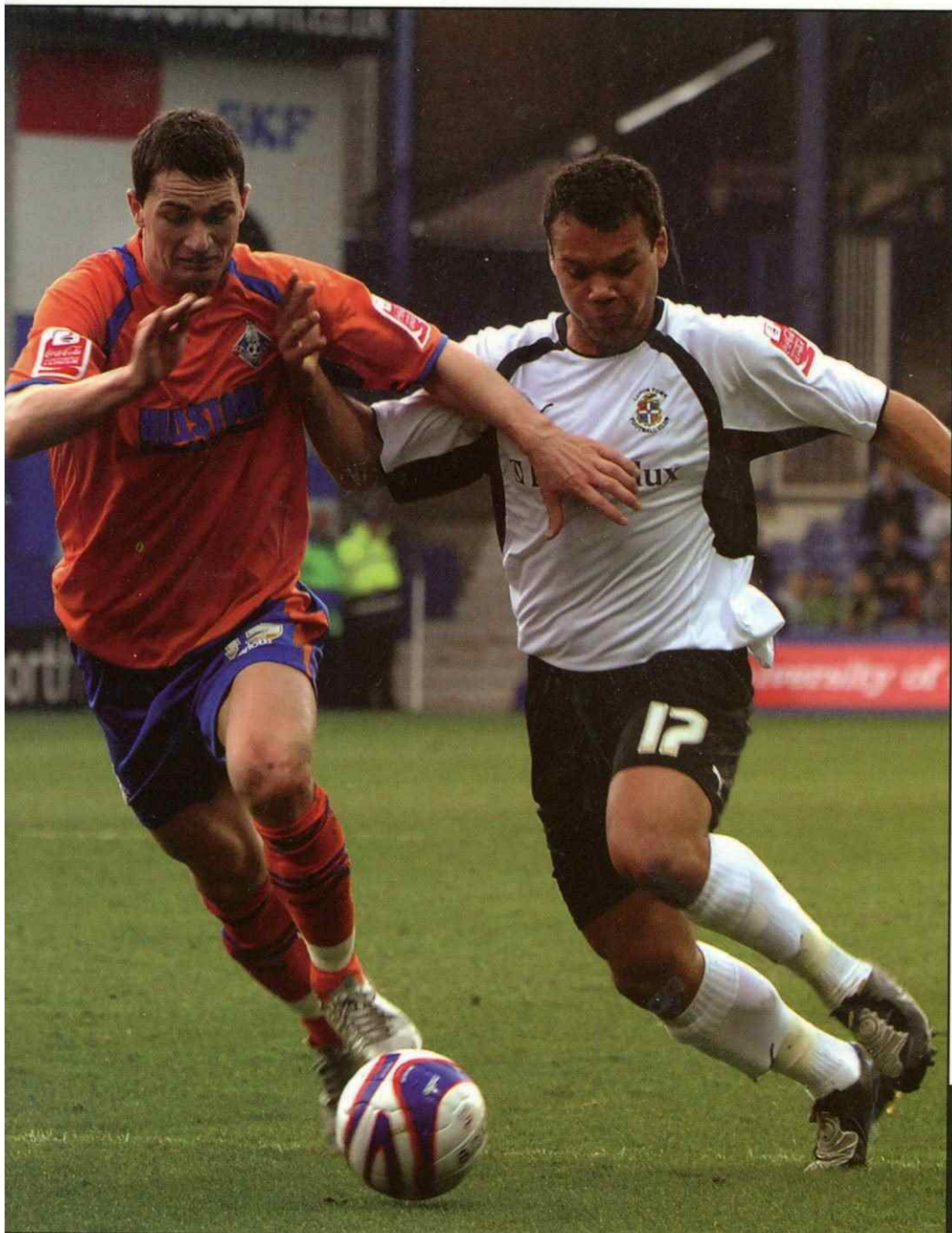


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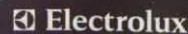


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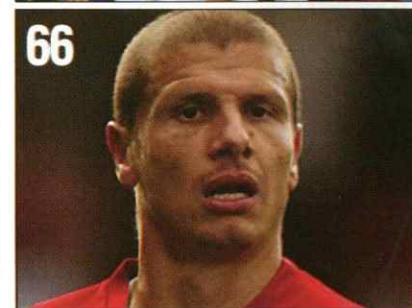
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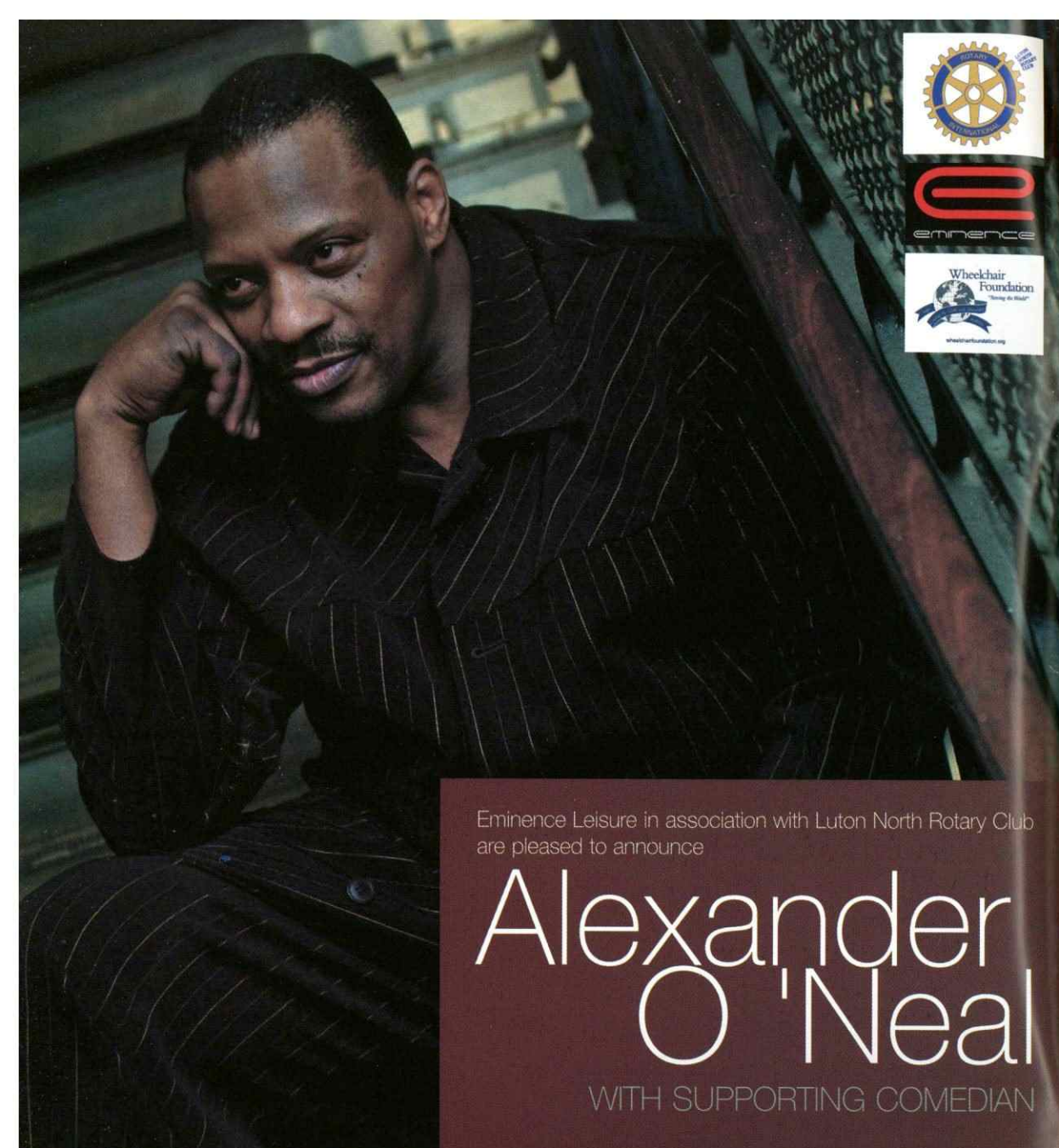
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The entertainment will include a comedian and a Memorabilia auction followed by Alexander O'Neal performing with his live band, preceded by a Three Course Meal.

The venue holds 600 with 60 tables of 10. The meal starts at 7.30pm and dancing till 2.00am. Ticket prices are £100, £80, and £60 with the higher price tickets nearer the front.

NICK OWEN



Good afternoon and welcome to our home match against Cheltenham Town. A special Easter welcome to our visitors' directors, players and supporters.

Well, what a match it was last weekend! A terrific performance from the team which lifted us all during these difficult times for the club.

Well done to Mick and all the squad...it was really encouraging for the future and what a goal from Ryan Charles! Inspirational! Let's hope we can carry on from there and put in another good performance today. It was such a novelty to have three points after the Oldham game, someone suggested we put them on ebay!

Many of you will have heard our announcement on BBC Three Counties radio this week, that we are approaching the 20th

anniversary of the finest day in the club's history - the Littlewoods Cup win against Arsenal at Wembley. We'll be stirring up some of those fantastic memories with a special match on Saturday May 10th, Luton Town against an Arsenal Pro-Celebrity team.

David Pleat will be our manager for the day, our good friend John Motson will commentate and our side's expected to include Steve Foster, Brian Stein, Ricky Hill and Mal Donaghy along with many of the other members of that famous team with a few familiar additions.

**"We'll be stirring up some of those fantastic memories with a special match on Saturday May 10th."**

There'll be lots of activities, for all the family - more details soon!

On the subject of a new stadium, I would just like to clarify that the planning application for Junction 12 has not been lodged on behalf of Luton Town Football Club.

It is an outline planning application entered by the developer Goodmans without consultation with 2020. We are neither for or

# NICK OWEN

against it until we have carried out our independent feasibility study. That study takes on ever greater importance now that news has broken that the Junction 12 infrastructure may be built before the 2012 Olympics making that area another real possibility for a new home.

We are still very much focusing on becoming financially stable at the moment and exiting administration. Thanks for all your messages of support and offers of help. We have received fantastic letters and calls from the Leader of Luton Borough Council, the Mayor and the University of Bedfordshire among others. All very much appreciated.

The creditors' meeting will be held on April 4th, they then have 28 days to appeal against the Company Voluntary Arrangement and then we hope to make further representations to the Football League in early May. What a relief it'll be when we all know exactly what the future holds. Rest assured Gary Sweet, Stephen Browne, Antony Brown and our colleagues are working flat out to secure the best future they can for the club.

Bye for now and have a Happy Easter.

Nick





MICK



HARFORD

Good afternoon to you all and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's clash with Cheltenham Town.

After a run of disappointing results in recent weeks, I'm sure everyone was delighted with the result, as well as the performance, following our win over a high-flying Oldham Athletic.

Everyone at the club has been determined to get a win and the players showed a great desire throughout the game to get three points.

Even with the deserved sending-off we were worthy winners. I emphasised to the players at half-time, that I wanted a clean sheet when the final whistle blew, so at the end of the game I was delighted.

I was even more pleased for Ryan Charles (Rio), to get his first goal in professional football. It is a day in your life that will forever be in your memory.

As a youngster he has shown a great attitude since I arrived at the club, and as I have reiterated to the younger players at the club if you deserve your opportunity you will be given a chance.

**"I was even more pleased for Ryan Charles to get his first goal in professional football."**

We now have some vital games coming up, starting with this afternoon's fixture. Over the holiday weekend we travel to Millwall, before we have a home fixture against Crewe Alexandra and if we can repeat our last performance in those two games then there is no reason why we cannot pick up maximum points.

However it will be a very difficult task against a resurgent Cheltenham team who have won their last two games against Bristol Rovers and Leeds United.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Keith Downing, his players, directors, staff and fans to Kenilworth Road.

I would also like to wish all our fans a Happy Easter weekend and again thank you for your support.

Keep the faith

Mick



# Coca-Cola

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 Cheltenham Town F.C.	 Leyton Orient F.C.	 Yeovil Town F.C.	 Oldham Athletic F.C.
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## THE CAPTAIN

Hopefully we proved to everyone who saw us play last Saturday against Oldham, that we still have the passion and fight to go out there and win games and that none of us have given up the belief that we can climb out of the relegation zone.

That first victory was so important as it lifted the team and the mood around the stadium and hopefully it will be the corner stone we needed.

As long as we continue to perform in that manner there is no reason we can't go on an impressive run of results and we will certainly be looking to continue in the same way this afternoon.

Ryan's goal showed just some of the skill and potential that he has and I believe it was an important factor in the final result as it encouraged us all.

Your first goal is always a memorable one and it was great for him to get it on his home debut, in front of his family and everyone else there.

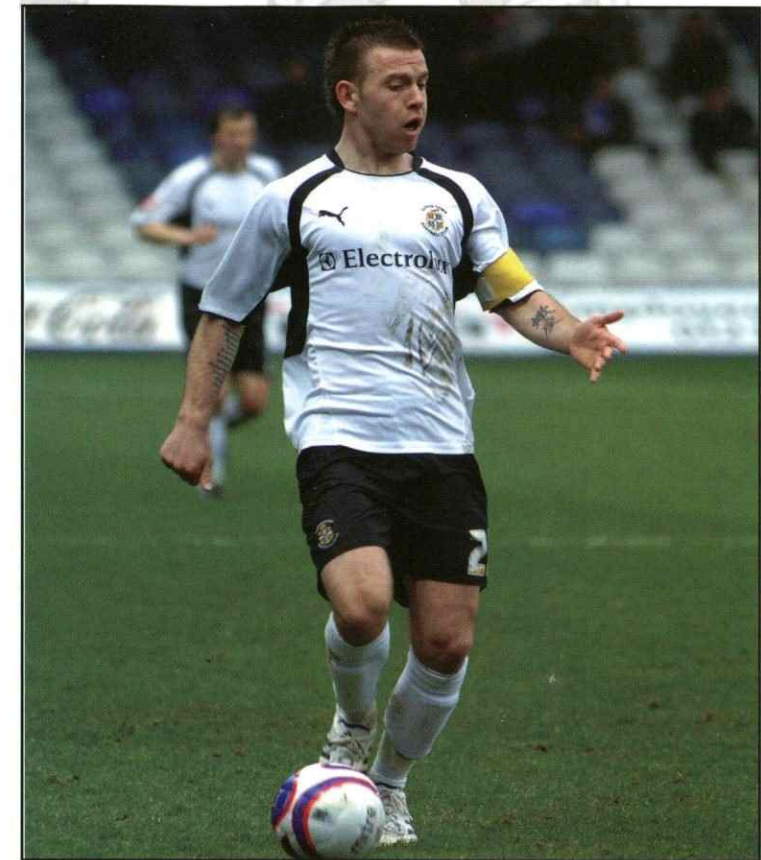
I'm certain if he continues to improve and grow at the rate he is currently doing we can all expect a lot more from him.

With the Easter period upon us and games coming thick and fast, it is now more important than ever to grab every opportunity we have.

But there can be consequences to a lot of games in a short amount of time, the main being injury. It is vital that we come through these games without losing members of our squad.

We are all pleased with our performance last weekend but we need to put it behind us and look towards today's game.

It would be to easy to say "well we won one" and be done with it but we



**“We are all determined to make this afternoon difficult for them and will be fighting hard for those three points.”**

know we can do better and need to be fully focused on this afternoon as today's fixture will certainly be a difficult one.

Cheltenham come into today's game just clear of the relegation zone and so will be looking to get every result possible to push themselves up the table.

However, we are all determined to

make this afternoon difficult for them and we will be fighting hard for those all important three points.

Thank you for your support last weekend, it played an important part in our victory.

Please continue to get behind us.

Enjoy the game.

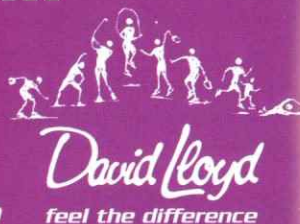
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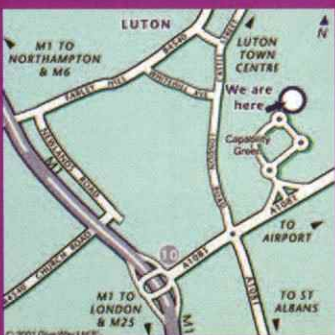
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## Supporters Club Players Evening

### Fans give generously to Royal National Lifeboat Institute



Luton Town supporters raised £414.14 during a bucket collection for the Royal National Lifeboat Institute at our previous home game against Oldham Athletic.

Everyone at the organisation would like to thank all supporters who gave so generously

The Luton Town Supporters Club have organised another of its popular Players Evening.

The event, which will take place on Thursday April 10, will give supporters the chance to meet skipper Keith Keane along with defender Chris Perry.

The evening will start at 7:30pm and takes place in the Eric Morecambe suite at Kenilworth Road.

Supporters wishing to attend can purchase tickets at the Supporters Club kiosk, at the back of Kenilworth Road, before and after today's game as well as at our match with Crewe Alexandra.

Tickets are priced as £3 for members and £5 for non-members.

Supporters can also buy tickets and find out further information by phoning 01908 569339.

This event is likely to be very popular so supporters are advised to book early to avoid any disappointment.

## Off to the Big Apple

Today sees the last working day for Steven Dove our Programme/ Web Site Editor, who is leaving us to go and coach youngsters in New York for the Red Bulls.

Everyone at Luton Town would like to wish Steven every success in his new venture and hopes that he will come and see us when he visits the UK..

## Luton Town Supporters Club Player of the Season Presentation Evening



The annual Luton Town Supporters Club Player of the Season Presentation Evening, in conjunction with Luton Town Football Club, will take place on Sunday May 4, 2008.



This event is usually a popular evening and Mick Harford and his first team players will be in attendance at the Riverside Suite at the Vauxhall Recreation Centre on Gypsy Lane, Luton.

A hot/cold buffet will be available on the evening and tickets for this event are priced at £15 for LTSC members and £21 for non-members (subject to availability).

Tickets can be purchased from the Luton Town Supporters Club kiosk in Kenilworth Road on first team match days or you can reserve your tickets by calling Vic and Marilyn Fussell on 01908 569339.



