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## Mark Stimson The Manager

Good evening everyone and welcome back to KRBS Priestfield for tonight's game with Luton Town and a warm welcome to Mick Harford and his Luton side. I hope that their short trip here was a safe one and they have a trouble free journey home.

I have a great amount of respect for Mick because he is, what I like to call, a proper man. It is something that I have spoken about a lot in recent weeks, being a man, because I think it is important for people in this business not to be cowards and not hide behind excuses. It is something that I am trying to instil in my players that, when they are out on the pitch, there is nowhere to hide because the fans are not stupid. They will see when you are not giving 100% and they will certainly let you know about it, so they have to go out there and give everything for the team. Mick is very similar and for that I have nothing but respect for him.

Looking back at last weekend's game, away at Oldham Athletic, we had a very encouraging 40 minutes in which we were 1-0 up. Unfortunately, they got it to 1-1 and they started brighter in the second half. They then took advantage when we had to bring Dennis Oli off for lack of match fitness and Nicky Southall for a slight injury. They broke away and Craig Davies hit an unstoppable

shot past Simon Royce to make it 2-1. We now have to get over that defeat and be grateful that we have a fixture so soon after to make things right. I am sure that the boys will want to put in a performance for you tonight and get the three points.

The Luton side that come here tonight are a far cry from the team we faced at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season. They have experienced a difficult time since, with money issues and going into administration but, all credit to their players because they have worked hard to make the best out of their situation.

### Support

They had a great FA cup run that saw them face the might of Liverpool and I thought they more than held their own at Kenilworth Road and did well at the cauldron that is Anfield. We have to be on top of our game tonight if we want to get the three points and, with your vocal support, I am confident that we can go one better than the point we achieved from our last home match.

Indeed, at that game we saw the full debuts of our new signings Simeon Jackson and Barry Fuller. I thought that they both did well and I am sure that they will only get better from now on. 'Jacko' looked dangerous for us, constantly looking to get in the right positions and he had some

excellent shots on goal, which, will a little bit more luck, could have easily gone in.

We have also seen some departures this month with Dave Graham, Craig Armstrong and Steve Lomas cancelling their contracts right at the end of the transfer window. I personally wish two of them all the best for the future and hope that they find success at their new clubs.

Craig 'Rocky' Rocastle has now returned to Port Vale after a month's loan. I brought him in to do a job for me and I thought that he did well on his debut away at Huddersfield. Unfortunately, he could not keep that level of performance going and it was a shame that his loan could not materialise into a permanent contract.

We have a lot of games coming up this month and your support is more important than ever for us, so I urge you to get right behind the boys this evening. I can appreciate that it is a frustrating time at the moment but we are a team in transition and it takes time. The only way we can go forward is to be united from the stands right through to the dressing room and, if we can manage that, then we will be able to fulfil all of our ambitions.

Enjoy the game this evening,  
**Mark**



# The Chairman

## Paul D.P. Scally

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### Good evening Ladies and Gentleman and welcome back to KRBS Priestfield for our clash with Luton Town.

I would like to welcome everyone connected with Luton to our stadium tonight and wish them all every success in dealing with their off-field problems, which have undoubtedly changed the focus of their season and, no doubt, given them challenges over and above the normal operation of their business.

I was travelling up to Oldham with the team on Friday when I heard the sad news that AFC Bournemouth had gone into administration, the third club in our division so far this season to have suffered the same fate, and it got me thinking as to where football is heading, why clubs are finding it so difficult to run their businesses with affordable budgets, what the future holds and what are the remedies.

If we look at our own club and our aims, desires, aspirations and goals,

and despite the difficulties we have had and dealt with over the last four to five years, we remain as ambitious as ever to deliver success to our supporters and for ourselves and there is, perhaps wrongly, a view that at times we will go that extra mile to bring in that extra player, do that extra deal, spend that extra pound that we maybe can't always afford.

### Outcome

As supporters we want and crave success. We just want our team to win, not withstanding that win may come at a cost the club can't afford, and the outcome for some clubs has been laid bare with disastrous consequences this season already for three clubs, and probably more will follow before May ends. The problems are not helped by the obscene situation witnessed by events over the past five years in the Premier League, in so far as incomes, and distribution of incomes are concerned. Each

Premier League club will earn between £40-50million approximately by being in that division, from TV rights alone. In comparison, as a League One club we receive about £380,000 per annum with Championship clubs receiving about £1 million per annum. The problem is that we and our supporters want to compete on the same playing field. We all have the same desires as our wealthier counterparts, we all want to play our football as seen so often on our televisions in the same way, and obviously our players would understandably like to have a chance at the rewards that flow from being successful in the divisions above. So not surprisingly, as a football club Chairman, as a football team manager or as a member of the Board of a football club, we are under constant pressure to deliver that success, to fulfil these dreams, to win those matches, to climb the football league tables and to share in



the golden egg that sits just a short jump away.

In our own case we have to achieve that with an annual income of just £4-4.5million. That income also has to pay for staff salaries, stock for merchandising, stadium upkeep, training ground and travelling costs, and many more fixed costs before we are left with a balance that funds our player salaries and purchase costs. So the battle is constant to balance the books and avoid such financial woes as have been suffered by our guests tonight and others like them whom have all been guilty of just one thing generally- chasing the dream to win and be successful. There's nothing wrong with that really, but if it goes wrong on the journey then the outcome is bad for us all.

We are fortunate, and we should all realise how fortunate we are, in that we recognised and dealt with our problems early, that we have a bank that has worked with us over 5 years

and supported our strategy, and that we have one or two close friends who have assisted us this season in bringing in a top class, ambitious and hard working manager who has had to change a complete culture and team around, in a relatively short space of time and who will, in the fullness of time, build a team within a budget that will be successful and will take this club forward again. That process takes time, requires patience, understanding, support and trust.

### Supporters

I realise that there are a small minority at this club that can't take this on board, but to the rest of our supporters I would urge you to give this new and changing team your total support, even when things don't go quite how we would like. What I can assure you all is that the worm has changed direction. This club has stabilised and is starting to move forward positively. The players now in

the squad, those brought in recently and those that were already here, are all committed to wearing the badge, to giving 150% on every occasion and to winning football matches. We know the jigsaw puzzle is not complete but as funds and players become achievable we will keep improving, we will win more games and we will climb the tables. We all feel frustrated when we don't win, the team more than anyone, but we must keep focussed and we must keep the faith and belief in what we're doing and the bigger picture on what we're trying to achieve.

Tonight is another big challenge and with Priestfield at it's best, the team will be further lifted and hopefully the result will be a happy one.

Lets get behind the boys and enjoy the night.

Up the Gills!  
**Paul D.P. Scally**  
Chairman



# GFC NEWS

Net money for yourself - and score a goal for youth development!

The Football League is the breeding ground for the brightest young talent, as we well know with the likes of Luis Cumbers and Charlie Howard gracing our pitch. 'Coke Zero' is offering you, the fans, the chance to help unearth the next best thing with a £25,000 boost for youth development at The Super Gills for the next four weeks. The money you can win will contribute to community activities that nurture the talent of the future, giving young players the chance to shine and become tomorrow's superstars. Plus, if you win for The Gills, you will also net yourself a cool £1,000 to celebrate your club hero status!

It's simple to take part, just enter codes from promotional packs of 'Coke Zero' and 'Coca-Cola' online at [www.coca-cola.co.uk](http://www.coca-cola.co.uk) or with your mobile to **88555** for entry into that week's draw. Double your chances each week by entering codes from 'Coke Zero' packs over the weekend. Every code also earns you points to exchange for loads of great stuff in 'Coke Zone'. And that's not all... Superfan is back with The Super Gills pulling out all the stops for our Superfan! The fan who enters the most for the club throughout the promotion will win a 'money-can't-buy' experience and a chance to mingle, train and get to know your playing heroes. Just register at [www.cokezone.co.uk/loyalty/football](http://www.cokezone.co.uk/loyalty/football) to see what's up for grabs. Plus, all the weekly winners will get to meet Wayne Rooney!

The weekly draws run until 3rd March, with a final end of promotion draw on 31st March for everyone who's entered already. Codes can be found on promotional packs of 'Coke Zero' and 'Coca-Cola'. So go on, what are you waiting for...become a hero, and find the next Rooney for Gillingham FC with 'Coke Zero.'



**Two more Gillingham stars will be promoting this scheme when they visit the SavaCentre at Hempstead Valley. Striker Simeon Jackson (right) and right-back Barry Fuller will be at the shopping centre between 2-4pm on Thursday 14th February.**

## "Rocky" Leaves KRBS Priestfield.

Gillingham manager Mark Stimson decided against extending the loan spell of Port Vale's Craig Rocastle. The left-footed central midfielder was most effective on his Gills debut, helping the club to a 3-1 victory at Huddersfield Town. Since then, his performances have not been as impressive as Stimson explained: "It's a shame things haven't worked out for Rocky because I believe he has good ability. He came here hoping to be offered a permanent deal and did well for us at Huddersfield. Since then his performances have not reached the level we require. I wish him well with his future but that future will not be here at Gillingham."

## Andrew Crofts earns his 10th cap for Wales



Gillingham's Andrew Crofts won his tenth cap for Wales this week when they beat Norway 3-0 in a friendly in Wrexham. The Gills skipper came on as a substitute in the 66th minute for Toronto FC midfielder Carl Robinson.

## Benno and Pugh get pampered

Midfielder Mark Bentley and striker Andy Pugh took some time this week to have an afternoon of pampering at Chatham's Nail Candy salon. The two Gills stars were given complimentary manicures and pedicures by nail technician Dawn Robertson and salon manager Jolene Case who was impressed at the quality of the players' feet: "Mark and Andy obviously look after their feet... but we'll leave the football to the professionals and they can leave the grooming to us professionals!"

## Gills featured on ITV Soccer Night

Gillingham featured on ITV's hugely popular Soccer Night last week, with a behind-the-scenes look at the club. Presented by Andy Steggall, the piece was filmed at our last home match against Cheltenham Town, and it chronicled the pre-match work that is put in by all the Gillingham staff on matchdays.

## Luis Becomes A Womble

Gillingham striker Luis Cumbers has joined AFC Wimbledon on work experience. The 19 year-old, who impressed Dons Manager Terry Brown in the Gills XI 5-1 defeat to Dagenham & Redbridge on Tuesday, linked up with the Ryman Premier Division Club. Cumbers has made five appearances for the Gills this season and has also undertaken work experience at Blue Square Premier club Grays Athletic and Ryman Premier Division side Maidstone United.



# FROM THE EDITOR



## Good evening everyone and welcome back to The KRBS Priestfield Stadium for tonight's match against Luton Town.

I would like to welcome Mick Harford, his players and the fans that have travelled here today and hope that they have a great evening with us. Let's hope for an excellent match and a good three points for the Gills.

It was shame to see us go down to a 2-1 defeat away at Oldham Athletic at the weekend because, in the first half at least, I thought we controlled the play and looked dangerous on the counter attacks and fully deserved our lead. Adam Miller looked very good - some of his passes were exquisite - and it looks like there is something forming between himself and Simeon Jackson, which is very promising. Unfortunately, Oldham had the momentum going into the second half, after getting the equaliser late in the first, and I think that helped them to get the winner.

Tonight, you may notice that the programme has undergone some slight changes in order to make it an even better read. We have

changed the page order slightly so that the more popular Scrapbook Of Ten Years Ago has been brought forward, whilst the Q&A features have been spread out through the magazine. Our youth team pages have been brought together into one, manageable page so that all the information concerning our youth team is together.

We also have a brand new feature called My First Match, which will continue until the end of the season. This week it is with one of our regular contributors, Andrew Ford, as he recalls his first Gillingham match back in 1974. It is an extremely interesting read and one I thoroughly recommend.

## Interview

As well as the slight changes and new articles, we have our regular feature interview. Tonight it is with our flamboyant forward Leroy Griffiths. The first thing you may notice about his interview is his profile picture, which shows him in a velvet suit and thick gold necklace. It is a little different from our conventional picture we

will admit, but that is Leroy for you; always one for extravagance! His interview is, in my opinion, our best yet because he really opened up and gave us some truly in-depth opinions about football, society and community issues. It is not very often you meet a football player so immersed in modern societal and political issues and even rarer for one to talk about a former, more dangerous, past; so it was a real treat.

Enjoy the game,  
**Thomas Coupland**



## Tonight's Mascot

Tonight we give a big KRBS Priestfield Stadium welcome to **Maddison Spain** from Hempstead. The seven year-old is a big football fan and likes playing in goal like her favourite Gills star, Simon Royce. She also enjoys ballet and loves animals too. As mentioned, Roycie is her favourite player while she also admires the skipper, Andrew Crofts.

Maddison, I hope you have a great evening from all at Gillingham Football Club.

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# THE TOMMY T TREWBLU CREW

Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, horses and ponies, welcome to the Tommy T Trewblu Crew Page...

Well everyone, that's it – the Transfer Window has finally been shut! But Gills fans - what I want to know is, who left it open in the first place?? It's not a good idea to leave windows open in the Winter, because all the warmth from the central heating gets let out and my feet get cold!

Anyway, we've got an exciting match tonight against Luton Town. A warm welcome on a cold night to all the fantastic fans from Kenilworth Road!

Enjoy the match everyone!  
Tommy T Trewblu



# Junior gills

## GUESS HOOVE?

Can you guess who this mystery Gillingham player is?



Answer: Adam Miller

Now it's time for....  
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Yes, I did my walk-about during the last home game and met my adoring public – including this Gills fan here! If this is you... **CONGRATULATIONS**, you are my Fan of the Week!

You win yourself one of my cool goody-bags so please write to me or why not send me an email:

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So, look out for me during today's game...if you're lucky enough to have your picture taken with the coolest horse in Kent, you might win a prize!



## MY MASCOT MATES

A big hello to my friend, Harry the Hatter from Luton Town!

The last time I visited Harry, he took me on a tour of Luton Airport.... Honestly, he's plane crazy!

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What do you get if you cross a Magician with Harry the Hatter?

A Hat-Trick!

## OH, WHAT A PICTURE!

- Calling all you artists out there! Send in a drawing of me or of your favourite Gills player and if we print it, you'll receive a signed photo from the player himself!

Tonight's brilliant artist is 14 year old Rebecka.

Come on you Gills fans...send me a drawing to:  
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## Result from Gillingham v Cheltenham Town on 02nd February



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# Scrapbook of 10 years ago

## Andy Bradley reflects on Gillingham's progress during the 1997-98 campaign

**Beating the top two teams away from home on successive weekends is a dream many clubs aspire to yet few manage to achieve.**

But that's exactly what Gillingham did in February 1998 and even the most critical of supporters were left purring with pleasure.

The Gills followed up their handsome 2-0 victory over top dogs Watford by recording the same scoreline at second-placed Bristol City the following Saturday.

And, for a variety of reasons, 17-year-old Jim Corbett will definitely remember the occasion. Not only for scoring his first goal at this level, but also because he operated in three different positions! Corbett travelled with the team to Ashton Gate but wasn't expected to be included in the starting line-up. That is until Mark Patterson went down with flu on the morning of the match.

So manager Tony Pulis was forced into a bit of a re-shuffle and brought in Corbett to start at right wing-back. During the course of the encounter Corbett also did a shift up-front before switching to left wing-back when Matt Bryant sustained injury. And the big moment for Corbett came three minutes into the second-half when he side-footed home Iffy Onuora's cross for the opening goal.

Nicky Southall followed up on a rebound off a post to make it 2-0 either side of some excellent glove-work by big Jim Stannard at the other end. The recalled keeper was in unbeatable form and pulled off a string of splendid saves to keep City out and pip Corbett for the man-of-the-match vote.

These two results certainly whetted the appetite of supporters and seven days later there was an above average crowd of 6,270 for the home fixture against second-to-bottom Carlisle.

The good news, is Gillingham won again. The bad news, it was poor game decided by Steve Butler's lone second-half strike.

Even though the performance may have been disappointing, the result was still good and the three



Above: Nicky Southall in action for The Gills.

"... Nicky Southall followed up on a rebound off a post to make it 2-0 either side of some excellent glove-work by big Jim Stannard at the other end..."

points gained lifted Gills up to eighth in the Division Two table.

This gave fans plenty to chew over as did the news that the Rainham End was to be redeveloped.

Chairman Paul Scally announced his intention to replace the rusty-roofed terraces at the popular end of the ground with an all-seater stand.

