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COVER PICTURE:
Dave Edwards is mobbed after levelling the scores at Swindon

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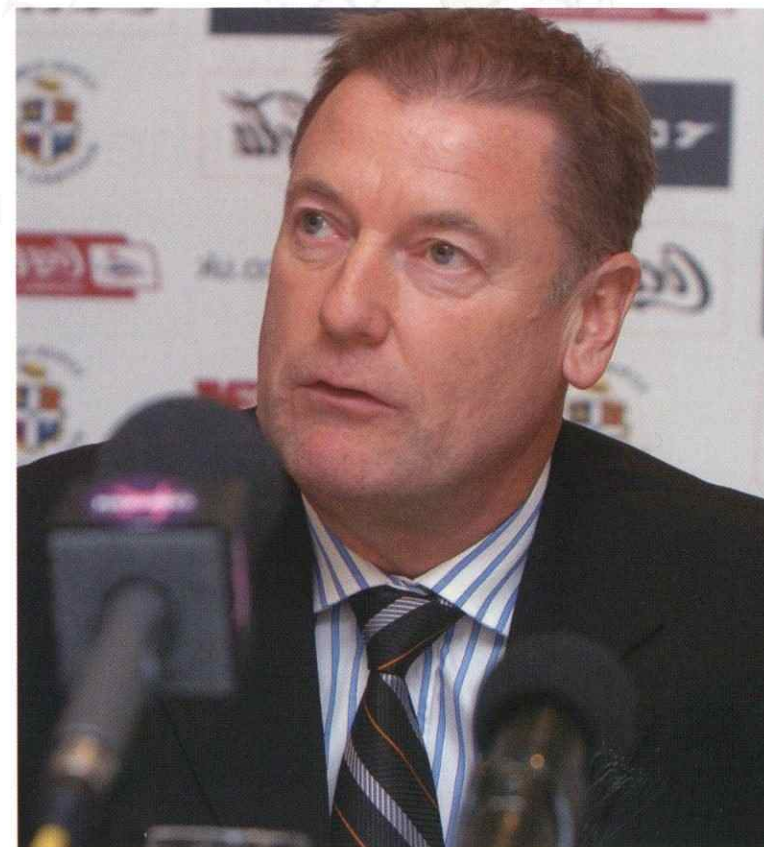
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THE CHAIRMAN



DAVID PINKNEY

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A VERY warm welcome to tonight's Carling Cup game against Sunderland. We would like to extend our warmest welcome to the officials, directors, players and supporters visiting Kenilworth Road today.

We were all delighted with the win against Gillingham on Saturday and the manner in which the team played.

It was good to see us bounce back to winning ways after the defeat at Swindon with a good style of play. This was also recognised by the fans, who got behind the team throughout the whole game.

There has been much comment about the age of our

signings over the close season, but I am sure what you would agree it has brought a much-needed balance to the team.

It was not that long ago that we played Sunderland last season with an average age of around 22 years old. Our signings has given us the balance we probably needed and this year the squad has more experience to cope with certain demands at this level.

While this has brought much needed experience, it has not changed my desire and the manager's desire to have the best scouting structure to identify young talent around the country.

Reflecting on this, there has

been much acclaim over our summer signing Dave Edwards, who last week captained the Wales Under-21 side away at Sweden, where he scored in a 4-3 win. And it is players of this calibre we need to attract to the Club for the future.

Our away win at Dagenham has given us the opportunity to test ourselves against a Premiership side that itself has had many player changes since its promotion from the Championship last season.

It remains for me to wish everyone a pleasant evening and hope you enjoy tonight's game.

David Pinkney
Chairman

WELCOME back to Kenilworth Road for tonight's Carling Cup Second Round fixture against Sunderland.

Tonight represents another big game in our season as we take on Premiership opposition at Kenilworth Road.

We have some big matches coming up now left, right and centre and although we'll have one eye on our League trip to Leeds at the weekend, this is a game which we still want to win tonight.

Sunderland have made a decent start to life back in the Premiership and although they will have been disappointed with their 2-0 defeat against Liverpool at the weekend, they have looked every bit capable of enjoying a good season.

I felt that we played some superb stuff and moved the ball well against Gillingham on Saturday and I was delighted with the performance from the players.

If there was one area that I was disappointed in, it was probably that the game should have been all over at half-time. After 40 minutes we probably could have had about four or five goals.

Overall I was pleased with the performance, but I know that we can still do better.

It's the first time that Dave Edwards and Springy have played together in midfield for us and in the first-half they were superb. Dave Edwards will score goals because he gets in there and he had three great chances for us again. He has plenty of energy.

There are so many permutations I need to get through before I know my strongest team and what the players have done in the games so far is they have given me dilemmas, which is what I am pleased about.

However, what gave us the win

We are not the finished article yet and have plenty of work to do... but anybody who watched us against Gillingham must have thought we have a decent team

against Gillingham was the work of Paul Furlong and Drew Talbot.

Everything we did started from them. They didn't let their centre-halves settle and when we got the ball up to them it stuck and they were able to lay it off to other players and bring our full backs into play.

I asked the lads in training to try to close down higher up the pitch and to up the tempo – and that's what they did.

But this is going to be a gradual process. The Gillingham game was my 11th in charge and I think we are still continuing to make good progress at the Club.

There is still a lot of infrastructure that needs to go in before we can start moving forward but in the meantime I still have to deal with the

team and at the moment I am delighted with the players, their attitude and the way that they are playing.

We are not the finished article yet by any means and we still have plenty of work to do. I felt we put on a good performance against Gillingham and anybody who watched us must have thought we have a decent team.

We must now focus our attentions on tonight's game. We know we have a tough task on our hands, but with your continued support, we can try to make it as difficult as we can for Sunderland.

So continue to get behind the lads and enjoy the game.

Kevin

KEVIN BLACKWELL



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THE CAPTAIN



IT'S GREAT to have cup football back at Kenilworth Road this evening as we welcome Sunderland for this Carling Cup Second Round match.

I have played in some fantastic cup games with Luton during my time here, and none of them is more memorable than the game with Liverpool a few years ago.

Although the supporters always create a great atmosphere, there is something a bit more special about playing cup games under the floodlights here at Kenilworth Road.

So tonight's match is something that the lads are looking forward to. Of course everybody knows what a tough task we have this evening, having played Sunderland just three months ago.

Like ourselves, Sunderland have strengthened their squad from last season with signings such as Michael Chopra and Kieran Richardson. So tonight's match will give us a bit of an indication on just how far we have come together as a team.

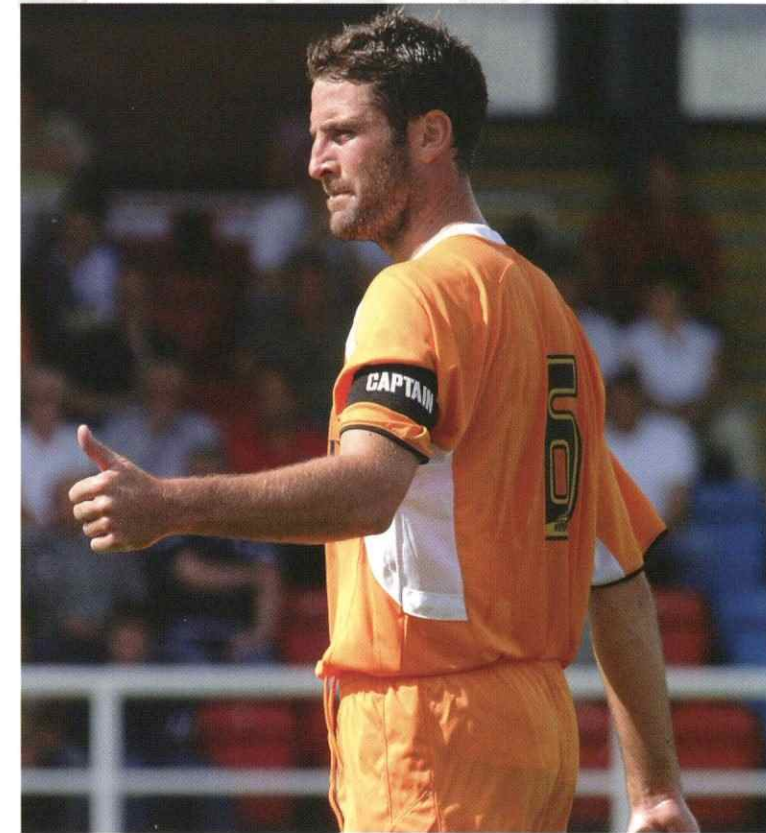
We were delighted with our own performance against Gillingham at the weekend. I felt we started the game brightly and looked in total control. Even after Gillingham had scored, I still felt confident that we would go on to win the game.

It was a shame that we didn't have a greater advantage at half-time. We had plenty of chances and should really have made the game safe at half-time, although the goals we did score were taken very well.

It was good to see Belly back in the side looking sharp and dangerous down the left flank.

He took his goal particularly well and we are delighted to have him back in the side.

It was also good to see Paul Furlong get off the mark. He is an experienced professional and knows exactly where the goal is. He has given us that extra option up front and his experience is rubbing off on people around him. The second half



CHRIS COYNE

Although the supporters always create a great atmosphere, there is something a bit more special about playing cup games under the floodlights here at Kenilworth Road

was undoubtedly going to be slower.

The heat played its part in the game and although Gillingham came forward and had a go, we defended well as a unit, and grabbed our third at a crucial period in the game.

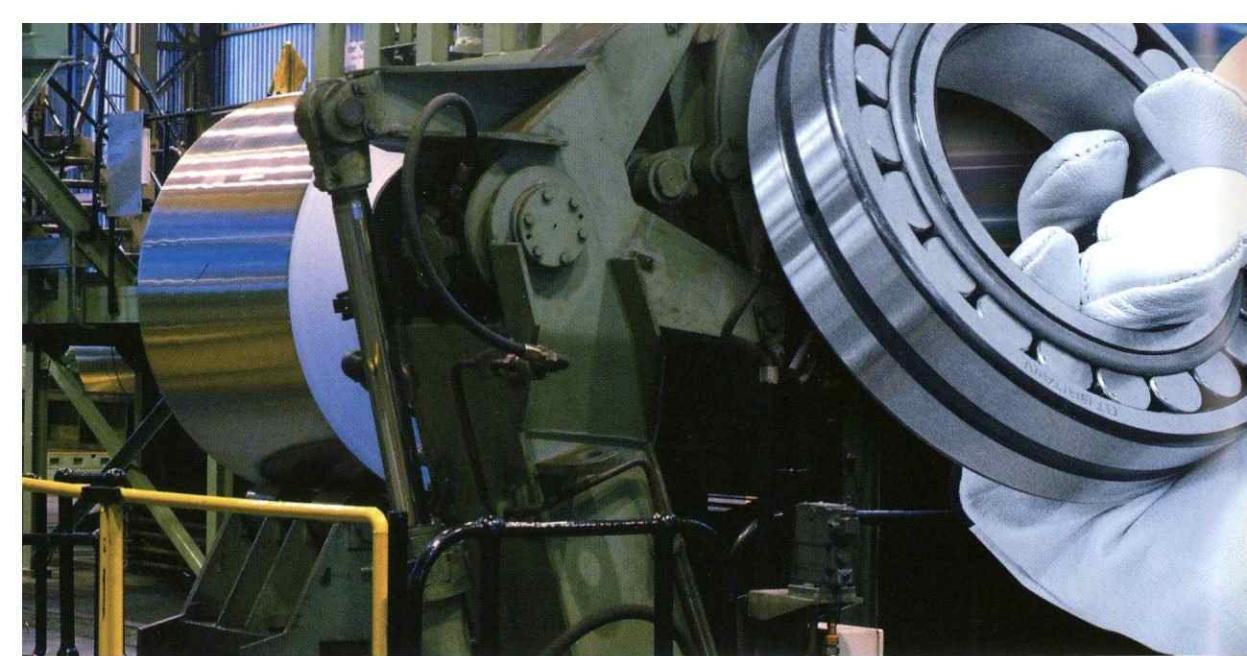
Our League campaign is obviously our main aim for this season, but tonight is a good opportunity to

show that we are improving as a team.