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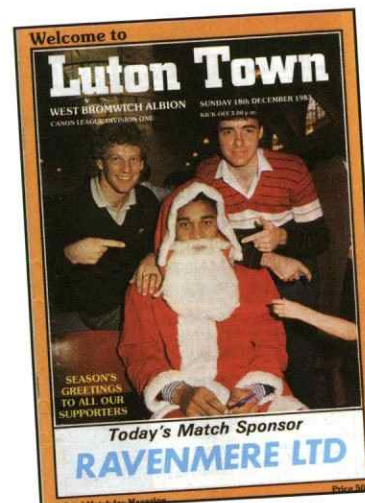
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FEATURE

## MY FIRST MATCH



My First Match, gives you the opportunity to write in the matchday programme and talk about your first ever visit to Kenilworth Road. Today, supporter Simon Pitts, looks back at his first ever trip to watch the mighty Hatters when WBA were the visitors in a pulsating Division One match. To send us your stories of your first Luton match, drop us an email at [programme@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:programme@lutontown.co.uk) leaving us some details along with a contact telephone number.



**Luton Town v WBA**  
**Football League Division One**  
**Sunday 18 December 1983**

Sunday 18th December 1983, and as a seven year old I was making my first trip to Kenilworth Road. Born in Dorset, and living in Suffolk, I am often asked how I came to be a Luton fan, the simple answer is my Dad was brought up near Hitchin, and thankfully decided to follow a team in Bedfordshire rather than the other possibility in Herts! I seem to remember that as a Junior Hatter I got a ticket for a match each season, I think the idea was you'd get a game around your birthday, which was always difficult to do when you're born in July!

Back to this particular day and the 70 mile journey seemed to take ages, and it still seems to when I'm driving back now after a defeat! According to the programme the match had been moved to a Sunday to allow the players a day off for Christmas shopping! West Bromwich Albion were the visitors, and their team included the wonderfully named Romeo Zondervan and recent Spurs manager Martin Jol. More importantly the Luton team was full of the stars I had so desperately wanted to see, Les Sealey, Brian Horton, Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, and Paul Walsh to name just a few. I've still got the four player photo's I bought from the Club shop, complete with my writing on the back so that I would always remember their names, I needn't have worried about that!

Given that this particular match was over 24 years ago my exact recollections are a little vague now, but I do have some memories of being enthralled with the atmosphere, and the size of the ground, it certainly looks so much bigger when you're a kid! Looking from the Oak Road end I could see the uncovered terrace of the Kenilworth Road end, which seemed huge, and the wonderful scoreboard with the dancing cartoon men whenever a goal was scored!

Normally my Dad and I would go into the enclosure area to the left of the tunnel, but one occasion I remember we ended up on the Oak Road terrace, which was a "home" end in those days.

For the record Luton beat West Brom 2-0, with captain Brian Horton scoring a penalty just before half time and Trevor Aylott netting the second after the break. I do remember someone being sent off for the visitors, and looking back I've discovered it was Jol! I saw another game that season, I think this must have been an early birthday ticket, as it was April 1984 when the Hatters beat Notts County 3-2. All the goals came in the final 22 minutes, including another penalty from Horton. My third trip to Kenilworth Road came in May 1985, when a Leicester team including Gary Lineker was convincingly beaten 4-0, with the Luton scorers wearing shirt numbers 8, 9, 10 and 11!! I actually went to 11 home games, and nearly 10 years before I saw Luton lose at Kenilworth Road, thanks a lot Bolton!

From acorns grow Oak trees, and from seeing just a few games in the 1980's, to every home game now, my support for Luton has certainly developed over the years through both the highs of promotions and the lows of relegations.



# WELCOME TO CHELTENHAM

## The Cheltenham Story Beginnings: 1887

Cheltenham were founded in 1887 by Albert Close White. Cheltenham joined the Southern League in 1935 and won promotion to the Alliance Premier League (now the Conference National) in 1985, but were relegated seven years later.

## Top Player: Devaney

Martin Devaney was on Coventry City's books as a youngster, but was released and signed for Cheltenham Town. His initial efforts as a striker for the Robins were fairly underwhelming, despite occasional flashes of brilliance, although he did become the first Cheltenham player to score a Football league hat-trick in September 2000 against Plymouth Argyle. Towards the end of his spell at Cheltenham he was played as a wide midfielder, typically on the right wing, although occasionally on the left.

## Top Manager: Cotterill

Cheltenham's most successful manager ever is Steve Cotterill, who joined the club in January 1997. Four months after taking charge he guided the club to runners-up spot in the Dr Martens Premier League, but they won promotion to the Conference because Dr Martens Premier League champions Gresley Rovers were unable to meet the required ground capacity. In 1997-98, Cheltenham surprised all the observers by finishing runners-up in the Conference and won in the FA Trophy final, beating Southport 1-0. In 1998-99 Cheltenham went one better and secured the Conference championship. After two mid-table finishes in Division Three, Cheltenham finally won promotion to Division Two (via the Division Three play-offs) at the end of the 2001-02 season. Shortly after winning promotion, Steve Cotterill left Cheltenham to pursue his career by joining Stoke City as manager.



## Top Game:

Cheltenham Town 3 v 1 Rushden & Diamonds  
League Two Play-Off Final  
May 6 2002

Cheltenham's historic rise up the Football League pyramid in 2002 when they turned home an emphatic win over old rivals Rushden & Diamonds at the Millennium Stadium. After beating Hartlepool in a tense semi-final, goals from Martin Devaney, Julian Alsop and John Finnigan set up a famous 3-1. Paul Hall scored for Diamonds.

Since winning promotion to League One via the play-offs in 2006, today's visitors have had the spectre of relegation looming large in the previous couple of years. Last term saw the Robins narrowly avoid the drop and, after a 2-1 defeat at Yeovil three weeks ago left them just a point off the the bottom four, a return to League Two again appeared to be a real possibility.

However, after branding the Yeovil display "inept", manager Keith

Downing galvanised his troops and Cheltenham promptly stormed to a stunning 2-1 win over Leeds at Elland Road before grabbing all three points in a nervy 1-0 win at home to Bristol Rovers last Saturday. That result sees the 1998 FA Trophy Winners breathing rather more comfortably going into today's game, with a seven-point cushion between themselves and the relegation places.

Before stepping into the hot seat at Whadden Road, Downing was assistant boss to manager John Ward, who had guided Cheltenham to that famous win over Grimsby at the Millennium Stadium in 2006. Ward remained at the helm to secure safety for the Robins last term but last

October, after a run of four defeats on the trot and no home win since the opening day of the season, Ward left the club to manage Carlisle United.

Downing was made caretaker boss and, despite a little scepticism from some fans due to his previous closeness to Ward, was made Manager permanently in November. Although results have not been spectacular, Downing - or "Psycho" as he was know during his playing days at

## "DOWNING GALVANISED HIS TROOPS TO STORM TO A STUNNING 2-1 WIN OVER LEEDS"

Wolves, Stoke and Hereford - has gradually imposed his mark on the side and led Cheltenham out of the relegation zone.

The Robins danger man in recent

weeks has been striker Steve Brooker, who has notched five goals in six matches since signing on loan from Bristol City, including the winner last Saturday in the match against his parent club's local rivals. Alongside Brooker will be top-scorer Steve Gillespie, whose goal-scoring feats for Liverpool Schools ranked alongside those of Robbie Fowler and Wayne Rooney during his time as a youngster on Merseyside. Although he didn't quite make the grade after starting his career at Anfield, Gillespie remains



a technically-gifted finisher who has netted ten times this season.

At the other end of the park, Cheltenham are without influential defender Gavin Caines, who has recently undergone a cartilage operation that rules him out for the season and so another Bristol City loanee, Richard Keogh, is likely to continue after impressing in the last two games. Stalwart Shane Higgs, a veteran of over 250 appearances for the Robins since making his debut back in 2000, will be between the sticks and determined as anyone that his side tighten up at the back today after conceding 35 times so far on their travels this season. One of the big successes for Cheltenham has been the signing of

Alan Wright, the experienced full-back who had a distinguished career at Aston Villa.

In the five meetings between the two clubs, Luton hold the slight edge with the Hatters winning two and Cheltenham's only victory coming earlier this season at Whaddon Road.

The last game at Kenilworth Road came in December 2002, when goals from Chris Coyne and Andrew Fotiadis helped the Hatters to a 2-1 win after Russell Milton had given the Robins an early lead.

Luton won by the same scoreline in the only other fixture between the two sides in 2001 with Paul Hughes and Carl Griffiths scoring.



## Head 2 Head

	Luton win	Draw	Cheltenham win
League	2	2	1
FA Cup	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>



**Last meeting:** Dec 14, 2007: Football League One  
Cheltenham Town 1 - 0 Luton Town.

**Last season:** Cheltenham finished 17th in the League One table, finishing seven points better off than Chesterfield, who occupied the last of the relegation places.

## The Fan's View

MATTHEW PUTNEY  
Cheltenham supporter

### How has this season gone?

It's been a strange season with John Ward leaving earlier in the campaign, but I believe Keith Downing is doing a good job with a relatively small squad. Results in recent weeks have been encouraging, particularly the win over Leeds United at Elland Road. We have lost just once in the last five and if we can maintain that form for the remainder of the season then that should be enough for survival. I think everyone is confident that we can survive this season.

### What are Cheltenham's aims for the remainder of the season?

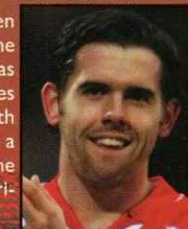
To get as many wins as possible, as quickly as possible. We certainly have a squad good enough to survive this season. We just need to be a bit lucky with injuries and confidence is high at the moment because we have been playing well in recent games.

### Who has been your key signing?

On current form it has to be Steve Brooker. He has scored five goals in the last six games and has been playing well. Alan Wright has brought plenty of experience to our defence, but I think our best signing this season has been Andy Lindgaard, who has been a consistent member of the team and a fans favourite.

### Who will be your one to watch this afternoon?

Steven Gillespie has been the player scoring all the goals this season. He has played well and causes defenders problems with his pace. Jeremy Gill is a much-loved player at the Club and is an experienced player.



### Who will win League One?

Swansea have slipped up in recent weeks, but I can't see them throwing away a healthy lead at the top of the division. It seems as if it's a straight fight between Carlisle and Doncaster for second place. Carlisle have been good at home, but I think Doncaster have a stronger squad that are capable of having a decent run in to the end of the season.



# The Captain

## 08 John Finnigan

Cheltenham Town's club captain joined the Robins in 2002 and has now become one of the most popular players in the squad. A hard working midfielder with an eye for a pass and the ability to get into goal scoring positions, John began his career as a trainee at Nottingham Forest. He joined Lincoln City on loan on transfer deadline day in 1998 and played for the final few games of that season as the Red Imps gained promotion to Division Two. He spent the next three seasons as an ever-present in the Lincoln team and was made team captain at the start of the 2000-01 season.



## Goalkeepers

### Shane Higgs

Shane was voted Cheltenham Town Player of the Year in season 2006-2007, the second-time the Oxford-born goalkeeper had won the award. A tall, commanding goalkeeper, Shane was signed from Worcester City for £10,000 in the summer of 1999. He began as a trainee with Bristol Rovers, signing a professional contract in 1995 and going on to make 10 Football League appearances for the Pirates before being released in the summer of 1998.

### Scott P Brown

Scott is a young goalkeeper with a growing reputation who spent his early career on the books of his home town club Wolverhampton Wanderers. He left Wolves in 2003 and played briefly in the Welsh Premier League for Welshpool Town before spending six months with Bristol City.

## Defenders

### Jeremy Gill

Now one of the longest serving players at Cheltenham Town, Jerry Gill first joined the Robins as a non-contract player in February 2004. Jerry is a vastly experienced player who began his career in non-league football in the West Country with Backwell United, Trowbridge Town and Bath City prior to a £9,500 move to Yeovil Town in 1996. He later moved to Birmingham City and Northampton Town

### Shane Duff

Shane is a tall, strong central defender who joined Cheltenham Town straight from school and spent a year in the youth team before being offered a professional contract in 2000. Shane was selected for the Northern Ireland under-21 squad for the away match in Armenia in March 2003 and made his international debut at under-21 level three months later against Spain in Lurgan.

### Gavin Caines

Birmingham-based Gavin is a big, strong central defender with a powerful shot, who began his career as a trainee at Walsall.

### Michael Townsend

Michael is a central defender who joined Cheltenham Town in January 2005 from Wolverhampton Wanderers. He joined Wolves from school and spent three years as a Scholarship player at Molineux, during which time he played for the youth and reserve teams.

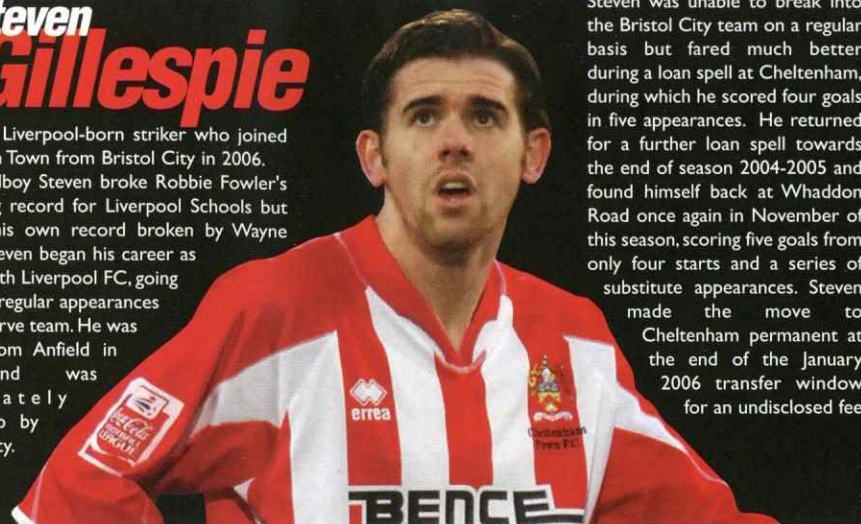
### Alan Wright

Alan is a vastly experienced left-back who won two England Under-21 caps early in his career. He started out with Blackpool and joined Blackburn Rovers for £400,000 in 1991. He moved to Aston Villa for £1 million in 1995 and he went on to make over 300 first team appearances for Villa, collecting a League Cup winners medal in 1996. He subsequently played for Middlesbrough and most recently Sheffield United. While at Bramall Lane he ventured out for loan spells with Derby County, Leeds United, Cardiff City, Doncaster Rovers and, at the end of last season, Nottingham Forest.

# Top Scorer

## Steven 07 Gillespie

Steven is a Liverpool-born striker who joined Cheltenham Town from Bristol City in 2006. As a schoolboy Steven broke Robbie Fowler's goal-scoring record for Liverpool Schools but then saw his own record broken by Wayne Rooney. Steven began his career as a trainee with Liverpool FC, going onto make regular appearances for the reserve team. He was released from Anfield in 2004 and was immediately snapped up by Bristol City.



Steven was unable to break into the Bristol City team on a regular basis but fared much better during a loan spell at Cheltenham, during which he scored four goals in five appearances. He returned for a further loan spell towards the end of season 2004-2005 and found himself back at Whaddon Road once again in November of this season, scoring five goals from only four starts and a series of substitute appearances. Steven made the move to Cheltenham permanent at the end of the January 2006 transfer window for an undisclosed fee

## Midfielders

### David Bird

David is a product of the Cheltenham Town Centre of Excellence programme, having joined the Robins from his local club Cinderford Town at the age of 17.

### Andy Lindegaard

Andy began his career as a youth and reserve team player for Yeovil Town while they were still a non-league club. He featured prominently in the Yeovil team that won promotion to the Football League in 2003 and was a regular in the side over the next two seasons as the Glovers won promotion again, this time to Football League One.

### Craig Armstrong

Craig is a versatile and experienced player who re-joined Cheltenham Town for a second spell in February 2008.

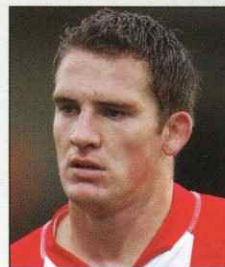
He began his career as a trainee at Nottingham Forest, where he played youth team football alongside current Cheltenham Town captain John Finnigan. Throughout his career he played for Watford, Burnley, Grimsby, Huddersfield, Bristol Rovers, Gillingham and Sheffield Wednesday.

### Alex Russell

Experienced midfielder Alex Russell signed for Cheltenham Town on loan from Bristol City in January 2008. Alex began his career in non-league football with Burscough and moved into the Football League with Rochdale for a nominal fee in 1994. After four seasons at Spotland, which included a brief loan spell in Northern Ireland with Glenavon, Alex joined Cambridge United and helped them to achieve promotion from League Two in 1999. He moved to Torquay United in 2001 and was a key performer as the Gulls won promotion in 2004. His performances for Torquay in League One the following season prompted Bristol City to sign him in the summer of 2005.

### Ben Gill

Ben is a versatile young player who signed for Cheltenham Town in May 2007. He began his career as a junior with Arsenal but later moved to Watford, where he became a regular member of the youth and reserve teams. He spent time on loan with Cambridge United in the Conference and made three first team appearances for the Hornets, all of them as a substitute.



## Strikers

### Paul Connor

Paul is a former Stoke City, Rochdale and Swansea City striker who joined the Robins for a £25,000 fee in January 2007. A tall, hard-working forward player with a good goal scoring record, Paul was born in County Durham and began his career as a trainee with Middlesbrough. He had a loan spell with Hartlepool United before moving south to join Stoke City.



### Damian Spencer

Long-serving forward player Damian Spencer joined Cheltenham Town from Bristol City in the summer of 2002. A strong, powerful player, Damian began his career in the Isthmian League with Windsor & Eton but was soon picked up by Bristol City's Academy scouts. He made a handful of appearances for the Ashton Gate club including one against Stoke City in the 2000, LDV Vans final at Wembley. Damian scored after going on as a substitute but his team finished on the losing side. After a brief loan period at Exeter City Damian moved to Cheltenham Town and scored some spectacular goals during his first season with the club. His impressive 'goals to starts' ratio earned Damian an extended contract in 2005. During season 2006-07 he answered the call to make a number of appearances in midfield and his boundless enthusiasm and non-stop running have made him a popular player with the Cheltenham Town supporters.