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## 20 twenty questions

Name? Derek Stillie

Born? Cumnock in Ayrshire

Date-of-birth? 3rd of December 1973

What do you remember about your league debut? I remember being very nervous!

Do you keep a scrapbook of your career? No I don't.

What is your pre-match routine? I have a good meal, get changed and head straight out to warm up.

Do any of your relatives play football? No.

What's the best goal celebration you've ever seen? Bebeto's baby celebration at the 1994 World Cup.

Did you go to school with anyone famous? No.

Where do you buy most of your clothes? TK Maxx.

What is on your desk at home? Next to my laptop computer is an array of photos and law books.

What's the best wind-up you've seen in football? Too many to mention. Remember, I play in the same team as Stuart Thurgood and Leroy Griffiths!

What would be your dream evening meal? I'll eat anything, well as long as someone else is paying for it!

What's your favourite drink? Being Scottish, it has to be Irn-Bru.

Who is the best player you've played with? Charlie Nicholas (below).



What was your favourite television programme as a kid? It's a Knockout.

What hobbies do you enjoy away from football? Golf and just generally socialising.

Which football team did you support as a kid? Cumnock Juniors, my local team growing up.

What do you enjoy watching on the television at the moment? The West Wing.

Who is the best TV football pundit? Andy Gray.

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### Youth Team Player Profile

Name: Jack Payne

Position: Central midfield

Date and place-of-birth: 05th of December 1991 in Chatham.

School attended:

The Hundred of Hoo.

Date signed for Gillingham:

I joined the club in March 2002.

Favourite sport other than football: Table-tennis

Favourite sports personality:

Steven Gerrard, the guy is awesome.

Favourite TV show: It has to be Soccer AM

Favourite radio station: Kiss 100

Favourite band/singer: Jay-Z

Favourite film: Cool Runnings

Favourite meal: Steak or pasta

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The Dominican Republic

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Favourite subject at school: P.E.

### Youth Team round-up

with Thomas Coupland and Richard Day

**Puma Youth Alliance League:**

**Brighton 0 Gillingham 2 - January 26th**

Midfielder Charlie Howard scored twice as Gillingham continued their good recent form. The skipper led by example with a vintage display and scored once from open play and the other from the penalty spot. The win was marred by an injury to midfielder Louis Bell. He suffered a broken ankle just before half-time.

Team: Connor Quinn, Ellis Munday, Danny Walder (Oliver Bartrum), Charlie Howard (captain), Tom Wynter, Liam Wybraniec, Tayler Thomas, Luke Rooney, Jacob Arnold-Smith (Louis Pople 75 minutes), Louis Bell (Adam Burchell 44 minutes), Rory Hill

**Gillingham 2 Brentford 1 - February 02nd**

The Gills maintained their recent good form in the Youth Alliance League, a run that has seen them move up to second in the table, with a comfortable victory over The Bees at a chilly Beechings Cross. Manager Mark Patterson had the luxury of selecting three members of the first-team squad that had travelled to Tranmere on Tuesday night in Luis Cumbers, Charlie Howard and Chris Kiely. All played their part in the deserved win.

It was one of those games that looked close on paper but I don't think the West London side could have complained had they been on the wrong end of a far heavier defeat, their consolation goal not coming until the final minute.

Gillingham certainly created the better chances throughout and could have opened the scoring after just two minutes but despite Cumbers lifting the ball over the advancing keeper he could only watch as the ball crept agonisingly wide.

Adam Burchell screwed a good chance wide, Tayler Thomas struck a rising shot inches over the near post and Rory Hill then hit a long-range effort straight at Lloyd Anderson in the Brentford goal. The breakthrough finally came in the 43rd minute. Cumbers slipped a pass inside to Thomas who, after getting to the bye-line, cut the ball back to Howard. Unfortunately the combative midfielder looked to have wasted the chance when the ball got stuck at his feet but he showed some guile and turned quickly to squeeze home a low shot from eight yards. It was his third goal in two games having netted both in the recent victory at Brighton.

Luke Rooney doubled the lead in the 68th minute. He nipped in to steal the ball off a dithering defender and crashed a fine shot into the roof of the net from the edge of the area. Thomas is probably still wondering how he didn't make the game safe, failing to hit the target from three great opportunities, before Lee Jerom drilled in a late goal for the visitors despite Kiely getting his finger-tips to the low shot. The victory leaves The Gills five points behind leaders QPR.

Team: Chris Kiely, Ellis Munday, Rimmel Daniel, Charlie Howard (captain), Tom Wynter, Danny Walder, Tayler Thomas, Luke Rooney, Luis Cumbers (Jacob Arnold-Smith 80 minutes), Adam Burchell (Josh Sargeant 80 minutes), Rory Hill (Jack Payne 55 minutes)

The under-18's were in action earlier today, away at Colchester. They are back in action again next week when they travel to Leyton Orient.



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## MY FIRST MATCH WITH ANDREW FORD



**GILLINGHAM V LINCOLN CITY**  
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**In April 1974 I went to my first-ever football match. In the same month, French president Georges Pompidou died, Abba won the Eurovision Song Contest in Brighton and Terry Jacks topped the UK singles charts with Seasons In The Sun.**

I was actually a Tottenham Hotspur fan, having selected them the previous year, from a Vernons pools coupon, as the team I would support. However, for my first fix of live football, my dad chose the convenience of Priestfield Stadium as it was only a fifteen-minute walk from our house. You could see the floodlights from the top of our road. It was a Wednesday evening fixture kicking-off at 7.30pm, the day and time favoured by Gillingham in those days for their home midweek matches. Dad took my brother and myself to the game. Even though my brother was three years older than me, it was also his first match.

Four days earlier The Gills had secured promotion to the third division (the leagues were straightforward back then, one down to four) by winning 2-0 at Colchester United, so the match against Lincoln City had a celebratory air about it. We had seats in the Main Stand, so had a good view of football commentator and The Big Match presenter Brian Moore stood in front of the stand with a microphone just before kick-off, introducing the players onto the pitch as they emerged from the tunnel. Moore was a Gillingham supporter and a director at the club for many years.

The Gills, in an all-blue kit, lined up as follows; Mike Gibson, Keith Lindsey, Graham Knight, Dave Coxhill, Kenny Hill, Joe Jacques, Dick Tydeman, George Jacks, Damien Richardson, Alan Wilks and Brian Yeo.

Gillingham were third in the table with three games left, whilst visitors Lincoln were ninth. Peterborough and Colchester were both a point ahead of us (it was only two points for a win at the time), the former had four of their forty-six league matches remaining and the latter just one, so finishing top was still within our grasp. The Gills had only lost eight league games and had scored 85 goals in 43 Division Four fixtures, Brian Yeo leading the way with thirty, followed by Damien Richardson (16 goals) and Alan Wilks (13). Earlier that month, Yeo had been voted as the Fourth Division Footballer of the Year by readers of the Daily Express newspaper. Apart from the title, Brian also received a cheque for £100. The game, watched by a crowd of 9,094, was only four minutes old when I saw my first goal and it was Yeo who scored it, his 31st league goal of the season equalling Ernie Morgan's record, which had stood for 19-years. Dick Tydeman put us 2-0 up before half-time and that was how the game ended.

Three days later, Brentford were beaten 1-0 at Priestfield thanks to a late goal from Kenny Hill. Our final fixture was a Championship decider, a Wednesday evening away match at Peterborough. There was a crowd of 17,569 at London Road that night to witness a 4-2 win for the home side. With it they secured the title. Gillingham finished three points behind in second place, whilst Colchester United and Bury were also promoted. Brian Yeo's goal against Lincoln was his last of the season, so he failed to overtake Ernie Morgan's total. Yeo and Morgan continue to be joint-holders of the record for most Football League goals for The Gills in one season. The 90 league goals that Gillingham scored during the 1973-4 season also remains a record to this day.



# match action



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# match

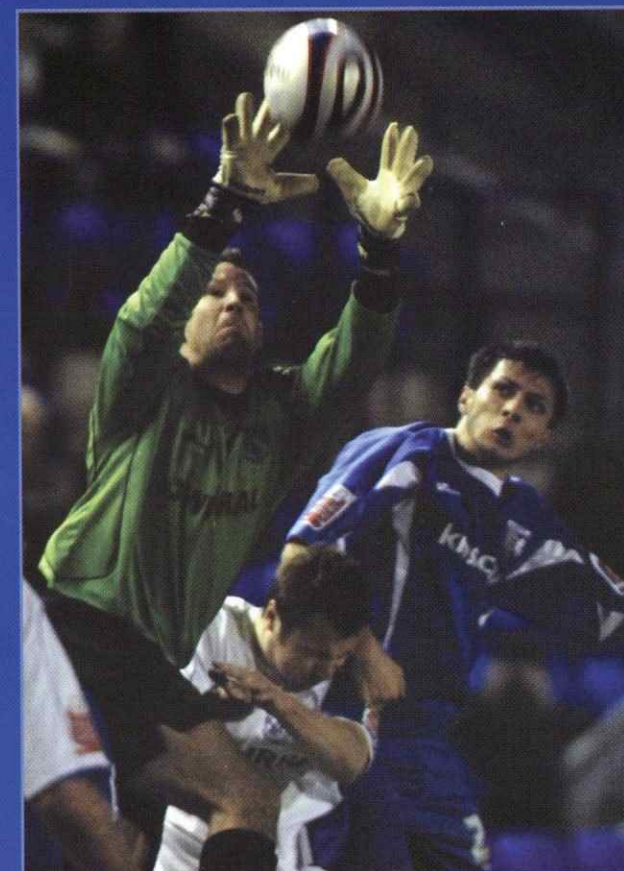
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McLaren 7, Zola 14

**GILLINGHAM** 0

Match played at: Prenton Park

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Two goals in the opening 14 minutes from midfielder Paul McLaren and striker Calvin Zola condemned The Gills to defeat up on the Wirral. Gills manager Mark Stimson handed a debut to defender Barry Fuller and gave Garry Richards his first start but neither could inspire their new teammates to victory against an impressive Tranmere side.

## Tranmere Rovers:

1. Danny Coyne
2. Robbie Stockdale
15. Ian Goodison (captain)
6. Antony Kay
17. Andy Taylor
18. Jennison Myrie-Williams
4. Paul McLaren
12. Steve Jennings
5. Shane Sherriff
8. Calvin Zola
9. Gareth Taylor

## Subs:

7. John Mullin on for Jennings 77 minutes
25. Craig Curran on for Myrie-Williams 78 minutes

## Gillingham:

12. Simon Royce
38. Barry Fuller
5. Simon King
37. Garry Richards
35. John Nutter
23. Barry Cogan
7. Andrew Crofts (captain)
32. Stuart Thurgood
36. Adam Miller
9. Gary Mulligan
21. Luis Cumbers

## Subs:

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# Quiz

with ANNA BURGESS

We give you variety in the Gillingham Football Club matchday quiz. Most of you are massive sports fans but I know you also enjoy the other things in life. The old saying, 'variety is the spice of life' springs to mind. I hope you enjoy the variety and I hope you find this page of interest!

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This Italian celebrated his first match in charge of a national team last week.

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Turn to Page 65 for the Quiz answers.

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

In what year were numbers added to football shirts to make them easier for players to recognise?

- a) 1913
- b) 1923
- c) 1933
- d) 1943

Which Shakespeare play features Caliban?

- a) Romeo & Juliet
- b) Henry V
- c) The Tempest
- d) Julius Caesar

## ENTERTAINMENT

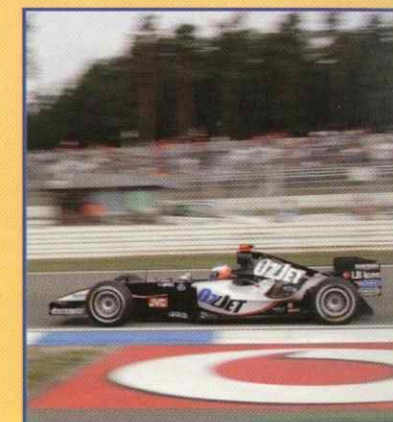
In the BBC sitcom Red Dwarf, what was the computer played by Norman Lovett and Hatty Hayridge called?

In the Beatles song, Lucy was in the Sky with what?

## TRUE OR FALSE?

The letter 'E' is the most commonly used letter in the English Alphabet?

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## BEHIND THE SCENES

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Name: Keith Slater

Job at The KRBS Priestfield Stadium:  
I am the club photographer

**What do you do on a game-to-game basis?**  
I look after all the photography aspects at the club and very much enjoy my role. I take shots of the sponsors, the mascots and all of the action. I also photograph the man-of-the-match. The club is also working very closely in the community and it's a great honour to go to events like we did recently at Brands Hatch and at the Medway Maritime Hospital.

**Where did you work before joining Gillingham?** I was a freelance photographer. I am still freelance but I do a lot of work for the club.

**Are you a Gills fan?** I'm not an ardent fan. I don't cry when we lose although I am always delighted when we win! I'm a Dartford fan first and foremost I guess.

**How long have you worked for the club?**  
I've been here for 14 years. I arrived with Bill Williams when he re-joined The Gills. I was club photographer at Maidstone before moving here.

**What's your proudest moment working for Gillingham?** This is an easy one for me. It has to be walking out onto the turf at Wembley, taking photographs of the team and capturing the euphoria after the game. I was the only photographer in the dressing room and managed to catch Peter Taylor being thrown into the bath by the players! I was quite pleased with that because I was



the only photographer allowed exclusive access to the Wembley dressing rooms.

**What do you enjoy doing outside of work?**  
I enjoy sea-fishing. I find it very relaxing and I fish the river Medway with my wife Pat in our boat. We enjoy eating what we catch; whether it be cod, bass or sole.

**What other sports do you enjoy?** I enjoy both powerboating and waterskiing; I'm not a big fan of boxing because you get covered in blood! I remember covering one of Johnny Armour's bouts up in Bexleyheath and I got splattered in blood at ringside because he always used to cut really easily. I'm regularly up in a helicopter covering the powerboats and I find it great fun.

**How do you think Gillingham will do this season?** I would be happy if we can maintain a mid-table position to then springboard us onto something greater in the future.

**Finally it's prediction time. What do you think the score will be today?** I fancy The Gills to shade it 1-0. Let's keep a clean sheet and secure the three points!



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## WITH PETE SAYER



Good evening all and welcome back to The KRBS Priestfield Stadium for what is a very important game against Luton Town.

After some frustrating results over the last week or two, the boys are eager to turn their fortunes around and pick up a good win. Please play your part in cheering them on!

A special mention this week to the teams at our girls Centre of Excellence, who travelled away to play Millwall last week. Our Under 10's came away with a 7-0 victory,

the Under 12's won 3-0 and both Under 11's and 16's gained creditable 2-2 draws.

Centre director, Tina Mapes, was more than happy with the teams. She said: "I have been very pleased with the attitude and application of the players since taking control. These results were a product of the hard work that has been put in by the girls and may the good work continue."

The girls now travel away to play Chelsea next weekend and will be hoping for similar results against

more tough opposition.

A reminder to you that our soccer schools start next Monday, 18th February, so don't forget to book your place at either Borden Grammar or Rochester Math School. The places are filling up so get in early to avoid disappointment. For more information please visit our website, [www.gillinghamfootballclub.com](http://www.gillinghamfootballclub.com), or ring me on **01634 350125**.

Come on you Gills!  
Cheers, **Pete**

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### FOOTBALL NUTRITION

It is important for a footballer to have a balanced diet and to eat plenty of fruit and vegetables. The day before a game it is good to eat carbohydrates such as pasta, potatoes or grain rice. But make sure that you do not eat too much straight before a game because this could lead to cramps when you are out on the pitch.

Try not to eat too many fatty or sugary foods as the energy provided from them burns off too quickly and you will find yourself starting to tire very quickly.

It is important to drink plenty of fluids because it is vital to keep the body well hydrated when doing a lot of exercise. That does not mean you should fill up on fizzy drinks because they have no benefit for you whatsoever and, instead, you should keep it to water as it is much healthier.

When you have finished playing, try to eat within two hours to help your body recover properly and replace all the nutrients and energy that you used when running around.