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GREAT PICTURES

ROGER WASH tells the stories behind some special moments in Hatters history

FLASHBACK



Hatters make Cats pay after penalty miss

Date: Saturday September 3, 1983
Place: Kenilworth Road

A RARE miss from Brian Stein as Sunderland keeper Chris Turner goes sprawling to turn his penalty kick around the post.

Luckily it was not a costly moment, but one of the few highlights for Sunderland and Stein made up for his miss with Luton's fourth of the game as the Hatters romped to a 4-1 win.

After a nail-biting end to the 1982-83 season, when relegation back to the old Division Two was avoided at the death in that never-to-be-forgotten win at Maine Road, all Luton fans hoped that the new campaign would prove to be a period of consolidation.

The season opened with a narrow 1-2 defeat at Arsenal in front of a 40,000 crowd. Then goals from Frank Bunn, David Moss and Ricky Hill secured an emphatic 3-0 victory at newly-promoted Leicester.

Visitors to Kenilworth Road for the first home game were Sunderland, who had started off the season with a home

draw against Norwich and a defeat at Aston Villa, and who set their stall out early with a massed defence stifling the lively Luton forward line.

The Luton man on form was quicksilver Paul Walsh, signed from Charlton the year before, and he came in for some hefty challenges from the uncompromising Sunderland defenders while his strike partner Brian Stein was also in the wars.

The Black Cats rearguard went too far in the 30th minute when Stein was unceremoniously upended in the box but his spot-kick was saved, although keeper Turner clearly moved early.

Whatever was said at half-time certainly worked as, with the second period only 54 seconds old, a cross from winger David Moss was challenged by Walsh and Turner with

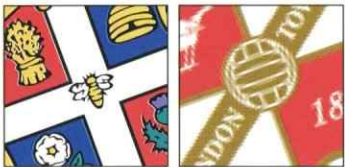
the ball dropping loose to Ricky Hill, who slammed it home.

With the floodgates now open it was not long before skipper Brian Horton's short forward pass gave Walsh the chance for a solo run which took him past two men to score the Town's second.

Briefly Sunderland tried to make a game of it when Colin West shocked the home crowd by turning in a Paul Atkinson cross, but normal order was quickly resumed when Iain Munro lobbed a spectacular 25-yard own goal three minutes later.

Hatters manager David Pleat then told substitute Trevor Aylott to warm up and let Stein see him.

The ruse worked as from another pinpoint Moss cross the South African forward showed his old finishing touch to head in his first goal of the season and make the rest of the game a formality.



Hatters Line-Up

4-4-2



Substitutes:
 McVeigh (63 Peschisolido)
 Talbot (76 Currie)
 Morgan (90 Furlong)
 Not used: Hutchison, Keane

Currie (36)
 None

Swindon's Line-Up

4-2-2



Substitutes:
 Arrieta (69 Sturrock)
 Comminges (83 Zaaboub)
 Not used: Brezovan, Mohamed, Tozer

None
 None

REFEREE: Jarnail Singh (Essex)

SWINDON 2 LUTON 1



COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE SATURDAY AUGUST 18, 2007 COUNTY GROUND ATT: 7,520 **CELEBRATIONS...** David Edwards celebrates his goal that put Luton back on level terms



LOOKING FOR SHELTER... The Luton fans are out in the elements for the second game in a row at Swindon Town

MANAGER'S VIEW



"We are very disappointed. I think we felt as a group that we didn't look sharp for whatever reason. To get back to 1-1, we are then very disappointed to have conceded a late goal. You have to set standards that are better than that and I think the players, and myself, know that. As a group we have decided where we want to go this season and along that journey you will have ups and downs and you have to deal with those. I think we could have done certain things better and we will be working on that back on the training ground."

— Kevin Blackwell

Craig Easton hit the winner three minutes from time to send Luton to defeat at Swindon in their first League One away match of the season.

In a rain-soaked encounter, Dave Edwards' well-taken 66th minute equaliser looked to have earned Luton a point after Lee Peacock had given the newly-promoted Robins the lead 10 minutes earlier.

But the hosts secured their first win of the season – and sent Luton to their first defeat of the campaign - when Easton converted at the far post late on after Peacock had helped on a cross from substitute Ibon Arrieta.

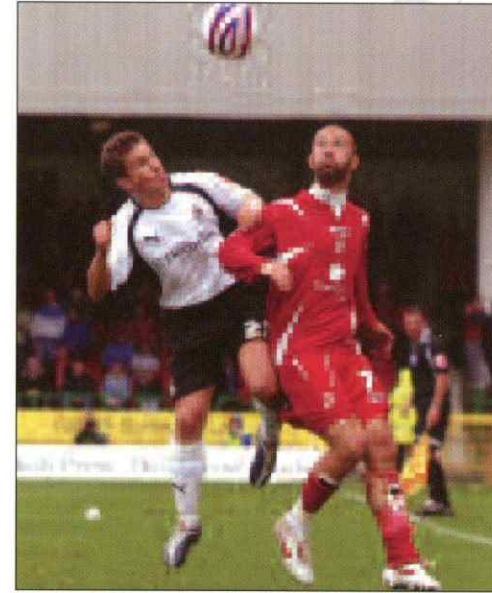
After a goalless first-half, the second period began in driving rain and the conditions almost contrived to give Luton a freak goal two minutes in when home goalkeeper Phil Smith fumbled Darren Currie's 20-yard free-kick only for the ball to bounce up on to the roof of the net.

Swindon though were getting on top and came perilously close in the 50th minute as Sofiene Zaaboub, causing problems on the left, crossed for Christian Roberts to arrive and head at the far post only for Coyne to miraculously clear off the line.

Six minutes later a carbon copy move gave the Robins the lead as Blair Sturrock's turn and pass released Zaaboub to cross for Peacock to head home from 12 yards.

Luton levelled when Currie's cross in the 66th minute saw the on-rushing Edwards expertly loop a header over the Swindon goalkeeper.

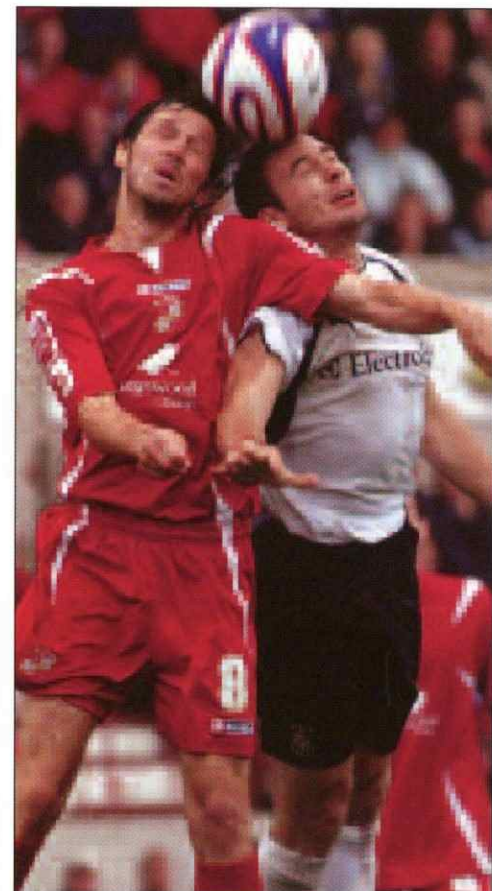
The Hatters thought they had done enough for a share of the spoils, but it was Easton who popped up with the winner three minutes later as he converted at the far post after Peacock had volleyed Arrieta's right-wing cross into his path.



HEADS... Paul McVeigh displays great strength to win this header



WAITING GAME... Chris Coyne keeps a close eye on his man, Swindon's Michael Pook



UP WE GO... Alan Goodall and Craig Easton in aerial battle



CHARGE... Matthew Spring gets his head to the ball to clear the danger for the Hatters

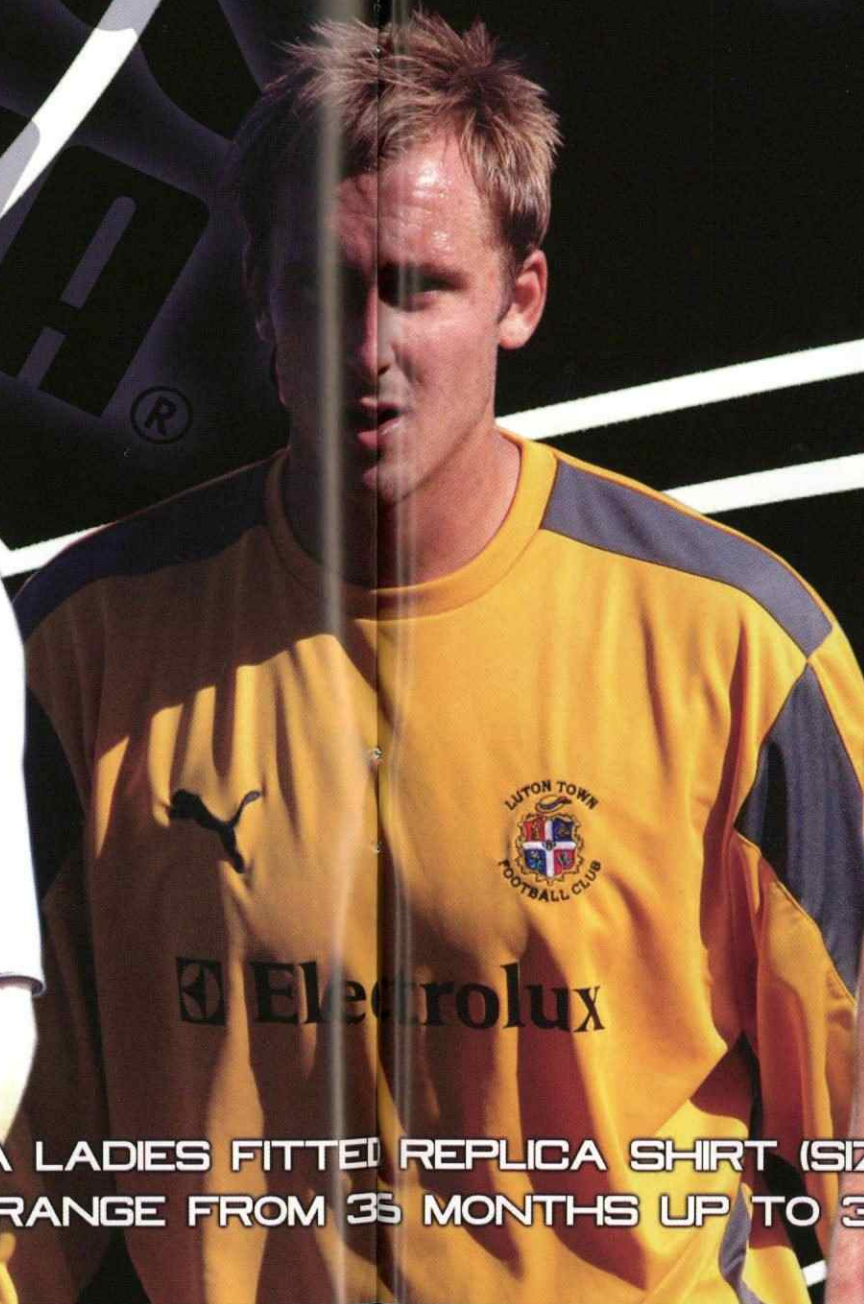


FOUL... Paul Furlong appeals for a penalty in a crowded penalty area.

