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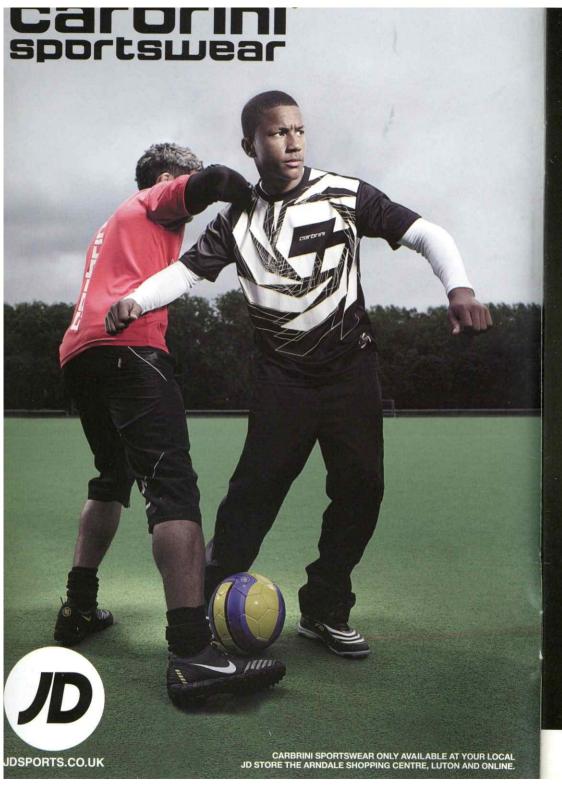
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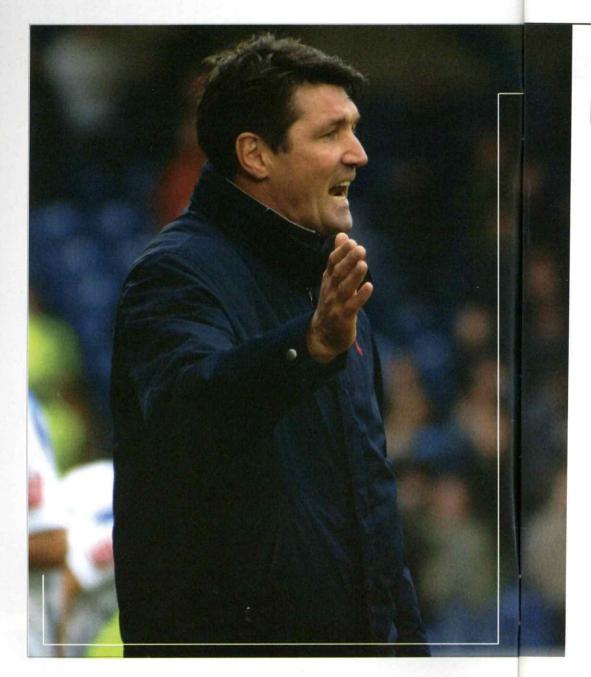
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# mickharford



## MANAGER

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for our JPT semi-final against a Colchester side who had a great victory on Saturday at Leeds, so we know how difficult a game we are in for this evening.

It is never easy getting to Wembley, so we must be at our best this evening to progress in this competition.

I must say a big thankyou to the 1200 of you who turned up at Wycombe on Saturday. The support you gave the players and myself was second to none, it inspired the players to what I thought was a performance, which warranted more than the 1 point we got.

As a team we competed all over the pitch and at times played some great football, but we couldn't find that elusive goal which would have won us the game.

We must adopt that kind of positive manner in every game from now until the end of the season, and I am sure we can the points tally that we need!

A very warm welcome to Paul Lambert, his players (some of whom I know very well), his staff, directors and especially his Chairman Robbie Cowling who I had the pleasure of working with in the 12 months I spent at CUFC.

A warm welcome also to a popular figure in Chris Coyne, who was a great servant to the club in his time at Kenilworth Road.

On the injury front Kevin Nicholls and George Pilkington are going to be out for the foreseeable future but hopefully not too long. Lewis Emanuel is making good progress and

should be available for selection at the weekend. Ryan Charles and Kevin Watson are working hard on their rehabilitation and will be back in the picture soon.

Lets create that special Kenilworth Road cup-tie atmosphere again tonight under the lights, and hopefully we can reward you with a victory and move a step closer to Wembley.

Keep the faith,

Mick Harford



Good evening and welcome to Kenilworth Road for tonight's match against Colchester United.

It's been very pleasing to see our upturn in form in the league, which has seen us pick up five points in three games. What has been even more encouraging is manner in which we have approached these games, the fighting spirit we've shown, and the

great support given by all the fans. We've said it so many times, but we really do make a difference when we all get behind the team, and the vocal support from the 1100 fans in the last twenty minutes at Wycombe ensured we came away with a well-earned point.

Tonight gives us a break from the pressures of the League, and we all hope we

can continue our good form in this competition and edge our way closer to an appearance at Wembley, 21 vears after our success there in the Littlewoods Cup. Of course progression in this competition will also add income to the Club, and with the current economic crisis affecting us, this would be very welcome. Many will know that we are not alone in football when it comes to the squeeze on commercial income, and so debt amongst football clubs has been widely discussed in the national media. In a sense, we are faring well as unlike many other football clubs, we are not racking up debts or directors loans and neither do we have to face issues in exchange rates or interest payments. However, as the credit crunch takes hold, it would be naïve to assume it will not affect us all so we are doing all we can to mitigate its affects.

To that end, we recently launched our partnership with A-Plan insurance that not only delivers savings to fans that take up this offer, but also provides a small commission to the Club. In addition, in January we will be extending our partnerships to include a unique tie-up with the Utility

# stephenbrowne



## Luton Town Football Club Director

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We continue to make steady progress behind the scenes, and we are beginning to be able to implement some of our own ideas in the business and align it with the cornerstones of 2020's investment plan.

The Centre of Excellence has

just received an excellent audit (the best they have ever had) from the football authorities.

Last week we launched our "Your Club Needs You" campaign, which is aimed at establishing a local supplier database.

During the period the Club was in administration we had many offers of help that have got our database off to a great start. However, in the current economic climate, we feel that it is very important that as one of the town's most recognisable entities, we support local businesses.

