped 30 times by his country, McNamara started his career with Dunfermline before moving to Celtic in 1996. He was awarded a testimonial in May 2005, when 53,000 supporters turned out to watch Celtic play the Republic of

### dv **Craddock**

Jody Craddock was the fourth new arrival at Molineux in the pre-season of 2003/04. The defender transferred from the Stadium of Light on a three-year contract, with an option of a fourth year in the club's favour. Jody had spent six years at Sunderland after moving to the north-east from Cambridge United in July 1997. The central defender came of age in 2001/02, becoming one of the first choice defenders, which earned him the accolade of Player of the Year.

### **Rob Edwards**

Wolves completed the signing of Rob Edwards whilst the squad were away on the pre-season tour of Norway in July 2004. The young defender moved across the West Midlands from Aston Villa in search of regular first team football, signing a threeyear deal worth up to £225,000. He spent spells on loan at Crystal Palace and Derby County in 2003/04 after breaking into Villa's first team the previous season. A Welsh international, Rob was born in Telford but both his parents originate from North Wales.

### Mark Clvde

Mark Clyde joined Wolves as a 16-year-old in 1999, on a three year scholarship under the auspices of the club's youth system. In the 2000/01 season he became a regular in Wolves' reserve team and his form earned him international recognition before he had played in the first team at Molineux. He played for Northern Ireland at under 21 level in February, 2002, after playing for his country's under 18s and under 19s. He made his senior international debut against Wales in September 2004, Mark went on loan to Kidderminster for a month in September 2002 and was recalled to Molineux after playing his first football at senior League level turning out in four games for The Harriers.

## Midfielders

A former England international whose distinguished career has seen him enjoy spells at Tottenham, Portsmouth and Birmingham. Glenn Hoddle was quick to bring the midfielder to Molineux after being released by Birmingham. Darren will be best known for his 12-year stay at White Hart Lane where he made over 275 appearances, scoring in excess of 40 goals. Darren made 30 international appearances, scoring seven goals.

Scottish international Colin Cameron joined Wolves just two weeks into the 2001/02 season. The midfielder signed a four year contract, leaving Hearts - where he had been captain - for £1.75m. Colin began his career at Raith Rovers and spent six years at the club, including one on loan to Sligo Rovers in Ireland. He helped Raith to victory in the Coca Cola Cup of 1994, and won two First Division Championships with the team. Colin became a Scotland under 21 regular before signing for Hearts in March 1996 for £400,00

Wolves completed the signing of midfielder Sevi 'George' Olofinjana during July 2004. The Nigerian international had been set for a summer transfer to Monaco but after the deal fell through, Wolves swooped to secure Seyi from Norwegian club Brann Bergen for £1.7m on a four-year deal. He made his debut in the pre-season friendly against Manchester City before taking up position in Wolves' midfield for the start of the new campaign. Seyi played in 46 of Wolves' Championship matches of 2004/05, scoring five League goals.

### Mark **Kennedy**

Mark began his footballing career with Irish schoolboy club Belvadere. From there he was spotted by Millwall who gave the youngster a trial and a two year YTS contract. He made a good early impression with the Lions and earned himself a League debut aged just 16. From there he moved to Liverpool where he enjoyed three years before returning to London and Wimbledon. His stay with the Dons lasted for just over a year before he moved north to ManchesterCity. Mark made the switch to Wolves in the close season of 2001, costing the Molineux club £2m.

## Strikers

### Viorel Ganea

Vio - as he prefers to be known - began his career with FC Brasov. He played for three other Romanian clubs, Univ. Craiova, Gloria Bistrita and Rapid Bucuresti before moving to Stuttgart in the German Bundesliga in the 1999/2000 season. After four terms in Germany, playing 106 games and scoring 34 goals, he opted for a three-year contract at Turkish Super League side Bursaspor in the summer of 2003. However, his contract was terminated by mutual consent in the mid-December. Vio has an impressive international record, having scored 19 goals in 40 games for his country. He made his debut for Wolves as a second-half substitute in the FA Cup round three game at Kidderminster in January 2004. Unfortunately, he damaged a cruciate ligament in a 2004/05 pre-season friendly against Oslo and was sidelined for the entire campaign.

Kenny Miller was an instant hit with Molineux fans when he travelled from north of the border for a three-month loan in September 2001. A former Scottish Young Player of the Year, Miller made substitute appearances for Wolves against Preston and Stockport before making his full debut at Gillingham where he found the net in front of the travelling support. He was on target again three days later at Walsall but bad luck was waiting just around the corner. An awkward landing following a jump for a header in the game with Nottingham Forest resulted in a broken collarbone. Scheduled to return to action after Christmas 2001, Wolves secured his permanent services in the December after lengthy negotiations with Rangers. The fee was £3million and, to the delight of supporters, Kenny signed a four and a half year contract.













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### TODAY TOMORROW TOYOTA

# Classic Match



ROGER WASH takes a look at a classic encounter between the Hatters and this afternoon's opponents Wolves

the lead just before half-time when he

turned in a George Cummins free kick,

but the real fireworks came in the sec-

ond period when the Hatters scored

three times without reply in 11 minutes!

The first came when Morton anticipated

a back pass from Bill Shorthouse and had

the ball in the net in an instant, quickly

followed by another strike from Turner

who ran through to beat England goal-

defenders shouts for offside.

keeper Bert Williams, despite the Wolves'

Right winger Mike Cullen completed the

rout with a header, while Iim Adam on

the left, who had the beating of Wolves

chance of stopping.

Then he felt that the forward line was not firing on all cylinders during the promotion season of 1954/55, manager Dally Duncan had moved wing-half Bob Morton to centre-forward where he proved a major success. The trouble was that Morton was also needed in the halfback line and it was a constant source of discussion as to which was his best posi-

Although the Town had performed rather better than he had expected on their baptism to the top flight, Duncan was slightly concerned after a couple of limp forward displays in October 1955.

His remedy was to move Morton back to the forward line to shake things up and his re-introduction coincided with the visit of Wolves to Kenilworth Road on Fireworks Day.

Amongst the record league crowd of 27,911, which has never been beaten since, were England manager Walter Winterbottom as well as the Moscow Dynamo team who were due to play at Molineux the following week.

Wolves had finished as League Champions in 1954, were runners-up the following season and were making another bold bid for the title when they came to Kenilworth Road. On top of this they boasted the England captain in Billy Wright and just about every other member of their team was a household name.

Morton's move up front brought instant dividends when he finished off a slick movement involving the whole of the forward line in only the fourth minute to open the scoring.

Wolves equalised in the 18th minute when tiny winger Johnny Hancocks crashed in a tremendous shot which Luton goalkeeper Ron Baynham had no

full-back George Showell all afternoon, hit the woodwork. Gordon Turner put the Town back into

> The players went off to a standing ovation after what had been, given the quality of the opposition, one of the best displays ever seen by a Town team at Kenilworth Road.

Luton Town: Baynham, Dunne, Aherne, Pemberton, Owen, Shanks, Cullen, Turner, Morton, Cummins, Adam.

Wolverhampton Wanderers: Williams, Showell, Shorthouse, Slater, Wright, Broadbent, Hancocks, Mason, Swinbourne Wilshaw Mullen



Ron Baynham gathers the ball in front of the Town's record league crowd in 1955.







# In the Media

IAN PEARCE, from BBC Three Counties Radio, writes exclusively for this afternoon's matchday programme and talks about his memories of Kenilworth Road.

oday is a very special day for Hatters fans as we celebrate 100 years at Kenilworth Road. Visiting Wolves fans may well feel there's not a lot to celebrate as the facilities are nothing to shout about when compared to some of the other stadia in this league, the magnificent Molineux included, but you'll let us wallow a little in nostalgia while we can.

For many Lutonians, Kenilworth Road

of the match watching trains on the old railway line through the holes in the rusted corrugated metal. Apparently one match was delayed by the smoke from an engine in the Maple Road sidings drifting across the pitch. My visits then were sporadic, my first league game against Southend in 1967, but since returning permanantly to Luton ten years ago, I've hardly missed a game home or away.

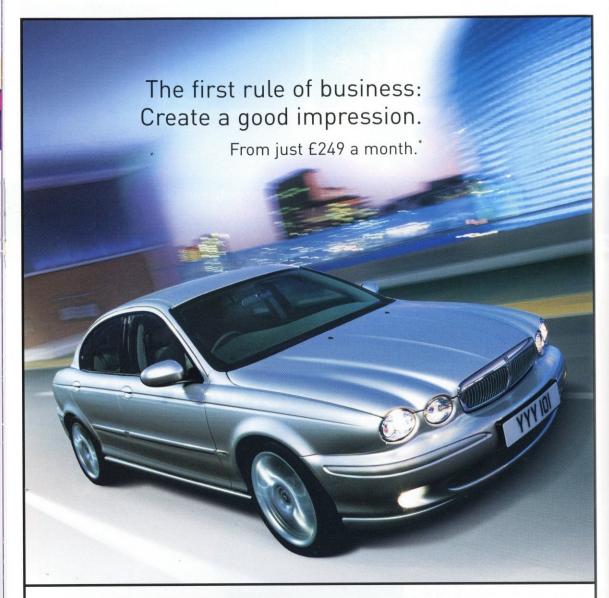
**While we celebrate the** centenary of this special place, lets also remember the thousands of people who have shared the same dream we all have, who have celebrated the highs and suffered the lows both on and off the pitch and who are not with us today

will feature large in their memories. Not too many will remember Joe Payne's ten goals in 1936, but if you believe everybody who said they were at the match there would have been a crowd of 100,000 that day. There were big crowds in the standing days. My first memories are not of the ground, but of the roar as the Luton team of the late fifties hit the net. I used to hear it from my Grandad's garden in Milton Road. My first visit was to a schoolboy match in which one of the boys in our class was playing. I actually couldn't stand the kid and I spent most

One of the benefits of the roller coaster nature of this club is the sheer range of football we've seen. We've seen Arsenal and Manchester United and we've seen Kidderminster Harriers and Cheltenham all within the last fifteen years. Now the pride is back and teams such as Wolves, Sheffield Wednesday and Southampton are stepping out on to the hallowed turf.

Today we'll all have our memories. Many will think back to the days of Bob Morton. I'll remember the early eighties with promotion to Division I and the first season back with the early feast of goals from Brian Stein and Paul Walsh. Younger fans will remember other more recent games. What about Brko's winner against Hull last season. That atmosphere rivalled those 1950's celebrations. What about 1974 when we beat Leeds and Arsenal here in one week. There are comic moments as well. The late Keith Weller's spectacular own goal, or Mick Harford's own goal for Derby to keep us up. We all have our favourites: Ricky Hill's massive hair or chatting with David Moss from the main stand enclosure.