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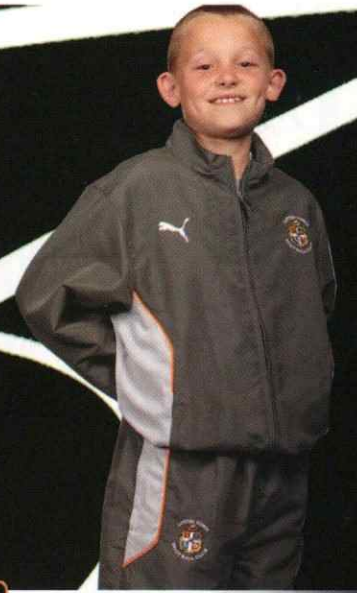
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Two's who?

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TWO BECOME ONE... Can you spot them?

10 to test you

- 1 WHERE was the 1986 World Cup held?
- 2 WHICH footballer scored the first ever goal in the English Premiership?
- 3 DARREN Ferguson is the manager of which League Two side?
- 4 WHICH French club did current Bolton Wanderers striker El-Hadji Djouf leave to join Liverpool in 2002?
- 5 FORMER Cardiff Chairman Sam Hammam was associated with which English club?
- 6 WHICH former Luton player is currently in charge of Coventry City?
- 7 WHAT is the name of the England women's team coach?
- 8 ROBBIE Fowler recently joined which Championship side?
- 9 ENGLAND David James left which club to join Portsmouth?
- 10 NAME the Arsenal player who suffered a broken arm during the celebrations of their 1993 League Cup win?



Question 3



Question 6



Question 9

Badge bodge

WE'VE got in a bit of a muddle with our soccer club badges. Which TWO badges make up each of the ones printed here?

* LETTERS PLAY *

CAN you unjumble these letters to find the name of:

- 1 a Luton player,
- 2 a team's nickname,
- 3 a Premiership manager,
- 4 a League One ground and
- 5 a Luton Town legend.

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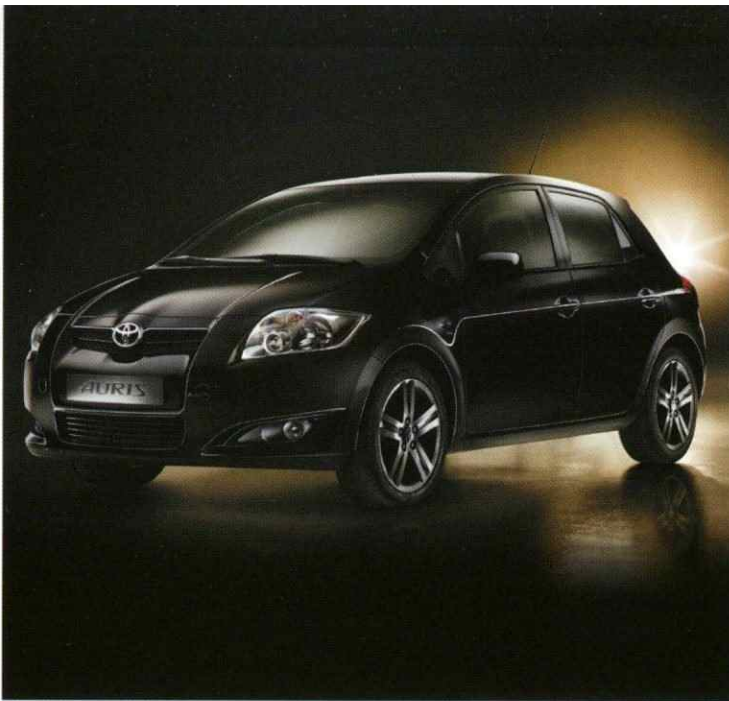
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3 **BE SILLY DIVA**

4 **PRANK PEN ROT**

5 **BARN DETERRENTS**

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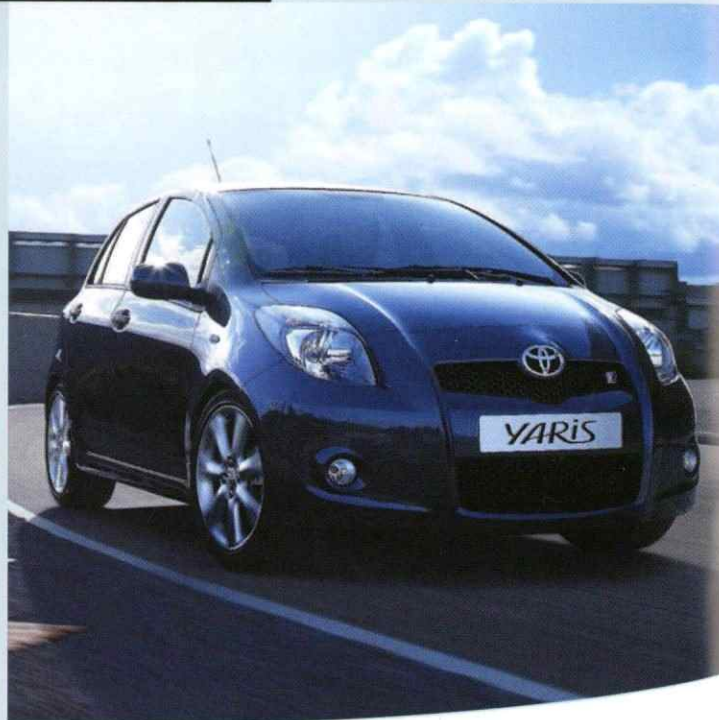
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YOUNG HATTERS

HELLO and welcome to this evening's game. In Saturday's programme, Bob Curson spoke about **OUR GOAL** at Luton Town Football Club's Youth Development Programme. I would like to follow on from those notes and let you know what has happened in the first six weeks.

As I have said before, my role will be to look at the youth set up from top to bottom and enhance and improve this in all areas possible. A key area that I have spent a lot of time on was to improve our contact time and facilities with our younger players aged 9 to 16.

When I first went to the training venue at Vauxhall Recreation Centre, I was a little concerned with the lack of area and time that we could use. We were also sharing the astro turf with an adult football team and a hockey team.

The surface itself was not great and the area we were able to work on was very tight, which was harming our development programme. As a priority I had to improve this and if we had to move then so be it.

I spent a lot of time looking at many venues and talking to many people in and around Luton with not much luck. Two weeks ago I managed to find and secure a new training venue at Baldock.

This is a brand new Third Generation (3G) astro turf with four new changing rooms and a facility where parents can sit and have a cup of tea on those cold nights (and there are many).

My only worry was that it was 14 miles outside Luton and I was very keen to stay local. I met with all the boys and parents and put the new venue to them and they were very receptive. It is

YOUTH TEAM

ZOE WOOD reports on the latest news and games



ON COURSE... Bob Curson (centre), Chris Cummins (to his left) and the Luton Youth Squad

We'll all go the extra mile to reach our goal

something that we had to do. It would have been very easy to stay where we were but that would not have been right and as the Director of Youth I want to give every player the opportunity to improve.

All age groups will train three hours a week at Baldock and we have it exclusively on the nights we use it. I have seen many training venues over the last ten years working in youth development and this will be second to none.

For Luton Town Centre Of Excellence to be able to use a facility like this is a step in the right direction. The 3G astro and surroundings are absolutely magnificent and I can't wait to use them! Another really key and important

area that we have worked hard to improve on is our physiotherapy. Every night we train at Baldock we will run our own Luton Town Football Club Youth Clinic and any player injured knows that he will be able to receive the best medical attention possible at Baldock.

Over the season I will, along with Bob, invite local coaches and management to attend some of our training nights and hopefully they will be able to take back to their local club some of the new and great things that are happening at Luton Town Football Club and together we can both reach **OUR GOAL.**

Chris Cummins
Director of Youth

Under-18 results, fixtures and table

| Month | Date | Opposition | Time | Month | Date | Opposition | Time | Table |
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| August | Sat 27 | Swansea (PY) | 11am | Sat 19 | Peterborough | 11am | | Pld W D L F A Pts |
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| | Sat 13 | Barnet (PY) | 11am | | Sat 12 | Gillingham | 11am | Luton 1 0 1 0 3 3 1 |
| | Sat 20 | Brighton (PY) | 11am | April | Sat 5 | Rushden | 11am | Southend 1 0 1 0 3 3 1 |
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Appearances

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| Aaron Fletcher..... | Joe Selby..... | Matthew Maitland..... |
| George Beavan..... | Ben Strang..... | Riccardo Biggi..... |
| Ryan Charles..... | Mark Farthing..... | Joshua Cranwell..... |
| Ashley Harrison-Barker..... | Harry Hogarth..... | Ross Faulds..... |
| Jamie McGuinness..... | Jake Howells..... | Elliott Osborne-Ricketts..... |
| | Dean Hamilton..... | |

Leading scorers

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Ryan Charles..... | 2 |
| Ashley Harrison-Barker..... | 1 |

THE capture of Paul McVeigh, the ninth and final signing by Kevin Blackwell during pre-season, may have come as a surprise to many Luton Town supporters.

With the local media speculating about a new centre-half, the arrival of McVeigh was probably the signing few were anticipating.

But Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell had been targeting the former Tottenham striker for several months.

McVeigh had spent seven years at Norwich, but after being shipped out on loan to Burnley at the end of last season by Canaries boss Peter Grant, the Northern Ireland man knew his time was up.

So a new challenge was needed and Blackwell came calling. However, although McVeigh admits he was impressed by the vision of the Club, the striker revealed that at the time he had committed to other plans elsewhere.

"I was speaking to the manager around July time but I had to hold out on the move because I had already committed to some other things in the summer.

"I had a trial with Plymouth, but when Kevin got in touch again, he made it clear that he still wanted me and I was happy to sign.

"He had a vision for the Club that really impressed me. I could tell by his attitude and enthusiasm that he wants to take this Club forward and get back into the Championship quickly.

"When I went on loan to Burnley at the end of last season, I think that signalled the end of my time at Norwich. I had seven good years there, but I felt that it was time for a new challenge for me."

McVeigh, who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road, started his career at Tottenham Hotspur, where he made three appearances, before enjoying a successful career at Carrow Road.