This is obviously a double-edged sword, as by supporting the local business community, we also know that we may get a better deal for the Club. To register on the database, simply e-mail support@2020mission.com and you will be our

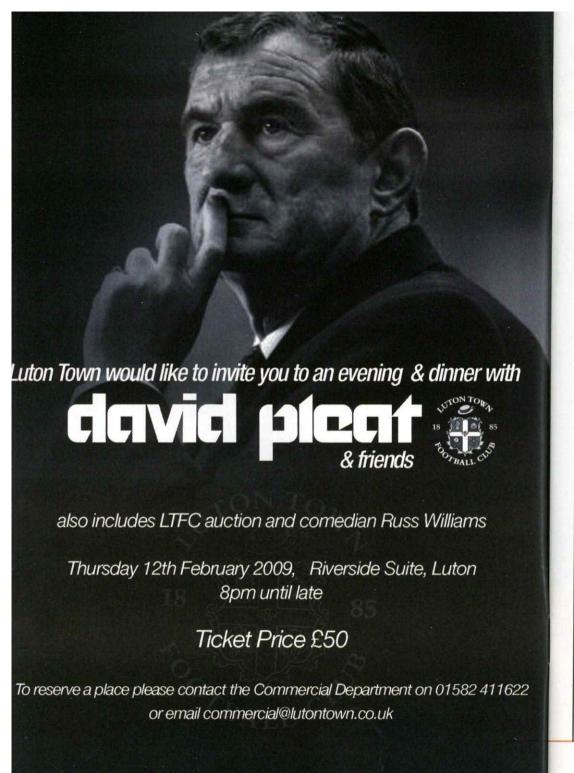
first point of reference when we look for a supplier.

Finally, in conjunction with Active Luton, we are offering the Club's facilities to help local youngsters improve their literacy and numeracy through the 'Play for Success' programme. We will bring you full details of this scheme in the matchday programme when it is officially launched.

Meanwhile, get behind Mick and the lads tonight and help cheer us all the way to Wembley!

Stephen Browne Director

"The vocal support from the 1100 fans in the last twenty minutes at Wycombe ensured we came away with a well-earned point."



## kevinnicholls



## **CLUB CAPTAIN**

Barnet was a must win game for us and I am pleased that we were able to get the result we needed.

The change of formation worked well for us and we got our just rewards from the game. It was nice for the players to be able to give the crowd something to cheer about at Kenilworth Road.

It was also good to see us score the goals we have been threatening; Macca can do things like and it was a cracking goal. Rossi also delivered a great cross for Chris Martin and it was another well taken goal - it was a professional performance all round.

It is all well and good winning the odd game like that but we needed to take that performance to Wycombe and I felt that players did just that. It was widely billed as top versus bottom but regardless of positions, Adams Park is always a tough place to go.

As the game turned out we did well enough there to earn a point and could even have nicked all three. Normally it would be good to come away with a draw and on reflection not many away sides will leave there this season with something but we know we need more wins than draws at the

moment.

The clean sheet will give us confidence and we will have another difficult test tonight against Colchester United. Both teams are just three games from Wembley and there is no greater incentive than that – we will be doing everything we can to get there and give the fans and the club a day out that they deserve.

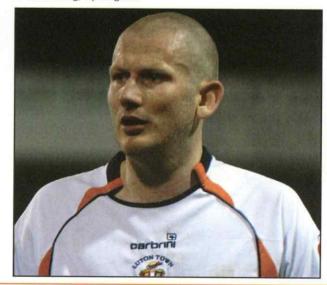
We have played against Colchester a lot in recent years, in League 1 and later in the Championship so both teams are familiar with each other's style of play. I think that they are similar sort of team to us, they always try and get the ball down and play football and it will be an interesting, open game.

They always seem to have a good bunch of lads there and none more so than Chris Coyne, who as well as being a great friend of mine is a good footballer. It will be nice to see him back here tonight; he was a tremendous servant to this club and I am sure he will get the reception he deserves in his first competitive return to Kenilworth Road.

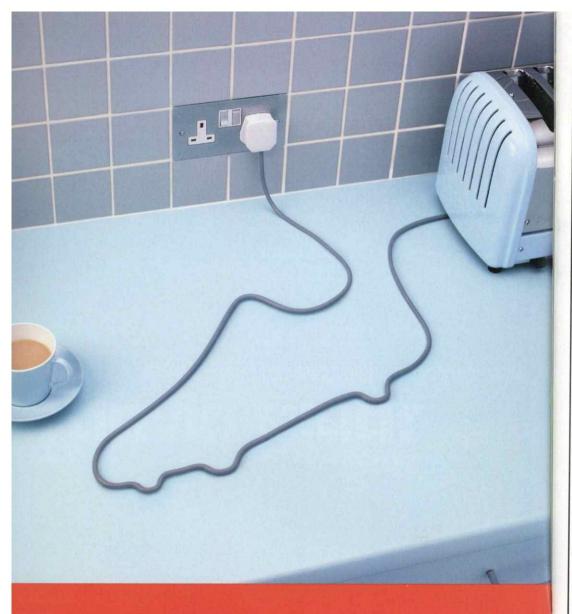
Let's hope it turns out to be another famous night under the floodlights, I am looking forward to the cracking cup atmosphere that you always create for us and I am sure that will be rewarded with an exciting game.

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## **NEWS**

## Saturday 6th December

Goals from Paul McVeigh, Chris Martin and a late own-goal help the Hatters record a 3-1 victory over Barnet at Kenilworth Road.

In the Puma Youth Alliance the Town's under 18s are defeated 2-0 by their counterparts from Rushden & Diamonds.

## Tuesday 9th December

The Hatters reserves go down by a solitary goal against Northampton reserves in an 'away' game played at Kenilworth Road.

## DIARY

## Thursday 18th December

The 12th annual Luton Town Community Carol Service takes place at 7:30pm at St. Mary's Parish Church in Luton.

## Saturday 20th December

Luton host Morecambe in League Two in what will be the first ever meeting between the two sides. Kick off 3pm.

