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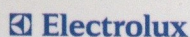


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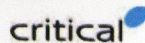
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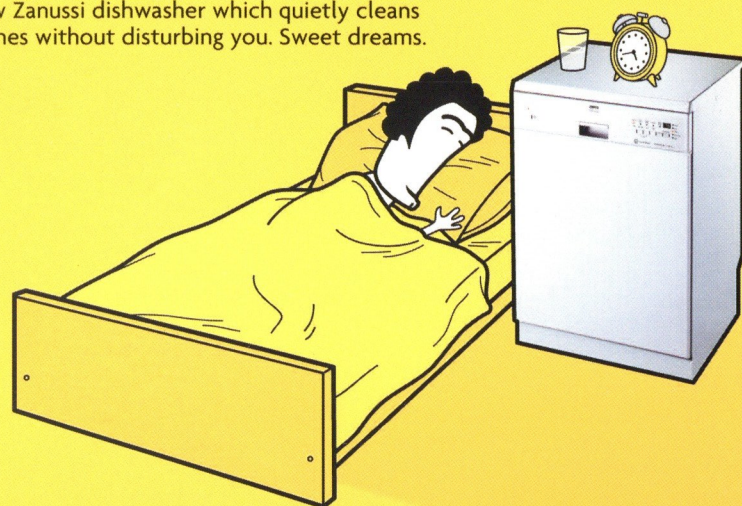


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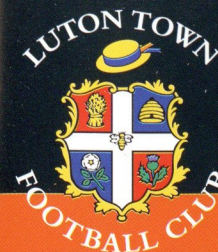
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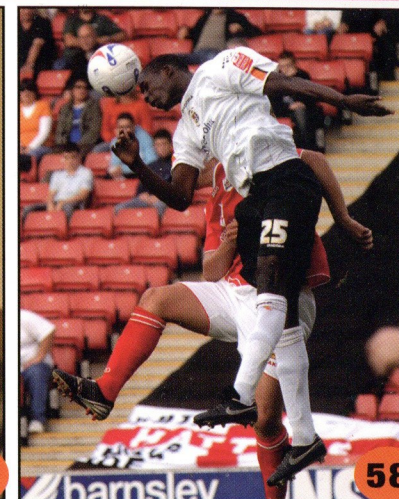
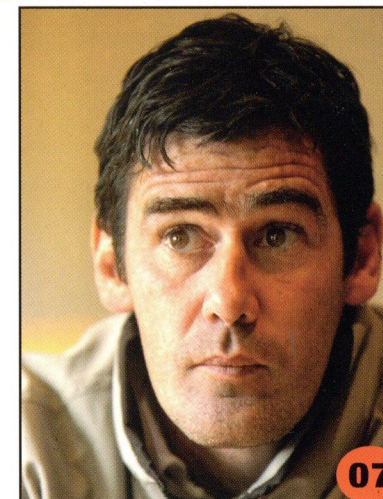
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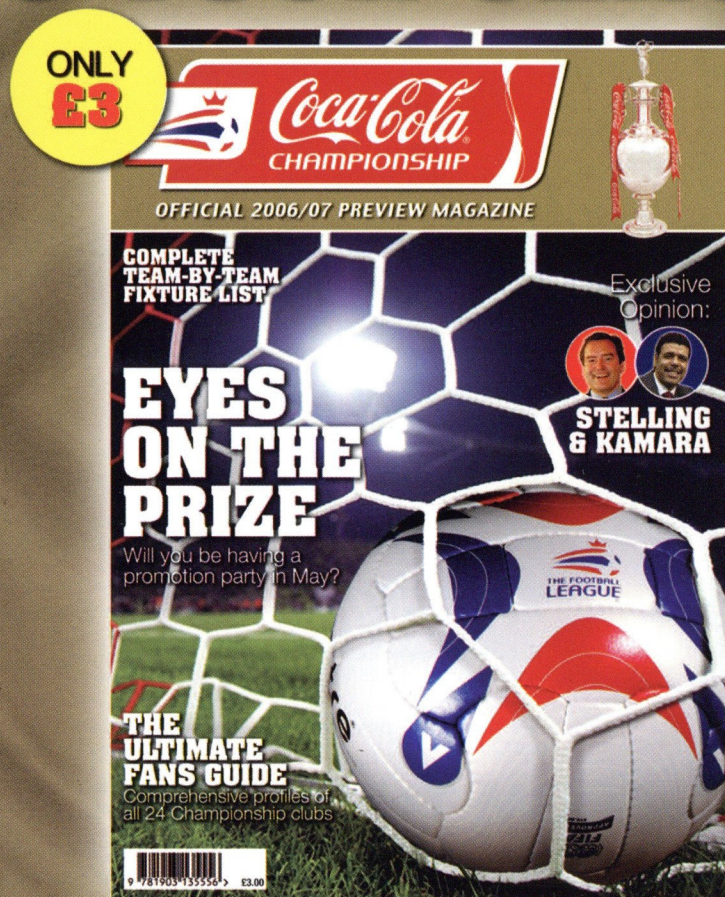
FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's highly anticipated fixture with Birmingham City. Can I thank supporters who have kindly sent letters in over the past few days with suggestions on certain articles they would like to see included inside this season's matchday programme. There has been some interesting ideas that have been put forward and we are looking at introducing some new material over the course of the season. Inside today's matchday programme, writer Geoff Knox has been speaking exclusively to in-form striker Rowan Vine. The former Portsmouth man has been talking about his time at Kenilworth Road and looks back at his career at Fratton Park. With the European Championship qualification games continuing recently, our Football Feature article asks the question - should the major nations play so many qualifying matches? Also find out how the Reserve team fared in their latest fixture against Southend. We also have all our usual features in another bumper edition of your matchday programme. Remember, you can contact us at programme@lutontown.co.uk.

COME ON YOU HATTERS!
STEVEN DOVE, EDITOR

We would like to welcome today's visitors to Kenilworth Road.

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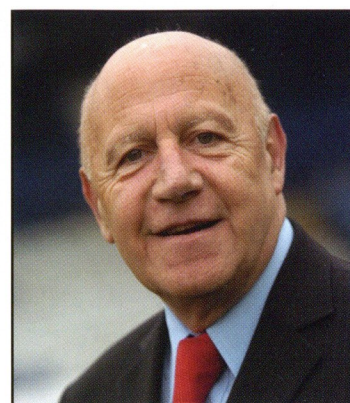
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From the Chairman

Bill Tomlins



Bill Tomlins
Luton Town FC Chairman

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to all our supporters to Kenilworth Road, and to our Championship visitors Birmingham City and their Directors, Management, Players and Supporters.

Due to the international break our last match was on the 30th September against Barnsley. These two week breaks can impact on fixtures, as our remaining October games show, especially when you add on our Carling Cup Third Round tie at Goodison Park. We will be playing six matches in eighteen days, averaging a game every three days.

The real concern for many clubs is the impact it may have on limiting player's recovery time in between

matches. Of course, we need to assist the national teams our players represent and our own national side. We are always proud when our players are selected. However, in achieving this many observers believe that under the present arrangement it can possibly impact on the very competition supporters follow each and every week.

One thing is certain, though, the final game prior to any two week break always adds an additional focus on the result due to the gap between matches. Our three points away at Barnsley was assured in the last minute of the match because of the alertness of Ahmet Brkovic, taking advantage of a mistake by Barnsley's young on-loan goalkeeper from Arsenal. I felt for the 'keeper; as he played his part in what was an exciting football match. However, as we have also experienced a goal against us just before the final whistle which changed the result, I, like many of our travelling supporters to the Oakwell ground, accepted the three points with open arms.

The invitation to the Directors to attend a supporters open forum, chaired by Roberto Perrone, has been well covered by the town's local BBC Three Counties Radio station, and

also by The Luton News and Herald and Post Newspapers. Three Counties recorded the open forum live on the night and was replayed on the following Saturday and Monday, creating an outcry from supporters because of the attempted disruption to the evening. Despite on the night the stage-managed entrance by a previous owner with a separate agenda, I have received on behalf of the Board many emails and phone calls from supporters frustrated by the events that unfolded, and I thank those fans for their supportive letters, calls and emails.

I completely understand football is nothing without passion. However, when that passion stops the majority from airing their views without interruption and their opportunity to put questions, it achieves very little other than leaving everyone frustrated. The informal discussions after the meeting were constructive and helpful and I believe we all went away better informed.

As always your support does make the difference so get behind the lads and enjoy the game.

Bill

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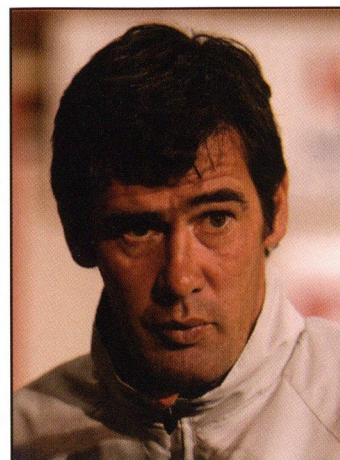
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From the Manager

Mike Newell



Mike Newell
Luton Town Manager

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Birmingham City. Welcome also to Steve Bruce, his Staff, Players, Directors and Supporters from St Andrew's. They have been able to keep a lot of their Premiership squad, as well as replacing the players they lost in the summer, and so today will probably be our sternest test so far at home.

On Thursday night I listened to a programme about football managers on Radio 4 (don't worry I haven't lost my marbles yet, I was advised it was on. Thankfully, I am still down with the kids when it comes to entertainment). It was packed full of managers, both old and young, employed and unemployed, telling everybody about the pressures involved, how hard it is and therefore how valuable the applied man-

agement course at Warwick University is, or could be.

Unfortunately, somebody, somewhere, along the line decided recently that football was a complicated game or, maybe, even a science where degree-like qualifications were required to hold down positions. This has allowed people with absolutely no idea about what the game entails to kid on the ordinary man in the street, that without these pieces of paper you are somehow not worthy or capable of understanding football. Are the so-called experts that everyone listens to pontificating before and after every game, dissecting every incident over and over again, also required to have the UEFA Pro License?

Why weren't Matt Busby, Jock Stein, Bill Nicholson, Bill Shankly, Bob Paisley, Brian Clough - absolute legends as managers (and forgive me if I have missed any) - and more recently Howard Kendall, Kenny Dalglish, George Graham, Alex Ferguson, Arsene Wenger and even 'The Special One' asked for proof of education? The common denominator in the managers I have mentioned is not just trophies, but one trophy in particular - the league title.

They have all won it, some with more resources than others, and most on more than one occasion.

Winning the league is the ultimate test and without question the hardest thing to achieve. Every one of these managers was, or is blessed with an understanding of the game and its simplicity, a degree in com-

mon sense and an ability to demand and get the best out of a group of young men. They have also had a built-in defence mechanism that would see them deal with the inevitable criticism that is unique in professional sport, and especially our national game. But, most importantly, all had a strength of character and inner belief in their ability that would not allow them to contemplate or suffer interference or meddling of any sort.

Not one of those managers ever tried to suggest that he had some secret or revolutionary method or that they were ahead of their competitors. They looked for and found the best players to play in their team. It is that simple.

The majority of football supporters are men or boys. A large proportion have played the game at some level. There are a few who have no idea what is going on, but it is only a few. To suggest it is beyond the average bloke's intelligence is not only arrogant, but bordering on contemptible. You can talk all day about systems and tactics and you can carry clip boards and make incomprehensible signals and gestures with as many fingers and hands as you like but you will never kid the ordinary man in the street.

I know that for a fact because I am one.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads

Mike

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Grzegorz Rasiak	Southampton	8	0	8
Robert Earnshaw	Norwich	8	0	8
Michael Chopra	Cardiff	6	0	6
Andy Gray	Burnley	6	0	6
Freddy Eastwood	Southend	3	3	6
Rowan Vine	Luton	5	1	6
Arturo Lupoli	Derby	4	1	5
Jon Parkin	Hull	5	0	5
Nicklas Bendtner	Birmingham	4	1	5

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Total number of goals scored on each ground - All competitions

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Carrow Road	Norwich	5	19	3.80
Home Park	Plymouth	5	17	3.40
Turf Moor	Burnley	5	17	3.40
St Andrews	Birmingham	5	15	3.00
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	5	15	3.00
Oakwell Stadium	Barnsley	5	15	3.00
The Hawthorns	West Brom	5	15	3.00
Layer Road Ground	Colchester	5	15	3.00
Roots Hall	Southend	5	14	2.80
The KC Stadium	Hull	5	14	2.80
Loftus Road Stadium	QPR	5	14	2.80
Ninian Park	Cardiff	5	14	2.80
Portman Road	Ipswich	5	13	2.60
Selhurst Park	Crystal Pal	5	12	2.40
Pride Park Stadium	Derby	5	12	2.40
Stadium of Light	Sunderland	5	11	2.20
Elland Road	Leeds	5	11	2.20
Molineux Stadium	Wolves	5	9	1.80
Hillsborough	Sheff Wed	5	9	1.80
Ricoh Arena	Coventry	5	8	1.60
St Marys Stadium	Southampton	5	8	1.60
Deepdale	Preston	5	7	1.40
Britannia Stadium	Stoke	5	7	1.40
The Walkers Stadium	Leicester	5	7	1.40

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..

shots on target 72 Barnsley. **shots off target** 75 Luton. **corners** 76 Plymouth. **hit** **woodwork** 5 Sheff Wed. **offsides** 53 Cardiff. **fouls** 163 Hull. **yellow cards** 25 Derby. **red cards** 4 Birmingham.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..

Shots 53 Robert Earnshaw (Norwich). **Shots on target** 23 Robert Earnshaw (Norwich). **Shots off target** 30 Robert Earnshaw (Norwich). **Assists** 7 Michael Chopra (Cardiff). **Crosses** 59 Lee Croft (Norwich). **Offsides** 25 Matt Fryatt (Leicester). **Fouls** 37 Barry Hayles (Plymouth). **Free-kicks won** 26 Stern John (Coventry).



2006/07 SEASON

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STATS

GOAL COUNTER

299

RIGHT FOOT 154 goals

51.5%

LEFT FOOT 75 goals

25.1%

HEADERS 59 goals

19.7%

Own goals 11 (3.7%), Other body part 0 (0%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Daryl Murphy (Sunderland vs Plymouth) 0:31

By a substitute after coming on

Patrick Agyemang (Preston vs Cardiff) 2:23

DISCIPLINARY



3.2 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE BOOKINGS

From the start of a match

Dexter Blackstock (QPR vs Southend) 0:15

By a substitute after coming on

Andrew Surman (Southampton vs Ipswich) 1:30

SUB TOTALS

Subs used612

Offsides786

Corners1366

Shots Off Target1321

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

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*up to and including 04/10/2006

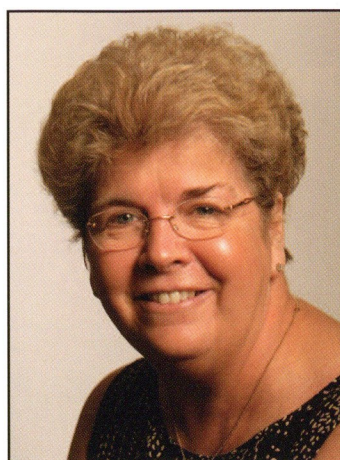
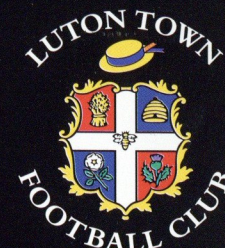
RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	8
1-0	15
2-0	12
3-0	2
4-0	1
5-0	-
0-1	14
0-2	2
0-3	2
0-4	-
0-5	-
1-1	15
2-1	11
3-1	5
4-1	1
5-1	1
6-1	-
1-2	10
1-3	2
1-4	1
1-5	-
2-2	8
3-2	2
4-2	2
5-2	-
2-3	3
2-4	-
2-5	-
3-3	2
4-3	1
5-3	-
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-4	-
5-4	-
4-5	-
5-5	-

From the Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery



Good afternoon and welcome to everyone.

It is certainly good to be back playing football here at Kenilworth Stadium after the international break. Whilst appreciating the break is essential, it does upset the pattern of regular first team football, and puts pressure not only on the team but also the supporters pockets when you count how many matches we have to play before the end of the month.

However, we took full advantage of the free Saturday and arranged a full table top safety exercise here at the Club. This is when all of the emergency agencies - the police, fire and ambulance services - came together with representatives from Luton Borough Council, Environmental Health, St. Johns Ambulance, the Club stewards and senior staff, who were given a possible disaster scenario here at the stadium. They were

then asked to come up with a plan of how they would deal with the situation.

The main factor that came out of the exercise was that in order to evacuate the stadium as quickly as possible, the co-operation of supporters is paramount. Therefore, in the event of an emergency please listen carefully to the tannoy announcement and comply with the directions given by the police and stewards. The nature of the stadium means that in any emergency evacuation the pitch area would have to be used, although supporters should remember the pitch is not a safe area to remain in, and onward evacuation away from the stadium is vital to ensure the safety of all.

I am pleased to inform supporters that following the success of the Hatters Bars under the Kenilworth Stand we have been able to open up the area between the two bars, which will give a lot more space for supporters, particularly at half time.

We also have permission to move the refreshment kiosk under Block F of the Main Stand. Again this will assist supporters, although there is some work to be carried out for the new facility, so we anticipate that the new kiosk will be available for the Q.P.R. match.