### Ashley Vincent

Ashley is a quick forward player who can operate either out wide or as a central striker. He began his career as a Scholarship player at Wolves and spent three years at Molineux, featuring for both the youth team and reserves. He moved to Cheltenham Town in summer 2004 and gained some first team experience on loan with Aldershot Town before returning to make quite an impact with the Robins during the final stages of that promotion winning campaign.

### Craig Reid

A quick, lively forward player who can play either through the middle or out wide, Craig spent time with both Coventry City and Ipswich Town as a youth player.





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FLASHBACK

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



## Hatters blunt the Hammers in thriller

Happy Hatters Scott Oakes, Kerry Dixon, David Preece and Ceri Hughes celebrate the Town's FA Cup quarter-final replay victory over West Ham which took place 14 years ago tomorrow.

The extended cup run that season was over almost before it started with Southend giving the Town a footballing lesson in the first half of the third round tie at Kenilworth Road but after the interval a corker from Paul Telfer set up a clash at Premiership club Newcastle.

Tony Thorpe, on his full Luton debut, hammered in an unstoppable 25 yard shot to stun the St James' crowd and it was only a controversial Peter Beardsley penalty that saved the day and brought the tie back to Luton.

On a famous night, goals from teenager John Hartson and Scott Oakes sealed a memorable victory in front of the Sky cameras with Magpies manager Kevin Keegan gracious in defeat and hoping

**Luton Town 3 West Ham United 2**  
Date: Wednesday March 23, 1994  
Place: Kenilworth Road

that the Hatters would go all the way to Wembley.

The Fifth Round draw threw up a tough trip to Cardiff where, in a nasty atmosphere, Oakes and David Preece netted vital strikes in a narrow 2-1 win.

The Town's game plan in the quarter-final tie at Premiership side West Ham was to string five players across the middle and hope to stifle the life out of the game. The plan worked like a dream although it was not pretty to watch – the 4,000 Luton supporters were not bothered as they knew that the Town stood a far greater chance of advancing through to the semi-finals in a replay at Kenilworth Road.

A full house of 13,166 were shoe-horned in for the replay and they were treated to a thriller that swung

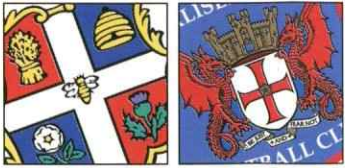
from end to end for the full, breathless 90 minutes. For the first time in that season's competition the Hatters went behind when Martin Allen fired home for the visitors but soon after Oakes netted the equaliser with a sweet right foot shot after being set up by Preece and Kerry Dixon.

Just after half-time Oakes put the Town ahead before the game swung the other way leading to Ian Bishop levelling for the Hammers.

The abiding memory on an historic evening came after 74 minutes when Oakes relieved the dithering West Ham skipper Steve Potts on the half-way line and raced through on his own leaving defenders in his wake, drew the goalkeeper and swept home his hat-trick goal and the eventual winner.

Sadly, the story does not have a happy ending as Chelsea saw off the Town rather too easily 2-0 in the semi-final at Wembley!





**Hatters Line-Up**

4-4-2



**Goals:** Bell (51)  
**Substitutes:** Talbot (71 Charles), Parkin (79 Furlong)  
**Not used:** Hutchison, Currie, Beavan

- None
- None

**Carlisle Line-Up**

4-5-1

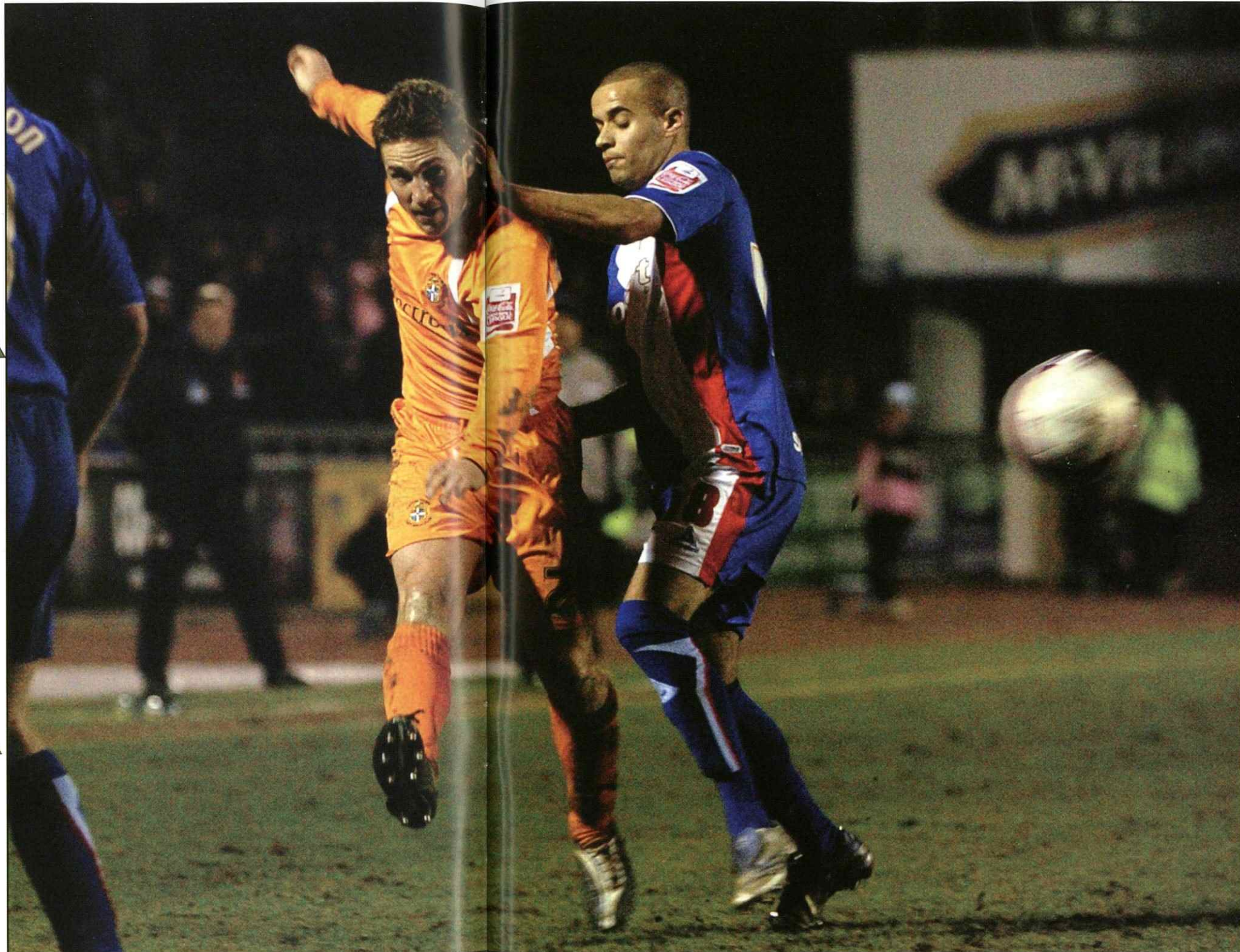


**Goals:** Livesey (22), Murphy (29)  
**Substitutes:** J Smith (74 G Smith), Carlton (79 Taylor), Madine (89 J Smith)  
**Not used:** Howarth, Arnison

- None
- None

REFEREE: Graham Laws (Tyne & Wear)

CARLISLE 2 LUTON 1



COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TUESDAY MARCH 11, 2008 BRUNTON PARK ATT: 5,489 ■ PUSH AND SHOVE... Paul McVeigh struggles to stay upright when Carlisle midfielder Simon Hackney tries to get the ball





**CROWDED AREA...** Chris Perry tries to make the most of a Luton corner when he jumps highest to reach the ball before Carlisle keepers Keiren Westwood

MANAGER'S VIEW



"In the first half we gave two sloppy goals away and it's hard to come back from two goals down away from home.

"We showed plenty of character in the second half and we played some very good football.

"The second half display gives me something to work on because that is the way I want our teams to play football.

"I thought as the game went on we would get an equaliser, but it wasn't to be.

"My record at Luton at the moment is very poor, but I won't give up. I am going to work hard to turn it around and it will eventually turn around."

Mick Harford

Luton redeemed themselves with a much improved second half performance, however it wasn't enough to earn themselves a point against Carlisle United.

Despite a confident start from the Hatters it took Luton 12 minutes to take their first shot on goal.

Bell found space past the Carlisle defenders before taking a shot from 25 yards, which fell wide of the goal.

The home side were quick to respond when David Raven crossed the ball to Simon Hackney who was waiting in the area. Despite only being eight yards out the striker shot the ball straight at Dean B'fill, who promptly pushed it out of danger.

Carlisle continued to press and were rewarded when in the 22nd minute, when a well taken corner by Marc Bridge-Wilkinson, found unmarked Livesey who was allowed all the space necessary to find the back of the net.

More slack Luton defending allowed midfielder Simon Hackney to take a shot in the 29th minute, forcing Matthew Spring to make a goal line clearance.

A minute later, the Cumbrians doubled their lead when a long ball forward from Chris Lumsdon found the head of Murphy. Luton goalkeeper Brill rushed out to clear the ball but failed to prevent it flying over his head and into an empty goal.

In the second half, Luton came out a different side, going straight on the attack, much to the home fans disappointment.

Having failed to score earlier in the game, Bell made sure he didn't make the same mistake again and put the ball firmly in the back of the net from 25 yards on 51 minutes, after Carlisle failed to clear their lines.

With their new found confidence the Hatters tried to pull themselves level, when minutes later, Spring laid the ball onto Furlong who only managed to smash it over the crossbar.

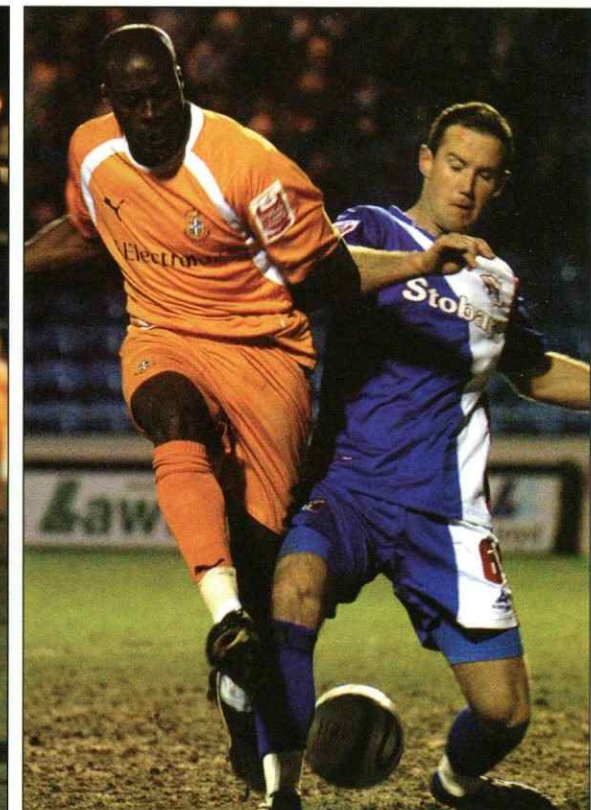
CARLISLE 2 LUTON 1



**GOAL...** Luton midfielder David Bell puts the Hatters back in the game with the first away Luton goal since their 4-3 defeat against Bournemouth

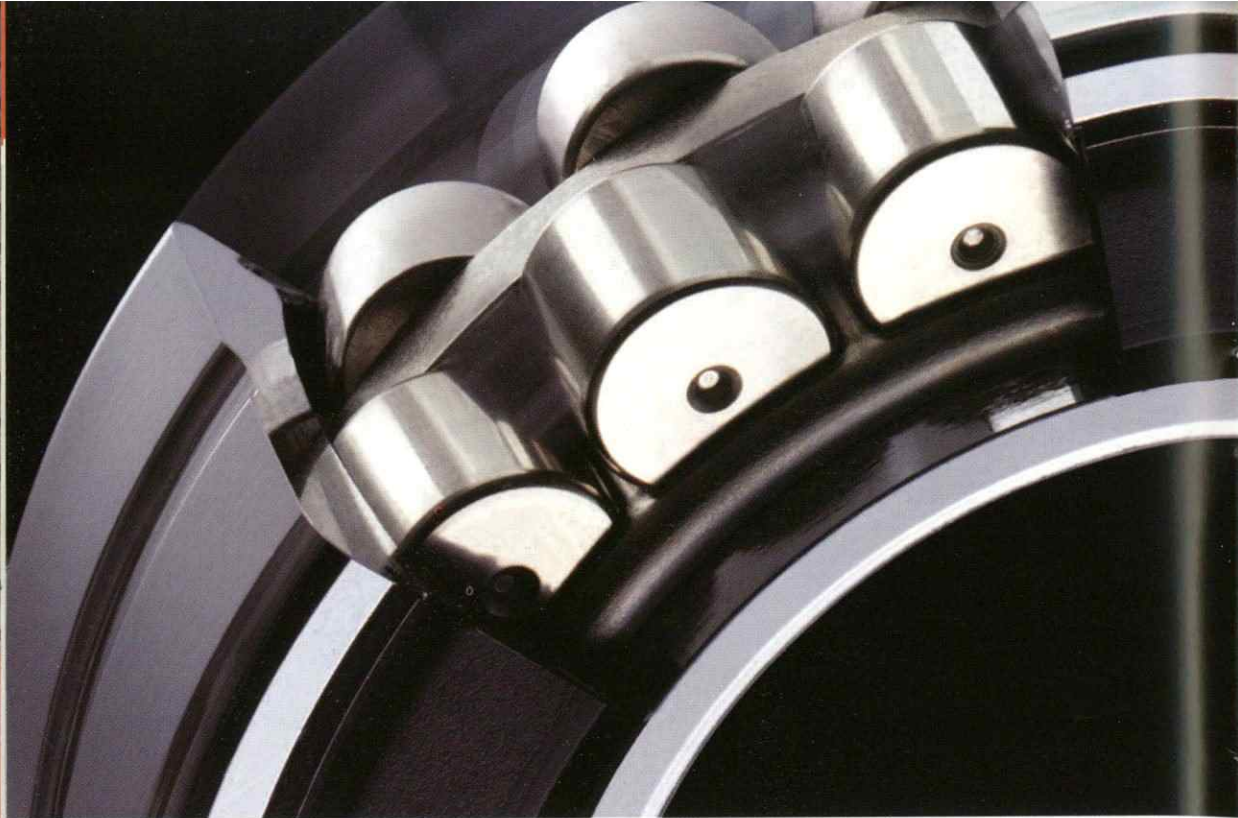


**MILES AHEAD...** Drew Talbot shakes off the Carlisle defence



**FEET FIRST...** Paul Furlong pushes past Peter Murphy to win the ball





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# 0-10 in sixty seconds...

**0** Luton have never bought a player from Cheltenham Town.

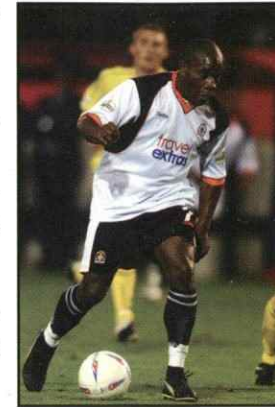
**1** Just one player has moved from Luton to Cheltenham. Frank Conboy made 21 appearances in the 1966/67 season, scoring just once, in a 2-2 draw against Bradford Park Avenue.

**2** Cheltenham have only visited Kenilworth Road twice before in league action, and the Hatters won both matches 2-1.

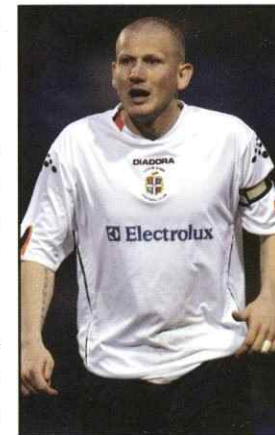
**3** The number of players still at Luton, who featured in the last match between the sides at Kenilworth Road, Sol Davis, Steve Robinson and Matthew Spring.

**4** Four different players have scored in this fixture at Kenilworth Road, Paul Hughes and Carl Griffiths scored in 2001/02 whilst Chris Coyne and Andrew Fotiadis netted the following season.

**5** The total number of previous league meetings between the sides. Luton have two wins, two draws, and the only defeat was earlier this season.



GOAL.. Adrian Forbes



SENT OFF.. Kevin Nicholls

**6** The total number of league goals conceded by Luton against Cheltenham.

Today's visitors have scored once in four matches, and netted twice when the sides shared a point in April 2003.

**7** The total number of league goals scored by Luton against Cheltenham.

**8** The number of points Luton have gained from the previous five league meetings between the sides.

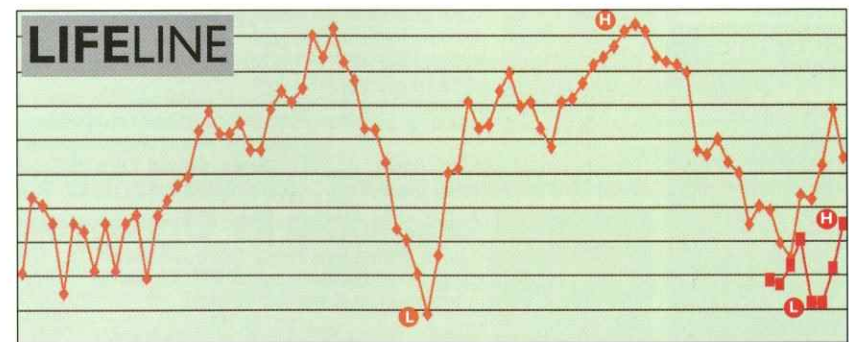
**9** The number of minutes remaining when Cheltenham equalised in April 2003. Paul Hughes had opened the scoring before Grant McCann converted a penalty for the home side. Adrian Forbes restored the Hatters lead only for Julian Alsop to equalise in the 81st minute.