He joined Norwich in March 2000 on a free transfer and although he took a few years to really establish himself, in the 2002-03 season he was the club's

We have as good a chance as anyone of winning this League. I want to be playing 40 games this season. I am confident in my ability and looking forward to this challenge

top scorer with 15 goals. McVeigh also helped Norwich win promotion to the Premiership the following season and although he played few games for the Canaries at the top flight, he did get on the score sheet at Old Trafford.

It was his time spent in the Premiership that McVeigh remembers with great fondness.

"We got to a Play-Off final, won the League and I played in the Premiership, so I look back at my time with Norwich with many happy memories.

"Playing in the top flight would be the ultimate highlight for me because Norwich had been in the Championship for so long. That was a memorable year, a very enjoyable one and I will never forget that."

But now McVeigh is setting his sights on this new challenge. He had little hesitation in dropping down to League One and joining the Hatters.

And McVeigh admits that Blackwell's eight other signings had helped convince him to sign.

"Kevin has brought a lot of quality players in, most of which have a lot of experience as well, which is so important at this level. I am hoping that I can just add to that.

"But Luton were a very good team

anyway, before all these new players signed for the Club. That is why I knew I wanted to come to Luton, because I knew the kind of football that they try to play.

"The quality of the players that Kevin has brought in has just added to the experience of the squad and that can only leave us in a strong position."

So McVeigh is now ready for this fresh challenge that lies ahead and has already set himself plenty of targets.

"I think everyone at the Club wants to bounce back to the Championship at the first attempt. This is an ambitious Club who are moving forward and that would be the target for the team.

"No matter what division you are going to be playing in, it will always be hard, but I think Luton are well equipped this season.

"No one has any divine right to win any league, so we know it is going to be a long hard season, but I think we will have as good a chance as anyone in this League.

"For me personally, I want to be playing 40 games this season. I had been in and out of the Norwich side last season so I want to be playing consistently. I am confident in my ability and am looking forward to this new challenge."

PAUL MCVEIGH

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Remember the Times

Favourite TV Programme?

West Wing

Who's your sporting hero?

Tiger Woods

What car do you drive?

Jeep Grand Turismo

Where in the world would you most like to live?

Spain

Who does the cooking in your house?

My girlfriend

Favourite meal?

Spaghetti Carbonara

Favourite Artist?

James Morrison

What is your most prized possession?

My guitar



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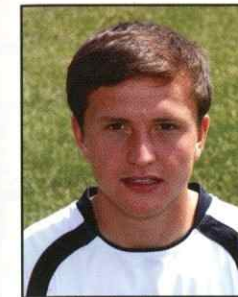
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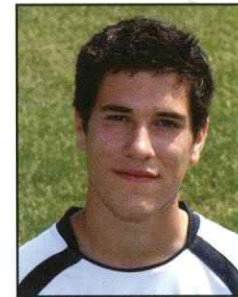
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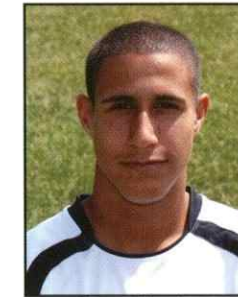
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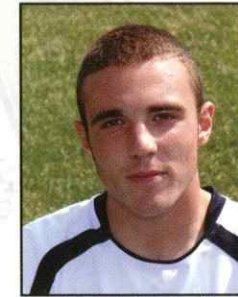
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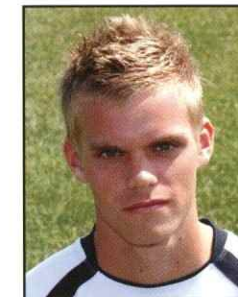
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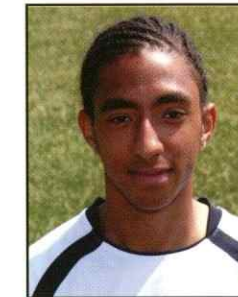
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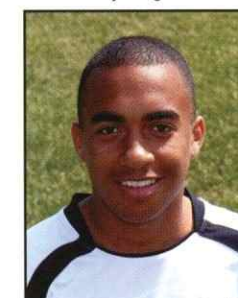
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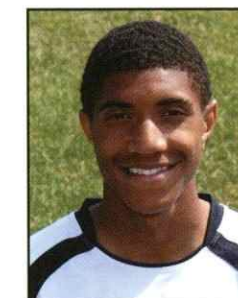
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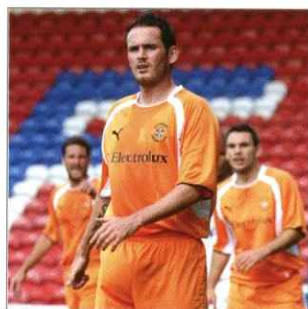
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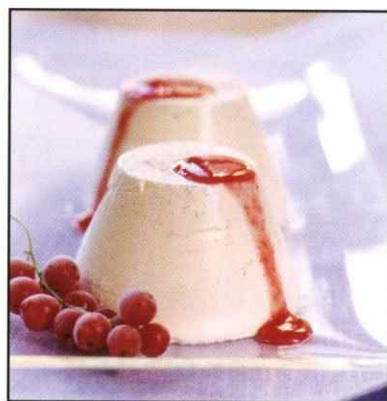
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Our commercial mascot this evening is 6-year-old Leo Dudley from Luton. Leo is a mad-keen footballer and also loves tennis and swimming. Leo's favourite Luton player is midfielder Steve Robinson.

WELCOME TO SUNDERLAND

The Sunderland story from 1879

Beginnings

SUNDERLAND Association Football Club was formed by a group of teachers in October 1879 and for a year only teachers could join. In 1884 the club won its first trophy. The FA set up county competitions for all the new clubs and Sunderland were the first winners of the Durham Senior Cup. In 1882 they played in blue shirts with a white stripe and blue shorts. They beat Aston Villa – one of the top clubs of the day – 7-2 in 1889 and impressed everyone. A year later they were elected to the Football League.

Top player

LEN Shackleton, the Clown Prince of Football, was one of the game's great entertainers, equally full of tricks and skill. He liked playing one-two off corner flags to confuse full-backs, or standing on the ball in the penalty area and pretending to comb his hair and look at his watch. But he was lethal in front of goal and after leaving Newcastle for Sunderland scored 101 goals in 348 games. He was capped for England, including the 3-1 victory over World Champions Germany, in which he scored.

Top manager



BOB Stokoe led the Black Cats to one of the greatest days in their history when as Second Division underdogs they beat Don Revie's mighty Leeds in the 1973 FA Cup Final. His dance of delight at the end as he rushed to hug hero keeper Jim

Montgomery is still a delight to watch. In 1976 he took Sunderland up to the top flight as Second Division champions

Top game

Leeds 0 v Sunderland 1
FA Cup Final: May 5, 1973

LEEDS under Don Revie were FA Cup holders, Cup Winners' Cup finalists... certs to beat little Sunderland at Wembley. But Ian Porterfield swept in the only goal of the game on 30 minutes and Jim Montgomery pulled off an impossible save at the death. Bremner, Hunter & Co were beaten by Montgomery, Malone, Guthrie, Horswill, Watson, Pitt, Kerr, Hughes, Halom, Porterfield and Tuart.

DES O'DONNELL

WHEN Roy Keane arrived at the Stadium of Light to take over as manager of Sunderland in August 2006, the Championship table made bleak reading for Black Cats fans.

Their team had played four, lost four, scored four and conceded nine. They had no points and were rock bottom.

They had even had the ignominy of being bundled out of the Carling Cup in the First Round by lowly Bury of League Two.

The only way was up. And Roy Keane was just the man to lead them out of the mire that they were in.

As a player, he had served under two of the best managers there have ever been. First the legendary Brian Clough at Forest and then the hugely successful Sir Alex Ferguson during 12 golden years at Old Trafford. After a brief spell at Celtic to fulfil a boyhood dream, Keane was ready to stride behind the manager's shield himself. And as challenges go, he couldn't have picked a much tougher one.

Dumped out of the Premiership the year before after finishing a massive 23 points from safety, they had won just three and lost 29 out of their 38 games. Now the Black Cats were seemingly in free-fall.

But Keane never once shirked a tough challenge when he was winning medals and terrifying opponents at Man United and he was not about to start now.

In his first game at Sunderland when he was only watching from the stands and before he had properly taken over, his side beat West Brom 2-0. They then won 2-1 at Derby and 3-0 at Leeds.

Flash in the pan? You'd better not say that to Keane. And he had barely started. By

| Head 2 Head | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Luton | Draw | Cats |
| League | 13 | 9 | 24 |
| FA Cup | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Lge Cup | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Total | 13 | 11 | 32 |

Last meeting:
May 6, 2007: Championship Luton 0 v Sunderland 5

Last season:
Sunderland rose from the bottom of the table and turned into an unbeatable side to win the Championship by two points.

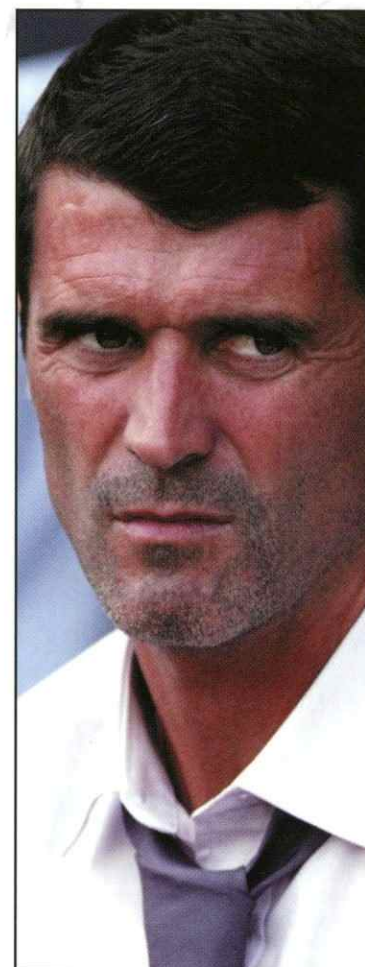
Last three Cats games:
Aug 15, 2007: Birmingham 2-2 Cats (Chopra 75, John 90)
Aug 18, 2007: Wigan 3-0 Cats
Aug 25, 2007: Cats 0-2 Liverpool

the time the transfer window closed at the end of August, six new players had joined the club including his old Manchester United team mate Dwight Yorke, the classy Graham Kavanagh and the dangerous David Connolly, both from Wigan, and Stanislav Varga from Celtic to add a touch of steel.

It worked. By Christmas, he had dragged his side into the top half of the table, having given everyone four games start. Although it was a bunched League table, the Black Cats were only three points off the Play-Offs.

Play-Offs? By Easter, they were in a tussle for top spot with Derby, a contest they were to win on the final day when they

Roy Keane never once shirked a tough challenge when he was winning medals and terrifying opponents at Manchester United and he was not about to start now...



BRING IT ON... Roy Keane is up for the battle

went up as Championship champions.

"If we're satisfied with what we've achieved," Keane said that day, "we won't achieve very much."

He set about rebuilding. He brought in seven new players for £27m, including a UK record for keeper Craig Gordon from Hearts, plus Michael Chopra from Cardiff and Man U's Kieran Richardson.

He started with a win against Spurs, clawed a draw at Birmingham, then slipped up at Wigan, much to his disgust, and lost at home to Liverpool.