While we celebrate the centenary of this special place with its second hand main stand, let's also remember the thousands of people who have shared the same dream we all have, who have celebrated the highs and suffered the lows both on and off the pitch and who are not with us today. Like the ground they are part of the history of a club that creates pride in a town that receives it unfair amount of criticism. There will be games all of us have forgotten, but this old ground oozes nostalgia and history. I'm all in favour of moving on, but lets hope that when we do move something of the spirit of those special games at Kenilworth Road will transfer wth the club. And let's hope today is another of those unforgettable games.



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# Match Action





On what was a memorable afternoon for Luton supporters, STEVEN DOVE reports from the Walkers Stadium as Ahmet Brkovic's wonder goal helps seal all three points

### **Press Conference**

**Hatters boss Mike Newell** 



That goal from Brky was worthy of winning any game and it was virtually the winner for us. The penalty sealed us the win, but the first goal was basically the winner because we rode our luck at times. especially in the second half. We know that Brky can do that sort of thing as he has done it before and we just hope he can keep doing it for us. It was probably our most unconvincing performance in our any of our league games. We rode out luck at times but we stood up and competed, which was pleasing. It's not easy coming away from home and playing a side which is established in the Championship. However, I felt we did well and we are pleased with the points we have on the board. We looked a bit leggy but I think because of the games we have had that is probably to be expect-

### LEICESTER CITY O LUTON 2



☐ Enoch Showunmi and Nils-Eric Johansson battle for possession at the Walkers Stadium

ot for the first time in his Luton career, Ahmet Brkovic produced a goal of stunning proportations to help seal a memorable win over Leicester at the Walkers Stadium.

The Croation Sensation lit up a rather scrappy encounter with a breathtaking effort three minutes before half-time to give Hatters boss Mike Newell a winning return to his former club.

Kevin Nicholls sealed the win from the penalty spot, scoring his second goal of the season, just moments after former Aston Villa striker Dion Dublin had struck a post for the home-side.

Both sides had struggled to get going before Brkovic broke the deadlock with Gareth Williams carving the best chance of the game when his six-yard effort, on 28 minutes, was blocked by Hatters goal-

keeper Marlon Beresford.

Leicester looked the stronger side after the interval and Williams, who was certainly the dangerman for the home-side, burst clear in the 49th minute only to fire wide and then saw a fierce 20-yard effort superbly tipped over by Beresford ten minutes from time.

Paul Underwood had a chance to grab his first of the season before Nicholls sealed the win from the spot after Enoch Showunmi was sent tumbling in the penalty area

Luton Town: On Target 5, Off Target 3, Corners 2, Offsides 7, Free Kicks Awarded 22, Yellow Cards 1, Red Cards 0

Leicester: On Target 3, Off Target 7, Corners 9, Offsides 7, Free Kicks Awarded 22, Yellow Cards 3, Red Cards 0



### **LUTON'S STARTING** LINE-UP



### **LEICESTER'S STARTING** LINE-UP



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**Player Facts** 

Key: G = Goals, Ass = Assists, S On = Shots On, S Off = Shots Off

Assists in brackets are the assists for shots on or shots off target that didn't culmunate in a goal. Assists not in brackets are for assists that eventually led to a goal.



☐ Kevin Nicholls start another attack for the Hatters



Enoch Showunmi has his shirt pulled as Markus Heikkinen looks on



☐ Rab Douglas beats Warren Feeney to the ball in this challenge



☐ Kevin Foley and Nils-Eric Johansson chase a loose ball a le Walkers Stadium



☐ Kevin Nicholls and Ahmet Brkovic celebrate with the crowd after Luton's 2-0 win at Leicester







# Peter Davis

Commercial Manager Peter Davis introduces today's sponsors to Kenilworth Road

elcome to all of our Commercial Partners and today's Match Sponsors to this afternoon's game against Wolverhampton Wanderers. Today's match is particularly special, as I am sure you are aware, as the Club is celebrating 100 very special years here at Kenilworth Road. Our official date for the anniversary was September 4th, but with no Championship League programme last weekend, due to International call up's, today was the closest date we were able to get for our celebrations. We also have the opportunity to wish a very happy birthday to three of today's VIP guests in the Joe Payne Sponsors Lounge. Victoria Peacock was 21 on the 5th September, Tony Gatehouse who will be 70 today and Mick Keeble who joins us with family and friends on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Everyone at the club wish them many happy returns and hope that they, and all of our guests, have a great time with us today.

Enjoy the celebrations and get behind the lads for what we hope will be a memorable afternoon.

### Peter



□Commercial Mascot Matthew Warn on the Kenilworth turf prior to our match against Millwall



□Brian Flint who was celebrating his 70th birthday as Matchball Sponsor at our game against Millwall



☐ Paul Mullee, Managing Director of Cargo Tiles, presenting Luton's

Man of the Match Kevin Foley with his Trophy

### COMMERCIAL MASCOT.....

Shawn who will be 4 years of age, tomorrow, September 11th, has been a mascot four times so far and on each occasion Luton have won. The best memories for Shawn and the family, being the double over Blackpool last season, although our game with Wrexham represents a



close second, following the Town's amazing fight back to win 3-2 after being 0-2 down. Coached by his Grandfather, the irrepressible Danny Clubb, Shawn has been learning some real Luton Town songs, most of which cannot be repeated in this family publication and as grandpa states, Shawn is going to be a Luton fan whether he likes it or not!! In fact Shawn was made a member of the Luton Junior Hatters, literally the minute he was born and has attended in excess of 40 games so far, although his little sister attended her first game when she was just 2 weeks old in February of this year. We all at the club hope that Shawn and his family have a great day with us.



Match Sponsor -**Luton Town Supporters Club** 



It's very fitting today, as we launch the 100 years at Kenilworth Road celebra-tions, that the official Luton Town Supporters Club are today's match sponsors. The supporters club have worked partnership with us to organize today's events and they are acting as hosts to many ex-Hatters players and staff who have been invited back to celebrate this significant milestone in the club's history unior members of the supporters club will also be seen on the pitch with our guests as part of the Luton Town Legends Parade taking place before the game. The LT Supporters Club was founded in 1988 and although having close links with the Football Club, it is independent and financially self-support ing. A quarterly newsletter is published for all members and many social events are run throughout the year, which culminate in the annual end of season presentation evening. LTSC also provide quality away travel under the banner of "Town on Tour" to Hatters away fixtures, with Supporters Club members traveling at reduced rates, please ring 07960 567465 to book your seat. Current Membership fees, Adults £8.00, Concessions & Children under 16 £7.00, Family
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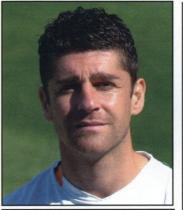
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# Head 2 Head



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☐ Robbo's looking to book his place

### STEVE'S ANSWERS I. Bristol Rovers and erm Cambridge 2. Holland 3. Reading 4. Villa Park 5. Doug Ellis 6. Liverpool 7. Norwich 8. Brian Kerr 9. Chester 10. Steve Morrow **Score 8/10**

### **OUESTIONS**

- 1. Which two clubs were relegated from the Football League into the Conference last season?
- 2. Arjen Robben from Chelsea plays international football for which coun-
- 3. Who are nicknamed 'The Royals'?
- 4. Which Premiership club have stand names called Trinity Road and the Holt
- 5. Who is the Chairman of Aston Villa?
- 6. Name the team that knocked Chelsea out of last seasons Champions
- 7. Can you name the team that have lost the most Premiership games in one season?
- 8. Who is the current manager of the Republic of Ireland?
- 9. Which current league club play at the Deva Stadium
- 10. Name the Arsenal player who suffered a broken arm during the celebrations of their 1993 League Cup win?

Answers: I. Cambridge & Kidderminster, Z.Holland, 3. Reading, 4. Villa Park, 5. Doug Ellis, 6. Liverpool, 7. Ipswich, 8. Brian Kerr, 9.

### WHO IS THROUGH!

Marlon Beresford Kevin Nicholls Curtis Davies Steve Robinson

Paul Hughes Marvin Johnson Chris Coyne Steve Howard



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Score 6/10

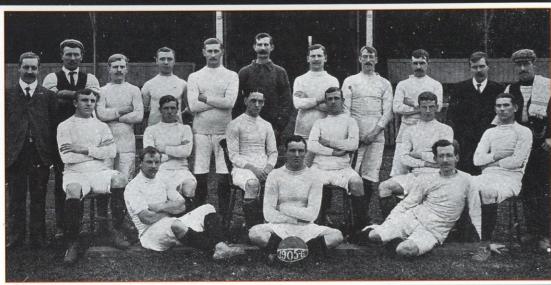






# Roger Wash

As we celebrate 100 years at Kenilworth Road this afternoon, Roger Wash looks back at the first year the Hatters moved to its current surroundings



☐ The Town line-up at the start of the 1905/06 season

hen the landlords of the club's ground in Dunstable Road decided to develop the site, the Town were forced to look for a new base for the third time in their short life. This time the club's directors decided to buy rather than rent in order to provide some future stability.

Industry was being encouraged to come to the town at that point on the promise of fairly cheap land and it is fairly certain that the club's directors could have taken advantage of this situation as the workers being attracted to the area would need spectator sports for their relaxation. That they chose to take up such a piece of land as

Kenilworth Road when the alternatives could have produced a far more practical solution was obvious. Cost!

The Kenilworth Road site was purchased for £300 by six directors of the club and then rented back on an initial seven year lease at £160 per annum.

In fairness, a good amount needed to be spent on bringing the new ground up to scratch but as the land was purchased a year before occupation and a 'New Ground Fund' had been set up for supporter contributions, the end cost to the directors was probably not as much as it could have been.

The new ground was formally opened

on Monday 5th September 1905 at 5.00pm sharp to allow kick-off at 5.15 pm to enable the Southern League visitors, Plymouth, enough time to catch their train home.

The game quickly became known as the 'Green Game'. The Pilgrims, then as now, played in green, the referee was a Mr A. Green, the formal opening was conducted by Mr | Green of local brewery fame, the whole event had been orchestrated by secretary Charles Green and the pitch was of course green.

The game attracted a healthy crowd of over 6,000 who paid £120 for the privilege of taking part in an historic

### SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

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2) Southampton	34	19	7	8	58	39	45
3) Portsmouth	34	17	9	8	61	35	43
4) LUTON	34	17	7	10	64	40	41
5) Tottenham	34	16	7	- 11	46	29	39
6) Plymouth	34	16	7	- 11	52	33	39
7) Norwich	34	13	10	- 11	46	38	36
8) Bristol Rov	34	15	5	14	56	56	35

occasion.

Mr J.W. Green formally opened proceedings by kicking off the contest but before doing so announced that he would be donating 25 guineas (£26.25) to the club.

The game itself was end to end from start to finish with both sides hitting the woodwork. The Town had a point to prove having finished second bottom of the Southern League the previous season (fortunately they were reelected with little fuss) and had recruited some heavyweight players to take the place of some lightweights who were 'not able to withstand the rigours of competitive football.' In other words the long ball and muscle were to be the order of the day!