The Hatters' under-18s face a trip to Wycombe Wanderers in the Puma Youth Alliance before their Christmas and New Year break. Kick off 11am

## **OBITUARY**

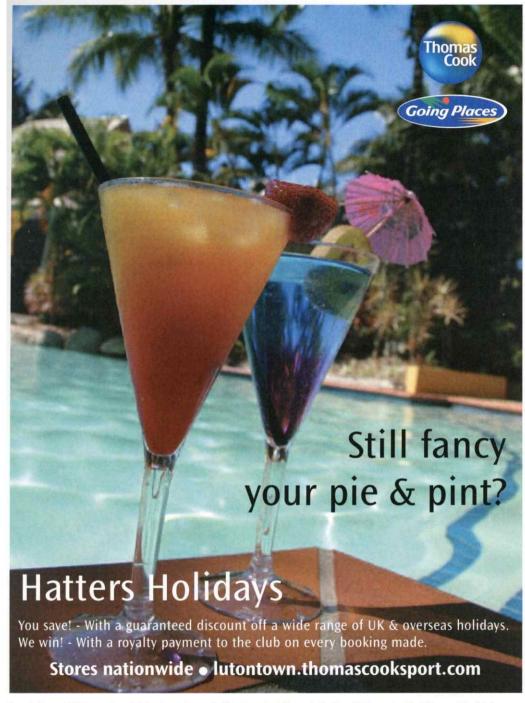
## Peter Pollard

Luton Town were saddened to hear of the loss of Peter Pollard from Newton Longville in Bletchley. He sadly passed away on Saturday 29th November after a short illness at the age of 88 years old and was until October attending all the games as usual. He had supported Luton since coming with his father in 1935 to his first match. Apart from the war years when he was in France and Burma he had supported Luton for 72 years. The 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final was of course one of his most memorable games, but he always said the best he had ever seen was a home game in 1946 against Newcastle, when Luton came back from 3-0 down to win 4-3.

Everyone connected with the club wishes to pass on their condolences to family and friends at this sad time.



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- The Hatters have met Colchester United in just three cup ties previously. With a win for each side and a draw! It's also just two goals apiece.
- Just one of these ties was played at
  Kenilworth Road, a League
  Cup First Round Second
  Leg match in August 1997.
  Tony Thorpe had secured a 1-0 win at Layer Road in the First Leg and it was he who opened the scoring once again. Colchester equalised after the break but it was the Hatters who progressed to Round Two.
- The number of players to have joined Luton Town from Colchester United. The first was Billy Rickett, but he only made one appearance on the opening day of the 1930/31 season! Aaron Skelton re-joined in the summer of 2001, and in total made 32 appearances for the Hatters, scoring twice. Kevin Watson is the most

# numbergame

Simon Pitts looks back at the previous Hatters fixtures

recent signing, having been released by Colchester in the summer after making over 150 appearances for the Essex club.

The number of players to have moved to Colchester from Luton. Jack Hodge was transferred in the 1930's, with Mick Brown, Ted Phillips, Gareth Salisbury and Ray Whittaker moving in the 1960's. Most of



Tony Thorpe scored in our only fixture against Colchester at home

those players hardly featured for the Hatters. with the exception of Ray Whittaker who made 188 appearances and scored 45 goals after joining from Arsenal, Ian Allinson made 42 appearances for Luton in the late 1980's, and scored four goals before his move to Laver Road. Tony Adcock made just three substitute appearances for Luton. whilst David Greene featured twenty three times. Aaron Skelton started his career at Kenilworth Road, and joined Colchester in the summer of 1997 before returning to Luton four years later. Defenders Efe Sodje and Alan White were next to make the move. after 14 and 92 appearances respectively. Last season Chris Coyne, after seven years and over 250 appearances, joined Colchester for a fee of £350,000.



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## CURRENT FORM: LWWLL

Before Saturday's trip to Leeds United, Colchester sat in 16th place in League One. three points above the relegation zone. Their main problem this season has been their difficultly in adjusting to the surroundings of their new Community Stadium.

The U's have only won twice in front of their home supporters and have managed just ten goals in their ten games at their new home.

More recently, consecutive defeats to Peterborough and Walsall were followed by two successive wins over Yeovil (1-0) and Northampton (2-1).

But the 2-1 defeat at home to Hereford on 6th December was their sixth at home and tenth overall.

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Luton wins: 8 Colchester wins: 5 Draw: 9

Despite only meeting 22 times, games between the two sides have always generated plenty of goals. In fact, on average, almost three goals are scored every time the teams meet.

The Hatters biggest victory over Colchester occurred at Layer Road in April 2003 when a Steve Howard hat-trick inspired the Town to a 5-0 win.

Of Colchester's five wins, two have been at Kenilworth Road. The last was back in December 2002 when Dean Morgan scored the winner for the U's in a 2-1 victory.

#### LAST TIME OUT:

It was Boxing Day 2006 when the two sides last met when both teams were playing in the Championship. That season

was Colchester's first at that level where they eventually finished in 10th place. The Hatters, meanwhile, were relegated.

And this result hardly helped the Town's cause as Colchester ran out easy 4-1 victors. Two goals from Chris Iwelumo and further strikes by Richard Garcia and Kevin McLeod sealed a comprehensive victory. Rowan Vine pulled a goal back with five minutes left for the Town from the penalty spot.

Colchester: Gerken, Halford, Baldwin, Wayne Brown, Barker, Garcia, Watson, Izzet, McLeod (Jackson), Cureton (Ephriam), Iwelumo (Guy). Subs not used: Davison, Richards.

Luton: Kiely, Foley, Heikkinen Coyne, Emanuel (Davis), Edwards (Feeney), Bell, Barnett, Brkovic, Vine, Morgan. Subs not used: Beresford, Langley, Holmes.

Attendance: 5,427

## LAST FIVE SEASONS:

The U's' relegation from the Championship last season meant the club slipped back into League One for the first time since finishing runners-up to Southend in 2005/2006.

Their two-season stay in the second tier was the first time Layer Road had ever hosted football at that level.

They finished three points behind their Essex rivals when winning promotion in 05/06, but after a 10th place finish in their debut season they finished bottom in the next, 15 points from safety.

Before their elevation to the Championship, Colchester had enjoyed several steady seasons in League One before their success in 2006.

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## The Manager

Paul Lambert only took the reins at Colchester back in October, following the departure of Geraint Williams, but he has already had an impact and stamped his mark on the team.

When he took over the U's were 23rd in Coca-Cola League 1 and without a win in their last five games but since then he has overseen five wins and one draw during his first two months in charge.

He has bought in five players on loan. in Sam Williams, Lee Hills, Jermaine Easter, Marc Tierney and Jimmy Walker and the side are now eight points off the bottom and seemingly heading in the right direction.

