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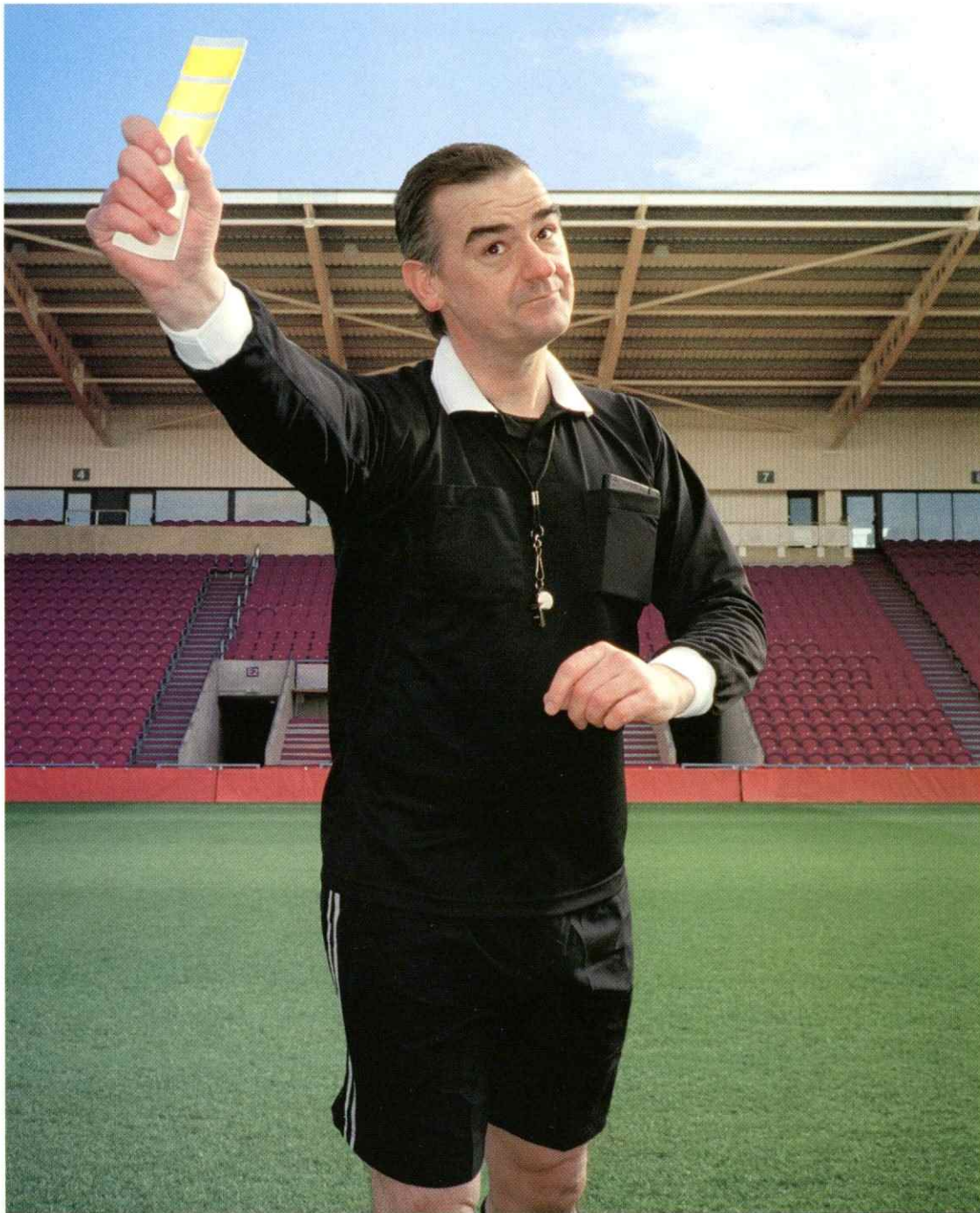
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The Chairman Paul D.P. Scally

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Good evening Ladies and Gentleman and welcome to our Johnstone's Paint Trophy second round tie against Luton Town.