Today we are pleased to welcome back Daniel Magness, the football freestyler, who will again entertain us with his skills before the match and at half time.

With our Carling Cup match at Everton taking place on October 24th our Reserve match with Oxford United, previously scheduled for the same day, will now take place on Tuesday 27th February 2007, kick-off 2.00 p.m at the Kenilworth Stadium.

The official Luton Town Supporters Club has arranged another of their Meet the Players evenings, this time with Chris Coyne and Markus Heikkinen here at the Club on Monday 20th November at 7.30 p.m. Also, their annual Christmas Quiz will take place again here at the Club on Monday 11th December at 7.30 p.m. Tickets for both events will shortly be available from the Supporters Kiosk in Kenilworth Road.

Today will be the last match for Paula Kane, the Ticket Office supervisor, who is leaving to take up a new position at Northampton Town F.C. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paula for all her hard work over the last year and wish her every success as she returns to her roots. At the same time we also extend a welcome to Mike Hooker who has worked part time in the Ticket Office as Paula's assistant, and now takes over the full time role.

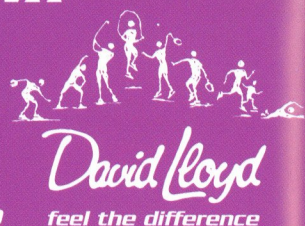
As always, enjoy the match and we will see you again next Saturday.

Cherry

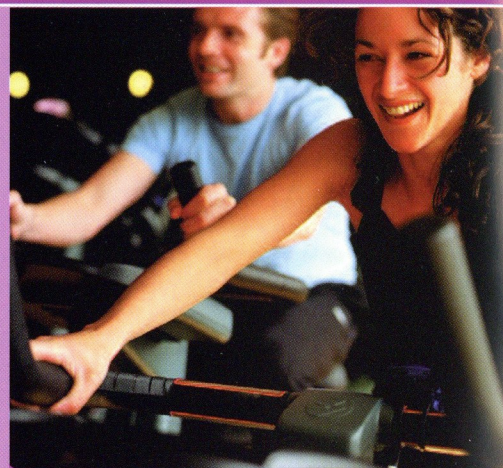


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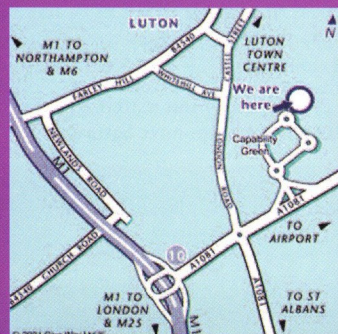
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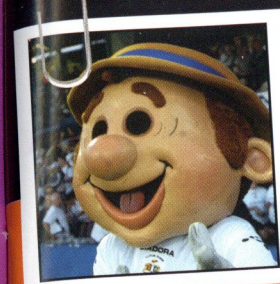
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Junior Hatters

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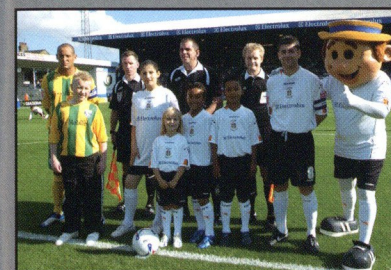
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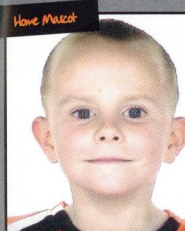
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Nico Ashton Cotton, Issac Galliford, Amy Leaning, Freya Nicholson and Connor Alldritt were mascots at our last game at Kenilworth Road against WYBA. They are pictured above with both team captains and officials prior to the match.

Today's Mascots



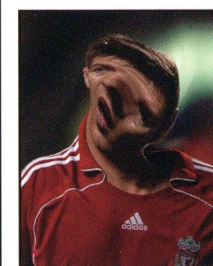
Name: Tommy Southey
Age: 6
Favourite Player: Rowan Vine
School Attended: Roebuck Primary School
Hobbies: Playing for Pin Green U7s



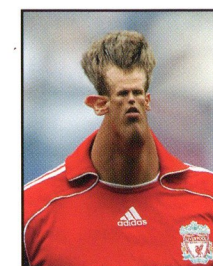
Name: Joe Foote
Favourite Player: Sebastian Larsson
Name: Ben Levet-Dunn
Favourite Player: Nicklas Bendtner

Junior Hatters Quiz

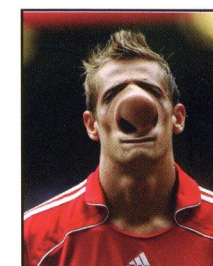
Can you identify these Liverpool footballers?
The answers can be found below.



ANSWER



ANSWER



ANSWER

Fill in the blanks to make up the names of these Championship football clubs?

The answers can be found below.

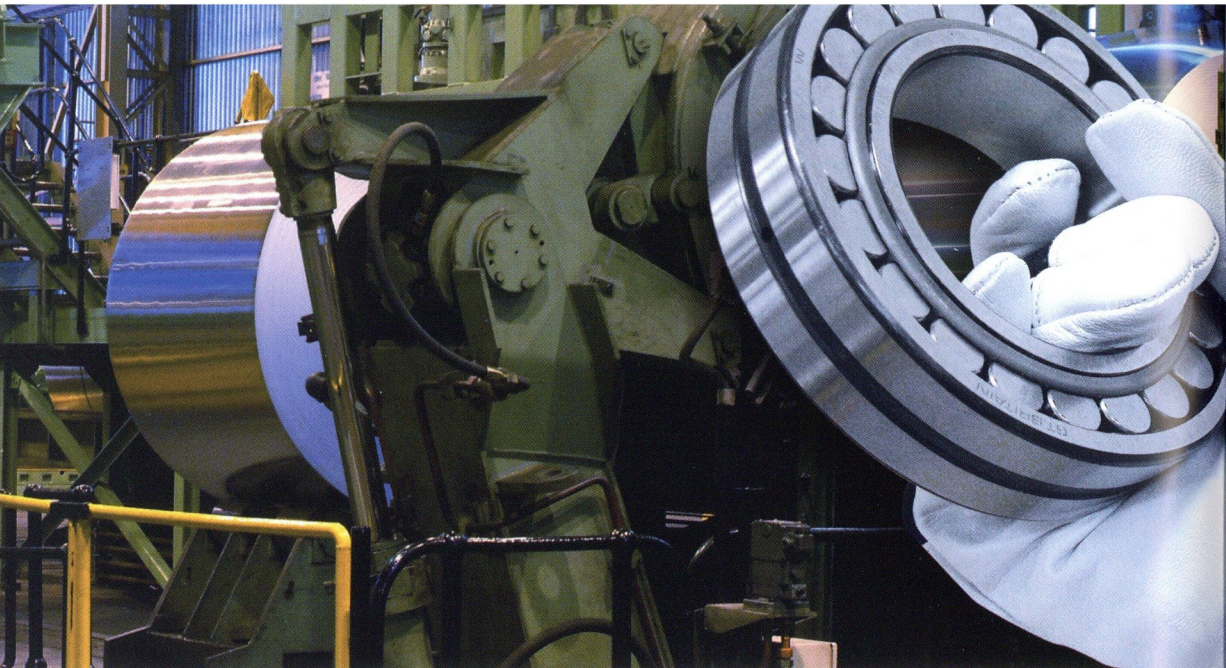
B-R-I-G-A-
-E-E--
--U-HE-D
N-R--C-

ANSWERS - GUESS WHO: Steven Gerrard, Craig Bellamy and Peter Crouch
FILL IN THE BLANKS: Birmingham, Leeds, Southampton, Norwich

Ballboys Steven Baverstock and Patrick McGeogh are today's ballboys. Steve's favourite player is Carlos Edwards whilst Patrick's favourite player is Rowan Vine

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Welcome to Birmingham City

As well as being favourites with the bookies, Birmingham boss Steve Bruce has had to cope with the ongoing expectations from the club's supporters as the Midlands club look for an instant return to the Premiership. **STEWART CURTIS introduces today's visitors to Kenilworth Road.**

Having started the season as 4/1 favourites for the title, the pressure is on Steve Bruce's Birmingham to bounce straight back to the Premiership at the first opportunity. The Blues have not disappointed, losing only 2 of their opening 10 games, propelling themselves into 2nd position, and staking an early claim for automatic promotion.

Birmingham's history is almost identical to that of Luton's, having spent lengthy spells in English football's top-flight, lifting major silverware just once in process, the 1963 League Cup. However, the Blues were the first English club side to compete in Europe, representing their country on four occasions between 1956-62, with notable results including a 2-1 win away at Inter Milan.

Having secured promotion to the Premiership via the play-offs in 2002, the Blues consolidated the following

year, settling for a comfortable 13th place finish back in the big-time. Successful times continued for the West Midlands club, with mid-table security following for the next two years. However, last season's campaign never really got going, and with only three wins by Christmas, relegation looked inevitable. As the season came to a close, manager Steve Bruce's job was under question, a matter not helped by the 7-0 home drubbing by Liverpool. Despite finishing on a high losing only two of their final eight games, a goal shy Blues side were eventually relegated at Newcastle in late April.

A busy summer in the transfer market has seen no fewer than 12 players depart St. Andrew's, including big-money moves for Emile Heskey and Jermaine Pennant. Having said that, Steve Bruce has bolstered his Championship squad with six quality signings, securing deals for two of the

country's brightest stars in the form of Neil Danns and Cameron Jerome. These arrivals also included Stephen Kelly from Tottenham, defensive strength in the form of Bruno N'Gotty and Rahdi Jaidi, and ex-Hatters striker Gary McSheffrey in a £4 million move from Coventry. The influx continued with a triple coup of Arsenal youngsters arriving on loan, with Nicklas Bendtner's goal scoring ability catching instant headlines with a debut strike against Colchester. The 18-year-old has since made his international debut for Denmark, again finding the net in his first appearance, leading the Danish fans to dub him the new Brian Laudrup.

This afternoon's sides have not met since 1996, with the Blues winning the majority of the previous 57 meetings. The two teams have found the net 29 times between them this season, setting up an exciting fixture.

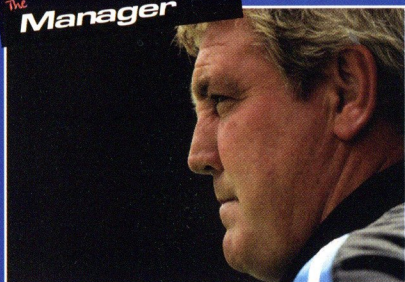
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The Opponents

We take a look at the players who will be on show at Kenilworth Road this afternoon

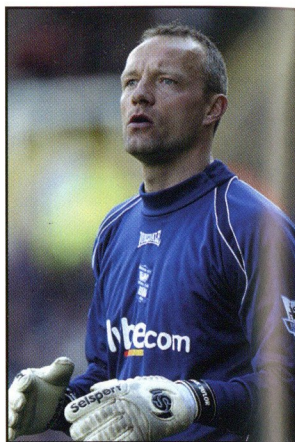
The Manager



At the end of the 1997-98 season Bruce became player-manager of Sheffield United, bringing in John Deehan as his assistant. The Blades could not manage anything more than a mid-table finish in 1998-99. Bruce played his last competitive game at the end of the 1998-99 season, bringing down the curtain on an illustrious playing career stretching back more than 20 years. Bruce was then appointed Huddersfield manager and in his first season they narrowly missed out on the Division One play-offs. The Terriers finished in eighth place, with only a dismal end to the season costing them a place in the play-offs. However, the 2000/01 season saw Huddersfield make a disastrous start, winning only one of their first 13 League and Cup games. Bruce was sacked in October after a disappointing defeat at Grimsby Town sent them to the foot of the table. In March he was appointed Wigan Athletic manager. They reached the Division Two play-offs but lost in the semi-finals. After just seven weeks with Wigan, Bruce was appointed manager of Crystal Palace and finally appeared to be on the road to success in management when a strong start to the 2001-02 season saw most people tip Palace for promotion to the Premiership. After just four months at Palace, Bruce moved to Birmingham City as manager. On his arrival, Birmingham were mid-table in Division One and the realistic target for the 2001-02 season was to consolidate rather than push for promotion. But he guided them into the playoffs and they beat Norwich City on penalties in the final to end a 16-year absence from the top division. In 2002-03, Birmingham finished 13th in the Premiership and the following season climbed to 10th place in the final table. In 2004-05, they finished in 12th place. The following season, Birmingham were in some trouble in the league, and on 21 March 2006, they were beaten 7-0 at home by Liverpool in the FA Cup Quarter-Finals. Despite mass calls for his resignation by supporters and fans of the club, Bruce insisted that he would fight on as manager. Following a 3-0 defeat at former club Manchester United, Bruce's side managed a highly creditable 0-0 draw with Chelsea, followed by a 1-0 home win against Bolton Wanderers, which lifted Birmingham out of the relegation zone. However, it was not to last, and the team were relegated before the final day of the season.

The Goalkeepers

After initially signing on loan from Fulham, first choice goalkeeper **MAIK TAYLOR** (pictured) is currently in his third full season at St Andrews. Taylor has gone on to make more than 100 Premiership appearances for Blues, prior to the club's relegation in 2006, and was widely regarded as one of the top division's leading goalkeepers. Taylor began his career at Farnborough Town before moving into the Football League with Barnet. After impressing in the lower divisions with the Bees, he earned a move to the Premiership with Southampton before switching to Fulham. Waiting in the wings are youngsters **COLIN DOYLE** and **ADAM LEGZDINS**, both players who have progressed through the club's Academy programme. Both players have yet to make a first team appearance for the club but have promising futures in the game. Doyle has gained first team experience whilst on loan at Nottingham Forest and Millwall, with Legzdins enjoying a short spell with Halifax Town.



The Defenders

Former Hatters defender **MATTHEW UPSON** (pictured) is unlikely to be involved in the Birmingham line-up this afternoon, with the England international currently recovering from a long term Achilles injury that has kept him out for the entire season. Upson joined Blues from Arsenal in January 2003, in a package totalling a possible £2.5 million. Upson had joined Arsenal in 1997 in a £1 million deal from Luton Town, and ironically made his debut for the Gunners against the Blues in the League Cup. He made a total of 57 appearances for the North London side, before making the switch to St Andrew's. Upson made an immediate impact at Blues and his impressive performances in the centre of defence earned him a call-up to the England squad. Blues signed 22-year-old defender **STEPHEN KELLY** from Spurs in June 2006. Dublin-born Kelly joined Spurs as a professional in 2002, before making his breakthrough into the first team at the end of the 2003-04 season. During his time at White Hart Lane, he spent time out on loan at a number of clubs including Watford, QPR and Southend.

BRUNO N'GOTTY is a player with a vast experience having played for Lyon, AC Milan, PSG and Marseille, and has become a firm favourite with the Birmingham faithful, having arrived from Bolton. **MATTHEW SADLER** and **MARCOS PAINTER** are both players who have progressed through the club's youth academy whilst central defender **SAMUEL OJI** is a youngster signed from Arsenal who made his Birmingham debut last season. **RADHI JAIDI** became the first Tunisian player to join an English top flight club when he joined Everton in July 2004, before moving to Birmingham in the summer on a four-year deal.



The Midfielders

SEBASTIAN LARSSON arrived at Birmingham with team mate **NICKLAS BENDTNER** from Arsenal on season long loans. Larsson made his Blues debut as a substitute against Colchester United and scored the winning goal in 2-1 victory. The 18-year-old Copenhagen-born forward is highly rated by the Gunners and appeared in three first team games for the London club in last season's Carling Cup. **DAVID DUNN** and **STEPHEN CLEMENCE** (pictured) were two players that Birmingham were able to hold on to after their relegation to the Premiership last season. With others moving on to pastures new, both Dunn and Clemence decided to help Birmingham in their bid to return to the top flight. Dunn joined Blues on a four-year deal from Blackburn Rovers in the summer of 2003, making an immediate impression at St Andrew's, scoring twice in his first three games, but they proved to be his only goals of the 2003/04 season. Since then, Dunn's career has been

blighted with injuries and is hoping to stay injury free this time around. Clemence is the son of England legend Ray and signed from Premiership side Tottenham in 2003. The Liverpool-born player clocked up a century of games for Blues in his final appearance of the 2005/06 season against Newcastle.

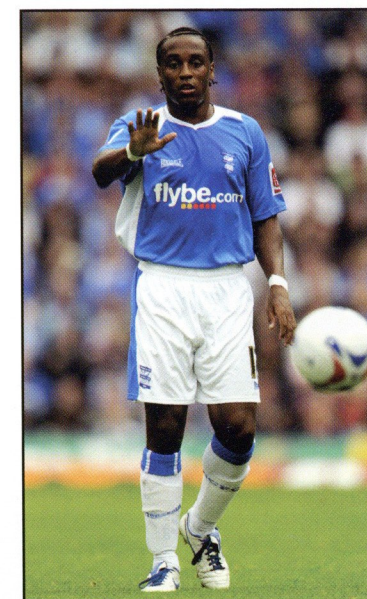
JULIAN GRAY is a former Arsenal trainee who came through the youth ranks at Highbury, but made just one substitute appearance in the Premiership for the Gunners against Newcastle on the final day of the 1999/2000 season. Gray moved to Palace that summer and was a regular in the Eagles line-up. In his four years at Selhurst Park he clocked up 144 appearances and scored 14 goals, before moving to Birmingham. **MEHDI NAFTI** is the second Tunisian player in the squad, having signed from Racing Santander on the final day of the January 2005 transfer window. **FABRICE MUAMBA** is another player on-loan from Arsenal and **NEIL DANNIS**, a target of Luton last summer, joined Birmingham from Colchester United in a £500,000 deal.