**10** The number of players Luton finished the match with back in August 2001. Kevin Nicholls is the only player to have been sent off in this fixture, when he was dismissed for two bookable offences.

The Hatters have met Cheltenham 5 times in all. Luton have won 2, and Cheltenham 1 with 2 draws



Hatters and Cheltenham past...



THIS week's LIFELINE shows how Luton and Cheltenham's fortunes have risen and fallen over the years. Cheltenham's high point came when, under

John Ward, they finished 17th in Coca-Cola Football League One in 2006-07. This was their first time in League One following their promotion in

2005/06. Their low was when they finished 16th in the Nationwide League Division Three in 2003-04, just 10 points clear of the drop.



STEVEN DOVE with all

the latest news from around the other 23 clubs in the division



### Mostyn makes bid for Cherries

Bournemouth chairman Jeff Mostyn has emerged as the only bidder wishing to take control of the club.

Mostyn's consortium of Cherries director Steven Sly and international businessman Mark Jackson have "tabled a seven-figure sum".

Administrator Gerald Krasner told BBC Radio Solent: "The final figure is dependent on whether the Company Voluntary Arrangement is approved."

The club plan to meet their creditors on Monday, 7 April.

## Ritchie admits to play-off defeat

Huddersfield boss Andy Ritchie has admitted the play-offs are probably beyond his side after losing at home to Southend United on Saturday.

The 2-1 home defeat left Town ten points adrift of the top six in League One with just nine games remaining.

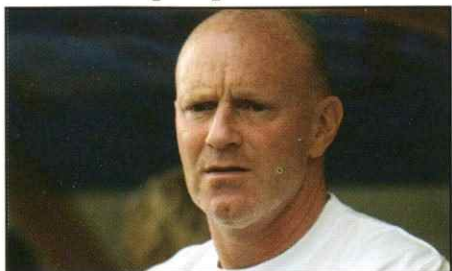
Ritchie said: "Probably the play-offs are out of the window now with that result. But we've got a lot of points to fight for and we want to win as many games as we can."

## Gills' Miller intends to 'quieten down'

Gillingham midfielder Adam Miller says he plans to be less vocal in a bid to cut down on being booked.

He is one booking away from a two-match after picking up nine yellow cards so far this season and could miss vital games in the fight against relegation.

"It's something I'm going to have to address because I don't want to be suspended," he told BBC Radio Kent.



DEFEAT... Andy Ritchie admits their play-off bid might be over

Ritchie was incensed at the way Huddersfield conceded in the third minute of second half stoppage time to slump to their seventh home defeat of the season.

"I'm absolutely livid," he said. "We've fought so hard to get back into the game in the second half - I thought we played really well and made them look pretty ordinary. It's beyond me how we thrown things away."



## Boss backs Madine

Carlisle boss John Ward believes striker Gary Madine can plug the gap left by the injury to Joe Garner.

Madine, 17, has been prolific for the youth side and Ward is backing the Gateshead-born teenager to make an impression.

"It's a big occasion for him. He's made a couple of cameo appearances," he said. "It gives encouragement to all the other youngsters that there are opportunities at Carlisle United."

Brighton keeper Michel Kuipers believes the Seagulls can make the play-offs after their 1-0 win against Doncaster on Saturday.

Bristol Rovers boss Paul Trollope sent his team for ice baths after a 1-0 defeat against Cheltenham.

Cheltenham's Alex Russell will spend two weeks on the sidelines after picking up a slight hamstring injury in training.

Doncaster boss Sean O'Driscoll is confident his side will win automatic promotion despite a 1-0 defeat at Brighton.

Millwall have frozen ticket prices for next season in an attempt to draw supporters back to the New Den.



## Collis gets plaudits

Hartlepool assistant boss Ian Butterworth has hailed goalscoring defender Sam Collins after Tuesday's 2-1 win against Huddersfield.

"He's taken his goal great and he's added a bit of steel to the back four. He's a likeable lad," Butterworth said.

He's a good character and he's got a good partnership with Michael Nelson."

## Jones targeting April comeback

Billy Jones is eyeing an April return to the Crewe first-team as he continues his recovery from an ankle injury.

The former Exeter full-back has not played a game for the Alex since the 1-1 Boxing Day draw with Huddersfield.

The 24-year-old told BBC Radio Stoke: "Everything's going fine at the

moment, I've pencilled in the Southend game on 5 April as my comeback game."

"Hopefully I can get a few reserve games under my belt and I'll be ready to come back into the first-team."

News of Jones' possible return is good news for first-team coach Steve Holland, who is without defenders Julien Baudet and Chris McCready through injury.

## Ling hopes for Orient revival

Leyton Orient boss Martin Ling hopes their second-half comeback against Swindon will be a turning point in the club's season.

The 2-1 victory ended a run of three home defeats to leave Orient just two points off sixth spot.

Ling said: "I think that it was a big 45 minutes for our season, it keeps us in the race. We need to take positives from this game."



COMEBACK... Billy Jones

## Lee Sinnott is best manager says Luke Rodgers

Port Vale striker Luke Rodgers has said his manager Lee Sinnott is the right man to take the club forward.

Sinnott has won just four of the 27 games he has been in charge of for Vale since joining the club in November.

But despite the team looking almost certain to be relegated to League Two, Rodgers has faith in his manager.

Rodgers told BBC Radio Stoke: "He's brilliant, probably the best manager I've had. He's given us all a chance and he's been fair to everyone."

He added: "Results haven't gone his way, but

I hope we can turn it round between now and the end of the season."

The 26-year-old is Vale's top goalscorer this season with 12, but he has been in and out of the team since Sinnott's arrival.

Vale have picked up four points from their last two games, but remain 14 points from safety at the bottom of League One.

Meanwhile, The proposed takeover of Port Vale now looks less likely after prospective buyers missed the deadline to submit an offer in writing.



HIGH PRAISE... Rodgers has praised Vale boss Lee Sinnott



Northampton's Danny Jackman feels that their win over Swansea City on Saturday was a measure of the recent progress made.



Southend United have been given the go-ahead to build a new 22,000-seater stadium at Fossetts Farm.



Walsall manager Richard Money is calling for supporters to be more vocal despite two straight home defeats.



Yeovil Town midfielder Paul Warne will play no further part in the Gloucs' season after being diagnosed with a broken foot.



## Livermore returns to help Oldham

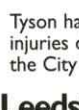
Oldham's on-loan midfielder Dave Livermore is back at Boundary Park after receiving treatment at parent club Hull City.

The 27-year-old has been receiving attention for the hip flexor injury which has forced him to miss the last four games. He last played in the 3-0 win over Port Vale on March 1, and has made seven senior starts since arriving at Boundary Park.

## Calderwood protects Tyson



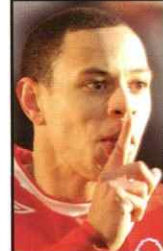
Nottingham Forest boss Colin Calderwood insists he must handle Nathan Tyson with care until the end of the season.



Tyson has been plagued by injuries during his time at the City Ground and has

only just returned after three weeks out with a hamstring problem.

"What we don't need is an injured Nathan for the rest of the season," Calderwood said. "We have to get him through and get him to play as many effective minutes as possible."



PROTECTION... Tyson

## Leeds' chances improve



Sports lawyer Richard Cramer believes Leeds have a "25-30% chance" of having their 15-point penalty overturned.

An arbitration panel will decide on the Football League's sanction to dock Leeds points in mid-April.

Cramer said: "Having seen the legal documents, I think the prospects have improved."

## Rovers to report losses



Tranmere are to report pre-tax losses of just under £1m for the 2006-07 season at the club's annual meeting.

Chairman Lorraine Rogers has said that a reduction in transfer income is the major reason for the deficit.

Rovers received only £31,000 in transfer fees last season compared to £1.6m the season before.



## Swindon sign Timlin

Swindon have signed midfielder Michael Timlin on loan from Fulham until the end of the season.

The 24-year-old spent six months with Swindon last season, helping them win promotion from League Two.

The Irishman will add creativity to a midfield which is without Lee Peacock and Christian Roberts through suspension and injury.



## Martinez worried over fixtures

Roberto Martinez says Swansea City's final promotion push could be hampered by a congested fixture list.

The Swans face five games in 14 days with the first three on the road.

But the Swans boss believes having seven of their last 11 games away from home will suit his players.

"Our record away from home has been really, really good," he said. "But my biggest concern is the amount of games we have got in a short period of time."





**Hatters Line-Up**

4-4-2



Goals: Charles (20), Spring (33p), Emanuel (35)

Substitutes: Parkin (45 Furlong), Hutchison (46 Perry), O'Leary (71 Davis)

Not used: Talbot, Andrew

Yellow: Jackson  
Red: None

**Oldham Line-Up**

4-4-2



Goals: None

Substitutes: Thompson (33 Jarrett), Wolfenden (86 Kalala)

Not used: Bell, Kelly

Yellow: None  
Red: None

REFEREE: Rob East (England)



COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2008 KENILWORTH ROAD ATT: 5,417

CELEBRATE... Lewis Emanuel celebrates his goal with his team mates





**PENALTY...** Matthew Spring steps up to the penalty spot to put the ball firmly into the back of the net after Oldham's Reuben Hazell got sent off for a foul on Furlong

### MANAGER'S VIEW



"It's a start. I take my hat off to the players. I'm delighted for the young lad Ryan Charles - he has been a breath of fresh air.

"Sometimes when you get yourself in a rut and don't win games the confidence goes down.

"All credit to the players. They turned in a performance which is the level I've been looking for.

"We got the clean sheet and we could have had a couple more goals. We dominated the game.

"We've been on a disappointing run which has been hard to take. That result will give the players a lot of confidence and belief."

Mick Harford

Luton put an end to an unimpressive 15 games without a victory when they emerged victorious over Oldham.

The Hatters scored three goals without reply in Mick Harford's 13th game in charge, proving that the number 13 is not unlucky for all.

The first came from youth player Ryan Charles before Matthew Spring and Lewis Emanuel added their names to the score sheet.

The visitors, who had Reuben Hazell sent-off midway through the first-half, failed to impress in front of goal leaving Dean Brill little to do throughout the game.

Luton started the better of the two sides and had their first real chance on five minutes when a well placed cross from David Bell found Charles in the area who headed the ball straight into the waiting arms of keeper O'Donnell.

The Hatters took the lead on twenty minutes when Charles picked up a ball played forward by Richard Jackson. The 18-year-old chested the ball down before turning and striking home his first goal for the Club from just outside the area.

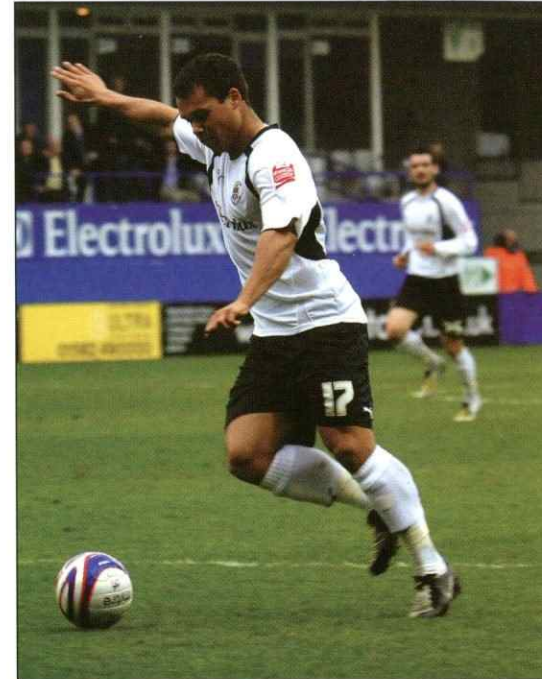
Oldham desperately tried to get themselves back in the game and had the perfect chance when in the 30th minute Deane Smalley had a left footed shot from 25 yards.

But the home side doubled their lead after Hazell brought down Furlong inside the area. The referee was quick to show a red card and the Hatters had a penalty. Spring stepped up to the spot and calmly placed the ball straight past the keeper who dived in the opposite direction.

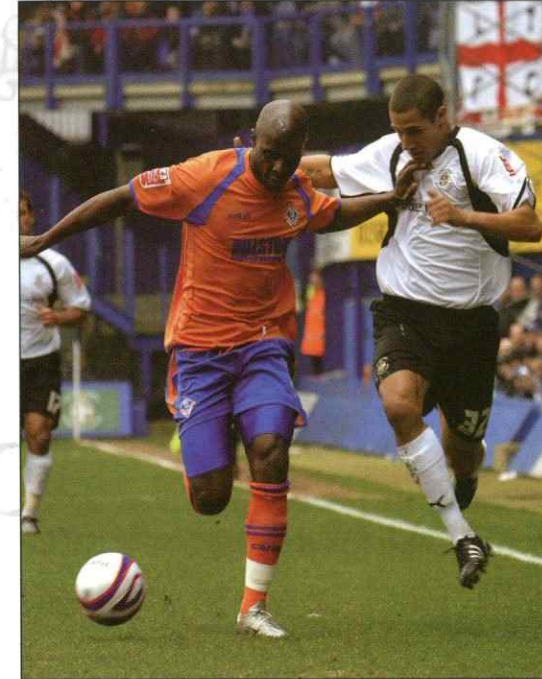
Two minutes later and the Hatters did it again. This time it was Keane's long ball that found its way to Emanuel who smashed the ball onto the inside of the far post and into the goal.

Luton started the second half in a similar fashion making their first attack on goal just two minutes in. Spring was quick to pass the ball onto substitute Sam Parkin who knocked it back to Bell. The midfielder tried to increase Luton's lead but had his shot caught by Oldham's on-loan keeper.

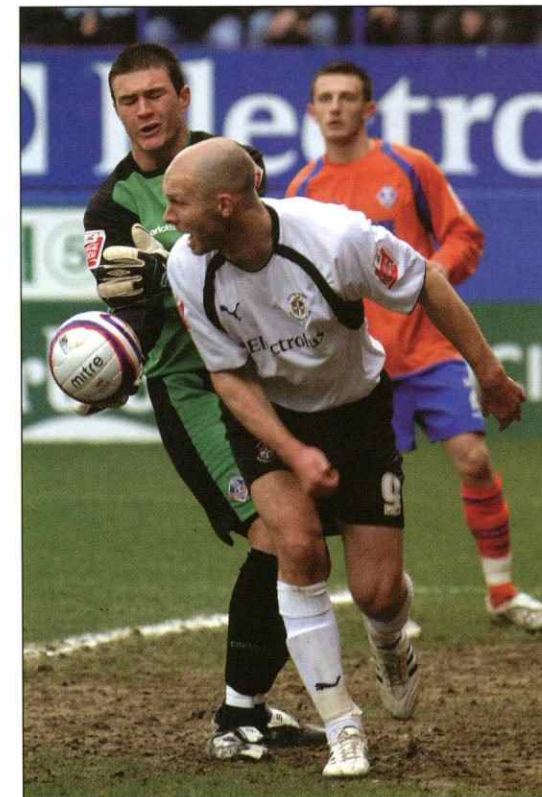
In the closing minutes of the game Spring took the final shot but saw his attempt caught by O'Donnell.



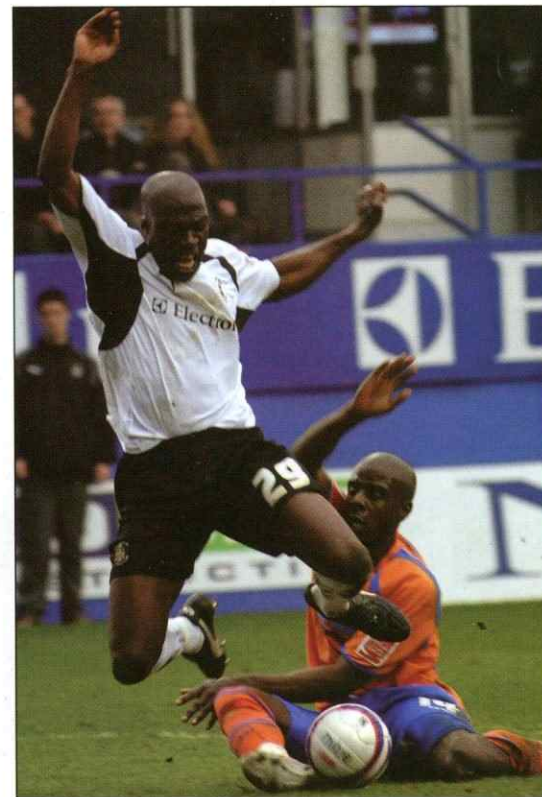
**GOAL..** Lewis Emanuel turns before shooting home Luton's third goal