His appointment at the Weston Homes Community Stadium may have come as a surprise after his shock exit from Wycombe Wanderers in May, Despite guiding the team to the League 2 Play-Off Semi-Finals the Scot made his decision to auit.



**Paul Lambert** 

## Mark Yeates



There was no question Mark Yeates was going to be a footballer. Growing up in Ireland with a dad who played for Shelbourne and Shamrock Rovers amongst others, he got the bug early on, starting his career with Tottenham Hotspur.

Chances at White Hart Lane were limited so the Irish U21 midfielder went out on loan to Swindon before making three appearances for the Premier League side. He spent 2005/06 out on loan at Colchester, scoring five goals in 44 appearances as they achieved promotion to the Championship.

He returned to Spurs, where he signed a new two-year deal before going out on loan again, this time to Hull City where he struggled to make a real impact. He then enjoyed a loan spell at Leicester before leaving Spurs in the summer and returning to the U's.

The 23-year-old signed permanently in July 2007, for an undisclosed six-figure sum. Since returning he has played over 50 games and scored 15 goals.

The Starman





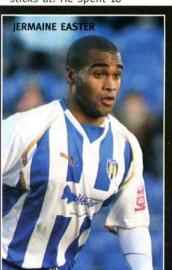
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## GOALKEEPERS DEAN GERKEN

Highly rated young goalkeeper who made his first team debut at Brentford in April 2003. Having supported Aidan Davison in the U's promotion campaign in 2005/6, he has since become the regular number 1 over the past couple of years, he was a virtual ever present last season.

## **IIMMY WALKER**

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed on loan for the U's in November to add further competition between the sticks at. He spent 10



vears at Walsall before joining West Ham, where he has found chances limited

## DEFENDERS CHRIS COYNE

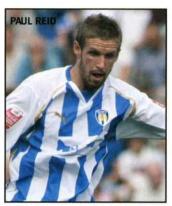
A players who needs little introduction after spending six-and-a-half years here at Kenilworth Road, The Australian born defender headed to Layer Road for a club record fee and it is hoped that his knowledge of the game will play its part in guiding the U's up the table.

## MATT LOCKWOOD

Experienced left back who ioined the U's for a six figure fee following Nottingham Forest's promotion to the Championship, After a lengthy spell with Leyton Orient, he became one of the U's three defensive summer signings as manager Geraint Williams reshuffled at the back.

## PAT BALDWIN

A versatile defender who ioined the U's in the middle of August 2002 following a successful preseason trial. Consistency has been key for the central defender



nicknamed Rio by the U's supporters and in 2004/05 he swept the board at the club's Player of the Year awards.

## PAUL REID

Combative centre half who ioined the U's after agreeing to have his contract paid up by former club Barnsley. Paul had spent three years at Oakwell and captained the Tykes to promotion via the play-offs in 2005/6.

## MARC TIERNEY

Left back who joined the U's on loan from high flying Shrewsbury Town in November. Having landed the Shrews' Player of the Year awards in 2007/8. Marc is keen to make the most of his loan spell at Colchester, with hopes of a



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permanent move in January in mind.

## **MIDFIELDERS**

## KEM IZZET

Twice named Young Player of the Year, Kem is due to begin his eighth full season with Colchester United having originally signed from Charlton Athletic at the end of the 2000/1 campaign, A bustling midfielder whose tenacity belies his stature and he now stands as the club's longest serving player.

## JOHNNIE JACKSON

After a host of loan spells away from Tottenham Hotspur, including one at Layer Road Colchester United moved quickly in the 2006 summer transfer market to secure Johnnie

on a permanent basis. A cultured midfielder who has added spectacular goals to his already varied repertoire.

## DEAN HAMMOND

Dean joined the U's in January 2008 from Brighton after making over making over 150 appearances for the Seagulls. He also had loan spells at Aldershot and Leyton Orient before his £250,000 move to the U's.

#### STRIKERS

## JERMAINE EASTER

Pacey and powerful front man who joined the U's on a month loan from Plymouth Argyle, linking up again with Paul Lambert after their successful partnership at Wycombe Wanderers.

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## CLIVE PLATT

A fantastic 2006/7 season was enough to earn Clive Platt a move to the Championship for then new club record fee for Colchester United, He arrived at Colchester with a multitude of experience under his belt, averaging nearly 40 games per season since making his debut for Walsall back in August 1996, and he scored eight goals for the U's in 2007/8.

## SAM WILLIAMS

Striker who became Paul Lambert's first signing as Colchester manager, joining on a three month loan from Aston Villa. He made an instant impression at Colchester, scoring on his debut in the Johnstone's Paints Trophy.

## STEVEN GILLESPIE

Steven became the fourth player in the space of twelve months to break the U's transfer record when he joined from Cheltenham Town for a deal worth in excess of £400,000. The former Liverpool trainee had joined Cheltenham after a brief spell with Bristol City and his goals that helped keep the Robins up.



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# chriscoyne

Since leaving Kenilworth Road in January, defender Chris Coyne has not only become Club Captain at Colchester United, but has also been called up to the Australian national side, picking up five caps since his international debut in June.

The call up came while on holiday with his family in Dubai and the 29-year-old described his delight at being part of the Australian national team.

He said, "I think the fact that a new manager came in to the Australian set up with fresh ideas and he was prepared to give anyone a chance. I've been involved in every squad since my first call-up and I've enjoyed every second of it."

The defender, who spent six-and-a-half with the Hatters, is now eagerly anticipating the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Area Semi Final against Luton, where he will make his welcomed return to Kenilworth Road:

"I'm glad this fixture has come up because you never know when you're going to have the opportunity to go back to your old club.

"I see this as a good opportunity to come back and see old faces as well as old friends I've kept in touch with."

With Colchester currently hovering above the relegation zone in League 1, back-to-back victories at the end of November against Yeovil Town and Northampton Town brought some welcomed relief to the U's before they were once again undone at home against Hereford United at the start of December.

"We managed to get six points in four days. It's unfortunate we couldn't capitalise on that and turn it into nine but it wasn't to be, now we're looking forward to the game against Luton at Kenilworth Road," said Coyne.

Paul Lambert replaced Geraint Williams as the U's boss in October and Coyne said he's enjoying learning under a new manager, and like the managers he's played under in the past, Lambert has brought with him his own unique managerial style:

"Everyone's got their own views on the way the game should be played. The new manager's come in and tried his approach about the way he believes the game should be played."