But he is ready for the scrap and ready to take them all on. Just like he used to as a player. Bring it on. Keane is up for it.

From Blue House Field to the Stadium of Light

IN their first six years, Sunderland played on five different grounds: Blue House Field, Grove's Field, Horatio Street, Abb's Field and Newcastle Road. They then moved to Roker Park – and stayed for exactly 100 years to the day before moving to their magnificent new £22m Stadium of Light in August 1997... capacity of 42,000, a pitch below ground level – and the first stadium to have a ladies loo in the Boardroom.

Record attendance: 75,118: v Derby County 8-3-1933 FA Cup R6

Highest gate receipts: £187,000: v Manchester United 16-1-1996 FA Cup R3

Best League win: 9-1: v Newcastle United 5-12-1908 Division I

Worst League loss: 0-8: v West Ham United 19-10-1968 Division I

Best cup win: 11-1: v Fairfield 2-2-1895 FA Cup R1

Most caps: Charlie Hurley: 36 Republic of Ireland

Most League appearances: Jim Montgomery: 537 1962-77

Most League goals: Charlie Buchan: 209 1911-25

Most goals in a season: Dave Halliday: 43 1928-29 Division I

Transfer fee received: £5m: Michael Bridges, Leeds July 23, 1999

Transfer fee paid: £9m: Craig Gordon, Hearts August 8, 2007



SHINING STAR... the splendid Stadium of Light opened on July 30, 1997 with a game against Ajax

The fan's view



GRAEME ANDERSON is the Sunderland Echo's Chief Football Writer

How was Sunderland's pre-season?

Pretty good. The results were a bit up and down but I've seen Sunderland have lousy pre-seasons followed by great campaigns and I've seen them have great pre-seasons and then bomb. The main thing is match fitness and Roy Keane was pleased enough with that side of things.

How have the Black Cats found their opening games?

The good, the bad and the ugly. They were superb against Spurs, there was a reality check at Birmingham with Sunderland having to score a late goal to rescue a point. Then there was the real wake-up call when Sunderland played appallingly and lost 3-0 at Wigan. They then came up against a very strong Liverpool side and went down 2-0.

What are your aims for this season?

Roy Keane believes that rather than aiming for fourth bottom, Sunderland should be trying to emulate Reading last season and Wigan the season before in securing a high finish. Sunderland fans just want to avoid the despair of the last two Premiership seasons when they went down with 19 points and 15 points.

Who was your most important close-season signing?

Either Craig Gordon or Michael Chopra. Gordon has arrived with a £9million price tag and a glowing reputation that he will need to justify. Chopra scored two goals in the first three games and is going to be the club's Fox In The Box.

Who will be your star players?

Carlos Edwards and Dean Whitehead. Right-winger Edwards has jet-speed heels and an ability to score great goals. Whitehead is the heartbeat of the team and the central midfielder never stops battling and tackling.

Who will win the Carling Cup?

The big four will be favourites but an outside bet would be Spurs. I also wouldn't be surprised if an unfancied Premiership side reached the final: Reading, Birmingham, Man City, Everton, Blackburn – or Sunderland.



**THE SKIPPER:
DEAN
WHITEHEAD**

SUNDERLAND picked up former Oxford midfielder **Dean Whitehead** in June 2004 for just £150,000. He had made more than 100 appearances for the Us after coming through the ranks. He signed an initial three-year contract at the Stadium of Light but is now tied to the club until 2011. That bargain fee has risen to £325,000 based on his appearances and the club winning promotion. Whitehead, a huge success in Mick McCarthy's side as they won the Championship in the 2004-05 campaign, was voted Sunderland's Player Of The Season in 2005-06. He has been a regular under Roy Keane – who knows all about leadership – and has been skipping the side in Steve Caldwell's absence.

KEEPERS

SUNDERLAND broke the British transfer record for a goalkeeper by signing **Craig Gordon** from Hearts. The 24-year-old Scottish international signed a five-year contract with the Black Cats in a deal worth up to £9m – also a Sunderland record. It tops the £7.8m Manchester United paid for French keeper Fabien Barthez in 2000. Edinburgh-born Gordon became Hearts' first-choice keeper in 2003-04 and went on to make 139 League appearances for them, winning the Bank of Scotland Young Player Of The Season award after helping Hearts to third in the SPL.



RECORD... Gordon

The confident and athletic keeper has 23 Scotland caps. He is backed up by the hugely experienced **Darren Ward**, a Welsh international who has more than 500 games to his name with Notts County, Nottingham Forest and Mansfield. Ward, capped five times by Wales, kept a clean sheet for Forest against Sunderland on the opening day of 2003-04 as Mick McCarthy's Black Cats were beaten 2-0 at the City Ground.

BARGAIN BOY
Whitehead joined the Black Cats for just £150,000

TEAM SHEET

Last away game:
Wigan 3-0 Cats

- 1 Craig Gordon
- 2 Greg Halford
- 5 Nyron Nosworthy
- 6 Paul McShane
- 33 Ross Wallace
- 10 Kieron Richardson
- 4 Dickson Etuhu
- 19 Dwight Yorke
- 11 Daryl Murphy
- 16 Michael Chopra
- 9 Anthony Stokes

Subs:

- 15 Danny Collins (for Yorke 46)
- 12 Liam Miller (for Stokes 46)
- 21 Russell Anderson (for McShane 62)
- 14 Stern John
- 31 David Connolly



LORD NYRON... Nosworthy is a regular

TOP SCORER: MICHAEL CHOPRA

MICHAEL Chopra joined in the summer on a four-year deal from Cardiff for a fee that could rise to £5m. He has already paid some of that back with a late, late winner at home to Spurs on the opening day and a second of the season to earn a point at Birmingham. Chopra was last year's second-top scorer in the Championship with 22 from 42 games.

SPURRED TO WIN

Chopra hit a late winner on the opening day to sink Spurs

THE STRIKERS

HIGHLY-rated Dubliner **Anthony Stokes** joined Sunderland in January for £2m from Arsenal. He played just one game for the Gunners, in the Carling Cup in 2005, but made his name on loan to Falkirk where he hit 16 goals in just 18 games. **Stern John** became the third Trinidad and Tobago international at the Stadium of Light when he joined from Coventry in January 2007, following Dwight Yorke and Carlos Edwards. He signed a two-and-a-half-year deal and made 15 appearances in Sunderland's 2006-07 title-winning campaign, scoring four goals. Ex Hatter and Irish Under-21 international **Daryl Murphy** was signed by Mick McCarthy in summer 2005 for £100,000 from Waterford. Murphy had a spell with Luton before returning to Ireland in 2002. He scored 21 goals in the Irish League before moving to the north east. Much-travelled **David Connolly** joined Sunderland for £1.9m on transfer deadline day in August 2006. A former team-mate of Keane, he has 41 Republic of Ireland caps. He cracked 13 for Sunderland last season and was the club's top scorer.



FAL-GUY... Stokes

THE MIDFIELDERS

ROY Keane signed his old Manchester United team mate **Dwight Yorke** for £200,000 in August 2006. The striker, who played for Trinidad & Tobago in the World Cup finals in Germany, joined from Sydney FC for £200,000. Best remembered as the Red Devils strike partner for Andy Cole, his 47 goals in 95 League games helped United to the treble in 1999 after Sir Alex Ferguson paid a then-British record £12.6m for him. He now uses his experience in midfield. Nigerian **Dickson Etuhu** joined from Norwich for £1.5m in July 2007. Etuhu played 149 games for Preston, scoring 18 goals, before joining Norwich. Keane snapped up another ex Man U player in England midfielder **Kieron Richardson** in July 2007. The Londoner started at West Ham before moving to Manchester United in 2001 and making his Champions League debut two days after his 18th birthday. Richardson has been capped eight times for England, and made his name in 2005-06 on loan at West Brom, helping the Baggies' miraculous last-day escape. Scotland Under-21 midfielder **Ross Wallace** joined Sunderland in August 2006. He made more than 50 appearances for Celtic who he joined in 2002. He can also operate as a full-back. Classy veteran **Graham Kavanagh** moved to Sunderland for £500,000 from Wigan in August 2006. The Eire international was a stalwart at Stoke, Cardiff and Wigan. A knee injury ended last season five months early.



TREBLE... Yorke



















THE DEFENDERS















NYRON Nosworthy was just one short of 200 appearances for Gillingham when he joined Sunderland on a free transfer in June 2005. The Brixton-born defender began his career with the Kent club as a schoolboy in 1998. He has now established himself as a key man at the back. Republic of Ireland international defender **Paul McShane** signed for a fee that could rise to £2.5m from West Brom in July 2007. He joined Albion from Manchester United in August 2006 after failing to break into the first team. His impressive club form saw him called up to the senior Ireland squad, and he played 42 League and cup games last season. He had spent the 2005-06 season on loan at Brighton and was voted Player Of The Year by the Seagulls fans. Six-foot-five-inch right back **Greg Halford** became Roy Keane's first summer signing for £3m from Reading. The England Under-20 international moved to the Madejski Stadium from Colchester for £2.5m in January, becoming the Royals' record signing. But after just three appearances for Steve Coppell's side, he moved on to Sunderland. Centre-back **Danny Collins** joined from Chester in October 2004. He was converted from a midfielder to a centre-back by then Chester boss Mark Wright and it was a turning point in his career. He helped City to the Conference title in 2004, and the Welsh international was a regular in last season's title-winning side. Scottish international centre-back **Russell Anderson** joined Sunderland from Aberdeen for £1m in June 2007 after playing well over 300 games for the Pittodrie side.



ROYAL... Halford



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THE STATISTICS

SIMON PITTS finds some fascinating facts about today's teams

SIMON'S STATS



4 penalties is all that Luton have scored against the Cats in all competitions. Brian Horton put it away in a 3-1 League defeat in March 1983.

60 League Cup matches will have been played at Kenilworth Road after tonight. Luton have won 25, drawn 20 and lost 14, with 104 goals for and 70 against.

5 is the number of Cup ties at Kenilworth Road between the sides, including an FA Cup Second Round tie in 1907 when Luton were non-League.

0 is the number of games that Luton have won against Sunderland in cup competitions.

2,527 is the number of days since the sides met in a Cup tie. Tresor Kandol scored in a 2-1 loss in front of 5,262.



PEN MAN... Brian Horton

10 is the highest number of goals in one game between the sides. Luton won 8-2 in November 1955. Bob Morton hit a hat-trick, Mick Cullen and Gordon Turner two each, and Jimmy Adam one. It was Luton's first season in the top flight, and they finished 10th, a point behind the Cats, despite beating them twice.

3 cup matches have been played at Kenilworth Road between the sides: two FA Cup Second Round wins for Luton in the 1960s, and a League Cup First Round, 2nd Leg draw in 1979.

2 FA Cup draws have been played between the sides. The first was goal-less in the Second Round in 1906-07 and the other was a 2-2 draw in the Fourth Round in 1936-37.

4 players have scored in Cup ties against Sunderland. Frederick Roberts scored twice in 36-37, with Joe Payne netting in the replay, a 3-1 defeat. Jimmy Husband scored in a League Cup Second Round match in 1976, again in a 3-1 defeat, and 24 years later Tresor Kandol scored in a 2-1 League Cup Second Round Second Leg win.