**STAY BACK..** Ryan Charles is kept at arms length by Reuben Hazell

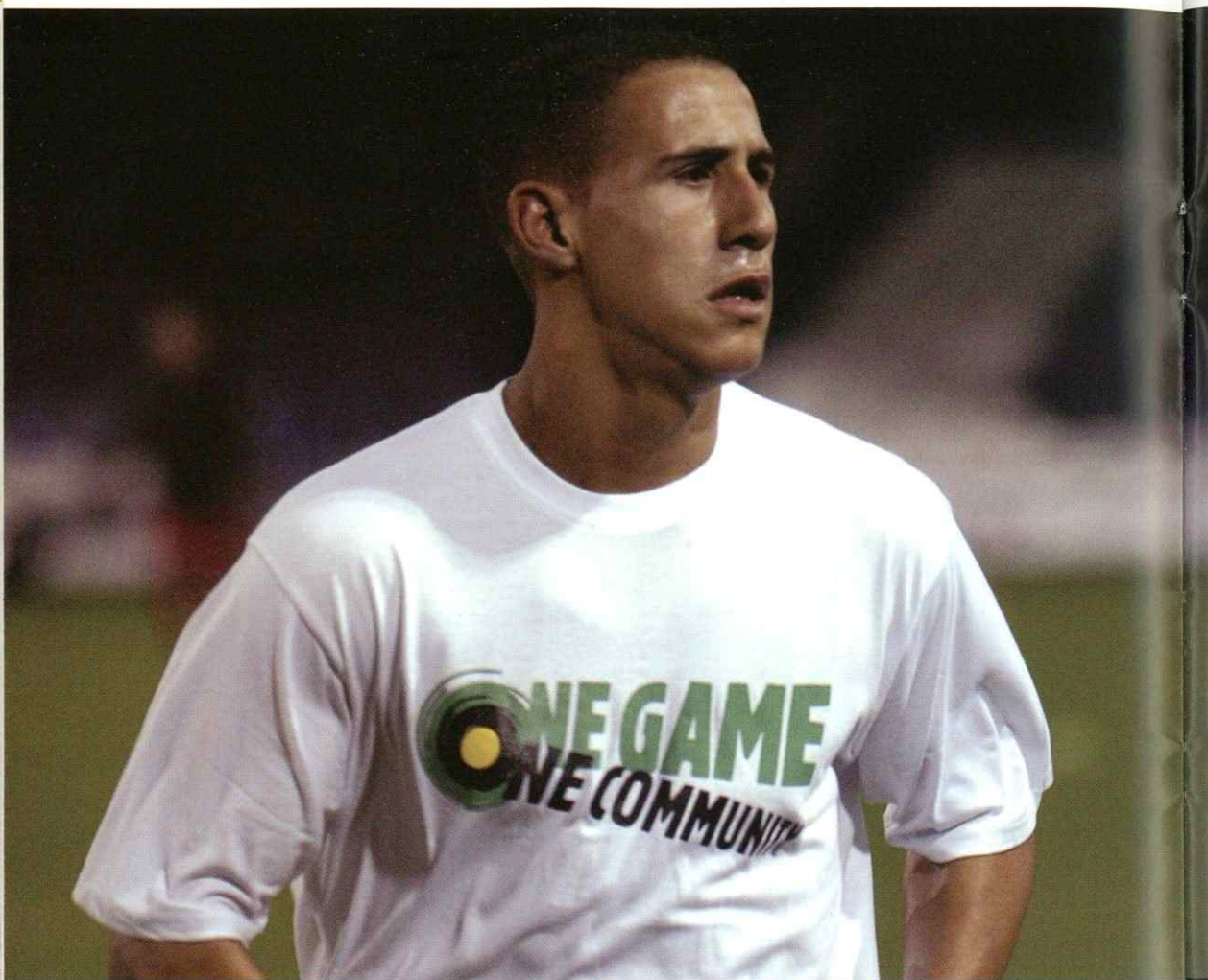


**UNLUCKY...** Sam Parkin is unlucky when the keeper gets a hand to the ball



**RED CARD...** Reuben Hazell sees red after this challenge on Paul Furlong





An interview with

# RYAN CHARLES

The future certainly looks bright for Ryan Charles, but the young striker isn't getting carried away with his instant success.

Charles capped a memorable home debut against Oldham last week by notching his first professional goal of his career with a strike that Hatters boss Mick Harford would have been proud off in his playing days.

The 18-year-old showed maturity beyond his years to take a cross from Paul McVeigh on his chest and swivel past a defender to shoot low beyond the reach of Oldham goalkeeper Richard O'Donnell.

It was a magical moment for Charles, who has been making a name for himself having progressed through the ranks at the Club.

The striker has been in red hot form for the Luton Youth team this season, scoring 12 goals in 18 appearances, adding to the 17 strikes he scored last season.

And Charles, who turned down the chance to join Watford as a youngster, is ready for the challenge that lies ahead of him at Kenilworth Road.

"It was an amazing moment for me," said Charles, when asked to describe his debut goal. "All I remember was taking the ball down on my chest, turning and scoring.

"It's a dream come true for me and it will be something that I will remember for a long time. Everything that I imagined might happen, happened and I could not have asked for a better home debut."

Charles had already showed glimpses of his ability of making a substitute appearance in the recent defeat at Southend, and followed that up by starting in the game at Carlisle.

However, the Hemel Hempstead born front man admitted he felt a different kind of pressure prior to heading out in front of the crowd at

Kenilworth Road.

"The fans made the game even better for me. They were singing my name and it was just an amazing feeling, something that I can't really describe.

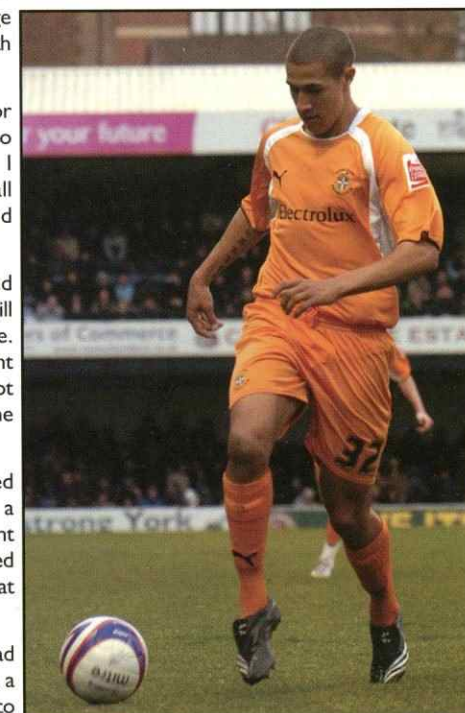
"I was more nervous in the build up to the Oldham game. I didn't know how

**“ I looked straight away over to my mum. She was delighted for me and nearly fainted. ”**

the fans would take for a young player to come into the squad when there is a massive pressure to win games at the moment.

"The fans got behind me well and as the game went on, they gave me more confidence.

"All I was concentrating on was doing my best to help my team. This is a Club I have wanted to play for ever since I joined and I was just happy to get off



**DREAM DEBUT.** Charles has made an instant impression

the mark."

Charles was even more happy that he was able to celebrate his goal in front of his proud mum, who could be seen in the executive boxes looking more ecstatic than the player himself.

"I looked straight away over to my mum. She was delighted for me. I just pointed over to her and the goal was for her.

"She nearly fainted when I scored. I don't think she really knew what to do. I also pointed over to Dimi (Dimitri Kharine) because he said to me before I went out 'you owe me a goal' and I think I responded well."

But Charles, who has been at Kenilworth Road since the age of nine, admits that today's game is a new day for him and his goal is now old news.

The striker is determined not to let his goal become a 'one strike wonder' and has a hunger for more goals between now and the end of the season.

"I just have to keep focused and work hard to stay in the team. I suppose there is a pressure to carry on scoring because one goal isn't enough.

"The goal I scored is old news now, today is another game. I'm trying hard not to get carried away by anything, but at the moment I'm feeling great."

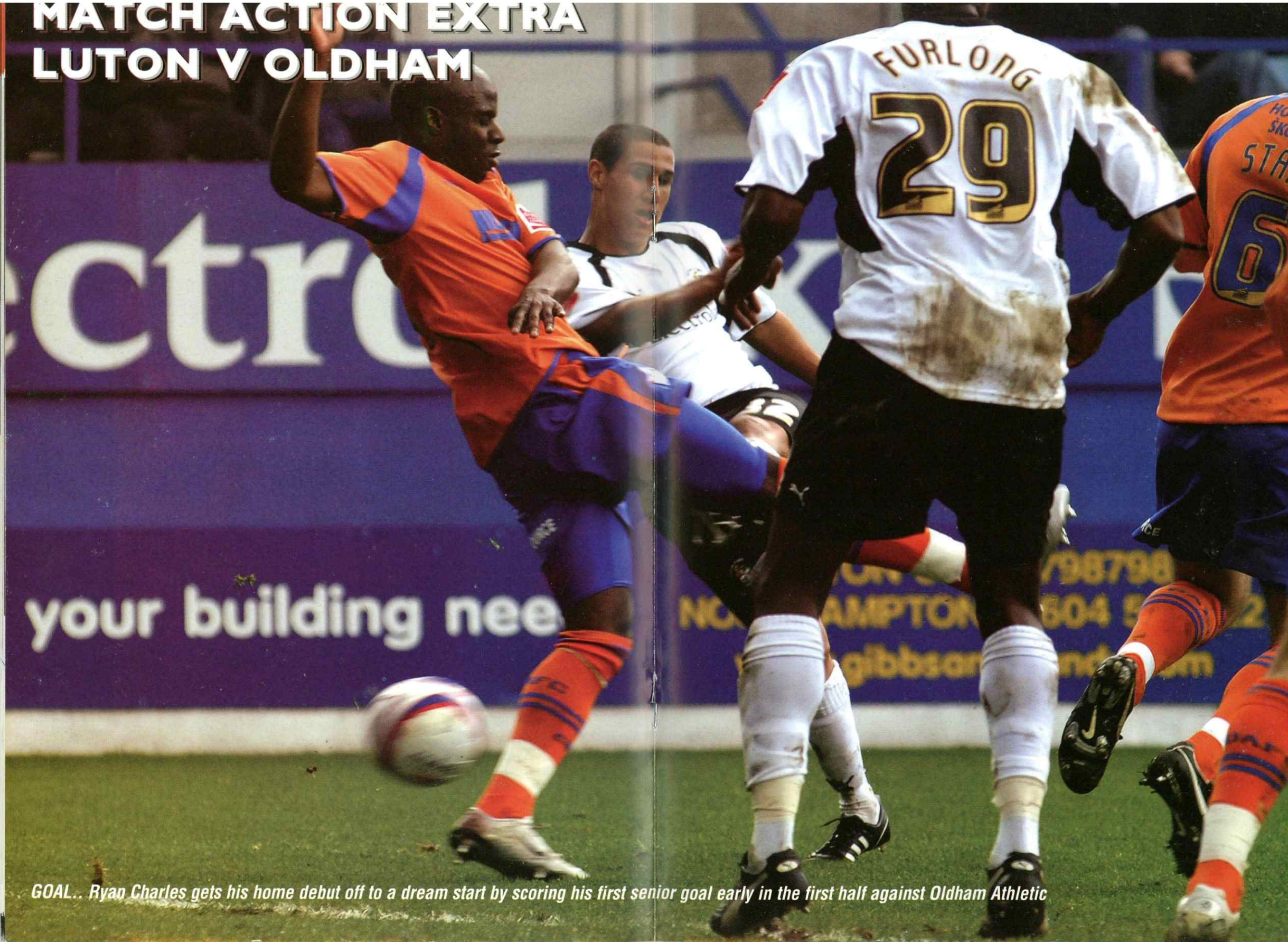
Charles is also relishing the prospect of playing alongside Paul Furlong, a striker who has played at the top level in the game with Chelsea and Birmingham.

Charles added: "It's good to play with someone like Paul, who has been a brilliant player throughout his career. It's amazing what you learn from players like him and he is helping me along.

"I feel as though I am improving the more I work with him and someone like that gives me more confidence. The rest of the squad have helped me out immensely. The squad all stick together and it's good to be a part of that."



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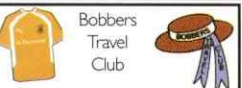
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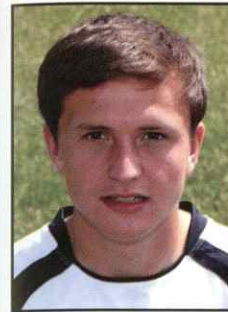
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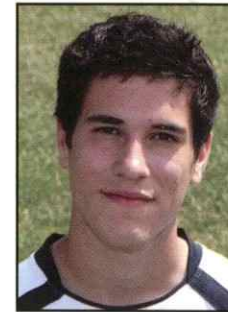
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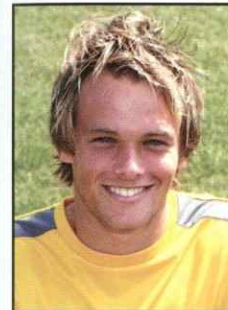


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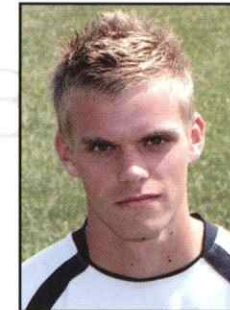
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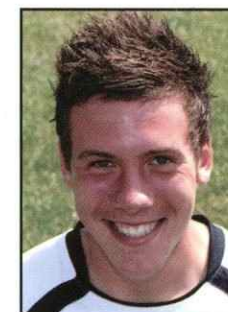
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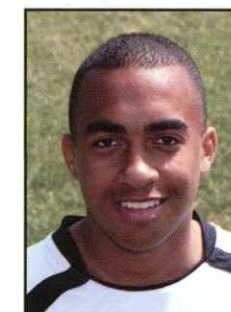
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# Reserves return to winning ways with victory over Cobblers



TOUGH CHALLENGE.. Harry Hogarth puts in a tough challenge on a Northampton striker



STANDING TALL... Drew Talbot on the attack

Luton's reserve side returned to winning ways on Tuesday afternoon with a relatively straight forward win over Northampton Town at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters were well beaten by Southend in their previous fixture, but in a team that consisted of Sam Parkin, Drew Talbot, Steve Robinson and Darren Currie, Luton were too strong for a youthful Northampton side.

Robinson's return will be a boost to boss Mick Harford, with the midfielder missing the League One programme in recent weeks having been out of action through illness.

But despite Luton fielding a number of experienced professionals, the Hatters continued to give some of their younger crop of talent a chance to impress.

George Beavan, who made an impressive first team debut against Bournemouth recently, started at centre-half whilst Jake Howells and Harry

Hogarth both got run outs.

Luton were well in control of proceedings throughout the first half with Parkin and Talbot both going close.

On 35 minutes, following excellent work down the flank from Parkin saw the former Ipswich striker cross to the back post for Calvin Andrew to score with a close range header.

Northampton had their chances, but rarely threatened to get themselves back on level terms.

The win was sealed with ten minutes remaining as the Hatters broke away from a Northampton corner. Currie picked up the ball deep in his own half and found Talbot, whose finished off a flowing move with a run and shot that gave the Northampton goalkeeper no chance.

The reserves are back in action on Wednesday March 26th when they make the short trip to League Two side MK Dons.

The latest action from the Luton Town Youth team

# Youngsters fail to sting the Bees

Another inexperienced youth side gained a well-earned point with a 0-0 draw against Brentford in their latest Youth Alliance League fixture.

The Hatters were once again without Ryan Charles and George Beavan, but still managed to put in a highly polished performance.

Promising 15-year-old striker Ryan Da Silva continued to impress for the Hatters, whilst Oliver Cleaver and Billy Greulich both enjoyed good games.

Luton had chances to win the game with Greulich hitting the woodwork and Elliott Osborne-Ricketts forcing the Brentford goalkeeper into an impressive save.

And Hatters boss Chris Cummins admitted that the draw obtained by his team was a fair reflection on the

## Luton Town 0 - 0 Brentford

performance.

Cummins said: "We played well, but I felt a draw was probably the right result.

"We lacked that little bit of quality in front of goal, but we did have our opportunities to make a breakthrough.

"Defensively we looked steady and looked relatively solid and it was a good performance from a young side.

"Brentford fielded a more experienced side than ourselves so there are plenty of positives we can take from this performance.

"The younger players are getting the chance to show me what they can do at an early stage of their career and I have been pleased with what they have

shown me.

"Ryan Da Silva played the entire game and is getting better with every performance and others are likely to get a chance before the end of the season.

"We are going to be a very young side between now and the end of the season, but it's all about building to the end of the season."

However, Cummins will continue to play the second year scholars who have been unfortunate in not securing professional contracts at Kenilworth Road.

"These players are still contracted to the football club and it would be unfair not to play them and put them in the shop window.

"We are looking to the future and it's a fine balancing act to be fair to everyone at the Club."

The current teams who are founder members of the Luton Town Partnership Club scheme are as follows:

Club Name	Number of Teams	Number of Players	Dunstable Town	10	150	Maulden Magpies	3	45
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AFC Shillington	8	120	Houghton Athletic	3	45	St Joseph Youth	11	165
Arlesey Town	12	180	Leighton United	23	295	Studham & Kensworth	1	15
Bedford Town Colts	5	75	Luton Dynamos	1	15	Warden Hill Tigers	5	75
Crawley Green FC	27	405	Luton Town Ladies	5	75	Wheatshaf, Flitwick	1	15
Dunstable College	1	20	Luton United	6	90	Totals	142	2085

## Under-18 results, fixtures and table

Month	Date	Home	Score	Away	Result	Month	Date	Home	Score	Away	Result
August	Sat 18	Southend	D 3-3	Northampton	W2-0	February	Sat 9	Brighton	W2-0		
September	Sat 1	QPR	D 1-1	Sat 16	Southend	W2-0	Sat 23	Gillingham	L4-2		
Sat 8	Colchester	W 3-0	Sat 21	Corby Town (FA)	W4-1	March	Sat 1	QPR	L0-1		
Sat 15	Plymouth (PY)	L 5-2	Sat 24	QPR (PY)	L 2-0	Sat 8	Colchester	DI-1			
Sat 22	QPR (PY)	W 2-1	December	Sat 1	Barnet	W 3-1	Sat 15	Brentford	D0-0		
Sat 29	B'mouth (PY)	W 2-1	Wed 5	Leeds (FA)	L 3-0	Sat 29	Northampton	11am			
October	Sat 6	Brentford (PY)	W 3-1	Sat 8	Rushden & D	W 1-0	April	Sat 5	Rushden	11am	
Sat 13	Barnet (PY)	W 2-1	Sat 15	Leyton Orient	L2-4	Sat 19	Barnet	11am			
Sat 20	Brighton (PY)	W1-0	January	Sat 5	Wycombe	L1-3					
Sat 27	Swansea (PY)	D 1-1	Sat 19	Peterborough	P-P						

## Appearances

Ross Faulds.....22	Ashley Harrison-Barker.....14 (3)	Robbie Blackwell.....2	Ryan Charles.....12
Jake Howells.....21 (2)	Dean Hamilton.....13 (8)	Aaron Fletcher.....2	Ashley Harrison-Barker.....5
Mark Farthing.....20 (3)	Oliver Cleaver.....6 (5)	Ben Strang.....2	Mark Farthing.....3
Elliott Osborne-Ricketts.....19 (2)	Billy Greulich.....6 (5)	Dave Pilgram.....2	Jake Howells.....3
Harry Hogarth.....19 (2)	Adam Watkins.....5 (8)	Ryan Da Silva.....2	Scott Sinclair.....3
Ricardo Biggi.....18 (3)	Joe Selby.....5 (2)	Ashley Deeny.....1 (8)	Joshua Cranwell.....1 (5)
Jamie McGuinness.....18 (1)	Matthew Maitland.....5 (1)	Richard Owusu.....1 (5)	Elliott Osborne-Ricketts.....2
Ryan Charles.....18 (1)	Richard Owusu.....4 (1)	Adian Quinn.....1 (3)	Dean Hamilton.....2
George Beavan.....16	Loren Maxwell.....4	Dean Hitchcock.....1 (1)	
Scott Sinclair.....15 (4)	Nathaniel Taylor.....3 (2)		

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R.J. Curson - Youth Development Director

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## FROM THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

BOB HILL brings us news from the Youth Department



Bob Hill joined at the end of September as Youth Development Officer to assist Chris Cummins in the implementation of the new Youth Development program at the club. Bob gives his views regarding the general issues of Youth Development and how the program is addressing these issues at Luton.