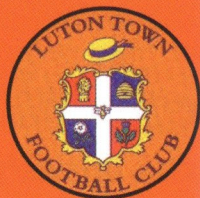
The Strikers

The name **GARY MCSHEFFREY** is very familiar with Luton fans. The nippy striker was an instant hero during two loan spells at the club, scoring tens of goals in his 24 appearances for the Hatters. McSheffrey joined Blues from Midlands neighbours Coventry in August 2006 for a substantial fee. He finished the 2005/06 season as top scorer for Micky Adams' Coventry side with 17 goals from the left flank. McSheffrey is a product of Coventry's Academy and prior to moving to St Andrew's had spent his entire career with his hometown club, except for loan spells with the Hatters and Stockport County. **CAMERON JEROME** (pictured) was Steve Bruce's first big summer signing in June 2006 from Cardiff City. He made his debut from the substitutes bench against Colchester United in August 2006, but was red carded just three minutes after coming off the bench. He was Cardiff's top scorer in the 2005/06 season, netting an impressive 20 goals for the Welsh outfit, a feat which

earned him a call-up to the England under-21 squad. **MIKAEL FORSSELL** is a Finnish international who became a firm favourite with the St Andrew's faithful due to his prolific goal scoring form in the 2003/04 season - he netted 19 times in 37 games. Forssell initially joined Blues from Chelsea on a four-month loan deal in August 2003, before the deal was then increased until the end of the 2003/04 campaign, before being extended yet again for a further season in April 2004. The deal became permanent in the summer of 2005, signing for £3.5 million. **DUDLEY 'DJ' CAMPBELL** was a surprise transfer deadline signing for Blues in January 2006, arriving for an initial sum of £500,000 from Brentford. Campbell only became a professional after joining the Bees in the summer of 2005 from Ryman League side Yeadon, where he had netted an incredible 83 times in just 109 appearances. He hit the back of the net 12 times in 28 games for Brentford, including a brace in a 2-1 FA Cup victory over Sunderland that brought him to the attention of Steve Bruce.



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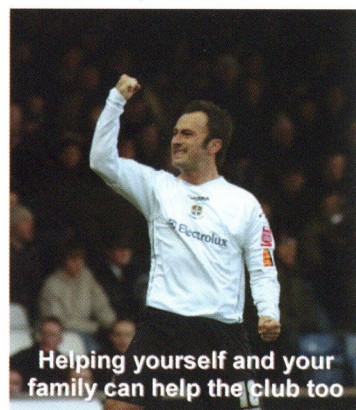
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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Mike Newell

Played 148 Won 67 Drawn 39 Lost 42
For 237 Against 196
Av Pts/game 1.62
Biggest Win(s) Luton 5 Bristol City 0
(05/03/2005). Biggest Loss(es)
Preston 5 Luton 1 (11/02/2006).

Steve Bruce

Played 185 Won 60 Drawn 55 Lost 70
For 199 Against 224
Av Pts/game 1.27
Biggest Win(s) Birmingham 5
Portsmouth 0 (21/01/2006). Biggest
Loss(es) Lost 4-0 on 2 occasions

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Mike Newell.....0	Steve Bruce.....0
Draws ..0	Goals 0	Goals 0

Player with the most... shots

Rowan Vine 30

shots on target

Rowan Vine 19

shots off target

Carlos Edwards

12

assists

Lewis Emanuel

2

crosses

Carlos Edwards

34

fouls

Rowan Vine 24

free-kicks-won

Rowan Vine 18



GAMES SINCE

0 a win 2

2 a home win 1

0 an away win 1

3 a defeat 1

5 a home defeat 8

2 an away defeat 0

1 a score draw 0

63 a no score draw 9

0 conceding a goal 0

0 scoring a goal 0

1 conceding > 1 1

0 scoring > 1 1

2 keeping a clean sheet 4

6 failing to score 6

10 back to back wins 4

12 back to back defeats 13

0 gaining a point 0

1 losing a point 0

2 win by > one 2

3 loss by > one 6

Player with the most... shots

Gary

McSheffrey 21

shots on target

Gary

McSheffrey 13

shots off target

David Dunn 10

assists

Gary

McSheffrey 4

crosses

Gary

McSheffrey 25

fouls

Gary

McSheffrey 17

free-kicks-won

Nicklas

Bendtnr 14

SHARP SHOOTERS

Luton	CCFC Cup	Tot	Birmingham	CCFC Cup	Tot		
Rowan Vine	5	1	6	Nicklas Bendtner	4	1	5
Carlos Edwards	3	0	3	Dudley Campbell	3	0	3
Leon Barnett	2	0	2	Garv McSheffrey	1	2	3

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played50	Luton wins10	Birmingham wins25
Draws15	Goals 53 (1.1 per game)	Goals 85 (1.7 per game)
0-0's4	Times failed to score 16	Times failed to score 10

Biggest League win at Luton for each team:

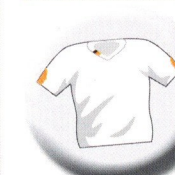
02/11/1957 Luton 3-0 Birmingham

08/12/1951 Luton 2-4 Birmingham

Stat Pack



2006/07 LEAGUE STATS



11	Position	2
10	Played	10
4	Won	5
3	Drawn	3
3	Lost	2
15	Goals For	14
15	Goals Against	11
15	Points	18



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	1	2	13	1	1	1	12

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	2	1	8	4	2	1	2

Record When Scoring First

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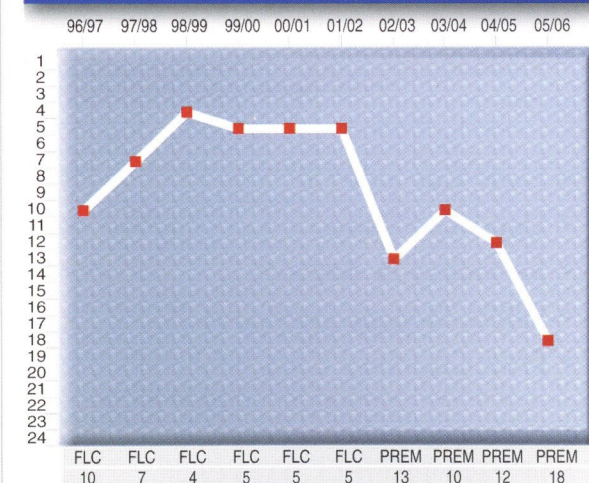
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0	1	2	17	1	1	2	7

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[1], 2-0[1], 2-1[2], Losses: 0-1[1], 1-4[1], 2-3[1], Draws: 1-1[1], 2-2[2]

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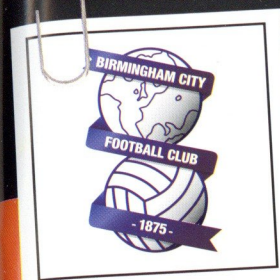
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Five to Remember

Roger Wash takes a look back at five classic encounters between Luton Town and Birmingham City

17th September 1955 Birmingham City 0 Luton Town 0 Attendance: 31,013

The Town enjoyed a great start to their first ever season in the top flight, winning four of their first seven games and creating headlines along the way for their all out attacking play.

They made headlines of a different sort on the way to St Andrews, though, as their coach was involved in accident outside Warwick and ended up in a field.

Bruised and battered, the Town players elected to take on the Blues and earned a standing ovation for doing so. Newly capped England goalkeeper Ron Baynham, back in his home city, denied the Blues attack several times but the Town also had their chances in an entertaining clash.



☐ John Moore keeps a close watch on Trevor Francis during the Town's 3-2 home win in 1971.

3rd April 1971 Luton Town 3 Birmingham City 2 Attendance: 25,172

After three seasons of success, the Town's tilt at promotion from Division Four to Division One in record time seemed to be coming off the rails as winter turned to spring in 1971.

Birmingham, who had gone 14 games unbeaten, were now only a point behind the Town and 8,000 Blues supporters swelled the crowd to a figure that has not been bettered in the league since.

They were in good voice as their team took a two goal lead after 20 minutes but the Hatters, realising that this was a must win game, gradually clawed their way back and two goals from Viv Busby before the interval levelled the score. It was left to Alan Slough with a 30-yard rocket to complete the turnaround in a classic encounter.

19th April 1975 Birmingham City 1 Luton Town 4 Attendance: 28,755

The Town were clinging on to their Division One place by their

fingernails, and with only two games to go needed to win both and hope for others to slip up.

Given their poor away form the Hatters amazingly went goal crazy with Jim Ryan opening the scoring with a 25 yard free-kick and Adrian Alston netting either side of the interval. Trevor Francis managed to pull a goal back for the Blues before Jimmy Husband, with a clever chip, seals an emphatic victory and earns the Town a lifeline.

The game ends on a sour note when little Jim Ryan is dismissed for clashing with the hulking Kenny Burns.



☐ Adrian Alston is all smiles as he scores against the Blues at St Andrews in 1975.

12th April 1983 Luton Town 3 Birmingham City 1 Attendance: 12,868

After a run of four straight defeats the Town moved back to winning ways with a last gasp 2-1 win over Aston Villa at Kenilworth Road.

Three days later it was the turn of Birmingham to face the newly confident Hatters in a basement battle and, starting where they left off the previous Saturday, tore into the Blues from the start.

Ricky Hill, with a shot and a header; and Brian Horton from the spot after Paul Walsh was tripped, put the Town into a commanding interval lead and Robert Hopkins second half reply was too little, too late.

6th April 1986 Birmingham City 0 Luton Town 2 Attendance: 8,836

Blues, struggling at the wrong end of the Division One table, were up against a Hatters side that was in a comfortable position in the top ten, but it was difficult to tell which was the relegation threatened team in the first half, as only solid work from skipper Steve Foster and goalkeeper Les Sealey kept the home side at bay.

It all changed in the second period, though, as ex-Blue Mick Harford, anxious to impress the watching England manager Bobby Robson, netted twice to bring the points back to Kenilworth Road and send the majority of the first ever Sunday crowd at St Andrews home unhappy.

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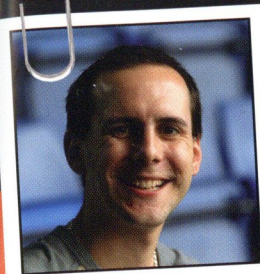


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Stat Attack

Simon Pitts takes a look at some interesting stats between this afternoon's two sides.

There have been 25 league meetings at Kenilworth Road between the sides and the away team have the upper hand with 11 wins to Luton's six. The Hatters have scored 29 goals to Birmingham's 32.



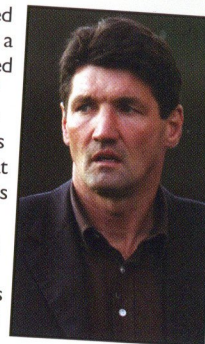
The only player to have moved in the opposite direction is Bobby Brennan who, during 1947-49, made 76 appearances and scored 30 goals for the Hatters before his move to Birmingham. There is however a current Blues player who has previously featured for the Hatters, albeit one start and one substitute appearance! Matthew Upson was sold to Arsenal for £2million in May 1997 after only two minutes of League football! That came as a substitute at home to Rotherham in August 1996, with his only other appearance at Cesena in the Anglo-Italian Cup during the previous season. Upson hasn't played yet this season though as he tore his Achilles tendon earlier in the year.

Gordon Turner scored five times against Birmingham City in the League, and three of these goals came during the 1957/58 season. He scored twice in the 3-0 win at Kenilworth Road in November, and then netted a penalty in the 1-1 draw later in the season. This was a rare season when the Hatters remained unbeaten in the League against the Blues.

The most common result is a 1-1 draw, or a 1-0 away win, both occurring four times. Strangely, the next most common result in this fixture is a goal less draw!

The biggest attendance for this fixture was on 3rd April 1971, when 25,172 saw the visitors take a 2-0 lead with only 22 minutes on the clock. The 10,000 strong visiting crowd were expecting their side to extend an unbeaten run to 15 games, however by the interval the Hatters were level courtesy of a brace from Viv Busby. Early in the second half Alan Slough put Luton into a 3-2 lead, and they held on through to the final whistle.

The last player to be transferred from St Andrews to Luton was a certain Mick Harford who joined in December 1984. "Big Mick" went on to make 216 appearances, and scored 92 goals in his Luton career; during two spells at the Club. An interesting statistic is that Mick scored on his Luton debut in a 2-2 draw at Leicester, and then scored twice against Oldham in the first game after his return to the Hatters in 1991/92!



Back in the 1890's Birmingham City were known as Small Heath, and they won all three of the fixtures at Luton. The name change didn't affect the results, as four more wins and a draw were to follow before the Hatters won at the 9th time of asking!! It was September 16th 1953, and George Cummins opened the scoring before a Johnny Downie penalty secured the points. Luton ended the season a place and a point above the Blues at the end of the season. The following season saw both sides promoted on the same number of points, although it was Birmingham who took the Second Division title. Luton won the home encounter though, courtesy of a solitary goal from Jimmy Adam.

Despite the poor home record, and only four league wins at Birmingham, there have been two seasons where the Hatters have taken maximum points. The first happened during the 1982/83 season, and Luton scored three goals in both meetings. First it was the trip to St Andrews where Brian Stein, Paul Walsh and David Moss were all on target in a 3-2 win, with a Ricky Hill brace and a Brian Horton penalty securing the points in the return meeting. In 1985/86 it was former Birmingham player Mick Harford who was the Hatters hero, as he scored three times against his former Club. Brian Stein had scored the first at Kenilworth Road, before Harford beat David Seaman from 25 yards to confirm the victory. Birmingham were relegated at the end of the season, and Harford ensured they took no points from the visit of the Hatters as he scored both goals in another 2-0 victory.

Action Replay

vs West Bromwich Albion,
Saturday 23rd September 2006



LUTON 2 WBA 2

Luton Scorer: Vine x 2

Attendance: 9,332 (1,737 from West Brom)

Picture: Dean Morgan
made his first
Championship starting
appearance of the
season against West
Brom. He is pictured
taking on the visitors
defence





Luton: Beresford, Foley, Edwards, Robinson, Vine, Morgan, Emanuel, Langley (Brkovic 83), Parkin (Feeney 83), Barnett, Heikkinen

Subs not used: Keane, Holmes, Brill

Bookings: Heikkinen (59)

Goal: Vine (27 & 36).



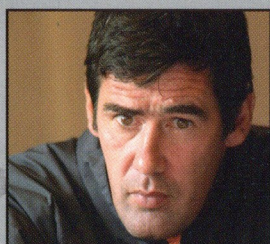
West Brom: Zuberbuhler, Watson (Gera 23), Robinson, Perry, Quashie (Greening 72), Ellington (Nicholson 76), Carter, Koumas, McShane, Phillips, Wallwork

Subs not used: Chaplow, Hoult

Bookings: Perry (12), Carter (24), Wallwork (37), McShane (53)

Goals: Carter (34), Gera (61)

From the Manager



"I thought it could have been over after half an hour, to be honest, if we'd converted the chances that we had. They've had the shots on goal that they've scored with, and Phillips has hit the post with a good effort, but I think we've run the game in the first half. It's just frustrating that we haven't won. I think, overall, you could say we were the better side."



□ Ahmet Brkovic attempts an overhead kick as Luton go in search of a late winner



□ Rowan Vine smashes home the first goal of the afternoon.

LUTON 2 WBA 2

By Philip Francis

Rowan Vine continued his remarkable run of form by scoring twice in an enthralling contest with West Bromwich Albion.

However, it wasn't enough as the West Midlands club twice struck back to grab a share of the spoils.

The inform striker notched his fifth and sixth goals of the season, but strikes from Darren Carter and Zoltan Gera helped salvage something for the visitors to take back to the Hawthorns.

Approaching the half hour mark Vine scored a superb opportunist goal, taking on several defenders before unleashing a drive past goal-keeper Pascal Zuberbuhler

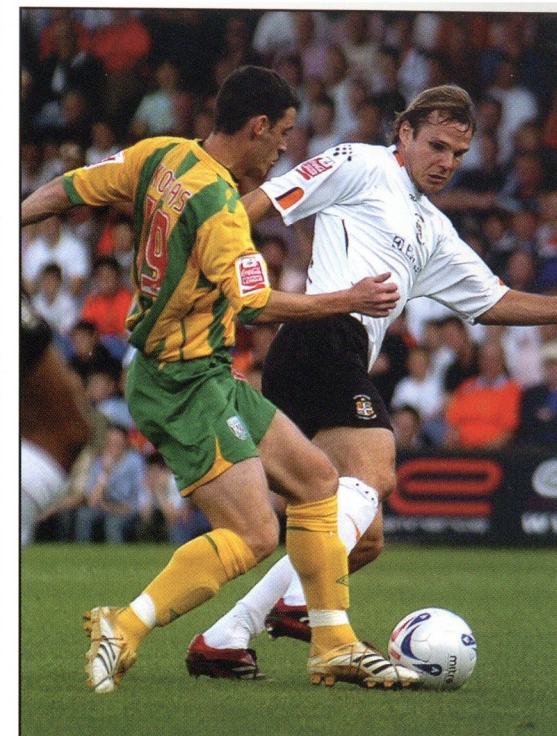
The goal forced West Brom out of their shell as the visitors enjoyed their best spell of the game and on 34 minutes, Luton's defence allowed Darren Carter time on the ball before the striker fired past Marlon Beresford.