Although the Plymouth match was end to end the referee had a huge task in preventing the contest from developing into a 'rough and tumble affair' and

more than once had to separate brawling players. If the supporters were to learn anything from the display it was that the players were not going to roll over and die that season.

The new enclosure was smaller than the one left behind and was already hemmed in by new houses in lvy, Beech and Oak Roads as well as the railway line. Behind the Oak Road goal was wooden terracing with a high wooden fence behind while at the Kenilworth Road end clinker banking had been built up to provide a reasonable vantage point.

ary for the ground and along this side more wooden terracing was placed with a roof extending over the back few steps. On the opposite side stood the wooden main stand which had followed the club through its various moves. With a standing paddock in front, this side of the ground was reck-

Beech Hill Path was a natural bound-

Manager: Team picked by directors

Top Scorer: Alexander 'Sandy' Brown

1905/06

League Position: 4th

FA Cup: 4th qualifying round

Memorable

Match: Vs Plymouth D 0-0

oned to hold 1,500 out of a total capacity of 10,000

To finish off, a 'stout wooden fence' enclosed the pitch which was something that had not been present at either of the other two grounds.

After the poor showing during the 1904/05 season the team was greatly improved over the following campaign, the first at their new ground, and finished fourth in a strong division. They also managed to end up as top goalscorers aided in no small part by ex-Scottish international centre-forward Sandy Brown, 'The Glenbuck Goalgetter', who weighed in with 18 of the Town's 64 goals.

The Town handed out thrashings to several clubs with their new look side and with it came increased crowds and, of course, higher gate receipts as the club moved into a new era.

### **Elsewhere in football**

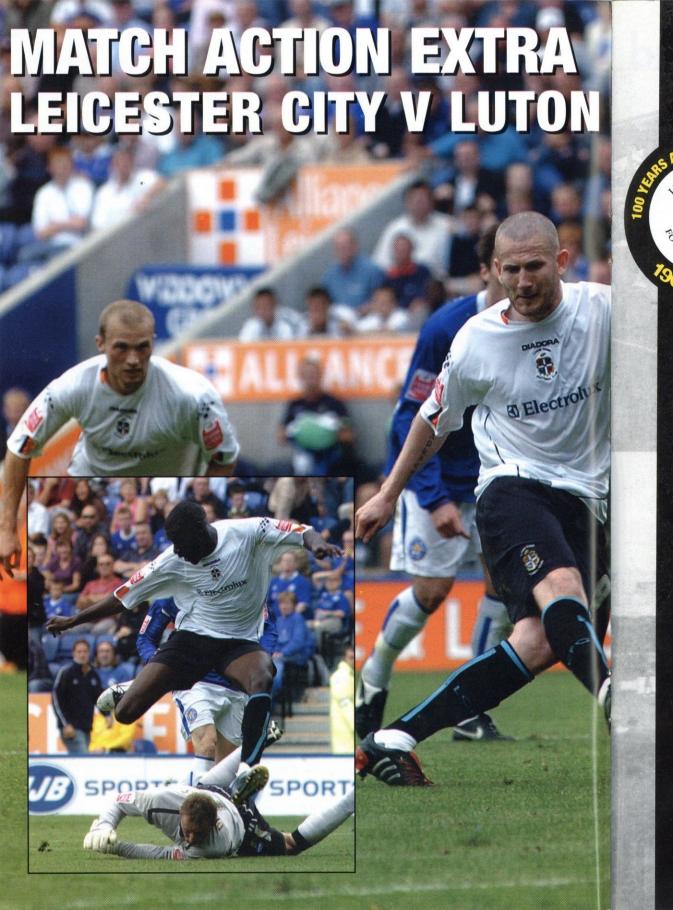
Fulham were worthy champions of the Southern League, setting the pace from the start and remaining unbeaten until November. Their closest challengers, Southampton, conceded the title after losing 0-5 at Kenilworth Road

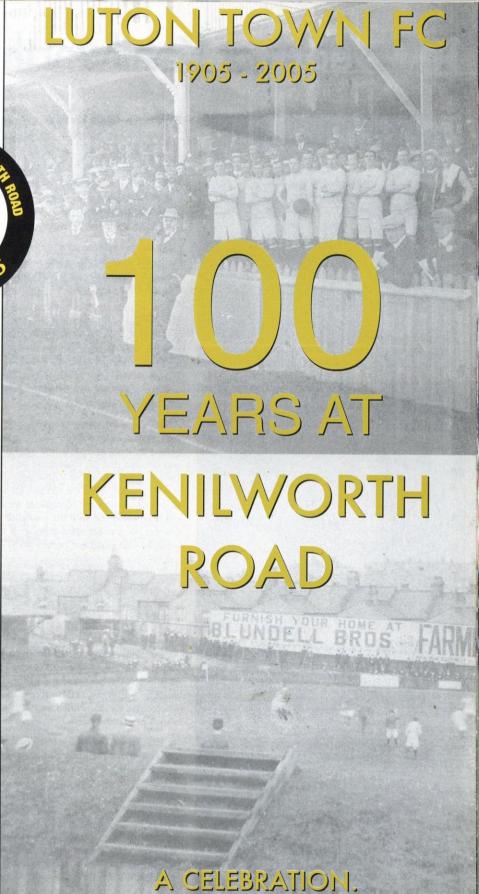
- \* Newly formed Chelsea were elected directly into the Football League!
- \* Liverpool were champions of

Football League Division One while Bristol City took the Division Two

- The F.A Cup winners were Everton who beat Newcastle I-0 at the Crystal Palace in front of a crowd of 75,609.
- \* Only one Southern League side made it to the F.A.Cup quarter-finals with Southampton then going down 0-3 at Liverpool.
- \* Of the four players retained by the Town at the end of the disastrous 1904/05 season local trio. Fred Hawkes, Fred White and Bob Hawkes formed the Luton half-back line with distinction as they were to for the majority of the Edwardian
- \* Today's visitors Wolves finished bottom of Football League Division







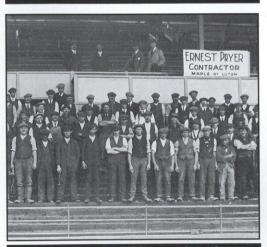
# 100 years at Kenilworth Road



☐ Kenilworth Road - 1975



☐ Crowds in the Bobbers - 1955



☐ Proud workers in front of the new Main Stand - 1922

he Town were forced to leave their Dunstable Road ground in 1905 following the decision by the club's landlords to develop the site. After looking at several locations, the Board decided to buy a plot of land only a goal kick away from their previous home which, even then, seemed far from ideal. The new ground, at the end of the newly built lyy Road, was smaller than their previous home, had a part sliced off by the Luton to Dunstable railway line and sloped from one corner to the other.

Cost was the obvious motive behind buying such an awkward plot when so many better sites were available at the time, but even so the purchasers could have little realised that the Hatters would still be using the ground 100 years later.

The old wooden main stand which had seen service at both Dallow Lane and Dunstable Road, the club's previous grounds, was re-erected at the new enclosure and a cinder bank was built up behind the town (Kenilworth Road) end. The other two sides of the ground consisted of planking on wooden scaffolding which would certainly not pass Health and Safety scrutiny today.

With the growth of the town came increased crowds and after several high profile F.A.Cup games culminating in severe crushing when Preston were the visitors in 1921 it was decided that the main stand was not large enough and tenders were invited for a new structure. The idea was quickly shelved when the tenders came back (!) but a year later a mysterious fire completely destroyed the 30 year old main stand and with the insurance money, the club erected the present stand although it then finished level with the Oak Road end penalty area.

The next major change came about in 1933 when money raised by the Supporters Club enabled the Beech Hill Path side of the ground to be roofed and the terracing underneath concreted. This was soon christened the 'Bob Stand' later changed to 'Bobbers' as it cost a bob (5p) to stand there.

At that time neither end of the ground had been developed and one can only wonder how uncomfortable it must have been when Chelsea were the visitors for an F.A.Cup replay in 1935. Somehow, 23,041 were squashed in and that did not include the many hundreds who gained illegal entry after a gate at the Kenilworth Road end was forced.

All this changed when the Hatters were promoted to Division Two at the end of a momentous 1936/37 season with £30,000 being earmarked for ground improvements. This was regarded as a huge sum at the time and supporters watched amazed as houses were bought up in Kenilworth Road in order that part of the gardens could be utilised in extending the terrace behind the goal. The new Kenilworth Road terrace was regarded locally as one of the wonders of the modern world as it was higher than the Clock End at Arsenal's Highbury Stadium. Also at this time

the main stand was extended to the Maple Road corner to leave the structure essentially as it is today.

It was reported that the ground now had a capacity of 34,000 but although the club thought that this figure had been severely tested when Aston Villa were the visitors for the opening home game of the following campaign the turnstiles stopped clicking at a figure of 25,349, although contemporary commentators could not envisage another 9,000 squeezing in.

In the following close season more Supporters Club money was raised to finally roof and concrete the terraces of the Oak Road end meaning that three sides of the ground were now under cover.

Although over the next forty years various plans were put forward to make drastic alterations to Kenilworth Road, including completely replacing the 'past its useful life' main stand in 1955, and erecting a double-decker stand over the Kenilworth Road terrace there were actually only two modifications made. The Oak Road end was extended to its current height in 1956, when this writer's earliest footballing memory is of seeing cranes lifting concrete terracing slabs over the Bobbers Stand at the end of Ivy Road, and then seats being installed in the Bobbers Stand in 1973.

Major changes to Kenilworth Road were forced on the club when the Safety of Sports Grounds Act hit the statute books in 1980 and £380,000, which was ill-afforded at the time, needed to be spent on the stadium with fences erected on and in front of the Oak Road and Kenilworth Road ends and extra exits made in the main stand to ensure that the ground could be evacuated in two and a half minutes.

Further far reaching changes were made in the mid-1980's when the Bobbers Stand was converted to executive boxes, the Kenilworth Road end covered, seats installed in the main stand enclosure and the Oak Road end and, most controversially, an artificial surface was laid. The ground could now be used at all hours of the day and night and many thousands have boasted of playing at a top flight football ground which far outweighed the negative comments made by a vocal minority in the football world.

Following increasing pressure put on the club by the footballing authorities the artificial surface was finally rolled up in 1991 and at the same time seats were placed in the lower section of the Kenilworth Road end and the New Stand was built on the Maple triangle. The ground became completely all-seater at the end of the 1993-94 campaign.

With the placing of seats at the very rear of the Kenilworth Road end over the past close season the capacity of the ground is now around 10,700 which is a far cry from the 30,069 who were shoe-horned in for the F.A.Cup quarter-final clash against Blackpool in 1959.



☐ Houses in Kenilworth Road give way to progress



☐ The seating of the Oak Road end - 1986



☐ The Kenilworth Road end finally gets its cover - 1986

# **Bob Morton**

Loyalty, dependability and versatility. Luton Town's all-action hero and record appearance holder.

orn in Aston Clinton in 1927, Bob Morton stayed loyal to his roots throughout his life as he did to his only Football League team Luton Town with whom he spent nearly 20 years. He maintained a great love of 'his' club right up until his untimely death three years ago.