84 is the difference between the two highest cup attendances between the sides. 53,235 saw Sunderland win an FA Cup Fourth Round replay in February 1937, and 53,151 came to a 2-0 FA Cup Quarter-Final defeat at Sunderland in March 1973.

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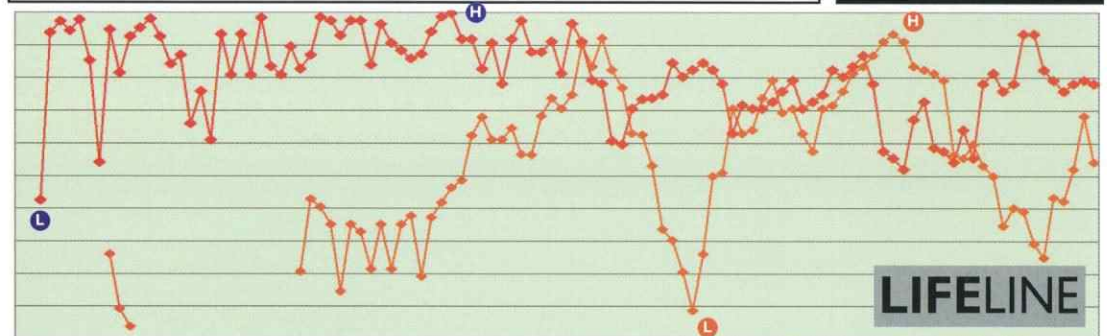
5 players have moved permanently from Sunderland to Luton, and another, Gerry Harrison joined on loan in 1998-99. George McNestry was the first, and he featured between 1930-32. Billy Bingham is the most famous ex-Black Cat to make the move to Kenilworth Road, as Terry Adamson, Brian Johnson and Hugh McLeish all failed to make an impact at Luton during the 1960s.

6 Hatters have left to join Sunderland, with Reg Pearce being the first in the late 1950s. It wasn't until the 1970s that Vic Halom and Tom Finney were the next to go, and then in summer 1993 both striker Phil Gray and keeper Alec Chamberlain moved north. Carlos Edwards became the sixth in January this year after making 74 appearances and scoring 8 goals for the Hatters.



The Hatters have met Sunderland 56 times in all. Luton have won 13, Cats 32 with 11 draws

24 is the total of all the League games that have been played at Kenilworth Road between Luton Town and Sunderland over the years. Of these the Hatters have won 16, drawn 5 and lost just 3.



Hatters & Cats' ups and downs THIS week's **LIFELINE** shows how Luton and Sunderland's fortunes have risen and fallen over the years in a graph that plots where they finished in every season. Luton's low point came with a 17th place in Division Four in 1966-67 and their high a top flight 7th place in 1986-87. The Cats' high came when they won Division One in 1935-36. There have not been too many lows, but statistically, their lowest was when they finished just under halfway in 1890-91.



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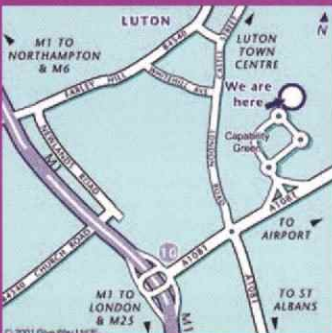
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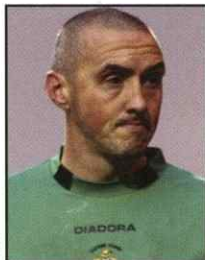
Dean Laurence KIELY

Released by both West Brom and Coventry as a boy, Dean made it third time lucky when he signed on for York in May 1990 and within three years was the Minstermen's regular goalkeeper and saving penalties at Wembley to earn his side promotion in the Play-Offs.

Moving to Bury on a tribunal transfer in 1996, he won a Division Two championship medal in his first season.

By the time of his £1 million move to Charlton in 1999 he was already a Republic of Ireland international, despite having played for England schoolboys in the past. A transfer to Portsmouth in 2006 did not work out and he brought his uncanny shot-stopping skills and defensive organisation to Luton on loan last season.

Sadly the Hatters could not afford to keep him and he finished the campaign back full circle at West Brom.



Thomas (Tommy) KIERNAN

One of the most skilful inside-forwards of the early post-War years, Tommy had been transferred to Celtic from Albion Rovers for £4,000 in 1945 but was then surprisingly sold to Stoke two years later even though he was a regular and a crowd favourite at Parkhead.

Beset by injury at the Victoria Ground, Tommy was allowed to move to Luton for the then huge fee of £8,500 in November 1948 and he immediately caught the imagination at Kenilworth Road with his displays in the two epic cup ties with Leicester in early 1949.

Sadly injury also caught up with him at Luton and he eventually moved back to Scotland with St Mirren as part of the deal that brought Willie Davie to Kenilworth Road. He later moved on to Alloa and back to Albion Rovers where he became coach. Tommy stayed in the Coatbridge area and died in 1991.

John KILGANNON

John was watched several times by Luton Town while playing for his home town team Stenhousemuir in Scottish League Division Two. Eventually they took the plunge and signed him in April 1959, just before the Town's appearance in the FA Cup Final, and he made his debut at centre-forward on the closing day of the 1958-59 campaign at home to Blackpool.

The following season turned out to be a disaster for the Hatters, with relegation from Division One, with John, a constructive inside-forward, played mainly on the wing.

He was released in the wake of relegation and returned to Scotland with Stirling but died in a car accident in 1967, aged only 31, leaving a wife and four young daughters.

Alan Frank KIMBLE

One half of a set of identical twins, Alan was on the books of Charlton as a youngster but it was only after moving to Cambridge in 1986 that he earned a regular first team place.

In seven years at the Abbey, Alan made almost 300 League appearances and was regarded as the best left-back in the club's history. Quick and a clean tackler, Alan was remarkably consistent and it was no surprise when he earned a move to Premier League side Wimbledon in 1993 for £175,000.

After missing most of the 2001-02 season with a knee injury, Alan was given a free transfer and was snapped up by his old boss Joe Kinnear at Luton. By then Alan was aged 36 and could not reproduce his earlier form. After 12 League appearances over the 2002-03 campaign, he was allowed to move to Dagenham & Redbridge. Alan is now assistant manager at Ebbsfleet.



Andrew (Andy) Edward KING

Local boy Andy joined the Hatters from school before making his League debut on the final day of the 1974-75 campaign while still only 18. A quick, two-footed midfielder with an eye for goal, Andy set Division Two alight in the following season and although the club's parlous financial state was well known, it still rankles that Everton paid only £40,000 to sign him in April 1976.

Andy became a favourite on Merseyside and then spent time with QPR, West Brom and Wolves before eventually returning to Luton for a short spell in 1985 and then finishing his League career with Aldershot.

A time in the commercial department at Kenilworth Road was followed by managerial stints at Mansfield and Swindon among others. Andy has recently taken over a pub in Flitwick.



OF LUTON TOWN

player to have appeared for THE HATTERS in the Football League

Gerald (Gerry) Henry KING

Welsh schoolboy international Gerry started out with Cardiff, making his debut as a 17-year-old but found it hard to maintain a regular place in the side at Ninian Park and so reluctantly accepted a move to Torquay in 1965.

At Plainmoor, Gerry helped the Gulls to promotion and played a blinder against Luton along the way, something that was remembered by Hatters manager George Martin, who was pleased to pick up the left winger on a free transfer over the summer of 1966.

After scoring on his debut, Gerry struggled in a poor Luton side and was probably glad to escape and move back to Wales with Newport. Gerry ran a coal business after retiring from the game and was a drayman for Ansell's Brewery for many years.

Now living in Cwmbran, Gerry works on hospital deliveries.

Andrew (Andy) Derek KIWOMYA

An England Youth international, Andy was on the books of Barnsley as a youngster but had managed only 17 League appearances spread over 10 years with six clubs before he earned a regular spot with Bradford City after his transfer there in 1995.

With winger Paul Showler on the injured list, Luton manager Lennie Lawrence brought the speedy Andy to Kenilworth Road on loan in March 1997 and he made an immediate impact by starring in a 2-0 win at Burnley on his debut.

He played four more times for the Hatters over the remainder of that season and was then loaned out to Burnley, who had obviously liked what they saw a few months earlier. He finished his League career at Notts County and is now assistant manager at Worksop Town.



Anthony (Tony) KNIGHT

Romford-born Tony was spotted by Luton scouts and after serving his apprenticeship signed professional terms for the Hatters in May 1976.

Still only 17, Tony found himself thrust in at the deep end when, with regular goalkeeper Keith Barber going down with a heavy cold, he was forced into the firing line at home to Bristol Rovers in November 1976. He acquitted himself well in a 4-2 win and was credited with some wonder saves as Rovers fought back late in the game.

Sadly, that was as good as it got for Tony as, although he made a further five appearances for the Hatters deputising for the established number one, he was released in 1978 and moved to Dover for one season and then on to Brighton where he failed to make a first team appearance.



Anthony (Tony) Frank KNIGHTS

Tony made his League debut for his local side Grimsby Town, who he had joined from school, in December 1959 and although not a regular in the side over his first couple of years at the club he did manage to secure the left-half slot for the Mariners during the second half of the 1961-62 campaign which ended in promotion to Division Two.

The hard-working Tony held his place at the higher level but following Grimsby's relegation in 1964 he was surprisingly handed a free transfer and was snapped up by Luton.

He fared little better at Kenilworth Road as, after making two League appearances, he injured his back and when fit again could not force his way back into the first team. He was released in 1965, moving to Aldershot and then back to Lincolnshire with Gainsborough. Tony died in 2001 from a heart attack while at Waltham Windmill Golf Club.

Leslie (Les) Eric LAKE

Luton boy Les began his football career with local side Holly Rangers and graduated through the Town's Colts team during the early war years. He was playing regular first team football as the war drew to a close and took this through to the 1946-47 season where his ability to play in either full-back position meant that he was one of the first names on the team sheet.

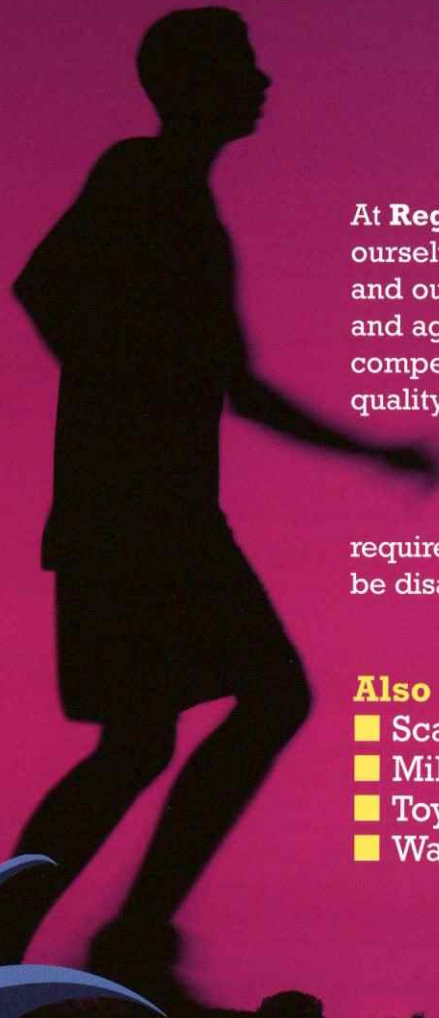
Surprisingly he lost his place early in the following campaign and was then regarded as a deputy for the remainder of his time at Kenilworth Road. At the end of the 1948-49 season he decided to emigrate to the United States but was back again before Christmas and was taken back by the Hatters. His appearances were limited though, due to the form of Billy Cooke and Bud Aherne.