Within sixty seconds, Luton restored the lead and silenced the Baggies supporters when Vine scored from a free-kick taken by Dean Morgan. Chances to add to the lead were plentiful, but Gera pounced on a lapse in concentration to equalise for a second time after the interval.

For the second home game in succession, the Hatters set siege on the visitors goal but frustration resulted in chances going begging as Luton had to settle for a share of the spoils.



□ Steve Robinson battles for possession



□ Markus Heikkinen and Jason Koumas do battle



□ Rowan Vine celebrates his second goal of the afternoon - his sixth of the season

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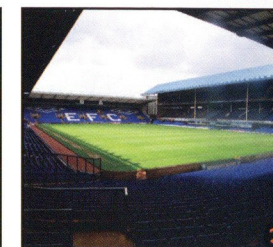
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10. Who was the last footballer to be named BBC Sports Personality of the Year?

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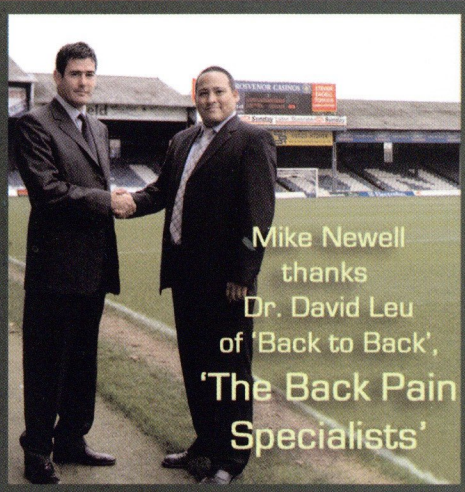


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On the Website

CHRIS RIVETT looks at a brand new service available to readers of www.lutontown.co.uk

For the second programme running it is nice to be able to talk another new service that the Club is able to bring to you - and again, Luton were one of the first club's in the country to launch this new service.

In the build-up to the Birmingham game we launched a version of the official website that has been designed to be viewed on your mobile. The new service can be found at <http://mobile.lutontown.co.uk> and has been developed to appear on any handheld device, be it a blackberry, personal digital assistant or a phone.

This new mobile internet site, launched hot on the heels of our

Desktop News Alert service that I talked about in the West Brom programme, means it is now easier than ever to keep in touch with the stories that matter to you, updated at the heart of Kenilworth Road.

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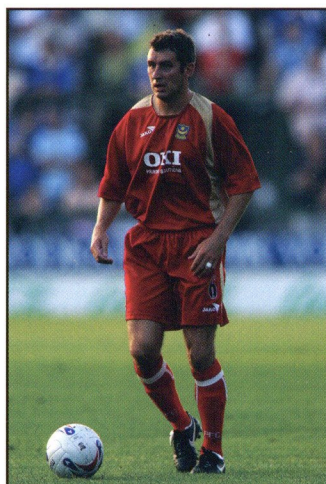
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MONDAY
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Stoke extend Griffin stay

Stoke City have extended the loan deal of Portsmouth defender Andy Griffin into a second month.



Griffin, 27, has made five appearances for the Potters, having arrived at the Britannia Stadium just before the transfer window closed last month.

City boss Pulis said: "We've spoken to Portsmouth and that's been done."

"Andy has done well for us since he has been here and we are delighted to have completed this extension."

Griffin played 21 games for Pompey in the Premiership last season but has hardly featured since Harry Redknapp returned as manager.

ALSO... Derby's Lewin Nyatanga is named Wales' Young Player of the Year...Former Charlton Athletic boss Alan Curbishley confirms that he has not been offered the manager's job at Leeds.

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Robson eyeing management return

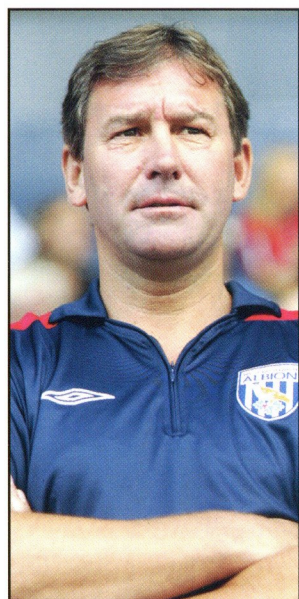
Former West Brom boss Bryan Robson is weighing up offers to manage in Europe - but would welcome interest from Leeds or Norwich about their vacancies.

The former Manchester United and England captain wants to make a quick return to work after his spell in charge of the Baggies ended last month.

"I'm really keen to get straight back into the game, said Robson. "I have had loads of offers from clubs in Europe that I am going to consider this time around."

"I was disappointed to have left West Brom but I have left them in a good state. I am looking to get back into football myself."

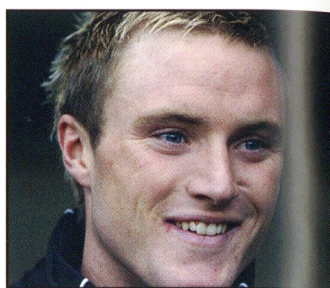
Robson's reign as Hawthorns boss ended only eight games of the current Championship season.



ALSO... Norwich City's joint majority shareholder Delia Smith said she wants to work closely with the new manager, following the sacking of Nigel Worthington...Plymouth's plans to bring Livingston central defender James McPake to Home Park on trial are called off...QPR midfielder Marc Bircham comes off the transfer list at his own request.

WEDNESDAY
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Roeder rules out O'Brien switch



Newcastle boss Glenn Roeder has dismissed reports linking winger Alan O'Brien with a loan move to Wolves.

The 21-year-old, called up by Republic of Ireland for the games against Cyprus and the Czech Republic, has been on the fringes of the Magpies first team.

"I cannot afford to let any of our young players move out on loan," said Roeder.

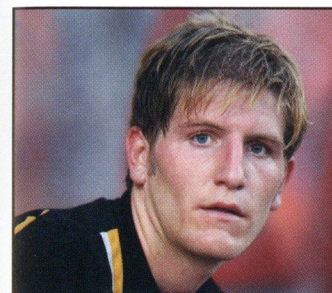
"We are competing on four fronts this season, and we have a few injuries at the moment."

He added: "It is no secret that we do not have the biggest squad, and I do not feel I can let any of my players leave at this moment in time."

ALSO... Tamworth boss Mark Cooper swops to sign Barnsley defensive duo Ryan Laight and Thomas Harban on loan...Coventry have enlisted the Football Association to help end a row with Trinidad & Tobago Football Federation concerning two of their players, Stern John and Chris Birchall.

THURSDAY
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Hull's Turner set for op



Hull centre-back Michael Turner has undergone minor keyhole surgery on his troubled knee.

The ex-Brentford defender had been hampered by a swelling in the joint throughout City's last two matches, against QPR and Crystal Palace.

"Michael was complaining about the injury on Saturday after the Crystal Palace game," said manager Phil Parkinson.

"And so we have had to send him in for minor surgery."

ALSO... Wolves defender Gary Breen has escaped a ban for his sending off at Cardiff on Saturday after his club's appeal was upheld by the Football Association...Grimsby boss Graham Rodger allows Southend striker James Lawson to curtail his loan spell at Blundell Park and return to Roots Hall...Southend submit plans to the local council for a new 22,000-seater stadium at Fossetts Farm...Gillingham extend the loan spell of Crystal Palace goalkeeper Scott Flinders for a second month.

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O'Neil confirms playing retirement

Preston midfielder Brian O'Neil is to retire from playing because of injury.

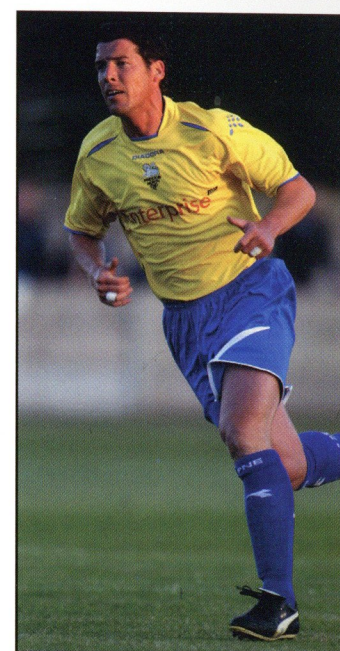
The Scotland international, 34, has not played this season and on Monday sustained a hamstring problem which would have kept him out until January.

O'Neil said: "I've had four very good and successful years at the club. But everything changes in life and in football."

"After talking to my family and close friends I have decided to retire from the playing side of football."

He added: "This season I have found it very hard with my fitness and it is a natural progression for Preston to get the young players into the team."

"It's also time for the next stage in my life and I would like to wish everybody at Preston all the best for the future."



ALSO... Former Portsmouth chairman Milan Mandaric insists reports saying there is a 50-50 chance of him buying Leicester are wide of the mark...Charlton's Matt Holland plays down speculation he could be in line for a loan move to Ipswich...Sunderland midfielder Graham Kavanagh is to have knee surgery that could keep him out for six weeks.

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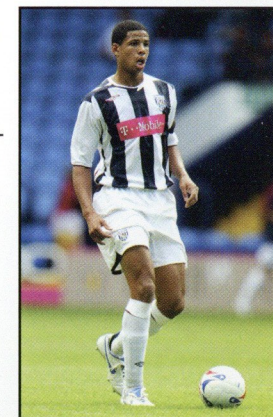
Davies sets sights on return

West Brom captain Curtis Davies is aiming to return to full training towards the end of the week.

Davies, 21, has been sidelined for more than five weeks with a broken foot.

Paul McShane's sending off against Leeds has left the Baggies short of defensive numbers but Davies is hoping to be fit to return against Ipswich.

He said: "If there was a game this weekend I may have been fit to play. I've healed quite quickly and I'm happy to be on the mend."



ALSO... Birmingham City winger Peter Till has joined Leyton Orient on a month's loan...QPR striker Stefan Moore is to spend a second month on loan at Port Vale...Plymouth keeper Josh Clapham joins Southern Premier League side Tiverton Town on a one-month loan.

Man on fire

If it continues unabated, Rowan Vine's electrifying form so far this season may give the Club yet another headache when the January transfer window opens. However, things haven't always been sweetness and light for the Basingstoke-born striker, as he revealed exclusively to today's matchday programme.

Interview & Written by Geoff Knox - Photography by Gareth Owen

Rowan Vine-Vine-Vine may be the familiar sound of the crowd at Kenilworth Road these days.

However, Rowan was a little less popular in these parts just three-and-a-half years ago when his spectacular effort for Brentford gave the West London outfit a 1-0 win in Luton, triggering a slide in form that eventually resulted in the Hatters falling out of contention for the League One play-offs.

At the time, Rowan was a 20-year-old rookie forward playing regular league football for the first time in his career.

"I was at Portsmouth when I was younger and I got my first professional contract there. I made my debut there – a couple of sub appearances, things like that. I went out on loan after that and that eventually brought me here."

The Portsmouth trainee had been given a handful of chances in a struggling team in the Championship in the 2001/02 season, but the Redknapp renaissance at Pompey was another season away. And, at that time, the likes of Peter Crouch, Steve Claridge and Lee Bradbury were more adept at handling life in English football's second tier.

It was a sign of the club's instability that Rowan's thirteen appearances for Portsmouth came under three different managers. But however disappointed he was to be loaned out to a lower division club it done him the world of good, as the subsequent decent run of games allowed his game to develop.

Rowan has fond memories of his time at Fratton Park and still vividly recalls the moment when the charismatic player-manager Steve Claridge finally gave him the nod to cross that precious white line in a home Championship match against Sheffield United.

"I was in the squad for a couple of games and I was getting

nervous. We were at home at Fratton Park. I'd been warming up all game trying to get on then Steve Claridge has given me the nod with about 20 minutes to go.

"I just ran on and it was brilliant. There was a full crowd of nearly 20,000."

Claridge is one of football's great wanderers (he even spent four months of his busy 23-year playing career at Kenilworth Road) and now offers equally good value as a media pundit. But what was he like running a football club?

"What you see of him is what you get. He's exactly like he is on the TV now. That was his style as a player and as a manager.

"When I was there he was player-manager and he's a 110-percenter in whatever he does. And he's a good laugh as well, a top man!"

Vine's had to wait four months for his next appearance, and by that time Graham Rix had taken over the reigns from Claridge.

Money was being pumped into the club and, with the likes of Croatian World Cup star Robert Prosinecki coming in, Vine's first team chances became increasingly limited.

Having failed to score in a further eleven appearances in the 2001/02 season, the new broom Harry Redknapp decided to move Rowan on to Brentford in a bid to find his goalscoring touch.

"I'd been asked if I wanted to go there on the Wednesday. I arrived there on the Thursday but was told that I probably won't be playing because it was only two days before the season started.

"They threw me in and I scored in the first half hour, so it was just perfect"





Things went pretty well for Rowan at Griffin Park, the goals were coming and he was playing every week. Then a goal drought kicked in. Rowan scored just one goal in his last 20 games for Brentford – An unwelcome 20-yard cracker against the Hatters!

"It was a 1-0 win. I think I hit it with my left foot and then it hit the post and went in! It was a decent goal as well to be fair, so that sowed the seeds."

It was to be his last goal for the London club.

Rowan spent the next season at Colchester United, playing regularly and scoring goals at first, but ended the season with that déjà vu feeling - this time with one goal in his last 15 league matches.

Fortunately for Rowan, and for that matter Luton Town, his barren spell had been punctuated by a stunning hat-trick against Coventry City in an FA Cup fourth round replay, which had not gone unnoticed by the Luton scouting staff.

Having secured his services on loan, Rowan was swept along on the Hatters tidal wave that engulfed League One that season.

His freestyle, serpentine style of play was the perfect foil for his strike partner, the legendary battering ram Steve Howard, and with such a wealth of quality playing behind them on the pitch, it was no surprise that the Hatters won the league so emphatically.

As he lifted the League One Champions trophy high into the sky on that sunny late April Saturday afternoon at Kenilworth Road, Rowan Vine knew he had finally found his spiritual home.

Manager Mike Newell was determined to keep the squad together for an assault on the Championship, and sought to secure Vine's services on a permanent deal.

Did you know?

Rowan Vine progressed through Portsmouth's youth ranks to go on and make 13 appearances for the club's first team. However the striker never scored for Pompey and never appeared on the winning side throughout his stay at Fratton Park.

Question Time

Which former Luton player was a team mate of Rowan Vine during their playing days at Portsmouth



However, there was a problem. Forty-seven games had taken their toll on Rowan's body, and physically struggling past the finishing post came at a price.

"I'd always had a nagging back problem, stiffness in the back and stuff like that. All through the season when we got promoted I was struggling with it, from about Christmas time until May.

"I went back to Portsmouth to try and get it sorted and then the permanent move to Luton came along. I obviously jumped at it, even though I knew I was still struggling. I didn't know the extent of it so I had to see a specialist."

With such slow progress being made, his dream was starting to become a nightmare. The whole town was still on a high and everyone at the Club

couldn't wait for the season to start. Self-doubt and anxiety were feelings exclusive to Rowan at this moment in time, and the Manager was doing some shopping in the transfer market.

"We'd just won the league and we'd kept the same squad and just added a couple of people.

"You think 'I've signed but I'm injured but I can't do anything for a good two or three months'. Then you start wondering, especially with the team doing so well at the time, 'Am I going to get back in? If I'm not fit are they going to sign someone else?'"

Eventually, his back responded to treatment, and a 150 chin-up-old-boys later a light appeared at the end of the tunnel, which had nothing to do with the maintenance guys changing

some bulbs.

"But you have to just keep going and when you do get fit just try your best, and that's what I've done since then."

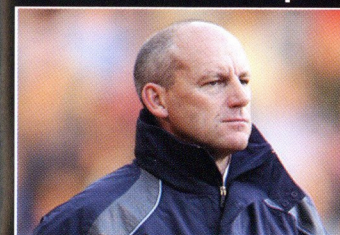
After the trauma and frustrations of this time last season, Rowan has become the rare breed of footballer that actually now looks forward to pre-season training.

"I got a really good pre-season behind me this time to make sure I was fighting fit and my form's carried on. I'm nicking more goals now so I'm more than pleased.

"Touch wood I hope I don't get injured like that again."

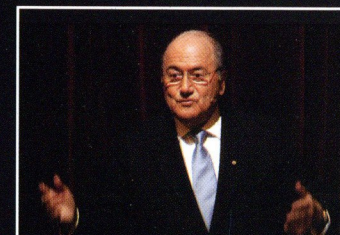
Vine's opinion on...

Which of last season's promoted clubs is best equipped in the Premiership



Reading, probably. They haven't got a massive squad, but they ran away with our league last year. They looked really strong. From 1 to 11 they are really good, and tactically aware. I grew up just 15 minutes away from the Madejski Stadium and I've been there a few times and to the old ground as well, and I know that the home form is important to them, and they've got it going again so I think they'll be alright.

Sepp Blatter wanting to replace penalty shoot-outs with player deductions and golden goals



I don't think there's anything more exciting than a penalty shoot-out. The Golden Goal has already been tried but obviously wasn't successful because it's been taken out. Taking players off could end up with a goalkeeper against another goalkeeper! Penalties are fine by me. It's the drama where you miss, you score, it's all down to you. I love 'em!