Youth development in this country has been a very highly discussed topic since our National side failed to qualify for this year's European Championships. I don't think there are easy answers to all the issues we face, but in some quarters the program in Youth Development in this country has been heavily criticised by some prominent figures in the game.

Having worked in professional football Youth Development for 16 years there have been many changes in approach and understanding over these years. I have been fortunate to work for many highly successful people in the game, and there is much to be commended, and yet much still to be improved, but there is a huge commitment from those in the game to maintain that improvement and reach new heights of understanding.

Here at Luton, the senior football management team have fully supported Chris Cummins and I in implementing the learning program required to produce professional players in the modern day's game. Chris and I are using our experience and knowledge of working in Academy and local football at all levels to raise the standards throughout our Youth

system. What does that consist of?

Life has changed and young players are now faced with so many new options and pathways in life. We are faced with so many challenges as football has perhaps become less dominant in a young player's mind and outside influences put greater pressures on the adolescence years.

The youth development program here is designed to give the best holistic support, encouragement and rounded individual development. There is so much to prepare for a young player going into this industry and coaches have to be aware of so many issues that a young player faces and be one step ahead all the time.

Coaching a player is not just on the training pitch, although of course it is a very important part of football development. To this end our coaching program, syllabus tests and stretches all those involved. Players, parents, coaches, school teachers and family can all have a positive or negative impact on the commitment and mentality required to develop a young player.

The enthusiasm and support required is a huge commitment from everyone. Getting that balance to produce the end product is not an easy task, and it is vital that youth coaches work with the players 24 hours a day, and are aware of the difficulties and challenges every young player faces. We need to get that balance of discipline, fun and learning right and the percentage of time in those 3 disciplines change as they get older and work through the system.

Chris and I are attempting to educate and work with all those people that have an effect and impact on a young player. It is a 24 hour a day job for us, but necessary to ensure that we provide the right support and learning environment.

We are building relationships with the schools now and monitoring their work at school because that tells us something about that individual outside of their football environment. We are also providing lots of information and education to those associated with their life development to assist in this process.

I have spoken about the coaching syllabus which is stretching boundaries for our young players, technically, tactically and athletically, the latter being so important in the modern game now. But it is also vital that we work with each individual's

personality, allowing them to develop confidently and with humility and respect in today's society.

With approximately 100 boys in the Luton Town Centre of Excellence this requires dedication and commitment and knowledge of each individual which has to be built over a period of time.

Our goal of course is to provide a conveyor belt of top class talent for this football club.

We know that every single one of the players we currently have will leave this club at some point, whether they have played 500 games or none at a senior level, but both Chris and I want them to have an affection for this club and respect for the people in it and to leave knowing that Luton Town FC have contributed positively to their life.

Of course wouldn't it be terrific if some of our players went on to play at the top level and represent their country and build on the reputation this club has for developing its home grown talent

I feel that Luton Town FC have a great opportunity to establish a positive and enjoyable future.

Everyone connected with the club and town in whatever capacity can contribute to our success no matter how small that may be.

We all have to pull together to meet all the challenges we face and because of the hard work being put in by everyone at the club it will be all the more enjoyable when that success comes.

So in my opinion there is much to be commended, and of course there is still much work to be done, but I am enjoying the challenge and feel that we have in the club some special talent that Chris and I and our talented team can nurture.

We can all make it happen if we really want to and everyone's positive attitudes can go a long way to achieving our goals.

Regards  
Bob Hill



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## HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES



# FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

STUART SMITH gives us the latest news on our Easter holiday programmes



Today, I would like to give you information regarding our massively successful Easter Holiday Programmes.

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We aim to help the youngsters with their general motor abilities such as agility, balance and co-ordination while placing the emphasis on fun and enjoyment.

There will also be appearances from Luton manager Mick Harford and the Hatters number one goalkeeper, Dean Brill at the specialist Pro Courses.

Below we have listed for you the Easter Holiday Programmes available for Boys and Girls between 4 and 14 years old. All the courses start at 10am and finish at 3pm unless otherwise stated.

As always to guarantee your place on any of our courses call the office on 01582 391927.

Enjoy the game

Stuart Smith

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*Coaching starts at 10am and finish at 3pm unless otherwise stated.*

**LSCI - Luton**  
 Venue: Barnfield College, New Bedford Road  
 Dates: Tuesday 25th March to Friday 28th March  
 Price: The price for this course is £40 or £12 per day

**LSC2 - Luton**  
 Venue: Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium  
 Dates: Monday 31st March to Wednesday 2nd April  
 Price: The price for this course is £30 or £12 per day

**LMHI - Luton**  
**Specialist Pro Courses**  
**Mick Harford - Strikers**  
 Venue: Barnfield College, New Bedford Road  
 Dates: Tuesday 25th March to Wednesday 26th March  
 Price: The price for this course is £20 or £12 per day

**ADVI - Luton**  
**Advanced Centre (8-13 year olds)**  
 Venue: PlayFootball.Net, St Thomas's Road  
 Dates: Monday 31st March to Friday 4th April  
 Price: The price for this course is £50 or £12 per day

**DBSI - Dunstable**  
 Venue: Queensbury School, Meadway  
 Dates: Thursday 27th March to Friday 28th March  
 Price: The price for this course is £20 or £12 per day

**LFKI - Luton**  
**First Kicks Course (4-6 year olds)**  
*(Please note this course starts at 10am and finishes at 1pm)*  
 Venue: Stopsley Sports Centre, St Thomas's Road  
 Dates: Monday 31st March to Friday 4th April  
 Price: £12 per day

**LDBI - Luton**  
**Specialist Pro Courses**  
**Dean Brill - Goalkeepers**  
 Venue: Barnfield College, New Bedford Road  
 Dates: Thursday 27th March to Friday 28th March  
 Price: The price for this course is £20 or £12 per day

**BTSI - Barton**  
 Venue: Barton Sports Pavilion  
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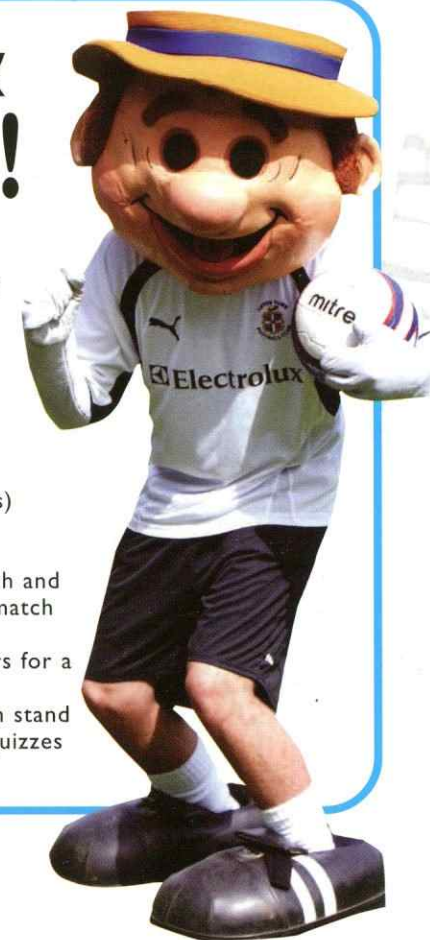
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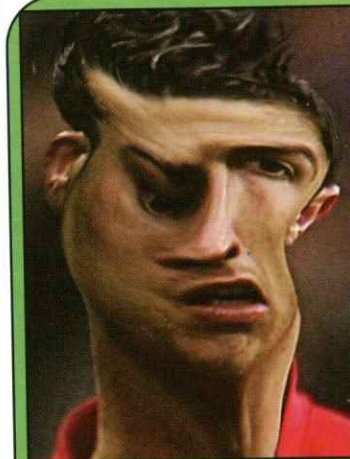
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- 1 What football league record was broken by Bournemouth's James Hayter in 2004?
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- 3 Real Madrid got knocked out of this season's Champions League against which Italian side?
- 4 Which of these countries has never won the Football World Cup - Brazil, Italy, Portugal and France?
- 5 Which English Premier League Football team play in the Stadium Known as the Theatre of Dreams?
- 6 Who knocked England out of Euro 2004?
- 7 What nationality is Newcastle United defender Abdoulaye Faye?
- 8 How many English top flight league titles have Birmingham City won?
- 9 When Manchester United won the FA Cup in 1999, who did they beat in the final?
- 10 Emile Heskey joined which Premiership team in May 2004?



Question 2



Question 5



Question 7



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  - 3 a Premiership manager,
  - 4 a League One ground
- and
- 5 a Luton Town legend.

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## RESULTS FROM LEAGUE ONE

League leaders Swansea suffered a wobble as they were comprehensively beaten by Northampton at Sixfields.

They still maintain their lead with none of the top three teams managing a win.

Second-placed Doncaster were on the receiving end of a defeat as they were beaten by Brighton.

Carlisle's seven-match winning run came to an end as they drew at Swindon as relegation-threatened Bournemouth also claimed three points against Yeovil.

### **Bournemouth 2 Yeovil Town 0**

Struggling Bournemouth staked their claim to avoid relegation as they took three points at home to Yeovil.

Danny Hollands opened the account for the hosts after just nine minutes before Sam Vokes bagged their second in the 32nd minute as the second half threw up no goals.

### **Brighton & Hove Albion 1 Doncaster 0**

High flying Doncaster came home with nothing as Brighton claimed victory at Withdean.

Nicky Forster scored his 16th goal of the season as he netted what proved to be the winner in the 57th minute.

### **Cheltenham Town 1 Bristol Rovers 0**

It took Cheltenham until the second half to grab their winner against Bristol Rovers.

Stephen Brooker scored the only goal of the game in the 80th minute as the Robins bagged an important three points to pull themselves away from the relegation zone.

### **Gillingham 0 Crewe Alexandra 3**

Crewe gave their hopes of survival a boost as they comfortably beat Gillingham.

Tom Pope put Crewe ahead after just nine

minutes and scored the first goal for the club in five games.

Nicky Maynard added the second in the 50th minute before Dean Morgan rounded-off the scoring with the third in the 76th minute.

### **Huddersfield Town 1 Southend United 2**

Huddersfield were condemned to yet another defeat this time at the hands of play-off chasing Southend.

Hal Robson-Kanu netted the first for the Shrimpers in the 40th minute before Andy Booth gave Town hope with an equaliser in the 73rd minute.

Alan McCormack dashed all hopes for the hosts as he grabbed a last gasp equaliser in the 93rd minute. Town have now lost six of their last eight games.

### **Millwall 0 Leyton Orient 1**

Leyton Orient took away all three points from The Den as they beat London rivals Millwall.

A loan strike by Wayne Gray in the 50th minute was enough to give Orient the victory.

### **Northampton Town 4 Swansea City 2**

Leaders Swansea suffered a setback at mid-table Northampton as the Cobblers took the three points in a goal frenzy.

Poul Hubertz put the hosts ahead in the 14th minute before Alan Tate bagged an own goal in the 20th minute following a Daniel Jones cross.

Hubertz stepped up to claim his second in the 22nd minute from the spot after Ryan Gilligan was adjudged to be fouled.

Swansea bounced back seven minutes later as top scorer Jason Scotland notched-up his 23rd of the season.

But it was little consolation as Danny Jackman scored the fourth in the 53rd minute after an Adebayo Akinfenwa cross found him neatly placed to slot home. Scotland made it 24 goals as he added his second in the 83rd minute.



**GOAL MACHINE...** Nicky Forster scored his 16th goal of the season against Doncaster Rovers

# LEAGUE ROUND-UP

## **Nottingham Forest 1 Walsall 1**

Promotion chasing Nottingham Forest had to settle for a point at home to Walsall.

Brett Ormerod fired them ahead in the 49th minute but Walsall were soon brought level as Kelvin Wilson scored an own goal in the 54th minute.

## **Port Vale 3 Leeds United 3**

Bottom club Port Vale pulled off a fine performance as they held play-off chasing Leeds to a draw at Vale Park.

Rui Marques opened Leeds' account in the 39th minute after the Vale defence failed to clear a corner. Dougie Freedman, making his first start for United, bagged the second just two minutes later as he opened his goalscoring account for the club.

Vale were handed a lifeline in the 65th minute when Paul Harsley stepped up to net a penalty and just two minutes later their comeback continued as Danny Whitaker scored.

Their hopes of a point looked dashed as Freedman grabbed his second in the 86th minute before Luke Rodgers played the hero with his equaliser in the 90th minute.

## **Swindon Town 2 Carlisle United 2**

Carlisle's winning streak was brought to an end as they were held to a draw at the County Ground.

It took until the second half for the visitors to break the deadlock as Marc Bridge-Wilkinson headed home in the 54th minute after connecting with a Grant Smith cross.

Swindon's top scorer Simon Cox pulled the Robins level in the 61st minute after he netted from a corner before Blair Sturrock scored in the 80th minute after holding off Peter Murphy to smash home.

Murphy made amends in the 86th minute as he pulled United level.

## **Tranmere Rovers 3 Hartlepool Utd 1**

Tranmere made the most of their advantage at home against a 10-man Hartlepool side.

Jamie McCunnie was dismissed in the 34th minute for a professional foul and just two minutes later Rovers put themselves ahead thanks to a Chris Greenacre goal. Pools' misery was compounded further when Michael Nelson netted an own goal in the 64th minute but Richie Humphreys put them back in the game with a 71st minute strike.

Shane Sherriff rounded off Tranmere's goals with the third in the 90th minute.



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**TODAY'S MATCHES**

The final furlong to the season is now here as the Easter programme begins with almost every club trying to establish the winning run that will help them avoid relegation or win promotion.

With the League One table as close as it is, almost every one of the 24 teams in the division have something to play for.

One team who are desperate to rediscover that winning mentality are LEEDS UNITED (10th), who have slipped off the play-off place since Dennis Wise left for a seat on the back room staff at Newcastle.

A 3-3 draw at PORT VALE (24th) at the weekend means the Elland Road club have now gone won two from their last 11 games.

And this afternoon's match won't be any easier with WALSALL (6th) the visitors to Elland Road.

Richard Money's side are also in desperate need of the points having seen their own impressive form slip in recent weeks. They haven't recorded a victory in the league since beating Luton at Kenilworth Road.

There is a massive match at Brisbane Road this afternoon with LEYTON ORIENT (8th), fresh from a 1-0 win at MILWALL (18th) last weekend, taking on promotion seeking CARLISLE (3rd)

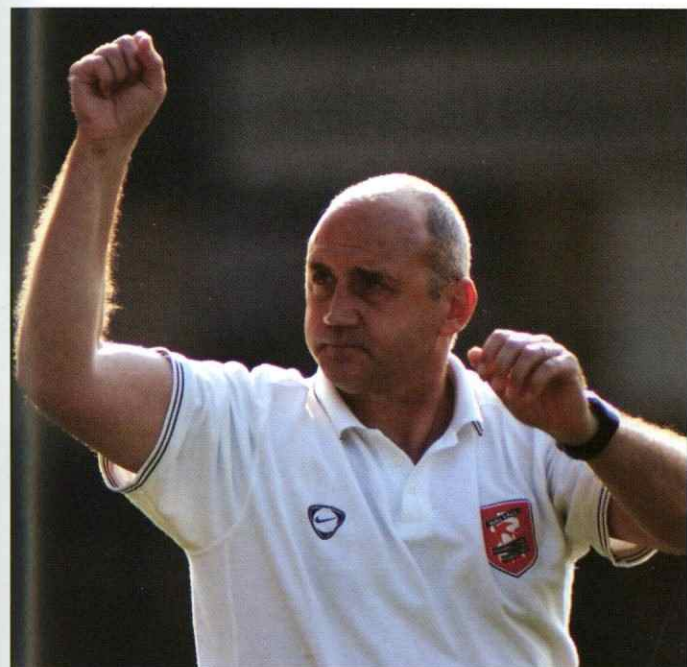
Orient's victory over Millwall was the first time they had recorded back-to-back wins in League One since September.

Meanwhile, Carlisle have rediscovered some form on the road winning two of their last three games.

At the other end of the table, CREWE (20th) will be hoping to build on their impressive 3-0 away win at GILLINGHAM (21st).

They take on HARTLEPOOL (13th) at Gresty Road, who have won three of their last four games to ease the pressure on manager Danny Wilson.

Gillingham will be hoping to bounce back to winning ways when they face BOURNEMOUTH (22nd), who haven't fared well on the road in recent weeks, losing their last two games 2-0.