Whilst playing locally for Waterlows, Bob was spotted by Luton scout Hubert Day and asked to sign amateur forms for the Hatters as the war drew to a close.

The Town, though, did not seem in too much of a hurry to sign him full-time and after a County representative game at Bishops Stortford, which Bob's side won 5-4 after being 4-1 down at half-time, Jimmy Seed and Jimmy Trotter asked him to go to Charlton. When the Town got wind of this they awoke from their slumbers and on his return home a telegram arrived asking Bob to report to Kenilworth Road with the result that he signed the following day on 50/- (£2.50) a week to play for the Colts.

Bob served his time as a toolmaker while working his way up through the ranks and eventually made his Football League debut at West Ham on 30th October 1948 in a game which the Town won 1-0. This marked the start of a league career spanning 495 games which is a record for the club and which is unlikely to be beaten.

Although starting with the Hatters as a centre-forward, Bob played with equal skill as a centre-half and wing-half and it is for this reason that international honours at senior level, although seemingly a certainty on occasions, never came his way. The selectors did not know where to play him!

Regarded as the best wing-half at the club, it was at centre-forward where he enjoyed the greatest headlines partnering prolific goalscorer Gordon Turner. Bob played as a deep lying centre-forward, in a position perfected by Don Revie of Manchester City, and drew the opposing centre-half leaving a gap for Gordon to enter. If the defenders got wise they would simply play wall passes off each other. It was in this role that Bob netted his only hat-trick when he starred during an 8-2 win over Sunderland in 1955.

Obviously the high point in Bob's career was the F.A. Cup Final in 1959 which saw the Town, having beaten Forest: 5-1 in a league game only weeks before, lose 1-2 at Wembley in a disappointing performance. Bob realised afterwards that the Hatters were over-confident as it never entered their heads that they might lose. This was both the greatest and saddest day of his life.

Following the Cup Final defeat, the fortunes of the club took a dive but Bob remained faithful, despite a transfer bid from Preston, all the way through the divisions before leaving at the age of 38 in 1965 to become manager of Bletchley Town for three years. As a reward for his tremendous loyalty he was awarded a testimonial game against F.A.Cup holders West Ham.

"I first met Bob at a dance at the George Hotel in Luton in 1951 and we married two years later;" Bob's widow June recalls. "We married at 10.00 on a Saturday morning and later that day Bob played against Blackburn at Kenilworth Road where the fans showered him with confetti as he ran out before the start.

"Bob never had a bad word to say about the club and always felt they treated him fairly. He always came home with a smile on his face and was often in stitches over some dressing room antic or the tactical team talks of manager Dally Duncan.

"Having said that, the Town had tremendous team spirit, as they do today, and Bob typified that spirit and he would play anywhere in the side without fuss. I still have a lot of his memorabilia and the joy and pride that Bob had when he pulled on a white shirt shines through. I have recently been reading some of his letters from Turkey, where Luton were on tour in the 1950's, when the players were all pleading for food as all that was on offer was soup with a raw egg floating on top. A local newspaper is also included where down the margin Bob has made several attempts at the word 'diarrhoea' before sending another letter home!"

A quote from a newspaper scribe in 1955 after Bob had given Wolves' England centre-half Billy Wright the runaround during a 5-1 thrashing at Kenilworth Road sums up perfectly what the football world thought of him. 'Black haired Bob Morton with the build of a dreadnought and the speed and manoeuvrability of a corvette was on the fringes of the England squad as a wing-half. He should now be a contender to lead the attack!"



# Special Memories

We speak to a variety of people connected with Luton Town to ask them for their memories of Kenilworth Road.

BILL TOMLINS: My most immediate memory of Kenilworth Road has to be the League One title success last season. To have played a role in putting a smile on so many of our supporters faces and seeing the joyous scenes at Kenilworth Road will live long in the memory. I still remember the hugs and handshakes from so many supporters at the end of that season and it was rewarding to have played a part. Football is all about the highs and the lows and that season finished on an unbelievable high for everybody connected with the club. Thanks to our players and manager for lifting so many peoples spirits during a wonderful sea-

From the past, I have many fond memories from my role as Club Secretary and during the 1987/88 season, when the club reached Wembley on three occasions, Kenilworth Road staged some wonderful matches. I remember one particular game during our centenary season for the football club when we beat Southampton 7-0. Peter Shilton was in goal for the visitors on that day and had it not been for him, we could have well gone on to score more. All our players were in outstanding form that day and I remember like it was yesterday as Brian Stein scored a memorable hat-trick

MIKE NEWELL: My most memorable occasion at Kenilworth Road would have to be my hat-trick against Liverpool (Luton won 4-1 on the 25-10-86)

Since I supported Liverpool as a kid, it was a special occasion for me and I remember all the goals clearly.

Being presented with the League One trophy was another special one for me.

The game at home to Hull last season when we grabbed the late winner will also stick in my mind. After the final whistle, it was absolutely fantastic and I don't think I've heard it like that before. It was similar for the Brentford game at the end of season.

**KEVIN NICHOLLS:** Without a doubt, my best moment at Kenilworth Road has to be lifting the championship trophy in front of all our fans on the last home game of last season against Brentford.

It feels as though that squad of players has helped contribute to leading the club back to the old days.

Kenilworth Road does hold a lot of history but it is time we moved on and hopefully we can get permission to move to a new and bigger stadium.

BRIAN STEIN: As a player I enjoyed many special occasions at Kenilworth Road but I would have to say that my most memorable moment was when we won promotion back into the top flight of English football in

We won the old Division Two title in style and had a fantastic team back in those days under the leadership of David Pleat. We had tried for many seasons to win promotion back to the top flight and to do it in the way that we did was amazing.

As a coach, it would obviously have to be winning the League One title last season because of the manner in which we won it. The success last year reminds me very much of how I helped the 1982 squad win the title.

**CHERRY NEWBERY (Club** Secretary): Of course there have been many memorable matches but the best memories I have of Kenilworth Road is of the people who make up the 'family' of Luton Town Football Club. From the fans whose loyalty is second-to-none and support the club through thick and thin. The players, each with their own individual character and the Managers who have worked here and have remained friends of the club. Finally, the loyal staff both full time and matchday, that have been with us over the years. It's all these people that make up the 'family' of Luton Town Football Club

Kenilworth Road is a very special place full of tradition and memories for all of

### **GEOFF LOVELL (Safety**

Officer): I have enjoyed some great occasions as a supporter and an employee of Luton Town but I remember working as a Planning Inspector for the Luton Police for two-years and I worked at Kenilworth Road during the club's run to the Littlewoods Cup

When the plastic pitch was installed at Kenilworth Road, I remember working at a number of hockey games and boxing matches and combined with the football, it was a hectic but wonderful year for the club.

Since I have been working at the club, there has been the good and the bad times with promotion, relegation and administration but hopefully the lows are behind us and we can carry on moving forward.

NICK OWEN (celebrity supporter): One of the greatest moments for me has to be my first ever game. It was against Leeds United in September 1958 which ended 1-1.

I also remember the fantastic victory over Mansfield with Graham French scoring a sensational goal. I remember the goal well and that started our recovery back up the divisions.

Some other memorable moments include Mike Newell's hat-trick against Liverpool and the game with Hull last season when Ahmet Brkovic scored a last gasp winner.

Kenilworth Road has been like a second home to me and although I know we have to leave one day, there's always something special about going to Kenilworth Road.

### **ROGER WASH (Club**

Historian): I have numerous memories of Kenilworth Road but my first time the fans of my generation saw us win something will always be special.

Almost 19,000 saw us beat Crewe 4-0 in 1968 to clinch the championship of Division Four in style.

# Messages from Past Players

Messages from ex Luton players and managers have sent their best wishes to everyone at the football club for this afternoon's special occasion

Congratulations to everyone at the Club. Wonderful memories forever. Best wishes to Mike Newell and the Team for this season.

### **MAL DONAGHY**

I am sorry I will not be able to attend as I have not been feeling well lately. I really enjoyed my 5 years at Luton. I am sorry that I won't be able to meet up with my old team mates. Have a great day.

### TOM McKECHNIE

Sorry that I can't be with you due to work commitments. Have a great day! Best wishes to all at Luton Town FC. **GORDON RIDDICK** 

Thanks, Luton, for some great memories! I am sure there will be lots more in the future!

### DANNY WILSON

Sorry I can't be there, but I sure it will be a great occasion to mark the 100 years at Kenilworth Road. I had five happy years at the Club and look back with great affection on my time at

### **ALEC CHAMBERLAIN**

Due to work commitments, I am unable to attend this special event. I hope the day is a great success which I'm sure it will be. Good luck for the

### **GARY WADDOCK**

Sorry that I can't be with you. Have a great day! Good wishes to all the fans. I have treasured memories of my days at Kenilworth Road.

### **TONY READ**

Congratulations on 100 years at Kenilworth Road. My first visit to the ground cost 9 old pence. I was passed over the heads of supporters until I was behind the goal. There I watched Ron Baynham and dreamed of playing for my home town team!

### **ALAN SLOUGH**

Wishing all Staff, Players and Supporters a fantastic day. Best wishes for this season.

### **GEORGE CUMMINS**

Due to illness I am unable to attend, but send my best wishes to the Supporters and Football Club for the

### **DAVID PREECE**

Congratulations and best wishes to Luton Town Football Club and Luton Town Supporters Club on the 100 years Anniversary at Kenilworth Road. Regards to my former team mates and friends. I trust everyone will have a memorable day. My thoughts will certainly be at Kenilworth Road on September 10th.

### **JOHN GROVES**

Happy 100th Anniversary. Best wishes to the Football Club and the fans.

### **BRUCE RIOCH**

Sorry I am away in France. Would love to be there to meet again with many old friends and relive many happy memories.

### **CHRIS NICHOLL**

I hope it's a fantastic occasion and just to say it was one of the most enjoyable periods of my career, with some great people!
PAUL WALSH

I am sorry I am unable to attend due to football commitments, but I send my very best wishes to everyone. I hope that the celebration of a wonderful football club is a huge success. I spent seven marvellous years at Kenilworth Road and it will always be very special to me. Mossy.

### DAVID MOSS

Happy 100th Anniversary! Sorry to miss the celebration.

### **BRENDAN McNALLY**

Hope you have a fantastic day. Great memories of my four years at Luton Town and my rapport with all of the supporters. Best wishes.

### PAUL FUTCHER

I spent a fantastic three seasons at Luton Town, gaining promotion as Champions, then staying up in the top flight for two more seasons. Great manager and staff, great players, with a tremendous team spirit and fantastic support! Yours in sport.

### **BRIAN HORTON**

Great Club! Great Fans! Great Memories!