Who is going to win Premiership, Portsmouth or Chelsea



At the start of the season I said Manchester United, and I still think they can. But Chelsea just seem to be dominating every game, you just wait for them to score and win a game 1-0 or 2-0. They're not the most exciting team but it's out of Chelsea or United, even though it pains me to say it as I don't like either of them because I'm a Liverpool fan!



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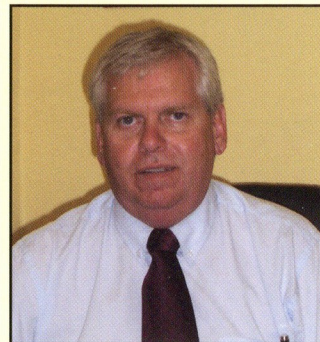
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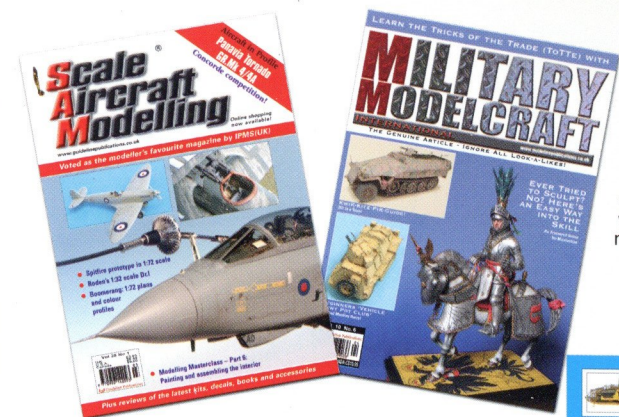
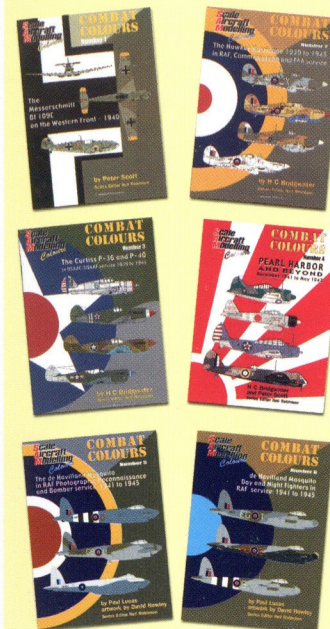
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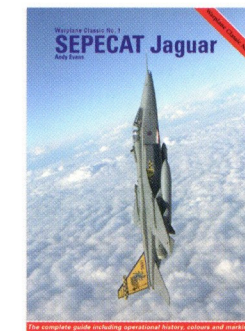
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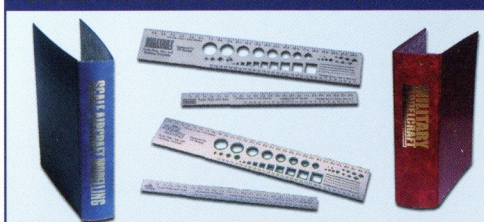
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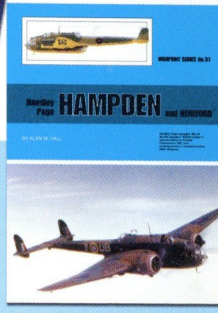


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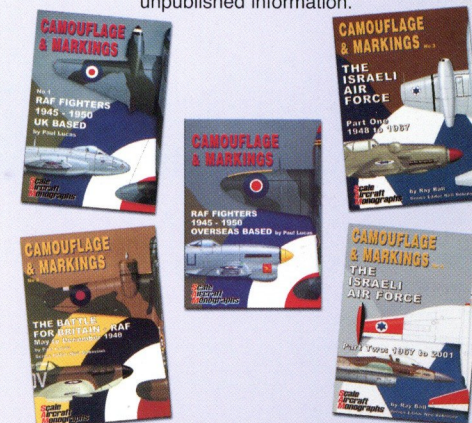


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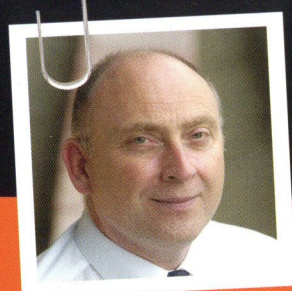
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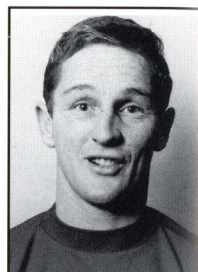
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John BRAMWELL

Tough tackling full-back John came to Luton as part of the deal that took Billy Bingham to Everton in October 1960. Starting off with Wigan, John then moved to Goodison Park where he enjoyed a good run in the Toffees Division One side. On coming to Kenilworth Road he was virtually ever present for five seasons and was even watched by the England selectors on one occasion such as his form in a struggling Hatters side. John left Luton as the club slid into Division Four in 1965 and joined Rugby Town for a brief stint before emigrating to Australia.

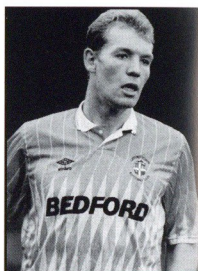
Terence (Terry) George BRANSTON

Northampton Town finally got their man in October 1958 with the reluctant centre-half joining at a time when the Cobblers were about to sweep from Division Four to Division One in five years. When Northampton started to fall back just as rapidly, Luton manager Allan Brown stepped in and brought Terry to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1967. A born leader and as hard as nails, terrace favourite Terry skippered the Hatters to the Division Four title in 1968 and further promotion two years later. After a short spell at Lincoln, Terry retired to his established driving school in Rugby and is still an occasional visitor to Kenilworth Road.



Timothy (Tim) Sean BREACKER

Tim joined Luton from school in St Neots and made his Hatters debut in a 0-3 defeat at Ipswich in March 1984 while still only 18. A fast and strong full-back who loved to overlap, Tim soon made the right back position his own, as well as picking up England u-21 caps, and was the only player to turn out in all 58 league and cup games in the momentous 1987/88 season which ended with the Hatters lifting the Littlewoods Cup. Finances dictated that a reluctant Tim was sold to West Ham for £600,000 in September 1991, but he enjoyed eight years at Upton Park before finishing his career at QPR where he is still on the coaching staff.



Friedrich Johann BREITENFELDER

A summer 2000 signing by Luton Town manager Ricky Hill, this tall, right sided midfielder bizarrely let it be known that he liked to be called 'Ratz Fetz'. Previously with NCN St Polten, the Vienna born 'Ratz' was beset with injury and made only two starts (against Wrexham and Wycombe Wanderers at Kenilworth Road) and three substitute appearances in a struggling Hatters side before returning to Austria in 2001. A year later he came back to England to sign on for Enfield before moving to German side Eintracht Bad Kreuznach. Subsequently, he has been with Rapid Vienna since August 2003.

Dean James Gary BRENNAN

Dublin born Dean joined Sheffield Wednesday from the exotically named Stella Maris Youth Club but found it impossible to fight his way into the side at Hillsborough. When Ricky Hill became manager at Luton in the summer of 2000 he went back to Wednesday, where he had been coaching, and brought back Dean along with Peter Holmes. A hard running left sided midfield player and occasional striker, Dean did not make much impact in an, admittedly, poor Hatters team and left to join Hitchin in 2002. Since then Dean has been with Stevenage, Hendon, Grays, Lewes and AFC Wimbledon before linking up with Hitchin once more this summer.

Matthew (Matt) Hyland BRENNAN

Spotted by Luton Town scouts while playing for St Roch, a junior club in his native Glasgow, Matt signed on at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1962. Getting his chance at the back end of the following campaign, as the Town were slipping out of Division Two, Matt put in some impressive performances and scored one of the goals of the season in the 3-0 home win over Plymouth before injury struck. Sadly, Matt had to drop down to non-League level firstly with Chelmsford and later with Cambridge City and Bury Town. Matt worked for Whitbread in Luton and now lives in Kempston.

Robert (Bobby) Anderson BRENNAN

It was a smart piece of business for Luton Town when they brought the clever inside forward over from Belfast Distillery in October 1947 for £2,000. Once he had established himself in the Hatters side, his quality and opportunist goalscoring was plain to see and it was with regret that a record offer from Birmingham two years later was too good to refuse although it caused much anger amongst the supporters at the time. He did not settle well at St Andrews or at his next club Fulham but then went on to enjoy seven years with Norwich, for whom he turned out against the Town, and scored, in the 1959 FA Cup semi-final. He settled in Norfolk where he remained until his death in 2002.

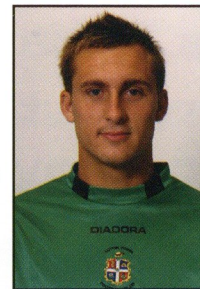


Gordon Harry Joseph BRICE

Bedford born Gordon signed on for the Hatters during the war but was called up to the Marines almost immediately. In the first post-war season Gordon made only 13 appearances for the Town, mostly as understudy to centre-half Horace Gager, and it came as a surprise when mighty Wolves paid out £11,000 seeing him as the successor to Stan Cullis. It did not work out at Molineux and in March 1948 he signed for Reading where he became a terrace favourite. Moving up a grade to Fulham in 1952, Gordon had four years at Craven Cottage before being transferred to Ayr where he also ran an hotel. Gordon was also a county cricketer for Northants and was living in Bedford at the time of his death in 2003.

Dean Michael BRILL

Local lad Dean signed on for the Hatters from school and made his Luton debut in a Division Two game at Oldham in September 2003, whilst still only 17, coming on in goal for Robert Beckwith who had been dismissed for handling outside the area. Dean played four more times that season, none in the next, and five in 2005/06, including the first three games of the campaign when the Town took the Championship by storm. Although regarded as understudy to the experienced Marlon Beresford, the young shotstopper is highly regarded at Kenilworth Road and has recently signed a long term contract with the club.



Ahmet BRKOVIC

The 'Croatian Sensation' came to England after meeting a Romford girl who was on holiday in Croatia. The former Dubrovnik midfielder had trials at both Millwall and Luton before accepting a contract with Leyton Orient in November 1999. In East London he starred as the 'O's won through to the 2001 play-off finals, where they lost 2-4 to Blackpool, before signing for Luton that summer on a 'Bosman' free transfer. Since that time he has been a regular in a Hatters side that has climbed from the basement to the Championship and has won the fans over with his clever footwork, intelligent use of the ball and occasional spectacular goals from overhead kicks!



Away with the Faroes



With the opposition provided for the better teams in the European Championship qualifiers diluted to the point of boredom, GEOFF KNOX asks isn't it about time to get rid of the cannon fodder nations and get straight down to the nitty gritty? Insightful, investigative journalism or opinionated rubbish? You decide.

Footballing life returns to normal again this afternoon after the latest round of European Championship qualifiers.

The participating players are now back at their respective clubs and, in most cases, fit and ready for the bread and butter real live action stuff we're used to seeing here at Kenilworth Road on a Saturday afternoon.

Both Luton Town and today's visitors, Birmingham City, were affected by international call-ups to some of their players.

Warren Feeney (Northern Ireland), Markus Heikkinen (Finland) and Kevin Foley (Republic of Ireland) were all absent with leave from the Luton Rugby Club training ground over the last fortnight.

The Blues also suffered depleted ranks during the international break as Maik Taylor and Damian Johnson (both Northern Ireland), Stephen Kelly (Republic of Ireland), Nicklas Bendtner (Denmark), Mikael Forssell (Finland), Sebastian Larsson (Sweden U21), Cameron Jerome (England U21) and Fabrice Muamba (England U19) all served their respective countries.

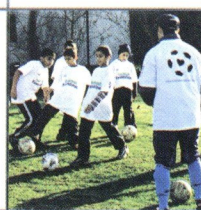
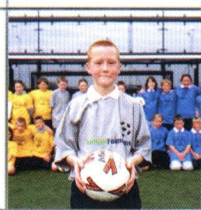
The second international break of the season (and we're still only in October) may be a blessing for some clubs, but is a curse to many others – particularly when their star players return to the club, do not pass GO and head straight into the treatment room to nurse an injury acquired on national team duty.

The question is, do we need to play so many international games in the first place?

For a start, the debate about playing friendlies rages on and on mainly due to two reasons - the inept way that the football authorities time them and the equally careless handling of the fixtures by national team managers.

The decision to play a friendly against Greece three days before the Premiership season even started (and for that matter, only a week or so after the Championship campaign began) incurred the wrath of many Premiership managers.

For example, having spent the whole summer organising and preparing for the new Premiership season, West Ham manager Alan Pardew not only lost players for the vital last few days before the big kick-off, but also, most damagingly, lost his star



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San Marino (pictured top) are the current whipping boys on the international scene. They have only won once in their entire history, a 1-0 victory over Liechtenstein in 2004. David Rodrigo, the Andorra coach (pictured left), has improved the national team's fortunes, but even they have conceded 16 goals in their opening three qualifying games. However, Warren Feeney (pictured right) proved shocks can happen by helping Northern Ireland to a 0-0 draw against Denmark at the weekend, which followed their impressive 3-2 win over Spain.

striker for most of this season when Dean Ashton broke his ankle in an England training session for a nothing match.

During the game against Greece, England fans were, thankfully, spared from the substitute debacle that typified international friendlies under Sven-Goran Eriksson, as it was Steve McClaren's first game in charge and a result against a decent side was important.

'Only' six substitutions were made, and the majority of these were in the last quarter of an hour.

Now that the European Championship qualifiers are well underway a familiar pattern is emerging at the top and bottom of the group tables.

Critics of this competition justifiably argue that, depending on which group you're in, it can take up to fourteen

games to conclude the qualification process, and that is something worth moaning about.

Why should teams like England, Italy and France have to keep playing the likes of San Marino, Andorra and Cypriotistan twice every two years?

Not only do these games unnecessarily break up the domestic season, they do the recipients of these constant poundings no good whatsoever.

In sport in general, there is an argument that you have to test yourself against better opposition to improve. This rings true, to a degree, if you're taking on opponents a step or two higher up the ladder.

However, the minnows of European football used to be the likes of Albania and Cyprus, but countries like these are now basking sharks compared to the plankton currently floating around at

the bottom of the pool.

San Marino's opening two games have been high scoring affairs, yielding 20 goals. The only problem is, they didn't score any of them. They lost 13-0 to Germany and 7-0 to Czech Republic.

Andorra's record would not look good compared to any team other than San Marino. Comparatively, they have conceded just 16 goals in their opening three matches, and even managed to score one themselves – a late consolation effort in a 4-1 defeat in Israel.

The fact that Azerbaijan only lost to Serbia by a single goal in Group A is seen as a triumph for a nation ranked 117 in the (admittedly flawed) FIFA Coca-Cola World Rankings, and had the Serbian press calling for the head of national coach Javier Clemente.

The Faroe Islands and Luxembourg have been around the qualifying scene for years taking hammering after hammering, so the argument that eventually their games would develop to the point of them being competitive is not a strong one.

The Faroes opened their qualifying campaign with two 6-0 defeats – not against the big hitters but against Scotland and Georgia.

The argument is now stronger than ever to reduce the amount of teams involved in a competition the size of the European Championship qualifiers.

Surely now European teams outside the, say, top 100 of the FIFA Rankings (as a marker, Equatorial Guinea are 90th) should have to pre-qualify for major tournaments, such as the lower ranked countries in the CONCACAF, Oceania and Asian territories have to do for the FIFA World Cup.

This would avoid potentially exciting qualifying tournaments being diluted to the point of boredom, as they are now.

And it would avoid embarrassing situations such as the predicament the FA found themselves in (which was recently avoided by yet more setbacks to the longest building project ever) when at one stage of proceedings it looked as if the inaugural competitive match at the new Wembley Stadium was going to be England versus Andorra.

Hardly fitting opposition for such a major event.