**WIN NEEDED...** Walsall boss Richard Money will be hoping for a win against Leeds this afternoon

**FORM GUIDE**

**TODAY'S LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES**

- Brighton v Swindon
- Bristol R v Huddersfield
- Crewe v Hartlepool
- Gillingham v Bournemouth
- Leeds v Walsall
- Leyton Orient v Carlisle
- Oldham v Millwall

**HOME FORM TABLE**

	Last six League games						Pts
	W	D	L	F	A	GD	
Carlisle	6	0	0	10	3	7	18
Hartlepool	5	0	1	17	7	10	15
Doncaster	5	0	1	9	6	3	15
Northampton	4	2	0	12	3	9	14
Brighton	4	2	0	9	4	5	14
Southend	4	2	0	9	4	5	14
Oldham	4	1	1	12	5	7	13
Tranmere	4	1	1	10	4	6	13
Bournemouth	4	1	1	12	7	5	13
Swansea	4	1	1	8	5	3	13
Huddersfield	4	0	2	6	4	2	12
Nottm Forest	3	2	1	8	2	6	11
Cheltenham	3	2	1	6	4	2	11
Swindon	2	2	2	9	9	0	8
Walsall	2	2	2	7	7	0	8
Bristol Rovers	2	2	2	5	5	0	8
Millwall	2	1	3	7	8	-1	7
Leyton Orient	2	1	3	6	7	-1	7
Yeovil	2	1	3	3	7	-4	7
Gillingham	1	3	2	1	4	-3	6
Leeds	1	2	3	5	7	-2	5
<b>LUTON</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>4</b>
Crewe	0	4	2	3	6	-3	4
Port Vale	0	3	3	7	14	-7	3

**AWAY FORM TABLE**

	Last six League games						Pts
	W	D	L	F	A	GD	
Doncaster	4	0	2	7	2	5	12
Swansea	3	2	1	9	6	3	11
Northampton	3	2	1	6	3	3	11
Bristol Rovers	3	1	2	5	4	1	10
Leeds	2	3	1	7	6	1	9
Tranmere	2	3	1	6	5	1	9
Leyton Orient	2	3	1	4	4	0	9
Southend	2	2	2	12	10	2	8
Walsall	2	2	2	7	5	2	8
Carlisle	2	2	3	5	5	0	8
Crewe	2	2	2	6	6	0	8
Nottm Forest	1	4	1	5	6	-1	7
Millwall	2	1	3	4	8	-4	7
Bournemouth	2	0	4	8	9	-1	6
Huddersfield	2	0	4	7	8	-1	6
Swindon	1	2	3	4	6	-2	5
Oldham	1	1	4	4	7	-3	4
Brighton	1	1	4	5	9	-4	4
Cheltenham	1	1	4	6	12	-6	4
Hartlepool	1	1	4	4	10	-6	4
Port Vale	1	0	5	7	13	-6	3
Yeovil	0	2	4	3	11	-8	2
<b>LUTON</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>0</b>
Gillingham	0	0	6	4	18	-14	0

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## Robert (Bobby) Jack WYLDES

Strong and fast left winger Bobby was turning out for United Counties League side Desborough Town when he was spotted by Luton who signed him on professional forms in October 1949.

The following month Bobby was making his League debut in a 5-2 home win over Blackburn and although in and out of the side for the remainder of that campaign he seemed to have sealed a permanent slot on the wing in 1950/51 until breaking an ankle at Birmingham in November 1950.

Sadly, Bobby was never able to regain his form and joined Kettering in 1952 before taking on a coaching and then managerial role at Desborough. An electrician by trade Bobby lives in Kettering in retirement.

## George McArthur YARDLEY

Kirkcaldy born George played in goal for East Fife reserves and Scotland amateurs before moving to Forfar and Montrose. Unable to establish himself in his favoured strikers position he emigrated to Australia where he played for Sydney side St George Budapest while working as a draughtsman.

He came back to these shores in October 1966 to try his luck once more and was taken on by the Hatters who handed him his League debut in the number nine shirt in a 2-2 home draw with Bradford Park Avenue. He failed to impress but was given another chance by Tranmere the following month.

At Prenton Park, George finally fulfilled his potential and netted an amazing 68 goals in only 123 starts in two spells at the club and becoming a terrace hero at the same time!

After hanging up his boots, George returned to Australia where he lives in retirement.



## Landry ZAHANA-ONI

Much travelled forward Landry was born on the Ivory Coast but moved to France as a youngster, being capped for his new country at under-15 level.

After playing for Le Havre and Ancenis in France, Landry made a baffling move to Stirling Albion and then on to Bromley where he was watched by Luton manager Lennie Lawrence who eventually took the plunge, signing him in January 1999.

Landry made eight League appearances for the Hatters over the remainder of that season, without making much impression, before being sidelined for most of the following campaign with a bad knee injury.

Released in 2000, Landry had spells with three Scottish clubs, and four non-League outfits in England before making another curious move to Limassol in Cyprus in 2004 before diverting to Molde in Norway.



## Benjamin (Ben) Robert ALNWICK

After joining his local club Sunderland from school, Ben picked up England Youth international caps and started the 2006/07 campaign as the Black Cats regular goalkeeper despite still a teenager.

After being replaced by the more experienced Darren Ward, Ben was suddenly transferred to Tottenham in January 2007 for £900,000 where he is regarded as one for the future.

In order to gain more first team experience Ben was loaned to Luton last September and went on to make four appearances before being re-called to White Hart Lane due to an injury to England goalkeeper Paul Robinson.

Ben is currently on loan at Leicester City.



## Clarke James CARLISLE

Vastly experienced and commanding central defender Clarke started his career at Blackpool where his performances earned him a £250,000 move to QPR in May 2000.

After helping the Loftus Road side into the Championship, Clarke transferred to Leeds and then on to Watford in 2005 where he assisted his new side into the top flight.

Clarke suffered a thigh strain at the start of last season and in order to build up his match fitness he was loaned to Luton in March 2007 where his whole-hearted performances quickly earned the respect of the Hatters supporters.

After returning to Vicarage Road, Clarke was pitchforked into the Watford side that took on Manchester United in the FA Cup semi-final but then decided to move back to the north-west when Burnley tabled a £200,000 bid last summer.

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## Darren Paul CURRIE

London born Darren has been on the books of eleven League clubs in a career which started at West Ham in 1993. Unable to win a first team place at Upton Park, Darren took in some loan moves before signing for Shrewsbury and then on to Plymouth and Barnet where his silky skills brought the scouts flocking.

A £200,000 move to Wycombe followed and after a short spell at Brighton, Ipswich put in a big bid to take him to Portman Road where he initially won several 'Man of the Match' awards leading to loan spells at Coventry and Derby last season.

With the talent to win a match on his own on his day, Darren came to Luton on a free transfer last summer.

## David Alexander EDWARDS

David joined Shrewsbury Town from school before making his League debut as substitute on the last day of the 2002/03 season whilst still 17 and not even a full-time professional.

A tireless midfielder with boundless energy, David signed professional forms in January 2004 and it was not long before he attracted widespread attention with Luton the eventual winners of the unofficial auction, signing him for £200,000 last summer.

Sadly, Luton supporters did not get to see much of David as finances dictated that he should be sold in the January 2008 transfer window. By now a Welsh international, David moved to Wolves for a large fee and Championship football.



## Jaroslav FOJUT

Giant central defender Jaroslav earned Polish Youth international caps and had turned out for several clubs in his homeland before being spotted by Bolton during one of their many sweeps through Europe looking for bargains.

After signing on at the Reebok in 2006, the 18 year old was introduced gently into the first team and by the end of last season had made four appearances spread across three different competitions for the Trotters.

In order to gain further experience Bolton decided to loan Jaroslav out with Luton the fortunate recipients. A towering, skilful presence in defence who seemed genuinely pleased to be at Kenilworth Road, Jaroslav soon became a crowd favourite and it was desperately disappointing for both club and player when he was forced to return to Bolton in January.



## David FORDE

Goalkeeper David started with his home town team Galway United before being joining up with Welsh club Barry Town where his performances between the sticks led to West Ham paying £75,000 for his signature in 2002.

After failing to win a first team spot at Upton Park, David was loaned out to Conference side Barnet before helping Derry City to an FAI Cup final success.

Deciding to try his luck in the English League once more, David was picked up by Cardiff in January 2007 and by the end of last season was regarded as first choice goalkeeper at Ninian Park.

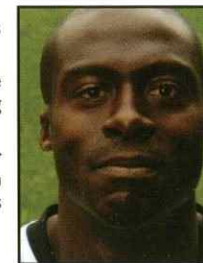
After falling out of favour, David came to Luton on loan at the start of this campaign, making six appearances, and is currently on loan at Bournemouth.

## Paul Anthony FURLONG

Ageless striker Paul has made Luton Town his seventh League club in a career that has seen transfer fees totalling over £4 million changing hands for his services.

Starting at non-League Enfield, Paul was picked up by Coventry in 1991 before switching to Watford where his goalscoring abilities came to the fore leading to big money moves to Chelsea and Birmingham.

At 34, Paul moved on a free transfer to QPR where he still netted a goal every other game and the Rangers fans were disappointed when he was allowed to join Luton in the summer of 2007. Still remarkably fit and a credit to his profession, Paul is currently top scorer for the Hatters.



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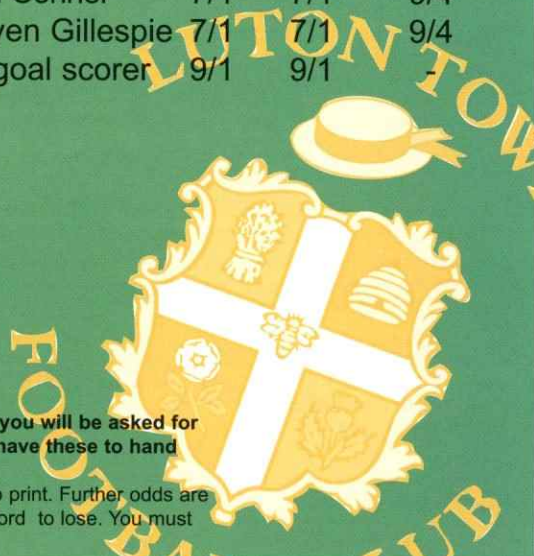
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**CORRECT SCORE**

<b>Luton Win</b>	
1-0	13/2
2-0	17/2
2-1	8/1
3-0	20/1
<b>Match Draw</b>	
0-0	9/1
1-1	6/1
2-2	12/1
3-3	66/1
<b>Cheltenham Win</b>	
1-0	13/2
2-0	11/1
2-1	19/1
3-0	33/1

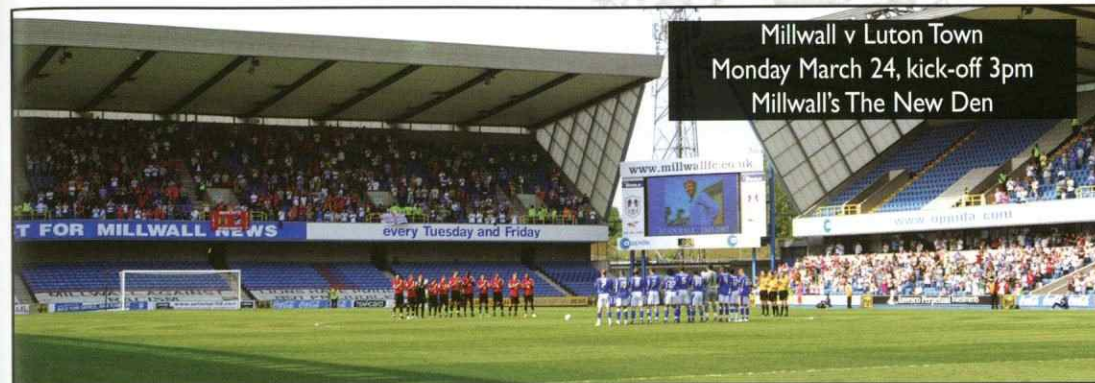
**GOALSCORER**

<b>Player</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Anytime</b>
Paul Furlong	6/1	6/1	15/8
Sam Parkin	6/1	6/1	15/8
Calvin Andrew	13/2	13/2	2/1
Paul Connor	7/1	7/1	9/4
Steven Gillespie	7/1	7/1	9/4
No goal scorer	9/1	9/1	-



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**Millwall v Luton Town**  
Monday March 24, kick-off 3pm  
Millwall's The New Den

**Address:** The New Den, Zampa Road, London SE16 3LN

**Road:** Take the M1 Southbound towards London. Exit onto the M25 at Junction 6a. Leave the M25 at Junction 2 and follow the A2 into London from Junction 2 of the M25. The A2 actually passes the ground. Once you go past New Cross Gate tube station on your right the ground is about a mile further on. Half way in-between New Cross Gate and the ground the road splits into two. Keep to the right following the signs A2 City/Westminster. You will come to

the ground on your right.

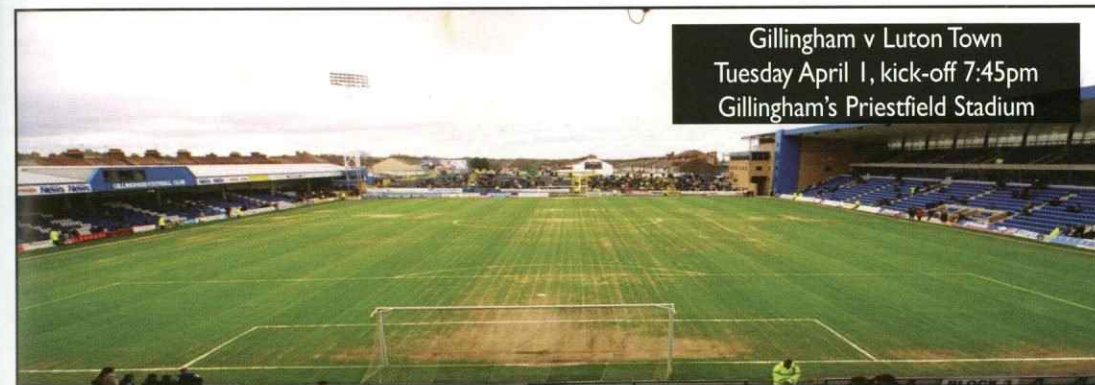
**Parking:** Street parking can be found on the small estate on your left just past the ground.

**Pubs:** It is best to grab a beer around London Bridge before moving onto the ground. There are bars at the back of the stands that serve alcohol as well as some decent food such as chicken and chips.

**Town on Tour** will be leaving Maple Road at 12noon. The fare for LTSC members is £10, concessions £9 and non-members £12. 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](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) or via [www.lutontownsc.co.uk](http://www.lutontownsc.co.uk)

**The Bobbers Travel Club** will depart from Cranfield at 11am and Luton at 12noon. Cost for this trip is £12 adults and £10 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.



**Gillingham v Luton Town**  
Tuesday April 1, kick-off 7:45pm  
Gillingham's Priestfield Stadium

**Address:** KRBS Priestfield Stadium, Redfern Avenue, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 4DD

**Road:** Leave the M2 at Junction 4 and take the A278 towards Gillingham, going straight across two roundabouts. At the 3rd roundabout turn left onto the A2 towards Gillingham town centre. At the traffic light junction with the A231, turn right into Nelson Road and passing the small bus station take a right turn into Gillingham Road, the ground is down on your right.

**Parking:** There is a residents only parking scheme in operation around the ground, so if you want to street park, this

will mean driving a bit further away to do so. There is also a pay and display car park (£1 for 3 hours) on Railway Street near Gillingham station, which is less than 10 mins walk from the ground.

**Pubs:** The 'Livingstone Arms' on Gillingham Road is known as an away supporters pub. The atmosphere within the pub is both warm and friendly and there is even complimentary bar food laid on for fans.

**Town on Tour** will be leaving Maple Road at 4pm with a pickup at the MK Coachway approximately 30mins later. The fare for LTSC members is £15, concessions £13 and non-members £17.

To book seats for this trip, visit the supporters kiosk or phone 07960 567465. You can book online by visiting the fans section at [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) or via [www.lutontownsc.co.uk](http://www.lutontownsc.co.uk)

**The Bobbers Travel Club** will depart from Cranfield at 2:30pm and Luton at 3:30pm. Cost for this trip is £14 adults and £11 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.





## MILLWALL v LUTON TOWN

**Monday March 24, 2008 League One 3pm**

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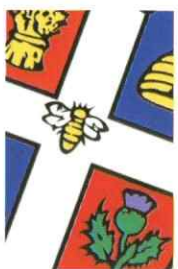
Tickets will remain on sale until close of business on Saturday March 22.

This game is ALL TICKET, no tickets will be available on the day of the game.

**ALLOCATION:** We have received an initial allocation of 1500 tickets.

**TICKET PRICES:**

Adult £20, Seniors (over 65) £13, Under 16's £11, Under 12's (accompanied by an adult with ticket) £8, Wheelchair disabled (with a carer free of charge) £20



## LUTON TOWN v CREWE ALEXANDRA

**Saturday March 29, 2008 League One 3pm**

Tickets are now on sale at normal pre-matchday prices.



## GILLINGHAM v LUTON TOWN

**Tuesday April 1, 2008 League One 7:45pm**

Tickets are now on General Sale from the Ticket Office.

Tickets will remain on sale until 12noon on Tuesday April 1.

Tickets can be purchased on the night of the game via cash turnstiles although there will be a £3 increase on all tickets.

**ALLOCATION:** We have received an initial allocation of 1000 tickets.

**TICKET PRICES:**

Adult £17, Seniors (over 65) £12,  
Young Adult (16-21 years old) £11, Juniors (under 16) £9,  
Ambulant/Wheelchair disabled (with a carer free of charge) £17

Please note that tickets purchased for the original fixture on Tuesday February 12 2008 remain valid.



## NORTHAMPTON TOWN v LUTON TOWN

**Saturday April 5, 2008 League One 3pm**

Tickets are now on General Sale from the Ticket Office.

Tickets will remain on sale until 12 noon on Friday April 4.

This game is ALL TICKET, no tickets will be available on the day of the game.

**ALLOCATION:** We have received an initial allocation of 900 tickets.

**TICKET PRICES:**

Adult £22, Seniors (over 60) and Students (ID required) £18, Under 16's £15, Under 7's FREE.

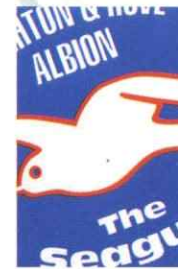
Disabled £16, Junior Disabled £13 (carer free of charge)



## LUTON TOWN v BRIGHTON

**Saturday April 12, 2008 League One 3pm**

Tickets are now on sale at normal pre-matchday prices.



## TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday-Friday ..... 10am - 5pm

Friday before a home match..... 10am - 6pm

Home Matchday Saturday ..... 9am - 3pm

Non home matchday Saturday ..... 9am - 12pm

plus after the game

**EASTER OPENING HOURS**

Easter Monday: Closed.

For further ticket information for future matches log onto the Hatters official website, [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk)

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**QUIZ ANSWERS**

**BIT OF A BLUR TWO'S WHO** Cristiano Ronaldo (Manchester United)

**10 TO TEST YOU** 1) The fastest hat-trick (scored in 2mins 20secs), 2) Chelsea, 3) Roma, 4) Spain, 5) Manchester United, 6) Portugal, 7) Senegalese, 8) 0, 9) Newcastle United, 10) Birmingham City

**BADGE BODGE** Top: Southend and Leyton Orient.  
Bottom: Gillingham and Millwall.

**LETTERS PLAY** Luton player: Ryan Charles. Team's nickname: Hammers (West Ham United). Premiership manager: Martin O'Neill (Aston Villa). League One ground: Keepmoat Stadium (Doncaster Rovers). Luton legend: Graham Alexander



LATEST COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	HOME						AWAY						Gd	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A		
Swansea City	37	12	4	3	30	14	11	4	3	37	18	+35	77	
Doncaster	37	11	3	4	28	16	9	5	5	26	16	+22	68	
Carlisle	36	15	1	1	33	10	5	7	7	20	24	+19	68	
Nottm Forest	36	10	6	2	29	9	5	8	5	20	17	+23	59	
Southend	37	10	3	5	29	17	7	4	8	29	32	+9	58	
Walsall	37	6	7	5	21	18	8	7	4	23	14	+12	56	
Tranmere	38	10	4	5	27	15	5	7	7	17	22	+7	56	
Leyton Orient	38	8	5	6	23	22	7	6	6	20	25	-4	56	
Brighton	37	10	6	3	31	19	5	4	9	17	22	+7	55	
Leeds United*	37	12	3	4	34	15	8	6	4	25	19	+25	54	
Northampton	38	9	6	4	31	17	5	6	8	18	28	+4	54	
Oldham	38	7	6	6	23	18	7	5	7	21	18	+8	53	
Hartlepool	38	10	5	4	37	21	4	2	13	19	33	+2	49	
Huddersfield	38	9	3	7	23	20	6	1	12	16	34	-15	49	
Swindon Town	37	9	5	5	30	22	7	8	18	25	+1	48		
Bristol Rovers	35	5	8	5	22	23	6	4	7	14	15	-2	45	
Yeovil Town	38	8	3	8	17	22	4	6	9	14	25	-15	45	
Millwall	38	8	2	9	26	23	4	5	10	12	29	-14	43	
Cheltenham	38	8	7	4	18	17	3	3	13	15	34	-18	43	
Crewe	38	6	6	7	19	24	3	7	9	15	28	-18	40	
Gillingham	37	7	7	4	20	17	2	2	15	14	45	-28	36	
Bournemouth+	38	6	4	9	24	33	5	2	12	24	32	-17	29	
Luton Town*	37	9	4	6	25	20	1	4	13	12	31	-14	28	
Port Vale	38	3	6	10	20	31	3	2	14	17	35	-29	26	

\*Leeds deducted 15 points  
 \*Luton deducted 10 points  
 +Bournemouth deducted 10 points

2007-08 APPEARANCES

Player	This Season					Luton Career					
	LEAGUE	CUPS	TOTAL	DISCIPLINARY	APPEARANCES	GOALS	LEAGUE	CUPS	TOTAL	DISCIPLINARY	APPEARANCES
Ben ALNWICK	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0
Calvin ANDREW	16(14)	2	6(3)	2	22(17)	4	2	0	0	57	6
George BEAVAN	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0	0	0	0	2	0
David BELL	30	4	9	1	39	5	3	0	0	87	9
Markon BERESFORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	0
Dean BRILL	28	0	10	0	38	0	0	0	0	62	0
Ahmet BRKOVIC	0(1)	0	1(2)	0	1(3)	0	1	0	0	223	38
Ryan CHARLES	2(1)	1	0	0	2(1)	1	0	0	0	3	1
Chris COYNE	18	0	7	1	25	1	3	0	0	251	16
Darren CURRIE	22(4)	2	5(2)	0	27(6)	2	3	0	0	32	2
Sol DAVIS	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	191	2
Dave EDWARDS	18(1)	4	7	0	25(1)	4	1	0	0	25	4
Lewis EMANUEL	6(2)	2	2	0	8	2	1	0	0	52	4
Jaroslav FOJUT	15(1)	2	7	1	22(1)	3	2	0	0	23	3
David FORDE	5	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	0
Paul FURLONG	23(8)	8	5(2)	4	28(10)	12	5	1	37	12	
Alan GOODALL	25(4)	1	6(1)	0	31(5)	1	3	1	36	6	
Anthony GRANT	1(3)	0	0(2)	0	1(5)	0	2	0	0	6	0
Don HUTCHISON	7(6)	0	5	1	12(8)	1	2	0	0	18	1
Richard JACKSON	24(2)	0	8	0	32(2)	0	3	0	0	34	0
Keith KEANE	19(1)	1	4(2)	0	23(3)	1	2	0	0	97	4
Richard LANGLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	1
Paul McVEIGH	7(10)	0	2(6)	0	9(16)	0	1	0	0	24	0
Dean MORGAN	8(8)	1	3(2)	0	11(10)	1	1	0	0	100	12
Stephen O'LEARY	2(5)	0	0(2)	0	2(7)	0	1	0	0	47	3
Sam PARKIN	3(7)	1	1	0	4(7)	1	0	0	0	19	2
Chris PERRY	34	1	9	0	43	1	8	0	0	43	1
Paul PESCHISOLDO	2(2)	0	0(1)	1	2(3)	1	0	0	0	5	1
Steve ROBINSON	24(1)	0	7	1	31(1)	1	10	0	0	208	12
Matthew SPRING	35	7	10	3	45	10	8	0	0	348	41
Drew TALBOT	15(11)	0	5(4)	2	20(15)	2	0	0	0	51	2
Paul UNDERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0
Marc WILSON	4	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	4	5

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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 (CC2) H		3-0	4,401	787	-
Sat Sept 1	Leeds United	A	0-1	26,856	tb	7
Tues Sept 4	NORTHAMPTON (JPT1) H		2-0	2,532	373	-
Sat Sept 8	BRISTOL ROVERS H		1-2	6,131	564	11
Fri Sept 14	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-2	6,525	252	17
Sat Sept 22	PORT VALE H		2-1	6,084	138	13
Tues Sept 25	CHARLTON ATH (CC3) H		3-1(aet)	4,534	776	-
Sat Sept 29	Huddersfield Town	A	0-2	9,028	543	16
Tue Oct 2	Yeovil Town	A	0-0	4,848	tb	17
Sat Oct 6	DONCASTER ROVERS H		1-1	6,513	472	17
Tue Oct 9	Gillingham (JPT2) A		3-4	1,417	101	-
Mon Oct 15	NORTHAMPTONTOWN H		4-1	5,881	420	14
Sat Oct 20	Crewe Alexandra	A	0-2	4,490	435	15
Sat Oct 27	NOTTINGHAM FOREST H		2-1	8,524	1,800	13
Wed Oct 31	EVERTON (CC4) H		0-1(aet)	8,944	1,777	-
Sat Nov 3	Brighton	A	1-3	5,317	tb	15
Tue Nov 6	CARLISLE UNITED H		0-0	5,462	408	17
Sat Nov 10	BRENTFORD: FA Cup 1 H		1-1	4,167	789	-
Sat Nov 17	Walsall	A	0-0	5,056	510	17
Sat Nov 24	SOUTHEND UNITED H		1-0	6,820	690	21
Tues Nov 27	Brentford: FA Cup 1 Rep A		2-0	2,643	350	-
Tue Dec 4	Oldham Athletic	A	1-1	4,251	176	22
Tue Dec 11	NOTT'M F: FA Cup 2 H		1-0	5,758	1,013	-
Fri Dec 14	Cheltenham Town	A	0-1	3,702	355	23
Sat Dec 22	TRANMERE ROVERS H		1-0	6,070	235	22
Wed Dec 26	Bristol Rovers	A	1-1	7,556	413	23
Sat Dec 29	Port Vale	A	2-1	4,224	579	22
Tue Jan 1	YEOVIL TOWN H		1-0	6,811	392	21
Sun Jan 6	LIVERPOOL: FA Cup 3 H		1-1(og)	10,226	1,800	-
Sat Jan 12	SWANSEA CITY H		1-3	6,756	827	22
Tues Jan 15	Liverpool: FA Cup 3 Rep A		0-5	41,446	5,716	-
Sat Jan 19	Leyton Orient	A	1-2	5,516	1,023	22
Tues Jan 22	Bournemouth	A	3-4	3,489	232	22
Sat Jan 26	LEEDS UNITED H		1-1	9,297	1,800	23
Tue Jan 29	SWINDON TOWN H		0-1	5,738	325	23
Sat Feb 2	Hartlepool United	A	0-4	3,913	228	23
Sat Feb 9	AFC BOURNEMOUTH H		1-4	5,897	387	22
Sat Feb 16	LEYTON ORIENT H		0-1	6,412	1,086	22
Fri Feb 22	Swansea City	A	0-1	14,122	206	22
Tues Feb 26	MILLWALL H		1-1	6,417	755	22
Sat Mar 1	WALSALL H		0-1	6,157	575	23
Sat Mar 8	Southend United	A	0-2	8,241	455	23
Tue Mar 11	Carlisle United	A	1-2	5,489	112	23
Sat Mar 15	OLDHAM ATHLETIC H		3-0	5,417	340	23
Sat Mar 22	CHELTHAM TOWN H		15:00			
Mon Mar 24	Millwall	A	15:00			
Sat Mar 29	CREWE ALEXANDRA H		15:00			
Tues Apr 1	Gillingham	A	19:45			
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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**Saturday**  
**March 29, 2008**  
**League One**  
**Kick-Off 3pm**

**Luton Town v**  
**CREWE ALEXANDRA**

Whenever you mention the football team Crewe Alexandra – the name Dario Gradi always comes to the surface.

The much-loved former Crewe boss spent 24 years in solitary charge of the Railwaymen.

He took charge of 1000 games for Crewe and helped nourish some famous players, such as David Platt, Geoff Thomas and Dean Ashton.

The days of Gradi in the manager's hot seat maybe over; but he still has plenty of effect on the running of the football club in his position as Technical Directors.

The man currently in charge at Gresty Road is the relatively unheard Steve Holland, whose playing career was cut short at the tender age of 21 through a series of bad injuries.

Holland, who was coached by Gradi as a schoolboy at Derby County, was appointed as a youth coach at Crewe in 1992 and slowly made his way through the coaching ranks at Gresty Road.

He became the club's Academy Director, looking after their successful academy set-up before he eventually was moulded into the manager's position as Gradi stepped down.

Crewe have struggled from the first match this season when Nicky Maynard fractured his fibula that was to leave the popular striker out for four months.

The Club were quickly eliminated in the Carling Cup by Hull City and then the Johnstone's Paint Trophy by Chester City.

Their league form was mixed and in late January entered the relegation zone for the first time in the season.

However, Crewe have managed to pick up form in recent weeks and a 3-0 away win at Gillingham could be the spring-board needed to move away from the relegation zone.

Much of Crewe's problems have been in front of goal with Gary Roberts the Club's leading scorer with six goals this season from midfield.

Maynard has returned to action in recent months to fire home five goals in 20 games, whilst Tom Rope could be the next prospect to make a name for himself having moved up through the ranks to score five goals in ten starts for the Club.

Luton and Crewe can't be separated in terms of wins – with nine victories apiece in the 21 previous games.

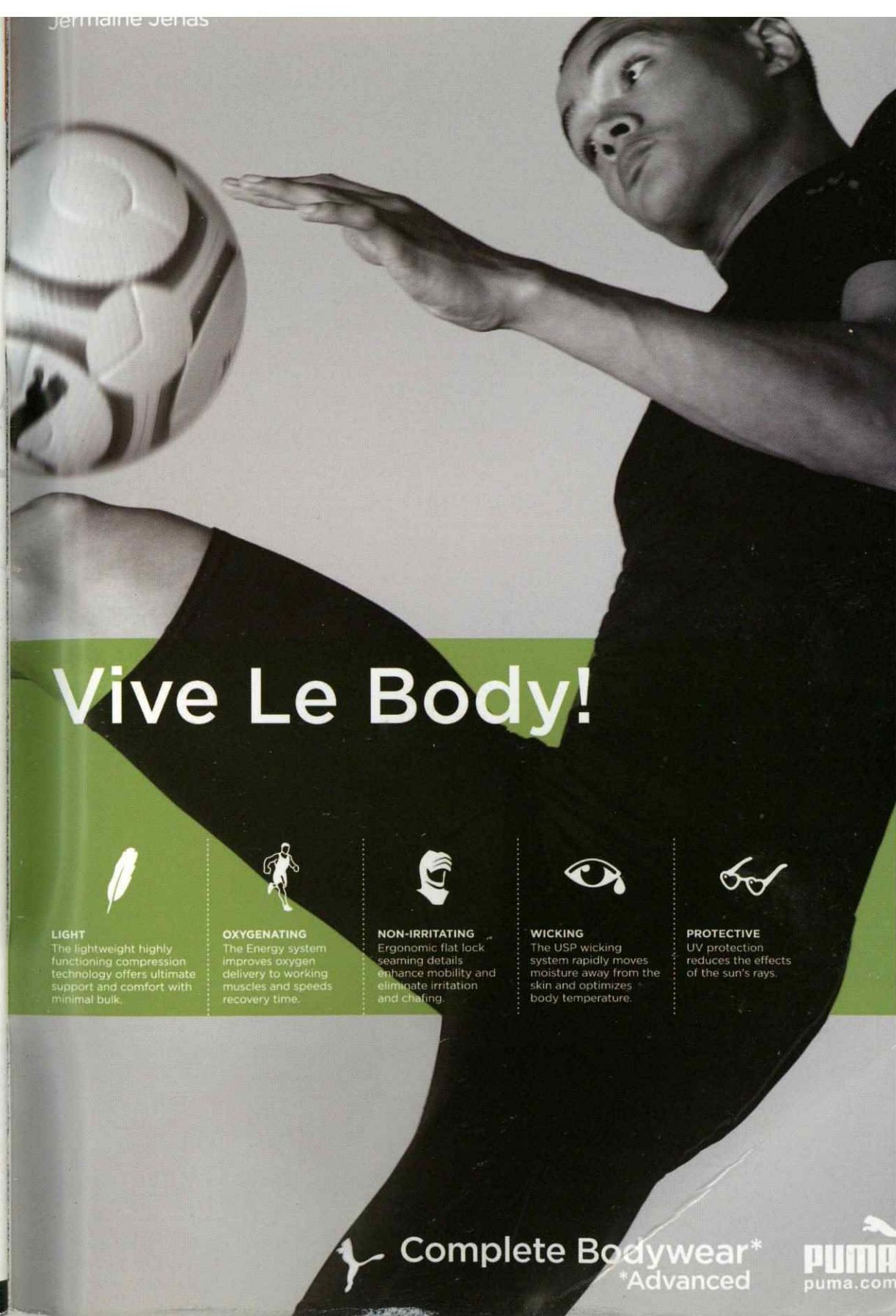
The Hatters will have fond memories of their last game against Crewe at Kenilworth with a Rowan Vine brace and strikes from Dean Morgan and Enoch Showunmi sealed a 4-1 victory on a foggy Tuesday evening.



**Head 2 head**

	Luton	Draw	Crewe
League	7	2	8
FA Cup	1	0	0
League Cup	1	0	0
Other	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9 (40%)</b>	<b>3 (20%)</b>	<b>9 (40%)</b>

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# The line-ups

## Luton Town

Manager: Mick Harford

Colours: White shirts, black shorts

	Pl	SC
1 Dean Brill	■	■
3 Alan Goodall	■	■
4 Don Hutchison	■	■
5 Chris Perry	■	■
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	■	■
17 Lewis Emanuel	■	■
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	■	■
32 Ryan Charles	■	■
35 Marlon Beresford	■	■
37 George Beavan	■	■

## Cheltenham Town

Manager: Keith Downing

Colours: Red shirts and white shorts

	Pl	SC
1 Shane Higgs	■	■
2 Jeremy Gill	■	■
3 Lee Ridley	■	■
4 Shane Duff	■	■
5 Gavin Caines	■	■
6 Michael Townsend	■	■
7 Steven Gillespie	■	■
8 John Finnigan	■	■
9 Paul Connor	■	■
10 Damian Spencer	■	■
11 Scott Brown	■	■
12 Scott P Brown	■	■
14 David Bird	■	■
15 Ben Gill	■	■
16 Adam Connolly	■	■
17 Andy Lindegaard	■	■
18 Ashley Vincent	■	■
19 Richard Keogh	■	■
20 Andy Gallinagh	■	■
22 Alan Wright	■	■
23 Craig Reid	■	■
24 Craig Armstrong	■	■
25 Aaron Ledgister	■	■
26 Michael Wylde	■	■
27 Michael D'Agostino	■	■
28 Sam Foley	■	■
29 Steve Brooker	■	■
31 Will Puddy	■	■
32 Alex Russell	■	■
33 Tommy Manship	■	■

### Hatters' last team Luton 3 Oldham 0



Goals: Charles (20), Spring (33p), Emanuel (35)  
Subs: Parkin for Furlong (45), Hutchison for Perry (46), O'Leary for Davis (71)  
Not used: Talbot, Andrew

■ None

■ None

### Robin's last team Cheltenham 1 Bristol R 0



Goals: Brooker (80)  
Subs: D'Agostino for S Brown (70), Connor for Brooker (88), Lindegaard for Gillespie (89)  
Not used: S P Brown, Vincent

■ Keogh

■ None

### MATCH OFFICIALS

- Referee: **A Taylor**
- Assistant: **S Burt**
- Assistant: **W Porter**
- 4th Official: **M C Dexter**

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