With the likes of Paul Reid and Matt Heath providing stiff competition for Coyne at centre-back, the Australian is fully aware of the need to play well on a consistent basis or risk losing his place in the team:

"Coming here you've got to fight hard for your place and perform every Saturday. It's good to have that competition for places so you can avoid becoming complacent."

Coyne admitted that getting to the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy would be a tremendous achievement, and would give the supporters of the winning club something to cheer about if they make it to Wembley:

"Obviously the closer to the final you get the more important it gets. If we can get to Wembley then it'd give the fans a day out as well as the players."



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LEAGUE TWO

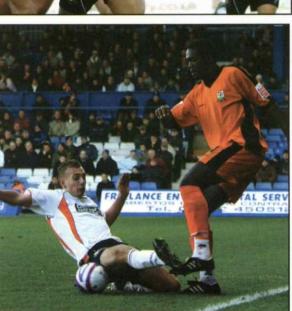
Saturday 6th December 2008

Hatters 3 Barnet 1 Kick off: 3pm Kenilworth Road













## POST-MATCH VERDICT:

## Alan Neilson:

"For the first 25 minutes I thought we were absolutely superb; It just clicked for us out there and we hope that carries on and we can get some confidence as a team."

## Paul Fairclough:

"I think Mick Harford has probably outthought us with his strategy. We realised McVeigh was causing problems in the hole and he's exploited that."

## TEAMS:

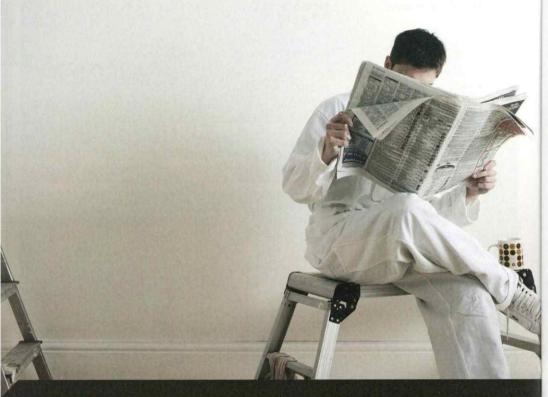
Luton Town: Logan, Keane, Roper, Pilkington (Hall 81), Jarvis, Martin, Talbot (Andrews 88), Spillane, McVeigh, Gallen (Gnakpa 90), Howells.

Unused subs: Brill, Davis.

Barnet: Beckwith, Gillet, Bishop, Leary (Medley 77), Adomah, Akurang (Yakubu 46), Birchall (Porter 24), Townsend, De Magalhaes, Ogogo, O'Flynn.

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# paulmcveigh

Paul McVeigh marked his 31st birthday in style with a man-of-the-match performance against Barnet. The Northern Irish striker-cum-midfielder was complimentary of the Hatters' impressive overall display, and was also pleased to finally be back in the team after injury hampered the opening two months of his season.

McVeigh scored the opener against Barnet with a superb strike into the topcorner, and towards the end of the match it was his dangerous cross which was inadvertently turned into his own net by Bees' defender Michael Townsend, wrapping up all three points for the Hatters.

"Chrissy (Chris Martin) was running down the left and there were about three or four players around him and I thought it was pointless him trying to beat them all when there was loads of space for me on the edge of the box. I didn't think he was going to hear me when I was screaming for it, but he just rolled it into my path, so I couldn't miss really," recalled McVeigh.

Despite his modesty, the former Norwich City striker was still adamant that the accurate strike was the result of what he intended:

"Chrissy thought I was going to take a touch, but no, I was going to put it in the top corner," added the former Norwich man. With Mick Harford opting for an attacking 4-3-3 formation which won the Hatters a point against Bournemouth, Luton appeared to click from the very start of the match, as the team found themselves 2-0 up in the space of 15 minutes.

"Because we finished the game against Bournemouth that way, I think the manager liked it so we changed it to a 4-3-3," commented McVeigh.

"We didn't have much time to work on the system, but it looked quite good and I think the players were happy with it. It suited us well.

"It was a brilliant start. I think everyone in the team, from the defence upwards, were running everything. The midfield were getting the knock-downs and the strikers were holding it up. Kevin Gallen did really well holding everything up and knocking it down to me coming in."

Barnet Manager Paul Fairclough dubbed the Hatters' performance as their best of the season so far and McVeigh wasn't going to argue:

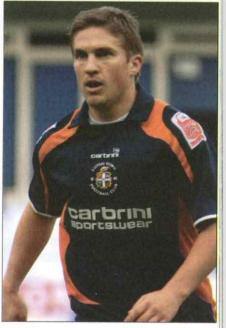
"We have had times, maybe not overall in the 90 minutes, but we've had loads of spells in games when we've done really well, but I think probably

overall in the 90 minutes that's been the best."

The former Norwich man was also happy with his own performance, but seemed to be mostly satisfied after coming through the last few weeks unscathed

"It's difficult when you come in the first couple of games and try and get up to the pace, so it's good to get a run.

"Getting a lot of injured players back helps massively. It's been quite difficult with the player losses, and even though the kids have done well who've come in, you still need experience out there."



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When it comes to achieving anything in football, you can never put a value on experience and for the Hatters, appearing in the final stages of a knockout competition, there can't be anything better than having someone in the dressing room who has recently tasted what it is like to appear in a Cup Final – and take home a winners' medal.

After playing his part in Milton Keynes Dons' victory

"It came as a bit of a surprise to hear I was going to start as I'd been out injured for two and a half weeks before the match, so I was obviously delighted."

over Grimsby Town in last season's Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final, on-loan striker Kevin Gallen knows all about the importance of this – often undervalued competition.

Now the Hatters are in the Area Semi Finals looking to move one step closer to their own showpiece final at Wembley, and Gallen recalled his progression to



## oneonone

New comer Kevin Gallen talks about joining the Hatters

the final, as well as the fond memories he'll always have of the day itself.

"It was a really good day, and great to play at the new Wembley. It was a great experience, one that you don't get very often," said Gallen.

Despite playing infront of a huge crowd at the new Wembley, the former Queens Park Rangers man wasn't overawed by the occasion and was overjoyed when he found out he'd won a place in the starting line up.

He said, "There were just over 55,000 people there and it was great to see the pitch and the changing rooms. I was just hoping I was going to play and fortunately for me I got picked.