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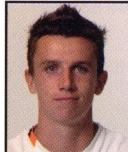
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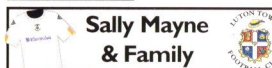
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2005/06 Goals: 0*



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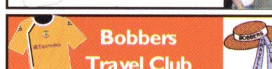
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2005/06 App: 39*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



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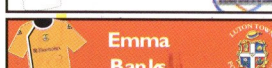
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Place Of Birth: Cheltenham
Date Signed: August 2002
First Club: Swindon Town
Last Club: Swindon Town
2005/06 App: 23*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



04 ^{Chris} Coyne



Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 28-12-78
Place Of Birth: Brisbane
Date Signed: Sept 01
First Club: West Ham Utd
Last Club: Dundee
2005/06 App: 33*
2005/06 Goals: 3*



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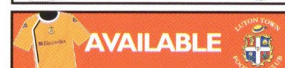
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First Club: Lymington
Last Club: Cardiff
2005/06 App: 12*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



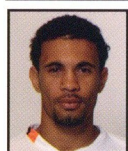
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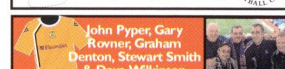
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First Club: Enfield
Last Club: Rushden & Diam
2005/06 App: 45*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



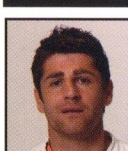
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Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 24-10-78
Place Of Birth: Port of Spain
Date Signed: May 2005
First Club: Defence Force
Last Club: Wrexham
2005/06 App: 45*
2005/06 Goals: 2*



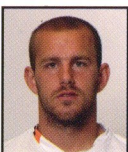
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Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 10-12-74
Place Of Birth: Lismore
Date Signed: June 2002
First Club: Tottenham
Last Club: Leyton City
2005/06 App: 27*
2005/06 Goals: 3*



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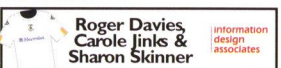
Position: Striker
Date Of Birth: 21-09-82
Place Of Birth: Middlesbrough
Date Signed: July 2005
First Club: Portsmouth
Last Club: Colchester (loan)
2005/06 App: 32*
2005/06 Goals: 10*



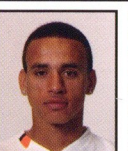
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Position: Striker
Date Of Birth: 17-01-81
Place Of Birth: Belfast
Date Signed: March 2005
First Club: Leeds United
Last Club: Stockport
2005/06 App: 45*
2005/06 Goals: 7*



11 ^{Dean} Morgan



Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 03-10-83
Place Of Birth: Enfield
Date Signed: July 2005
First Club: Colchester
Last Club: Reading
2005/06 App: 38*
2005/06 Goals: 6*



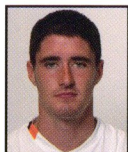
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Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 17-04-83
Place Of Birth: Ealing
Date Signed: Progressed from Trainee in 2002
First Club: Walsall (loan)
2005/06 App: 1*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



15 ^{Stephen} O'Leary



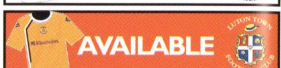
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2005/06 App: 1*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



16 ^{Lewis} Emanuel



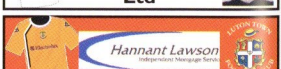
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Place Of Birth: Bradford
Date Signed: July 2006
First Club: Hartlepool
Last Club: Bradford
2005/06 App: 43
2005/06 Goals: 2



17 ^{Richard} Langley



Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 27-12-79
Place Of Birth: London
Date Signed: July 2006
First Club: QPR
Last Club: QPR (Resigned)
2005/06 App: 45*
2005/06 Goals: 3~



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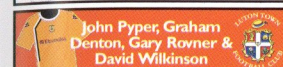
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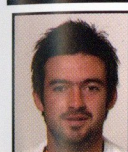
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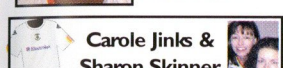
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Last Club: Ipswich Town
2005/06 App: 20
2005/06 Goals: 5



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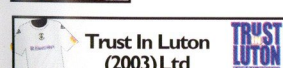
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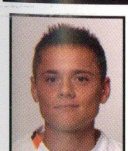
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Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 20-11-86
Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2003
2005/06 App: 12*
2005/06 Goals: 1*



22 ^{Danny} Stevens



Position: Midfielder
Date Of Birth: 26-11-86
Place Of Birth: Enfield
Date Signed: September 2005
First Club: Tottenham
Last Club: Tottenham
2005/06 App: 1*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



25 ^{Leon} Barnett



Position: Defender
Date Of Birth: 30-11-85
Place Of Birth: Luton
Date Signed: Progressed from trainee in 2002
Last Club: Aylesbury (loan)
2005/06 App: 22*
2005/06 Goals: 0*



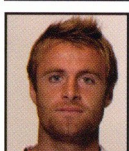
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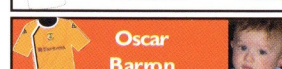
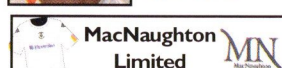
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Last Club: Aberdeen
2005/06 App: 40*
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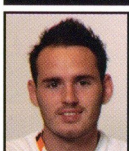
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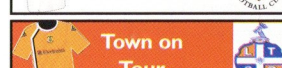
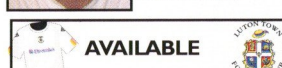
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28 ^{David} Bell



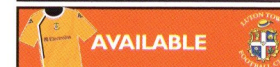
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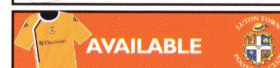
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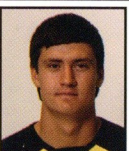
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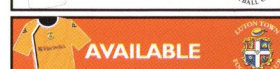
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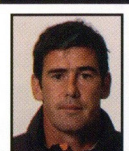
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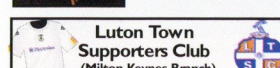
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2005/06 Goals: 0*



Mike Newell



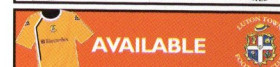
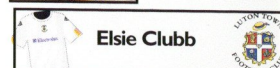
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Place Of Birth: Liverpool
Arrived: 2003
Previous Manager: Hartlepool
Playing Career: Liverpool, Crewe, Wigan, Luton, Leicester, Everton, Blackburn, Birmingham, West Ham, Aberdeen, Bradford, Crewe, Doncaster and Belper



Brian Stein



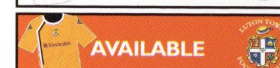
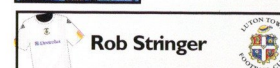
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Playing Career: Burnet, Arney, Caen, Luton Town, Edgeware Town



Marvin Johnson



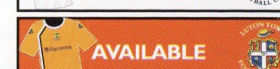
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Steve Sedgley



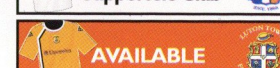
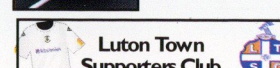
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Date Of Birth: 26-05-68
Previous Manager: Kingston
Playing Career: Coventry, Tottenham, Ipswich and Wickerhampton Wanderers



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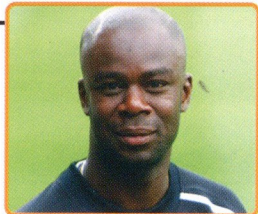


Position: Youth Development Officer
Place Of Birth: London



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Marvin Johnson, Youth Team Manager -
Luton Town Football Club

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"I was attracted by the concept of the in2win lottery, not only by some of the tremendous prizes on offer, but also with its unique opportunity to provide additional funding and support towards the Club's Youth Development Programme. To have come out of the hat and to win a prize after just a few short weeks of being a member is a great bonus!"

Justin Boon - in2win membership No.108

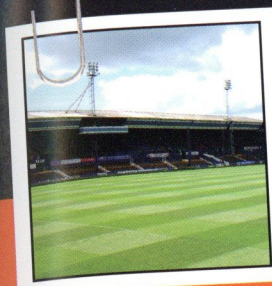
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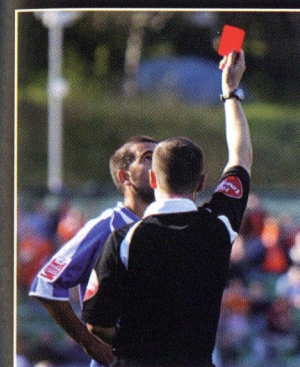
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Around the Ground

We take a look at the latest news from around Kenilworth Road



The Man in the Middle

Name: Jonathan Moss
From: West Yorkshire
Matches this season: 10
Number of Yellow Cards: 32
Numbers of Red Cards: 0
Last game at Kenilworth Road: First Visit

Luton Town would like to welcome today's match referee Jonathan Moss, and all the officials, to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Moss, from West Yorkshire, officiated in 31 games last season, producing 108 yellow cards and eight red cards.

Moss will be officiating in his third Championship game this season. Moss refereed Bristol Rovers' 2-0 victory

against Chester last week.

Moss has officiated in ten games so far this season, producing 32 yellow cards and no red card

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Adults	£17.50	£19.50
Concessions	£11.00	£13.50

Golden Gamble Winner



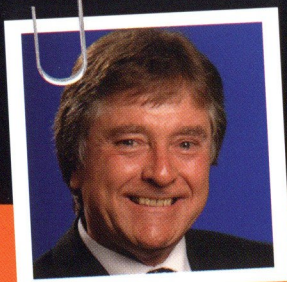
Jane Winterson, from Walkern near Stevenage was the latest winner of our Golden Gamble draw. Jane, who sits in the Main Stand, may have not seen her side beat WBA last week, but she did have something to celebrate at half-time when her number was draw and scooped the £990 prize. Remember, you can buy a ticket from around the ground for just £1.

Town Teaser

Here is your chance to win a pair of match tickets to a Luton Town game at Kenilworth Road this season.

Answer the question below and listen to the PA announcer before kick-off for your chance to have a go

Gary McSheffrey and which other current Birmingham player has enjoyed a spell at Luton Town.



Commercial news with **Peter Davis**

Peter Davis welcomes this afternoon's sponsors to Kenilworth Road

Good afternoon and welcome to all of our commercial partners and sponsors, to our eagerly awaited game against Birmingham City. I say eagerly awaited, as this afternoon sees the first meeting between our clubs since November 1995, when the match produced a hard fought and very competitive 0-0 draw.

A superb away win at Barnsley, together with a game free weekend, due to international fixtures, has produced another three week home match gap. Therefore we are all looking forward to getting back into the "swing of things" this afternoon.

Kirk Stephens – Guest Celebrity in the Eric Morecambe Lounge.

We are delighted to be able to play host today, in our Eric Morecambe Sponsors lounge, to a Luton Town star of yesterday, Kirk Stephens. Kirk made his debut for Luton on the 19th August 1978, when we won 6-1 against Oldham

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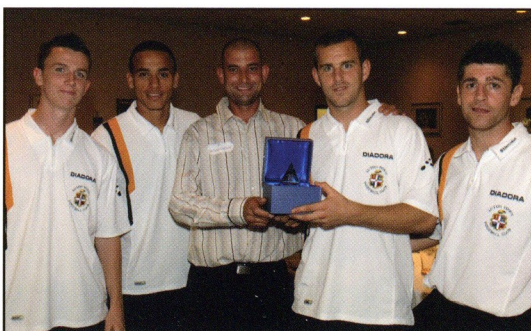
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Enjoy the day and thank you for your support.

Peter



□ Nico Ashton Cotton & Isaac Galliford, commercial mascots receiving their certificates from squad members



□ A guest of Steve Ayres, who was match sponsor for West Bromwich Albion

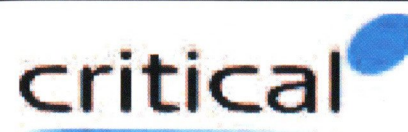


□ David Lindsay match ball sponsor and his family and friends in the home dugout



□ Six year old Amy Leaning commercial mascot receiving her certificate

Matchball Sponsor :
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It's with great pleasure that we welcome back this afternoon Derek Farr and the guests of local research group Critical, as Matchball Sponsors. With offices in Reading, Watford, as well as Luton, Critical who have been established since 1990, employ many staff at each of their locations, working from their state of the art telephone interview centres. As a continually expanding operation, Critical are always looking to recruit new staff members who they can train as interviewers. If you can work at least 18 hours per week, please call now on 01582 480588, or visit their website at www.critical.co.uk for further information and details. Critical have sponsored many Luton games over the seasons and are as delighted to be back for their first sponsorship of the season, as we are to see them again.

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We also are further delighted to be able to welcome back for their first visit this season Mick Wood together with the guests and management of GMAC, one of the world's leading financial service providers as today's Associate Match Sponsors. GMAC offers its services through GM Chevrolet, Vauxhall and Saab retailers here in the UK. Since its inception in 1919, they have been helping customers drive away the vehicle of their choice by offering a range of personal finance and insurance solutions designed exclusively to meet their needs. This has enabled GMAC to extend more than \$1 trillion dollars on credit and help to finance more than 150 million vehicles worldwide. By continuing to offer innovative financial solutions to car buyers and with their support to the growth of the car dealer network throughout the UK, GMAC looks forward to continued growth during the remainder of the season.

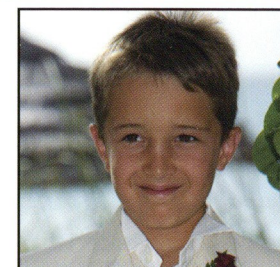


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Today's Commercial Mascot:
Jack Farr



It's with a warm welcome that we say good afternoon to our commercial mascot, eleven year old Jack Farr; who just happens to be the nephew of our match ball sponsor Derek Farr. Living in Birmingham, and a self confessed Blues follower; (Jack has decided to turn out for us today) Jack attends Kings School in Worcester and whilst being a general all sport fanatic, it is football that conquers all. Whilst he can be excused for having the odd favourite player from within his hometown club, he also keeps a keen eye on our own Carlos Edwards, who he nominates as his choice of favourite Luton Town player. We all at the club hope Jack and his family have a great day out with us.

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Football in the Community

Stuart Smith brings us the latest news from the Community Department



Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's Championship fixture against Birmingham City.

I would like to use today's page to look at another new project which is being introduced this season by Luton Town's Football in the Community Department.

After the success of our Development Centre Programme, which has been massively over subscribed, we have decided to bring in a new programme to introduce young children into football for the first time.

This programme is called First Kicks and all details of this programme are listed below. For more information, or to apply for an application form, contact the Community Department on 01582 391927

Finally, I would like to welcome today's Saturday Match Club guests, Flitwick Eagles.

Enjoy the game

Stuart Smith

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November 2006: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
December 2006: 2nd, 9th, 16th
January 2007: 6th, 13th

Course 2.

February 2007: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
March 2007: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
April 2007: 7th

Course 3.

October 2006: 28th
November 2006: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
December 2006: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

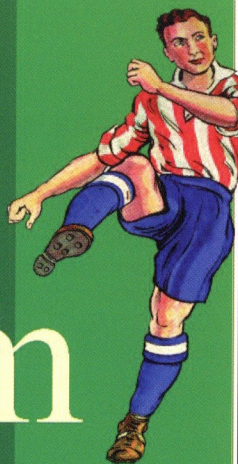
- Payment for any one course is only by a block booking of £50.00 payable in advance.
- Payment for any two courses is £90.00 paid in advance
- Payment for any three courses is £120.00 paid in advance
- If you book and pay for two or more courses you will be issued with a proof of payment pass which you will need to bring to each session
- Cheques should be made payable to Luton Town Football in the Community
- All you need to enroll is request a form, which can be collected at the Community offices.

You can contact the Community office on 01582 391927

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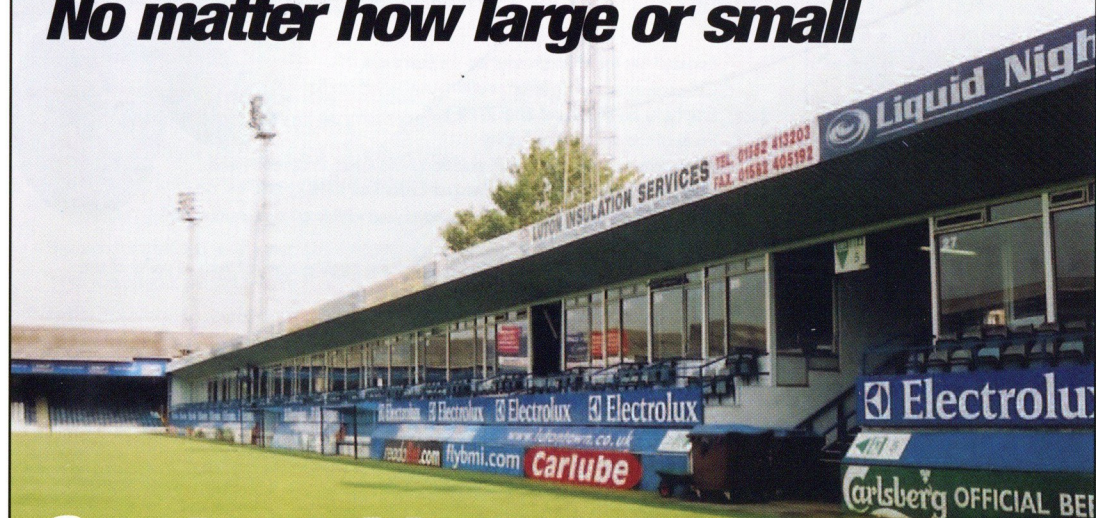
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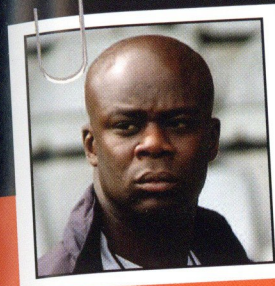
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Luton Town's

Youth Team

Marvin Johnson looks back at the youth teams defeat by Rushden & Diamonds in the Puma Youth Cup

**Puma Youth Alliance Cup
Saturday 7th October 2006
Luton Town 0 Rushden 4**

Luton's chances of qualifying for the next stages of the Puma Youth Alliance Cup are all but over after a disappointing defeat to Rushden & Diamonds at the weekend.

The Hatters needed to take maximum points against the Northamptonshire side to stand a realistic chance of progressing further in the competition.

However, Diamonds thoroughly deserved their victory as Marvin Johnson's side were comprehensively beaten.

"We made five changes from the side that played against Portsmouth last week, but I didn't expect us to be beaten by this score line," admitted Johnson.

"With it being a cup game, I wanted to start with players that probably haven't started the last couple of games.

"On the day, Rushden thoroughly deserved their victory and I was disappointed with our performance.

"Our lads didn't play as well as I know they can. I am not sure whether that was because of the fact Rushden didn't allow us to

play, but they looked more organised than ourselves and it is something we will have to work on.

"I gave boys who haven't had the chance to get some experience under their belt and maybe the performance was down to me making so many changes.

"I will continue to give schoolboys a chance this season. We have two cup games remaining, but will probably not make as many changes in them games."

Since we last reported on the youth teams progress, Johnson's side claimed their first league win of the season with a 1-0 victory over Leyton Orient. Ryan Charles was on target for the Hatters, hitting home a second half penalty.