**TIP:** Remember, if you are thirsty it is too late, so drink plenty of fluid at regular intervals.



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# Talking Point

with The Kent Messenger Group's North Kent sports editor Matthew Panting

**I still don't know whether I am surprised or not by the findings of a survey I read a couple of years ago. According to research by Barclays Sports for Spaces, only nine per cent of people surveyed would even consider becoming a sports official (let alone a football referee). Now don't get me wrong, this isn't going to be a pro-referee article - I'm one of their biggest critics for sure.**

This is probably the bit where I am meant to suggest that all fans should respect the referee's decision, applaud even when they get it wrong and nod approvingly at every caution or sending-off. If that was the case then the passion would go out of the game in an instance, and all debate would disappear with it. After all, how many hours are wasted down the pub on a Saturday evening discussing the rights and wrongs of the men in black?

Over half of respondents (56 per cent) said the main reason given for staying out of sports officiating was that they were put off by the pressure

of making wrong decisions and fear of ridicule from friends. However, when existing sports officials were asked what motivated them to get involved in officiating, their main reason was that it is an enjoyable way to spend their free time (69 per cent). This suggests that the fears outlined by respondents might be a misconception and that the actual experience might be very different - but I'm not sure I really want to find out myself.

### Enthusiastic

One serious point in the survey was that if numbers of referees continue to decline then there could, somewhere down the line, become a shortage of officials. After all, is it really worth getting out of bed on a Sunday morning to referee an under-12's match, only to have to put up with abuse from an 'enthusiastic' parent?

So if there was a referee's shortage it would spell bad news for one small group of gentlemen who spend their weekends making notes and drinking

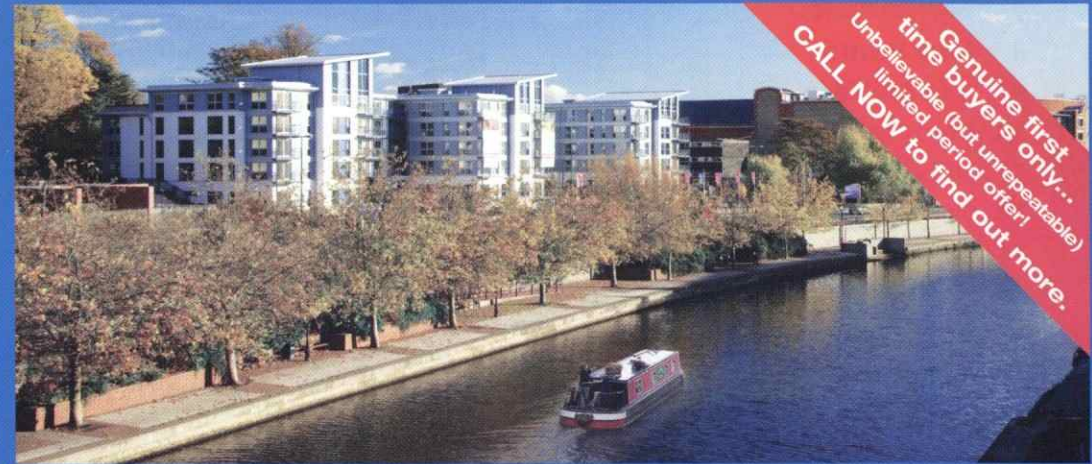
tea - that's right, the referee's assessor.

Again, I can't make my mind up whether they are good or bad. Referees across the land, from the top level down to your local county league are assessed. I've not got a problem with that, the thing I can't work out is why no-one is allowed to see what the assessor thinks.

As far as I can see, the report goes to the referee themselves and then the controlling body. Of course, this goes a long way to deciding whether referees move up (or down) the ladder but I can't help but think whether this report also needs to go to the clubs. After all, when a manager rants at the officials on Match of the Day, and gets himself a fine from the FA in the process, it would at least make him feel better to know that the referee got a rap over the knuckles from the assessor high in the stand. And maybe next time, he'll see it from an assessor's point of view and be able to tell us exactly what the officials were thinking - we can but hope!

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- 32. Stuart **Thurgood**
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- 39. Stuart **Lewis**

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- 5. Chris **Perry**
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- 11. Paul **Peschisolido**
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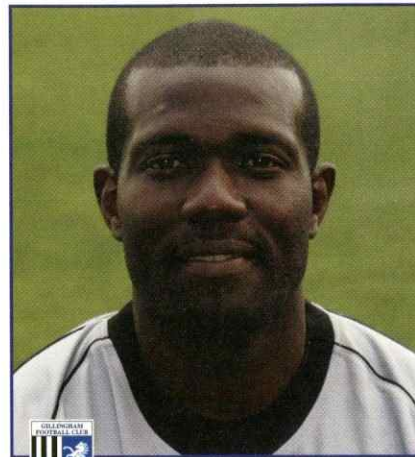
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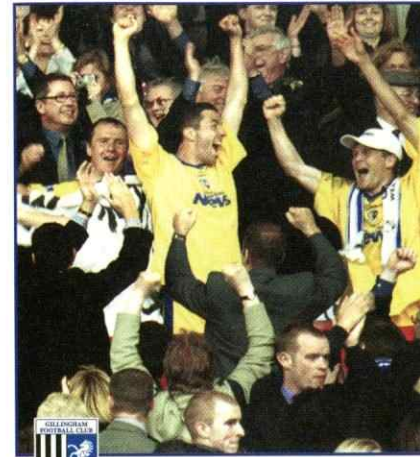
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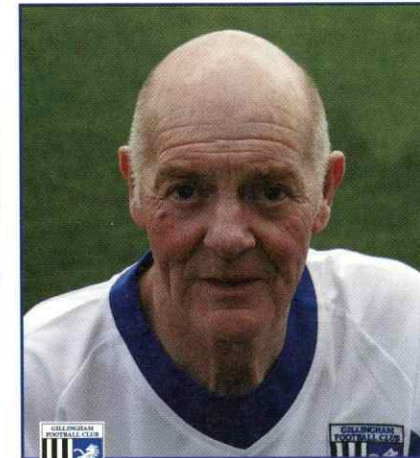
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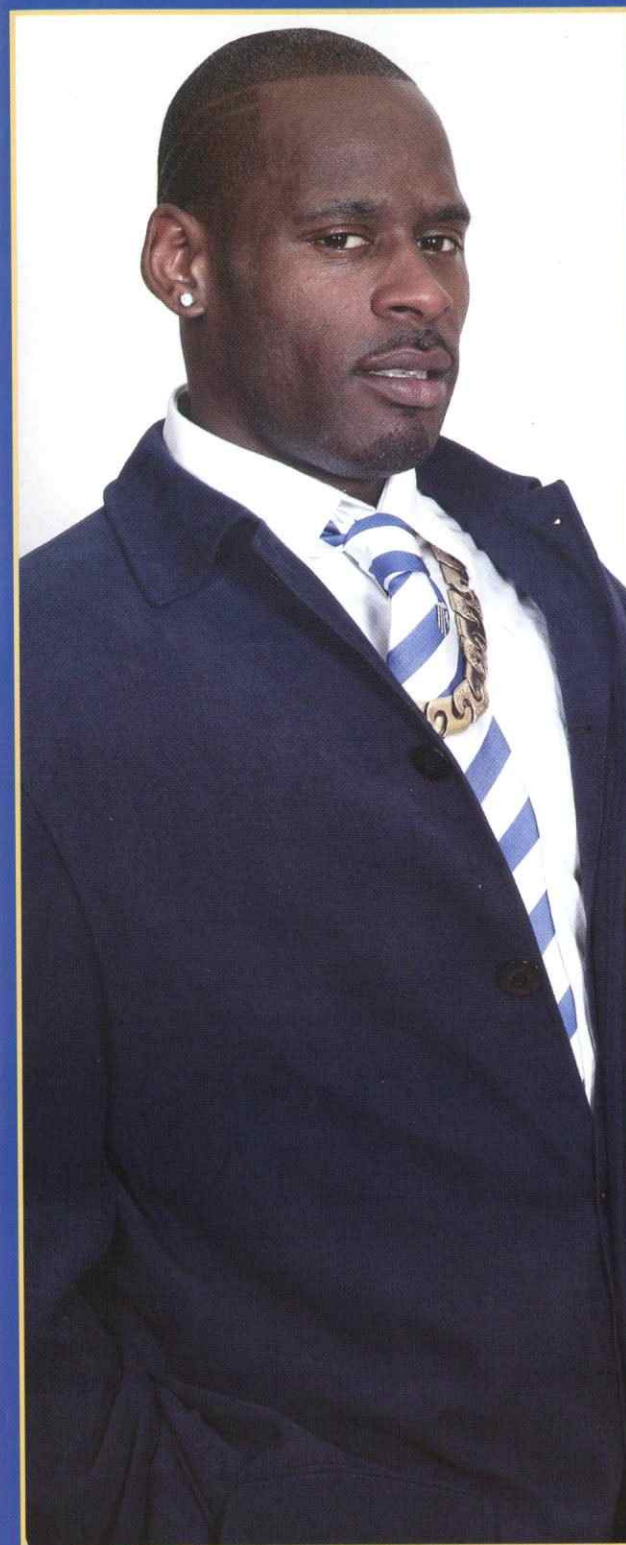
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## Leroy Griffiths

PLAYER PROFILE

Date of birth:  
30-12-1976

Place of birth:  
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Position:  
Striker

Nationality:  
English

In the last issue of the matchday programme we spoke to defender John Nutter. Tonight we talk to striker Leroy Griffiths.



**Leroy, thanks for talking to the fans in the matchday programme. Firstly, how are things going?**

Things are going well. One or two results haven't gone our way recently but training is good and the results will pick up. The camp is happy, there are a few new faces coming into the club and everything is looking good for us to push on forward.

**You have played in several different positions for the team, what would you say is your best position?**

We're still trying to find out which is my best position! I can play out on the left but I prefer it up front. I don't think I stay between the sticks enough to class myself as a striker. I am more of a drifting player but we'll soon find out where I am best suited in the formation that we play.

**Mark Stimson has brought in Danny Ellis as Fitness Coach. Did you have previous experience of him at Grays Athletic?**

I had a few sessions with Danny at Grays before I left. He worked wonders for me. He helped me develop my power and it was all proper fitness training. As people can see, we are looking stronger as we kick on later in games. We might be losing at a certain stage of the match but we have the ability and fitness to kick-on and over-power teams with the way our fitness is in the second-half. Danny has done a lot for our game. A lot of the players, who were here before the gaffer took over, would say that they have benefited from the training with Danny. It is hard and intense but everyone gets the benefits as they are feeling fitter and stronger. They can feel that in the latter stages of games rather than dying out. After 60 or 70 minutes, our players are getting stronger and that can only help.

**Against Northampton, you cut your tongue in half and had to have it put back together by the club doctor, Yvette Rean. Are you sure she sowed on the right tongue?**

Yeah, it is my tongue! Funnily enough, I didn't have to have it stitched. They gave me some glue and I just stuck it on my tongue. Where I bit through it, they would have to stitch it inside and out. It was either have the stitches and go through the pain or glue it and see what happens. I thought I'd choose the glue and take that risk.

**In the last matchday magazine, Stuart Thurgood said that he watches every episode of Crimewatch, and he feels it is unfair that you star in it. Are you the next Nick Ross or do you have an unaccredited role?**

I reckon I have an unaccredited role! But seriously, I am very spontaneous and I do some crazy things but I am always on the good side of the law!

**The Gaffer has remarked on your dress sense and says you are a character around the dressing room, what is your favourite article of clothing and where do you buy your gear?**

My favourite article of clothing is probably trainers and tracksuits. With suits, I am a little bit of a show-boater. I have got a few loud suits and a few colourful ones too. Efe Sodje likes to call me "Pimp Daddy" because of it. A few other lads like to wind me up about it too, but I carry it well and I think it is all good humour, which is good for the lads. To see somebody coming in who looks a bit different to them, it gives them that extra buzz. I don't mind being laughed at, I just want us to go out there on the pitch and perform. If that happens, then I'll do (pretty much) anything.

**As an A-Team fan growing up, I need to know; who wears more gold, you or B. A. Baracus?**

I think B. A. wears more gold at one time than I do. I've got a few gold chains but he wears all his at once, a bit like 'big' Ron Atkinson!

**You are under contract until the end of the season, what do you hope to achieve between now and then?**

I hope to get a start up-front in one of the games. I hope to be able to do enough in the matches that I play in, to win over the manager and Chairman so that they offer me a new contract, or at the very least, offer me a pre-season trial so that I can try to earn a new contract. I know I can do a job for Gillingham. It is about me getting my head down, having a good pre-season and kicking on from there.

**What hopes do you have for the rest of your career?**

I am 31 and I am as fit as a fiddle. I just want to get down and prove myself. The start of this season, before coming to Gillingham, was probably my worst in football. I didn't have a pre-season, I had a fall-out with one of the clubs I was playing football for and then I was out of football. Mark Stimson threw me a lifeline and asked me to come here and do a job for him. Everyone can see that I give it my all. I want to show people that I am good enough to be here next season.

**What do you like to do away from football?**

These days, I am more of a family man but I also like hanging out with my friends. As everyone knows, your friends can lead you astray and some of my friends aren't as good as they should be. I like to stay with my family and keep myself out of trouble because, no matter what I do, I am a professional footballer for this club and I cannot let any of my friends tarnish me or the club with their antics or communications with other people. I have to keep my nose clean so I like to stay with my family because when you're with them, you're out of trouble and having fun. I also love being a dad to my three children, and I enjoy looking after them.

**You're also a big believer in the local community and feel everyone should try to pull together. Why is this?**

Well the community is the best thing. Everyone worries about

other countries, all these other communities in the world but we need to think about our community and where we are based. We dish out all this money, and don't get me wrong, some of these places need it with legal aid and other things, but what about the kids here who have got nothing to do and then get themselves drawn into trouble? We can build another football academy, a playground or invest in a scheme to put them on trips so that they have a chance in life. Life is hard and, as you get older, you notice things more that you take for granted when you're younger.

When you are younger you are protected by your parents and can survive by thinking "Oh, my mum and dad will do this." But, when it is you, and you have your own kids, then you look around and think "hold on, my lifestyle was different to the way it is today." There are a lot of guns and knives going on now. In my day, it was all fisticuffs and maybe the odd bottle or knife. Now you have little kids, 13 or 14-years-old, shooting each other over rubbish. I have got three kids growing up and I wouldn't want another kid to come along and attempt to take their life over nonsense. The laws are what they are. Everyone knows that adults and kids shouldn't be able to get guns; the Government are the ones with the ships and planes. How do the guns get out onto the streets? Nobody can answer that with any certainty, but we like to blame this person or that person. Once we stop that, everything will be better.

**We've spoken to other players, earlier in the season, about the topic of religion and whether it has a place in football. Do you believe that religion can survive alongside football?**

I wouldn't say I am deeply religious. My grandmother is very religious and she goes to church twice a day, every day. I am more of a person who is a believer. Your life is planned out for you and it's down to you to change certain things. You do things and you think I did this before. It might be something you did in a previous life. You can change certain things but if you want to be like this,

you can be like this. If you want to be like that, you can be like that. It is about how brave you want to be so you can take that step.

**You're into the second-half of your career, what do you think you'll be doing once you hang-up your boots?**

At the moment, I am coaching my nephew's team on a Sunday so I never get away from football! They are little kids and they want to progress and learn. When they see somebody who is playing league football, they can see that I have done it and I have come from the streets too and been in those rough areas. When you see somebody who has gone on to do well after being such a little terror, I hope it gives those kids inspiration. There is life from the streets and your friends. You meet people and make friends in some better places. The friends I have now, they're not necessarily more of a friend but they are more stable to some of my earlier friends. They have an outlook on life whereas some of my friends didn't and they think "If I live tomorrow, I live tomorrow." You can look at these people's lives and see where they are different to your life and balance it. When you are a father, you need that so you can bring your kids up in the right way.

**Do you see yourself as a role model to these children?**

I wouldn't say I am an excellent role model because, as people have seen, I have a bit of a temper. I try to keep it under wraps. When I am with them, I just let them know that some of us are here to help you. We're not here to stop you or tell you off but, when we tell you things, it is for guidance so you don't make the same mistakes that we might have made.