"I didn't know the team until and hour and a bit before the match. It came as a bit of a surprise to hear I was going to start as I'd been out injured for two and a half weeks before the match, so I was obviously delighted."

Gallen and the rest of the squad beat Swansea City in last season's Southern Area Final, and the 33-year-old is fully aware of what it takes to beat a club in a higher division and just how important reaching the latter stages of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy is for those involved.

"When we were playing the matches, especially in the Southern Area Final against Swansea we knew what was at stake. Once we beat them on penalties we knew in a month's time we'd be

playing at Wembley and we were really looking forward to it."

With the striker on loan at Kenilworth Road until the to play football but I wanted to stay close to St. Albans, I didn't want to go travelling, so Luton seemed like the ideal move really despite the position we're

"When you're scrapping for every point there's always something to play for and it appealed to me to play in games where every match is like a cup final."

end of December, Gallen said that Hatters' predicament and the chance to appear regularly attracted him to the club more than anything else.

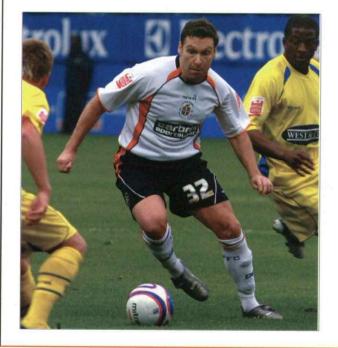
He added, "I just wanted

in.

"When you're scrapping for every point there's always something to play for and it appealed to me to play in games where every match is like a cup final."

A veteran of nearly 500 career appearances, the 33 year old has clearly enjoyed his spell at Luton, as he revealed his hopes for an extension of his loan move at Kenilworth Road.

"If I thought we didn't have a chance I wouldn't stay. We've got a decent team but we've been a bit unlucky with injuries. If everyone's fit we're definitely a match for most teams. We still believe we've got a chance and there are a lot of games still to play for."



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We are delighted to announce we are now taking bookings for "An Evening with David Pleat and Friends", which is being held on Thursday 12th February at The Riverside in Luton. The evening will include after dinner speaking by David Pleat and some selected Luton Town legends including Mick Harford (further details to be announced at a later date), plus a Q&A opportunity for guests. There will also be a Luton Town auction. including the chance to bid for an Executive Box for the remainder of the season, plus entertainment from top comedian, Russ Williams. The ticket price includes a three course

David Pleat shouldn't really need an introduction to Luton Town fans, his managerial exploits with the Hatters in two spells saw him experience the good and bad of football; promotions, relegations and cup semi-final appearances.

As a player he had appeared for Nottingham Forest, Luton Town, Shrewsbury Town, Exeter City, Peterborough United and Nuneaton Borough before his playing career came to a premature end at the age of 28 due to back problems and the decision was made to step into management, with Nuneaton.

The evening will also be attended by members of the Luton Town Football Club squad, plus LTFC 2020 management.

The ticket price is £50 per person. Places will be limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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## Help design a new Hatters poster

The photo in this story was taken at the end of the penalty shoot out against Brentford in the 2nd round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. It's a wonderful picture which encapsulates the spirit of togetherness that is within the dressing room at Kenilworth Road and signifies what the club has to do to get through these difficult

circumstances: stand together in the face of adversity.

We want to turn this picture into a poster, which will go on sale in the club shop. This is where you, the fans, come in, as we want you to add a slogan or a caption to the picture.

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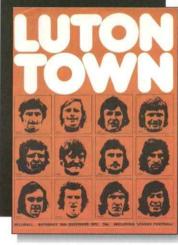
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The appointment of Harry Haslam as new manager at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1972, replacing the disillusioned Alec Stock. was always going to mark a period of change both on and off the pitch.

The coaching staff was changed, new directors appointed, while five long serving playing favourites were allowed to leave for pastures new.



# flashback



Club Historian Roger Wash looks back at a memorable game that took place 36 years ago today.

Coming in the other way were Rodney Fern from Leicester, ex-England fullback Bobby Thomson from Birmingham and former Manchester United favourite John Aston.

Despite all the adjustments. Haslam's new look side lost on the opening day of the 1972/73 campaign, going down 1-2 at Cardiff, but by the middle of October they were up to third spot in the old Division Two table. perversely on the back of a tremendous away record. Home form was a problem though, and after three games were lost at Kenilworth Road in quick

succession, with only one goal being scored in the process, a frustrated Haslam went to Derby at the end of November and splashed out a mammoth, by Luton standards, £50,000 on reserve striker Barry Butlin in order to bolster his shotshy attack.

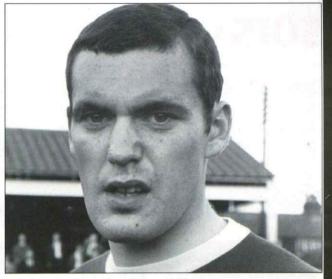
Also out to prove himself in the Luton attack was forgotten man Graham French.

Joining Luton in 1965 from Wellington Town. French had become a cult hero to a generation of Hatters fans who marvelled at his brilliant ball control and his ability to cross and shoot with either foot.

'The poor man's George Best' should have been playing at a much higher level but his fondness of a good party had warned off a host of bigger clubs. We all loved him though. and it came as no great surprise when his lifestyle led to him mixing with the wrong sorts and after a shooting incident in a local pub he was sentenced to three years at Her Maiesty's pleasure just as the Town had won promotion to Division Two in 1970.

Following his release on parole in September 1972. the Town were pleased to offer him a second chance and he came back to Kenilworth Road determined to make up for lost time and trained like a demon (for the first time in his career) in a bid to get back to full fitness.

After a handful of reserve team appearances, French was deemed by Haslam to be ready for his second debut which came on December 16th 1972 against



Graham French, making his second debut.

Millwall at Kenilworth Road, some 32 months since his previous first team outing.

The game Luton Town 2 Millwall 2 December 16th 1972

A crowd of 11,550 saw the Lions defend in depth in the opening period, and such was the domination of the Town that Luton goalkeeper Keith Barber did not have a direct shot to save in the first half.

The opening goal for the Town came after five minutes when Millwall 'keeper Bryan King fumbled a shot from Peter Anderson and allowed the ball to run free to the alert Butlin who made no mistake from close range.

Shortly after the break came the moment the supporters

had all been waiting for when French ran through from midfield with the ball. drew King from his goal. and then expertly shot past him into the empty net.