Luton then made the long trip to Portsmouth and claimed another three points, moving into fifth spot in the division thanks to a Jamie McGuinness and Rob Sinclair strike, which sealed a 2-1 win.

Luton now have a short break, before returning to league action against QPR at Newlands Road. The game, on Saturday 21st October, gets underway at 11:00am. Entry is FREE for all supporters.

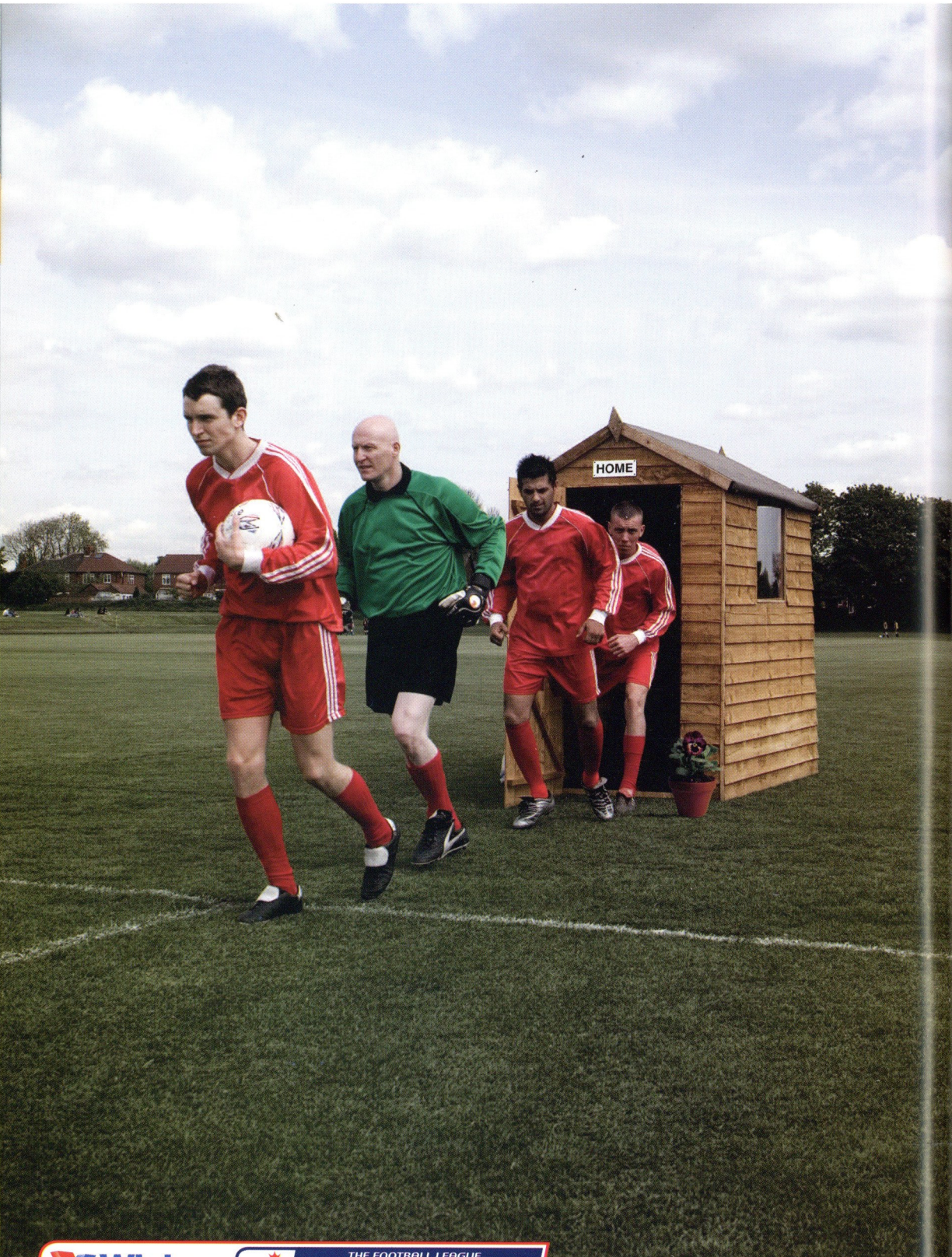
The youngsters then make the

short trip to title-chasing Wycombe Wanderers the following Saturday.

LTFC YOUTH

Date	Opponent	KO/Result
August		
Sat 12	Southend United	L - 2-3
Sat 19	Colchester United	D - 1-1
September		
Sat 2	Hereford United (PY)	W - 7-0
Sat 9	Bristol Rovers (PY)	D - 1-1
Sat 16	Leyton Orient (PY)	L - 0-2
Sat 23	Leyton Orient	W 1-0
Sat 30	Portsmouth	W 2-1
October		
Sat 7	Rushden & Diam (PY)	L 0-4
Sat 21	QPR	11:00am
Sat 28	Wycombe Wanderers	11:00am
November		
Sat 04	Northampton Town	11:00am
Sat 11	Cheltenham Town (PY)	11:00am
Sat 18	Northampton Town (PY)	11:00am
Sat 25	Gillingham	11:00am
December		
Sat 9	Brighton & Hove Albion	11:00am
Sat 16	Brentford	11:00am
January		
Sat 6	Rushden & Diam	11:00am
Sat 13	Southend United	11:00am
Sat 20	Colchester United	11:00am
February		
Sat 03	Leyton Orient	11:00am
Sat 10	Portsmouth	11:00am
Sat 17	QPR	11:00am
Sat 24	Wycombe Wanderers	11:00am
March		
Sat 03	Northampton Town	11:00am
Sat 17	Gillingham	11:00am
Sat 24	Brighton & Hove Albion	11:00am
Sat 31	Brentford	11:00am
April		
Sat 14	Rushden & Diam	11:00am

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gillingham	4	3	0	1	9	4	9
QPR	4	3	0	1	6	4	9
Wycombe W	4	2	2	0	6	2	8
Rushden & D	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
LUTON T	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Brighton	4	2	1	1	6	6	7
Colchester U	4	1	3	0	6	4	6
Brentford	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
Southend U	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Northampton	4	0	2	2	5	7	2
Portsmouth	4	0	0	4	3	9	0
Leyton Orient	4	0	0	4	2	10	0



Luton Town's Reserves

STEVEN DOVE reports from Roots Hall on Luton's first reserve defeat of the season against Southend

Despite fielding a strong team, Luton's Reserve side were well beaten by Southend United in a disappointing display at Roots Hall.

Some questionable defending from the visitors contributed to two of Southend's goals as the impressive Gary Hooper grabbed a brace for the home side, either side of a strike from defender Spencer Prior.

Adam Boyd had given Luton the perfect start with a 16th minute strike, however, the visitors fell apart after the goal and Southend could have added further humiliation to the Hatters, but wasted some good openings.

Southend started brightly and created the better chances. They should have taken the lead on nine minutes when Hooper beat the Luton offside trap.

Racing towards goal, Hooper stepped inside the challenge of Michael Leary and instead of laying off a ball to Ricketts the striker went for glory, shooting straight into the arms of Dean Brill.

Luton almost hit Southend on the counter attack when Brill's long throw found Shaun Ross. The defender played

a neat ball, which released Stevens through the centre, who dragged a 22-yard shot wide.

The deadlock was broken on 16 minutes as Boyd grabbed his second goal for the reserves this season.

The striker raced onto a through ball by Stevens and calmly placed a side-footed shot beyond the reach of Southend goalkeeper Steve Collis from the edge of the area.

Boyd snapped a half-volley on 22 minutes which Collis was equal to and, as the rebound fell to Feeney, the Southend goalkeeper displayed quick reactions to keep out a shot from the Northern Ireland international.

Southend had rarely threatened the Luton goal, but managed to get themselves back on level terms on 31 minutes when Luke Guttridge's pass picked out Hooper, who muscled out Keith Keane to beat Brill to the ball, and hit a shot that flicked off the inside of a post and into the net.

Luton found themselves behind when, on 45 minutes, Prior found the target from three yards. The Luton defence failed to clear a Southend corner and as

the ball bounced off Ricketts, Prior was standing in the right place to smash the ball home from close range.

Luton made a change at the interval as Edward Asafu-Adjaye was introduced into the action. The second half was only five minutes old when the Luton youngster made a costly mistake which saw the home side extend their lead.

Hooper grabbed his second of the game when the Southend striker took advantage of Asafu-Adjaye's failed clearance. The former Grays Athletic striker kept his composure to coolly round Brill and slot the ball into the empty net.

Southend were by far the better side in the second half and continued to push Luton deep into their own half. The visitors could have extended their lead further, but wasted a number of good openings.

The result was Luton's first defeat in the reserve league, ahead of a trip to Norwich City on Wednesday.



Michael Leary returned to action for the reserves in the 3-1 defeat against Southend United

LTFC RESERVES

Date	Opponent	KO/Result
August		
Tue 15	Leyton Orient	D 2-2
Tue 29	MK Dons	W 8-0
September		
Tue 19	Southend United	L 3-1
October		
Wed 18	Norwich City	7:30pm
Tue 24	Oxford United	2:00pm
November		
Tue 07	Stevenage Borough	2:00pm
Tue 14	Colchester	2:00pm
December		
Tues 5	Ipswich Town	7:00pm
Wed 13	Northampton Town	2:00pm
January		
Tue 9	Leyton Orient	2:00pm
Tues 23	Southend United	2:00pm
February		
Mon 5	Oxford United	2:00pm
Wed 21	Stevenage Borough	7:00pm
March		
Tue 6	Norwich City	2:00pm
Tue 20	MK Dons	2:00pm
April		
Tue 3	Northampton	2:00pm
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Wed 25	Colchester United	2:00pm



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Luton Town

Ladies

Dave Baker looks back on the latest news from the Luton Town Ladies side

A previously unheard of injury and availability crisis continues to haunt the Town's senior squad as they have struggled to field a fully fit team for the past month.

After the long journey to Clevedon Town Luton produced a really spirited performance again, creating seven clear chances to the home side's one but still only returning with a single point for their efforts.

Typical of their luck at the minute Town narrowly missed taking the lead from a well struck corner but the ball was launched upfield, where the lone striker seized on the break-away and finished well from a sharp angle.

Chances came and were wasted but when Carly Cowell was switched up front her pace caused mayhem in the home defence, who eventually succumbed when Bex Kane's cross

was headed out to Lizzie Randall, who fired her shot high into the net for her first goal since returning to the club from Langford.

There was only one likely winner after that but Town just could not force the ball home and their first league win remains elusive. Although it may be regarded as two points lost this was an encouraging performance in view of the number injuries that we are now carrying.

The Reserves pulled off an excellent win, defeating early pace setters Northwood 3-0 to move into second place. Laura Day continued to shine and opened the scoring with a clinical strike before adding her second goal. Rebecca Dimmock was also on target complete a fine win.

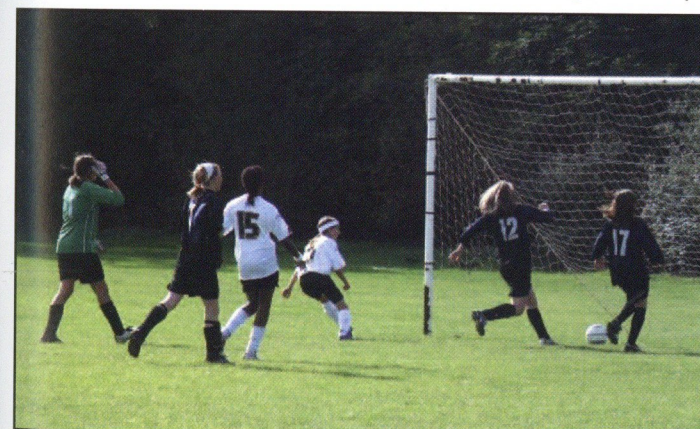
The third team were also in good form, winning 5-1 away to Hendon with goals from Ann Folan (2), Nicky Shepherd, Beth Hedges and Vicky

Moody. The newly-formed squad has started well, winning two out of three matches in some style.

The Under 15s ran out 6-0 winners at Princes Park courtesy of goals from Yasmin Hickling(2), Rachel Carter, Kelly Moss, Lozza Bilston and Jasmine Hall. The Under 14s goal mad start came to a halt at Cambridge City in unfortunate circumstances, surrendering a lead given to them by Emer Wood, but then conceded three goals before Grace Shiels reduced the deficit with a volley from Leanne Lizaitis' cross.

Perhaps the most open league is the Under 13s, who defeated Letchworth Garden City 3-0. However, they were then brought back to earth losing 2-0 at home to Enfield. This is a new squad of players formed with the intention of playing football the 'Luton way' and that sometimes will mean a few defeats along the way to develop footballers capable of competing at first team level.

Our younger squads continue to impress with the Under 11s completing what was naturally the most popular success of the weekend with a 2-1 win at Watford. The Under 10s breezed into the cup semi final with a 4-0 win over Enfield Town, and followed that up with another clean sheet in their first league game at Garston. Rebecca Reeve scored both goals in a solid 2-0 away win.



Terri Petit scores for the Belles Under 13 team in their 3-0 win against Letchworth Garden City

Action Replay

vs Barnsley,
Saturday 30th September 2006



BARNSLEY 1 LUTON 2

Luton Scorers: Edwards (47) & Brkovic (90)

Attendance: 10,175

Picture: Ahmet Brkovic scores a late goal to secure Luton their second away win of the season. The goal came after a mistake from Barnsley goalkeeper Vito Mannone.





Luton: Beresford, Foley, Barnett, Heikkinen, Edwards, Langley (Brkovic 64), Robinson, Morgan (Davis 64), Emanuel, Parkin, Vine

Subs not used: Brill, Keane, Feeney

Bookings: Parkin (42)

Goal: Edwards (47), Brkovic (90)

BARNLEY FC



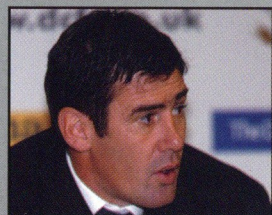
Barnsley: Mannone, Hassell, Heckingbottom, Togwell, Hayes, McIndoe, Howard, Austin (Williams 90), Kay, Richards, Devaney (Wright 81)

Subs not used: Letheren, Healy, Wroe

Bookings: None

Goal: Howard (48)

From the Manager



I think in the second half we played well enough to gain the win. The winner was a gift and you do feel for the young goalkeeper; but that is what young players have to do. They have to make mistakes to get better. Although you feel for him, you are obviously delighted to have won the game. I think if anybody was going to win the game then we were going to win it. We didn't know that the winner was going to come like that, but you have those days when it is meant to be.



□ Dean Morgan evades a flying leg from a Barnsley defender



□ Ahmet Brkovic celebrates his first goal of the season as he scores in stoppage time

BARNLEY 1 LUTON 2

BY PHILIP FRANCIS

A mistake from Barnsley goalkeeper Vito Mannone in the last minute of stoppage time helped Luton claim only their second away league win of the season against Barnsley.

The stand-in goalkeeper was guilty of a horrendous blunder, dropping a hopeful punt up field from Sol Davis, which allowed Ahmet Brkovic to head into an empty net for his first goal of the season.

Carlos Edwards' sublime strike on 47 minutes had given Luton the lead, but the Hatters were pegged back immediately when Brian Howard scored a well worked goal.

However, a moment of good fortune for Luton saw them take the three points. Mannone was only in the starting line-up for the suspended Nick Colgan and his error saw Brkovic head home from three yards.

The first half was a game of very few chances. Richard Langley and Sam Parkin both created good openings, before Marlon Beresford was forced into a good save from ex-Hatter Michael McIndoe.

Edwards gave Luton the lead with a well struck shot from 25 yards, before Howard cut through the Luton defence to equalise on 48 minutes.



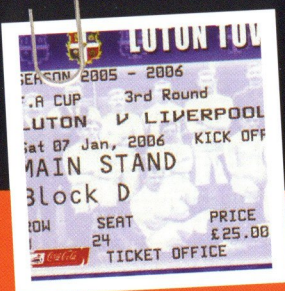
□ Leon Barnett wins this header



□ High-flying Richard Langley beats Martin Devaney



□ Sol Davis shows some trickery on the ball



From the

Ticket Office

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COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
HULL CITY V LUTON TOWN
Tuesday 17th October 2006
Kick-Off 7:45pm



THIS IS NOT AN ALL TICKET FIXTURE ALTHOUGH WE DO HAVE A SOME TICKETS AVAILABLE AT LUTON TOWN TICKET OFFICE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE

ALLOCATION: We have been given an initial allocation of 590 tickets.

SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: Tickets are currently on general sale until 5pm on 16/10/06. (Subject to availability.)

TICKET PRICES: Tickets for this fixture are priced as follows.

Adult £23.00
Juniors (16 and under) £14.00
Seniors (60 and over) £14.00
Students (with valid NUS card) £14.00
Wheelchair Disabled £10.00 plus carer free of charge
Ambulant Disabled £14.00 plus carer free of charge



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
LUTON TOWN V LEEDS UNITED
Saturday 21st October 2006
Kick-Off 3:00pm



THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET - TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE DAY OF THE GAME

Tickets are now on sale at normal pre-match day prices.