**You seem to have built a rapport with the fans and enjoy the banter during the shooting drills in the warm-up?**

The fans are tremendous and I love them! That is what football is all about; real fans. I know it can be frustrating for them, they come out

in all kinds of weather and pay their money. It's easier in the warm-up because there is nobody running at you or trying to mark you, so goals will go in. Sometimes we make the wrong decision but if the fans can keep with us, they are the 12th man for us. If you are behind us, we can only do better for you. When people shout abuse, sometimes the younger players, who are still kids, go into their shell and may be scared to hold the ball or drive with the ball, they want to knock it. Against Cheltenham, some of the passes didn't go to where they were meant to go and that frustrated some fans. If people just cheered them on and said don't worry and got really behind them then it would really help. Don't always boo them because even the greatest players in the world miss penalties, open goals and misplay the ball; you see it in games every day. People make mistakes. Some of the players here haven't played in big stadiums with so many fans that are passionate. I'm just saying, please take it a little easier on some of the lads out there but don't stop your excellent noise and vocal encouragement!





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# ON THIS DAY

This season, Richard Day will be looking back at events that have occurred in news, entertainment, sport and of course Gillingham FC on this day over the years...

## ENTERTAINMENT

- 1915** Lorne Greene who played Ben Cartwright in the long-running Western series Bonanza, and also starred in the mini-series Roots and sci-fi epic Battlestar Galactica, was born.
- 1950** Steve Hackett, guitarist with the great British band Genesis, was born.

## SPORT

- 1993** Trafford Borough Council officially changed the name of Warwick Road North to Sir Matt Busby Way. Sir Matt himself attended the ceremony which is of course close to Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United.

The results from the old First Division back on the 12th February 1921 were as follows:

Aston Villa	1-5	Sunderland
Bradford Park Avenue	3-0	Middlesbrough
Burnley	2-1	Derby County
Chelsea	3-0	West Bromwich Albion
Liverpool	2-1	Bradford City
Manchester United	1-2	Everton
Newcastle United	1-0	Huddersfield Town
Oldham Athletic	1-1	Arsenal
Preston North End	1-2	Bolton Wanderers
Sheffield United	1-1	Blackburn Rovers
Tottenham Hotspur	2-0	Manchester City

On the same day in the Third Division, The Gills were held to a goalless draw at home by Norwich City while tonight's opponents, Luton Town drew 1-1 at Southend.

## NEWS

- 1554** Lady Jane Grey, who had been Queen of England for nine days, was beheaded at the Tower of London. She had been found guilty of treason on the orders of her cousin Mary, a rival claimant to the English throne.
- 1954** The Atomic Energy Authority was created in Britain to oversee the regulation of the production of atomic energy.
- 1961** The former USSR launched Venera 1 towards Venus.
- 1999** A group of international scientists reinforced warnings that genetically modified food may be damaging to health.

## GILLINGHAM FC

On this day back in 1949, The Gills enjoyed a thumping 6-0 victory over Torquay United Reserves in a Southern League fixture in front of a 6,845 crowd here at The Priestfield Stadium. Hughie Russell, who had already struck a hat-trick against Exeter City Reserves and four against Barry Town, did even better by hitting five in this game, including a penalty, taking his season's tally to 24. Johnny Warsap netted the Gills other goal.

The team that beat The Gills was: John Burke, Charlie Marks, George Dorling, Jimmy Boswell, Tommy Kingsnorth, George Piper, Johnny Warsap, Tug Wilson, Hughie Russell, John Carr, George Forrester.

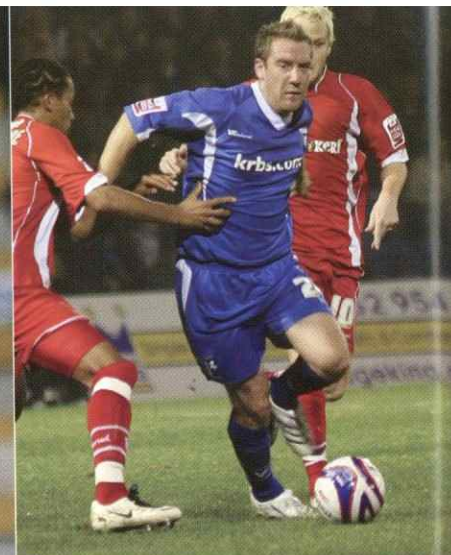
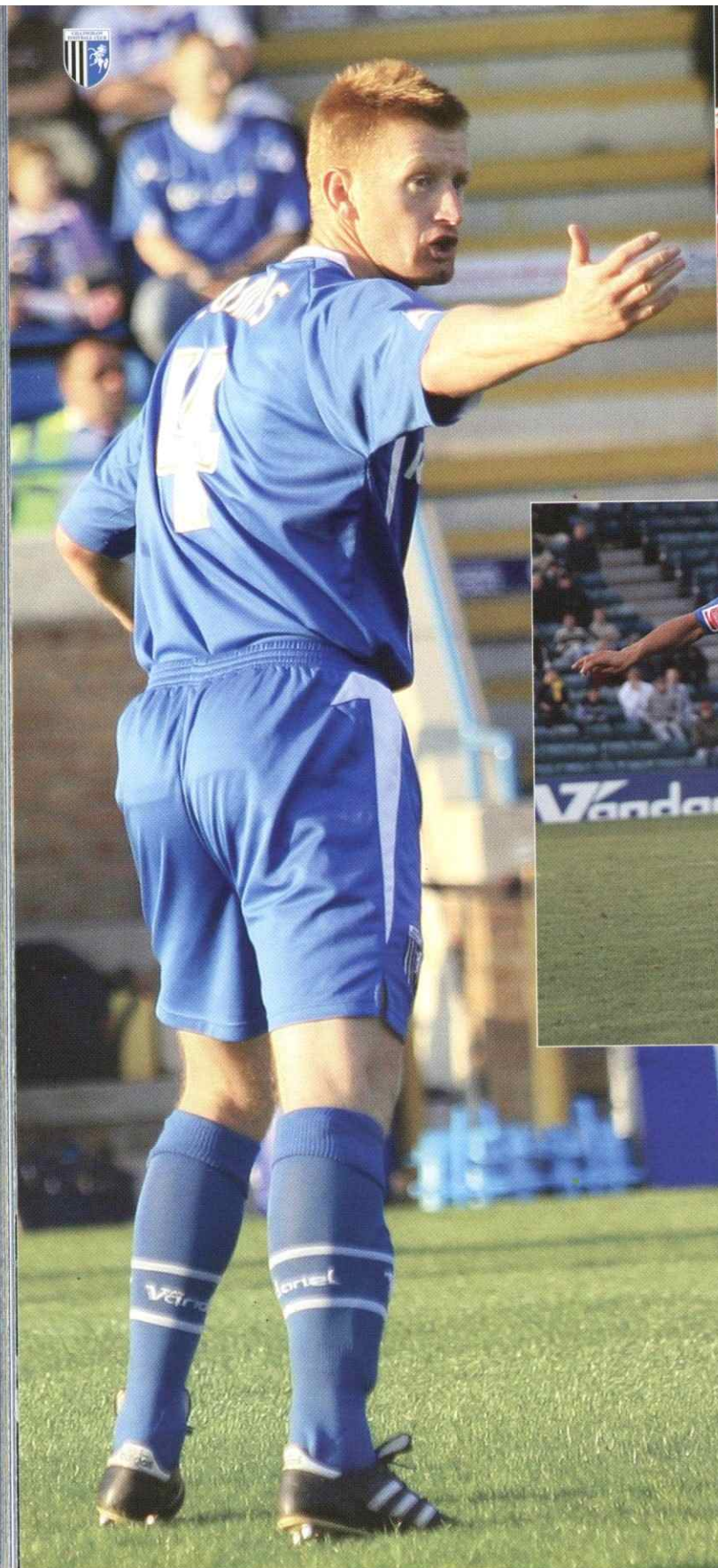
The victory helped Gillingham on their way to the Southern League Division One title, nicking it by a point from Chelmsford City. Russell, who had his career ended by a neck injury sustained in a game at Ipswich Town in 1952, not surprisingly ended the campaign as leading scorer with 36 goals in league and cup games.





# TRANSFER WINDOW ROUND-UP

## WITH ANDREW FORD



**There were plenty of comings and goings at KRBS Priestfield during January as Mark Stimson took full advantage of the transfer window to revitalise his squad.**

Garry Richards, Stuart Lewis, Barry Fuller and Simeon Jackson all joined the club. Defender Fuller and midfielder Lewis both signed from Stevenage Borough on two-and-a-half-year contracts and made their debuts for us in the 2-0 defeat at Tranmere Rovers at the end of January. Six-foot-three central defender Richards moved from Southend United for an undisclosed fee on a two-and-a-half-year deal and first appeared for The Gills as a substitute in our recent 2-1 defeat at Walsall, whilst forward Jackson, who signed a three-and-a-half-year contract on the final day of last month, cost £150,000 from Blue Square Premier side Rushden & Diamonds. Jackson's debut came in our last home match, the 0-0 draw against Cheltenham.

The transfer window also gave Stimson the opportunity to convert several loan arrangements into permanent deals. Midfielder Adam Miller and forward Dennis Oli put pen to paper on contracts due to expire in 2010, left-back John Nutter and midfielder Stuart Thurgood have each signed up until 2009, whilst forward Leroy Griffiths will be with us for the remainder of the campaign. Adam Bygrave's loan spell from Premier League side Reading has been extended for a third time and the 18-year-old defender is now due to be with The Gills until the end of the season.

Port Vale midfielder Craig Rocastle is currently with us on a one-month loan deal and made his Gillingham debut in the 3-1 victory at Huddersfield Town on 12th January but has since returned to his parent club. The most publicised departure

from the club during the transfer window was Luke Freeman, who joined Arsenal on a permanent basis, with The Gills receiving an undisclosed fee. When the 15-year-old made his debut for us, as a substitute in the FA Cup defeat at Barnet earlier this season, he simultaneously broke two records, those of Billy Hughes, previously Gillingham's youngest-ever first team player, a title that Hughes had held since 1975, and Lee Holmes, who, since 2003, had been the youngest player to appear in the FA Cup proper. Steve Lomas, Dave Graham and Craig Armstrong, who all joined The Gills last summer, each had their contracts cancelled by mutual consent at the end of January. Speaking to the club's official website, [www.gillinghamfootballclub.com](http://www.gillinghamfootballclub.com), Mark Stimson said, "All three don't figure in my first-team plans so it's best for all concerned that they move on."

**Permanent**

Lomas was sent-off on his debut for the club, receiving two yellow cards during the opening day defeat at Cheltenham Town, and was on the losing side in six of his nine games for us. Former Sheffield Wednesday striker Graham only managed to play three full games for The Gills and turned down opportunities during the transfer window to go out on loan. Defender, or midfielder, Craig Armstrong spent two months with us towards the end of 1996 and returned to KRBS Priestfield last summer on a permanent basis after his contract with Cheltenham Town had expired. Armstrong started 15 matches for The Gills this season, with his final appearance coming in the 1-1 draw against Southend United on Boxing Day. Last week the 32-year-old returned to fellow League One side Cheltenham Town, where he has signed a contract until the end

of the season. Robins manager Keith Downing said on Cheltenham's official website, "Craig got in touch with us once his contract at Gillingham had been cancelled. We have given him the opportunity to come back and see if he can earn another contract."

Striker Shabazz Baidoo finished his one-month loan spell in January and returned to Queens Park Rangers without making an appearance for us. Once back at the West London club he had his contract cancelled by mutual consent and joined League Two strugglers Dagenham & Redbridge on a deal that runs until the end of the season. Also currently plying their trade in League Two are midfielder Craig Stone and forward Guylain Ndumbu-Nsungu. Stone is on a loan with Brentford and made his first appearance for The Bees as a substitute in the 3-2 victory at Mansfield Town on the Saturday before last. Ndumbu-Nsungu has signed a contract with Darlington until the end of this season. He had been with The Gills since the summer of 2006, but spent the early part of the current campaign on loan with League Two side Bradford City. Bantams manager Stuart McCall decided not to extend the deal when it expired at the end of the year, despite the fact that Guylain was the club's top-scorer at the time and keen to stay. The striker briefly returned to Priestfield before embarking on what is his second spell with Darlington.

Finally, defender or midfielder Marvi Hamilton joined centre-half Tom Bryant to become the second Gills player currently on loan at Ryman Premier League club Folkestone Invicta. Bryant was on the score-sheet ten days ago in the 3-2 home win against AFC Wimbledon, a match which saw Hamilton make his debut for the club in what was his first competitive football for three months

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## TRUE BLUE TOP TEN

Name: David Wray  
Age: 50  
From: Gillingham

**Why Gillingham?** I was born and bred in the Medway towns so The Gills are my local club. I started supporting Gillingham thanks to a friend of mine who had a spare space for me in the car and in the stands. From then on, I was hooked for life!

**First Gillingham match?** I will always remember this one. It was a Tuesday night League Cup tie. Ironically it was against Luton Town. I remember getting the train to Gillingham, walking along Priestfield Road and seeing the old style floodlights for the first time. I paid 50p for my ticket and a shilling for my programme. Unfortunately we lost 1-0 thanks to a goal from England striker Malcolm McDonald, who went on to Newcastle the next season.

**Favourite Gills match?** It has to be our first trip to Wembley. We had struggled for so long and had come close to losing the club so it was great to bounce back and get to play at the home of football. Obviously things didn't go as planned and we lost the game but the atmosphere was fantastic and I will never forget the Wembley experience.

**Favourite current player?** Being a member of the goalkeeper's union I would have to say Roycie! I really rate him as a keeper. His ability is first-class and some of the saves that he makes are out of this world. Being a goalkeeper, I can appreciate his enjoyment when he makes a fine save. I love watching him in action.

**Favourite all-time player?** It would be one of two players. I was a massive fan of 'Big' Jim Stannard while I also admired Dave Martin for

his winning mentality. Tony Pulis signed both players as soon as he arrived at Gillingham and Dave, in particular, was a real competitor. He was a great Gills captain and certainly led by example!

**Where do you sit at KRBS Priestfield?** I sit in the Rainham End, behind the goal, right at the back. I actually have two seats and alternate between them both!

**Do you have any superstitions?** I always walk the same route to the ground on match days.

**Who would be your dream Gills signing?** People might say David Beckham or Cristiano Ronaldo but for me it has to be Wayne Rooney. He is a great talent and has been unlucky with some serious injuries. I rate him as a player though and I am sure he will help England win one of the big prizes in the years to come!

**Worst moment supporting the Gills?** Nearly going out of the league before Paul Scally arrived. I didn't go to the Halifax game but I read the report and it was great when we were finally saved by Mr Scally.

**Favourite moment supporting the Gills?** It has to be either our Wembley win or our first couple of years in The Championship. I love going to the away games and have visited over 70 grounds following Gillingham. During our Championship days I went to the likes of West Ham, Leeds, Wolves, Leicester and Sunderland. It was brilliant and those days stand out more than anything for me.



# match action



Coca-Cola League One,  
Saturday February 02nd 2008

# match

GILLINGHAM 0

CHELTHENHAM TOWN 0

Match played at: KRBS Priestfield

Attendance: 4,993

Images: Keith Slater



Gillingham handed a debut to new signing Simeon Jackson and he went close to breaking the deadlock on two occasions. The former Rushden & Diamonds striker, who moved to Kent for a fee of £150,000 was a handful throughout and caused the visitors' defence a number of problems. Gills midfielder Adam Miller hit the bar while Steven Gillespie hit the woodwork for Cheltenham.

### Gillingham:

- 12. Simon Royce
- 38. Barry Fuller
- 31. Adam Bygrave
- 5. Simon King
- 35. John Nutter
- 8. Mark Bentley
- 32. Stuart Thurgood
- 7. Andrew Crofts (captain)
- 36. Adam Miller
- 10. Delroy Facey
- 20. Simeon Jackson

### Subs:

- 39. Stuart Lewis on for Thurgood  
45 minutes
- 28. Dennis Oli on for Bentley  
63 minutes

### Cheltenham Town:

- 1. Shane Higgs
- Jerry Gill (captain)
- 5. Gavin Caines
- 20. Andy Gallinagh
- 22. Alan Wright
- 27. Michael D'Agostino
- 14. David Bird
- 32. Alex Russell
- 17. Andy Lindegaard
- 7. Steven Gillespie
- 29. Steve Brooker

### Subs:

- 10. Damian Spencer on for Brooker  
38 minutes
- 11. Scott Brown on for D'Agostino  
64 minutes



# TONIGHT'S VISITORS LUTON TOWN

This evening we welcome Mick Harford and everyone connected with The Hatters to The KRBS Priestfield Stadium for the third meeting between the two sides this season.