Les died in 1973 at the young age of 53 following a training run.

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CARLING CUP

GERARD BUTLER looks ahead to the Carling Cup Second Round matches

THIS week's 24 ties mix the victorious sides from the First Round with a dozen Premiership sides who are not involved in Europe.

With plenty of upsets at this stage each year, this season is sure to be no exception.

Six Premiership sides have home advantage as surprise package **WIGAN** will be confident of success against a **HULL** side who do not travel well, while **PORTSMOUTH**, another dark horse for the competition, will be confident at home to **LEEDS**, despite the fact that Dennis Wise and Gus Poyet won the competition at Chelsea.

MIDDLESBROUGH will view their home game with **NORTHAMPTON** with more trepidation than you might expect after they lost to Notts County at the Riverside at the same stage last season.

Meanwhile, **NEWCASTLE** host **BARNSELY** as Sam Allardyce looks to make an early bid for silverware. Attention at **BIRMINGHAM** may be more focused on survival, but they should still progress in a Midlands contest with **HEREFORD**.

DERBY also have a welcome break from their early struggles as they host fellow Play-Off winners from last season **BLACKPOOL** in arguably one of the more likely shocks of the round.

On the road, **WEST HAM** travel to **BRISTOL ROVERS** with one eye on the Hammers' often fragile record in cup

CUP PREVIEW



It's a fair bet that as in the last round, somewhere, somehow, there will be an upset or two

competitions, despite their 2006 FA Cup Final appearance, while the other half of Bristol sees **BRISTOL CITY** host **MANCHESTER CITY**, fresh from a win over their own city rivals and making a great start under new boss Sven Goran Eriksson.

FULHAM were knocked out by Wycombe last season, and with **SHREWSBURY** starting well at their new ground, the Cottagers could suffer another upset as Town look to follow up their win over Colchester in Round One.

SWANSEA face **READING** in a reversal of their 3-1 loss at the Madejski Stadium two seasons ago, while **ASTON VILLA** face a tricky tie at **WREXHAM**, with Martin O'Neill's pedigree in the competition when he was at Leicester likely to be decisive.

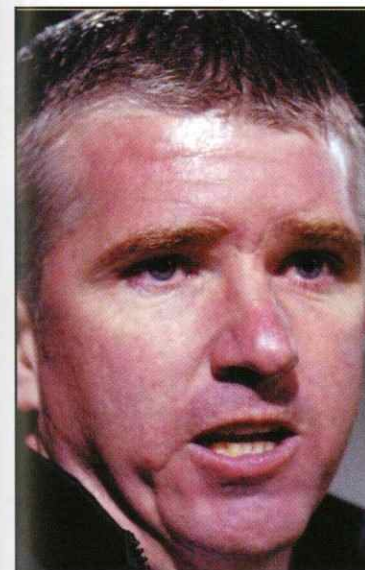
In the last round, a number of lower League sides eliminated Championship teams, and some more have a chance to repeat the trick, as **MORECAMBE** travel to **WOLVES** following a fine win at Preston, **MILTON KEYNES** face **SHEFFIELD UNITED**, hoping to repeat their dramatic victory over Ipswich, **ROCHDALE** welcome

NORWICH, and **PETERBOROUGH** – fresh from eliminating Southampton in the last round – are at home to **WEST BROMWICH**.

CHARLTON, meanwhile, welcome **STOCKPORT** to south London, mindful of last season's defeat by Wycombe in this competition, while Martin Ling's League One leaders **LEYTON ORIENT** hope to repeat their success at QPR last time when they travel to **CARDIFF** in this round, and there is an intriguing local derby between **NOTTINGHAM FOREST** and **LEICESTER**.

Completing the picture, **PLYMOUTH** host **DONCASTER**, with both sides enjoying excellent recent cup runs; **SOUTHEND** face **WATFORD**, the Shrimpers bidding to repeat last year's success in this competition; Danny Wilson takes **HARTLEPOOL** to his former club **SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY**; **BURNLEY** have a clash with near neighbours **OLDHAM ATHLETIC**; and **CARLISLE** have been given a giant killing chance at home to Championship leaders **COVENTRY**.

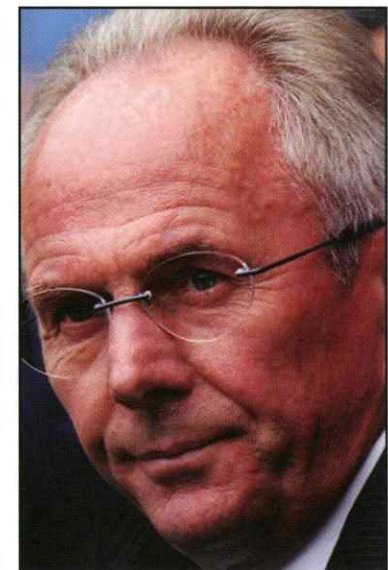
The only thing you can be sure of is that somewhere, there will be a shock...



GOING WEST... Ling's Orient are at Cardiff



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LEEDS UNITED v LUTON TOWN

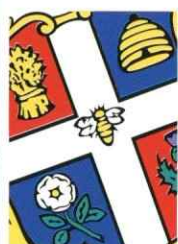
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LUTON TOWN v BRISTOL ROVERS

Saturday September 8, 2007 **League One 12 noon**

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TRANMERE ROVERS v LUTON TOWN

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| Carlisle | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Tranmere | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| LUTON | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Hartlepool | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Yeovil | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Huddersfield | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Swindon | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Bristol Rovers | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Swansea | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Bournemouth | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | |
| Cheltenham | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Millwall | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Crewe | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 4 |
| Oldham | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 3 |
| Brighton | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | -2 | 3 |
| Southend | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | -3 | 3 |
| Nottm Forest | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 2 |
| Northampton | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -2 | 1 |
| Doncaster | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -2 | 1 |
| Walsall | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -3 | 1 |
| Port Vale | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -3 | 1 |
| Gillingham | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | -5 | 0 |
| Leeds* | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 5 | -6 |

*Leeds deducted 15 points

2007-08 APPEARANCES

| | This Season | | | | | | | | Luton Town Career | |
|-------------------|-------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-------|-----|--------------|-----|-------------------|-------|
| | LEAGUE | | CUP COMPETITION | | TOTAL | | DISCIPLINARY | | APPEARANCES | GOALS |
| | App | Cls | App | Cls | App | Cls | Yel | Red | | |
| Calvin ANDREW | 0(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 2 |
| David BELL | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 5 |
| Dean BRILL | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 0 |
| Ahmet BRKOVIC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 219 | 38 |
| Chris COYNE | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 231 | 15 |
| Darren CURRIE | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Sol DAVIS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 184 | 2 |
| Dave EDWARDS | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Lewis EMANUEL | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -43 | 2 |
| David FORDE | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Paul FURLONG | 3 | 1 | 0(1) | 0 | 3(1) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Alan GOODALL | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Don HUTCHISON | 0(2) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1(2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Richard JACKSON | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Keith KEANE | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 3 |
| Richard LANGLEY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 1 |
| Paul McVEIGH | 0(3) | 0 | 0(1) | 0 | 0(4) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Dean MORGAN | 0(1) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 82 | 11 |
| Stephen O'LEARY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 3 |
| Sam PARKIN | 0(1) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 |
| Chris PERRY | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Paul PESCHISOLIDO | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Steve ROBINSON | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 179 | 11 |
| Matthew SPRING | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 307 | 32 |
| Drew TALBOT | 1(1) | 0 | 0(1) | 1 | 1(2) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 3 |
| Paul UNDERWOOD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 5 |

Goalscorers in Capitals & bold. Denotes player booked Denotes player sent off First Substitute Second Substitute Third Substitute Denotes own goal in Luton's favour

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RESULTS AND FIXTURES



SUBSTITUTES

| Date | Opponent | Venue | Score | Att | Away Pos |
|-------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| Sat Aug 11 | HARTLEPOOL UNITED | H | 2-1 | 8,013 | 608 3 |
| Tue Aug 14 | Dagenham & Redbridge (CCI) | A | 2-1 | 1,754 | 397 - |
| Sat Aug 18 | Swindon Town | A | 1-2 | 7,520 | 1,013 10 |
| Sat Aug 25 | GILLINGHAM | H | 3-1 | 6,178 | 508 4 |
| Tues Aug 28 | SUNDERLAND | H | 19:45 | | |
| Sat Sept 1 | Leeds United | A | 15:00 | | |
| Tues Sept 4 | NORTHAMPTONTOWN | H | 19:45 | | |
| Sat Sept 8 | BRISTOL ROVERS | H | 12:00 | | |
| Fri Sept 14 | Tranmere Rovers | A | 19:45 | | |
| Sat Sept 22 | PORT VALE | H | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Sept 29 | Huddersfield Town | A | 15:00 | | |
| Tue Oct 2 | Yeovil Town | A | 19:45 | | |
| Sat Oct 6 | DONCASTER ROVERS | H | 15:00 | | |
| Mon Oct 15 | NORTHAMPTONTOWN | H | 19:45 | | |
| Sat Oct 20 | Crewe Alexandra | A | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Oct 27 | NOTTINGHAM FOREST | H | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Nov 3 | Brighton | A | 15:00 | | |
| Tue Nov 6 | CARLISLE UNITED | H | 19:45 | | |
| Sat Nov 10 | F.A. Cup 1 | | | | |
| Sat Nov 17 | Walsall | A | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Nov 24 | SOUTHEND UNITED | H | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Dec 1 | F.A. Cup 2 | | | | |
| Tue Dec 4 | Oldham Athletic | A | 19:45 | | |
| Sat Dec 8 | MILLWALL | H | 15:00 | | |
| Fri Dec 14 | Cheltenham Town | A | 19:45 | | |
| Sat Dec 22 | TRANMERE ROVERS | H | 15:00 | | |
| Wed Dec 26 | Bristol Rovers | A | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Dec 29 | Port Vale | A | 15:00 | | |
| Tue Jan 1 | YEOVL TOWN | H | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Jan 5 | AFC Bournemouth | A | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Jan 12 | SWANSEA CITY | H | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Jan 19 | Leyton Orient | A | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Jan 26 | LEEDS UNITED | H | 15:00 | | |
| Tue Jan 29 | SWINDON TOWN | H | 19:45 | | |
| Sat Feb 2 | Hartlepool United | A | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Feb 9 | AFC BOURNEMOUTH | H | 15:00 | | |
| Tue Feb 12 | Gillingham | A | 19:45 | | |
| Sat Feb 16 | LEYTON ORIENT | H | 15:00 | | |
| Fri Feb 22 | Swansea City | A | 19:45 | | |
| Sat Mar 1 | WALSALL | H | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Mar 8 | Southend United | A | 15:00 | | |
| Tue Mar 11 | Carlisle United | A | 19:45 | | |
| Sat Mar 15 | OLDHAM ATHLETIC | H | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Mar 22 | CHELTHENHAM TOWN | H | 15:00 | | |
| Mon Mar 24 | Millwall | A | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Mar 29 | CREWE ALEXNDRA | H | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Apr 5 | Northampton Town | A | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Apr 12 | BRIGHTON | H | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Apr 19 | Nottingham Forest | A | 15:00 | | |
| Sat Apr 26 | Doncaster Rovers | A | 15:00 | | |
| Sat May 3 | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN | H | 15:00 | | |

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| Brill | Jackson | Perry | Coyne | GOODALL | Edwards | Robinson | Spring | CURRIE | Peschisolido | Furlong | Hutchison | Keane | McVeigh | Parkin | Talbot |
| Brill | Jackson | Keane | Coyne | Emanuel | Edwards | Hutchison | SPRING | Morgan | Parkin | TALBOT | Brkovic | Furlong | McVeigh | Perry | O'Leary |
| Brill | Jackson | Perry | Coyne | Goodall | EDWARDS | Robinson | Spring | Currie | Peschisolido | Furlong | Hutchison | Keane | McVeigh | Morgan | Talbot |
| Forde | Jackson | Perry | Coyne | Goodall | Currie | Edwards | SPRING | BELL | FURLONG | Talbot | Andrew | Hutchison | Keane | McVeigh | Robinson |

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QUIZ ANSWERS

TWO'S WHO First picture: David Bell and Alan Goodall. Second picture: Sol Davis and Sam Parkin.