CARLING CUP THIRD ROUND
EVERTON V LUTON TOWN
Tuesday 24th October 2006
Kick-Off 8:00pm



THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET FOR ALL SUPPORTERS

ALLOCATION: We have been given an allocation of 3,052 seating tickets in the Bullens Road Stand

SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: Tickets are currently on sale at 1 ticket per Member until the close of business on 17/10/06. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on 18/10/06 until 12 noon on 24/10/06 (subject to availability)

TICKET PRICES: Tickets for this fixture are priced as follows.

£20 - Adults
£10 - Concessions (Over 65, Under 16)
£20 - Adult wheelchair disabled (carers free)
£10 - Junior/OAP wheelchair disabled (carers free)

There are a limited number of obstructed view seats available at £19 for Adults, and £9 for juniors/OAPs



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
IPSWICH TOWN V LUTON TOWN
Sunday 29th October 2006

Kick-Off 1:15pm (please note this game is on Sky TV)



THIS IS AN ALL TICKET FIXTURE FOR LUTON FANS

ALLOCATION: We have been allocated 1435 tickets in the Cobbold Stand. There are also 10 spaces for wheelchair users together with a carer.

SELLING ARRANGEMENTS: Tickets will go on sale 1 ticket per season ticket holder until 14/10/06, then 1 ticket per member from 16/10/06 until 23/10/06. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on 24/10/06 until 12 noon on 28/10/06 (subject to availability).

TICKET PRICES: Tickets for this fixture are priced as follows.

Adult £26.00
Juniors (16 and under) £9.50
Seniors (65 and over) £18.00
Wheelchair Disabled £15.00 plus carer free of charge
Ambulant Disabled £15.00 plus carer free of charge

To book disabled tickets or for further information on disabled parking please contact Ipswich Town's Disabled Liaison Officer directly on 01473 400556



COCA-COLA CHAMPIONSHIP
LUTON TOWN V BURNLEY
Tuesday 31st October 2006
Kick-Off 7:45pm



Tickets are now on sale at normal pre-match day prices.

Please note that there is a £2.00 increase on tickets purchased on the day of the game.

TRAVEL GUIDE



By Car: Take the M1 northbound to junction 32 of the M18. Take the M18 towards Hull, which will eventually lead to the M62. 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.

Parking: The club advise visiting fans to use the 'Park and Ride' facility based at Priory Park. Priory Park is situated next to the Clive Sullivan Way coming into Hull and buses run to and from the KC Stadium every ten minutes. Costing £1.20 return.

SUPPORTERS CLUBS

Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 3:00pm with a stop at MK Coachway approximately 30 minutes later. The fare for LTSC members is £19, £17 concessions and £21 non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk or via www.lutontownfc.co.uk

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 1:30pm and Luton at 2:30pm. Costs for this trip is £18.50 adults and £15.00 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk, at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 856542.



By Car: Take the M1 northbound to the junction of the M6. Head north up the M6 to junction 21A and follow the M62 to Liverpool. Follow the M62 until you reach the end of the motorway (beware of a 50mph speed camera about a quarter of a mile from the end of the motorway). Then follow the A5058 towards Liverpool. After three miles turn left at the traffic lights into Utting Avenue (there is a McDonalds on the corner of this junction). Proceed for one mile and then turn right at the corner of Stanley Park into Priory Road. Goodison is at the end of this road.

Parking: If you arrive early then there is street parking to be found around Walton Lane. Otherwise park over towards Anfield or in Stanley Park itself (the entrance to the car park which costs £6, is in Priory Road).

SUPPORTERS CLUBS

Town on Tour will be leaving Maple Road at 2:30pm. The fare for LTSC members is £17, £15 concessions and £19 non-members. To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section of www.lutontown.co.uk or via www.lutontownfc.co.uk

The Bobbers Travel Club will depart from Cranfield at 1:15pm and Luton at 2:15pm. Costs for this trip is £19.50 adults and £16.00 child and OAP. Supporters wishing to book their place for this trip should visit the Bobbers Travel Kiosk, at the back of the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or telephone 01234 856542.



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2006/2007 Appearances

	This Season						International App			Luton Town Career			
	League App	League Gls	Cup Competitions App	Cup Competitions Gls	Total App	Total Gls	Disciplinary Yel	Disciplinary Red	Nation	Caps	Gls	App	Gls
1 Marlon BERESFORD	10	0	2	0	12	0	0	0	Rep U21	2	0	113	0
2 Kevin FOLEY	10	0	0(2)	0	10(2)	0	0	0				134	5
3 Sol DAVIS	8(1)	0	1	0	8(1)	0	1	0				165	2
4 Chris COYNE	1(3)	0	1	0	2(3)	0	0	0				210	15
5 Russell PERRETT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				96	8
6 Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				69	5
7 Carlos EDWARDS	10	3	1(1)	0	11(1)	3	1	0				55	5
8 Steve ROBINSON	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0				144	11
9 Rowan VINE	10	5	0(2)	1	10(2)	6	3	0				93	26
10 Warren FEENEY	5(2)	0	1	1	5(2)	1	0	0	N Ireland	(5)	0	58	8
11 Dean MORGAN	2(5)	1	2	1	4(5)	2	0	0				46	8
14 Michael LEARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				31	3
15 Stephen O'LEARY	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0				29	2
16 Lewis EMANUEL	10	1	0	0	10	1	2	1				10	1
17 Richard LANGLEY	10	1	1	0	11	1	1	0				11	1
18 Ahmet BRKOVIC	0(2)	1	2	0	2(2)	1	0	0				197	36
19 Sam PARKIN	5(1)	1	0	0	5(1)	1	1	0				5	1
20 Adam BOYD	0(3)	0	2	1	2(3)	1	0	0				5	1
21 Keith KEANE	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	49	2			
22 Danny STEVENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			
25 Leon BARNETT	10	2	2	0	12	2	3	0	Finland	3	0	39	2
26 Markus HEIKKINEN	9	0	0	0	9	0	1	0				49	2
27 Peter HOLMES	1	0	2	0	3	0	1	0				123	12
28 David BELL	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0				11	0
29 Calvin ANDREW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				11	1
33 Dean BRILL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				13	0
34 Zac BARRETT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0
35 Chris PENDLETON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0

(SUBSTITUTE APPEARANCES IN BRACKETS) (THIS SEASON AND INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS INCLUDE ALL COMPETITIVE FIXTURES FROM 1ST JULY)

ALL THE GOALS

HOW THEY WENT IN:

SHOTS: 14

HEADERS: 4

PENALTIES: 1

OWN GOALS: 0

FREE-KICKS: 0

TOTAL: 19

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 12 - W 7 - D 3 - L 2 - F 10 - A 5 PTS 24

SECOND HALF RECORD:

PLAYED 12 - W 5 - D 2 - L 5 - F 10 - A 10 PTS 17

OTHER INTERESTING STATS

Luton Town score first goal: 9

Opponents score first goal: 3

No goals scored: 0

Luton Town score first and win: 5

Luton Town score first and draw: 3

Luton Town score first and lose: 1

Luton Town fail to score: 1

Opponents score first and win: 2

Opponents score first and draw: 1

Opponents score first and lose: 0

Opponents fail to score: 3

Luton goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 4

Luton goals at the Oak Road End: 5

Opponents goals at the Kenilworth Road End: 2

Opponents goals at the Oak Road End: 4

THE KEY: Scorer in **Bold** ■ Cautioned; □ Dismissed; *Denotes own goal in Luton's favour * Match to be shown on Sky Sports, CC = Carling Cup
 ◆ Luton win on penalties → First Substitution → Second Substitution → Third Substitution

AUG 06

SEPT 06

OCT 06

NOV 06

DEC 06

JAN 07

FEB 07

MAR 07

APR 07

DATE	FIXTURE	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS
Sat 5	LEICESTER CITY*	2-0	8,131	1,198	2
Tues 8	Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	22,613	719	3
Sat 12	Norwich City	2-3	22,863	1,221	6
Sat 19	STOKE CITY	2-2	7,727	614	5
Tues 22	Bristol Rovers (CC1)	1-1◆	2,882	275	-
Sat 26	Wolves	0-1	19,378	1,069	10
Sat 9	CRYSTAL PALACE	2-1	9,187	1,800	6
Tues 12	COLCHESTER UNITED	1-1	7,609	429	7
Sat 16	Cardiff City	1-4	14,108	329	12
Tues 19	Brentford (CC2)	3-0	3,005	598	-
Sat 23	WBA	2-2	9,332	1,737	12
Sat 30	Barnsley	2-1	10,175	tbc	11
Sat 14	BIRMINGHAM CITY	15:00			
Tues 17	Hull City	19:45			
Sat 21	LEEDS UNITED	15:00			
Tues 24	Everton (CC3)	19:45			
Sun 29	Ipswich Town*	13:15			
Tues 31	BURNLEY	19:45			
Sat 4	Preston North End	15:00			
Sat 11	QPR	15:00			
Sat 18	DERBY COUNTY	15:00			
Sat 25	Southampton	15:00			
Tues 28	Plymouth Argyle	19:45			
Sat 02	PRESTON NORTH END	15:00			
Sat 09	Sunderland	15:00			
Fri 15	SOUTHEND UNITED*	19:45			
Sat 23	COVENTRY CITY	15:00			
Tues 26	Colchester United	15:00			
Fri 29	Birmingham City*	19:45			
Mon 1	CARDIFF CITY	15:00			
Sat 6	FA CUP THIRD ROUND	tbc			
Sat 13	WBA	15:00			
Sat 20	BARNSLEY	15:00			
Tues 30	Coventry City	19:45			
Sat 3	Leicester City	15:00			
Sat 10	NORWICH CITY	15:00			
Sat 17	Stoke City	15:00			
Tues 20	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	19:45			
Sat 24	Crystal Palace	15:00			
Sat 3	WOLVES	15:00			
Sat 10	Leeds United	15:00			
Tues 13	HULL CITY	19:45			
Sat 17	IPSWICH TOWN	15:00			
Sat 31	Burnley	15:00			
Sat 7	SOUTHAMPTON	15:00			
Mon 9	QPR	15:00			
Sat 14	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	15:00			
Sat 21	Derby County	15:00			
Sat 28	Southend United	15:00			
Sun 6	SUNDERLAND	tbc			

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DEFENDERS

MIDFIELDERS

STRIKERS

GOALKEEPER

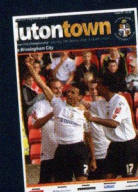
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2006/07 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					Pts		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Cardiff	10	4	1	0	12	2	3	1	1	10	6	23	1
Birmingham	10	3	2	0	9	6	2	1	2	5	5	18	3
Burnley	10	2	0	3	9	8	3	2	0	9	4	17	4
Preston	10	3	2	0	5	2	1	3	1	6	6	17	3
C Palace	10	3	1	1	7	5	2	1	2	6	6	17	2
Southampton	10	2	2	1	5	3	2	2	1	10	8	16	4
West Brom	10	4	1	0	11	4	0	3	2	3	6	16	4
Plymouth	10	1	3	1	9	8	3	1	1	6	4	16	3
Wolves	10	3	0	2	5	4	2	1	2	3	6	16	-
Derby	10	1	3	1	7	5	3	0	2	8	8	15	2
LUTON	10	2	3	0	9	6	2	0	3	6	9	15	0
Ipswich	10	3	1	1	8	5	1	1	3	6	8	14	1
Colchester	10	3	0	2	8	7	1	2	2	5	6	14	0
Sunderland	10	2	1	2	6	5	2	0	3	8	9	13	0
Coventry	10	3	1	1	6	2	1	0	4	2	6	13	0
QPR	10	2	1	2	7	7	1	2	2	5	7	12	-
Norwich	10	3	0	2	11	8	0	2	3	4	10	11	-
Barnsley	10	1	2	2	7	8	2	0	3	8	13	11	-
Leicester	10	2	1	2	4	3	0	3	2	2	6	10	-
Leeds	10	2	0	3	4	7	1	1	3	5	8	10	-
Stoke	10	1	3	1	4	3	0	3	2	5	8	9	-
Southend	10	2	2	1	7	7	0	1	4	2	10	9	-
Hull City	10	1	1	3	6	8	1	1	3	2	6	8	-
Sheff Wed	10	0	2	3	3	6	1	2	2	3	4	7	-

TODAY'S OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

Burnley v Hull City
 Crystal Palace v Cardiff
 Ipswich v West Brom
 Leeds v Stoke
 Leicester v Southampton
 Preston v Sunderland
 QPR v Norwich
 Sheff Wed v Barnsley
 Wolves v Colchester



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Coming Next

to Kenilworth Road



Luton Town v

Leeds United

Saturday 21st October, Kick-Off 3:00pm

By Des O'Donnell

Leeds have had a turbulent time of late, with disappointing results and continued financial problems. Their hope of a speedy return to the top flight is proving to be more of a challenge than expected. After a poor start to the season with only one away win against Sheffield Wednesday (1 - 0) and lying in 20th place in the league table, the board decided to sack Luton man Kevin Blackwell as manager and has temporarily installed John Carver as caretaker manager. After relegation from the Premiership two seasons ago, Leeds were hoping to spring back to the top flight at the first attempt, but were thwarted in the play-offs last season with a 3-0 drubbing from Luton's arch-rivals Watford.

This fixture last year ended in stalemate, with a 0 - 0 draw at home. The Hatters lost the away fixture at Elland Road 2 - 1. After a disappointing first half the game sprung to life with two goals in five minutes from Leeds, an unsuccessful penalty claim for Luton just before the first goal, and a missed opportunity from Kevin Foley from six yards. Some excellent goalkeeping from Marlon Beresford and Steve Howard's 100th goal kept Luton's hopes alive, but the Yorkshire men collected the points and diminished the Hatters' chance of a play-off place.

The Leeds strike force includes Northern Irish international David Healy, who recently scored two goals against Spain in the European Championship qualifiers. He notched up 14 goals last season, but has had a slower start this season with four so far, three from the penalty spot. Robbie Blake had an impressive tally last season with 11 goals, and Geoff Horsfield, on loan from Sheffield United, has netted twice so far during his tenure at Elland Road.

After his £700,000 move to the Whites in August, ex-Luton Town captain Kevin Nicholls will not be making the trip south after damaging his knee, getting his studs caught in the turf at West Bromwich Albion. He is expected to be out until December. Leeds will still have ex-Pompey player Steve Stone in the midfield after his planned hernia operation for his groin strain was postponed, along with Icelandic-born Gulfi Einarsson.

There have been several rumours regarding Blackwell's replacement at the helm at Elland Road, including ex-Charlton boss Alan Curbishley and recently departed West Brom boss Bryan Robson. Leeds chairman Ken Bates, formerly Chelsea chairman, has his work cut out to steady the ship. He will be hoping that his team can play colourful football once again when they make the trip to Kenilworth Road. Reminiscent of their old nickname - The Peacocks!



Head 2 Head

	Luton	Draw	Leeds
League	11	14	13
FA Cup	1	0	0
League Cup	1	0	2
Total	13	14	15

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teamsheet



LUTON TOWN

Manager: Mike Newell

Flags	Score		
✓	●	MARLON BERESFORD	1
✓	●	KEVIN FOLEY	2
✓	●	SOL DAVIS	3
●	●	CHRIS COYNE	4
●	●	RUSSELL PERRETT	5
●	●	PAUL UNDERWOOD	6
✓	●	CARLOS EDWARDS	7
✓	●	STEVE ROBINSON	8
✓	●	ROWAN VINE	9
●	●	WARREN FEENEY	10
●	●	DEAN MORGAN	11
●	●	MICHAEL LEARY	14
✓	●	STEPHEN O'LEARY	15
✓	●	LEWIS EMANUEL	16
●	●	RICHARD LANGLEY	17
●	●	AHMET BRKOVIC	18
✓	●	SAM PARKIN	19
●	●	ADAM BOYD	20
●	●	KEITH KEANE	21
●	●	DANNY STEVENS	22
✓	●	LEON BARNETT	25
✓	●	MARKUS HEIKKINEN	26
●	●	PETER HOLMES	27
●	✓	DAVID BELL	28
●	●	CALVIN ANDREW	29
●	●	DEAN BRILL	33
●	●	ZAC BARRETT	34
●	●	CHRIS PENDLETON	35

BIRMINGHAM CITY

Manager: Steve Bruce

Flags	Score		
✓	●	MAIK TAYLOR	1
✓	●	STEPHEN KELLY	2
✓	●	MATTHEW SADLER	3
●	●	MARTIN TAYLOR	4
●	●	MATTHEW UPSON	5
●	●	STEPHEN CLEMENCE	6
●	●	SEBASTIAN LARSSON	7
●	●	DAVID DUNN	8
●	●	MIKAEL FORSELL	9
✓	●	CAMERON JEROME	10
✓	●	JULIAN GRAY	11
✓	●	MEHDI NAFTI	12
●	●	COLIN DOYLE	13
✓	✓	DUDLEY CAMPBELL	14
●	●	NEIL KILKENNY	15
●	●	OLIVIER TEBILY	16
✓	✓	NEIL DANNS	17
●	●	SAMUEL OJI	18
●	●	PETER TILL	19
●	●	MARCOS PAINTER	20
✓	●	BRUNO N'GOTTY	21
●	●	DAMIEN JOHNSON	22
✓	●	MATTHEW BIRLEY	23
✓	●	RADHI JAIDI	24
●	●	SONE ALUKO	25
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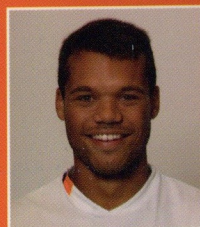
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