### RADDY ANTIC

Good luck to Luton Town and Mike Newell for this season! **PETER NICHOLAS** 

Sorry that I am unable to attend, but I have to work. Enjoy a great day! Having spent nine years at Luton Town in three different spells, having worked on grass and artificial surfaces, it has been my pleasure to admire some very special players, together with crowds who brought the atmosphere to the stadium. Enjoy the day!

### TREVOR HARTLEY

I feel very fortunate to have played for Luton Town at Kenilworth Road over the years. Good luck to all at the Club. Many apologies for not being able to attend. Best wishes,

### DAVID OLDFIELD

Having had 13 years as a professional and been associated with the Club since II years of age, I regret that I am unable to be involved on such a special occasion, but wish everyone an enjoyable day and the Club continued suc-

### **RICHARD HARVEY**

Sorry I cannot attend as I will be working for Crystal Palace on that day. I hope there are other functions as I would love to be part of the celebrations, as my 17 years with the Club as coach & player mean a lot to me. Have a great day. Best wishes,

### WAYNE TURNER

Thank you for your kind invitation and all the best for the rest of the season. I will see some of your games but I am unable to be with you on the 10th because of my wife's health JOHN REID.

100 years of memories to remember and savour!! Enjoy the day!! My memories of Kenilworth Road are all good ones, especially Marv's face as he notched the winner 'v lpswich' in the last minute!! Sorry I can't be there. STEVE DAVIS

Everyone is thrilled with the turn around and progress made by the Club under the guidance of Michael Newell and all the management team at the club. With every good wish to everyone connected with the club it is wonderful to see the history and tradition of Luton Town continue.

### DAVID PLEAT

# Your Greatest Games

We selected 100 Luton supporters at random and asked them to name us their most memorable game at Kenilworth Road from the last 100 years.

I Steve White Brentford - 4-2 2005 2 Konnor Lyness Southampton - 3-2 2005 3 Derek Tompkins Blackpool - 1-0 1959 **4 Steven Dove** West Ham United - 3-2 1994 **5 Stuart Freer** Brentford - 4-2 2005 6 Richard Bates Liverpool - 4-1 1986 7 Adam Paul Fountain West Ham United - 3-2 1994 8 Peter B Coleman Wolves - 1-0 1956 9 Doug Boast Liverpool - 1-2 1974 10 Phillip Bassill Sunderland - I-2 1962 11 David Cooke Newcastle - 2-0 1994 12 Anthony Gillam Southampton - 3-2 2005 13 Jonthan Brown West Ham United - 3-2 1994 14 Robert Hardwick Mansfield Town - 4-2 1968 15 Rob Hadgraft Liverpool - 3-0 1987 16 Nick Albone Hull - 1-0 2005 17 Nigel Atha Aston Villa - 2-1 1983 18 Mark Chandler Hull - I-0 2005 19 Ben Weeks Ipswich - 4-2 1998 20 Roo Mower Brentford - 4-2 2005 21 Chris Pratt West Ham - 3-2 1994 22 Paul Warren Cardiff - 3-0 1971 23 David Hughes Brentford - 4-2 2005 24 Andy Miller Liverpool - 4-1 1986 25 Timothy Harris Liverpool - 3-0 1987 26 Stewart Smith West Ham United - 3-2 1994 27 Guy Plumb Sunderland - 3-4 1974 28 Scott Mitchell West Brom - 3-2 1994 29 Steve Witchard West Ham - 3-2 1994 30 Stephen Feekins **OPR - 3-3 2001** 31 Richard Tilley Liverpool - 4-1 1986

32 Paul Giddings

Brentford - 4-2 2005

34 Hercules Toyer Southampton - 3-2 2005

33 Zak Tilley

Shrewsbury - 4-1 1982

35 Jon Fleet Southampton - 7-0 1985 36 Roger Whichelow Liverpool - 4-1 1986 **37 Ronald Matthews** Sunderland - 6-2 1956 38 Chris Johnson Plymouth - 2-0 2002 39 Michael Coleman Aston Villa - 2-1 1983 40 Chris Johnson Plymouth - 2-0 2002 41 Martyn Bacon Newcastle - 3-2 1982 42 Mark Pedder West Ham - 3-2 1994 43 Andrew Bates Plymouth - 2-0 2002 44 Andy Davis Middlesbrough - 4-3 1963 **45 Daniel Dunne** West Ham - 3-2 1994 46 Mark Stephenson Newcastle - 3-2 1982 **47 Jamie Dimery** Bristol City - 3-2 2004 48 Colin Unwin Mansfield Town 4-2 1968 49 Matthew Green Bristol City - 5-0 2005 50 Paul K Billson Nottingham Forest - 3-4 1971 51 Simon Cook Hull - I-0 2005 52 Colin Guy Liverpool - 4-1 1986 53 Ian Chambers Nottingham Forest - 3-4 1971 54 Ceiron Galbraith Darlington - 5-2 2001 55 Howard Skinner Oxford - 2-0 1988 56 Paul Willis Liverpool - 4-1 1986 **57 Neil Boustred** Chelsea - 3-3 1980 58 Jonathan Miller West Ham - 3-2 1994 59 Jonathan Morgan Cardiff - 7-1 1978 **60 Peter Gardner** Shrewsbury - 4-1 1982 61 Michael Wilson West Ham - 3-2 1994 **62 Laurence Smith** Southampton - 7-0 1985 63 Steve Bostock Hull City - I-0 2005

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65 Mark Warren

Brentford - 4-2 2005

67 Andre Barzilay

Liverpool - 3-0 1987

**68 Steve Lindsay** 

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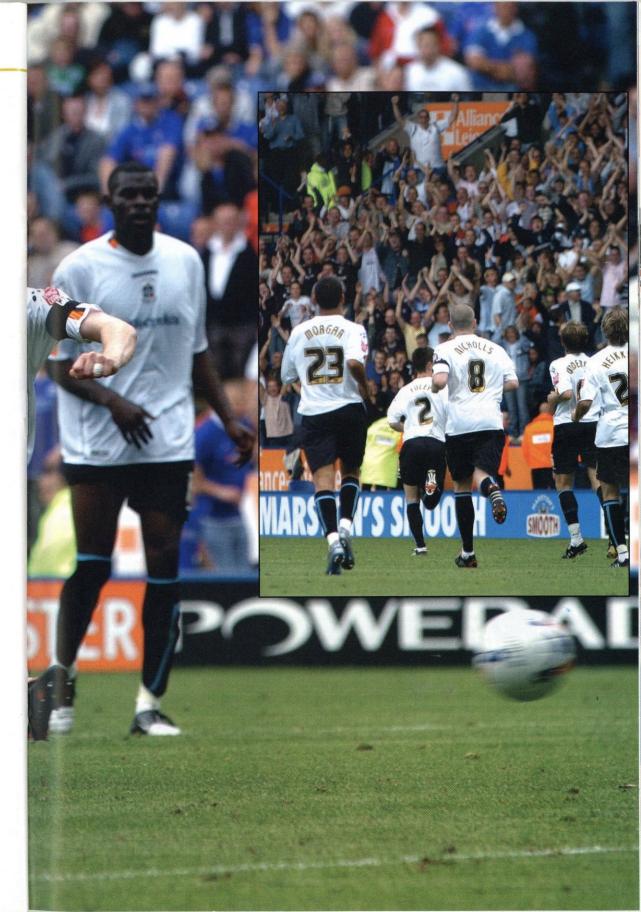
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100 David Wilkinson

Blackpool - 1-0 1959





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he Championship season has got off to a flying start and now that the transfer window is closed (well for four months anyway) we can concentrate firmly on matters on the

This afternoon's opponents, Wolves were widely tipped to be successful this season and have made a positive start to this campaign with their only defeat of the season coming at Leeds United. In their most previous fixture, Glenn Hoddle's team were live on Sky TV and Carl Cort scored a hat-trick against a Queens Park Rangers team who have this season beaten league leaders Sheffield United and last seasons third place finishers Ipswich. That victory ensured Wolves went into this fixture only two places behind us in the Championship table.

It has been a shock to the championship season that pre-season favourites Norwich City have failed to win any of their opening six games. Meanwhile, who would have predicted the relative success of near-neighbours Watford, largely tipped for the drop, who, like Wolves, have accumulated 11 points from the opening six games. This has largely been down to the success of vital goals from former Hatter Matthew Spring, who has scored two goals in just four appearances for the Hornets.

The shock result of the season so far must have been Preston's 4-0 win at promotion rivals Ipswich, with highly

rated Dave Nugent scoring two goals within four first half minutes.

Now that Coventry have their new Ricoh Stadium they will be hoping to climb the league and the ground is already proving a hit with the Sky Blue fans as they are unbeaten in the stadium. Gary McSheffrey, a former Luton striker, has yet to score in the new stadium but is playing a vital part in the team's success.

Sheffield Wednesday are a team struggling at the wrong end of the Championship table as Paul Sturrock's team are without a win from their opening six games however striker Lee Peacock is the man currently on form with three goals in his last two appear-

The top goalscorer for the Championship looks like it could go right down to the wire this year with Ade Akinbiyi of Burnley leading the way with five goals but a whole group of players are chasing him on four with our very own Brko not far behind on

Today's Championship fixtures provide some mouthwatering games as league leaders Sheffield United, who with five wins out of six, go into their game with lpswich full of hope. Meanwhile Reading have to go to the Ricoh Stadium to face Coventry, so victory for the Hatters today may see us hit top spot for the second time this season after we temporarily moved into that position following our early kickoff with Millwall on Bank Holiday Monday.



Lee Peacock, pictured in the blue and white shirt of Sheffield Wednesday, is currently the man on form in the Championship with two goals in his last three appearances

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In this afternoon's matchday programme, Football in the Community Officer Stuart Smith brings you dates and venues of the latest football courses.















he Summer Holidays are now finished and I'm delighted to say our courses were again a great success. We provided activity for in excess of 400 different children in Luton, Dunstable and Ampthill. The children in this time were fortunate enough to meet some of the first team squad including Kevin Foley and Curtis Davies. We also had support from

the club Scholarship players on these courses. Stuart Sinclair, Zak Barrett and Stuart Richardson kindly gave up their time to make presentations to the children. Its great to see the younger players attending the courses as the children see them as very real evidence of what they might be able to achieve as footballers; most children don't realise that you can be a full time footballer in a Pro Club at

While on the subject of players I would personally like to wish Curtis every suc-

such a young age.

cess at West Brom and in his future career and say a thank you for all the support he has given the Community Department both as a Scholar and as a Professional Player.

Below Curtis is pictured signing autographs for the children on one of our Barnfield courses.

We are now taking enrolments for two new sets of courses; details are below and should you want to enrol please call on 01582 391927.

Our massively successful Saturday Soccer School held at Bramingham Primary School, Freemans Avenue, Luton will run for two more terms. Coaching will start at 10am and finish at 11.30am This course is for children between the ages of 5 and 11 years old.