## We've met before this season

Back in August, The Gills were on the wrong end of a 3-1 defeat in the League One fixture at Kenilworth Road. David Bell opened the scoring for the

home side but Mark Bentley equalised with Gillingham's first goal of the campaign. Unfortunately Paul Furlong put The Hatters back in front before the break and Matthew Spring's second-half penalty wrapped up the points. There may have only been 1,417 here at The KRBS Priestfield Stadium for the

Johnstone's Paint Trophy game but those who attended witnessed a cracker. Having taken the lead through Chris Dickson, The Gills then found themselves trailing 3-1 at the break following two goals from Furlong and another spot-kick from Spring. Kevin Blackwell's side didn't know what hit them though as three goals in the final 16 minutes saw Iffy Onuora's team hit back to win 4-3. Loanee Dickson went on to complete a fine hat-trick while the final strike went to Bentley in amusing, unless you support Luton, circumstances. Having just made a surging run forward he was lurking near the edge of the area when experienced defender Chris Perry blindly played the ball back towards his keeper. The Gillingham midfielder greatly accepted the invitation and slotted home an unexpected, but deserved, winner.

## Harford in charge

Former Luton centre-forward Mick Harford, who scored 93 goals in 217 appearances for the club, was named as The Hatters new boss, for the remainder of the season at least, after the administrators sacked Kevin Blackwell.

## Consortium deal

Last month a consortium led by TV presenter, and Hatters fan, Nick Owen agreed a deal to take over the stricken club. The newly formed LTFC 2020 Ltd immediately made a loan payment to the club and hope to have completed their purchase of The Hatters by the end of this month.



Paul Furlong – scored against The Gills in the league fixture back in August

Picture: Action Images



## Leading scorer

Veteran striker Paul Furlong tops the scoring table with a tally of nine goals. Seven of those have come in the league and two of them in the cup. His nearest rival is Matthew Spring with six goals in the league and two in the cup.

## Transfer Window

Luton saw two fans' favourites leave the club in the transfer window. The first was Croat Ahmet Brkovic, nicknamed "The Croatian Sensation", who made a loan move at Millwall a permanent deal. The second was former skipper Chris Coyne who secured a move to Championship side Colchester United.

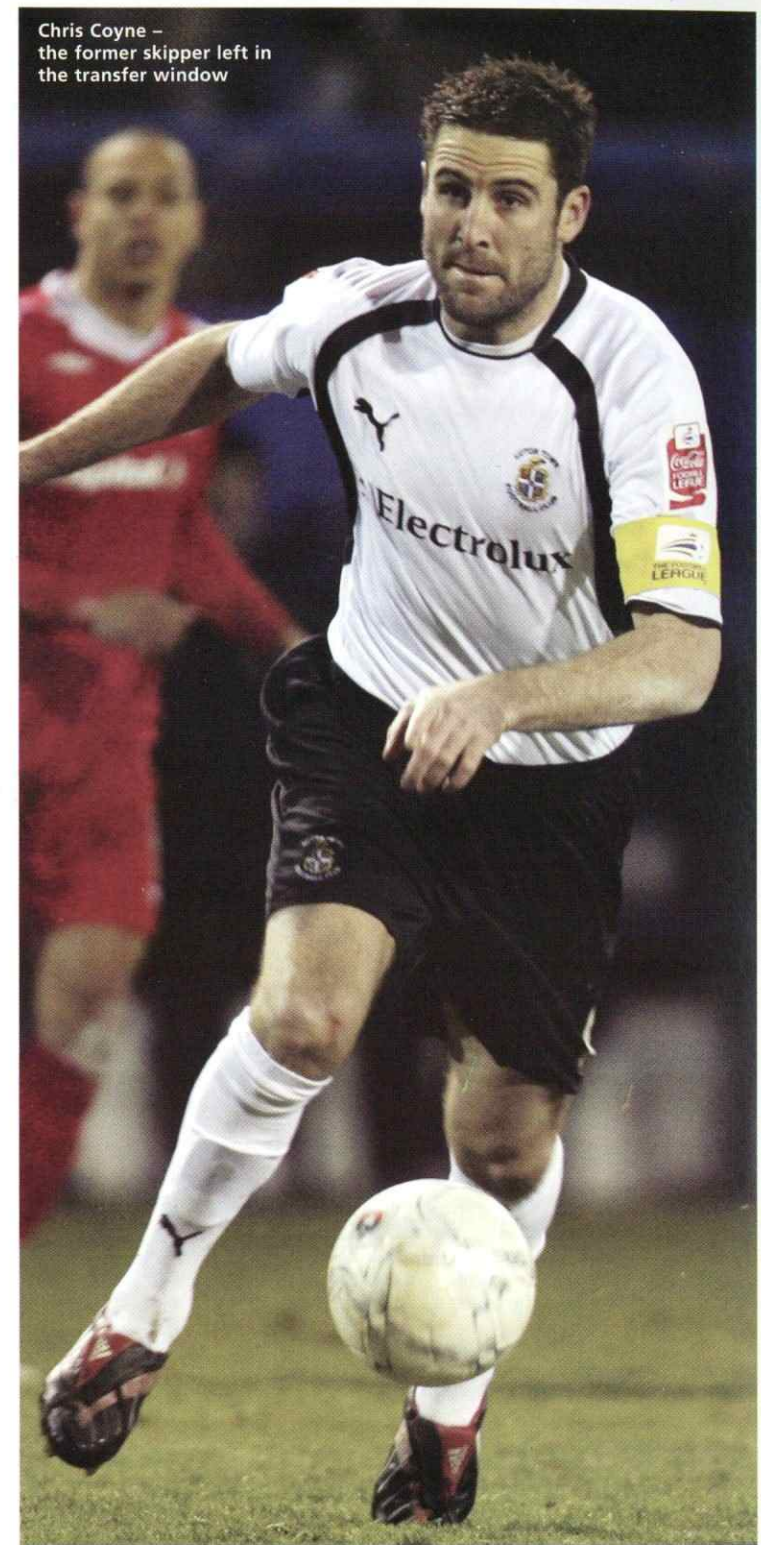
## The season so far

They have secured 24 points, nine wins and seven draws, from their 30 games with most points coming from their home games. Their away form has been rather wayward with a total of 10 losses away from Kenilworth road. They have won once away at Port Vale and have secured four draws at Bristol Rovers, Oldham, Walsall and Yeovil. They also forced a third round replay against Premiership giants Liverpool by securing a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road but were then comprehensively beaten 5-0 in the return fixture at Anfield. A Steven Gerrard hat-trick along with goals from Ryan Babel and Sami Hyypia eventually sunk the League One side.

## Last Weekend

The Hatters' poor form continued on Saturday with a comprehensive 4-1 home defeat to AFC Bournemouth. A brace from Jo Kuffour, Sam Vokes and Max-Alain Gradel gave the Dorset club a much needed victory and three points after going into administration earlier in the week. Luton got a consolation goal through Lewis Emanuel.

The side that lost to AFC Bournemouth was as follows: Brill, Emanuel, Keane (Beavan), Goodall, Davis, Bell, Spring, Robinson (Talbot), Currie (Andrew), Parkin Subs not used: O'Leary, Beresford



Chris Coyne – the former skipper left in the transfer window

Picture: Action Images

## MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Mark Stimson	Mick Harford
Played 16 Won 4 Drawn 6 Lost 6 For 17 Against 17	Played 5 Won 0 Drawn 1 Lost 4 For 5 Against 12
Av Pts/game 1.12	Av Pts/game 0.20
<b>Biggest Win(s)</b> Crewe 2 Gillingham 3 (04/12/2007). <b>Biggest Loss(es)</b> Tranmere 2 Gillingham 0 (29/01/2008).	<b>Biggest Win(s)</b> No wins found <b>Biggest Loss(es)</b> Hartlepool 4 Luton 0 (02/02/2008).

## MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Mark Stimson .....0	Mick Harford .....0
Draws ..0	Goals 0	Goals 0

### Player with the most...

**shots**  
Adam  
Miller 32

**shots on target**  
Gary  
Mulligan 16

**shots off target**  
Adam  
Miller 21

**assists**  
Delroy  
Facey 4

**crosses**  
Nicky  
Southall 32

**fouls**  
Delroy  
Facey 37

**free-kicks-won**  
Mark  
Bentley 45



### Player with the most...

**shots**  
David  
Bell 44

**shots on target**  
Matthew  
Spring 25

**shots off target**  
David  
Bell 23

**assists**  
Darren  
Currie 8

**crosses**  
Darren  
Currie 86

**fouls**  
Paul  
Furlong 58

**free-kicks-won**  
Paul  
Furlong 32

## GAMES SINCE

5	a win	8	Matthew
4	a home win	4	Spring 25
2	an away win	4	
1	a defeat	0	
2	a home defeat	0	
0	an away defeat	0	
6	a score draw	2	
0	a no score draw	17	
1	conceding a goal	0	
2	scoring a goal	2	
1	conceding > 1	0	
5	scoring > 1	3	
0	keeping a clean sheet	8	
0	failing to score	0	
12	back to back wins	8	
1	back to back defeats	0	
0	gaining a point	2	
0	losing a point	0	
5	win by > one	15	
1	loss by > one	0	

## SHARP SHOOTERS

Gillingham	CCFL Cup	Tot	Luton	CCFL Cup	Tot		
Chris Dickson	7	4	11	Paul Furlong	7	4	11
Gary Mulligan	5	0	5	Matthew Spring	6	3	9
David Graham	3	1	4	David Edwards	4	0	4

## TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played .....15	Gillingham wins .....6	Luton wins .....7
Draws .....2	Goals 22 (1.5 per game)	Goals 21 (1.4 per game)
0-0's .....0	Times failed to score 2	Times failed to score 4

### Biggest League win at Gillingham for each team:

**24/10/1964** Gillingham 5-0 Luton  
**31/08/1968** Gillingham 1-3 Luton



## 2007/08 LEAGUE STATS

18	Position	23
29	Played	29
8	Won	9
8	Drawn	7
13	Lost	13
29	Goals For	31
43	Goals Against	39
32	Points	24

### Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
4	5	8	9	4	4	7	13

### Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
4	3	5	22	5	3	6	17

### Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	3	1	22	9	0	1	16

### Record When Conceding First

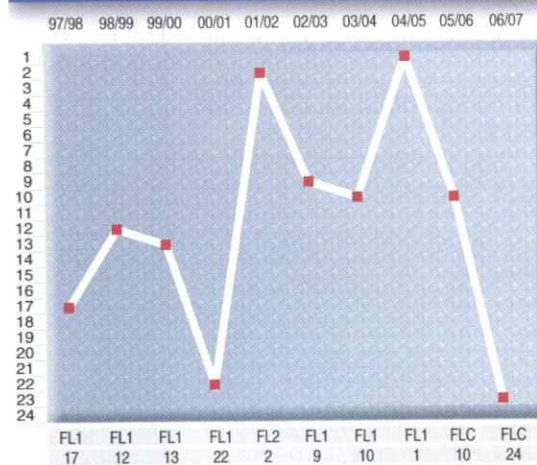
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	2	12	9	0	4	12	24

### Match Scores

**Wins:** 1-0[1], 2-1[2], 3-0[1], 3-1[2], 3-2[2], **Losses:** 0-1[3], 0-2[3], 0-3[1], 0-4[1], 0-5[1], 1-2[3], 1-3[1], **Draws:** 0-0[3], 1-1[4], 0-0[3], 1-1[5]

**Wins:** 1-0[3], 2-1[4], 3-1[1], 4-1[1], **Losses:** 0-1[3], 0-2[2], 0-4[1], 1-2[4], 1-3[2], 3-4[1], **Draws:** 0-0[3], 1-1[4], 0-0[3], 1-1[5]

## LUTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



\*up to and including 06/02/2008

# MEET THE PLAYERS OF LUTON TOWN

## GOALKEEPERS

### MARLON BERESFORD

Former Luton boss Mike Newell strengthened his squad with the signing of Marlon Beresford in July 2004 from Barnsley. The 38-year-old is a vastly experienced goalkeeper with over 400 appearances under his belt and he returned to Kenilworth Road on a two-year contract after impressing during a successful three-month spell with the Hatters during the 2003-04 season.

### DEAN BRILL

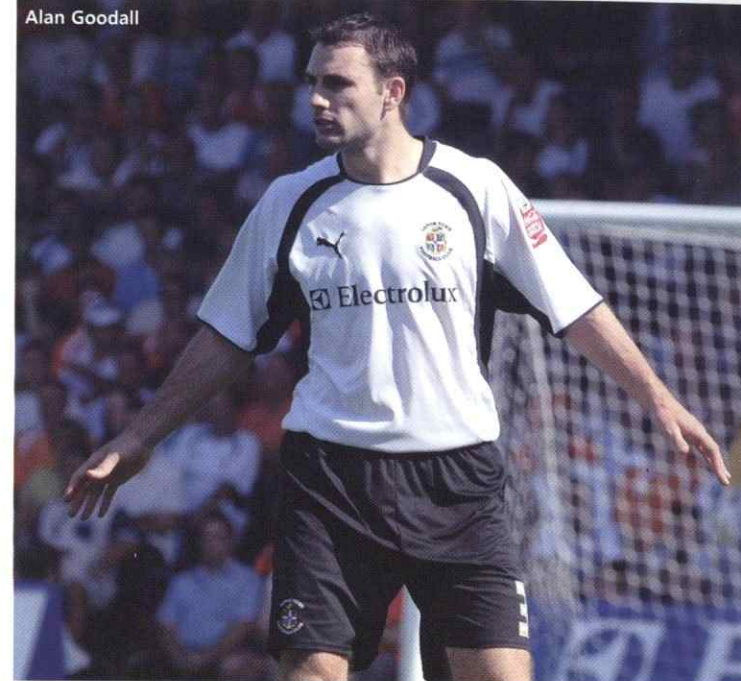
Luton-born goalkeeper Dean Brill is no stranger to Gills fans having spent a loan spell here at KRBS Priestfield last season. Dean won the goalkeeper's jersey when Hatters' boss Kevin Blackwell took over the managerial reigns at Kenilworth Road and despite being relegated from The Championship, he was named young-player-of-the-season. Brill joined his hometown club at the age of nine and has progressed through the centre-of-excellence, representing Luton Schools and Bedfordshire County Schools at a variety of age groups.

## DEFENDERS

### SOL DAVIS

It was a huge disappointment to Swindon Town, and a coup for Luton, when the highly-rated defender decided to leave The County Ground after his contract expired at the end of the 2001/02 season. Sol was unfortunately involved in a serious incident during the 2006/07 season when he suffered a stroke on the team bus prior to the club's visit to Ipswich Town. The left-back has now forced his way back into the side under new boss Mick Harford.

Alan Goodall



### LEWIS EMANUEL

Lewis Emanuel arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006 after deciding to leave his home town club Bradford City, the place where he started his career. Lewis is a quick, tricky full-back who can also play on the left-side of midfield, a position where he started on his league debut for the club. He made over 150 appearances for Bradford in six-years at the club, scoring four goals. In his first season at Kenilworth Road he made 40 appearances, scoring twice.

### ALAN GOODALL

Alan Goodall signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road at the start of the season. The left-back

started his career at Welsh club Bangor City in 2001, spending four years at Farrar Road, where he scored ten goals in 91 games. The defender moved to Rochdale in 2004 and went on to become a fans favourite at Spotland, making 131 appearances and scoring eight goals.

### RICHARD JACKSON

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



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### KEITH KEANE

Having made his debut as a 16-year-old in November 2003, Keith went on to enjoy an extended run in the side from February onwards while Kevin Foley was out injured. Keith can play in defence or midfield and is still only 21.

### CHRIS PERRY

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

Perry was touted for international honours with England. Chris has also played for both Charlton and West Brom.

### MIDFIELDERS DAVID BELL

Talented young midfielder David Bell signed a three-and-a-half year contract with The Hatters in mid-January 2006 after joining from Rushden & Diamonds. The Northamptonshire-born player rose through the ranks at Diamonds to quickly establish himself as a firm favourite at Nene Park. Bell, who has been capped by Republic of Ireland at U19 and U21 level, made 121 starting appearances for Rushden, scoring ten goals.

### DARREN CURRIE

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

### DON HUTCHISON

Don Hutchison became Kevin Blackwell's seventh signing of the summer after he impressed on trial at the club during a pre-season tour of Norway. The experienced midfielder signed a one-year contract, as Luton became the ninth club of his illustrious career. Hutchison played 26 times for Scotland, scoring six goals, including one strike against England in a Euro 2000 play-off game.