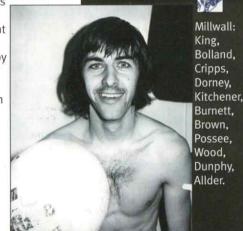
Over two years of pent up emotion meant that his goal was greeted by a roar that 'could have been heard on Dunstable Downs' according the **Evening Post** scribe, and even French was seen to raise a smile.

That, sadly, was the end of Millwall almost . immediately got back into the game when Derek Possee headed home with the Luton defence sleeping.

The storm was weathered but with the game in the balance Luton defender Alan Garner allowed Doug Allder through. He was then unceremoniously upended in the box by Barber with Gordon Bolland equalising from the spot.

That was the final telling action of the game, but the disappointment of a dropped home point was tempered with the thought that 'Frenchie was back!'

Luton Town: Barber, Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Garner, John Ryan, Jim Ryan, French, Butlin, Halom, Aston.



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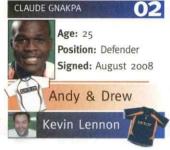
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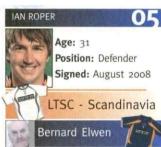


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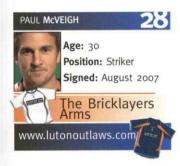












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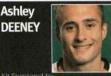


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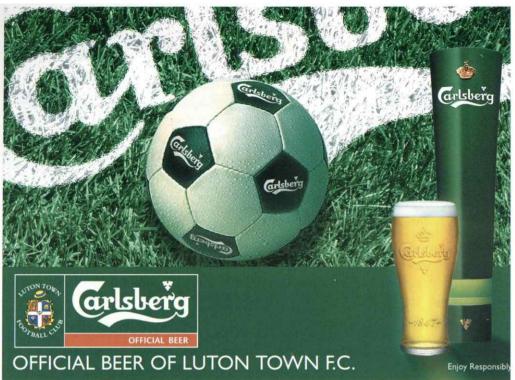
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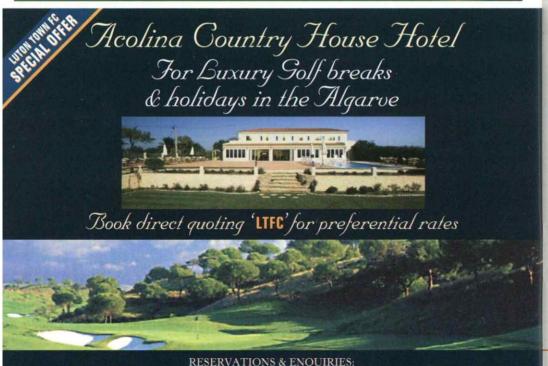
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There are plenty of long journys this season, with Exeter, Darlington and Morecambe to name but a few, but that's small fry compared to the lengths one man went to to be at Luton's recent match with Barnet.

Stefano Galligani flew in from Pisa just to be at the game along with several of his colleagues from HiB Limited, who were the match sponsors.

Galligani is a keen follower of the Hatters and also a season ticket holder, a little closer to home, with Lucchese.

It's fair to say the Italian is anything but a gloryhunter. It would be easy for him to choose Manchester United or Chelsea as his English team but this would be worlds apart from what he is used to.

Lucchese dropped out of the Italian league last season before folding. They have since reformed as Società Sportiva Dilettantistica Sporting Lucchese.

The new team Sporting Lucchese participate in the championship Serie D which is non-league - similar to the Blue Square. They are currently four points clear at the top and are trying to get themselves back into the league next season.

Pictured is Galligano presenting Cherry Newbery with a pennant and shirt from his club, while receiving a signed Luton pennant and shirt, as a fantastic memory of his day at Kenilworth Road. A day made even sweeter thanks to the result!

What is the furthest that you have travelled just to watch a game of football? Catching a game while you happen to be on holiday doesn't count!



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In the past many clubs have failed to take the competition seriously but try asking Swansea and Doncaster fans what they think and they will regale you of stories of their day's out at Cardiff and Wembley respectively.

Last season 56,618 fans travelled to the new Wembley Stadium - which shows just how seriously the fans take the tournament.

Changing the rules on selection was the best thing the Football League could have done, making ties more competitive and clubs more determined to go all the way.

This season has seen plenty of goals and excitement, coming most notably from Shrewsbury Town. Paul Simpson's side have already scored 14 goals on their way to the Area Semi Finals, with half of those coming against Wycombe, in a 7-0 win back in October.

This time around the Shrews face Brighton & Hove Albion so if anyone should have any complaints about the competition adding extra pressure on a squad, it's Simpson, whose side, despite being just 40 miles further south than Chester City they ended up in the Southern Section and have already clocked up midweek trips to Wycombe and Exeter.

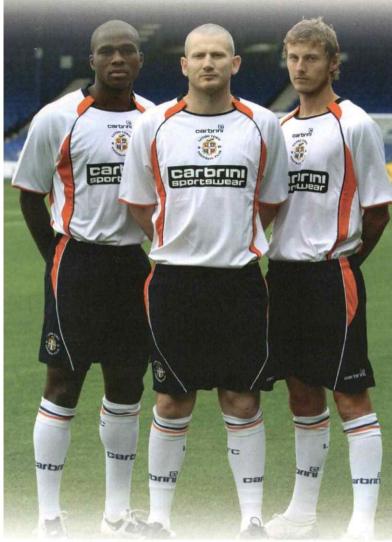
But if a trip to Wembley comes of it then all the miles will have been worth it!

If a day out for the fans and a chance of silverware isn't enough of an incentive - how about

Four winners out of the last five finals have gone on to win promotion, whether it be that season or within the following seasons.

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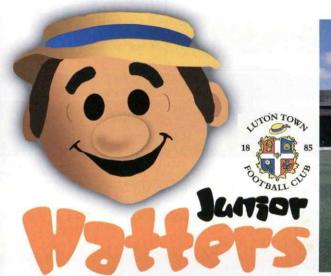
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A win this evening could see us two games way from Wembley so keep warm and get behind the boys.

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Happy Harry.