The first will run for 10 weeks on the following dates in 2005:

**SEPTEMBER** 1st 8th 15th 22nd **OCTOBER** NOVEMBER 12th 19th 26th

The second will run for 10 weeks on the following dates in 2006:

JANUARY 14th FEBRUARY 4th 11th MARCH 4th Payment for any one course is £3.00 per

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Stuart Smith



Curtis Davies is pictured signing autographs at a recent Luton Town Soccer Course

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# The **Greatest**

Who is your greatest Luton team of all time. This new feature in the matchday programme gives you the chance to tell us your all time Fantasy XI of Luton players.



Name: Rob Hadgraft

Date of Birth: 23/11/55

Occupation: Freelance Journalist

Years following Luton: 31

Currently Sit: Main Stand Enclosure

First Match: I was taken to

Kenilworth Road as a three-year-old

in 1959, but the first game I actually

remember was against Liverpool in

August 1974.

**Memorable Match:** 

Has to be Luton v Arsenal

(Littlewoods Cup Final, 1988)

### Goalkeeper

### 1. Kelvin Davis

A tough decision, but I'll go for this great shot-stopper, who, in my opinon, is now the fourth or fifth-best English keeper currently playing. He just gets my vote ahead of Les Sealey.

### Left-Back

### 2. Mitchell Thomas

'Spider' was a skilful and steady performer who gained great experience with Spurs and West Ham before returning to Luton in his thirties. Burnley were amazed and delighted when we let them sign him.

### **Right-Back**

### 3. Tim Breaker

Tim was sensational as he rampaged down the right flank at high speed, sending over accurate and dangerous crosses. Very strong and reliable and had a good shot on him too. He's marginally ahead of Kirk Stephens, Paul Telfer and John Ryan.

### **Centre-Back**

### 4. Steve Foster

A great leader and defensive rock. Not very quick and mobile, but his other attributes easily made up for that. Led us with distinction during the 80s 'glory' years. Paul Elliott may have had more talent, but Foster gets the vote for his leadership and organisation.

### **Centre Back**

### 5. Mal Donaghy

A tremendous footballer who formed a legendary pairing with Foster. Cool and skilful, he had great balance and pace and could also do a good job in midfield. Not far behind him would be the excellent Paul Futcher.

### **Right Midfield**

### 6. Ricky Hill

Ricky oozed skill and strength and scored some wonderful goals in his time. He could dominate games from midfield and had great poise and balance for a big man. It was a great shame his managerial career at Luton didn't really take off compared to his skills as a player

### Left-Midfield

### 7. Jean-Louis Valois

A sensational debut had us all drooling and his skills lit up Kenilworth Road when he chose to turn them on. Not great defensively but a creative genius. Matt Taylor and David Moss were better team players, but JLV's skills put him in front.

### **Centre-Midfield**

### 8. Kevin Nicholls

Earns his place thanks to some recent awesome displays. Kevin seems to be on top of his game and 2005-6 could become his best-ever season. He just pips Brian Horton and Peter Nicholas for this shirt.

### **Centre-Forward**

### 9. Mick Harford

A giant in every sense of the word. Rarely beaten in the air and a player every opponent feared. When David Pleat went out and signed Preece, Foster, Nicholas and Harford in the space of a couple of weeks, it was the work of a genius and changed Luton's history.

### **Centre-Midfield**

### 10. Brian Stein

A great finisher who used to link up superbly with the likes of Hill, Moss and Harford. Stein didn't miss many scoring chances and you rarely, if ever, saw him balloon shots off target. He was well-balanced and mobile, and as sharp as a tack.

### **Centre-Forward**

### 11. Roy Wegerle

Lightning pace and unbelievable ball skills were his main attributes. He scored some fine goals before QPR gave us a million for him. The plastic pitch suited his style well. He was the perfect foil to the more physical approach of Mick Harford.

### **Send us your team**

So who is your greatest Luton XI? Why not select your greatest Luton players. Simply send us an email at programme@lutontown.co.uk telling us your II (it must be a 4-4-2 formation) and, in no more than 50 words, your reasons behind your choice. Please also include a recent photograph of yourself and also include a daytime telephone number so we can contact you.

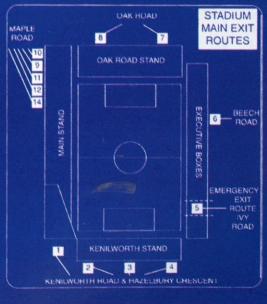
### SEND US YOUR GREATEST LUTON TEAM AT PROGRAMME@LUTONTOWN.CO.UK

### **EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

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.

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Geoff Lovell Safety Officer





# INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

In some supporters eyes, Chris Coyne should have gained international recognition that his form for the Hatters has deserved but in an exclusive interview for this afternoon's matchday programme, the central defender reveals he is refusing to throw in the towel

As Luton continue to build on from the success of last season, the club have begun to see more of its players achieve international recognition. Most recently Warren Feeney, Steve Robinson, Carlos Edwards, Markus Heikkinen and Kevin Foley have all seen their impressive performance at club level warrant a call-up on the international stage.

It was a surprise to many that Chris Coyne hasn't seen himself involved with the Australia squad last season after his consistent performances at the heart of Luton's defence played a major part in our League One title success.

Australia are just two games away from reaching the World Cup finals in Germany next year after somewhat comfortably beating the Solomon Islands (over two legs Australia won 9-1) in the Oceanian play-off zone. The Australians must now face the fifth placed team in the South American group, competing over two legs, for a place in the finals.

And Coyne hasn't given up hope of reaching a career ambition to represent his country and be given the chance to show what he is capable of doing on the international stage.

The central defender said: "I wouldn't say that it has surprised me that I haven't been selected but if I am involved this afternoon and I get a few games under my belt then I would like

It's all about opinions at the end of the day and if people don't think that I am an international player then I have to accept that and concentrate on my form for Luton

to think that there are some people watching who will give me the chance to impress on the international stage.

"If it doesn't happen then it is not something that will constantly be in the back of my mind but to represent my country is something that I would like to achieve in my career.

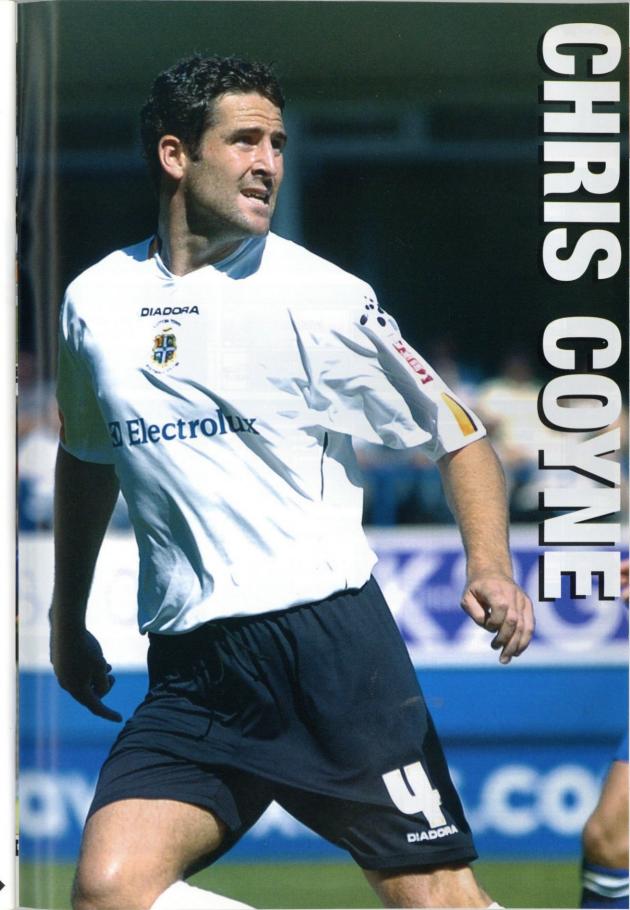
"It's just one of those things that I haven't been involved for my country. We were in League One last season and when you have players playing in the Premiership, La Liga and Serie A then you expect these people to watch the high profile players.

"It's all about opinions at the end of the day and if people don't think that I am an international player then I have to accept that and concentrate on my form for Luton which is the most important thing."

Coyne is anticipated to fill the void left by departed Curtis Davies and fit in alongside Heikkinen in Luton's defence after seeing his start to the season hit by injury.. Coyne continued: "I'm almost there with regards to my fitness but training is obviously not the same from playing games every week. I just want to get back into the swing of things because it has been a while since I last got injured and it has been frustrating just sitting watching the lads.

"I totally understand where the manager is coming from, you can't change a winning side and I would like to think I would be treated in the same manner if I was in that position. The gaffer has always stuck by people who have done good jobs for him."

Regarding Davies' move to West Brom, Coyne added: "I am really pleased for the guy. It is not like he has left us high and dry, he has gone on to better himself and he gets the best wishes from everyone at the club. The lads are hoping he will get us a few spare tickets for the Manchester United game."











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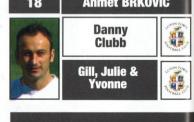
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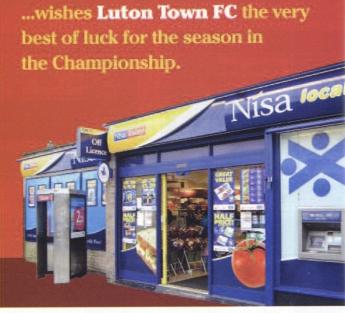


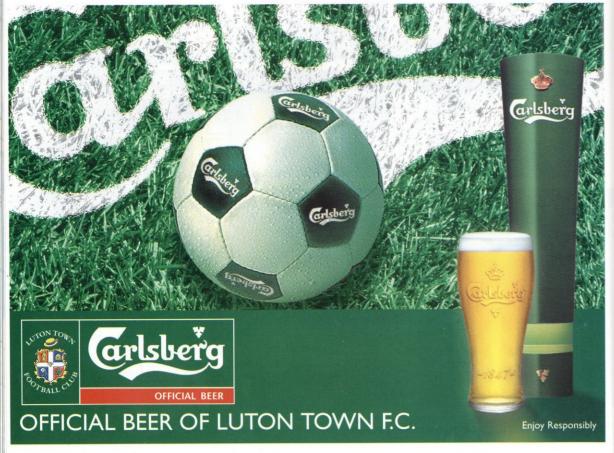
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# Luton Belles



**DAVID BAKER** writes exclusively for this afternoon's matchday programme to bring supporters right up to date with the latest news from the Luton Belles

elles began their season with the longest journey in womens football to Newquay in Cornwall.

Luton were quickly into their stride starting very fast and Rebecca Kane tested the goalkeeper within 10 seconds of the start. The high tempo continued with Michelle Byrne beating her marker and being hauled to the ground for a 1st minute penalty. Stacey Connell stepped up to convert the kick by firing into the roof of the net to make it 1-0. The hosts were not expecting to be tested to this degree as they had previously won their respective doubles for the past four years and had only last month drew with a near full strength Arsenal side. Town continued to give a good account of themselves and easily held their own in spite of the spoiling tactics of Newquay. The home side equalised when a near post cross was intercepted by Aimee Barrable who could do little to avoid firing the ball

low into her own net

Newquay then piled on the pressure but a resolute defence held firm and just before half time Town regained the lead. A free kick from Stacey Connell was ordered to be retaken by the referee and this time Fay Howell rocketed her shot into the net from 25 yards to regain the lead.