### STEPHEN O'LEARY

Stephen O'Leary is a skillful midfielder, who started his career as a trainee at Kenilworth Road in 2001. The 23-year-old made his first appearance of the season in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy tie between the two sides back in October. After falling out of favour under Kevin Blackwell, Stephen has forced his way back into the first-team reckoning under Mick Harford.

### STEVE ROBINSON

Steve Robinson is a hard-working midfielder who has become a firm favourite with the fans at Kenilworth Road. Luton paid £50,000 to Preston North End in the summer of 2002 for a player who has been capped by Northern Ireland. Steve has recently forced himself back into the first-team picture after falling out-of-favour under previous manager, Kevin Blackwell.

### MATTHEW SPRING

Matthew Spring returned to Kenilworth Road in January 2007 after leaving in 2004 to join Leeds United. Matthew had been at Luton since he was a schoolboy, and was a

driving force in the side that reached the FA Youth Cup semi-final in 1997. He rejoined Luton at the start of last year, on a two-and-a-half year contract, in a deal worth £200,000.

### STRIKERS

#### CALVIN ANDREW

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

#### PAUL FURLONG

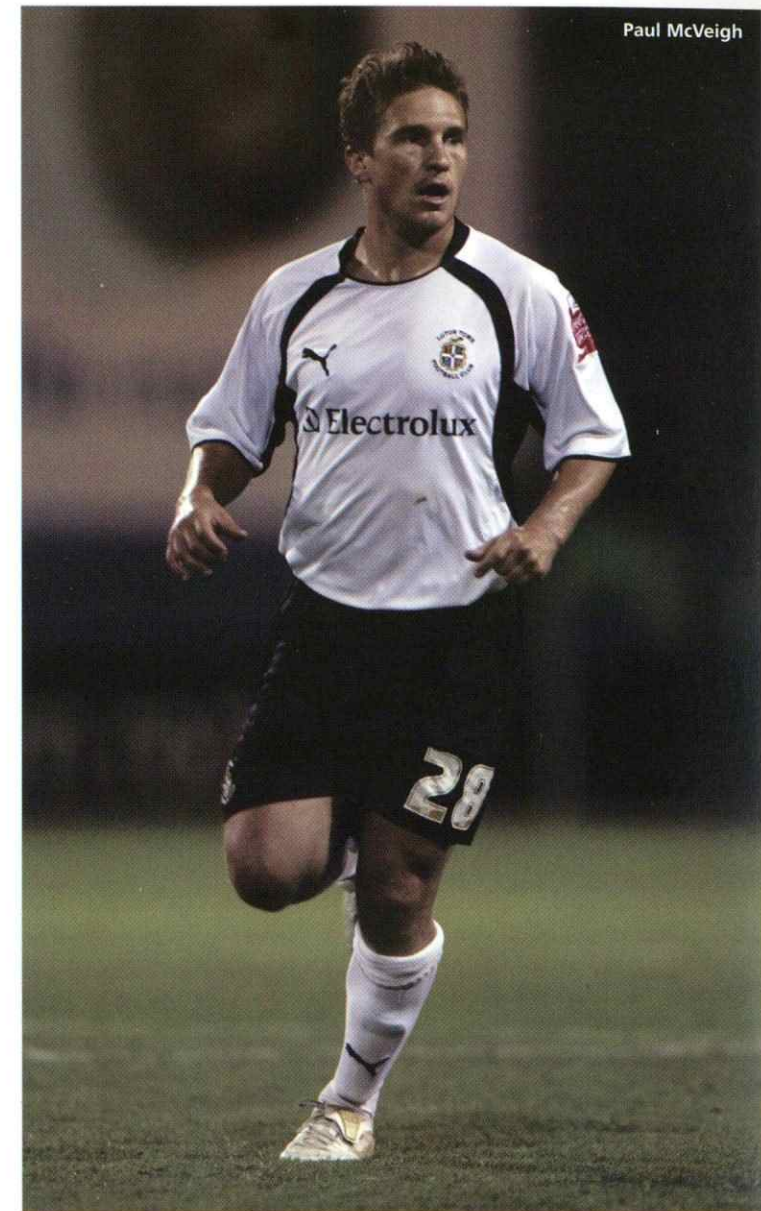
Paul Furlong was another summer signing, made by then Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell. The veteran striker joined from QPR, where he was a real fans' favourite. After a frustrating start to his career at Loftus Road, due to injury, he made just short of 200 appearances, scoring 55 goals. The 39-year-old cost Chelsea £2.3 million in 1994 and has also played for the likes of Birmingham and Watford.

#### PAUL McVEIGH

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

#### DEAN MORGAN

Dean Morgan became an instant favourite with Luton fans after his 90th minute winner in the 3-2 victory over Southampton in August 2005. Morgan moved to Kenilworth Road from Reading in July 2005 after seeing his opportunities limited at The Madejski Stadium. The former Colchester trainee scored three league goals in 13 starting appearances for The Royals. Dean is a skilful two-footed individual who can play a variety of positions.



Paul McVeigh

#### SAM PARKIN

Ex-Chelsea trainee Sam Parkin is a forward with a prolific goalscoring record and chose Kenilworth Road as the place to further his career in August 2006, despite strong interest from a number of Championship clubs. Unfortunately, Sam's career at Kenilworth Road has yet to fully explode although he is a player with undoubted pedigree.

#### DREW TALBOT

Drew Talbot signed for Luton Town last January in a £250,000 deal from Sheffield Wednesday, as former Hatters boss Mike Newell looked to strengthen his attacking options. He made an immediate impact, making one and then scoring the winner against his old club at Kenilworth Road on his home league debut. Drew has been a virtual ever-present so far this season.



Darren Currie



# MANAGING TO SUCCEED LUTON TOWN



Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading Luton Town managers

## NED LIDDELL

Ned Liddell managed Luton Town to the Third Division (South) title in 1936-37. A former centre-half, he played for Whitburn, Southampton, Gainsborough, Clapton Orient, Southend United and Arsenal before rejoining Southend as manager in April 1919. He was appointed QPR's boss in April 1920 and guided them to the FA Cup quarter-finals in 1922-23, then scouted for Fulham before becoming their manager for two years in May 1929. After a period scouting for West Ham, he managed Luton from August 1936 until February 1938, then scouted for Chelsea, Portsmouth, Brentford and Spurs. He died in November 1969.

## DALLY DUNCAN

Former Scotland international winger Dally Duncan managed Luton Town to the top-flight in 1954-55. Signing professional for Hull City in August 1928, he moved to Derby County in March 1932 and featured in their 1946 FA Cup final success. He became Luton's player-boss in October 1946 and steered them to eighth place in the top-flight in 1957-58. Appointed Blackburn Rovers' manager in October 1958, he led them to the

1960 FA Cup final and remained in charge at Ewood Park until sacked in June 1960. He later scouted for Luton and ran a guest-house in Brighton, residing there until his death in January 1990.

## SYD OWEN

Long-serving England international centre-half Syd Owen was both a player and manager at Luton Town. Signing professional for Birmingham City in October 1945, he moved to Luton in June 1947 and starred in their 1951-52 FA Cup run, 1952-53 promotion near-miss and 1954-55 promotion success. He was voted 'Footballer of the Year' as Luton were FA Cup finalists in 1959 and netted three goals in 388 League games before becoming manager for a year in May 1959. Later Leeds United's chief coach under Don Revie until October 1975, he then coached at Birmingham, Hull City and Manchester United. He died in August 1998.

## ALLAN BROWN

Ex-Scotland international inside-forward Allan Brown managed Luton Town to the Fourth Division title in 1967-68. He was a Scottish Cup finalist with East Fife shortly before joining Blackpool in

December 1950 and moved to Luton in February 1957. Appearing in the 1959 FA Cup final, he netted 51 goals in 151 League games for The Hatters prior to joining Portsmouth in March 1961. He helped win the Third Division title in 1961-62, then had a spell as Wigan Athletic's player-boss and was Luton's manager from November 1966 until December 1968, later managing Torquay, Bury, Nottingham Forest, Southport and Blackpool.

## ALEC STOCK

Alec Stock managed Luton Town to promotion in 1969-70. He was a forward with Charlton and QPR before becoming Yeovil Town's player-boss, plotting their epic 1948-49 FA Cup run. Appointed Leyton Orient's boss in August 1949, he led them to the FA Cup sixth round in 1953-54 and Third Division (South) title in 1955-56, returning from spells at Arsenal and Roma. He became QPR's boss in August 1959, taking them to the top-flight and League Cup glory, then managed Luton from December 1968 until April 1972. Guiding Fulham to the 1975 FA Cup final, he later managed AFC Bournemouth and died in April 2001.

## HARRY HASLAM

Popular manager Harry Haslam guided Luton Town back to the top-flight in 1973-74. Initially with Rochdale, the full-back played for Oldham Athletic, Brighton, Leyton Orient, Guildford City and Hastings United, then managed Eastbourne United, Barry Town and Tonbridge before becoming Fulham's chief scout. He assisted Alec Stock at Luton prior to succeeding him as manager in May 1972, remaining in charge of The Hatters until leaving in January 1978 to manage Sheffield United. He scouted for England under Bobby Robson and died in September 1986. His son Keith is now Mansfield's managing director.

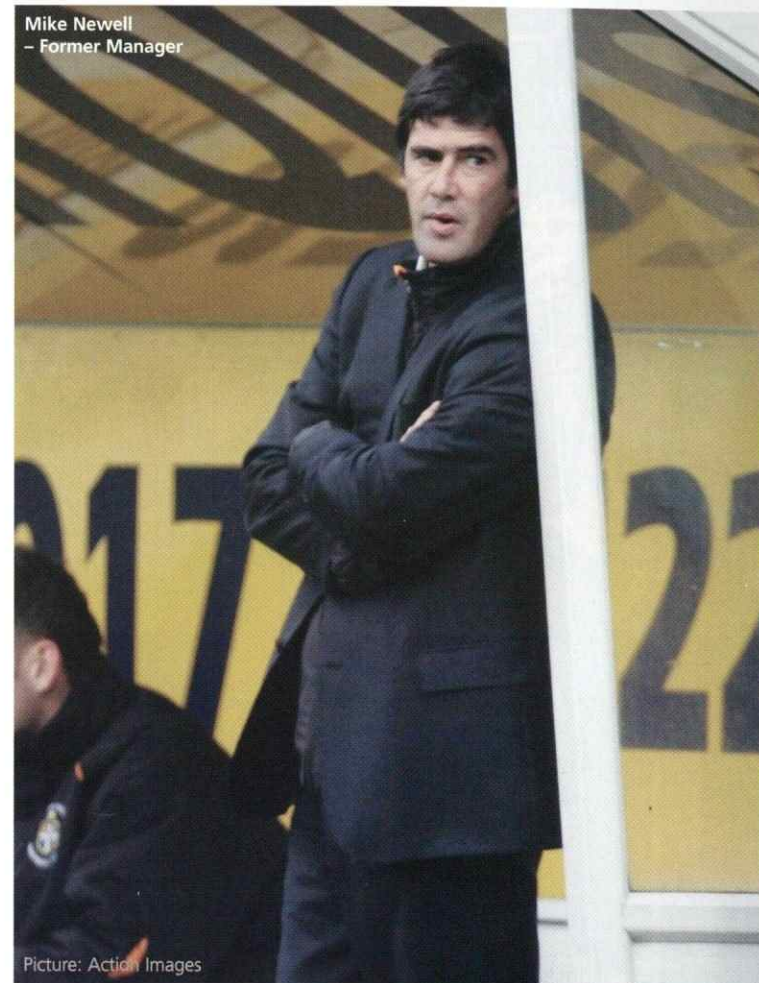
## DAVID PLEAT

Articulate manager David Pleat managed Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981-82. A former winger, he played for Nottingham Forest, Luton, Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough before becoming Nuneaton's player-boss. He rejoined Luton as coach in July 1972 and became manager in January 1978, guiding The Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. Taking charge of Spurs in May 1986, he led them to the 1987 FA Cup final, then managed Leicester City before rejoining Luton in June 1991. He took The Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals again in 1993-94, leaving in June 1995. He now works in the media.

## RAY HARFORD

Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. A centre-half with Charlton, Exeter, Lincoln, Mansfield, Port Vale and Colchester, he was appointed youth-team coach at Layer Road. He joined Fulham in a similar capacity in June 1981 and was manager for two years before moving to Luton as assistant-boss in July 1986. Becoming manager in June 1987, he also guided them to the Simod Cup final and FA Cup semi-finals in 1987-88, then the 1989 Littlewoods Cup final. Sacked in January 1990, he later managed Wimbledon, Blackburn Rovers, West Brom and QPR. He died in August 2003.

Mike Newell  
- Former Manager



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## MIKE NEWELL

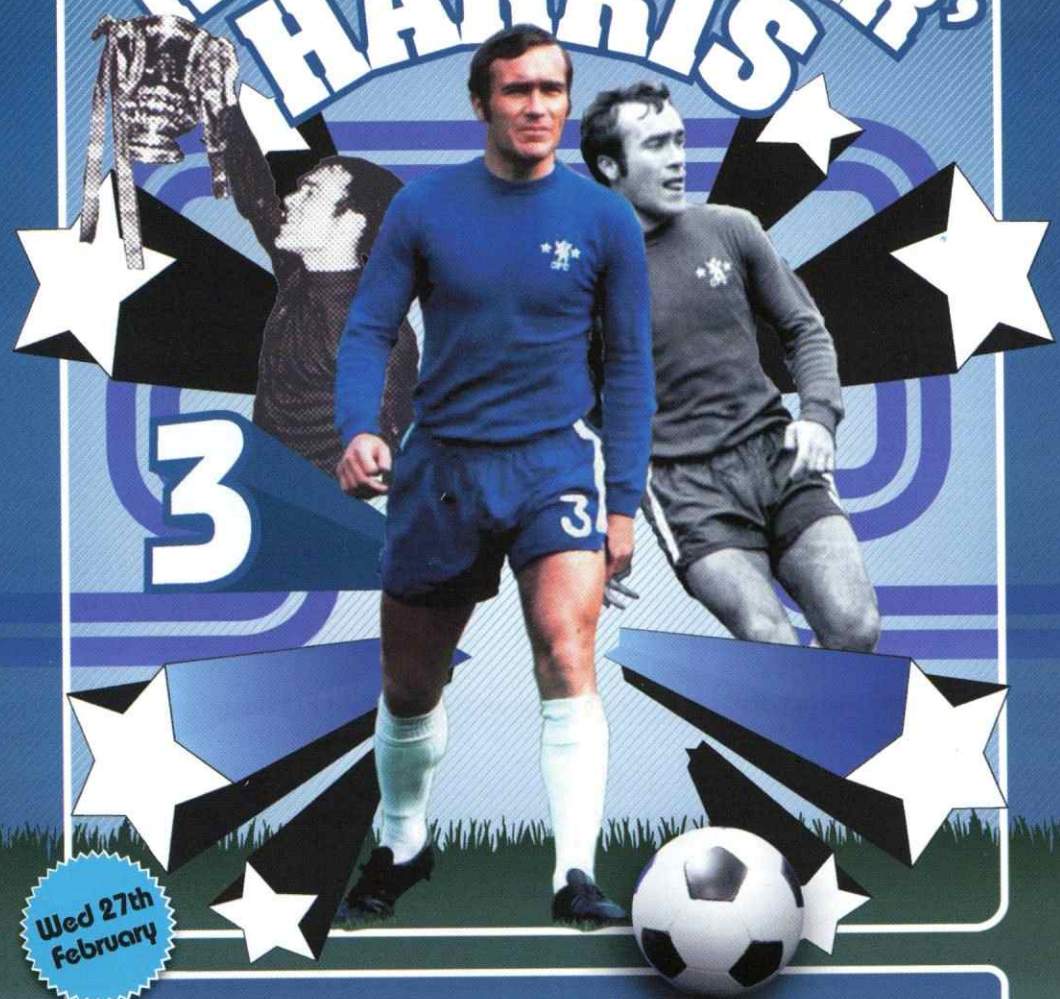
Former Republic of Ireland international right-back Joe Kinnear plotted Luton Town's 2001-02 promotion success. Signing professional for Spurs in February 1965, he helped them win the FA Cup in 1967, League Cup twice and UEFA Cup in 1972. He moved to Brighton in August 1975, then coached overseas before assisting Dave Mackay at Doncaster. Joining Wimbledon as coach in September 1989, he became manager in January 1992 and led them to the semi-finals of both the FA Cup and League Cup in 1996-97. He left after a heart-attack, then managed Luton from January 2001 until June 2003 and later Nottingham Forest.