10 TO TEST YOU 1) Mexico, 2) Brian Dean, 3) Peterborough, 4) Lens, 5) Wimbledon, 6) Iain Dowie, 7) Hope Powell, 8) Cardiff City, 9) Manchester City, 10) Steve Morrow

BADGE BODGE Top: Nottingham and Stoke. Bottom: Bournemouth and Leicester

LETTERS PLAY Luton player: Dean Morgan. Team's nickname: Eagles (Crystal Palace). Premiership manager: Billy Davies (Derby County). League One ground: Prenton Park (Tranmere Rovers). Luton legend: Bernard Stretton

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COMING NEXT



Tuesday
September 4, 2007
Johnstone's Paint
Trophy Round One
Kick-Off 7.45pm

Luton Town v **NORTHAMPTON**

SINCE Colin Calderwood took Northampton up from League Two in 2005-06, the club has had four managers in 15 months. John Gorman took over when Calderwood moved on to the bright lights of Nottingham Forest after clinching promotion, but quit himself just before Christmas 2006 for personal reasons. Ian Sampson and Jim Barron took charge but less than two weeks after that, Stuart Gray was given the job.

With that much turmoil off the field and a step up in football to come to terms with at the same time, finishing mid table

was a decent achievement from Gray in his first half season in charge.

The new boss had plenty of experience to call on. He had played some 200 games for Southampton, Aston Villa, Barnsley, Bolton and Nottingham Forest, both at left back and in midfield. And he had also managed and coached at a high level for around 13 years at Southampton, Wolves, Villa and Palace.

He was briefly manager of Southampton, Villa and Wolves before landing the Northampton job. In his first five months, Gray took the Cobblers to 14th place in League One, 16 points off the Play-Offs and 12 clear of the drop.

He strengthened his squad with four summer signings without spending a penny in transfer fees.

He added two forwards. Danish striker Poul Hubertz from Millwall, and the experienced Colin Larkin, with more than 200 League games behind him, came in from Chesterfield.

Gray also picked up Norwich Academy prospect Ian Henderson who plays up front or wide right, and central midfielder Giles Coke from Mansfield. To complete the summer building, defender Daniel Jones joined on loan from Wolves until January.

Northampton will be looking to push on from last season's finish, but an opening day home draw against Swindon has been followed by 2-1 defeats at Brighton and at home to Yeovil, leaving them sixth from bottom with one point from nine.

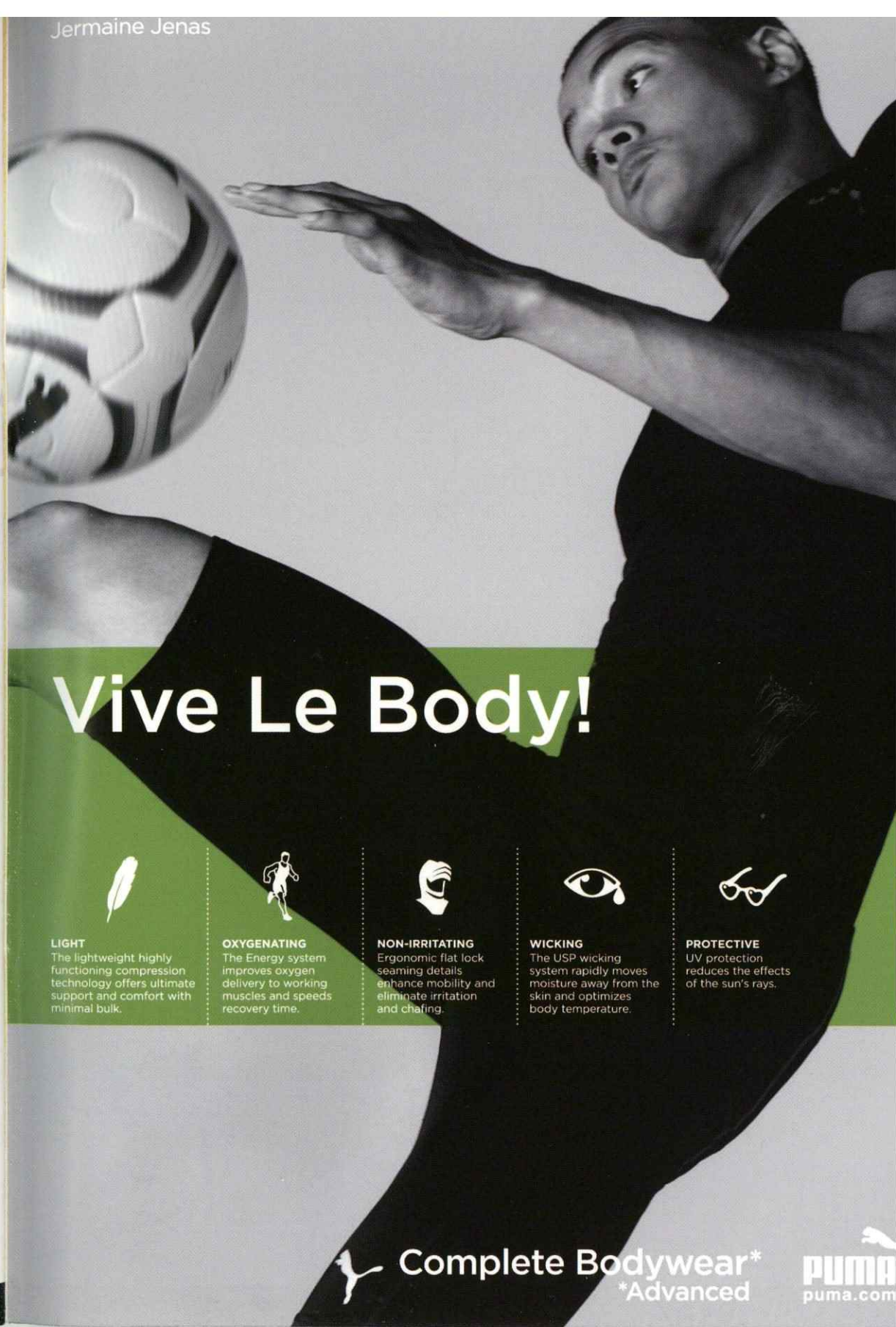
The Johnstone's Paint Trophy might not be their top priority this season, then, but with the pressure off, Gray will be hoping that his side can kick-start their season with a good performance and show that they can play a bit.



Head 2 head

| | Luton | Draw | Northampton |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| League | 22 | 7 | 15 |
| FA Cup | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| League Cup | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 24 | 7 | 16 |

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The line-ups

Luton Town

Manager: Kevin Blackwell
Colours: White shirts, black shorts

| | Pl | Sc |
|----------------------|----|----|
| 1 Dean Brill | ■ | ■ |
| 3 Alan Goodall | ■ | ■ |
| 4 Don Hutchison | ■ | ■ |
| 5 Chris Perry | ■ | ■ |
| 6 Chris Coyne | ■ | ■ |
| 7 Dean Morgan | ■ | ■ |
| 8 David Bell | ■ | ■ |
| 9 Sam Parkin | ■ | ■ |
| 10 Darren Currie | ■ | ■ |
| 11 Paul Peschisolido | ■ | ■ |
| 12 Richard Jackson | ■ | ■ |
| 14 Steve Robinson | ■ | ■ |
| 15 Stephen O'Leary | ■ | ■ |
| 16 David Edwards | ■ | ■ |
| 17 Lewis Emanuel | ■ | ■ |
| 18 Ahmet Brkovic | ■ | ■ |
| 19 Drew Talbot | ■ | ■ |
| 20 Calvin Andrew | ■ | ■ |
| 21 Keith Keane | ■ | ■ |
| 22 Richard Langley | ■ | ■ |
| 24 Paul Underwood | ■ | ■ |
| 25 Matthew Spring | ■ | ■ |
| 26 Sol Davis | ■ | ■ |
| 28 Paul McVeigh | ■ | ■ |
| 29 Paul Furlong | ■ | ■ |
| 30 David Forde | ■ | ■ |

Sunderland

Manager: Roy Keane
Colours: Red and white striped shirts and white shorts

| | Pl | Sc |
|----------------------|----|----|
| 1 Craig Gordon | □ | □ |
| 2 Greg Halford | □ | □ |
| 4 Dickson Etuhu | □ | □ |
| 5 Nyron Nosworthy | □ | □ |
| 6 Paul McShane | □ | □ |
| 7 Carlos Edwards | □ | □ |
| 8 Dean Whitehead | □ | □ |
| 9 Anthony Stokes | □ | □ |
| 10 Kieran Richardson | □ | □ |
| 11 Daryl Murphy | □ | □ |
| 12 Liam Miller | □ | □ |
| 13 Darren Ward | □ | □ |
| 14 Stern John | □ | □ |
| 15 Danny Collins | □ | □ |
| 16 Michael Chopra | □ | □ |
| 18 Grant Leadbitter | □ | □ |
| 19 Dwight Yorke | □ | □ |
| 21 Russell Anderson | □ | □ |
| 22 Clive Clarke | □ | □ |
| 23 Roy O'Donovan | □ | □ |
| 24 Trevor Carson | □ | □ |
| 27 Stanislav Varga | □ | □ |
| 28 Graham Kavanagh | □ | □ |
| 29 Peter Hartley | □ | □ |
| 30 Jake Richardson | □ | □ |
| 31 David Connolly | □ | □ |
| 32 Marton Fulop | □ | □ |
| 33 Ross Wallace | □ | □ |

Hatters' last team Luton 3 Gillingham 1



Goals: Bell (17), Furlong (27), Spring (80 pen)
Subs: McVeigh for Talbot (65), Andrew for Furlong (81), Hutchison for Edwards (86)

None
None

Cats' last team Cats 0 Liverpool 2



Goals:
Subs: Stokes for Richardson (20), Leadbitter for Yorke (61), Connolly for Murphy (78)

Etuhu
None

MATCH OFFICIALS

- Referee: T M Kettle
- Assistant: P W Barnes
- Assistant: G R Russell
- 4th Official: G C Law

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