This was a tough physical test for the Belles and one they did not shirk as they traded blows with the home side whilst still playing passing football. A well worked free kick routine found Michelle Byrne who fired just over the crossbar and then Rebecca Kane looped her shot onto the crossbar but there was no one on hand to score from the rebound. Newquay equalised again with 20minutes left after keeper Alice Burbury had beaten away a shot but the resultant corner was well converted at the far post to make it 2-2. Minutes later Belles fell behind for the

first time following some poor defending as the home striker surged past three defenders and struck an unstoppable shot high into the net from 30 yards. Newquay then had a player dismissed from the field for committing yet another foul but Luton could not force the equaliser that their performance surely deserved.

Once again there were first team debuts for Hayley Matcham (15), Micky Taylor (14) and Ann Folan (16) who all equipped themselves well in the face of some hostile treatment both on the field and from a vociferous home crowd.

Belles are next in action at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium this Sunday against Swindon Town with a 200pm kick off and all are welcome to come along and support..



# **Charity Match**

Trust in Luton have arranged a charity match at Dunstable Town's Creasey Park on Sunday 18th September where a number of former Luton Town favourites will be involved.

Ex-players such as Ricky Hill, Scott Oakes, Phil Gray and John Dreyer will be involved in the game between a Hatters XI side that take on a Showbiz XI.

The Showbiz side will include EastEnders actress Laila Morse, aka Big Mo and singer less Conrad.

Souvenir programmes are on sale in advance priced at £3 or entry on the day will be £5 including a matchday programme.

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# Match Action



PHILIP FRANCIS reports from Kenilworth Road as Luton made it a Bank Holiday weekend to remember with their second victory in the space of three days.

### **Press Conference**

**Hatters boss Mike Newell** 



"It is always difficult playing two games in three days and anybody in the game knows that its difficult for the players bodies to recover. However we have worked hard and I'm just pleased that we have ground out a result. I didn't think we were at our best and we did look a bit tired which is expected because we have had seven games this month.

### **Millwall Manager Colin Lee**



We went close to getting a point when nobody really gave us a chance. I do feel very sorry for the players they have done so well to try and achieve that point.

### LUTON 2 MILLWALL I



☐ Warren Feeney scored his first league goal for the Hatters since his move from Stockpor

Curtis Davies winner twelve minutes from time separated the two sides and ensured that Luton went to the top of the table, albeit only for a little over three hours on Bank Holiday Monday.

Despite not reaching anything like top form, Luton had enough in their locker to defeat the Londoners.

The match started brightly enough for Luton, and when Warren Feeney netted after good work from Paul Underwood it looked like the goal would be the first of many.

A Dean Morgan error gifted Ben May a shock equaliser early in the second-half but credit to Luton must be given as Mike Newell's team never stopped trying to play neat football which at times had the visitors chasing shadows.

In the closing stages of the game, Millwall conceded a free-kick just outside their penalty area, but before the kick could be taken the visitors committed a grave error of judgement, by making an ill timed substitution The free kick was helped on its way by Ahmet Brkovic who in turn found Davies and the talented defender scored his last goal for the Hatters before his move to West Bromwich Albion with ease to give the Hatters another welcome three points.

Luton: On Target 6, Off Target 2, Corners 2, Offsides 5, Free Kicks Awarded 11, Yellow Cards I, Red Cards 0

Millwall: On Target 4, Off Target 3, Corners 5, Offsides 4, Free Kicks Awarded 19. Yellow Cards 1, Red Cards 0

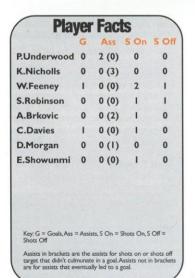


### **LUTON'S STARTING** LINE-UP

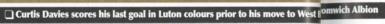


### MILLWALL'S STARTING LINE-UP











☐ Steve Robinson, who was called up by Northern Ireland in midweek, battles with Millwall's Tony Craig





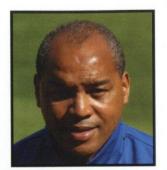


☐ Paul Underwood gets into the thick of action in Luton's recent win over Millwall









# Luton's Reserve & Youth





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Wed 24 Cardiff (Play-Off Final)

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Luton's reserve side kicked off their campaign this week with a trip to Oxford United. I single goal from Danny Stevens was enough to give the Hatters a victory in their opening game. Meanwhile, Luton's youth side continued their impressive tart to the new season with a hard earned draw against Wycombe.

### **RESERVE UPDATE**

**Oxford United 0** Luton Town 1 (Steven)

Wednesday 7th September 2005 Pontin's Holiday Combination League

Luton's reserve side kicked-off the new season with a narrow 1-0 victory over Oxford this week thanks to Danny Stevens' goal late in the second-

Fielding a side which included striker Steve Howard and Calvin Andrew, who returned from his loan spell at Grimsby Town, Luton looked largely in control of the game from start to fin-

Andrew had two efforts for the visitors before Steve Howard saw a far post header blocked by Andrew Gunn on eleven minutes.

Stevens certainly caught the eye for Luton, and saw a free kick go narrowly wide on 49 minutes before grabbing the winner on 73 minutes as he capitalised on a slip from Rob Wolleaston to nick the ball, run into the area and chip smartly past the despairing Oxford goalkeeper.

Talking after the game, Marvin Johnson said: "I felt the game was a fair result. We created some good chances in the first-half and although the uneven pitch

didn't suit our passing game, we were relatively pleased with the performance from the players."

### **RESERVE NEWS**

Due to the first-team's success in the Carling Cup, our scheduled home reserve game with Colchester United on Tuesday 20th September 2005 has been postponed.

This fixture has now been arranged for Tuesday 11th April, kick-off 2:00pm.

### YOUTH UPDATE

**Wycombe Wanderers 1** Luton Town 1 (Richardson)

Saturday 3rd September 2005 Football League Youth Alliance South **Fast Division** 

Luton's youth side continued their impressive start to the season with a draw over Wycombe Wanderers.

Stuart Richardson scored the goal for Luton midway through the second-half but despite dominating large periods of the game, Wycombe brought themselves back on level terms.

Speaking after the game, Marvin lohnson said:"I was very pleased with the lads performance, the first half

"It was the best we have played so far

this season and we have two or three good chances in the first-half.

"I spoke to the boys at half-time and said to them that if we played the same way in the second-half that we would go on to win the game and I was certainly encouraged by the performance of the players.

"The lads worked hard all game and I was pleased with our work effort and determination.

"In the first-half we had seven or eight good opportunities and we played some good football.

"Overall I was delighted with the performance from the boys and hopefully we can take this on into our next performance against Cambridge United next Saturday.

### **YOUTH NEWS**

There are two fixture alterations to the youth teams schedule. Firstly, Luton's youth side have been drawn away to Exeter City in the first round at 12:00pm on Saturday 1st October.

Meanwhile there is also a slight alternation to the kick-off time for the youths trip to Oueens Park Rangers on Saturday 19th November. The game, which was previously scheduled for a 11:00am kick-off, will now get underway at 10:45am

### LTFC YOUTHS

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Sat 17	Cambridge United	11:00 am
October Sat 01	Exeter City (Yth Cup)	12:00 pm
Sat 08	Colchester United	11:00 am
Sat 15	Brighton	11:00 am
Novemb Sat 19	OPR	10:45 am
Sat 26	Brentford	11:00 am
Decemb Sat 03	Northampton	11:00 am
Sat 10	Southend United	11:00 am
Sat 17	Portsmouth	11:00 am
Sat 07	Gillingham	11:00 am
Sat 14	Colchester United	11:00 am
Sat 21	Brighton	11:00 am
Februar Sat 04	QPR	11:00 am
Sat II	Brentford	11:00 am
Sat 18	Northampton	11:00 am
Sat 25	Southend United	11:00 am
March Sat 04	Portsmouth	11:00 am
Sat II	Gillingham	11:00 am
<b>Sat 18</b>	Leyton Orient	11:00 am
Sat 25	Rushden & Diamonds	11:00 am
April Sat 01	Wycombe	11:00 am
Sat 15	Cambridge United	11:00 am

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Goals: Deeney 2, Richardson I, R.Sinclair I,

of the FA Youth Cup, which will kick-off

☐ Leon Barnett gets into the thick of the action during the reserves win at Oxford





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We are looking at running a trip to our forthcoming match against Norwich on Tuesday 18th October, If you think that you might be interested in joining us, read page 11 now for further details

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BY RAIL: There are a number of ways to get to Loftus Road. There are two Shepherds Bush tube stations, one on the

Central Line and the other on the Hammersmith & City line. The latter is nearer to the ground which is about a ten minute walk. Leaving the tube station turn right and the ground will come into view further down on the right. Alternatively you could try White City Tube station on Wood Lane (opposite the BBC Television Centre). It's nearer the ground and less people seem to use it on match day. Please note that Queens Park tube station is nowhere near the ground.

TOUR: Leaving Maple Road at approximately 16:45. The fare for LTSC members is £9, £8 for concessions and £11 for nonmembers. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can also book online by visiting the fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk.

### BY COACH WITH BOBBERS

TRAVEL: Departs from Cranfield from 4:00pm and Luton at 5:00pm. Costs for this trip are £11 for adults and £9 for conces-

Supporters wishing to book their places for this trip should visit the Bobbers Stand at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground or telephone 01234 750996 foor further information.



### **HOW TO GET** TO HULL

BY ROAD: The following directions are from the M62, which can be reached via the MI. Leave the M62 at Junction 38 and join the A63, towards Hull. Stay on the A63 and the stadium is clearly signposted (KC Stadium) as you approach Hull. About one mile from the centre of Hull leave the A63 (also signposted for the Hull Royal Infirmary) and take the 2nd exit at the roundabout. Turn left at the lights and then over the flyover, right at the next lights and the ground is down on the right.

BY RAIL: The Stadium is 15 minutes walk from Hull Paragon station. Exit on the North (bus station) side of the station and follow the signed pedestrian route to the stadium via St. Stephens Square, St. Stephens Street and Londesborough Street.

PARKING: There is a Park & Ride facility signposted off the A63 (shared with home supporters). Many fans opt to park in one of the many town centre car parks and then walk out to the stadium.