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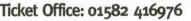
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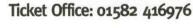
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Sat 9	Н	Port Vale	FL2	L1-3	7,145	546	24
Tue 12	Н	Plymouth	LGCP	W2-0		2 340	т
Sat 16	A	Gillingham	FL2	W1-0		9 743	24
Sat 23	Н	Notts County	FL2	D1-1		5 381	24
Tue 26	Α	Reading	CC	L1-5	7,49	8 745	14
Sat 30	Α	Exeter City	FL2	W1-0	5,32	8 745	24
Septem	ber						
Sat 6	Α	Macclesfield	FL2	L1-2	2,34	9 733	24
Sat 13	Н	Aldershot Town	FL2	W3-1	6,46	2 810	24
Sat 20	Α	Rotherham	FL2	Lo-1		5 866	24
Sat 27	Н	Chester City	FL <sub>2</sub>	D1-1		1 212	24
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Sat 4	A	Bradford City	FL <sub>2</sub>	D1-1	1308	492	24
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Sat 18	Н	Accrington	FL2	L1-2		2 80	24
Tue 21	A	Grimsby Town	FL2	D2-2		1 212	
Sat 25	A	Bury	FL2	W2-1			24
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Sat 1	A	Shrewsbury	FL2	Lo-3		805	24
Tue 4	A	Walsall	JPT	W1-0	1,844		-
Sat 8	Н	Altrincham	FAC	Do-o	3,200		-
Sat 15	Н	Dagenham & Red		W2-1	5,402		24
Tue 18	Α	Altrincham	FAC	Do-o			-
Sat 22	Α	Rochdale	FL2	L0-2	2,901		24
Tue 25	Н	Brentford	FL2	Lo-1	5,248	527	24
Sat 29	Α	Southend	FAC	L1-3	4,111	502	-
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Tue 2	Н	<b>AFC Bournemouth</b>	FL2	D3-3	6,773	277	24
Sat 6	Н	Barnet	FL2	W3-1		511	24
Sat 13	Α	Wycombe	FL2	Do-o		tbc	24
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Sat 7	Α	Accrington	FL2				
Sat 14	Α	Dagenham & Red	FL2				
Sat 21	Н	Shrewsbury	FL2				
Sat 28	Α	Port Vale	FL2				
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FAC JPT CC	Carling Cup	^ Luton won 4-3 on penalties
CC	curing cup	Luton won 4-2 on penalties
*	First Sub	
**	Second Sub	Orange line in league table represents where Luton would
***	Third Sub	be without the points deduction

## ONE DAY TO GO - HATTERS' AUCTION

Are you struggling for a last minute Luton Town themed Christmas gift? Seeing the number of shopping days to Christmas quickly disappear? Head over to e-bay where the club has put two very special signed shirts up for auction.

Luton Town has just launched its own e-bay site and over the coming months we will be auctioning off some exclusive signed merchandise that will not be available anywhere else.

The bidding deadline for both of these items is 1pm on 21st December 2008 so you haven't got long left but if you are the lucky winner, there will be just enough time to get these to you before the big day!

The first is a match worn Luton Town Legends shirt, signed by Sol Davis.

The second is a new Carbrini home shirt along with a small message about our neighbours down the road on the back, signed by Captain Kevin Nicholls.

If you would like to place a bid, both items can be directly found by visiting the auction story on the LutonTown.co.uk homepage.

#### " Last Minute Christmas Stocking Fillers "

The Club shop is extending its opening hours this week to assist supporters who are looking for last minute presents. The Club Shop will remain open until 7pm on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December. It will also be open 10am - 5pm on Monday 22nd December.

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# johnstone's painttrophy

## Team of the Round Award

It was smiles all round in the Hatters dressing room when their late 1-0 victory at League 1 Walsall in the late round of the competition enabled them to book their place in the Area Semi Final.

Tonight's game with Colchester United was secured by a last gasp goal from Rossi Jarvis and not only did the goal at the start of November provide the opportunity to compete for a place in the Area Final but it saw Luton rewarded with the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Team of the Round award.

The important win over the Saddlers means the Hatters are now just three games away from a nostalgic return to Wembley - where we won the League Cup in 1988.

Following the presentation of the 'Team of the Round' trophy, manager Mick Harford said: "This is great news for the players and the club. We were chuffed to win at a tough place like Walsall, and to have something to remember the performance with is lovely."

Johnstone's sponsorship manager Teresa Hardwick said: "Luton Town have certainly caught the eye in this season's competition, and we are delighted to reward them for a job well done in the area quarter final.

"They squeezed past Brentford on penalties in the second round, so maybe they are destined for great things as we enter the business end of the competition."

A two legged Area Final against either Shrewsbury or Brighton & Hove Albion awaits the winners tonight and the victors in that game will enjoy a day out at Wembley in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final, where you can rest assured that it will be a colourful finish to remember.

Because for the first time ever, the official Trophy Final matchball will be emblazoned with a variety of different colours to celebrate the sponsorship by Johnstone's Paints.

A spectrum of colour will be splashed on the ball, underlining the competition sponsor's pledge to bring colour to the beautiful game.

One hundred Mitre footballs have been created in preparation for next year and features the inscription, 'Official matchball of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final, Wembley Stadium, 5th April 2009'.

Johnstone's Marketing Design Studio worked on the project for over six weeks after receiving a design brief from both Mitre and The Football League.

The element of colour was to be incorporated as much as possible whilst maintaining the contempory Mitre design that has already become a big hit across terraces nationwide.

With a colourful ball set to debut in the showpiece final, let's hope that there is plenty of orange, blue and white behind one of the goals to enjoy the occasion.



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3	SOL DAVIS		
4	KEITH KEANE		
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10	RYAN CHARLES	L	
11	LEWIS EMANUEL	L	
12	HARRY WORLEY	L	
14	ASA HALL	L	
15	ED ASAFU-ADJAYE	L	
16	ROSSI JARVIS	L	
17	KEVIN WATSON	L	
18	CHRIS MARTIN	L	
19	DREW TALBOT		
20	MICHAEL SPILLANE	L	
21	CONRAD LOGAN	L	
23	WAYNE ANDREWS	L	
24	TOM CRADDOCK	L	
25	GEORGE BEAVAN		
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3	MATT LOCKWOOD	
4	JOHNNIE JACKSON	
5	CHRIS COYNE	
6	PAUL REID	
7	STEVEN GILLESPIE	
8	DEAN HAMMOND	
9	CLIVE PLATT	
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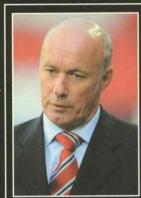
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Saturday 20th December Morecambe

Kick off: 3.oopm Kenilworth Road





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