Our last league result was a shambles of a display, away at Swindon Town and most, if not all will have already read my feelings on our official club website. To lose in that manner, without a fight, was sickening and I left 10 minutes from the end so that I did not have to watch the embarrassing performance any longer. I felt they let you, the fans, down with a display void of fight, passion or pride and so those who travelled will be recompensed for their time and trouble. On production of a ticket stub from the Swindon game, fans will receive two free tickets to a home match of their choice, and those that travelled with the Kings Ferry Club Class official coaches will also receive complimentary travel to Carlisle on the 20th October. Tickets can be collected from the Gillingham ticket office.

Looking ahead to tonight we have, of course, already played Kevin Blackwell's Luton side this season where we suffered a poor defeat. However, The KRBS Priestfield Stadium is becoming a fortress for us with 10 points from a possible 15

gained from our opening matches. Tonight's game will be a difficult challenge. Luton are an excellent side and have had some good results so far this season but, as Leyton Orient found out last Tuesday night, we are in true form and worthy opponents to any side that step over the white line.

Mature

Our match in the week was our best performance so far and we played with cohesion, understanding, and the confidence that we seemed to lack in the early stages of the campaign. I thought the young players that came in were superb. Marvin Hamilton was thrown in at the deep end against Leeds United and fully deserved a starting place against the O's where he showed a mature head and it was nice to see you give him a great ovation as he left the field. Sean Clohessy on the other flank was equally impressive. For a young player to have the confidence to attempt difficult twists and turns and to take on an experienced defence with decisive overlapping runs was a privilege to watch. Their inclusion in our first team serves as another timely reminder of the successes being achieved within our youth academy

as we push to nurture young talent and bring them through the ranks so that good, home-grown players have the chance to play competitive football.

It was also good to see David Graham get on the score sheet for the first time. His first goal was exceptional and I can really see a good playing partnership beginning to form with our powerhouse striker, Delroy Facey. With the likes of Gary Mulligan, and the potential of Andy Pugh, on the bench our attacking options are enviable indeed.

Away from our Football League exploits, tonight it is the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, a competition that does not attract the same attention as other competitions around, however it is one that we want to take seriously. Gillingham Football Club is a competitive club that wants to win silverware at any level, and if we can make the final of this tournament then it will be fantastic step forward in our season.

Enjoy the game tonight and cheer the lads on to the third round!

Up the Gills

Paul D.P. Scally
Chairman

MEET THE PLAYERS OF LUTON TOWN

GOALKEEPERS

BEN ALNWICK

Young goalkeeper who joined Luton on loan from Premiership club Tottenham Hotspur. The 20-year-old started his career with Sunderland before a £900,000 move to Spurs. He joined Luton on loan last month.

DEAN BRILL

Luton born goalkeeper Dean Brill is a young player of whom big things are expected. Dean won the goalkeeper's jersey when Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell took over the managerial reins at Kenilworth Road and despite the club being relegated from the Championship; he was named Young Player of the Season. Brill is no stranger to Gills fans having spent time on loan here at KRBS Priestfield last season.



Paul McVeigh (left)

ZAC BARRETT

Promising young goalkeeper whose performances for the youth team during the 2005/06 season earned him a professional contract. He was the only player to be taken on by the club from youth team level last season and it is hoped he will have a bright future in the game.

DEFENDERS

CHRIS COYNE

The centre-half was playing for Perth Soccer Club when he was selected for the Australian Under-17 squad for the 1994 youth World Cup, and came to the notice of Harry Redknapp, then manager of West Ham. Coyne signed for the Hammers as a teenager, but Premiership chances were few and far between. He joined Luton for a

fee of £50,000 from Scottish side Dundee.

JAROSLAW FOJUT

Jaroslaw is a young Polish defender who joined Luton on loan from Premiership side Bolton Wanderers. The 19-year-old made his debut for The Hatters in their 2-0 win over Northampton Town in the Johnstone's Paints Trophy.

ALAN GOODALL

Alan Goodall arrived at Luton Town just 24 hours after Dave Edwards joined from Shrewsbury Town. Alan, who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road, started his career at Welsh club Bangor City in 2001. He moved to Rochdale in 2004 and went on to become a fans favourite at Spotland, making 131 appearances and scoring eight goals.

RICHARD JACKSON

Richard Jackson, one of nine summer signings made by Kevin Blackwell prior to the start of the season, had a distinguished career at Derby County. The full-back was the longest serving player at Pride Park prior to signing a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road.