Ex-England under-21 striker Mike Newell managed Luton Town to the League One title in 2004-05. Initially with Liverpool, he moved via Crewe to Wigan Athletic in October 1983 and scored in their 1985 Freight Rover Trophy final triumph. He played for Luton, Leicester City and Everton prior to joining Blackburn Rovers in November 1991, helping win promotion in 1991-92 and the Premiership title in 1994-95. Later with Birmingham City, he became Hartlepool's boss in November 2002, plotting their 2002-03 promotion success. He rejoined Luton as manager in June 2003 and remained in charge until sacked in March 2007.



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## MIXED FORTUNES FOR YOUNG LUIS

BY RICHARD DAY

**Young Gills striker Luis Cumbers has had quite an eventful time since making his league debut as a substitute in the final home game of last season, against Yeovil Town, back in May.**

Since then Luis has twice been loaned out on work experience, missed a spot-kick in a penalty shoot-out in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, made his full debut and seemingly done enough to impress Gills boss Mark Stimson. Back in August he made a second substitute appearance when replacing Dave Graham at Luton Town, playing the final six minutes. The following month he joined Ryman Premier League side Maidstone United for

work experience and scored on his debut against Kent rivals Tonbridge in a 2-1 victory. In his time with The Stones, the Chelmsford born striker notched an impressive 11 goals in 14 appearances, which included an FA Trophy hat-trick against Abingdon United.

He was recalled by Gillingham because Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic wanted him on a similar deal and Maidstone's joint-boss Alan Walker, the former Gills centre-half, was happy to see him make the temporary move to Grays. He only had praise for the youngster: "This is a great opportunity for Luis to now gain experience at a higher level of football. We of course wish him well and he has been a credit to Gillingham in terms of his professionalism at the club and he has set a new benchmark for our strikers, who are now trying to step up to that mark left by Luis."

### Heartbroken

Having come on as a second-half substitute, Luis scored on his Grays debut in their 3-2 defeat at leaders Aldershot, a game televised by Setanta. Unfortunately for him, and probably Gillingham, he was used mostly from the bench by Justin Edinburgh and scored three times in six games. His other two goals came against Stanway Rovers in an Essex Senior Cup tie and in his final league appearance against Forest Green Rovers.

He came back to The KRBS Priestfield Stadium and featured, again as a substitute, in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy game against The MK Dons. Unfortunately he was the only one to miss his spot-kick, the fifth, when the game went to penalties.

Gills boss Mark Stimson headed straight for the lad at the final whistle and had this to say of him in his post-match interview: "He is heartbroken. I went straight to him and said to forget about it, it has gone and you won't be able to change it.

Well done for stepping up and wanting to take a penalty because that is big. I did ask a couple more senior players and they said no. I can understand why they said that because it is a nerve-wracking experience. Full credit to Luis, he stood up. Did the referee delay it and it put him off? Who knows, but I don't think it helped the situation. He stood up and took it. He has got a good future. He is on the third-year of his scholarship here so we'll probably turn him into a professional in the next couple of months. He showed me, in the time he was on, that he has got something. He has a willingness to run at people and his hold-up play is good."

Of his overall game the manager added, "We put the two young kids, Luis Cumbers and Charlie Howard, on and I think Luis looked quite good. He showed good touches and good awareness. I think we probably looked better when Luis and Charlie came on."

Later in the month, Stimson gave the 19-year old his full debut in the home game against Oldham but The Gills faced an uphill battle following the first-half dismissal of keeper Simon Royce. The point gained from a 0-0 draw was a good one.

Following the game The Gills boss had this to say about Luis's contribution: "Luis is a youngster and he has the enthusiasm and the desire to succeed. He showed all that against Oldham and he got into some good positions. His movement at times was good but unfortunately he just didn't receive the ball in the right areas. He can be proud of his full-debut and I am sure he'll be involved again because Luis can do a good job here at Gillingham."

He missed the Walsall game through illness and perhaps came back too early, starting the next game at Tranmere Rovers, when not fully fit. Unfortunately Gillingham were on the back-foot after conceding two early goals and it left the strikers fighting for scraps. So it hasn't been an easy start to life with the first-team. Due to his age, Luis was able to return to play for Mark Patterson's youth team in their recent 2-1 Youth Alliance League win against Brentford. If he continues to develop then he has a bright future ahead of him. We naturally all wish him the best in his Gills career.







Leyton Orient players celebrate their late equaliser against Tranmere Rovers



Calvin Zola

# League One Review

with GRAHAM DORKINS

The Jitterbug may have been a popular dance introduced to this country in wartime by the American G.I's but a bug of the jitters seems to have afflicted the high flying clubs in this division throughout a large part of the season to date, with firstly Orient, then subsequently Tranmere, Carlisle, and more recently Forest and Leeds all feeling it's effects.

Orient, you will remember were the season's pace setters who fell from the top in early October, but through clawing out regular good results with-

out showing any great consistency they remained in the top three or four. The Londoners were succeeded at the top by Tranmere, but their fortunes were to fare worse than Orient's. A bad run saw them plummet to as low as fourteenth spot, before a good run this year saw them return to the top six. On Saturday these two sides met at Prenton Park with neither gaining any ascendancy over the other with the game finishing all square at one apiece. Calvin Zola gave the Birkenhead side a dream start after two minutes, but Adam

Chambers' 87th minute equaliser earned the visitors a vital draw. Orient are just one point outside the play-off zone, but the 'small matter' of a minus four goal difference could well prove to be a millstone around the East Enders neck as the season reaches its climax. The previous Saturday Orient again grabbed a point with an even later equaliser, this time at home to Southend, who have themselves surrendered a hot spot but cling on to the hope of a play-off place if they can rekindle their form of October and

November, and this hope was strengthened last Saturday with a 2-1 home win over a rapidly declining Hartlepool.

Carlisle, who of course ended Leeds long unbeaten run and who also went top into the bargain, have endured some patchy form recently. They revived somewhat the Saturday before last when they defeated Walsall 2-1 at home to end the Saddler's even better, but much less heralded, 17 match unbeaten run, yet last Saturday could only draw 1-1 at bottom side Port Vale. The Cumbrians are currently placed fourth but only four points separate third and eighth places, which suggests an exciting finish to the season.

Nottingham Forest are back in third place, the position in which they finished last season. Their form of late has been erratic to say the least, and the Saturday before last saw them give to the poor in true Robin Hood style, when they went down 2-0 to Bournemouth. However, last Saturday at home to another lowly club in the form of surprisingly languishing Millwall, whose revival under Kenny Jackett appears to have been short lived, they ran out 2-0 winners. The victory was in front of over 17,000 fans, almost double the attendance at Huddersfield the next best crowd, some of whom may have missed the only goal of the game as Phil Jeavons struck in the first minute for the Terriers against Swindon.

### Suffered

But the Jitterbug seems to have afflicted Leeds more than the other clubs. Unbeaten until 3rd November a run of eleven wins and two draws, they have suffered a further six defeats in the subsequent 17 games, and are placed eighth, two points outside the play-off zone, just six weeks after briefly topping the table on Boxing Day.

It seems that yet again all is not well at Elland Road particularly following the abrupt, though separate departures, of their management team of Dennis Wise and Gus Poyet. Former Leeds and Liverpool midfielder Gary MaCallister has taken over the helm, but has yet to register a win, with his side losing 2-0 at home to Tranmere the Saturday before last and then



Millwall manager Kenny Jackett

drawing away at much improved Northampton on the ninth.

Table toppers Swansea have appeared to be holding their nerve throughout, or at least until last Saturday, when they led 2-0 away to Crewe with just six minutes remaining. They ended up sharing the goals and the points, as Gary Pope claimed a last minute equaliser. That point lifted the Railwaymen out of the bottom four at the expense of Millwall, and reducing the Welshmen's advantage over Doncaster from ten to eight points.

Doncaster in second spot have shown great character after their 4-0 drubbing at home to Swansea with victories away to Millwall and home to Bristol Rovers providing them with a four point cushion over Forest, who have a game in hand.

Walsall put the loss of their unbeaten run behind them on Saturday as they immediately returned to winning ways with a 2-0 win at home to Yeovil. Kevin Betsy, on loan from Bristol City, sealed the victory with a 90th minute goal: just one of an amazing five goals recorded by this division as being scored in the final minute.

Astonishingly two of these five were recorded by Cheltenham Town, as Alex Russell and Steven Gillespie both

struck at the death to defeat a Brighton side who had led from the 55th minute courtesy of a Jake Robinson goal. The town, more famous for its Ladies College, and being the home of G.C.H.Q. is now watching its football club who have only been present in the Football League since 1999, edge towards League One safety.

At the bottom the fate of three of the four clubs to be relegated, would appear to be sealed. Port Vale remain rooted in rock bottom spot nine points adrift of fifth from bottom Crewe, while Bournemouth who have shown good form in recent weeks like Vale also have 22 points, and tonight's visitors Luton who have 24 points, though the demise of the seaisiders and the Hatters has been exacerbated by the deduction of ten points each.

Millwall make up the quartet but their 30 points is just one inferior to Crewe and two to Gillingham, and the South London club have two games in hand over Crewe and one over the Gills. The next three months will see much biting of finger nails and tugging at hair around The Den, Gresty Road and KRBS Priestfield Stadium, but at least Mark Stimson doesn't have any hair to pull out.



# TICKETS & TRAVEL

## NORTHAMPTON TOWN v GILLINGHAM

Coca-Cola League One, Saturday 16th February 2008 - Kick-Off 3.00pm

Tickets for our visit to The Sixfields Stadium are only available on the day of the game, cash only from the portakabin situated outside the South Stand. Prices are **£19.00 adults, £15.00 senior citizens and students, £12.00 juniors (under 16) and free for juniors (under seven)**. Club Class Travel is priced at **£15.00 adults and £12.00 juniors (under 16)**.

### Coach pick-up points and departure times are:

10.15am	Sittingbourne Railway Station
10.30am	The Cricketers
11.00am	KRBS Priestfield Stadium
11.10am	The Coach and Horses
11.15am	Tollgate

## BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION v GILLINGHAM

Coca-Cola League One, Tuesday 4th March 2008 - Kick-Off 7.45pm

This fixture is all-ticket and no tickets will be sold on the day of the match. Tickets are now on general sale. Our allocation is just under 900 tickets in the West Stand, behind the goal. Prices are **£22.50 adults, £16.00 students, £14.50 senior citizens, £13.00 juniors (under 16) and £1.00 accompanied juniors (under 10)** - maximum of one junior for every full paying adult. Club Class Travel is priced at **£13.00 adults and £11.00 juniors (under 16)**.

### Coach pick-up points and departure times are:

3.45pm	Sittingbourne Railway Station
4.00pm	The Cricketers
4.30pm	KRBS Priestfield Stadium
4.40pm	The Coach and Horses
4.45pm	Tollgate

## HARTLEPOOL UNITED v GILLINGHAM

Coca-Cola League One, Saturday 8th March 2008 - Kick-Off 3.00pm

Tickets for our visit to Victoria Park are only available on the day of the game, cash only at the away turnstiles. Gills supporters will be situated in the Rink End Stand, behind the goal. Prices are **£20.00 adults, £10.00 students, senior citizens and juniors (under 16)**. Students must have a valid NUS card with them and purchase their tickets from Hartlepool's ticket office. Club Class Travel is priced at **£28.00 adults and £23.00 juniors (under 16)**.

### Coach pick-up points and departure times are:

6.15am	Sittingbourne Railway Station
6.30am	The Cricketers
7.00am	KRBS Priestfield Stadium
7.10am	The Coach and Horses
7.15am	Tollgate

Coach bookings can be made by ringing Dave or Julie Taylor on (01634) 375919, Trevor or Julie Loveridge on (01634) 301899 (evenings before 10pm) or by visiting the ticket office in Redfern Avenue.



### HOME TICKETS

Tickets are currently on general sale for the following Coca-Cola League One matches at The KRBS Priestfield Stadium.



## GILLINGHAM v HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

Saturday 23rd February 08  
Kick-Off 3.00pm



## GILLINGHAM v YEovil TOWN

Saturday 1st March 08  
Kick-Off 3.00pm

Tickets for home matches can be purchased by calling (01634) 300000 choosing option three or by visiting the ticket office in Redfern Avenue, where opening hours are 9.00am until 5.00pm Monday to Friday, 9.00am until 1.00pm on non-matchday Saturdays and up until kick-off on matchday Saturdays.

# TABLE, FIXTURES & CLUB STATS



## COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE

Team	Home					Away					GD	PTS	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			
Swansea	29	10	3	2	26	11	8	4	2	30	14	31	61
Doncaster	30	9	3	4	24	14	6	5	3	22	14	18	53
Nottm Forest	29	9	5	1	27	7	4	5	5	17	15	22	49
Carlisle	29	11	1	1	26	8	3	6	7	16	22	12	49
Walsall	31	6	7	3	20	14	6	6	3	18	12	12	49
Tranmere	31	8	4	4	22	13	5	4	6	14	17	6	47
Leyton Orient	31	7	5	3	21	18	5	5	6	17	24	-4	46
Leeds	31	11	1	3	29	11	7	5	4	21	16	23	45
Southend	30	8	2	5	24	15	5	3	7	22	28	3	44
Oldham	29	4	5	5	13	14	6	5	4	18	13	4	40
Swindon	29	7	4	3	22	14	3	6	6	15	20	3	40
Northampton	31	7	5	4	23	15	3	5	7	14	26	-4	40
Huddersfield	29	7	3	5	19	16	5	1	8	11	26	-12	40
Brighton	28	6	4	3	22	15	4	4	7	14	17	4	38
Yeovil	31	6	3	6	14	17	4	5	7	14	19	-8	38
Bristol Rovers	28	4	6	3	19	18	5	4	6	13	14	0	37
Hartlepool	30	7	5	3	28	17	3	1	11	16	27	0	36
Cheltenham	30	7	5	4	15	15	2	2	10	9	24	-15	34
<b>Gillingham</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>32</b>
Crewe	31	6	5	5	19	21	1	5	9	10	27	-19	31
Millwall	29	6	2	7	21	20	2	4	8	8	24	-15	30
<b>Luton</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>24</b>
Bournemouth	31	4	3	8	18	29	5	2	9	23	26	-14	22
Port Vale	31	3	5	8	17	23	2	2	11	12	27	-21	22

## PLAYING TONIGHT

- Bournemouth v Doncaster
- Brighton v Tranmere
- Bristol Rovers v Oldham
- Carlisle v Huddersfield
- Hartlepool v Port Vale
- Leeds v Nottm Forest
- Leyton Orient v Crewe
- Millwall v Southend
- Swansea v Walsall
- Swindon v Cheltenham
- Yeovil v Northampton