BY COACH WITH TOWN ON TOUR: Leaving Maple Road at approxi-

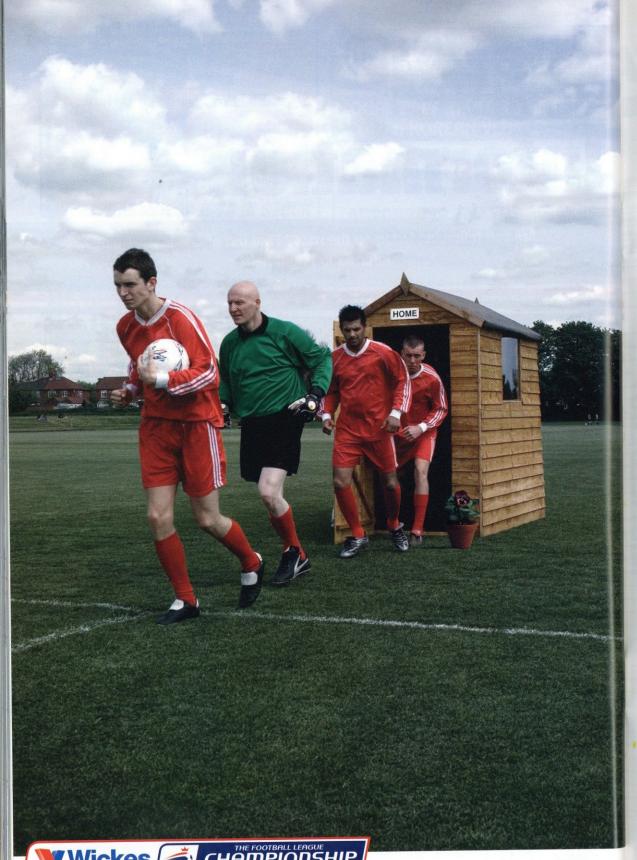
mately 08:00 with a pick-up at Milton Keynes approximatley half-an-hour later. The fare for LTSC members is £19, £17 for concessions and £21 for non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can also book online by visiting the fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk.

### BY COACH WITH BOBBERS

TRAVEL: Departs from Cranfield from 06.30am and Luton at 07:30pm. Costs for this trip are £17 for adults and £13.50 for concessions.

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## **ALL THE GOALS**

### HOW THEY WENT IN:

HEADERS: | SHOTS: 10

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TOTAL: 13 FREE-KICKS: 0

### A GAME OF TWO HALVES

### FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 7 - W 5 - D 1 - L 1 - F 6 - A 3 PTS 16

### SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 7 - W 3 - D 3 - L I - F 7 - A 4 PTS 12

### OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 5 Opponents score first goal: No goals scored:

Luton Town score first and win: 4 Luton Town score first and draw: 0

Luton Town score first and lose: Luton Town fail to score:

Opponents score first and win: 0 Opponents score first and draw: 0 Opponents score first and lose:

Opponents fail to score: 2

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 2 Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 2 Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 0 Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 2

AWAY

# HATTERS 2005-06 STATS

THE KEY: Scorer in Bold Cautioned; Dismissed; Denotes own goal in Luton's favour \* Match to be shown on Sky Sports First Substitution Second Substitution Third Substitution DATE **FIXTURE RES ATT AWAY POS** Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan Nicholls Robin Brkovic Howard Feeney Seremet Vine Showunmi Perrett Holmes 21,116 2,474 Sat 6 Crystal Palace Davies U'wood Morgan Nicholk Robinon Brkovic Howard Feeney Seremet Vine Showunmi Perrett Holmes 1,799 Brill Tues 9 Southampton Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan Nicholls Robinon Brkovic Howard Feeney Seremet Holmes Edwards Showunmi Perrett Sat 13 **Leeds United** 10,102 1,800 Davies U'wood Morgan Nicholls Robinon Brkovic Howard Feeney Brill Perrett Edwards Showunmi Davis Sat 20 Stoke City 18,653 2,224 Tues 2. Sat 27 Davies Davis Edwards Nicholls Leav Morgan S'wunmi Feeney Brill Beresford Keane Coyne Leyton Orient (CCI) Beresford Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan NichollsRobinon Brkovic S'wunmi Feeney Brill Coyne→ Davis → Edwards→ Holmes Leicester City Beresford Foley Heikkinen Davies U'wood Morgan Nicholls Robinon Brkovic S'wunmi Feeney Brill Coyne Davis Edwards Holmes Millwall Mon 29 8,220 Sat 10 Wolves 15:00 19:45 Tues 13 Sat 17 Hull City \* 12:45 Reading (CC2) 20:00 Tues 20 Fri 23 Sheffield Wednesday # 19:45 Tues 27 Preston 19:45 Cardiff City 15:00 Sat I 15:00 Sat 15 Crewe Alexandra Tues 18 Norwich City 19:45 15:00 Sat 22 **Plymouth** Sat 29 Coventry City 15:00 Sheffield United 19:45 Tues I 15:00 Sat 5 Burnley 15:00 Sat 19 Norwich Tues 22 Crewe Alexandra 19:45 15:00 Sat 26 **Crystal Palace** 15:00 Sat 3 Reading 15:00 Sat 10 Southampton ے Sat 17 15:00 **Stoke City** 19:45 Mon 26 Derby County Wed 28 19:45 Brighton Sat 31 **Ipswich Town** 15:00 Mon 2 Watford 12:00 Sat 14 Wolves 15:00 Sat 21 QPR 15:00 Sheffield Wednesday 19:45 Tues 3 15:00 Sat 4 **Hull City** Sat II Preston 15:00 19:45 Tues 14 **Cardiff City** Sat 18 Reading 15:00 Sat 25 Leeds United 15:00 15:00 Sat 4 Millwall 15:00 Sat II Leicester City Sat 18 **Derby County** 15:00 Sat 25 15:00 Brighton 15:00 Sat I **Ipswich Town** Sun 9 12:00 **Coventry City** 15:00 Sat 15 Mon 17 19:45 Plymouth Argyle **Sheffield United** 15:00 Sat 22 15:00 Sun 30 Burnley

### COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

HOME

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD
Sheff Utd	6	3	0	0	8	3	2	0	1	6	4	+
Reading	6	2	0	1	8	3	2	-	0	5	0	+1
Luton												
Watford	6	-	1	1	4	3	2	1	0	8	5	+
Southampton	6	2	1	0	3	0	- 1	E	-	4	4	+:
Wolves	6	3	0	0	6	2	0	2	1	2	4	+
Leeds Utd	5	2	0	0	4	1	ì	1	1	2	2	+:
Stoke City	6	2	1	0	5	2	1	0	2	3	6	0
Ipswich	6	2	0	-	3	5	- 1	1	1	3	3	- :
Derby	6	1	1	1	4	4	1	2	0	5	3	+
Hull City	6	1	2	0	3	1	- 1	1	1	2	2	+:
Preston	6	0	2	1	-	4	2	0	1	7	3	+
QPR	6	2	1	0	4	2	0	1	2	1	6	-3
Crystal Palace	5	2	0	1	4	2	0	1	1	2	3	+
Coventry	6	1	1	0	4	-	0	2	2	2	7	- 2
Brighton	6	1	1	1	4	4	0	2	-	-	3	- 2
Crewe	6	1	1	1	5	6	0	2	-	3	5	- 3
Leicester	6	1	1	1	4	4	0	2	1	4	7	-3
Burnley	6	1	1	1	7	4	0	0	3	3	7	-1
Cardiff	5	1	1	1	5	6	0	0	2	1	3	-3
Plymouth	6	0	1	2	3	6	-1	0	2	2	4	- 5
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Norwich	6	0	3	1	3	4	0	0	2	1	4	-4
Millwall	6	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	3	2	9	- 5

### TODAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

Burnley v Cardiff
Crystal Palace v Hull City
Coventry v Reading
Leeds v Brighton
Leicester v Sheffield Wednesday
Millwall v Preston
Norwich v Plymouth
Sheffield United v Ipswich
Southampton v QPR
Stoke v Watford



# Coming Next



DES O'DONNELL previews Luton's next opponents to Kenilworth Road - Sheffield Wednesday. The Owls have been struggling this season but certainly have strength in depth to cause problems during the campaign

he Owls fly south to provide our next opposition at Kenilworth Road after a fairly shaky start to the season where they have been unable to find a win in their opening five league games, hitting the net only once in three away fixtures.

Sheffield Wednesday, who won promotion along with the Hatters last season via the play-off route after beating Hartlepool in the final, will be looking to better their last trip to Kenilworth Road which ended in a I–I draw in a New Years Day fix-

ture. Our last victory over the Owls at Luton was in the last home game of the 2003/2004 season when, coming back from two goals down at half-time, The Hatters turned in a spirited second-half performance to win 3-2 with a last gasp strike from Steve Howard.

Although Wednesday have struggled so far this season, there are a number of players who have caught the eye including Steve MacLean, an ex-Glasgow Ranger striker who netted 20 goals last season, along with Lee Peacock and ex-Wolves striker

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Adam Proudlock, pictured here in action against Hull, will be one to watch

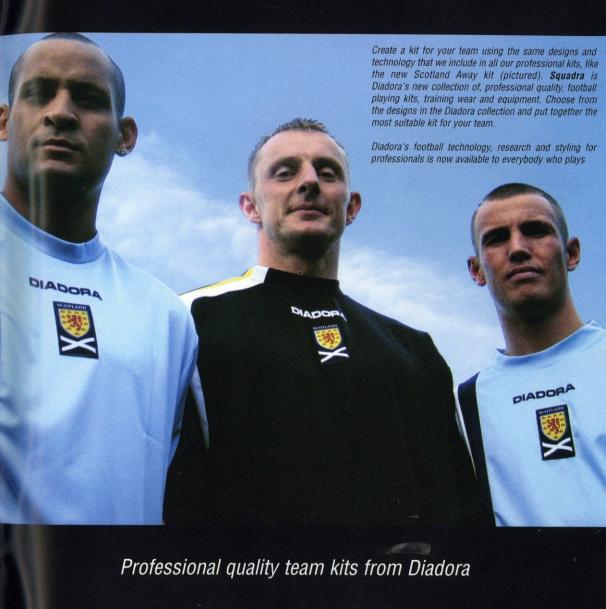
Adam Proudlock. The midfield is marshaled by the Republic Of Ireland under-21 captain, Glen Whelan who is known for his accuracy in passing and will be one for the Hatters to close down quickly. On the right hand side of defence the Owls have American import Frank Simek, who joined Wednesday from Arsenal in the summer, an athletic and solid player who will surely keep the Luton wingers busy.

The man in charge at Hillsborough is ex-Southampton boss Paul Sturrock who is the latest in a long list of managers at Hillsborough over the last 10 years, including our very own David Pleat (1995). Sturrock has already played a major role in bringing the good times back to Hillsborough when he played his part in guiding the club to the Championship last season.

Games between the two sides have often been close encounters in recent meetings with five of the previous eight fixtures ending in draws.

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Kevin Foley is 25/1 to score the first goal this afternoon against Wolves

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16 ENOCH SHOWUNMI

19 STEVE HOWARD

**26 MARKUS HEIKKINEN** 

**PETER HOLMES** 

**45 LEON BARNETT** 

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### **MATCH SUMMARY**

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