CHRIS PERRY

Chris Perry brought plenty of experience with him when he signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road. In 1991, he started his career at Wimbledon and went on to make more than 200 appearances for the club before moving to Tottenham Hotspur in 1999.

MIDFIELDERS

DAVID BELL

Talented young midfielder David Bell signed a three-and-a-half year contract with the Hatters in mid-

January 2006 after joining from Rushden & Diamonds. The Northamptonshire-born player rose through the ranks at Diamonds to quickly establish himself as a firm favourite at Nene Park. Bell, who has been capped by Republic of Ireland at U19 and U21 level, made 121 starting appearances for Rushden, scoring ten goals.

AHMET BRKOVIC

Ahmet is a tidy and hardworking member of the squad who had an inspirational season during Luton's Championship success in League One, scoring 16 goals from midfield. Believing a move would be good for his career, he refused new terms at Leyton Orient in the summer of 2001, to join The Hatters on a Bosman free transfer.

DARREN CURRIE

Darren Currie became Kevin Blackwell's third signing of the summer when he signed a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road in July 2007. The experienced midfielder started his career at West Ham United as a trainee, but did not break into the first-team during his three-year stay at Upton Park. He has since played for the likes of Barnet, Wycombe and Brighton before moving to Ipswich for a fee of £250,000.

DAVE EDWARDS

Dave Edwards became Kevin Blackwell's first ever signing at Luton Town, joining in July 2007 from Shrewsbury Town. The energetic midfielder is a product of Shrewsbury's youth system and has gone on to make 101 starting appearances for the Shropshire outfit, scoring 15 goals. Edwards has also been capped by Wales at Under-19 level and has made 11 appearances for the Welsh Under-21 squad, scoring five goals.

DON HUTCHISON

Don Hutchison became Kevin Blackwell's seventh signing of the summer after he impressed on trial at the club during a pre-season tour of Norway. The experienced midfielder signed a one-year contract at



the club, as Luton became the ninth club of his illustrious career. During his career, Hutchison played 26 times for Scotland, scoring six goals, including one strike against England in a Euro 2000 play-off game.

MATTHEW SPRING

Matthew Spring returned to Kenilworth Road in January 2007 after leaving the club in 2004 to join Leeds United. Matthew had been at Luton since he was a schoolboy, and was a driving force in the side that reached the FA Youth Cup semi-final in 1997. Matthew joined Luton on a two-and-a-half year contract in a deal worth £200,000.

STRIKERS

CALVIN ANDREW

After scoring an incredible eight goals in three games for the Under-18 side, including hat-tricks against Northampton and Rushden, Calvin Andrew made his Luton debut in September 2004, making 11 appearances. A tall, powerful and direct front-man, Calvin has good pace and the ability to score goals with his head and along the ground.

PAUL FURLONG

Paul Furlong became the fourth signing by Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell, following the arrival of Darren Currie, Alan Goodall and David Edwards. Furlong has already worked with Blackwell during a loan spell at Sheffield United, which was sandwiched between two loan spells at QPR, where he eventually made a permanent move in September 2002.

At Loftus Road, Furlong became a real fans' favourite. After a frustrating start to his career at the London club due to injury, he made just short of 200 appearances, scoring 55 goals.

PAUL McVEIGH

The capture of Paul McVeigh, the ninth and final signing of Kevin Blackwell during pre-season, came as somewhat of a surprise to many Luton Town fans. At the time of his signature, Luton were in desperate need of a centre-half and talk in the local media was linking defenders with a move to Kenilworth Road. However, Blackwell managed to sign this free scoring striker to add further competition to his forward line.

PAUL PESCHISOLIDO

Experienced striker Paul Peschisolido joined Luton on a one-year deal in July 2007, becoming manager Kevin Blackwell's sixth signing of the summer. Blackwell knows all about Peschisolido, who was at Sheffield United from 2001-04 when The Hatters boss was Number two to Neil Warnock at Bramall Lane.

DREW TALBOT

Drew Talbot signed for Luton Town in a £250,000 deal in January 2007 from Sheffield Wednesday as former Hatters boss Mike Newell looked to strengthen his options in attack. He made an immediate impact, making one and then scoring the winner against his old club at Kenilworth Road on his home league debut.



twenty questions

Name? Tom Bryant

Born? Chatham

Date-of-birth? 07th of October 1988

What do you remember about your league debut?