## SEASON 2007/08 ROLL CALL (\* indicates this player is no longer with the club)

PLAYER	APPEARANCES		GOALS		CARDS		GFC CAREER RECORD	
	League	Cups	League	Cups	Red	Yellow	Apps	Goals
Craig Armstrong*	12(1)	3	-	1	-	3	28(1)	1
Mark Bentley	25(1)	3(1)	2	1	-	7	73(2)	9
Aaron Brown	10(1)	4	1	1	-	1	14(1)	2
Tom Bryant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adam Bygrave	10(2)	1	-	-	-	1	11(2)	-
Sean Clohessy	11(1)	2	-	-	-	-	34(6)	1
Barry Cogan	9(7)	4(1)	1	-	-	3	13(8)	1
Ian Cox	19	2	1	-	1	2	163(3)	6
Andrew Crofts	26	1(1)	1	-	-	5	150(15)	15
Luis Cumbers	2(2)	-(1)	-	-	-	-	2(4)	-
Chris Dickson*	9(3)	2	7	4	-	1	11(3)	11
Delroy Facey	22(4)	2(1)	3	-	-	-	24(5)	3
Luke Freeman	-(1)	-(2)	-	-	-	-	-(3)	-
Barry Fuller	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Dave Graham*	7(9)	2(1)	3	1	-	1	9(10)	4
Leroy Griffiths	1(9)	-(1)	1	-	-	2	1(10)	1
Marvin Hamilton	3(2)	1	-	-	-	-	4(2)	-
Charlie Howard	-	1(1)	-	-	-	-	1(1)	-
Kelvin Jack	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-
Simon Jackson	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Duncan Jupp*	2	1	-	-	-	-	33(1)	-
Simon King	23(3)	5	-	-	-	3	28(3)	-
Stuart Lewis	-(3)	-	-	-	-	-	-(3)	-
Steve Lomas*	8	1	-	-	1	3	9	-
Adam Miller	13(1)	-	2	-	-	1	13(1)	2
Gary Mulligan	11(9)	3(1)	5	-	-	1	63(16)	15
G Ndumbu-Nsungu	-	-	-	-	-	-	16(20)	5
Adam Nowland*	4(1)	-(1)	-	-	-	1	7(2)	1
John Nutter	9(1)	1	-	-	-	-	10(1)	-
Dennis Oli	8(1)	-(1)	3	1	-	1	8(2)	4
Andy Pugh	-(1)	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-(5)	-
Garry Richards	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	1(1)	-
Craig Rocastle*	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Simon Royce	28	3	-	-	1	-	34	-
Efe Sodje	12(1)	3	-	-	1	2	15(1)	-
Nicky Southall	23(2)	4	-	-	-	5	304(22)	23
Derek Stillie	2(1)	2	-	-	-	-	4(1)	-
Craig Stone	3(5)	4	-	1	-	-	8(10)	1
Stuart Thurgood	10(1)	-	-	-	1	2	10(1)	-





## COMING UP WITH ANDREW FORD

### **NORTHAMPTON TOWN V GILLINGHAM**

Coca-Cola League One  
Saturday 16th February 2008  
Kick Off 3.00pm

**Next up for Gillingham is Saturday's trip to The Sixfields Stadium for our second meeting with Northampton Town in less than a month.**

The Cobblers picked up all three points when they were last here in January. On-loan Daniel Jones, who The Gills won't have to face this weekend as he has now returned to Wolves, scoring with a superb free kick after only three minutes to give the visitors a 1-0 win. That strike is still the most recent goal scored here at KRBS Priestfield. Our only win at The Sixfields Stadium, which has been Northampton's home since October 1994, came nine years

ago tomorrow, when Paul Smith was on target for us with the only goal of the game. Four other trips there have resulted in two draws and two defeats for The Gills. Last season's corresponding fixture also took place on 16th February, the Friday night clash ending 1-1, Dean McDonald gave us the lead just after the hour mark, with Jordan Robertson equalising for the home side with four minutes left. Northampton, unbeaten in their last six games, are currently twelfth in League One following their 1-1 home draw against Leeds United on Saturday, a match watched by the biggest crowd of the season at Sixfields, 7,260. January transfer window signing Adebayo Akinfenwa scored the equaliser for The Cobblers with fifteen minutes left, after Jonathan Howson had given the visitors a half-time lead.

### **GILLINGHAM V HUDDERSFIELD TOWN**

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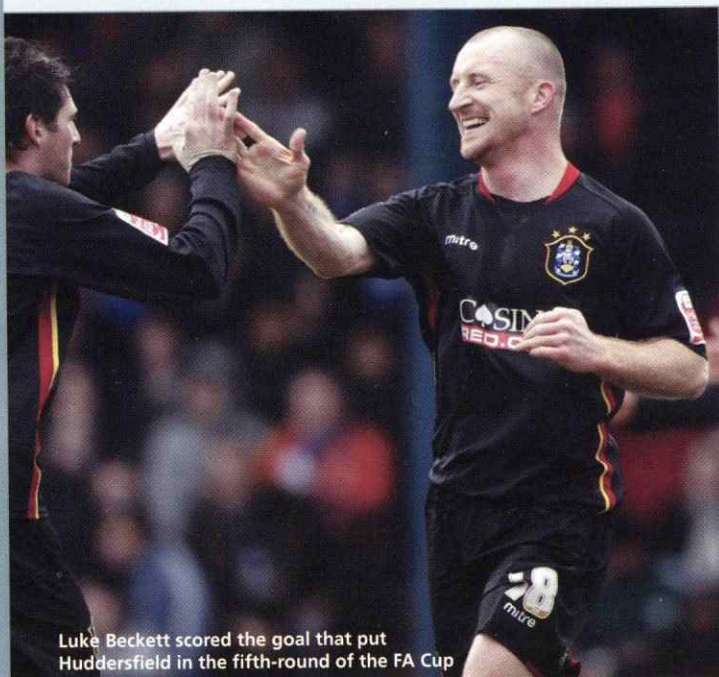
**Huddersfield Town provide the opposition for our next league match at the KRBS Priestfield Stadium when they make the trip to Kent on Saturday week.**

The Terriers are another club we faced as recently as last month. Two strikes from Gary Mulligan and a goal from Delroy Facey earning us a 3-1 win at The Galpharm Stadium, with Chris Brandon on target for the home side. On Saturday Huddersfield beat Swindon Town 1-0 at home, Philjevons scoring the only goal in the first minute. It was the club's fifth successive clean sheet and the victory lifted Manager Andy Ritchie's side up to thirteenth in the table.

The Terriers are one of two League One clubs still in the FA Cup, Bristol Rovers being the other, and they travel to Stamford Bridge to take on Chelsea in a fifth-round tie next Saturday.

Huddersfield's visit here last season took place on the opening day of the campaign. A crowd of 6,072 had to wait until almost the hour mark before the deadlock was broken. Matt Jarvis put us 1-0 up and Dean McDonald doubled the advantage ten minutes later. Gary Taylor-Fletcher pulled a goal back for the visitors with nine minutes remaining, but we held on for a 2-1 victory. Nine league games have been played between the clubs at Priestfield, of which The Gills have won five, including victories in each of the last three visits by The Terriers.

Huddersfield last won here back in January 1989.



Luké Beckett scored the goal that put Huddersfield in the fifth-round of the FA Cup

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# Mark Stimson

## The Manager

**Good evening everyone and welcome to tonight's rearranged fixture against Luton Town. I would also like to welcome everyone connected to the Hatters and I hope that they have a safe journey home.**

Looking back at the weekend it was a good result against a team that are second in the table. I was pleased by the performance that the players put in and we showed the type of character and determination that is going to help us out of this situation. We created a number of good chances that, on another day, could easily have gone in but overall I was extremely pleased by the result.

It was also good to see Nicky Southall back on the field. He has been out for a while with a hamstring injury but he fitted back into the squad well and was strong throughout. Danny Cullip also returned and he led by example for the full 90 minutes and kept things tight at the back.

### Buoyed

We must take that performance against Carlisle into tonight's fixture with Luton Town. They had a good win on Saturday, against Crewe, so they will be buoyed by that going into this game. It is again important to have the vocal backing of you, the supporters, to lift the team. On Saturday I thought you were magnificent and you became the 12th man for us so let's have more of the same.

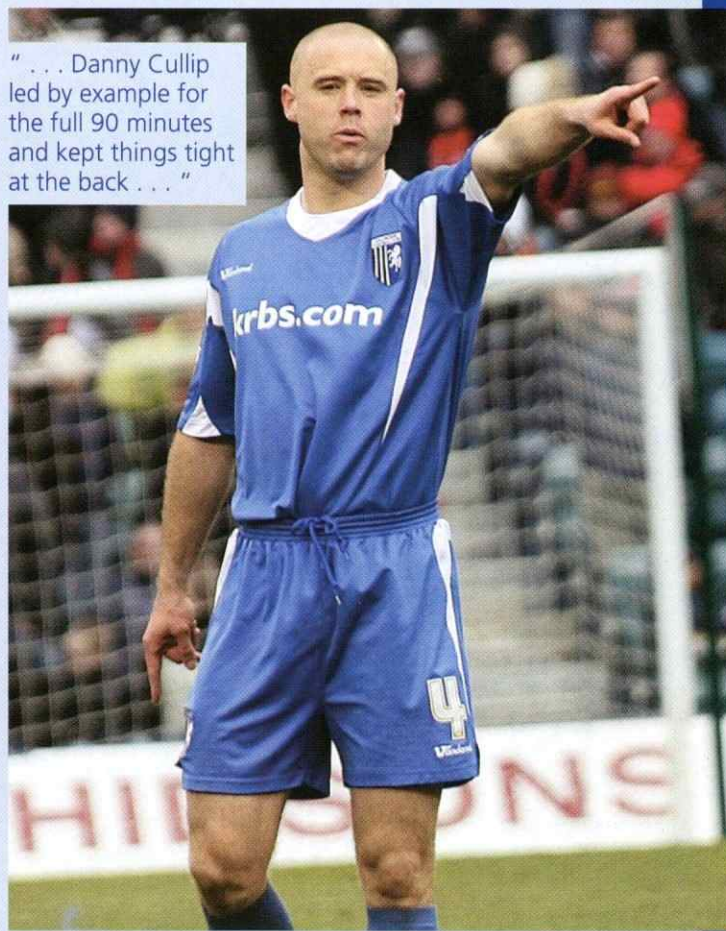
Tonight we have Donovan Simmonds available for selection. He joined us last week but could not be involved as he had to serve

the last game of a suspension. Donovan has been training with us over the past couple of weeks and has impressed me and Scott. He has an eye for goal, is strong and he could certainly add that extra something upfront to help us bag a few more goals.

Pending international clearance, we could also have Georges Ba

available. Like Donovan, Georges has been training with us over the past few weeks and we have been impressed enough to offer him a deal until the end of the season. Georges has all the attributes we believe could make him a decent forward in this division.

Enjoy the game, **Mark**



"... Danny Cullip led by example for the full 90 minutes and kept things tight at the back..."

## TABLE, FIXTURES & CLUB STATS

### COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE

Team	Home					Away					GD	PTS	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
Swansea	40	12	5	3	32	16	12	5	3	41	20	37	82
Carlisle	39	16	1	1	35	10	6	8	7	23	24	24	75
Doncaster	40	12	4	4	30	17	9	5	6	27	18	22	72
Southend	40	11	4	5	31	18	8	4	8	30	32	11	65
Nottm Forest	39	10	7	2	29	9	6	8	6	22	19	23	63
Tranmere	41	12	4	5	31	16	5	7	8	18	24	9	62
Brighton	40	11	6	3	33	20	5	6	9	17	22	8	60
Leeds	39	13	4	4	36	15	8	6	4	25	19	27	58
Oldham	41	8	7	6	28	20	7	6	7	22	19	11	58
Walsall	40	6	8	5	22	19	8	7	6	23	17	9	57
Leyton Orient	41	8	5	7	23	25	7	6	8	21	28	-9	56
Northampton	41	9	6	5	32	19	5	7	9	19	31	1	55
Hartlepool	41	11	5	5	40	24	4	2	14	20	36	0	52
Huddersfield	40	9	3	7	23	20	7	1	13	20	40	-17	52
Yeovil	41	9	4	8	19	23	4	6	10	14	26	-16	49
Swindon	40	9	5	6	30	23	3	7	10	20	29	-2	48
Cheltenham	41	9	8	4	20	18	3	4	13	16	35	-17	48
Bristol Rovers	38	5	8	6	24	26	6	6	7	16	17	-3	47
Millwall	41	8	3	9	26	23	4	6	11	13	32	-16	45
Crewe	41	7	6	7	22	25	3	8	10	17	31	-17	44
<b>Gillingham</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>40</b>
Bournemouth	41	8	4	9	28	34	5	2	13	25	34	-15	35
<b>Luton</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>33</b>
Port Vale	41	5	6	10	24	33	3	2	15	17	37	-29	32

### PLAYING TONIGHT

Carlisle v Nottm Forest  
Doncaster v Leeds

### WEEKEND FIXTURES

Brighton v Port Vale  
Bristol Rovers v Hartlepool  
Carlisle v Yeovil  
Crewe v Southend  
Huddersfield v Doncaster  
Leyton Orient v Leeds  
Millwall v Gillingham  
Northampton v Luton  
Nottm Forest v Cheltenham  
Swansea v Bournemouth  
Swindon v Oldham  
Walsall v Tranmere

### SEASON 2007/08 ROLL CALL (\* indicates this player is no longer with the club)

PLAYER	APPEARANCES		GOALS		CARDS		GFC CAREER RECORD	
	League	Cups	League	Cups	Red	Yellow	Apps	Goals
Craig Armstrong*	12(1)	3	-	-	-	3	28(1)	1
Mark Bentley	29(1)	3(1)	2	1	-	8	77(2)	9
Aaron Brown	10(1)	4	1	1	-	1	14(1)	2
Adam Bygrave	13(2)	1	-	-	-	2	14(2)	-
Sean Clohessy	16(1)	2	-	-	1	2	39(6)	1
Barry Cogan	9(7)	4(1)	1	-	-	3	13(8)	1
Ian Cox*	20	2	1	-	1	2	164(3)	6
Andrew Crofts	35	1(1)	5	-	-	5	159(15)	19
Danny Cullip	5	-	-	-	-	1	5	-
Luis Cumbers	2(4)	-	-	-	-	-	2(6)	-
Chris Dickson*	9(3)	2	7	4	-	-	11(3)	11
Delroy Facey	27(5)	2(1)	3	-	-	1	29(6)	3
Luke Freeman*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barry Fuller	7(1)	-	-	-	-	2	7(1)	-
David Graham*	7(9)	2(1)	3	1	-	1	9(10)	4
Marvin Hamilton	3(2)	1	-	-	-	-	4(2)	-
Leroy Griffiths	4(15)	-	2	-	-	4	4(16)	2
Charlie Howard	1	1(1)	-	-	-	-	2(1)	-
Kelvin Jack	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-
Simeon Jackson	8(4)	-	1	-	-	-	8(4)	1
Duncan Jupp*	2	1	-	-	-	-	33(1)	-
Simon King	33(3)	5	-	-	-	3	38(3)	-
Stuart Lewis	3(4)	-	-	-	-	-	3(4)	-
Steve Lomas*	8	1	-	-	1	3	9	-
Kevin Maher	3	-	-	-	1	-	3	-
Adam Miller	23(1)	-	3	-	-	5	23(1)	3
Gary Mulligan	13(14)	3(1)	5	-	-	2	65(21)	15
Adam Nowland*	4(1)	-	-	-	-	1	7(2)	1
John Nutter	19(1)	1	-	-	-	1	20(1)	-
Dennis Oli	14(3)	-	3	1	-	3	14(4)	4
Andy Pugh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garry Richards	7(2)	-	-	-	1	-	7(2)	-
Craig Rocastle*	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Simon Royce	33	3	-	-	1	-	39	-
Efe Sodje	12(1)	3	-	-	1	2	15(1)	-
Nicky Southall	25(2)	4	-	-	-	5	306(22)	23
Derek Stillie	7(1)	2	-	-	-	1	9(1)	-
Craig Stone	4(5)	4	-	1	-	-	9(10)	1
Stuart Thurgood	11(1)	-	-	-	1	3	11(1)	-

## GILLINGHAM

- 1. Kelvin **Jack**
- 2. Donovan **Simmonds**
- 4. Danny **Cullip**
- 5. Simon **King**
- 7. Andrew **Crofts**
- 8. Mark **Bentley**
- 9. Gary **Mulligan**
- 11. Nicky **Southall**
- 12. Simon **Royce**
- 16. Efe **Sodje**
- 17. Andy **Pugh**
- 18. Craig **Stone**
- 19. Sean **Clohesy**
- 20. Simeon **Jackson**
- 21. Luis **Cumbers**
- 22. Derek **Stillie**
- 23. Barry **Cogan**
- 27. Kevin **Maher**
- 28. Dennis **Oli**
- 29. Charlie **Howard**
- 30. Leroy **Griffiths**
- 31. Adam **Bygrave**
- 32. Stuart **Thurgood**
- 35. John **Nutter**
- 36. Adam **Miller**
- 37. Garry **Richards**
- 38. Barry **Fuller**
- 39. Stuart **Lewis**

## LUTON TOWN

- 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**
- 35. Marlon **Beresford**

Since the teams were supposed to meet, back in February, Luton have seen the loan departures of highly rated David Bell to Leicester City, defender Chris Perry to Southampton and goalkeeper David Forde to last weekend's opponents AFC Bournemouth.

## MATCH OFFICIALS

### Referee:

Paul **Melin**,  
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### Assistants:

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Marvin **Thompson**

### Fourth Official:

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