It was against Colchester in pre-season. We won the game 4-1.

Do you keep a scrapbook of you career? Yeah I do, my mum deals with it all. She is in charge of it.

What is your pre-match routine?

I wake up, watch Soccer AM and have something to eat about 11 o'clock. I then relax leading up to the game.

Do any of your relatives play football?

My Dad played Sunday league but nothing major.

What's the best goal celebration you've ever seen?

Gazza's when he scored against Scotland at Euro 96. He used the Dentist Chair celebration and it was a pleasure to watch.

Did you go to school with anyone famous?

Possibly but nobody I can think of at the moment!

Where do you buy most of your clothes? On the Internet.

What is on your desk at home?

My computer, some CD's and a calculator.

What's the best wind-up you've seen in football?

The lads are always cracking banter in and around the dressing room. Most of the time it's all good harmless fun but I cannot repeat any of what goes on in a football programme!

What would be your dream evening meal? Piri-Piri Chicken and Rice. I am a fan of spicy foods.

What's your favourite drink?

I like most fruit juices.

Who is the best player you've played with? Alan Pouton, his awareness on a football field is unbelievable.

What was your favourite television programme as a kid? Rugrats

What hobbies do you enjoy away from football?

Golf and the odd game of tennis in the summer.

Who did you support as a child?

It might be worth averting your eyes at this point. I know I shouldn't say this but I followed Millwall when I was young because of my dad and I have always looked out for them since!

What do you enjoy watching on the television at the moment?

Dog the Bounty Hunter. I find it quite interesting.

Who is the best TV football pundit?

Andy Gray. I think he is by far the best pundit and enjoy listening to the comments that he makes.

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MILLWALL

Kick-off: Middyay

The next game here at The KRBS Priestfield Stadium is in four days time, Saturday 13th October, when Willie Donachie's Millwall are our visitors for a League One match.

We have yet to play The Lions this season and they are not in action this evening. The South London side crashed out of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at the first round stage after a 3-2 defeat away at League One rivals Swansea City.

While not doing too well in

their league fixtures so far, Millwall have undoubted quality and are sure to transform their form soon. Overall Gillingham have played Millwall on 90 occasions, winning 25 of those. There have been 19 draws with 46 wins for Millwall.



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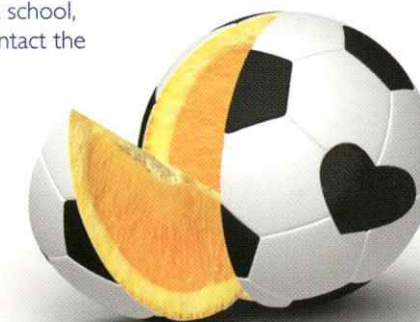
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- 1. Kelvin **Jack**
- 2. Duncan **Jupp**
- 3. Craig **Armstrong**
- 4. Steve **Lomas**
- 5. Simon **King**
- 6. Ian **Cox**
- 7. Andrew **Crofts**
- 8. Mark **Bentley**
- 9. Gary **Mulligan**
- 10. Delroy **Facey**
- 11. Nicky **Southall**
- 12. Simon **Royce**
- 14. Aaron **Brown**
- 15. Marvin **Hamilton**
- 16. Efe **Sodje**
- 17. Andy **Pugh**
- 18. Craig **Stone**
- 19. Sean **Clohessy**
- 20. David **Graham**
- 21. Luis **Cumbers**
- 22. Derek **Stillie**
- 23. Barry **Cogan**
- 24. Guylain **Ndumbu-Nsungu**
- 25. Tom **Bryant**
- 26. Chris **Dickson**
- 29. Adam **Nowland**

- 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. Rickard **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**
- 27. Ben **Alnwick**
- 28. Paul **McVeigh**
- 29. Paul **Furlong**
- 31. Jaroslav **Fojut**

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Gillingham Luton
Hereford Yeovil
Leyton Orient v Dagenham & Redbridge
MK Dons v Peterborough
Swansea v Wycombe
Swindon v Cheltenham

Northern Section

Carlisle v Chester
Darlington v Leeds
Lincoln City v Hartlepool
Macclesfield v Stockport
Morecambe v Port Vale
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